

## Sixth Graders Compete in First Track Meet

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains sixth graders competed in their first track meet of the season on April 12 at the Northern Valley Invitational in Stockton.

MaKenlea Focke placed first in the 100m hurdles with a time of 22.34. She also won high jump with a jump of 4' 0". The 400m relay team of Genesis Rios, Emma Kier, Makynslee Vargas, and MaKenlea Focke placed second with a 1:08.2 run. Vargas also placed sixth in the 200m dash with a 35.46 run. "It was a good meet," said Focke. I was surprised that I got first in two events. Our goal is to get better and continue to score to help the team."

On the boys side, Ruxin Arnberger won long jump with a 13' 1" jump, second in the 800m run with a time of 2:55.3, second in the 800m run with a time of 1:12.2, and fourth in the 200m dash at 31.81. Liam Wright placed fifth in Shot Put with a 19' 10.5" throw, fifth in Discus with a throw of 56' 1", and sixth in the 100m dash at 17.01. Jaxon Juenemann placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100m hurdles with a 25.71 run and Cameron Sweigart placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the 800m run at 3:58.0. "It was pretty fun," said Arnberger, "but during the running events it got pretty nerve-wracking because you were going against others at the same time instead of doing it on your own like in the field events. We just dug in and did it. We won't be as nervous next time."

The teams combined for 71 points in the sixth grade division for fifth place overall. They will compete again at the Rawlins County Invitational in Atwood on April 18.