

# ALAH Knight's Men Run At U of I

On Saturday, March 18, seven members of the ALAH men's track squad traveled to the University of Illinois to compete in the Armory at the prestigious Gene Armer Invitational hosted by Urbana High School. This meet featured many outstanding state leading efforts both on the track and in the field events.

In the first event of the day, the boy's 3200 meters, the Knight's Logan Beckmier squared off with Marion's Dylan Nally, last fall's Class 2A cross country champion. Beckmier covers the first mile in 4:41 just off Nally's hot pace. After losing contact, Logan began reeling the state champion back in before falling just short to finish 2nd in a 14 second Personal Best of 9:35.48. This is the state's 1A #3 time.

Next on the track for the Knights was the 4 x 800 relay squad. Looking for a State Indoor Championships qualify-

ing time the team of Lyle Adcock, Jacob Adcock, Cruz Hale, and Logan Beckmier produced a season best time placing 5th at 8:49.45 behind 3 large schools. This time puts them on the bubble for Championships qualification

Lyle Adcock produced another excellent mile effort running an indoor PR and nearly an all time PR of 4:44.14 placing 6th behind 4 large school athletes to account for the remainder of the ALAH scoring.

The other athletes competing for ALAH all produced all time Personal bests! Max Duzan sprints to 20th place in the 60 @ 7.50 seconds while frosh Justin Schrock runs the furlong in a PR of 26.75 seconds to finish 38th. Jacob Adcock continues to improve speed hitting the 800 tape in an all time best of 2:16.18 finishing 23rd overall.

Jacob Tighe eclipsed the 40 foot barrier for the first time in his career to place 21st overall

hitting 40'1.25". Jacob got to watch one of the nation's best as Sohn from Normal Community HS pitched the 12# ball over 63 feet breaking the meet record!

Of 54 teams from Marion to the Metro East to Chicago Heights Bloom Township, 34 schools scored with ALAH finishing tied with Decatur St. Teresa for 17th place.

The full men's squad competes at Arcola HS on Tuesday March 21 at 4pm. On Friday March 24th, Illinois Wesleyan University will host the Illinois Top Times Indoor State Championships. The state's top performers in each event will compete in all 3 classes. 2A and 3A events are on Saturday. The sprint events qualify the top 24 Times while the distance events qualify 15. Field events and relays qualify top 12 marks. The Knights hope to have representation in several events. Finalized entries will be notified Tuesday, March 21.



ALAH's Logan Beckmier, second from the right, lines up next to Marion High School's Dylan Nally at the start of the 3200 meter run at the Gene Armer Invite last Saturday. Nally was the Class 2A Cross Country champion last fall. Logan would finish just 4 seconds behind Nally in a huge PR time of 9:35.48. This time qualifies him for the Illinois Top Times meet also known as the Indoor State meet. The meet will be held at the Shirk Center on the campus of Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington on Friday, March 24.



ALAH Coach Lyle Dorjahn talks with two former Knight runners at the Gene Armer Invitational hel at the University of Illinois Armory last Saturday. Jacob Duzan, left and Logan Hall, right were at the meet to watch their former running mate Logan Beckmier and visit with their coach.



Knights senior stellar distance runner Logan Beckmier gets last minute advice in the line up area from Coach and grandfather Lyle Dorjahn, white and black jacket, before the start of the 3200 meter run. The meet was the Gene Armer Invitational at the University of Illinois Armory indoor track on Saturday, March 18.

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port the bass fishing team.

In the Superintendent Report, Cheek went over his district communication plan. He has been compiling examples of other district plans and is in the works of creating a survey that will go to the parents, students, community and staff. He hopes to have it completed by the end of the school year. Cheek also stated that they have been interviewing for the Director of Maintenance position. Interviews were started last Monday and finished up on Tuesday. There were a total of seven interviews. Cheek said he was excited about the pool of applicants that were available.

Other business that the board discussed included approving the renewal of the IHSA Membership for the 2023-2024 school year and a swim co-op with Sullivan and Shelbyville was approved for some students who were interested. The contract is a two-year agreement. The sale of the old gym scoreboard was also approved to the winning bidder. Cheek also informed the

board that athletic director Nathan Seal had actively pursued two schools with the idea of forming a soccer co-op but they were not interested. He said that the district would continue to discuss and strategize as they moved forward.

The Treasurer's report was approved with the February 2023 bank statement balance being \$1,092,770.03 and the total of all funds were \$11,547,824.89.

As Cheek wrapped up the public portion of the board meeting, he wanted to give thanks to the Athletic Boosters for their continued support and putting on Glow Binga which turned out to be a great event that took hours to organize. He also wanted to reach out to the Education Foundation for their efforts and support and remind everyone how they also have offered staff grant opportunities and scholarships to students. Last of all, he wanted to thank the staff for their continued dedication this year to both students and communities.

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### Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School Principal's Report

1. Our agriculture classes collaborate on many projects throughout our high school. For example, Horticulture class has started growing flowers for the school flower beds and planters for graduation. The greenhouse is full once again. Also, Ag Mech class is starting their spring project. They are fabricating frames for new lifting platforms for the weight room. Grant money won by Coach Wilson is paying for the materials and powder coating.

2. At our recent IHSA Solo and Ensemble contest, all entries earned first place. Congratulations to Izabella Danford, Chloe Custer, Sara Rogers, Kylie Stutzman, Angelina Davis Kearns and Miah Malin. A Best of Day Award Certificate was presented to Miah Malin in recognition of the most superior musical performance heard that day by a judge.

Don't forget that DESSERT THEATRE is Saturday, April 1 at 7:00 pm.

3. The ALAH Drama Club held their performance of The Three Musketeers on March 10 and 11. Drama club advisor this year is Spanish teacher Faith Rund. Performances will be at 7 p.m. on both evenings. In preparation for the play, our student actors worked with Cole Hintz from Millikin University's Theater Department regarding on stage combat (how to safely fight with each other, making sure that no one gets hurt, etc.) He also helped choreograph the fights along with an independent stage fight director, Catt Chrastka, from the Champaign and Chicago

local theater companies. Costumes were hand sewn by our very own Drama club sponsor Ms. Faith Rund and borrowed from the Monticello Madrigals. Mr. Kessler and his construction class helped build and set up the walls for the set.

4. Mrs. Voegel, her FCA students and FCCLA club members have had a busy month.

• Six FCCLA members & Mrs. Voegel attended the FCCLA Section 7 Conference in Charleston in Mid-February. While attending the conference sophomore Perla Juarez-Cuevas, was elected a member of the 2023-2024 Section 7 Officer team. Her term begins immediately and will last through February 2024.

• FCCLA members & FCS students decorated heart door hangers as a "Make a Difference" activity in February for all residents at Arthur Home & Eberhardt Village  
• Child Development and Foundations of Teaching students have in the last 2 weeks all been trained and certified in "SIDS" and "Shaken Baby Syndrome" by Vicky Foster at the Child Resource & Referral. Students earned a certificate for this work.

5. All 14 students in the Construction Skills class have completed the 10 Hour OSHA Training Course. This gives them a certification card showing completion of the course and the card never expires. This was in connection with the Eastern Illinois Education for Employment System.

6. Our National Honors Society chose Special Olympics as their second semester service project. On Saturday, March 11th the current and newly announced members will participate in the polar plunge in Mahomet. Students raised

over \$1500 to donate to special olympics.

7. Each semester our Leadership Class is required to plan and implement an all school activity or event. Previous classes have led all school projects including Dig Pink Week and awareness for St. Jude Children's Hospital. This semester they are planning a 'How To' series once a week. They have gathered information from the student body to ask what things they would like to learn. Their first 'How To' was teaching students to make a grilled cheese sandwich and it was a huge success.

Upcoming Dates:  
March 20 -24 Spring Break  
April 1 - Dessert theater  
April 2 - NHS Induction  
April 7 - No School  
April 12 - PSAT 9, PSAT 10, SAT and Senior Etiquette Workshop  
April 13 - Juniors take state science assessment  
April 13 - SIP, 1:00 Dismissal

### Arthur Grade School Principal's Report

**Spelling Bee:** Cameron McGill competed in the Regional Spelling Bee in Decatur this last Saturday, March 11 at Richland Community College. We are very proud of him for his 4th place finish, his accomplishments, and we enjoyed cheering him on during this competition.

**IAR Testing:** It is the season for state testing and AGS is preparing for the opportunity to show our growth and hard work throughout the year. Students will test April 3 - 7. This will include 5 tests for most grade levels and 8 tests for our 5th and 8th graders. Students begin to take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) in 3rd grade. If you see any of our  
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## Arthur Christian School Scoreboard

### Girls Varsity Soccer

Michael Robey, Head Coach

**March 16 @ Cornerstone**

Record: 1-1-0

ACS 10

Cornerstone 0

Game Stats:

Goals: Emma Skowronski 3, Brileigh Mast 3, Phoenix Kelmel 2, and Malaya Brady 1

Assists: Liana Kauffman 1

GK Saves: Liana Kauffman, Izzy Swanson, and Libby Henry  
**March 14 @ Monticello**

ACS 0

Monticello 1

GK Saves: Liana Kauffman 2 and Libby Henry 3

**Next Games:** March 23 @ MacArthur/Eisenhower, March 25 @ Centennial, and March 28 @ Mattoon

### Baseball

Next games: March 23 @ ACS vs. ALAH, March 25 @ ACS vs. Kankakee Trinity, March 27 @ Paris, March 28 @ ACS vs. LSA, and April 1 @ Tri-Valley