

ALAH Knights Softball Claim 6 All Lincoln Prairie Conference Berths

The Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond Knights softball team placed five of their six infielders on the Lincoln Prairie All Conference Teams that were selected by the conference coaches at the end of the 2023 season.

The honors started with junior Madison Schweighart who was named First Team - Pitcher. Madison had a season record of 17-9 and a win percentage of 0.654. Her battery mate, senior catcher Charley Condill also earned First Team

- Any Position honors. Charley led the Knights with 24 stolen bases. Senior Alisha Frederick at shortstop and senior Kailee Otto, third base were also First Team - Any Position selections. Alisha led the team with 59 RBI and Kailee led the Knights with 9 homers.

Earning a Second Team Any Position spot was sophomore outfielder Mackenzie Condill. She was one hit behind her sister Charley's team leading 59. Senior Kaci Beachy, second base, finished out the Knights infield selections receiving

Honorable Mention. Kaci had 37 put outs and 23 assists for ALAH.

The complete list of the All-Lincoln Prairie Conference teams follows.

First Team Pitcher: Madison Schweighart - ALAH and Alex Brown - Villa Grove.

First Team - Any Position: Kacie Sisk - Arcola, Abbey Matthews - Argenta-Oreana, Charley Condill - Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond, Alisha Frederick - Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond, Kailee Otto - Arthur Lovington Atwood

Hammond, Alexis Wike - Blue Ridge, Libby McGinnis - Cumberland, Paige George - Heritage, and Maci Clodfelder - Villa Grove.

Second Team - Pitcher: Ellie Schlieper - Blue Ridge and Shaylun Christenberry - Tri-County.

Second Team Any Position: Keira Hohlbauch - Arcola, Mari-ah Powell - Argenta-Oreana, Mackenzie Condill - Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond, Cassie Zimmerman - Blue Ridge, Haylei Simpson - Cerro Gordo Bement, Jade Carr - Cum-

berland, Faith Latham - Heritage, Avery Bruns - Okaw Valley, Lana Ashley - Okaw Valley, and Kayln Cordes - Villa Grove.

Honorable Mention: Ava Simpson - Arcola, Ema Simpson - Arcola, Gracie Manning - Argenta-Oreana, Kaci Beachy - Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond, Avery Donsbach - Cumberland, Mollie Pollock - Tri-County, Piper Kiser - Villa Grove and Hayden Thomas - Villa Grove.

Congratulations to Madison, Charley, Alisha, Kailee, Mackenzie and Kaci!!!!

Lovington organizations plan sesquicentennial celebration for this weekend

Lovington is going to "Celebrate Good Times" June 9 and 10. This year marks the 150th year since Lovington was officially incorporated as a village. Several organizations have joined to celebrate the sesquicentennial.

Friday, June 9, the LHS Alumni Association will hold its annual homecoming banquet starting at 4:30 p.m. at the Church of God Family Life Center. The alumni will honor new Hall of Fame members Sally Duncan, David Kidwell, Don Bell, Jeff Davis, Elise Wildman and the 2005 boys basketball team at the banquet.

At 8:00 p.m. the band Identity Crisis will entertain village residents uptown. Food trucks and a beer tent will also be available.

Saturday morning, June 10, starting at 6:30 a.m. the firemen will hold their pancake breakfast at the firehouse.

The Moultrie County Historical and Genealogical Society display Lovington memorabilia at the Lovington Library starting at 9:00 a.m.

The sesquicentennial parade featuring the American Legion Honor Guard, the ALAH Marching Knights, pageant queens, antique tractors, floats, fire trucks, etc. will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by a bags tournament at 1:00 p.m.

The Lovington Community Club will hold its annual fish fry at 4:30 in Tom Conn Park. 25/X8 Extreme Sports with inflatables, a bake sale and several vendors will also add to the celebration.

The fireworks display will begin at dusk at the Lovington Grade School.

Village board park and recreation chairman Brittany Bates and her committee have coordinated all of the events with the other organizations.

Events at the Piatt County Fair Announced Piatt County Fair June 15-18

Planning for the 2023 Piatt County Fair June 15 - 18 is done and the Fair will soon be here. We are excited to have a Kids' Camp prior to the Fair again this year from June 5 - 9, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., at the Fairgrounds. Kids will be making crafts that will be shown at the Fair. Call 217-791-0811 for more information.

In addition to our ITPA tractor pull on Friday, June 16, at 6:30 p.m., we have our usual livestock shows—dairy on the 16th, swine on the 17th, and beef on the 18th—and the non-livestock show starting the evening of the 15th through the morning of the 18th.

The ITPA pull costs \$15 for adults and \$5 for the younger

ones. This pull always draws a big crowd who can count on a good show, thanks to ITPA and our volunteers.

We have several activities for kids lined up for Saturday including a cheer clinic finale, baton twirling performance, and a kiddie tractor pull. Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening we have a bounce house, obstacle course, extreme air, rock wall, and zip line. A purchased wristband lets the wearer use the first 4 activities all evening long. The zip line is an additional charge. Sally the Clown will be at the Fair from 5 to 8, both Friday and 3 to 6 Saturday for face painting and balloons.

Friday night the Beer Barn

hosts a concert by Antics, beginning at 8:30 p.m. Our Saturday concerts begin at 3:30 with Lee Ewers and then 6:30 with Back Seat Radio, both free.

On Sunday at 11:00 is the Piatt County Outlaw Hookers Antique tractor pull. This has

been a fun activity for those with antique tractors and lovers of antique tractors.

Our food vendors will be there with cotton candy, snow cones, hamburgers, corn dogs, pork tenderloins, etc.

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Lake Land College 2023 Spring graduates announced

Lake Land College is pleased to announce the students who graduated following completion of the Spring 2023 semester. The 2023 graduates are:

Arthur: Gretchen Dare, Certificate - Management; Maria Garza, Associate in Applied Science; Associate Degree - Nurse; Nikolas Miller, Associate in Arts - Business;

Shelbi Swartzentruber, Associate in Applied Science - Associate Degree Nurse.

Atwood: Morgan Cotton, Certificate - Auto Mechanic I and Associate in Applied Science; Wyatt Romine, Certificate - Crop Production and Associate in Applied Science; Agriculture Produc-

tion & Management; Kolby Schable, Associate in Applied Science - John Deere Tech; Logan Streible, Associate in Arts - Criminal Justice.

Bement: Carol Bates, Certificate - Medical Coding Specialist.

Lovington: Zachary Homering, Certificate - Paramedical Services; Brittany

Middleton, Associate in Science - Earth Science.

Tuscola: Mackenzi Bowles, Associate in Arts - Mathematics Education; Jamison Rocke, Certificate - Crop Production and Associate in Applied Science; Agriculture Production & Management; Marissa Russo, Associate in Arts - Criminal Justice.

Arthur Seeks July 1 Parade Entries

The 2023 Freedom Celebration Parade will take place this year in Arthur on Saturday, July 1 starting at 2:00 p.m.

"A Star-Spangled Hometown Salute" is the theme for the 29th annual parade.

Individuals, organizations, churches, and businesses interested in participating in the parade should call Stephanie Wierman at 217-620-7460 to request a form or stop by the Welcome Center at 106 E. Progress to pick up a form.

Sponsored by Arthur Area Association of Commerce, the line-up for the parade will begin at 12:30 pm in the **old Progress Tank Facility** (402 East Progress St.) and the parade will **step-off PROMPTLY at 2:00 pm**. Only parade participants are allowed in the line-up area. Drop off area for parade participants will be at

402 East Progress St., which is the entrance to the plant.

The Freedom Celebration Parade route will run west on Progress Street to Vine Street, turns left on Vine Street and travels through downtown Arthur, turns left off Vine Street on to Logan Street, and then left again on Pine Street and ends back at Progress Street.

The Arthur American Legion Post #479 will be handing out American flags along the parade route again this year.

People are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs to watch the parade anywhere along the route with their families, friends, and neighbors. Kids and kids at heart don't forget to bring a bag for candy!

Parade entries should report to for line up between 12:30 and 1:45 p.m. on July 1.

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