Lady Bulldogs Set Relay Record By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs set a new school record in the 4 x 400m relay at the Hill City Invitational Track Meet on April 23. The relay team of Brooke Stoll, KayCee Miller, Ashley Stoll, and Mabel Lugo ran the relay in 4:12 to set the record.

"It was exciting to break the record," said Lugo. "We are the same four girls had set the  $4 \times 400 \text{m}$  relay record in middle school." They set the MS record in 2015, then three of the four, along with Malilah Green in place of Miller, set it again in 2016.

"It was one of our goals to set the record this year," continued Lugo. "We hope to qualify for state and finish in the top 3." "It feels great to break the record in our third meet if the year!" added KayCee Miller-junior. "I think it is really cool that we have such close splits! We run consistent between the four of us."

The previous high school record for the relay was set in 2002 and was run by April Riedel, Darci Spresser, Erin Rogers, and Dana Broeckelman at 4:14. "It's sad to see our names go off the board," said Dana (Broeckelman) Carter. "But this is so awesome for them. I'm glad for them. It shows they are getting better and the programs are improving. I hope they can get more time off the record."

"Congratulations to the team," added Darci (Spresser) Giles. "This is another win for Golden Plains. They keep making better and better athletes. I wish them the best and hope they can break their own record."

The relay team is currently ranked first in the state in the Catch It Kansas Class 1A and are ranked second in the  $4 \times 100 \text{m}$  relay at 52.75 seconds. Each of the girls is also ranked in individual events including the 100m, 200m, 400m, and 800m. The girls have several opportunities to improve their times as they continue their season in preparation for regionals and a chance at the state meet.