

GPHS Preparing for Track
By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School track team is well underway in preparing for another successful season both on the track and in the field. The Bulldogs open their season on April 12 at the Triplains Invitational in Colby.

The girls have 14 team members this year including several returning competitors including sophomore Emma Weiner who was the state champion in the 1600m run last year. She also placed state-runner up in the 3200m and was on the state runner-up 4 x 800m relay team and the state qualifying 4 x 400m relay team as a freshman. Emma was the state champion in Cross Country last fall. "I'm excited to see what we can do as a team and as individuals," said Weiner. "Our goal is to keep improving, set some new PR's, and hopefully some new school records."

Rayna Taylor returns for her senior season. Rayna was also a member of the state runner-up 4 x 800m relay team last year. She was the WKLL league runner up behind Weiner in the 1600m and placed third in the league in 3200m as a junior. "I'm excited to get the season started," said Rayna. "I think we will do very well again this year."

Sidney Taylor, junior, is also ready to get the season started. She was a member of last year's state qualifying 4 x 400m relay team that was Regional Runner-Up with a new school record and WKLL league champions. Sidney runs on several relay teams as well as in some of the sprints.

Junior Breanna Rath is another returning state qualifier from last year. She placed 7th in state in Triple Jump and 10th in the state in Long Jump as a sophomore and was WKLL league runner up in both events. She also runs both 100m and 300m hurdles placing in nearly every meet last season.

Kassie Miller also returns for her senior season. She specializes in field events including Shot Put, Discus, and Javelin. She consistently places in each event along with running with her teammates in the relays.

The boys have 15 on their team this year. Senior Ethan Weiner set a new school record in the 3200m at state last year where he placed 11th. Ethan placed in this event at every meet his junior season. He also runs the 1600m and holds last year's league championship title. He, too, contributes on several relays. "Hopefully we will find some success this season and qualify more for state this year."