



Funk Wins Drake Relays

By Tyler Peterson

The Lenox Tiger girls and boys track and field teams were in action just once this past week due to weather conditions canceling a meet in Corning. Regardless of just competing once, the track and field athletes made the most of the opportunity to compete in the Lenox Tiger Coed Relays a week ago this past Monday. The boys finished 3rd overall with 106 points, and the girls finished 7th with 58 points. Individual event champions were Kinzie Menefee in the 400 Meter Dash, the girls Sprint Medley Relay team of Kinzie Menefee, Sadie Cox, Zoey Reed, and Bentley Petersen, and Gabe Funk in the 200 Meter Dash- 110 Meter High Hurdles- 400 Meter Low Hurdles. Individual results below.

Additionally Lenox was represented in the 115th Drake Relays ran over the weekend by none other than senior Gabe Funk. Funk qualified in the open 400 Meter Dash, and the 400 Meter Hurdles. At the high school level at the Drake Relays it is the top 24 times in the state regardless of class or school size. In the open 400 Gabe finished 12th overall with the second best time of the class 1A qualifiers with an official time of 49.79.

In the 400 Hurdles on Saturday afternoon Gabe was placed in lane eight on the very outside of the track competitors. Funk came out strong and led the race the first 200 me-

ters before three runners on his inside passed him; with less than 100 meters to go Gabe was in fourth place, but not for long. As the last hurdle approached just 30 meters to the finish Funk had closed the gap and with less than five meters to go took the lead. Gabe Funk crossed the line ahead of anyone else, and did something no Lenox Tigers has ever done- Claimed a Drake Relays Championship with a final time of 52.40. He was interviewed by several news stations, took a victory lap waving his Drake Relays Champion flag, signed the champions bulldog statue, and heard his name called atop the podium. Congratulations to Gabe Funk, the first and only Lenox Drake Relays Champ!

Girls Lenox Coed
400 Meter Dash - Kinzie Menefee 1:00.78 1st Place
Personal Best and Sadie Cox 1:02.36 3rd Place
4x100 Meter Relay - Bentley Petersen, Zoey Reed, Kinzie Menefee, Sadie Cox 54.62 3rd Place
Season Best
4x200 Meter Relay - Bentley Petersen, Delaney Funk, Jaelynn Christensen, Zoey Reed 5th Place 2:04.27
4x400 Meter Relay - Zoey Reed, Jaci Cox, Kinzie Menefee, Sadie Cox 4th Place 4:27.81
Season Best
4x800 Meter Relay- Kenzie Douglas, LaraLynn England, Jentri Cox, Valerie Pacheco 12:37.05 5th Place
Season Best
Sprint Medley Relay - Bentley Petersen, Zoey Reed, Sadie Cox, Kinzie Menefee 1st Place 1:54.14

The following Q and A is an exclusive interview from Gabe Funk in regards to his experience at the Drake Relays:

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Q: What event(s) did you qualify for?

A: I qualified for the 400 Meter Dash and the 400 Meter Low Hurdles.

Q: Have you ever been to the Drake Relays before? What was your experience like?

A: Yes, I've qualified for Drake the past two years in the 110 Meter High Hurdles, and the 400 Meter Low Hurdles. Last year was the first time I received a medal when I placed 4th in the 400 Lows. We also brought the Shuttle Hurdle last year. Going up with a group of friends made the trip even cooler. The experience of going to the Drake Relays is unlike any other track meet. Being surrounded by college and professional athletes is a very cool, unique feeling.

Q: What are you expecting to be similar to regular track meets, and what are one or two things that are drastically different about the Drake experience?

A: The only thing similar to

other meets is that the running stays the same. One thing that is different about the Drake Relays is getting to your race. You warm up in a small fenced-in area, then you're herded down to the track with your competitors. Other weird details are that you wear a bib, winners do a victory lap around the track, and that the meet leaves out several events run at a normal meet.

Q: The Drake Relays are one of the premier track and field meets in the nation. What are your expectations and goals for yourself on the nation's highest stage?

A: My first goal this year is to medal by getting top eight in the 400 Meter Dash. My other goal is to win the 400 Lows, or at least make the podium.

Q: What does representing yourself, family, school, and community mean to you specifically while competing at the Drake Relays?

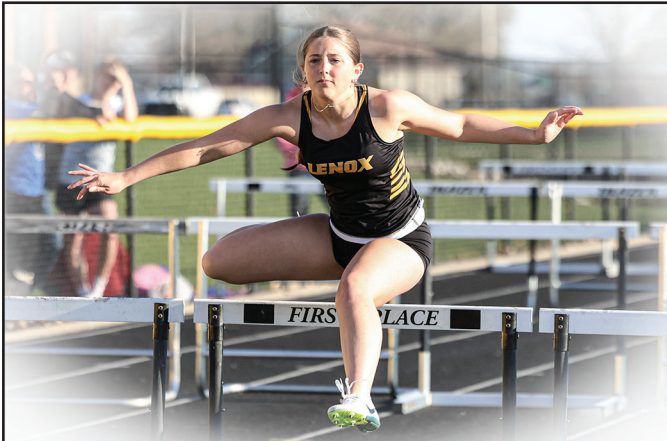
A: Representing these things is an honor I hold in

Season Best
Shuttle Hurdle - Delaney Funk, Danielle Robinson, Jaci Cox, Carley Larson 5th Place 1:23
High Jump - Jaci Cox 4'-8" Personal Best
Boys Lenox Coed
200 Meter Dash- Gabe Funk 1st Place 22.51 and Caden Kaufman 7th Place 24.26
400 Meter Dash- Wylie Brokaw 8th Place 56.22
800 Meter Run- Owen Grundman 5th Place 2:11.80
Season Best
1600 Meter Mile Run- Cade Cordell 4th Place 5:08.96
Personal Best
3200 Meter Two Mile Run- Daysen Gregg 6th Place 12:12.77
110 Meter High Hurdles- Gabe Funk 1st Place 14.80 and Jordan Martin-England 6th Place 16.38
400 Meter Low Hurdles- Gabe Funk 1st Place 55.27
4x100 Meter Relay- Laramie Stoaks, Andy Flah, Caden Kaufman, and Kolben Robinson 4th Place 47.04
Season Best
4x200 Meter Relay Jayden Zaragoza, Jackson Reed, Dayton Tull, and Andy Flah 5th Place 1:39.70
4x400 Meter Relay- Jordan Martin-England, Brody Brokaw, Owen Grundman, and Gabe Funk 2nd Place 3:34.83
Season Best
4x800 Meter Relay- Cade Cordell, Colton Haisiak, Patton Adams, and Jayden Arnold 2nd Place 9:27.86
Sprint Medley Relay- Ashton Leonard, Andy Flah, Brody Brokaw, and Jackson Reed 6th Place 1:44.43
Distance Medley Relay- Laramie Stoaks, Andy Flah, Owen Grundman, and Caden Kaufman 2nd



Senior Gabe Funk became the first Drake Relays champion from Lenox High School Saturday afternoon, winning the 400 meter hurdles in a new school record time of 52.40! (Photo by Meg Barker)

Place 3:50.85
Season Best
Shuttle Hurdle Relay- Brogan Petersen, Wylie Brokaw, Caden Kaufman, and Jordan Martin-England 3rd Place 1:07.03
Long Jump- Jordan Martin-England 20'-1.5" 2nd Place
Personal Best
High Jump- Brogan Petersen 5'-4" 8th Place
Shot Put- Jordan Castor 41'-3" 5th Place
Personal Best
Discuss- Brody Brokaw 121'-1" 6th Place and Jordan Castor 110'-11" 8th Place



Danielle Robinson ran the 2nd leg of the Tigers' 5th-place shuttle hurdle relay at last Monday's meet in Lenox. (Photo by Meg Barker)



Alexis Hernandez competed in the 100 meter dash at the Lenox Co-Ed Meet last Monday. (Photo by Meg Barker)



Jacob Weaver throws the discus 31-04 at the Lenox Co-ed Meet last week (photo by Colleen Larimer)

State of Iowa
County of Taylor

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner Black Maple Wind, LLC ("Petitioner"), with its principal place of business at 120 Garrett Street Suite 700, Charlottesville, VA 22902, is proposing to build a new 345 kilovolt ("kV") transmission line in Taylor County, Iowa. The proposed transmission line will connect a new wind farm to be constructed in Taylor County with the existing transmission system. The notification corridor and the proposed line route for which new easements may be sought in Taylor County are reflected on the enclosed map and by reference made a part hereof. The notification corridor is the area in which landowners and parties in possession or residing on property over which Petitioner may obtain easements are noticed concerning the public information meeting and in which easements may be sought after the meeting is held.

Prior to the construction of this transmission line, Petitioner must request a franchise from the Iowa Utilities Commission ("Commission") authorizing the construction, operation and maintenance of the transmission line along the proposed route. The proposed route of the line starts at 150th Street in Taylor County and continues west

for approximately 2.1 miles where it then turns north for approximately 1.0 mile on State highway 148. The proposed line turns west for approximately 2.0 miles on 140th Street then heads north for approximately 1.0 mile and then turns west on 130th Street for 1.25 miles. The proposed line then heads north for 2.75 miles then west for 2.25 miles where it terminates and will connect into the existing Atchison County to Booneville 345kV transmission line. The final route may change and will be determined when easement negotiations with landowners are complete, and the Commission has approved the project.

Petitioner will seek to acquire easements within the identified corridor for the construction, operation and maintenance of the line. Any easement request will also include the right to maintain the right-of-way so as to not interfere with the construction, operation and maintenance of the transmission line and the right of ingress and egress to the easement area. After the Commission has reviewed the petition for franchise, it may conduct a public hearing and landowners will have a right to participate in the hearing process. If a hearing is conducted, notice of the public hearing will be published in a Taylor County newspaper with county

wide circulation. There is the possibility that right-of-way may be acquired by condemnation if approved by the Commission. Currently, Petitioner has not requested and does not have the right of eminent domain in order to acquire the property rights by condemnation. If eminent domain is requested by Petitioner, a hearing must be conducted by the Commission where the request will be considered, and Petitioner would need to show that the property rights are needed to serve a public use. If Petitioner requests the use of eminent domain, a notice of the public hearing will be sent to the owners of record and parties in possession of the parcels subject to the request for eminent domain by Certified United States mail, return receipt requested, in addition to the notice being published in a Taylor County newspaper with county wide circulation.

As a landowner or a party in possession of, or residing near, property that may be affected by the location and construction of the described electric transmission line, you have the right to be present at an Informational Meeting to be held at the time and place listed below. You also have the right to file with the Commission objections to the location and construction of the proposed line as described.

The Commission's address is 1375 E. Court Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069.

Representatives of the Commission will preside at the Informational Meeting and present a summary of the legal rights of affected landowners. Qualified representatives of the Petitioner will be present to discuss the project and to answer questions. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe

or participate should contact the Utilities Commission at 515.725.7300 in advance of the scheduled date to request accommodations.

Informational Meeting to be held:
Date: May 20, 2025
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Lenox Community Center
210 East Dallas Street,
Lenox, IA 50851
In the event of inclement

weather (as determined by the cancellation of local school/ classes on the morning of the date of this Informational Meeting), the meeting will be held on May 21, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the same location.

Dated: April 18, 2025
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