Forensics Team Competes in Back to Back Meets By Hannah Bange

On March 7, the Golden Plains Forensics team traveled to Ellis to compete in the Ellis Invitational. Team members participating were Lauren Patmon, Rojelio Loya, Flint Hodge, Joseph Yanez-Perez, Danica Ritter, and Alisha Brantley.

Flint Hodge placed fourth overall in Extemp and sixth in Impromptu. Lauren Patmon and Rojelio Loya performed the IDA event. They did well but did not place overall. "It was my first time competing in this event," said Loya "It was a good experience, and well worth trying again." Loya also presented in Prose. Patmon also competed in Impromptu

Flint Hodge competed in Extemp and placed 4th overall and Joseph Yanez-Perez placed 7<sup>th</sup> in Extemp. Hodge also did Impromptu placing 6th overall in this event. Alisha Brantley and Danica Ritter each competed in the poetry event performing well but missing out of finals with some very tough competition.

The forensics team competed again on Monday, March 9, in Colby. This was a challenging GWAC meet. Loya broke finals in extemp. "He went into the event in second place and was doing so well," said Coach Robynn Wessel. "He finished in seventh place due to an error with draw times." Loya also competed in Prose.

Karlissa Shepherd placed third in poetry just missing out on state champs due to number of entries but qualified for state festival. Alisha Brantley and Morgan Wark also competed in Powtry. "Everyone walked away with a first place in at least one round," added Wessel. Golden Plains canceled their home meet scheduled for March 24 due to the coronavirus pandemic, but are scheduled to attend Phillipsburg's meet on March 31.