

ALAH Jr. High Track Girls Open 2023 Season at Home

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The Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond Jr. High girls' track and field teams held their first home meet of the 2023 track and field season on Monday, March 20. The girls hosted Okaw Valley, Tri-County and Villa Grove in the meet that saw a large number of athletes competing in the cold and windy conditions.

Winning events for the seventh grade team were: Norma Mendoza taking first in both the 100 and 200 meters, Briana Clayton in the high jump and the 4 X 200 meter relay of Clayton, Sophie Johnson, Layla Beck and Macelyn Boddy. Cassidy Rohacs was the sole winner on the eighth grade side taking first in the 100 meter hurdles.

The girls track team were

to compete at Shelbyville on March 27 before returning home for a meet on April 3.

7th Grade Girls Team and Individual Results vs. Okaw Valley, Tri-County and Villa Grove March 20, 2023

Team results: 1. Okaw Valley 79; 2. Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 46; 3. Tri-County 45;

Shot Put: none
Discus: Laila Sanchez, 38' 7", fifth;

High Jump: Briana Clayton 3' 8", first; Macelyn Boddy 3' 7", second;

Long Jump: none
100 M Hurdles: none

100M: Norma Mendoza 15.14, first; Zoey Mendoza 15.67, fourth; Briana Clayton 15.96, fifth; Laila Sanchez 16.44; Macelyn Boddy 16.69; Katharine Palma 16.7; Layla Beck 17.08; Khloe Dowds 17.38;

200M: Norma Mendoza 32.52, first; Zoey Mendoza 33.08, second; Macelyn Boddy 33.82, fourth; Katharine Palma 35.64, fifth; Laila Sanchez 35.84; Khloe Dowds 38.08;

400M: Sophia Johnson 1:11.22, first; Riley Strode 1:13.94, third; Sophie Monts 1:17.9; Keely Simpson 1:20.63; Jillian Marner 1:24.53

800M: Ella Oye 3:13.32, third;

1600M: Ella Oye 7:09.88, second;

400M Relay: none
800M Relay: Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond, 2:18.64, first; (Briana Clayton, Sophie Johnson, Layla Beck, Macelyn Boddy)

1600M Relay: none 8th Grade Girls Team and Individual Results vs. Okaw Valley, Tri-County and Villa Grove March 20, 2023

Team results: 1. Okaw Valley 52; 2. Villa Grove 51; 3. Tri-County 43; 4. Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 38

Shot Put: None
Discus: None

High Jump: Cassidy Rohacs, 3' 10", third;

Long Jump: Leighton Poulos 13' 11", second; Maleyna Vanausdoll 13' 6", third'

100 M Hurdles: Cassidy Rohacs 19.2, first; Riley Strode 21.27, fifth'

100M: Maleyna Vanausdoll 14.66, second;

200M: Reece Oye 33.22, fourth;

400M: None;

800M: Embrey Reardon, 3:09.78, third;

1600M: Embrey Reardon, 6:50.24, second;

400M Relay: Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 1:01.22, second (Cassidy Rohacs, Reece Oye, Embrey Reardon, Maleyna Vanausdoll)

800M Relay: None

1600M Relay: Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond 5:25.33, second (Cassidy Rohacs, Reece Oye, Embrey Reardon, Ella Oye)



Leighton Poulos, an eighth grader on the JH Knights girls track team takes off into the long jump pit at the first meet of the 2023 season. Leighton would take second in the event with a jump of 13' 11".



ALAH seventh grader Ella Oye comes down the straight-way on a lap of the 1600 meter run at the JH home track meet on March 20. Ella took second in the race with a time of 7:09.88. The jr. high Knights track teams were to run at Shelbyville on March 27 before returning home for a meet on Monday, April 3.



Knights eighth grader Cassidy Rohacs clears a hurdle in the eighth grade girls 100 meter hurdle race at the first home meet of the 2023 season last week. Cassidy won the event with a time of 19.2.



ALAH seventh grader Briana Clayton clears the high jump bar at the first jr. high home track meet of the season on March 20. She won the event with a jump of 3' 8". The seventh grade girls finished second in the team standings in the four team meet.

Auxiliary

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The spring luncheon will be Sunday, April 2 in Neoga.

Billie sent in the memberships for the year.

Poppy Day will be May 26. We plan on having a Poppy poster contest again this year.

Marty and Linda reported on the Americanism Essay Contest. We had 45 entries this year. Our 3 judges were 1 from Lovington, 1 from Atwood and 1 from Arthur. This year's theme was "What Does Patriotism Mean to Me?" Lovington and Atwood Auxiliaries are contributing to the prize money also. This year's winners are as follows:

Class 1 (7th and 8th grade): 1st Joshua Taylor, 2nd Maxton Boddy, 3rd Jaidyn Edwards.

Class II (Freshman and

Sophomore): 1st Christa Davis, 2nd Brayden Leech, 3rd Alex Stutzman.

Class III (Junior and Senior): 1st Noah Shoemaker, 2nd Lucy Wilber, 3rd Lillian Daily.

Marty will present the certificates and prize money to the Lovington Jr. High winner on May 24. The other certificates will be given out at ALAH's Honor's Day.

The application for Illinois Girls State were taken to the high school on February 17 and will be picked up on March 10.

Billie took the Scholarship information to the high school and will pick up the applications on April 28.

Billie will complete the SNIP sheet. We will donate \$70.00 again this year.

Our dues will increase to \$29.00 as of August 1, 2023.

We voted to increase our to

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Vote Tuesday, April 4

Write-In Candidate

Christy Miller

Village Trustee

• Community mindset with 4-years of village board experience

• Over 10-years of hands-on experience with area businesses and events.



On February 22 the ALAH girls basketball team, including potential incoming Freshman, went to Champaign and watched the Senior night U of I womens basketball game at the State Farm Center. The local accounting firm McGuire, Yuhas, Huffman and Buckley, PC made the evening memorable by lining out a tour of Ubben, the U of I basketball practice facility, before the game as well as paying for admission for our group of nearly 30 student athletes to sit directly behind the team. With the help of AHS and U of I graduate, Kevin Huffman (of the accounting firm listed above) and Atwood-Hammond graduate, Kent Brown, Associate AD/Media Relations with the University of Illinois Athletics they were able to get us this behind the scenes, red carpet tour. Ubben was an unbelievable facility (one of the best in the Country, with mens and womens sides completely equal, and having the exact same offerings for both squads. Absolutely state of the art training and medical facilities, as well as nutrition services, coaches offices, saunas, video rooms, kitchens, and lounge spaces for the collegiate athletes. Coaches Mac Condill and Marissa Hershberger were thrilled to have this opportunity for these young female athletes and want to thank Kevin and Kent and all the other local fans for their support this past basketball season. We were very proud of the team's effort and their 20-10 season ending with a great game against Paris in the Regional championship. Special thanks to the 3 seniors (Kaci Beachy, Kailee Otto, and Charley Condill) and their 77 wins during their high school career. Their hard work and determination follow in a long line of fantastic, strong young women who have truly left their mark on ALAH high school and ALAH girls athletics. CONGRATS!