

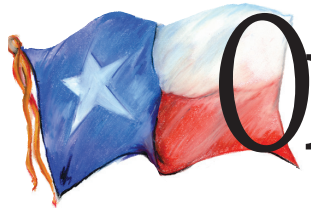
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# Lindale will have it made in the shade April 8

As you probably have heard, there will be some serious shade thrown on our portion of the planet on April 8 in the form of a total solar eclipse.

Lindale and East Texas are smack dab in the middle of the eclipse's path which, as far as the U.S. is concerned, will be in a southwest to northeast direction.

The totality of the event is just after 1 p.m. on Monday, April 8 and city tourism officials have been busy making sure the event is celebrated with music, food vendors and other forms of entertainment for all ages at Darden Harvest Park, the Cannery and Picker's Pavilion. In fact, these busy bees had a chance to prepare for the upcoming big one last October when a partial eclipse took place.

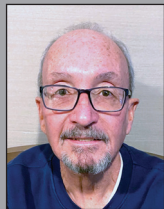
On April 8 the eclipse will reach the Pacific coast of Mexico at Mazatlan and after making its way across Mexico, will reach Texas at Eagle Pass. Those in the middle of the path of the eclipse will have a full four minutes of viewing time.

The rarity of such a natural phenomenon is truly special, a reminder there's a much bigger force at work in the heavens than mankind.

So just what is a solar eclipse and how rare are they?

Glad you asked because

**Terry Cannon**  
Editor



we've got answers and a couple of warnings.

--A solar eclipse is when the moon passes between the Earth and the sun, blocking the view of the sun from a small part of the Earth. These take place approximately every six months somewhere on Earth during the moon's new phase. During partial and annular eclipses, only a portion of the sun is blocked.

-- There was a time in ancient cultures – and some modern ones as well – when total eclipses were believed to be caused by supernatural forces and thus thought to be bad omens. Ancient Greek historian Herodotus wrote that Thales of Miletus predicted an eclipse that took place during a battle between the Medes and the Lydians, causing both sides to put down their weapons and declare peace. As early as the 4th century B.C., Chinese astronomers were predicting eclipses and now, science has advanced to the degree they can be predicted hundreds of years in the future.

-- In 1706, French astronomers made the first telescopic observation of a total solar eclipse and several years later English astronomer Edmund Halley predicted and observed the solar eclipse of May 3, 1715.

-- The first occurrence of an eclipse having an impact on a power system came on March 20, 2015 when continental Europe and Great Britain were estimated to have about 90 gigawatts of solar power. It is believed eclipses can affect temperatures by approximately 37 degrees and in addition to the drop in temperatures, animals will change their behavior. Squirrels and birds have been known to return to their nests and crickets start chirping.

-- As mentioned above, this will be the second eclipse for Texas in the past six months. On Oct. 14, 2023, it reached the U.S. in Oregon and made a south-westerly path to eventually bisect Texas.

-- In August, 2017, the "Great American Eclipse"

was visible within a band that spanned the U.S. from the Pacific to Atlantic coasts.

-- It should be clear by now that eye protection is a must for viewing the eclipse. Looking directly at the sun, even for just a brief time, can cause permanent damage to the retina due to the intense visible and invisible radiation emitted, resulting in possible blindness. The use of optical aids such as telescopes, binoculars or a camera's viewfinder is very dangerous and can cause irreversible eye damage within a fraction of a second.

During the 2017 eclipse, there was a guy who just happened to be president of the U.S., who looked at the eclipse not once, not twice but three times without eye protection. Not a smart thing to do, obviously. In fact, the New York Daily News, known for attention grabbing headlines, offered this one the next day, along with a photo of the guy squinting at the sun: "Not Too Bright!"

(Their words, not mine.)

So if you plan on attending the city of Lindale's Total Eclipse of the Park on April 8, take advantage of the eclipse viewing glasses that will be provided as well as other viewing options.

Safety, in a manner of speaking, should be the watchword.



## Honored by East Texas Educators

Lillie Russell Memorial Librarian Shannon Reid, left, and Penny Turner, Children's Librarian, recently accepted the East Texas Educators Association's Golden Apple of Literacy Award on behalf of the library. (Courtesy photo)

**Times of Lindale**



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## ONE YEAR AGO, Feb. 28, 2023

Smith County Commissioners approved a real estate contract between the county and Rodney Kamel for property located at 211 E. Ferguson in downtown Tyler during their regular meeting.

The purchase price was \$400,000 was to vacate the property by Oct. 31.

The motion was approved unanimously.

This left two properties – MJL Holdings at 206 East Erwin and one at 214 East Erwin – in which the county initiated eminent domain proceedings.

Smith County Judge Neal Franklin said the county had "negotiated in good faith" to acquire the land and that the county's offers "were more than fair."

## FIVE YEARS AGO, Feb. 28, 2019

The Lindale High School baseball team scored five runs in the top of the seventh inning to snap a 3-3 tie and defeat the Robert E. Lee Red Raiders, 8-4, at Mike Carter Field in Tyler. Chase Rozell scored on an error after taking third on a single from Cody Pike to start the Eagles' rally. Landon Chaney lashed an RBI single and with the bases loaded, Jacob Philpot drove in two more with a line drive single to center.

## 10 YEARS AGO, Feb. 27, 2014

The Lindale High school junior varsity Blue team claimed third place honors in the Lone Oak High School varsity baseball tournament by winning two of three games.

The Eagles whipped Rivercrest, 11-1 and Wolfe City 4-0. They lost to 12-2 in their second game of the tournament to Red Water.

In the first game, Lindale jumped out to a 4-0 lead and increased their lead to 7-1 by the fourth inning. In the fifth, the Eagles plated four more runs to finish things. Kam Neely tossed four strong innings and struck out eight. Colton Ramsey pitched a perfect fifth.

Against Red Water, the Eagles could manage just three hits and fell behind 8-0 after the second inning. They were able to score twice in the third to avoid the shut out. Joe Santangelo started and went an inning and a third, while Ethan Puckett came in for two-thirds of an inning and Graham White finished things off with an inning.

In the game with Wolfe City, the Eagles garnered just four hits but made them count. They scored single runs in the first, second and third and another run came across in the fifth.

Alec Ramsey started and pitched two-thirds of an inning before having to leave the game with an injury. Jase Mauldin relieved and fanned eight in his four and a third innings.

# Letter perfect way to maintain a marriage

Awhile back, Janet decided we needed a new bedroom set. Notice I said she decided. I was fine with the 20-some odd year old set we had.

Now Janet is not the kind of person who buys the first thing she sees, oh no. Heck, she dragged me to every furniture store within a 150 miles of our house.

I hate shopping. I'd rather jump off a tall building with a firecracker up my nose than go shopping.

But I went. I endured. And I paid.

Anywho, it's all over now. Well, at least I thought it was.

The reason I'm telling you all of this is because of what I found while we were cleaning out stuff from our old dresser. I don't know about you, but when I have something that I want to keep, but I know I won't be using it, but it's too good to throw away, I'll stick it in a drawer.

The only time it might ever be seen again is when I die and they go through my stuff, but that's how I am. Well, Janet and I were going through one of my junk drawers.

"Look at this," said Janet. "There must be 15 sets of eyeglasses in this drawer. Why are you keeping old eyeglasses?"

"You're kiddin', right?" I said.

"No," she replied.

"Look," I stated. "What if my eyes start going back to the way they were? Then I could use my old glasses and not have to buy any new ones."

"Number one," she said. "I don't think your eyes will go back to the way they were. And number two; they are so scratched up that you couldn't see out of them anyway. And number three," she continued as she held up one of my oldest pair, "I

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don't think the Buddy Holly look will ever come back."

"Funny," I replied.

"I'm taking these and giving them to the Kiwanis Club, the Lion's Club, or whatever," she said.

"What for?"

"They will give the ones that might still be good to someone who can use them," Janet said. Reluctantly, I agreed.

"Oh my!" she said as she dug something else out of the drawer. "What is this?" I looked at the little clear plastic box she was holding. "Wow!" I said. "I thought I had lost those."

"They are teeth," she said incredulously.

"They're my wisdom teeth," I said proudly, and then got serious. "You know, they say when you lose your wisdom teeth, you also lose some wisdom."

"That explains a lot," she said sarcastically. "Why did you keep your teeth?"

"I don't know," I said. "I thought at one time I might make a necklace out of them."

"For what?!"

"I don't know," I said. "It seemed like a good idea at the time."

"That would be a good title for a book if you ever write one," she said. "'It Seemed Like A Good Idea at the Time. The Misadventures of a Disturbed Individual.'"

"Oh yeah," I came back. "Yours could be named 'Sarcasm; The Key to a Healthy Marriage.'"

She rolled her eyes.

Then I pulled something out of the drawer. It was a small bundle of envelopes.

They were addressed to Janet Bedford, my wife's maiden name.

"Ho ho," I said. "What do we have here?"

"Give me that," Janet said as she snatched the bundle from my hands.

"Old love letters?" I asked smiling.

"Maybe," she said with a sheepish grin on her face.

"Come on," I said. "Let me read one."

"No."

"Come on. 'Pleecease.'" I whined. She looked at me.

"OK," she said.

"Goody!" I said as I reached out my hand.

"No," she said. "I'll read one of them to you."

"Oh," I said. "That's even better."

Janet unwrapped the bundle and took out one of the letters. She looked it over and smiled.

"Hurry up," I said.

"Hold your horses," she said. Then she cleared her throat and began to read.

By the second sentence, I couldn't hold back anymore. I started laughing. She looked at me. She still had that stupid grin on her face. She kept reading. She wasn't half way through the letter, and I was rolling on the floor.

"Stop," I said, as I wiped the tears from my eyes. "I can't take it anymore. It's too much."

"Oh, you think it's funny?" she asked.

"Funny, ha! Funny's not the word for it." I said. "Sappy! Yeah, sappy. That's the word for it." I started holding my stomach.

"Who was this spaz?" I chuckled. Then I tried to

look really serious. "You should have hung with him, you know. He sounded like a real catch," then I busted out laughing again." Janet continued to smile.

"Tell, me who he is," I said. "No don't. I might know him. Tell me it's not somebody I know. Surely not."

Janet smiled. "Oh, you know him alright," she said. "In fact, you see him every day."

"No," I said still wiping my eyes. "Don't tell me that. I'll never be able to face him without laughing."

"I don't know how you face him without laughing now," said Janet. "After all, it's you." I stopped laughing.

"Say what?" I said.

"It's you, you idiot," she said. "You are the one that wrote it."

"Gimme that," I said, and I grabbed it from her hand. Sure enough, the handwriting was my scribble.

"Oh no," I said. I felt like I had been hit upside the head with a brickbat.

"Sappy, huh?" Janet smiled.

"We need to get rid of those right now," I said.

"No way!" she stated.

"Surely you won't show those to anybody, will you?"

"Of course not," she said. Then she smiled. "Well, maybe not."

"What do you mean, 'maybe not'?"

"Well, there is one more piece of furniture that I want." I looked at her real hard like. Then I thought about what she said.

"OK," I said. "It's yours. Here, take my credit card."

"Why, thank you," she said sweetly.

That's how she gets everything she wants. By the way, I've come up with a new title for Janet's book. "Extortion; How to Keep a Marriage Together."

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Ann Bush from the Tyler Audubon Society will give a lecture about our fine feathered friends at 12 noon on Tuesday, March 5 in the Hand Community Room of the Lillie Russell

Memorial Library. She will discuss the joys of spending time in bird habitats around lakes, streams and local wooded areas and observing the many fas-

cinating bird species that call East Texas home. The event is free but registration is required. Call the library at 903-882-1900.

# Slow cooker tips for busy weeknights

**By Smith County  
Extension Service for  
Family and Community Health**

It’s five o’clock and you’re driving the kids home from one of their many activities, when you hear the inevitable question, “What’s for dinner?”

If this scenario sounds familiar, the solution may be no further than the slow cooker on your kitchen counter.

Slow cookers cook food while you do other things. Slow cooker recipes will specify the heat level (typically low or high) and how many hours it takes to cook the food. Busy parents love the “set it and forget it” convenience that slow cookers bring!

Eating more homemade meals, and less fast food, can ensure that kids get the fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, whole grains and low-fat dairy their growing bodies need.

After the prep work is done, a slow

cooker does the cooking for you while you’re at work or busy with the kids, minimizing time spent in the kitchen.

Slow cookers aren’t just for winter chilis, soups and stews — you can make appetizers, side dishes, fillings for sandwiches and tacos, and even desserts in a slow cooker. Unlike the oven or stove, a slow cooker gives off very little heat beyond the base, keeping your kitchen cool when it’s hot outside.

Try these simple tips to make the most of this versatile kitchen tool:

-- Prep ingredients in advance: Chop vegetables, soak beans and trim meats on a Saturday or Sunday when you have extra time. Be sure to cut uniform pieces for even cooking, and store prepped ingredients in airtight containers or zip-top bags in the refrigerator for up to three days.

-- Make-ahead when possible: If your slow cooker has a removable insert, assemble the ingredients the

night before and refrigerate the entire insert overnight. It’s important to note that starting with cool ingredients may lengthen cooking time (but be sure to keep them out of the temperature danger zone).

-- Reinvent leftovers: Instead of serving the same recipe two nights in a row, turn last night’s dinner into something new. If you make a large roast, serve the leftovers as a filling for quesadillas or sandwiches.

Whenever using a slow cooker, be sure to follow good food safety practices to ensure your food cooks to safe temperatures and to reduce the risk of foodborne illness.

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**SATURDAY, FEB. 17:** Welfare Concern, 400 block Baker Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Escort, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Assist DPS, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 555 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Criminal Mischief, 200 block Cannery Row, Unable to Locate.

**SUNDAY, FEB. 18:** Traffic Complaint, 552 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 13300 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Unable to Locate; Welfare Concern, 21200 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Unable to Locate; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Report; Welfare Concern, 600 block Jack Drive, Settled at Scene;



Traffic Complaint, 100 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

**MONDAY, FEB. 19:** Escort, 16200 block FM 849, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 556 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Inquest, 1100 block Woodlands Park Drive, Report; Public Service, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Residential Alarm, 900 block Abbey Road, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 14000 block CR 4200, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Report; Criminal Trespass, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Warning Issued; Residential Alarm, 400 block Hill Street, Unfounded.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 20:** Criminal Trespass, 100 block East Hubbard Street, Warning Issued; Motorist Assist, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; City Ordinance Violation, 400 block Hill Street, Settled at Scene; City Ordinance Violation, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Report; Public Service, 900 block East South Street, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 700 block Circle Drive, Unable to Locate.

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21:** Assist Smith Co SO, 556 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Traffic Control, 300 block Mt. Sylvan Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 2800 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Criminal Mischief, 400 block Baker Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 800 block Greenwood Circle, Settled at Scene; Escort, 200 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; City Ordinance Violation, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 400 block Cannery Row, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Driving While Intoxicated, 1500 block South Main Street, Arrest.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 22:** Public Service, 300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Verbal Disturbance, 900 block Mt. Sylvan Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 400 block Baker Street, Settled at Scene; City Ordinance Violation, 15500 block Brittain Court, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Verbal Disturbance, 600 block Brad Circle, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 1100 block Woodlands Park Drive, Unable to Locate; Verbal Disturbance, 600 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 500 block North Main Street, Unable to Locate; Assist Smith Co SO, 552 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Report; Traffic Complaint, 800 block Wes Hubbard Street, Unfounded; Disturbance, 13300 block CR 472, Unable to Locate; Driving While Intoxicated, 600 block South Main Street, Arrest; Suspicious Circumstance, 13300 block CR 472, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 2100 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

Remember: don’t perform “crape-murder”

By Greg Grant  
Smith County Horticulturist

The misguided annual practice of crape-myrtle butchering is in full swing. As a crapemyrtle lover and owner of an allée of them along my driveway, I literally cringe when I see the site of carved crapes.

The only pruning crapemyrtles ever need (if at all) is thinning the trunks as they are developing to the desired permanent number, removing suckers as they sprout at the base, and cutting out dead wood and crossing or rubbing branches.

That’s it. As with all trees in our landscapes, they should never be topped or heavily pruned. Here’s why.

1. Pruning crapemyrtles decreases cold hardiness. Let’s not soon forget the freeze damage inflicted on many crapemyrtles in recent memory.

2. Topping crapemyrtles causes them to sucker more at the base leading to more work to remove the unwanted sprouts. The ultimate goal is to have a permanent number of trunks (odd numbers like 3, 5 or 7 look best) with no suckers and no more topping.

3. Hack jobs on crapemyrtles costs money. Crews don’t cut and haul crapemyrtle branches for free and the fuel used for the equipment isn’t cheap or environmentally friendly. I suspect crapemyrtle bark scale (the tree’s primary insect pest) is spread tree to tree and neighborhood to neighborhood by pruning equipment and trailers as well.

4. Topping crapemyrtles produces a plethora of new shoots and narrow crotch angles

for the pesky crapemyrtle bark scale to hide and overwinter in. Crapemyrtle bark scale also likes to feed on new succulent growth and callus tissue produced by pruning.

5. Cutting and hauling crapemyrtle limbs is loads of work. I’ve had shoulder surgery, two neck surgeries, back surgery, and four hip surgeries. I’m certainly not looking for things to bend over and pick up!

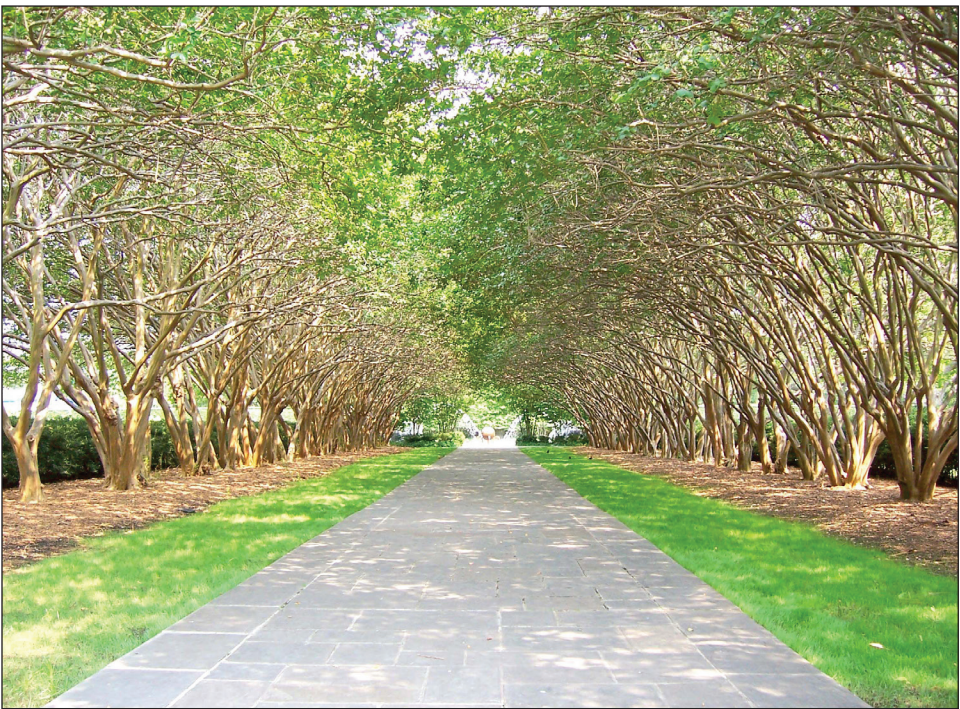
6. If your crapemyrtle grows too big for the space you have it in, then you have the wrong cultivar and should remove it entirely instead of chopping on it annually. Some are bushes and most are small trees. They range in ultimate heights from 3-30 feet. Plant varieties accordingly.

7. Crapemyrtles have some of the most beautiful trunks and branching structure of any ornamental tree that we grow. A crapemyrtle never pruned will always be prettier than one that is maimed. The standard aesthetic rule of thumb is two-thirds upper branches and one-third sinuous lower trunks. Topping produces the opposite.

8. Cutting crapemyrtles back severely produces long sappy growth that flops and droops when they bloom. It creates larger blooms but fewer of them. It also delays the bloom time.

9. Topping crapemyrtles isn’t recommended by any horticultural expert or educational publication in the world, with all agreeing that it’s harmful to the tree and unattractive.


10. If your crapemyrtle has been horribly scarred by “crape murder,” cut it to the ground in early spring and watch how fast it grows back. Wait one year then select the number of permanent trunks you want.



A beautiful example of crapemyrtles that haven’t been pruned. (Courtesy photo)


Dwarf and semi-dwarf cultivars, however, can be grown as summer blooming shrubs by cutting back to around one foot high each spring when they begin to sprout.

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Lindale grad presents book to TJC

Marshall Purvis, graduate of Lindale High School and Tyler Junior College, recently met with TJC President Dr. Juan Mejia and discussed his recent book “Tribes of Tejas” which will be offered at TJC in the near future. (Courtesy photo)

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# Lindale junior high girls win Blackberry Relays

The Lindale Junior High School girls 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade track teams captured first place in their respective divisions this past week at the annual Blackberry Relays held at Eagle Stadium.

The junior high school portion of the meet took place on Tuesday, Feb. 20 and the high school portion took place on Thursday, Feb. 22.

For the 7<sup>th</sup> graders, the Lady Eagles scored 191 points to win their meet while the 8<sup>th</sup> graders took home first place honors with 192.5 points.

Leading scorers for the 7<sup>th</sup> graders were Ava Wilson, 40 points; Anna Muhr, 22 points; Reagan Thurmon 18 points and Leila Harkins with 15 points.

For the 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Rachel Kelley led the way with 32 points, while Madison Hopson scored 24 points and Brooklyn Wiggins had 18 points.

## BLACKBERRY RELAYS 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE RESULTS

(Lindale participants)

**Triple Jump** – Ava Wilson - 1st Place (28 feet, one inch) Anna Muhr - 2nd Place (27 feet, 11 inches) Libbie McHam - 6th Place (26 feet, 6 inches)

**Long Jump** – Leila Harkins - 2nd Place (13 feet, 8 ¼ inches)

**High Jump** – Addison Mahana - 1st Place (4 feet, 4 inches) Khloe Collins - 3rd Place (4 feet, 2 inches)

**Pole Vault** – Anna Muhr - 1st Place (7 feet)

**Discus** – Ava Wilson - 4th Place (57 feet, 1 ½ inches) Paisley Pierce - 6th Place (51 feet, 6 inches)

**Shot Put** – Ava Wilson - 1st Place (31 feet, 4 ½ inches) Paisley Keith - 2nd Place (30 feet, 5 inches) Milee Miller - 3rd Place (30 feet, ½-inch)

**2400 Run** – Avery Glasscock - 3rd Place (11:43.77) Avery Wehr - 4th Place (11:54.92)

Kyler Galloway - 5th Place (11:58.04)

**400 Relay** – Milee Miller, Leila Harkins, Selah Edwards, Kierra Ross - 5th Place (1:02.36) \*(Fall on 4th Leg)

**800 Run** – Ava Wilson - 2nd Place (2:47.07)

**100 Hurdles** – Reagan Thurmon - 2nd Place (19.22) Libbie McHam - 4th Place (19.46) Kierra Ross - 6th Place (20.26)

**100 Dash** – Anna Muhr - 4th Place (15.00)

**800 Relay** – Milee Miller, Leila Harkins, Selah Edwards, Addison Mahana - 3rd Place (2:01.88)

**400 Run** – Jaylee Benson - 2nd Place (1:12.71) Bethany Hopson - 3rd Place (1:13.50)

**300 Hurdles** – Reagan Thurmon - 1st Place (56.69) Libbie McHam - 2nd Place (57.18) Eden Denson - 4th Place (58.70)

**200 Dash** – Selah Edwards - 6th Place (31.26)

**1600 Run** – Ava Wilson - 2nd Place (6:28.10)

**1600 Relay** – Milee Miller, Leila Harkins, Jaylee Benson, Kierra Ross - 3rd Place (5:01.86)

**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE RESULTS  
(Lindale participants)**

**Triple Jump** – Baylee Brooks - 4th Place (29 feet, 2 inches) Makynli Zemer - 6th Place (28 feet, 11 inches)

**Long Jump** – Rachel Kelley - 2nd Place (14 feet, 1 ¼ inches) Brooklyn Wiggins - 3rd Place (13 feet, 6 inches)

**High Jump** – Rachel Kelley - 3rd Place (4 feet, 4 inches) Brooklyn Wiggins - 4th Place (4 feet, 3 inches) Baylee Brooks - 6th Place (4 feet, 2 inches)

**Pole Vault** – Dylan Grace - 3rd Place (6 feet, 6 inches) Bella Bunton - 4th Place (6 feet) Baylee Brooks - 5th Place (6 feet)

**Discus** – Harper Kinney - 3rd Place (64 feet, 5 ½ inches) KayLea Williams - 6th Place (58 feet, 9 inches)

**Shot Put** – Harper Kinney - 1st Place (30



## Blackberry Relays take place once again

Several schools from across the East Texas region brought their girls and boys track teams to Eagle Stadium this past Thursday. On Tuesday, the junior high portion of the meet took place, also at Eagle Stadium. Brilliant spring weather provided pleasant temperatures for the pole vaulters and long jumpers (shown) as well as other running and field events. (Photos by Terry Cannon)

feet, 8 ¼ inches) Zaidyn Chamberlain - 4th Place (28 feet, 8 ½ inches) KayLea Williams - 6th Place (28 feet, 5 ½ inches)

**2400 Run** – Helen Arteaga - 5th Place (11:11.18)

**400 Relay** – Makynli Zemer, Breelynn Gordon, Baylee Brooks, Brooklyn Wiggins - 2nd Place (54.29)

**800 Run** – Madison Hopson - 1st Place (2:42.06) Haylee Osorio - 5th Place (2:56.15)

**100 Hurdles** – Rachel Kelley - 2nd Place (17.51) Dylan Grace - 4th Place (19.97) Joclyn Grogan - 5th Place (20.15)

**100 Dash** – Bella Bunton - 2nd Place (13.83) Breelynn Gordon - 3rd Place (13.97)

**800 Relay** – Makynli Zemer, Tiana Silva, Baylee Brooks, Brooklyn Wiggins - 3rd Place (1:59.10)



**400 Run** – Madison Hopson - 1st Place (1:07.22) Addyson Hance - 2nd Place (1:11.30) Alayna Ogden - 3rd Place (1:11.41)

**300 Hurdles** – Rachel Kelley - 1st Place (53.22) Dylan Grace - 4th Place (57.76) Joclyn Grogan - 6th Place (58.91)

**200 Dash** – Bella Bunton - 5th Place (29.74) Brooklyn Wiggins - 6th Place (29.89)

**1600 Run** – Lucy Michels - 6th Place (7:00.64)

**1600 Relay** – Makynli Zemer, Breelynn Gordon, Madison Hopson, Alayna Ogden - 2nd Place (4:44.16)

# Dog and cat teeth cleaning helps to prevent bacteria and toxins

By Texas A&M AgriLife Service

Maintaining good dental health for pets is essential year-round, as dental problems can also impact overall health.

Dr. Adriana Regalado, a clinical assistant professor of dentistry at the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, offers insights into the importance of good dental health and how personalized cleaning routines can significantly improve the quality of life for pets, preventing unnecessary pain and discomfort.

## Importance Of Good Oral Health

The mouth is the first stop for food in the gastrointestinal system and is home to various bacteria, including some that are beneficial for digestion and others that can be harmful to health when left to multiply. The teeth of domestic cats and dogs are covered by a layer of good bacteria, saliva and some food debris, but if the layer is not removed within a couple of days, it will become thicker and stickier.

An overgrowth of harmful bacteria or toxins in a pet’s mouth can cause periodontal disease, a common dental condition characterized by inflammation and infection of the gums and bones surrounding the teeth.

“Dental care and hygiene are extremely important because they can have a very profound effect on the body of animals,” Regalado said. “If an animal has severe dental disease, they can swallow harmful bacteria and toxins along with food particles, causing negative changes in other areas of their body.”

Small molecules, such as cytokine and leukotriene, are released by cells to control the body’s response to the disease, but too much of these molecules can lead to excessive inflammation and cause damage to the swollen gums and bones.

“Good dental health prevents periodontal disease and the chronic inflammation associated with it, which, in turn, controls an excess production of cytokine and leukotriene that will circulate in the body and eventually cause your pet to feel unwell, compromising their immune system and vital organs in the process,” Regalado explained. “Dental hygiene really makes a difference in keeping your pet disease free.”

Periodontal disease can lead to additional conditions that cause physical pain, including, but not limited to, tooth decay and sensitivity; gum recession and root exposure; the formation of an abscess, or a pocket of infection around a tooth’s root; and, in some cases, significant bleeding and jaw fractures.

Recognizing signs of poor dental health early allows owners to seek timely veterinary care and prevent the progression of dental problems while reducing the risk of developing associated health issues.

“You should be looking out for bad

breath, red or bleeding gums, excessive or bloody drool, and sneezing that may be caused by an oronasal fistula, an abnormal connection between the mouth and nose,” Regalado said. “Owners need to be aware of behavior changes as well. They may notice that their pets are pawing at their faces; for example, if cats have some pain, they will start rubbing their face. Dogs that are friendly and playful may suddenly not want to be touched on the face, want to interact with you, or play at the dog park.”

Regalado pointed out that if pets are in pain, they may have trouble eating and drinking as well.

## Cleaning Routines

Good dental routines, which promote healthy teeth and gums, include brushing; feeding appropriate diets, such as including dental treats in the diet; and monitoring at home.

“Brushing a pet’s teeth and surveillance go hand-in-hand because if your pet has a dental concern, such as an abnormal lump or bump in the mouth or a broken tooth, you will immediately notice it while brushing,” Regalado said. “If you don’t have a brushing routine, a concern can become worse — that small lump may be a tumor that continues growing to the point that your pet cannot swallow or a broken tooth will be there until your pet develops a tooth abscess.”

Yet not all dental care routines are one-size-fits-all, as individual pets may have unique dental needs that require personalized attention. Owners also may have needs that must be considered.

“Cleaning routines must be tailored to the individual pet by a veterinarian,” Regalado said. “For example, if you have a small-breed dog, dental treats and brushing are not going to be enough because their mouth structures are more susceptible to periodontal disease. A veterinarian will most likely recommend a certain type of toothpaste, a water additive (like a mouthwash for pets), and more frequent dental visits.

“Routines should also be tailored to the owner, something that is practical and achievable based on their capabilities,” Regalado continued. “A veterinarian will be able to assist in developing a dental hygiene routine that works best for both you and your pet.”

Board-certified veterinary dentists can also be found through the American Veterinary Dental College, and the Veterinary Oral Health Council offers tips on dental products for owners.

By staying vigilant for signs of dental issues and implementing appropriate cleaning routines with the help of a veterinarian, pet owners can ensure their pets maintain good oral health and overall well-being, ultimately enhancing their quality of life.

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*Pet Talk is a service of the School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University.*

# Local teen wins Wood County Co-Op essay contest

Brayten Jessup, a home-schooled 10th grader from Lindale, has been selected as the winner of Wood County Electric Co-op’s Essay contest, earning an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. this summer, WCEC publicity officials said.

He will join more than 150 Texas teens on the Youth Tour, June 16-23.

Jessup is the 15-year-old son of Sterling and Charla Jessup and the oldest of four siblings.

He home-schools through the Classical Conversations Christian program. Pursuing his interest in aerospace, he is a Youth Cadet in the United States Air Force’s Civil Air Patrol.

He likes practicing calisthenics and playing basketball, is an accomplished guitarist, and also enjoys singing and painting. He also practices dance in various styles, including hip-hop, ballroom, ballet, jazz, and swing.

He is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Tyler, where he participates in the church’s youth stake council. As such, he helps plan youth activities for the region and also leads some of the youth group discussions in his home church.

In his spare time, he works at Sky Ranch as a server.

While in DC, the group will tour Capitol Hill and visit congressional representatives, see the Supreme Court and Library of Congress, and the Washington National Cathedral.



They will attend a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, tour George Washington’s home at Mount Vernon, and visit Smithsonian museums and the Ho-

locaust Memorial Museum.

They will also see many of the iconic memorials, including those commemorating Jefferson, Lincoln, and Roosevelt, as well as the Vietnam, World War II, and Korean memorials and the Washington Monument. Delegates will also take part in a dinner cruise on the Potomac River, visit the Museum of the Bible, and attend a performance at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

“Each year the youth go on this trip with expectations, and they come back saying the experience topped their imagination in every way. Brayten is in for a treat, and I can’t wait to hear about his journey,” said Trey Teaff, GM and CEO of WCEC said.

Wood County Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a not-for-profit electric cooperative with the mission of providing safe and reliable electric service while improving our communities where we live and serve. WCEC serves over 40,100 meters in parts of nine counties throughout northeast Texas, including Camp, Franklin, Hopkins, Rains, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood. For further information about WCEC, visit [www.wcec.org](http://www.wcec.org)



## Local FCA All Stars

Several Lindale High School athletes have been selected to play in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes’ All-Star baseball and softball games this spring. They are, from left, Jake Curbow, Carson Plunkett, Landri Laing, Olivia Gary, Kaden Fleming and Ryan Betts. The baseball and softball games are May 31 at Tyler Legacy High School and the football game is June 1 at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium. (Courtesy photo)





# Grow your own herbs in pots

By Alice Bailey  
Smith County Master Gardener

You can add beauty to your patio area with pots of herbs and even if you have large garden beds, it's nice to just step out of your kitchen and snip some herbs for your meal.

Plan your pot placement on the light requirement for each plant. Most herbs will thrive with 6 to 8 hours of full sunlight.

The most popular pots are made of terracotta, wood, cement, but anything with a drainage hole would work. Use a good lightweight potting soil. Water as needed.

Put your finger in the soil, if it is damp, wait a day or two and check it again. If the plant is dry, water it thoroughly.

Most gardeners snip off the flower heads so the plant doesn't grow too quickly, but it is nice to let some flower for the pollinators. Especially sage as it has beautiful flowers.

You can start harvesting leafy herbs when they reach about 8 inches tall. Snip here and there trying to keep the plant evenly shaped, but never cut more than one third of the plant at one time.

At the end of the season or when a

frost is expected, harvest the crop and dry the herbs or freeze their leaves. Basil can be chopped and picked with olive oil and frozen in ice cube trays.

Some of the most popular herbs include basil, chervil, chives, cilantro, dill, fennel, garlic, lavender, lemon grass, lemon verbena, marjoram, mint, parsley, peppermint, oregano, rosemary, sage, tarragon and thyme.

Now, go and grow your own herb garden!

*Smith County Master Gardeners are volunteer educators certified and coordinated by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.*



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## LEGAL NOTICE

No. 47,552P  
Estate of §  
Markus DeWayne Martin § County Court at Law # 3  
Deceased § Smith County, Texas  
Order Establishing Co-Dependent Administration

On July 17, 2023, the Applications for Dependent Administration filed by Stormie Martin and by Mark Muckleroy were heard by the Court.

The Court, after considering the pleadings and evidence, makes the following FINDINGS regarding the Estate of Markus DeWayne Martin, Deceased (the Estate):

1. Service of citation has been made in the manner and for the length of time required by law;
2. Markus DeWayne Martin died intestate on May 12, 2023 in Rusk County, Texas at the age of 14 years;
3. Decedent was domiciled in and had a fixed place of residence in Smith County, Texas, at the time of the death;
4. Four years have not elapsed since the death of Decedent and this Court has jurisdiction of Decedent's estate;
5. Decedent died without leaving a lawful will;
6. Decedent was not married on the date of death;
7. There is a need for administration of the Estate;
8. Stormie Martin and Mark Muckleroy are not disqualified by law from accepting letters of dependent administration or from serving as co-administrators and are entitled to such letters;
9. There is no need for appointment of appraisers for this estate; and Order Establishing Co-Dependent Administration Page 2 of 2
10. All matters and proof required to support the Applications have been fully complied with and met, and it would be in the best interest of the estate and the distributees that the Applications be granted.

The Court ORDERS that:

1. The co-dependent administration of the Estate is granted;
2. Stormie Martin and Mark Muckleroy are hereby appointed as co-dependent administrators of the Estate;
3. Bond for each co-administrator is set at \$1,000, and may be met by a personal surety bond with a minimum of two sureties;
4. The Clerk of this Court shall issue letters of administration each co-administrator when each of them have posted such bond and taken and filed the oath as required by law; and
5. No appraisers are appointed for the Estate.
6. As co-dependent administrators, Stormie Martin and Mark Muckleroy shall not have possession of any liquid assets of the Estate. All such funds shall be held in the trust accounts of their attorneys where such funds will remain pending further orders of the Court.

Signed on July 18, 2023.

Hon. Clay White,  
Judge Presiding

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TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS IN THE ESTATE OF BETTY LOUISE BUTLER, DECEASED:

On the 15th day of February, 2024, CORNELIUS BUTLER filed an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in a proceeding styled IN THE ESTATE OF BETTY LOUISE BUTLER, DECEASED and bearing the number 48121P in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas.

The Court will hear the aforesaid APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP on the Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of publication of this citation, in the Courtroom in the County Courthouse Annex of Smith County, in Tyler, Texas.

All persons interested in the aforesaid Estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for said hearing by filing a written contest or answer to said Application.

Said written contest or answer shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Smith County, Texas in Tyler, Texas.

In compliance with the law, this citation shall be served by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in this, the County in which such proceeding is pending, not less than ten (10) days before the return date hereof, exclusive of the day of publication, and the date of publication said newspaper bears shall be the day of publication.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of office, the 15th day of February, 2024. at the office in Tyler, Texas.

KAREN PHILLIPS, COUNTY CLERK  
Smith County, Texas  
By: Katherine Beard, Deputy Clerk

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JACK R. SHOULDERS. Deceased. were issued to COLUMBIA A. SHOULDERS on June 24, 2003. in Cause No. 32,350-P in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims may be presented to COLUMBIA A. SHOULDERS c/o LEONARD C. CRAIG. 305 S. Broadway, Suite 503. Tyler. Texas 75702.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MARY M. VINSON. Deceased. were issued to JOHN W. HAGAR on November 2, 2004, in Cause No. 33,259-P in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims may be presented to JOHN W. HAGAR c/o LEONARD C. CRAIG 305 S. Broadway. Suite 503. Tyler. Texas 75702.

### Notice to Creditors

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Matthew Loyd Wellman, Deceased, were issued to CHRISTINE MARASSE, 2/20/24, in Cause No. 48089P, by the County Court at Law #3 of Smith Co, Tx. All persons having claims against this Estate currently being administered are required to present them to Christine Marasse, 15224 Maple Leaf Court, Tyler, TX, within the time and manner prescribed by law.

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# Lindale girls, boys lead the way at Blackberry Relays

Lindale High School's varsity girls and boys track teams finished first and second, respectively, in the annual Blackberry Relays held at Eagle Stadium on a perfect, early spring afternoon this past Thursday.

The Lady Eagles swept past Gilmer, accumulating 151 points to the Lady Buckeyes' 99, while Gilmer's boys scored 144 points to 126 points for Lindale.

On the junior varsity side, both the boys and girls teams finished atop the standings with the Eagles scoring 189 points to 102 for Whitehouse and the Lady Eagles tallying 208 points to 119 for Whitehouse.

First place finishers for the junior varsity boys included: Colton Dunn, 1600 meter run, 5:16.388; James Weaver, Ryker Rambatt, J.B. Ray, David Lindig, Alt. Kayden Spears, 4X

400 meter relay, 3:42.449; J.B. Ray, Reed Carnathan, A'Million Johnson, Kayden Spears, Alt. Nolan Harris, 4 X 200 meter relay, 1:36.165; Camden Beason, shot put, 43 feet, 3 1/2 inches; Jackson Delivaudais, discus, 104 feet, 3 inches and Aiden Hanley, pole vault, 10 feet, 6 inches.

First place finishers for the junior varsity girls included: Kaidence Smith, 200 meter dash, 28.590; Bernadette Malmgrem, 1600 meter run, 6:11.083 and 3200 meter run, 13:30.750; Madison Devisscher, 800 meter run, 2:39.665; Ava Burns, Tori Cooper, Ma'Kaylin Smith, Kaidance Smith, 4 X 200 meter relay, 1:53.287; Bella Van Dyke, Tori Cooper, Ava Burns, Madison Devisscher, Alt. Brinley Wehr, 4 X 400 meter relay, 4:32.812; Tessa Dennis, shot put, 29 feet, 6 inches; Aubrey Travis, discus, 71 feet, 9 inches; Tori

Cooper, triple jump, 31 feet, 1/2 inches; Ma'Kaylin Smith, high jump, 4 feet, 7 inches and Ava Burns, pole vault, 8 feet, 6 inches.

### BLACKBERRY RELAYS VARSITY GIRLS STANDINGS

1. Lindale, 151
2. Gilmer, 99
3. Chapel Hill, 95
4. Bullard, 89
5. Sulphur Springs, 86
6. Whitehouse, 68
7. Brownsboro, 18
8. Kilgore, 14
9. Lindale Grey, 0

### EVENTS

(Lindale competitors only)

**200 METER DASH:** Kaelyn Kincade, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 26.932; Reagan Cates, 6<sup>th</sup>, 27.351.

**800 METER RUN:** Abigail Kelley, 2:32.00, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**1600 METER RUN:** Adalyn Kobs, 5:42.069, 1<sup>st</sup>; Cadyn Haisten, 5:54.232, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**3200 METER RUN:** Adalyn Kobs, 12:35.506, 1<sup>st</sup>; Cadyn Haisten, 13:26.820, 5<sup>th</sup>.

**100 METER HURDLES:** Kennedy Miller, 16.248, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Kyndal Thurman, 16.734, 5<sup>th</sup>.

**300 METER HURDLES:** Kyndal Thurman, 47.548, 1<sup>st</sup>; Kennedy Miller, 48.164, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**4 X 100 RELAY:** Reagan Cates, Kennedy Miller, Macy Luster, Ahlyvia Luwizhi, Alt. Kayli Vickery, 51.383, 4<sup>th</sup>.

**4 X 200 METER RELAY:** Kaelyn Kincade, Macy Luster, Maddison Grey, Brooke Gissel, Alt. Kayli Vickery, Alt. Alyssa Potts, 1:51.001, 6<sup>th</sup>.

**4 X 400 METER RELAY:** Reagan Cates, Addyson Daughtry, Ahlyvia Luwizhi, Kyndal Thurman, Alt. Adalyn Kobs, Alt. Abigail Kelley, 4:16.379, 1<sup>st</sup>.

**LONG JUMP:** Reagan Cates, 15 feet, 8 1/2 inches, 5<sup>th</sup>.

**SHOT PUT:** Kaniya Pierce, 30 feet, 9 inches, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**DISCUS:** Ella Hutchens, 103 feet, 9 1/2 inches, 1<sup>st</sup>; Serenity Fuller, 96 feet, 5 inches, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**HIGH JUMP:** Kayli Vickery, 5 feet, 1<sup>st</sup>; Reagan Cates, 5 feet, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**POLE VAULT:** Kortlen Pierce, 9 feet, 6 inches, 3<sup>rd</sup>.



The effort shows on the face of this Lindale High School shot putter during the field events portion of the Blackberry Relays this past Thursday at Eagle Stadium.

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1. Gilmer, 144
2. Lindale, 126
3. Whitehouse, 119
4. Bullard, 90
5. Kilgore, 60
6. Chapel Hill 39
7. Sulphur Springs 33
8. Brownsboro 9
9. Lindale Grey 0

### EVENTS

(Lindale competitors only)

**100 METER DASH:** Kaden Baze, 11.081, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Henrique Arantes, 11.588, 4<sup>th</sup>.

**200 METER DASH:** Nathan Bradford, 23.233, 5<sup>th</sup>.

**400 METER DASH:** Hayes Brooks, Hayes, 53.209, 4<sup>th</sup>.

**800 METER RUN:** Dax Allen, 2:08.843, 4<sup>th</sup>.

**3200 METER RUN:** Landon Greb, 11.21.143, 6<sup>th</sup>.

**110 METER HURDLES:** Matthew Kenney, 15.748, 1<sup>st</sup>.

**300 METER HURDLES:** Matthew Kenney, 42.522, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Chad Ward, 43.877, 6<sup>th</sup>.

**4 X 100 RELAY:** Clint Thurman, Marcus Field, Nathan Bradford, Kaden Baze, Alt. Henrique Arantes, 43.841, 5<sup>th</sup>.

**4 X 200 METER RELAY:** Clint Thurman, Henrique Arantes, Marcus Field, Kaden Baze, Alt. Lewis Layen, 1:34.255, 6<sup>th</sup>.

**4 X 400 METER RELAY:**

Clint Thurman, Carson Shipman, Hayes Brooks, Colter Maya, Alt. Henrique Arantes, 3:38.027, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**LONG JUMP:** Nathan Bradford, 19 feet, 10 1/2 inches, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**SHOT PUT:** Christian Pettway, 49 feet, 4 inches, 1<sup>st</sup>.

**DISCUS:** Christian Pettway, 140 feet, 5 1/2 inches, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**TRIPLE JUMP:** Marcus Field, 43 feet, 1/2 inches, 1<sup>st</sup>.

**HIGH JUMP:** Marcus Field, 6 feet, 2 inches, 1<sup>st</sup>.

**POLE VAULT:** Jack Partlow, 13 feet, 9 inches, 1<sup>st</sup>; Lukas Harbor, 13 feet, 6 inches, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Simon Merdrano, 13 feet, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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A Lindale High School competitor competes in the high jump portion of the Blackberry Relays held at Eagle Stadium this past week.

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**SARAH WOODWORTH** is the daughter of Ashley and Alford Stuenkel. She is a member of the National Honor Society, University Interscholastic League accounting team, twirling, and band. Outside of school, Sarah enjoys agriculture and dirt track racing. She believes she is impacting the world by setting a positive example to younger students. Sarah plans to attend Texas Tech University and study finance. Her future goals include becoming a financial manager or an accountant.

**HAYDEN HARRY** is the son of Brandi and Chris Harry. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, and the varsity tennis team. Outside of school, Hayden enjoys playing video games. He believes he is impacting the world by volunteering in his community, helping younger athletes, and having upstanding morals and values. Hayden's college choice is undecided at this time, however, he would like to study computer science. His future goals include becoming a computer scientist or an engineer.

**MACY BEELER** is the daughter of Melissa and Brooks Beeler. She is captain of the drill team and a member of the National Honor Society and the student council. Outside of school, Macy enjoys cooking and hanging out with her friends. She believes she is impacting the world by spreading joy. Macy plans to attend the University of Arkansas and study business. Her future goals include going into business sales or owning a business of her own.