

## Emma Weiner Places Third at State By Mia Rogers

Golden Plains Freshman Emma Weiner placed third at state on October 31. Emma is the first Golden Plains athlete to compete in State Cross Country and the only freshman to place in the top 10. She ran a time of 20:27.2 at the Sand Plum Nature Nature Trail in Victoria.

Weiner qualified for the state meet on October 24 by winning the Regional Championship at Prairie Ridge Golf Course in Tribune. She placed first with a time of 20:53.49. “Even though it was a cold day, I had fun and am excited for state,” said Weiner following the regional meet.” Her best time this season was 20:08 at the Hoxie meet.

Also running in Regionals was Sophomore Jazline Manriquez with a time of 23:58.30 for twelfth place. Her best time of the season was 23:50 in Hoxie. Freshman Ava Brantley ran her best time of the season of 27:45.58. Junior Ethan Weiner was the only male athlete to compete at Regionals for the Bulldogs. He ran 21:03.33 at regionals. His season best time was 19:58.1 at Quinter.

“The cross country season this year was both exciting and memorable,” said Emma Weiner. “I enjoyed every day of the season whether it was practicing or competing at meets. It was an amazing experience to become close with all of my teammates and coach. They push me to be the best that I can possibly be. Next year, I’m hoping to encourage more people to come out so that we can compete as a team. It would also be awesome to improve my time and make it back to state.”