



Golden Plains High School
Hannah Antholz performed her xylophone solo during the concert at Golden Plains High School March 29. She received 1 ratings at regional music to qualify for State Music with her xylophone solo, her vocal solo, and as a member of the girls' ensemble. A senior, she has qualified for state music all four years of high school.

Rexford musicians headed to Wichita

By Rebecca Bange
Golden Plains High School

Musicians from Golden Plains attended the Regional Music contest in Oberlin on March 31. The girls' ensemble received a I rating and qualified for State Music with their piece "Where Go the Boats." Ensemble members included Hannah Antholz, Jordan Christensen, Macayla Easton, Kylie Joes, Leea Juenemann, MiKayla Lobato, Chantee Luna, Caitlin Spresser and Hailee Spresser. Solos which qualified for State included Hannah Antholz on the xylophone with the "Song of India" and with her vocal solos "O Bellissimi Capelli" and "Eye Hath Not Seen." Jacob Antholz qualified with the trumpet solo "Trumpet Voluntary." Others performing were the mens' ensemble singing "Cindy," which included Jacob Antholz, Tristan Schwarz, Camron Spresser, Grant Spresser and Zach Spresser. The mixed ensemble, both

girls and mens' groups combined, performed "Jubilate Deo" and "The Clouds." Several soloists participated in both vocal and instrumental performances, including: Emmy Fringer, clarinet, "The Gay Nineties Waltz." Camron Spresser, trombone, "Gladiator." Caitlin Spresser, flute, "Minuet" and "Dance of the Blessed Spirits." Camron Spresser, vocal, "Encantadora Maria" and "Homeward Bound." MiKayla Lobato, vocal, "A la Nanita Nana" and "He's Gone Away." Caitlin Spresser, vocal, "On Wings of Music" and "Ave Maria." "Regional Music was a great learning experience for all of us, and I feel the ensembles went very well," says Chantee Luna. Those qualifying for the State Music Festival will travel to Wichita on Saturday, April 28.



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Dmonic Luna (left) and Joseph Koerperich rehearsed for their improvised duet acting in Colby. They said it was the first time they worked as partners, but felt they worked well together.

Three qualify for state from Golden Plains forensics

By Taylor Todd
Golden Plains High School

On Wednesday, April 4, Golden Plains High School was host to the Western Kansas Liberty League forensics meet, the first meet in Rexford this year. Ten league and nonleague schools participated. Leea Juenemann and Camron Spresser competed in oration, where each presented an original piece. Juenemann spoke on "Bringing Our Troops Home" while Spresser talked about "Texting While Driving." This was Spresser's first oration. Both qualified for the finals. Juenemann placed second in the meet and qualified for the State Festival on Saturday, May 5. Spresser placed seventh.

Brooke Wark and Taylor Todd competed in prose with "Love You Forever" and "Simple Wooden Boxes." Rebecca Bange and Kylie Jones read the poems "Daddy's Day" and "The Mountain Whippoorwill" in the meet. Jones moved up to the finals and finished fifth. Ana Bermudez performed a serious solo, "Molly."

Forensics team in Oberlin

By Leea Juenemann
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains High School forensics team had two meets the last week of March. On March 29, three students performed in Oberlin. Taylor Todd competed in prose, Rebecca Bange in poetry and Leea Juenemann in oration. Everyone did well with Leea advancing to the finals and placing sixth.

Golden Plains had two improvised duet acting teams perform - Kalyn Weber and Spresser and Joseph Koerperich and Dmonic Luna. Koerperich and Luna qualified for the finals and finished second with their hilarious enactment of a family reunion. The boys also qualified for State Festival. Trey Schwarz tried extemporaneous speaking for the first time. The school placed fifth overall. "I think forensics is a great way to be expressive and get

your point across," said Leea Juenemann said. Golden Plains had more students compete April 4 than at any other meet in recent years. Travis Betz and Travis Smith were in charge of the meet. "Mr. Betz and Mr. Smith did a fantastic job of putting this tournament together," Coach Judy Rogers said. "I am so proud of all our students, staff and volunteers for how well they came through for this tournament. They represented our school and our league well."

Mow it naturally

BATH, N.Y. (AP) - A public employee in western New York thinks chewing tops mowing any day. The *Hornell Evening Tribune* reports (bit.ly/Ig1Du) that Steuben County Public Works Commissioner Vince Spagnoletti wants to put goats and sheep to work trimming the grass at the Bath landfill. He figures letting the ruminants roam the 32-acre site about 60 miles south of Rochester could save about \$5,000 a year in labor, equipment and gas. And there are no worries about the workforce wandering off: Spagnoletti says the county can use a grant to fence in the land.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE
Tuesday
1:12 a.m. - Caller reported receiving harassing text messages. No report filed, nothing criminal at this time.
9:59 a.m. - Caller reported items taken from yard. Report filed.
11 a.m. - Spoke to subject on the phone; civil matter.
12:15 p.m. - Caught dog in the 400 block of W. Fourth; taken to Colby Animal Clinic.
1:07 p.m. - Caller reported finding tag while mowing. Supplement to previous report filed.
1:34 p.m. - Caller reported dog at large Villa High Park. Unable to catch.
2:23 p.m. - Caller reported two vehicles without tags parked. Vehicles checked.
3:48 p.m. - Caller reported five suspicious subjects walking in the alleyway. Everything OK.
4:56 p.m. - Caller reported dog at large on W. Eighth. Turned over to Animal Clinic.
5:25 p.m. - Report filed on incident.
11:45 p.m. - Caller reported a female walking in the street. Located and given ride.
THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
Tuesday
10:10 a.m. - Provided five vehicle identification number inspections at MC Auto.
11:13 a.m. - Caller reported someone stopping at 241 County Rd. C asking questions.
12:29 p.m. - Vehicle forfeiture report filed for Highway Patrol arrest.
1:39 p.m. - Brought inmate from Sherman Co. to the Law Enforcement Center.

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