

Cross Country Opens Season in Goodland

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Cross Country Team opened their season in Goodland on September 2. Returning sophomore Emma Weiner placed first in the varsity girls—nearly a full minute ahead of second place at 21:05.47. “This was a hard race to run,” said Weiner. “I didn’t have anyone really pushing me on my time. Our first time team members all did really well.”

In Varsity boys, returning senior Ethan Weiner also ran well. He placed 7th out of 29 runners with a time of 19:50.07, which is over 45 seconds off his time from this meet last season.

The JV girls also performed well with first time runner Sidney Taylor placing first with a time of 26.42 and returning runner Ava Brantley placing 2nd at 29:09.68, which is slightly better than last year’s time at this meet. Both girls’ times were in the top half of the varsity girls’ times.

“Everyone had a good result on their times,” said Brantley. “Everyone worked really hard. We know what we need to work on for future meets so I look for everyone to improve throughout the season.”

Two freshman boys ran for the JV. Owen Patmon finished with a time of 26:04.86 and Dominic Stout completed the race in 34:29.66. The next meet for the team will be on September 9 in Quinter with a start time of 4:30.