

Track

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to have Taylor once again throw a little better. Myers finished second and Taylor won with a throw of 191-3, a career-best.

"I put some juice into the last one," said Myers. "Honestly I didn't feel like I did too much. I definitely know there is a lot more in the tank. Hopefully 190 is coming soon."

After all of the throws in the heat Tuscola officials went from the closest to the ring to the farthest as a number was on each spot and it corresponded with the thrower.

"Definitely waiting for the mark was the most anxious I have ever been in my life," said Myers who said he has been wanting to get this record since he was in the eighth grade. "My heart was pounding."

After his second throw, which set the record, Myers and other students from Arcola celebrated and Myers stood with his hands on his head after being congratulated by his friends.

"I really didn't know they were coming," said Myers. "I got here and did my warm-ups and I was like, 'Oh, that is a lot of people.' I did get a little nervous, but having my friends here helped me out and gave me the extra feet that I needed."

Myers said Terry Miller has been supportive of him and he has been talking to him for three years.

It has been back and forth and I would see him in Arcola every now and then," said Myers. "He would just say, 'hey, you are going to get it.' It is good to finally call him and tell him I got it. It is a very satisfying feeling."

Taylor and Myers have been going at it for a while.

"We have been close to each other," said Myers. "We have been throwing since the eighth grade. Going into high school none of us (including Tuscola's Chris Boyd) thought we would be throwing as far as we are if it wasn't for each other. We are good friends. We always want to beat each other and we have been going back and forth. It definitely helps to have competition around you."

The achievement was set on a calm and cool evening.

"He has been trying to break the record all year," said Arcola boys track coach Tommy Eddleman. "He has been putting in his homework every day. He had a really good week of practice. The wind was troublesome during the week. He just works his butt off and I am just really happy for him."

Myers is the son of Doug and Johnna Myers, both Arcola graduates, who were there and captured the throws on video.

"It is crazy that I have the record now," said Myers. "I have been hearing, 'Are you going to break it' for years now. I will say I was really nervous being my senior year. I had so many people in my ear constantly saying, 'Oh, are you going to break Terry's record.' It kind of made it hard for me to get past every plateau, but standing here now, I can finally tell people that I did it. It is a great feeling."

In the triple jump Braden Phillips was third at 38-6 and Ryan Lindstrom fourth at 36-8. The 4x200 team of Elian Aguilera, Lindstrom, Oden Barron and Aiden York finished with a time of 1:37.59, good for fourth place.

"He (York) was an 800 runner last year and he has turned into one of our fastest kids," said Eddleman. "He has been helping us out in our relays and I think he was close to a PR in the 200 (25.16). He ran a really good leg in our 4x200 which got fourth and I was pretty happy with that. We have to clear up our handoffs, but I was really happy with those times. Braden Phillips jumped pretty well in the triple jump after not being able to practice because of baseball. It is the first time I have had him in a while. Hopefully he can get over 40. He is really close to making the state mark of 41-2."

Girls

Arcola junior Kelsey Moore ran a season-best 50.33 in the 300 hurdles, good for third place. She was also fifth in the 100 hurdles in 18.27. She ended the night pacing in four events as she was on the 4x400 and the fourth place 4x100, which also included



ARCOLA'S MITCHEL MYERS is shown as he prepares to launch the discus in a March 28 track meet held in Arcola. Myers broke the school record that stood for 59 years when he threw for 183-1 to break the record of 181-5 set by Terry Miller in 1964. The record was broken on April 21, 2023 at an invitational track meet hosted by Tuscola. Photo by Nancy Rairden.

Hopkins, Ramirez, Simpson and Moore.

"Our handoffs were smooth in the 4x100," said Simpson. "My steps were off in the long jump. We ran the 4x400 once before. We did really well. We have strong girls in the 4x400 and I think we can do pretty well in it."

As for running anchor in the 4x100 Simpson said, "It is really fun to be anchor. I am more of a receiver than pass kind of girl. We work really well together and we just have that chemistry for a team in relays."

Simpson placed in three events as she was also fourth in the long jump at 15-6.

"The 4x400 did their best and that is a group that I kind of just put together this week and wasn't quite sure how we would do," said Arcola girls track coach Adam Reel. "It has turned into a real strength of our team. I was really impressed with the girls. They are doing a great job with it and I think it is going to be a staple for us the rest of the season. Second place was pretty good as that was a very

fast Tuscola team that beat us (ran a 4:19.05, which was 11.95 seconds faster than the Lady Riders.

Reel was pleased with Simpson's long jump.

"She did a really good job in the long jump," said Reel. "She didn't quite get as far as she normally does but a good job nevertheless."

Kelsey Moore is really coming into form in the 300 and I expect her time to keep going downward as she will get faster and faster."

Reel said he has really been impressed with his throwers this season in Emma Vazquez, Aaliyah Garza, Shelby Roberts-McGeehon, and Myka Gomez.

"Coach Eddleman has really been working with them," said Reel. "We have a young group that has just never thrown before and they are getting better and better. I am really excited with what they are doing."

Reel thought the team did well with Ramirez having a back injury and Moore had been a little sick.

"We tried to play it safe,"

said Reel. "We didn't load up too much. We are not a very big team, but we do a good job of competing against the bigger teams; some of the best in the state. I can't complain. The girls are working really hard and I love what I am seeing."

April 21 at Tuscola

Boys team scores: 1. Tuscola 106; 2. Sullivan 74; 3. Salt Fork 54; 4. Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 53; 5. Effingham St. Anthony 43; 6. Villa Grove 38; 7. Casey-Westfield/Martinsville 37; 8. Marshall 36; 9. Cerro Gordo/Bement 34; 10. Arcola 28; 11. Cumberland 18; 12. Central A&M 13; 13. Tie, Tri-County and Argenta-Oreana 10; 15. Fisher 4; 16. Deland-Weldon 0

Arcola top 8 placers
4x100: 7. Elian Aguilera, Oden Barron, Ryan Lindstrom, Alan Guevara 47.07*
4x200: 4. Aguilera, Lindstrom, Barron, York 1:37.59
Shot put: 3. Mitchel Myers 49-7
Discus: 2. Myers 183-1*; 7. Michael Gauna 129-8
Triple jump: 3. Braden Phillips 38-6 4. Lindstrom 36-8

Girls team scores: 1. Tuscola 124; 2. Effingham St. Anthony 74; 3. Sullivan 69; 4. Cerro Gordo/Bement 66; 5. Casey-Westfield/Martinsville 56; 6. Marshall 47; 7. Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 27; 8. Arcola 25; 9. Argenta-Oreana 17; 10. Villa Groe 12; 11. Tie Salt Fork, Central A&M 11; 13. Tri-County 9; 14. Tie, Cumberland, Neoga 4; 16. Fisher 1; 17. DeLand-Weldon 0

Arcola top 8 placers
100 hurdles: 5. Kelsey Moore 18.27
300 hurdles: 3. Moore 50.33*
4x100: 4. Eva Hopkins, Crystal Ramirez, Ema Simpson, Moore 53.92
4x400: 2. Hopkins, Ramirez, Simpson, Moore 4:31.01
Shot put: 8. Emma Vazquez 28-4
Long jump: 4. Simpson 15-6

April 18 at Sullivan

Boys team scores: 1. Sullivan 152; 2. Pana 93.66; 3. Shelbyville 92; 4. Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 71; 5. Central A&M 55; 6. Arcola 33; 7. Okaw Valley 31.3; 8. Cowden-Herrick/Beecher City 18; 9. Neoga 8; 10. Stewardson-Strasburg/Windsor 2

Arcola top 8 placers
200: 5. York 25.01*; 7. Aguilera 25.35*
400 4. York 55.04*
4x100: 4. Lindstrom, Aguilera, York 47.53
4x200: 3. York, Barron, Aguilera, Lindstrom 1:37.97
Discus: 1. Myers 178-1*; 6. Gauna 116-10
High jump: 7. Guevara 5-1
Triple jump: 2. Lindstrom 37-9; 8. Gauna 31-9

Girls team scores; 1. Shelbyville 183; 2. Sullivan 113; 3. Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 79; 4. Arcola 38 5. Cowden-Herrick/Beecher City 35; 6. Pana 33.5; 7. Okaw Valley 28; 8. Central A&M 24; 9. Neoga 12.5; 10. Stewardson-Strasburg/Windsor 4

Arcola top 8 pacers
100 hurdles: 6. Laci Ozee 20.45*
300 hurdles: 2. Moore 50.95*
4x100: 4. Moore, Hopkins, Ramirez, Simpson 54.55
4x400: 2. Hopkins, Ramirez, Simpson, Moore 4:31.37
Shot put: 6. Hayden Gauna 28-9; 8. Vazquez 27-2
High jump: 2. Ramirez 4-9
Long jump: 3. Simpson 15-6
Triple jump: Hopkins 28-1
*season best; ! school record/personal record

Jr. high

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who ran the 100 hurdles in 21.11. She was also part of the second place 4x100 team that also consisted of Anahi Campos, Maya Behrends and Averi Kutz, a sixth grader. Kutz was also fifth in the high jump at 5-10. The 4x200 relay team of Sophia Mora, Stevee Griffith (sixth grader), Jazlyn Morena and Scarlett Montano ran the event in 2:18.16, good for second place.

Montano was also fifth in the 200 with a time of 32.48 and part of the fourth place 4x400 relay that also included Mora, Rory Drake, and Audrina Gonzalez. Their time was 5:52.84.

April 24 at Sullivan

Girls seventh grade team scores: 1. Shelbyville 160.5; 2. Sullivan 103.5; 3. Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 61.5; 4. Clinton 51; 5. Meridian 37.5; 6. Central A&M 22.5; 7. Arcola 20.5

400: 3. Olivia Gisinger 1:13.7
4x100: 4. Anahi Campos, Maya Behrends, Tenley Thomas, Averi Kutz 1:04.1
4x200: 3. Sophia Mora, Stevee Griffith, Jazlyn Morena, Scarlett Montano 2:18.4
4x400: 4. Rory Drake, Audrina Gonzalez, Montano, Gisinger 5:47.4

Arcola top six placers
Girls eighth grade team scores: 1. Shelbyville 113.5; 2. Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 97; 3. Clinton 66.5; 4. Arcola 53.5; 5. Sullivan 48.5; 6. Meridian 40.75; 7. Central A&M 38.5

Arcola top six placers
200: 2. Jaiden Miller 29.3*; 3. Aymara Leal 30.05*; Emmalee Reel 31.7*
100 hurdles: 3. Leal 18.8*; 4. Reel 19.1
4x100: 3. Gisinger, Reel, Leal, Jaiden Miller 57.4
4x200: 5. Megan Miller, Mady Lyons, Briseida Condarco, Vanessa Azripe 2:18.6
Shot put: 5. Azripe 20-10

High jump: 3. Leal 4-2
Long jump: 2. Jaiden Miller 14-2; 6. Reel 13-6*

Boys seventh grade team scores: 1. Shelbyville 99.5; 2. Clinton 98; 3. Sullivan 95; 4. Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 76; 5. Meridian 44; 6. Arcola 37; 7. Central A&M 17.5

Arcola top six placers
100: 2. Brandon Sanchez 13.1
200: 3. Sanchez 28.5
800: 4. Sawyer Maxwell 2:45.3
4x100: 3. Jordan Gingrich, Jahel Galaviz, Ronnie Vega, Sanchez 56.2
4x200: 6. Laison Barron, Levi Fifield, William Biggs, Alex Cortez 2:21.2
Discus: 4. Trevin Plank 81-1*
Long jump: 2. Vega 14-0

Boys eighth grade team scores: 1. Central A&M 104.5; 2. Shelbyville 93.5; 3. Arcola 89; 4. Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 66; 5. Meridian 60.5; 6. Clinton 24; 7. Sullivan 17.5

Arcola top six placers
100: 1. Brody Phillips 12.0*
200: 1. Remi Roberts-McGeehon 24.1*
800: 1. Carson Jewell 2:19.5
1,600: 2. A.J. Stevens 5:37.1
110 hurdles: 3. Josiah Hout 18.8*
4x100: 1. Stevens, Roberts-McGeehon, Jewell, Phillips 51.1
4x200: 4. Eddie Garcia, Hout, Blain Helmut, Bryan Sanchez 2:01.1
Discus: 3. Tony De la Garza 97-5; 4. Bryan Sanchez 95-7
High jump: 1. Phillips 5-2
Long jump: 1. Roberts-McGeehon 18-2/12

April 22 at Arcola Invite

Girls seventh grade team scores: 1. Cerro Gordo/Bement 102; 2. Arcola 45; 3. Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 44; 4. Neoga 43; 5. Central A&M 40; 6. Tri-County 36; 7. Tie Okaw Valley, Meridian 35; 9. Judah Christian 18; 10. Deland-Weldon 0

(Arcola top six placers)
200: 5. Montano 32.48
800: 6. Condarco 3:21.60
1,600: 4. Gonzalez 7:16.23*
100 hurdles: 1. Thomas 21.11; 4. Kutz 22.23
4x100: 2. Campos, Behrends, Thomas, Kutz 1:03.92
4x200: 2. Mora, Griffith, Moreno, Montano 2:18.16
4x400: 4. Mora, Drake, Montano,

Gonzalez 5:52.84
High jump: 5. Kutz 3-10

Girls eighth grade team scores: 1. Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 122; 2. Arcola 50; 3. Cerro Gordo/Bement 47; 4. Meridian 44; 5. Okaw Valley 37; 6. Villa Grove 31; 7. Tie Central A&M, Tri-County 26; 9. Neoga 13; 10. Deland-Weldon 0

(Arcola top six placers)
100: 5. Jaiden Miller 14.36
400: 5. Gisinger 1:17.30; 7. Drake 1:29.59
100 hurdles: 3. Reel 19.23; Leal 19.26*
4x100: 3. Gisinger, Reel, Leal, Jaiden Miller 58.50
4x200: 5. Megan Miller, Lyons, Condarco, Azripe 2:19.49
4x400: 3. Gisinger, Thomas, Leal, Reel 5:17.68
High jump: 2. Leal 4-0
Long jump: 2. Jaiden Miller 14-2 ¼; 3. Reel 13-0

Boys seventh grade team scores: 1. Villa Grove 65; 2. Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 64; 3. Arcola 60; 4. Meridian 46; 5. Judah Christian 42; 6. Tie, Neoga, Okaw Valley 41; 8. Cerro Gordo/Bement 28; 9. Central A&M 14; 10. Tri-County 2; 11. Deland-Weldon 0

Arcola top six placers
100: 1. Brandon Sanchez 3.31
200: 1. Brandon Sanchez 28.37; 6. Helmut 31.64
400: 4. Galaviz 1:11.24; 6. Barron 1:13.67*
800: 4. Maxwell 2:46.81
4x100: 1. Gingrich, Galaviz, Vega, Brandon Sanchez 57.32
4x200: 5. Barron, Biggs, Lucas Janes, Cortez 2:21.47
4x400: 3. Galaviz, Gingrich, Vega, Brandon Sanchez 5:03.73
Shot put: 5. Jayden Smith 27-6 ¼
Long jump: 2. Vega 14-1 ½; 5. Helmut 13-9 ½*

Boys eighth grade team scores: 1. Arcola 94; 2. Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 57; 3. Central A&M 54; 4. Meridian 45; 5. Villa Grove 42; 6. Neoga 39; 7. Cerro Gordo/Bement 33; 8. Okaw Valley 32; 9. Judah Christian 6; 10. Tri-County 1; 11. Deland-Weldon 0

(Arcola top six placers)
100: 1 Phillips 12.29*
200: 1. Roberts-McGeehon 25.99
400: 2. Jewell 1:02.18*
800: 1. Jewell 2:31.79
1,600: 3. Stevens 5:51.75
110 hurdles: 6. Hout 19.42*
4x100: 1. Stevens, Roberts-McGeehon,

Jewell, Phillips 51.29
4x200: 6. Christian Rocha, Hout, Garcia, Helmut 2:09.65

4x400: 1. Phillips, Stevens, Jewel, Roberts-McGeehon 4:15.81
Discus: 2. De La Garza, 98-7*
High jump: 1. Phillips 5-8*
Long jump: 1. Roberts-McGeehon, 18-4

April 18 at Tuscola

Girls seventh grade team scores: 1. Cerro Gordo/Bement 109; 2. Unity 97; 3. Arcola 36; 4. Tri-County 20; 5. Tuscola 8

Arcola top 6 placers
100: 3. Campos 15.57; 6. Moreno 15.89*
200: 4. Montano 32.58; 6. Campos 33.68
400: 2. Kutz 1:17.85
800: 5. Gonzalez 3:13.01*
100 hurdles: 2. Thomas 21.10; 6. Kutz 22.29
4x100: 2. Campos, Behrends, Thomas, Kutz 1:02.34
4x200: 2. Mora, Griffith, Moreno, Montano 2:12.71; 4. Kayla Lyons, Drake,

Gonzalez, Keylia Hernandez 2:22.36
Shot put: 6. Lyons 19-7*

Discus: 5. Lyons 49-8
High jump: 3. Kutz 4-0*
Girls eighth grade team scores: 1. Unity 134; 2. Tuscola 51; 3. Arcola 44; 4. Cerro Gordo/Bement 32; 5. Tri-County 29

Arcola top 6 placers
100: 2. Jaiden Miller 14.39
200: 6. Thomas 32.03
400: 2. Gisinger 1:14.28
100 hurdles: 1. Reel 18.39*; 2. Leal 19.69*
4x100: 1. Gisinger, Reel, Leal, Miller 56.14
Shot put: 5. Azripe 21-10*
High jump: 4. Leal 3-10
Long jump: 2. Miller 14-10; 4. Reel 12-4 1/2

Boys' seventh grade team scores; 1. Tuscola 84; 2. Unity 62; 3. Cerro Gordo/Bement 59; 4. Arcola 48; 5. Tri-County 13

Arcola top 6 placers
100: 1. Sanchez 13.20
200: 1. Sanchez 27.11*
400: 5. Galaviz 1:11.72
800: 3. Maxwell 2:39.34
1,600: 1. Stevens 5:35.62

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