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LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB JANUARY MEETING

The Lake Houston Ladies Club's next luncheon will be held on Tuesday, January 15, from 10:00-12:30 at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest Drive in Humble, TX 77346. The cost of the event is \$17 per person and includes lunch and entertainment.

The Ladies Club is in for a real treat with our entertainment this month with The Statesmen Chorus, the Spring, TX, Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. They will entertain us with a cappella 4 -part harmony with an extensive repertoire that includes contemporary, Broadway, gospel, folk and light jazz music. The chorus maintains a continuing commitment to preserving and singing in the barbershop harmony style and appeals to audiences of all ages.

The Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization dedicated to connecting women through monthly luncheon meetings and social activities. The club welcomes new members from all surrounding areas. Many interest groups are available including Mah Jongg, Shooting Club, Movie Group, Lunch 'N Look, Supper Club, Hand Knee and Foot, Mexican Train, Reader's Choice, Bridge, Game Day, Bunco and Tea Time. There are also events during the year that include spouses or significant others. The club is an excellent way to meet new people and make new friends.

Please join us. New members are always welcome. For more information about the club and for luncheon reservations, please go to the club web page at <http://www.lakehoustonladiesclub.com> or call Karen at 281-900-5584 by Tuesday, January 8.



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SCHS STUDENTS COMPETE AT AREA AUDITIONS FOR ALL-STATE CHOIR

On Saturday, January 12, Eric Bugtong (10), Gavin Haines (12), November Lee (12) and Chloe Lewis (12) will compete at the area round of the TMEA Texas All-State Choir Auditions at The Woodlands High School. This is the fourth and final round of a very competitive process that began in September with over 1000 students in our region alone. Only the top 5 in each voice section were selected to represent TMEA Region 33 and will compete against 3 other regions for the coveted All-State Choir spots. Summer Creek High School is proud of all the students who began this process so many months ago and wish these students the best of luck at this final round! Summer Creek High School Choir has had an All-State Choir student every year for the last 6 years. Good luck students!



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SUMMER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR PRESENTS

"CABARET"

The Summer Creek High School Colla Voce and Chorale Choirs are performing their annual show "Cabaret" in the black box on January 24-26. This year "Cabaret" is featuring songs from the 1920's, 30's, and 40's, songs from Tin Pan Alley, and other great American standards. They are performing evening shows on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. along with a Saturday matinee at 2:30 p.m. The general admission tickets are \$5 pre-sale and \$8 at the door. The doors open 20 minutes before show time. Tickets can be purchased from any Chorale student or online at www.schschoir.org. Seats are limited so get your tickets today! Go to www.schschoir.org for more details.

The Summer Creek High School Choirs:
Colla Voce & Chorale
present

CABARET

Featuring songs from
the 1920's, 30's and 40's
Tin Pan Alley & American Standards

Thursday, January 24	7:00 PM
Friday, January 25	7:00 PM
Saturday, January 26	2:30 PM & 7:00 PM

SCHS Black Box
General Admission
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THE MINIMALIST GARDENER

By Flint Sage

Continue with your freeze protection effort through the remainder of the winter. When the weatherman predicts a “hard freeze” (or similar), shut off and drain your backflow preventer. Water landscape plants, trees, and vegetables before the freeze. Try not to water foliage. Water is very good at retaining heat in the soil to help prevent freezing. Maintain a layer of mulch on bare areas to retain heat and moisture and to keep weeds down. Best of all, read plant labels before you buy. If they won’t tolerate freezing, consider planting something different.

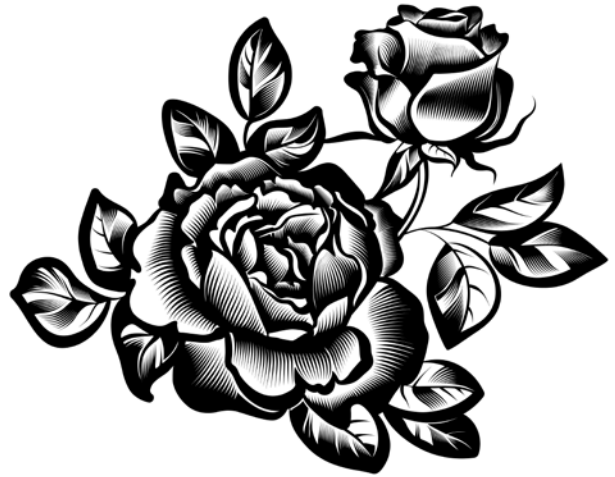
Lawns: Very little water is required, but water plants and lawns once a month if it doesn’t rain.

Plant roses anytime. If planting in January, choose bare root.

Plant annual flowers such as calendula, cyclamen, dianthus, ornamental kale, cabbage, pansies, and petunias. Plant bluebonnet transplants into garden beds.

Pruning: Avoid pruning frost-damaged trees and bushes until February or March. Crape Myrtles are trees and should be allowed to grow as trees. Unless you have a good reason, please don’t cut off any branch larger than a pencil. There are many varieties of crape, so select a shorter variety if height is a problem.

Plant cool-season seedlings such as asparagus, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, collards, turnip greens, Irish potato, kohlrabi, leaf lettuces, onions, and swiss chard. Sow seeds this month for beets, carrots, English peas, greens, leaf lettuces, radishes, sugar snap, snow peas, and turnips.



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EDITOR'S ELEVEN-MINUTE MICROWAVED BAKED POTATO

Ingredients

1 large russet potato

1 tablespoon of butter or margarine.

3 tablespoons of shredded Cheddar (or your favorite) cheese.

2 tablespoons of bacon crumbles

Dash of Salt

Dash of Pepper

2 tablespoons of seeds such as pumpkin, flax, sunflower, etc. (if desired)

Add after cooking if desired:

2 tablespoons of sour cream

Directions

Scrub the potato, and prick several time with the tines of a fork (to avoid having potato explode). Place on a microwave-friendly dish. Cook on full power in the microwave for 5 minutes. Turn over, and continue to cook for 5 more minutes. When the potato is soft, remove from the microwave, and cut in half lengthwise. Mash up insides with a fork. Add salt and pepper, butter, bacon crumbles, seeds, and Cheddar cheese. Return to the microwave, and cook for about 1 minute to melt the cheese. Top with sour cream (if desired), and serve.



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