Wessel and Leija Qualify for State Champs By McKinzie Horobik

On March 2, the Golden Plains Forensics team participated in a co-hosted meet called Winter Jam in Norton. Several team members made it to finals and the team placed fourth. "I am so proud of our team," said Coach Robynn Wessel, "and of how far we have come!"

Team members participating included Dominic Stout, Jorja Juenemann, Addy Wessel, McKinzie Horobik, and Janessa Leija. Juenemann's Prose piece "Answering 911, Life in the Hot Seat" placed 6<sup>th</sup>. Stout presented is Prose piece "My Brother's Keeper," and Leija presented "Adventures in Sloth."

In Poetry, Wessel's piece "Explaining My Depression to My Mother" placed third, and Juenemann's piece "Stages of Grief" placed sixth. Horobik's presented "I Don't Want to be Crazy."

Stout and Horobik presented a Duet called "Bullet Always Wins. Leija and Wessel performed IDA for the second time this season and placed second, qualifying for State Champs. "We work well as a team to make them funny," said Wessel. "We both love constructing a story off of four slips of paper," added Leija. The whole team will travel to Philipsburg on March 26, to continue their season.