

Girls are State Champions; Boys 4th in state

Staff Report

Central Holmes Christian School high school track teams competed in the MAIS Overall State Championships 2021. The field events and the preliminary run events were held on Friday, April 30, at Canton Academy. The running events were held on Saturday, May 1 at Jackson Prep Academy.

Results for competitors in each event are as follows:

Girls

400 Meter Dash - Mackenzie Ward, 3rd, 1:05.20.

800 Meter Run - Breann Bell, 1st, 2:31.56; Allie McBride, 4th, 2:40.40.

1600 Meter Run - Breann Bell, 1st, 5:38.00; Allie McBride, 3rd, 6:18.05.

3200 Meter Run - Breann Bell, 1st, 12:50.93; Allie McBride, 5th, 14:04.81.

300 Meter Hurdles - Mackenzie Ward, 3rd, 51.64.

High Jump - J. J. Brown, 6th, 4-10.00.

Triple Jump - Cameron Martin, 5th, 30-04.75.

Pole Vault - Aubrey Carr, 2nd, 8-00.00; Ashlyn Tate, 5th, 7-00.00;

Discus - Olivia McBride, 5th, 80-10.00; Addie Burrell, 6th, 80-04.00

4x100 Meter Relay - Aubrey Carr, Hayley Haffey, Cameron Martin, Mackenzie Ward, 5th, 54.87.

4x200 Meter Relay - Breann Bell, Aubrey Carr, Cameron Martin, Mackenzie

Ward, 1st, 1:52.83.
4x400 Meter Relay - Breann Bell, Hayley Haffey, Cameron Martin, Mackenzie Ward, 1st, 4:27.64.
4x800 Meter Relay - Breann Bell, Allie McBride, Ashlyn Tate, Claire Tate, 2nd, 11:14.46.
Boys
200 Meter Dash - Lamar-

ion Buchanan, 5th, 24.40; Lawrence Wiley, 6th, 24.67.
400 Meter Dash - Ashton Tate, 7th, 56.12.
800 Meter Run - Jurdan Engle, 3rd, 2:14.37.
3200 Meter Run - Cayton Edwards, 5th, 12:09.56.
300 Meter Hurdles - Artino Brown, 3rd, 42.90; John Ward, 7th, 46.69.
High Jump - Artino Brown, 3rd, 6-00.00; Brice Hester, 8th, 5-06.00.
Long Jump - Jace Dean, 6th, 18-10.00.
Triple Jump - Lawrence Wiley, 4th, 39-10.50.
Discus - Jace Dean, 4th, 115-08.00.
4x100 Meter Relay - Lamarion Buchanan, Noah Steen, Ashton Tate, Lawrence Wiley, 4th, 45.89.
4x400 Meter Relay - Jurdan Engle, Mike Jones, Ashton Tate, John Ward, 3rd 3:47.97.
4x800 Meter Relay - Cayton Edwards, Jurdan Engle, Ellis Harris, Gibson Parish, 5th, 9:36:72.

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 -Holmes County Herald Staff

CITY OF LEXINGTON 2021 ELECTION CALENDAR SUMMARY

MAY, 2021

MONDAY, MAY 3-7, 2021 – LEXINGTON CITY HALL OPEN UNTIL 7:00 PM FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021 - LEXINGTON CITY HALL OPEN 8:00 AM UNTIL 12:00 NOON FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021 – VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M. POLL WORKERS TRAINING

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2021 UOCAVA VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2021 – ABSENTEE - IN HOUSE VOTING 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

JUNE, 2021

SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021 – IN PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING DEADLINE 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

TUESDAY JUNE 8, 2021 GENERAL ELECTION DAY: Polling Place will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

AAA State Track and Field Champion

On a perfect day in May at Jackson Prep, the Lady Trojans ran their way past their competition. Nearly every Lady Trojan and Lady Trojan relay team outperformed their seeding, coming into the day, with each small victory adding up to an eventual AAA State Championship. This State Championship was the 3rd in a row for the Lady Trojans and the 4th in 6 years. They lost the 2020 season to Covid and finished runner-up in 2016 and 2017. On Saturday morning, May 1, 2021, the Trojans found themselves in a minor hole, following the field events held the previous day, Friday, April 30, 2021, at Canton Academy. There were several outstanding performances in the field events, including Senior Addie Burrell with 6th place, and Sophomore Olivia McBride, with 5th place, scoring a total of 7 points in the Discus throw with nearly identical throw around 80 ft. Junior Aubrey Carr scored a Personal Record (PR) of 8 ft and finished 2nd in the Pole Vault; Freshman Ashlyn Tate finished 5th. Freshman J.J. Brown has been sensational all year in the High Jump. She won North State with a PR, and, once again, jumped well, finishing 6th. Finally, senior Cameron Martin wrapped up the scoring in the field events, with a 5th place finish in the Triple Jump. After field events, the Lady Trojans were slightly behind in the point count with 26 points. Canton had 33 points, and Kirk had 27 points.

The Lady Trojans started off the running portion with Mackenzie Ward running a sizzling 300 Hurdles, and placing 3rd. The 4x200 relay team of Aubrey Carr, Mackenzie Ward, Cameron Martin, and Breann Bell ran a season best 1:53 minutes to take 1st and grab 10 big points. The 4x800 team of Allie McBride, Ashlyn Tate, Claire Tate, and Breann Bell got revenge on Kirk from North State, but couldn't quite catch Columbia Academy, and finished 2nd with a season best of 11:13 minutes. Then followed the Lady Trojan 4x100-meter team who came into the meet seeded 6th but ran a season best of 54 seconds and placed 5th. At this point, Central Holmes had grabbed the lead back, but Canton soon came back, scoring big in the 100-meter dash and the 100-meter hurdles. They retook the lead because CHCS didn't have any competitors participating in these two events. At this time, Canton led by 13 points, just before the 1600- meter run. However senior Breann Bell and 7th grader Allie McBride finished 1st and 4th to grab back the lead. The victory in the 1600 meter-run for Breann Bell marked her 4th individual State Championship in the 1600 meters. Then it was Mackenzie Ward's turn in the 400-meter dash; she placed 3rd with a season best 1:05 minutes. The 800-meter run was up next and the reigning champion, Breann Bell didn't disappoint; she ran a dominant 2:31 minutes to finish first; Allie McBride ran a gutsy 9 second PR of 2:40 to finish 4th, just behind Rose of Kirk. The victory by Breann Bell marked her 5th State individual Championship in the 800 meter-run in her career. The Lady Trojans now led by 10 with the 200-meter run, the 3200 meter-run, and the 4x400-meter relay event left to run in the meet. Canton struck first with two participants, getting a first and a fourth- place finish. With these points in the 200-meter dash, Canton jumped up by 3. However, once again Breann Bell dominated in the 3200-meter run, finishing 1st by nearly a half of lap. Allie McBride recovered nicely from the 800- meter run and finished 5th. The 3200-meter victory by Breann was an astonishing 6th individual State Championship in the 3200 meters in her career (this does not include 2020 season that was lost to COVID-19). After the 3200-meter run, the Trojans were up by 8 points, with only the Mile Relay (4x400m) left to run. Fortunately, for the Lady Trojans, the 4x400 is their strongest relay in the competition. And they did NOT disappoint. Every girl ran a great leg, finishing the race with a season's best of 4:27 minutes to dominate and finish first. The team of Mackenzie Ward, Hayley Haffey, Cameron Martin, and Breann Bell dominated from start to finish, with Breann Bell fittingly carrying the baton across the finish line to secure the 3rd straight Track and Field State Championship for the Lady Trojans. The final score was 113 points for CHCS to 98 points for Canton, and many other teams scoring fewer points.

There are so many individuals that helped get these ladies to the Championship, including the alternates Daynie Parish, Hattie Melton, Harley Rayburn, and Kenzie Cochran. Riley Scott and Lindsey Turner who ran in District. This victory was Coach Nikki Edwards 4th State Championship in Track and Field plus 3 runner- ups wins over the last 7 years. The Lady Trojans were the strong favorites to win the 2020 season before Covid hit. What a 7-year run for these girls! Thanks to all the countless hours that the parents of these kids gave to make this happen, and, also to Candice Parish, for filming it all and being the superfan that she is.

We will greatly miss our seniors, Breann Bell, Hayley Haffey, Cameron Martin, Lindsey Turner, and Addie Burrell. Each one of them has had great careers and has participated in multiple state track meets in individual events and relays and has come out a champion, most of the time. And an amazing fact is that they are all straight A students and wonderful, talented young ladies. I know they will carry the lessons that they learned on the track field throughout their lives and accomplish great things.