

Three Place Third as a Team at Novice Meet By McKinzie Horobik

The Golden Plains Forensics first-year team members Brielle Karnes, Addy Wessel, and Janessa Leija all competed at a Novice Meet in Wakeeney on February 15. This means they go against other first-year competitors and can only qualify for State Festivals. Veteran team members McKinzie Horobik and Jorja Juenemann both served as student judges.

Karnes and Wessel did a duet called “Night Mother” placing 1st, Leija and Wessel’s IDA placed 1st, and Wessel in Poetry called “Explaining My Depression to My Mother” placed 1st. All these events qualified for Festivals. Leija also did an Inform on “Bananas” placing 3rd and a Prose called “Adventures in Sloth” placing 6th. The team placed third as a whole.

“I am so proud of these upcoming freshmen,” said Coach Wessel, “and also very grateful for our student judges!” The whole team will travel to Philipsburg on March 26. This long break allows them the time to prepare their pieces and perfect them.