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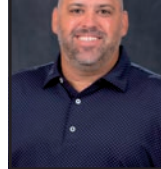
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LISD hires new junior high principal

The Lindale Independent School District is pleased to announce the hiring of Chad Hodges as the new assistant principal of Lindale Junior High.



"I'm excited to get back to Lindale, the place that we call home, the place where I met my wife, and it's where our kids were born," said Hodges. "It's not a secret as to why Lindale is successful. There are great students, phenomenal teachers, loving and caring support staff, supporting administration, and championship academics and athletics. There's a lot to be fired up about when you talk about the school district. On top of that, it's a great community to raise a family and I'm excited to be back in Lindale ISD."

Hodges is currently serving as the secondary assistant principal at Alba-Golden ISD.

Previously, Hodges served as a teacher, coach, CTE chair, and as an assistant principal for Lindale ISD.

"We are so excited that Mr. Hodges is returning to Lindale ISD," said Superintendent Stan Surratt. "Mr. Hodges has a reputation of building great relationships with students and parents. He is a kid magnet and a great fit for Lindale Junior High."

Hodges earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Tarleton State University and a Master's in Educational Leadership from the University of Texas at Tyler.



Fish for Free on Father's Day

Want to make fun memories with dad during Father's Day - June 18 - weekend? Take him fishing at a state park, where you can fish from the shore or a pier without a fishing license - but you do need to follow fishing regulations.

If you don't have tackle, many parks lend fishing gear - you just bring bait, a smile and something to hold your catch.

If you don't plan to cook the fish, try catch-photo-release for Father's Day memories that last a lifetime.

Once you choose a park, be sure to get your day passes before heading out - reserve now, avoid disappointment later.

LHS Class of 2023 receives diplomas

The culmination of 12 years of schooling came for more than 300 Lindale High School seniors Friday night at Eagle Stadium as Lindale ISD officials conferred degrees to the graduates.

Dignitaries included the Lindale ISD board of trustees, LHS principal Jeremy Chilek and other district officials.

The class was led this year by Valedictorian Madeleine Morton and Salutatorian Kirby Kleam.

Superintendent Stan Surratt congratulated the graduates and cited their many accomplishments from academics to UIL athletic and arts competitions.

"This class is outstanding in academics and we are very proud that our district is the highest rated district in East Texas," he said. "Thank you seniors, you have represented your city, your family and your school in the best possible manner."

"I encourage every one of you to enjoy every experience every day," he said. "Do not ever forget your school, your friends and teachers as you move on in life."

He added that this year's seniors are not limited in the future.

"Just continue to be the great seniors that you are now," he said, "and you will be a success."

Valedictorian Madeleine Morton, in her valedictory address, reflected on her time in the Lindale ISD family and how it has prepared her for her future.

In her address, she emphasized the importance of keeping people who are important to you as close as possible, and that we



Lindale High School Principal Jeremy Chilek presented diplomas to the graduating class of 2023 Friday night at Eagle Stadium. Photos by Terry Cannon



Lindale High School Valedictorian Madeleine Morton offered words of encouragement to her fellow seniors during graduation ceremonies Friday night at Eagle Stadium.

should want live in the present.

"It's not a coincidence that the word 'present' has two meanings," she said. "Life is a present and in order to enjoy it you must live in the present."

Morton compiled a 108.4 GPA at LHS and is planning to attend Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. This fall. While at LHS, she served on the student council, and is a member of the National Honor

Society and Key Club.

At Union College, she plans to major in biochemistry and eventually pursue a career as a pediatric surgeon, specializing in cardiology or orthopedics.

Morton is the daughter of Michael and Jackie Morton.

Kirby Kleam, the daughter of Justin and Lee Anne Kleam, carried a 106.6 GPA through

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Clark new LHS boys b'ball coach

The Lindale Independent School District is pleased to announce the hiring of Cedeno Clark as the new head basketball coach at Lindale High School.



"I am extremely excited to become the next head boys basketball coach at Lindale High School," said Clark.

"I've had the privilege to compete against Lindale in the past and always admired how the student-athletes competed with respect, passion, and discipline toward the game of basketball. I look forward to serving the student-athletes, the high school community, and Lindale ISD to the best of my ability in this next chapter of my life."

Clark is currently the varsity assistant coach for the Lindale Eagles Basketball team and the head coach of the Lady Eagles Cross Country team.

He also serves as a world geography teacher at Lindale High School.

Chris Grotemat, who had been the Lindale Head Coach for the past eight years, accepted an assistant principal's position in the White Oak ISD.

Previously, Clark served as a teacher and a coach at Tyler ISD for 17 years. He was the head boys basketball coach at Tyler High School for 9 of those years.

"We are super excited about Coach Clark," said Superintendent Stan Surratt. "He has great experience as a head coach and superior knowledge of the game of basketball. He is a wonderful teacher of the game."

Clark earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Jarvis Christian University and a Master's in Education Administration from Grand Canyon University.

After lengthy discussion, Smith County court decorum rules stay intact

A motion made by Smith County Precinct 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips to amend the commissioner court's Rules of Decorum to allow public comment on items other than agenda items died for lack of a second during the court's regular weekly meeting on May 23.

Phillips, whose precinct includes Lindale, is the father of Lance and Derrick Phillips and husband of county clerk Karen Phillips. Lance Phillips, who had tried to speak on two separate occasions on items that weren't on the agenda, was handcuffed and taken from the court room during the May 9 meeting by sheriff's deputies after shouting during the meeting.

On May 2, Lance Phillips appeared during public speaking portion of the commissioners' meeting and after he went off topic, Smith County Judge Neal Franklin admonished him and ended the public forum session.

At the May 23 meeting, several speakers addressed the first agenda item which was to "consider and take necessary action to approve revisions to Smith County Commissioners Court Rules of Decorum."

Following the speakers, Franklin spoke on the agenda item, noting that lately speakers haven't remained on topic during their allotted three minutes. Franklin also said that on March 23, 2021 when he was Precinct 1 commissioner, County Judge Nathaniel Moran placed a potential revision before the court concerning decorum issue.

Precinct 4 Commissioner JoAnn Hampton made a motion to approve the revision and it was seconded by Phillips.

"We have allowed public comments to veer away from the agenda items and sometimes off topic," Franklin said. "We want to hear from citizens and we welcome your opinion on agenda items. But as members

of the court are not allowed by address comments not on the agenda."

Franklin said the court has not removed the right for public comments, but they have to pertain to the agenda item.

"I take my job as your county judge very seriously," Franklin said. "This courtroom should be a place where our actions are respectful but we must follow the rules or otherwise we would have chaos. My opinion is the rules are working fine."

Phillips then spoke on the issue.

"I added (the item to the May 23 agenda) because I feel it is of great public interest," he said. "I did support it (in 2021) but I apologize because sometimes we get things wrong. The people's right to be heard is paramount and I don't feel people (now) feel they have a right to be heard. We are paid by these people and we should be able to listen to them."

Precinct 2 Commissioner John Moore agreed with Franklin's stance.

"The role of this court is defined," Moore said. "But to bring things before this court that we don't have the ability to change is simply using this court to talk about what you want to talk about."

"To use this court for grandstanding or other purposes is frustrating to me. I support free speech but I don't support using this court as a tool to talk about what you have on your personal agenda."

Ralph Carraway Sr., Precinct 4 Commissioner, also backed Franklin.

"I don't think this court has any intent on taking away free speech, but there has to be a right way to do things," he said. "We have been called to serve the public but we have to have the opportunity to do it in a way that isn't disruptive. I've always thought the judge has been fair with speakers and without rules, we would have chaos."



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OPINION/COMMENTARY

Gratitude & survival...

He walked into the newspaper office a week ago ramrod straight, muscular and with open arms. He graduated around 1997 as one of the Roughnecks I taught at White Oak. We had a good relationship until I saved him from the wrath of the assistant principal. Then we were bonded for life.

His grin lit up the office, or maybe just me. I was thrilled to see Master Sgt. Byron Higginbotham.

After the bear hug, Byron wanted to know if I had set off any more fire alarms.

On the last week of his senior year, that hyped-up wild child was threatening to pull the fire alarm in the senior hall. A bluff of course. As the teacher on hall duty I put my hand over the alarm and issued laughing idle threats. After all the class bell was about to ring, it was the end of school, no need to get bent out of shape.

Only the fire alarm went off before the bell. It had to be the heat from my hand. The angry administrator furiously marched down the hall bellowing at Byron as I staunchly defended the now nervous young man, telling the administrator the absolute truth that it was my fault the alarm was triggered. I don't think that principal believed me but I refused to back down. Byron was too close to graduation and he didn't need any trouble before leaving for boot camp. And it WAS the truth.

Of course class started a hair late as we shepherded the kids back in the building who were more than happy to observe the false alarm with great enthusiasm.

All I know is that through the years, this brave young man who has seen many tours of duty, including combat, since he graduated from high school has risen through the ranks almost

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as high as a noncommissioned officer can go. His potential, more importantly his character, was obvious to me.

That young man bears the memories and scars of courageous service.

I am grateful I know him.

I am grateful for his service.

I am grateful for his survival.

Because on this Memorial Day while I thought of him, he no

doubt was remembering his buddies who didn't make it. As will my friends Gladewater Vietnam veterans Bud Mahaffey and Jim Jones.

As will every veteran who has served in combat, every wife,

husband, parent or child who has lost someone to war.

The cost of service is something we can not repay.

It is something we should reflect upon with every freedom we exercise.

Patriotic platitudes are easy, service is hard.

The cost is high and ongoing.

Thank you Byron, Bud, Jim and all the other veterans out there. To those of you who saw combat...bless your hearts, your souls and your memories. And may those friends you lost rest in their sacrificial peace.

Texas House impeaches AG Paxton

The Texas House voted overwhelmingly to impeach Attorney General Ken Paxton Saturday, only the third time in the state's history that has occurred.

The Austin American-Statesman and numerous news outlets reported the chamber voted 121-23 to remove Paxton, 60, from office while he awaits a trial in the Senate during a special session yet to be called.

Last week a House investigations committee heard evidence from investigators and sent 20 articles of impeachment against Paxton. The evidence presented by investigators against Paxton included a 2015 state securities case, an ongoing federal probe into his connection with campaign donor Nate Paul, an Austin real estate developer, and an extramarital affair he tried to conceal from his wife, state Sen. Angela Paxton, R-Allen.

Adding to Paxton's legal woes, a \$3.3 million settlement with some of his former employees who were whistleblowers fell apart after the House refused to approve paying it with taxpayer money. The case remains pending.

Rep. Andrew Murr, R-Junction, chair of the investigations committee, in closing remarks Saturday urged House members to vote in favor of impeachment.

"The evidence is substantial. It is alarming, and it is unnerving," he said.

Paxton called the bipartisan vote — 61 Democrats and 60 Republicans voted for impeachment — "politically motivated."

"The ugly spectacle in the Texas House today confirmed the outrageous impeachment plot against me was never meant to be fair or just," Paxton said in a statement.

Bill ending vehicle inspections heads to Gov

Vehicles registered in Texas would no longer be required to pass safety inspections under a bill headed to Gov. Greg Abbott's desk, the Houston Chronicle reported. House Bill 3297, sponsored by state Rep. Cody Harris, R-Palestine, also creates a new annual \$7.50 inspection replacement fee that will be added to annual vehicle registration fees. Thus, owners won't save any money but will not have to take their vehicle to a licensed inspection station.

The measure passed the Senate along party lines, 20-11, with the Republican majority arguing the annual inspections are a burden to residents without making Texas roads safer. State Sen. Nathan Johnson, D-Dallas, told his fellow senators that a recent study by the American Society of Civil Engineers found fewer highway fatality deaths in states with an inspection program.

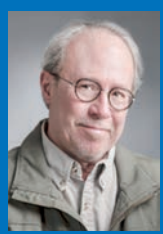
"It found that states that have vehicle safety inspections have 5.5% fewer fatalities per year than states that don't have inspection programs. In Texas, that's 261 dead people every single year," Johnson said.

Texas is one of 15 states still requiring regular inspections; vehicle emission inspections will still be required in 17 metropolitan counties. If Abbott signs the bill, it will go into effect Sept. 1.

House OKs changes to university tenure

The House last week gave final approval to a bill changing tenure policies at the state's colleges and universities, the Statesman reported. The lower chamber's measure differs somewhat from the Senate version, which would completely ban public colleges and universities from grant tenure to faculty members beginning in 2024.

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The House version "provides a framework to the state's universities about what the Legislature expects regarding tenure, including how tenure is granted to faculty members, how tenured faculty are reviewed and when tenured faculty can be dismissed," the Statesman reported.

The bill now goes back to the Senate to try to work out differences in the two measures.

Budget writers strike \$321.3 billion deal

Budget writers for the Texas House and Senate have come to agreement on a \$321.3 billion two-year budget that includes \$12.3 billion for property tax cuts and provides considerable new funding for higher education, the energy grid, mental health and broadband, according to the Texas Tribune.

The property tax reductions are dependent on passage of a constitutional amendment in November.

A \$15 billion supplemental spending proposal uses some of the state's record surplus to provide funding for a higher education endowment, enhanced retirement for public school teachers, border security, Medicaid costs and state debt reduction, according to the Tribune.

Both plans were expected to get floor votes in each chamber on Saturday.

Boaters urged to 'Clean, Drain and Dry'

Texans have begun heading to state lakes and waterways as Memorial Day weekend kicked off the summer boating season. Officials with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department urges boaters and paddlers to protect Texas lakes from invasive aquatic species.

The best way to prevent the spread of many harmful aquatic invasive species is to clean, drain and dry your boats and equipment — every time. The biggest threat to Texas lakes is zebra mussels and giant salvinia, which continues to spread to new areas of Texas.

Other invasive species that can be spread include quagga mussels, crested floating heart, and water hyacinth. Giant salvinia is now found on 27 East Texas lakes and numerous creeks, marshes and rivers between Houston and Beaumont, according to TPWD.

Zebra mussels are now found in 36 Texas lakes, and in rivers downstream of infested lakes, TPWD urges boaters to follow three simple steps to reduce the risk of spreading invasive species: Remove mud, plants and debris.

Drain all water from the boat and gear. Once home, open all compartments and let everything dry completely for at least a week if possible.

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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Feeling the Pinch! ...

Since 2013, the Federal Reserve has conducted an annual Survey of Household Economics and Decisionmaking (SHED), which seeks to measure the economic wellbeing of US households. In October 2022, 11,000 adults across the country were asked a variety of questions about their financial situations. Let's examine some of the most telling results.



It probably comes as no surprise that perceived financial wellbeing declined in 2022. In fact, 35% of those surveyed indicated they were doing worse than a year prior. That's substantially higher than before, with 38% of White, 33% of Hispanic, 24% of Asian, and 22% of Black respondents saying their economic situation had declined.

With the significant price increases over the past couple of years (which were peaking when the survey was taken), budgets of most families have been hit hard, as reflected in a notable five percentage point drop from 78% to 73% of adults who said they were doing okay or living comfortably financially.

The proportion doing at least okay had been stable for several years at around 75% before spiking in 2021 during the heart of pandemic stimulus payments (78%). The 2022 reading, however, is the lowest since 2016. Education is an obvious factor, with 88% of those with at least a bachelor's degree doing okay compared to only 49% of adults without a high school diploma. On a different note, a larger group received (and asked for) raises and bonuses (a reflection of the tight labor market).

Rising prices were a concern of most respondents irrespective of income level. Some stated that, while they received pay increases, it wasn't sufficient to keep pace. The percentage of people who said they could cover a \$400 emergency with cash or an equivalent dropped to 63%, and 18% said they couldn't handle even a \$100 expense, indicating growing vulnerability.

People are taking myriad actions to cope with rising prices. Some are using smaller quantities of products or switching to cheaper alternatives, while others are delaying major purchases. More than half dipped into savings, and many reported carrying higher credit card balances. A full 28% skipped medical treatments due to cost, a decision that can have long-term consequences on multiple fronts.

High inflation has wreaked havoc on family finances. Although the rate of increase is slowing (wholesale costs are now rising at a 2.3% annual pace), prices of many goods and services remain elevated. The Federal Reserve's actions to deal with inflation are causing fallout in a variety of industries, but it's clear that the damage to American families from elevated prices has been very real. The challenge remains doing enough to manage price increases without excessive harm to the economy. Stay tuned — and stay safe!

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Taking stock of the dark side of film

To me, there's something very magical about films from the late 1930s through the mid-1950s, especially film noir, a label bestowed by a group of French critics who cited American movies that had plenty of menace, pessimism and fatalism, and at least one rotten guy and one equally lousy dame.

And since lists are fun to make (not to mention spiffy space fillers) here we go with your humble correspondent's top 10 list of film noirs.

No. 10: "They Won't Believe Me" (1947, directed by Irving Pichel)— Usually this fine film isn't listed among the great film noirs, but it is a genuine guilty pleasure. Robert Young, before his turn as all-American dad Jim Anderson on "Father Knows Best," is shady Larry Ballentine, who gets hooked up with both Jane Greer and Susan Hayward (two great noir femme fatales) and tries to weasel his way out of being accused of murdering his wife. The story told in flashbacks by Larry on the witness stand, is top rate. The ending is the classic whoa, never saw that coming.

No. 9: "Crossfire" (1947, directed by Edward Dmytryk)— It's a Robert Young vehicle again, this time with splendid support from Robert Mitchum and Robert Ryan, both who should be in the Noir Hall of Fame. Young plays Homicide Capt. Finlay, who is sure one or more of a group of demobilized soldiers killed a man simply because he was Jewish. Mitchum is solid as one of the soldiers but Ryan scares you to your core.

No. 8: "Kiss of Death" (1947, directed by Henry Hathaway)— Victor Mature is caught during a botched



jewel heist and is given the option of a lighter sentence if he rats out his accomplices. He says no at first, but circumstances change his mind. Brian Donlevy is his usual dependable self as the assistant D.A. who wants Mature to be a squealer. But this film is stolen by a menacing Richard Widmark, as grinning sociopath Tommy Udo. It was Widmark's first film and one of his best.

No. 7: "The Stranger" (1946, directed by Orson Welles)— Best known for "Citizen Kane," Orson Welles was more than capable of handling other projects, in this case he also stars as a Nazi hiding in America after the war. Edward G. Robinson (one of my favs of all time) is the cunning, war crimes investigator Mr. Wilson. Loretta Young is glowing as the unsuspecting wife of Welles' Professor Charles Rankin. A fine film noir brew, consisting of top notch acting and a great story.

No. 6: "The Postman Always Rings Twice" (1946, directed by Tay Garnett)— Based on a novel from James Cain, "Postman" was almost not made because studio bosses were skittish of its treatments of adultery and murder. John Garfield, another Noir Hall of Famer, plays drifter Frank Chambers who stumbles upon a diner operated by Nick Smith (Cecil Kellaway). Nick's wife Cora — played by a stunning Lana Turner — steals Frank's heart and the

two plot Nick's murder. Oh the wicked web they weave. An outstanding film.

No. 5: "The Asphalt Jungle" (1950, directed by John Huston)— A sterling ensemble cast propels this caper film through various twists and turns, centering on a jewel heist masterminded by Doc (Sam Jaffe), just released from prison. Louis Calhern is crooked lawyer Alonzo Emerich, who is supposed to locate a fence for the hot ice. Sterling Hayden, one of Hollywood's true iconoclasts, is fabulous as thug Dix Handley. The screen is also brightened considerably by a very young Marilyn Monroe.

No. 4: "Sunset Blvd." (1950, directed by Billy Wilder)— The first of two films on this list from the magnificent Billy Wilder, perhaps my favorite director of all time. Gloria Swanson and William Holden share top billing, but Swanson truly steals this one. A has been star from the silent film era, she plays Norma Desmond who shelters Joe Gillis (Holden) from the police and bill collectors. He finds he's indebted to her to the extent of being her arm candy. Only Billy Wilder could get away with a dead man (our boy Gillis) narrating the film.

No. 3: "The Maltese Falcon" (1941, directed by John Huston)— This was John Huston first time in the director's chair and he hit a grand slam. He

takes Dashiell Hammett's novel and turns it into pure cinema gold. P.I. Sam Spade (Humphrey Bogart) gets tangled up with Brigid O'Shaughnessy, (Mary Astor) who spins a convoluted tale centered on the "Black Bird," our titular Maltese Falcon. Sidney Greenstreet and Peter Lorre round out a crackerjack cast. This film is just as enjoyable today as the first time I saw it.

No. 2: "Out of the Past" (1947, directed by Jacques Tourneur)— Previously mentioned Robert Mitchum returns to our list in this crackling film noir which provided Kirk Douglas with his coming out party. Jeff Bailey (Mitchum) owns a gas station in Bridgeport, Calif., but his past comes out when a mysterious visitor arrives at the gas station and hauls Bailey back to gambler Whitt Sterling (Douglas). He knows Bailey is really Jeff Markham, former P.I. Whitt hires Jeff to find Kathie Moffit (Jane Greer again), who shot Whitt and stole his dough. From this point on, double-crosses and plot twists abound. It doesn't end well. Film noir's rarely do.

No. 1: "Double Indemnity" (1944, directed by Billy Wilder)— After seeing this movie for the first time I was hooked on film noir. The genius of Billy Wilder pours through each and every scene, despite the hideous blonde wig he put on our femme fatale Phyllis Dietrichson (Barbara Stanwyck). Fred McMurray, well before squeaky clean Steve Douglas (My Three Sons), plays on-the-make insurance guy Walter Neff, whose smitten — hard -- by Dietrichson. Edward G. Robinson is remarkable as Neff's boss. This is top flight noir at its best.

Rusty's guide to raising your kids

I have been noticin' here lately that young parents are havin' a little more difficulty makin' their kids mind.

Now, I'm not talkin' about big kids. Heck, when they get to a certain age, you're goin' to have trouble with all of them. I'm talkin' about little bitty kids.

I don't care where you go now-a-days, there is always some little kid runnin' around causin' havoc, and it seems like their mom or dad can't do anything with them.

Oh, they'll yell things at them like, "Billy, I'm not goin' to tell you again," or "If you keep this up, I won't take you to McDonalds." Man, are those some mean threats, or what?

The one I really like is, "OK, do you want to go into time-out?" The first time I heard that one, I didn't know what they were talkin' about. I found out from a young parent that it is somethin' like havin' to sit in the corner.

Heck, when I was a kid and your folks yelled time-out, you'd better look out. It meant that they were takin' time out to go find somethin' with which to beat the tar out of you. You'd better not have run off to hide either, because when they found you, and they would, you'd get it twice as bad.

Of course, parents now know a lot more about parentin' than our parents, or even we did. If you don't believe that, ask them, they'll tell you. They study books, videos, or take a class on the subject.

Then armed with all that knowledge, they still let the little rats walk all over them. I miss the good old



days when you told a kid "no" once, and that was it. It seemed simple, but I guess I'm just old and stupid.

Another thing that kids don't know about anymore is the Booger Man. Boy howdy, back when I was a kid, you'd better not do anything wrong, or the Booger Man would get you.

Now, to be honest with you, I never really knew just who the Booger Man really was. Oh, I've been told that he was the Devil, but to me the Booger Man was worse than that.

Don't get me wrong, a red man with horns, a tail, carryin' a pitch fork is pretty scary, but to me, my idea of the Booger man was scarier. Do you know how when somebody tells you somethin', your mind makes a picture of that somethin' and it sort of sticks with you?

Well, that's the way it was with me. Yep, I pictured the Booger Man as a man made out of boogers. Talk about scary. I know, that's pretty weird, but who can figure out the mind of a kid.

The way the Booger Man thing worked was this; nobody wants to spank a little-bitty kid. So the parent would tell the kid, "Don't do that or the Booger Man will get you." Now at first, this might not have any effect on the kid. He'll go on his merry way doin' whatever little kids are goin' to do. (Notice I said "he". Little

girls were never told this because they were always sweet little things, or so their parents thought. We boys who had sisters knew better.) Anywho, the parents had planted the Booger Man seed in our brains, and it started to grow.

As all parents know, little seeds like this grow better when it gets dark. Then as soon as they put you in bed, and turn off the light, it blooms. That's the way it was with me.

I would lie in bed and Momma would turn the light out (this was back before night lights were invented). Then all of a sudden the Booger Man would be in the room with me.

Oh, I couldn't see him. He was too clever for that. I could get a glimpse of him every once in a while out of the corner of my eye, but when I'd turn to look at him, he'd disappear.

A favorite hidin' place of his was under the bed. He'd hide under there and wait for my hand to fall off the side of the bed, and then he'd grab it and pull me under there with him.

Of course, I was never stupid enough to let my hand fall off the bed. Heck, I still can't bring myself to let my hand fall off the side of the bed. Do you parents wonder why your kids jump off their bed instead of just swingin' their legs down? Well, that's because the Booger Man will

grab your legs, too.

Another hidin' place was in the closet. He would make himself almost visible in there. He'd take the form of "white things." As soon as the light would go out, I'd look at the closet and if the door was open, I could see him. I'd yell for Momma, and here she'd come.

"There are white things in the closet," I'd say. I never told her I knew it was the Booger Man. She'd shut the closet door, but I knew he'd have escaped and crawled under the bed, or in some corner, just out of my sight.

So I'd swallow hard and start sayin' my prayers. Now, I knew prayers would keep the Booger Man at bay, and I also knew that I had to close my eyes to pray, but I always kept one eye open, just in case. Then after I said my "Amen's," I'd pull the covers over my head.

The Booger Man can't get you if you are under the covers. Oh, I knew the Booger Man was out there hoverin' over me, just waitin' for me to smothercate (that's when you smother and suffocate at the same time), so he could get me, but I had him fooled.

I had my nose just barely out from under the covers so I could breath. Then sometime durin' the night, I would finally fall asleep. You guessed it, the next mornin', the Booger man was gone. At least he was gone for the time bein'. I knew he'd be back that night if I was a bad boy.

So I'd try to be good, like I was told, so he wouldn't show back up. You're not goin' to believe this, but he always showed back up.

Go figure.

Times of Lindale



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ONE YEAR AGO, June 2, 2022

One journey ended and another began as the Lindale High School class of 2022 received their diplomas in front of family and friends on a near-perfect evening at Eagle Stadium.

Diplomas were presented to the 230 graduates by LHS Principal Jeremy Chilek, Assistant Principal Ryan Tomlin and Assistant Principal Melissa Dukes.

Lindale ISD Superintendent Stan Surratt congratulated this year's class and made note of its many accomplishments.

"This is a great day to be a senior in the Class of 2022," Surratt said. "I want to thank the parents and families of these great students for allowing us to teach your students. Because of this support, these seniors have experienced great success."

He cited several of the school's accomplishments — from another state UIL Academic Championship as well as the State Marching Band title — and pointed out the large role this class played in that success.

"Thank you for how you've represented this school district, this school and this community through the years," Surratt said.

FIVE YEARS AGO, June 1, 2018

Officials with the Lindale Independent School District announced Ashley Smith had been hired as the new principal at College Street Elementary School and Christy Clouse would be returning to the LISD as director of special programs. Smith, who had also worked previously in the district, had been the assistant principal at Jack Elementary School in Tyler. Clouse had spent the past two years in the Dripping Springs ISD.

10 YEARS AGO, June 1, 2013

A longtime city employee was honored for his service to the city of Lindale during the city council's regular meeting at city hall.

Charles Gilmore, who had worked with the city for 40 years, was honored by the council with a plaque presentation.

Gilmore began working for the city while he was still in high school. He was somewhat surprised by the presentation.

"They told me I needed to be at the council meeting, but I had no idea what they were going to do," he said.

Even though he went to work full time for the city in 1973, Gilmore had been with the city on a part time basis for the previous two years.

"I spent my sophomore and junior years in high school working part time," he said. "Then when I was about to graduate from high school, the mayor told me that if I wanted a full time job I could have it."

East Texas Food Bank's Summer Food Program begins June 6

The East Texas Food Bank kicks off the free Summer Food Program on Tuesday, June 6 at 34 East Texas locations so children will not go hungry during the summer break.

"The Summer Food Program began in 2005 to fill the meal gap left when the school year ends and children lose access to free and reduced-price meals they depend on for nourishment," said Dennis Cullinane, East Texas Food Bank CEO.

In Tyler, the Summer Food Program will kick-off at the Glass Recreation Center at 501 W. 32nd street with a special celebration of free activities from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and a meal being offered at noon.

Activities include face painting, a petting zoo, a clown, games and free Kona Ice and Andy's frozen custard.

In 2022, the East Texas Food Bank served 32,791 meals to 2,280 children throughout East Texas. This summer, ETFB is expected to serve 50,000 meals to over 3,400 children.

The meals are provided at various community sites Monday-Friday. There is no need to register.

The program is for children 18 and younger. Some locations offer breakfast and lunch but all offer lunch. Meals are eaten at the location. Typical breakfast menus are cereal, juice, milk or breakfast bars while lunch includes wraps, wedges, sandwiches with deli meat, pizza and pre-packaged lunches.

Besides the meal, some of the locations at parks, churches and libraries offer other free activities for children. Check with the Summer Food Program you plan to visit for more information.

ETFB also provides food at various campuses for kids enrolled in summer school but these are not open to the public.

For the full list of locations and serving times visit EastTexasFoodBank.org/SummerFood or by calling 903-597-3663.

Established in 1988, the East Texas Food Bank is the largest hunger-relief nonprofit in East Texas. It provides more than 27 million meals each year to 200 partner agencies and feeding programs. Our mission is to fight hunger and feed hope in East Texas. For more information, visit EastTexasfoodbank.org

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Know and control your heart health numbers

By Claudann Jones
Smith County Extension Agent
Family, Community Health



to meet your heart health goals.

Here's some ways you can do this:

--Keep a log of your activity to

help you track your progress. Consider wearing a device that counts your steps to track how much you walk every day.

-- Calculate your body mass index (BMI). BMI is an estimate of body fat. The higher your BMI, the higher your risk for certain diseases, and more.

-- Track your blood pressure. It's important to get your blood pressure checked at least once a year at your doctor's office. While you're there ask your doctor what your target numbers should be and

how often you should check it on your own. Use this blood pressure tracker or wallet card to help you keep track of your numbers.

-- Get your cholesterol checked. A blood test can show whether your cholesterol levels are healthy. Talk with your doctor about having your cholesterol tested, how often you need it tested, and what your levels should be.

-- If you have diabetes, check your blood sugars. Talk with your health care provider about how often to check your blood sugar.

-- Keep a record of what you eat. Write down what you eat and drink each day in a food diary to help you stay on track when trying to lose weight or maintain a healthy weight. Keep your diary in a noticeable place such as on the refrigerator, so you'll remember to update it each day.

-- Follow the DASH Eating Plan. The Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) eating plan is a science-based way of eating that can help you reduce high blood pressure and has other heart health

benefits.

Ask your friends or family to remind you to do these or join you in the effort.

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Lindale Rotary Club speaker

Jason Pointer, mental health advocate and director of crime victim services at Crisis Response Ministry, presented the program at the weekly meeting of the Lindale Rotary Club. He was introduced by Rotary Club President-Elect Jason Beard. Pointer, who discussed the CRM mission of helping victims and the resources provided. He was joined at the meeting by Jim McKee, executive director of CRM. (Courtesy photo)

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SATURDAY, MAY 13: 12:45:04 AM, Suspicious Person, 50 block Miranda Lambert Way; 1:02:16 AM, Suspicious Person, South Main Street/Centennial Blvd; 2:53:43 AM, Public Service, 3500 block South Main Street;

Forest service officials urge caution as summer wildfire season has arrived

Memorial Day has always been the unofficial start to summer which means Texas A&M Forest Service officials are encouraging residents to prepare for wildfires.

This year, wildfire activity has been below average due to the limited amount of grass across the landscape and frequent rainfall statewide.

Since Jan. 1, state and local firefighters have responded to 1,166 wildfires that have burned 39,167 acres statewide. By this time last year, firefighters had responded to 6,343 wildfires that burned more than 518,000 acres.

Despite the difference in activity levels, the threat of wildfire is continual for the state. Four to five weeks of dry conditions will result in a substantial increase in wildfire activity, as vegetation dries and becomes receptive to burning.

“The actions that homeowners take before a wildfire ignites are crucial to reducing structural ignitability and providing a safe environment for firefighters to work,” said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief. “The agency has responded to countless wildfires where mitigation measures were implemented well in advance of a wildfire event, which saved homes and lives.”

There are simple measures that anyone can do around their home to decrease susceptibility to wildfire.

Keep the area within five feet around structures free of combustible material, such as mulch, plants, firewood stacks and patio furniture.

For the area within 5-30 feet of a structure, keep grass mowed and rake away vegetative debris.

Keep a healthy, well-maintained landscape. Make sure your plants are properly spaced, low growing and free of resins, oils and waxes that burn easily.

Remove dead vegetation from under the deck of your home.

Prune trees so that low-hanging branches do not touch the ground. Avoid pruning oak trees from February through June to avoid the spread of oak wilt, and always paint oak wounds.

While wildfire activity has been minimal this year compared to 2022, hot and dry conditions typical of a Texas summer will create an environment more supportive of ignitions.

“Though rains have helped decrease wildfire potential, we encourage everyone to be careful with outdoor activities this holiday,” said Karen Stafford, Texas A&M Forest Service Prevention Program Coordinator.

In Texas, nine out of 10 wildfires are human-caused and preventable. The most common causes of wildfires during the summer months are debris burning and equipment use, which includes parking in dry grass and dragging trailer chains.

As we head into summer, keep the following tips in mind to help prevent wildfires:

Always check with local officials for burn bans and other outdoor burning restrictions. Pay attention to local guidelines regarding open fires, campfires and outdoor activities that may pose a fire hazard.

Park in designated spaces and avoid driving over and parking on dry grass; the heat from your vehicle can easily ignite the grass.

When using a cooking fire or campfire, never leave it unattended. Always make sure it is completely out by drowning it with water, stirring it and feeling to ensure that it is out cold before you leave.

If pulling a trailer, make sure the tow chains are properly connected and not dragging on the road creating sparks.

Be careful when discarding cigarettes, matches and other potential ignition sources. Dispose of them in designated containers.

If you witness suspicious behavior or signs of arson, immediately call the local authorities.

For more information about protecting your home, visit <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/ProtectYourHome/>



5:03:52 AM, Flag Down, 3500 block South Main Street; 9:20:52 AM, Welfare Concern, 400 block South Industrial Street; 1:52:29 PM, Public Service, 400 block North College Street; 4:00:22 PM, Loud Noise Complaint, 200 block Cooper Street; 4:19:38 PM, Public Intoxication, 3500 block South Main Street; 6:21:19 PM, Accident, 14000 block Interstate 20 East; 6:50:16 PM, Accident, 14000 block Interstate 20 East; 7:25:57 PM, Motorist Assist, 15000 block Interstate 20 East; 7:34:42 PM, Welfare Concern, 13000 block Interstate 20 West; 9:04:16 PM, Scam, 100 block Ballard Drive; 10:20:32 PM, Loud Noise Complaint, 200 block Braziel Street.

SUNDAY, MAY 14: 1:11:50 AM Assist SCDO, 20000 block CR 442; 2:36:36 AM, Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive; 2:59:51 AM, Assist Another Agency, 12000 block CR 431; 4:12:02 AM, Public Service, 200 block North College Street; 6:27:38 AM, Motorist Assist, 100 block East Centennial Blvd; 2:28:55 PM, Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive; 3:55:13 PM, Welfare Concern, 3500 block South Main Street; 5:53:29 PM, Public Service, 400 block Hill Street; 9:16:52 PM, Accident, 3200 block South Main Street; 10:06:54 PM, City Ordinance Violation, 3500 block South Main Street; 10:18:46 PM, Criminal Mischief, Mount Sylvan Street/West Hubbard Street; 12:27:54 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 3500 block South Main Street; 4:59:47 AM, Public Service, 800 block Braewood Circle.

Angelina County man gets 13 years in fed prison for drug trafficking

A Diboll man has been sentenced to over 13 years in federal prison for drug trafficking violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, publicity spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs.

Gonzalo Alonso Torres, 46, pleaded guilty on July 14, 2022, to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and was sentenced to 162 months in federal prison today by U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone.

According to information presented in court, in 2019, local, state, and federal law enforcement began investigating Torres' drug trafficking activities. On Sep. 18, 2019, law enforcement was able to set up a methamphetamine purchase between Torres and another person. Torres placed the methamphetamine in a mailbox for the customer to retrieve. Officers then confiscated the drugs. In October 2019 on two separate occasions law enforcement again arranged for the purchase of methamphetamine using another person. Torres was indicted by a federal grand jury on April 6, 2022 and charged with federal drug trafficking violations.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Diboll Police Department, and the Angelina County Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Donald S. Carter.

Nacogdoches man sentenced to 12 years for drug trafficking

A Nacogdoches man has been sentenced to 12 years in federal prison for drug trafficking violations in the

Eastern District of Texas, Walston said.

Brandon Spears, 38, pleaded guilty on April 20, 2022, to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and was sentenced to 144 months in federal prison today by U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone.

According to information presented in court, Spears was part of a trafficking organization responsible for trafficking at least 44 grams of methamphetamine in the Nacogdoches area. During the 2 ½ year investigation, law enforcement officers purchased methamphetamine from Spears on multiple occasions. During one attempted sale of methamphetamine, Spears and co-defendant, Angel Aguilar, were out of stock so they provided the buyer with a firearm and pills containing a mixture of cocaine and methamphetamine as collateral towards the future purchase of methamphetamine. The firearm given as collateral was later confirmed to be stolen. At sentencing, Spears forfeited three firearms seized by law enforcement during the investigation. Aguilar was previously sentenced to 180 months in federal prison.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Nacogdoches Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Donald S. Carter.

New Orleans man indicted in firearms, carjacking matter

A New Orleans man has been named in a federal indictment charging him with carjacking and firearms violations in the Eastern District of Texas, Walston said.

MONDAY, MAY 15: 7:49:36 AM, Indecent Exposure, 13000 block Interstate 20 West; 1:18:30 PM, Public Service, 13000 block CR 4200; 2:18:39 PM, Assist LISD PD, 400 block Eagle Spirit Drive; 4:05:29 PM, Alarm Business, 16000 block Village Lake Drive; 5:02:54 PM, Public Service, 1500 block Sugar Hill; 7:25:20 PM, Traffic Hazard, 14000 block Interstate 20 West; 7:26:23 PM, Theft 100 block East Centennial Blvd.

TUESDAY, MAY 16: 12:30:10 AM, Motorist Assist, 1700 block South Main Street; 2:12:40 AM, Suspicious Person, 15000 block Simmons Lane; 3:29:13 AM, Motorist Assist, 17000 block Interstate 20 West; 5:21:40 AM, Assist Another Agency, 100 block South Main Street; 11:17:43 AM, Public Service 100 block Ballard Drive; 11:54:27 AM, Assist LISD PD, 15000 block CR 463; 1:49:09 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block Ballard Drive; 4:11:26 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 2400 block South Main Street; 4:25:19 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 1600 block South Main Street; 7:09:30 PM, Welfare Concern, 15000 block Interstate 20 East; 7:34:27 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block Hudson Street; 7:55:11 PM, Welfare Concern, 400 block West South Street; 8:44:24 PM, Assist SCSO, 15000 block CR 1137; 11:35:14 PM, Assist SCSO, 100 block East Centennial; 11:39:34 PM, Driving While Intoxicated, 11000 block Interstate 20 East.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17: 8:09:26 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 15000 block Spring Oaks Drive; 10:35:37 AM, Animal At Large, 1500 block Woodsprings Road; 12:42:08 PM, Public Service, 400 block Eagle Spirit Drive; 2:38:09 PM, Motorist Assist, 3500 block South Main Street; 3:21:00 PM, Damaged Property, 300 block North College Street; 5:06:38 PM, Soliciting, 630 block Jack Drive; 7:44:15 PM, Reckless Driving, 13000 block Highway 69 North; 8:09:20 PM, Criminal Mischief, 1000 block Mount Sylvan Street; 8:45:40 PM, Disturbance, 300 block North College Street; 9:23:28 PM, Traffic Hazard, North College Street/West North Street; 9:46:06 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 21000 block Highway 69 North; 11:21:07 PM, Animal Complaint, 300 block South Main Street; 11:32:07 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 200 block West Hubbard Street.

Aubrey Young, 36, was charged with carjacking, possession of a firearm by a felon, and using a firearm during a crime of violence. A federal grand jury returned the indictment on May 3, 2023. Young appeared before U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone today on those charges. Young is scheduled to appear for a detention hearing on May 25, 2023.

According to the indictment, on Oct. 26, 2022, law enforcement officers responded to a call regarding a stolen car, taken at gunpoint. The suspect allegedly approached two individuals in Vidor, pulled a gun from his backpack and demanded the keys to their vehicle. The vehicle was spotted near Anahuac and a high-speed chase ensued involving officers from the Chambers County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety. Young, the sole occupant of the vehicle, was arrested and a firearm was located in the vehicle. Further investigation revealed Young is a convicted felon and prohibited by a federal law from owning or possessing firearms or ammunition.

If convicted, Young faces up to 22 years in federal prison.

This case is being prosecuted as part of the joint federal, state, and local Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Program, the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's violent crime reduction efforts.

The case is being investigated by the Vidor Police Department, Chambers County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rachel Grove.

How to mosquito-proof your home this summer

By Cole Baerlocher
Texas A&M Extension Service

Warmer temperatures and rain means mosquito season is underway in most of the state. With an increase in mosquitoes comes an increase in bites.

While these insects pose a big annoyance for Texans, [Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service](#) entomologist Sonja Swiger, Ph.D., shared some tips on how to protect your home from mosquitoes this summer.

Eliminate standing water

Mosquitoes develop in stagnant water, Swiger said. Limiting water-filled breeding sites around the home can reduce populations in proximity.

It takes an immature mosquito around 10 to 14 days to develop in water, so it is a good rule of thumb to replace or remove water that has been sitting for longer than five days, she said.

Potential areas to check for standing water include water dishes, bird baths, plant saucers, leaky faucets, and gutters.

“Observe your surroundings for water that is standing for more than a few days and dump the water or make sure it is free of larvae,” she said.

Utilize screens and closed doors

Mosquitoes are attracted to body heat and the carbon dioxide that is emitted when we breathe. While screens on open windows and doors are an effective barrier to keep mosquitoes from entering homes, it is vital to ensure that screens do not contain holes and that doors stay closed.

“It is highly recommended that you use screens on your windows and doors to prevent mosquitoes from coming inside,” Swiger said. “Mosquitoes are going to do what they have to in order to get to us.”

Keep a well-trimmed yard and shrubbery

While preferences with personal property may vary, it

is vital to prevent the type of habitat where adult mosquitoes thrive. Potted plants, thick, tall grass and overgrown landscape plants provide shelter for mosquitoes.

By managing these types of environments around your home, you prevent the likelihood of mosquitoes following you into your home.

“It is important not to have too many potted plants or overgrown shrubs because those serve as harborage for adult mosquitoes to thrive in,” Swiger said.

Utilize repellents and be consistent

Texas is home to over 80 species of mosquitoes that thrive throughout the warmer months both during the day and at night.

“If you are outdoors, using is one of the only sure-fire ways to prevent mosquito bites,” Swiger said.

Spray products like “Off!” are recommended because they are better able to mask our scent from mosquitoes. Swiger mentioned that citronella candles are not nearly effective since the scent does not travel far enough to provide any protection in a area.

Be aware of mosquito activity

Swiger said it is important to be aware that mosquito activity varies from species to species. Some are active early in the morning while others are active at dusk and during the night. Preventative measures can reduce mosquito populations in or near your home, and consistent use of repellents can reduce bites.

If you see or notice a public area where mosquito populations are heavy, notify your local public health department to report sites. Action by public health professionals can reduce mosquito populations and mitigate their spread to other areas.

For more information on mosquito prevention, visit [AgriLife Extension's Do-It-Yourself Backyard Mosquito Control](#).



Eagle becomes a Gent

In front of friends, family and teammates, Lindale High School baseball catcher Miles Keith signed on to play baseball for the Centenary College Gents in Shreveport La., next season. LHS Head Coach Rich Sanguinetti spoke highly of his backstop and said he "was an inspiration to all our athletes in the program." (Photo by Terry Cannon)

Lindale's Burckel earns Master's Degree from McNeese State

Brad Burckel of Lindale has earned a Master's of Science in Health and Human performance from McNeese State

University in Lake Charles, La., university officials announced. Burckel was awarded his degree during the univer-

sity's 160th commencement on May 12.

There were 703 graduates honored.

Lindale student earns degree from Ouachita Baptist University

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. – Austin Roots of Lindale graduated cum laude during the May, 2023 spring commencement exercises at Ouachita Baptist University, school officials announced.

He earned a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Christian studies/Christian ministry and was among more than 400 students during its 136th Spring Commencement on May 13, on the front lawn of Cone-Bottoms Hall. Graduates earned Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Music Education and Bachelor of Fine

Arts degrees, as well as Master of Science degrees, post-baccalaureate certificates for Dietetic Internship and the university's first Master of Education degrees in curriculum & instruction and Master of Science degrees in nutrition.

Students recognized during the ceremony included those who completed their degree requirements in August 2022, December 2022 and May 2023. Collectively, they earned the highest number of degrees conferred by Ouachita in more than 40 years. Of 187 honor graduates, 30 achieved a 4.0 GPA.

Blooming wisteria colorful garden addition

By Jim Powell
Smith County Master Gardener

Fragrant lavender or white clusters of wisteria cascading over a trellis or just about anything signifies springtime in East Texas. The blooming wisteria vine is a showstopper that causes us to stop, look and admire.

The best thing about wisteria is that it is easy to cultivate and very undemanding. It grows very vigorously in East Texas and rewards us with its dazzling blossoms in March or April before its leaves appear.

Grafted container-grown wisterias can usually be purchased from our local nurseries in the spring. Nursery bought plants will bloom when the plant is two years old. It's better to purchase a potted plant that is in bloom. Wisterias are easy to transplant, so anyone with mature wisterias growing in their garden will probably be willing to share an offspring with you. Just remember, it will take at least two years



for an offspring to bloom.

After planting a young vine, keep it amply watered during the summer months. Once the vine is established, proper pruning is important to keep it healthy and controlled. Without pruning, Wisterias will not bloom properly. It is recommended that heavy pruning be done in the spring after the vine has finished blooming, before the new growth appears. Since Wisteria grows so fast, it is also recommended doing additional trimming until July. The spring flowering buds begin forming in late summer.

You can let your Wisteria grow as a vine or tree. If you want it to grow as

a vine, allow only three or four branches to grow when the plant is young. Tie these branches to a fence or trellis. If you want to create a freestanding tree, tie the main vine to a strong metal support. I use a metal fence post. Keep cutting off the side branches until the height you desire. Then, cut the top back to encourage branching. As with the vine, severe pruning is required each year.

As with some other vines, suckers will continually shoot up from the root, so be careful that you plant the Wisteria where you can control it. It is not recommended to attach the vine to your house or a young tree.

The Smith County Master Gardener program is a volunteer organization in connection with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

There's still time to plant okra

By Greg Grant
Smith County Extension Agent

Hopefully, you grow a garden or know someone that does. Hot weather is on its way, but there's still time to plant Southern peas, sweet potatoes, and okra.

Okra is synonymous with Southern culture. The African name for okra was *gumbo* and subsequently gave us the name for the popular Creole soup that my Cajun wife can make blindfolded.

I grew up with okra and like it raw, boiled, roasted, grilled, fried, stewed, and certainly in gumbo which my wife makes both with ("Aunt Eva's Okra Gumbo") and without ("Ville Platte Gumbo"). Lots of folks that don't like okra will eat it sprinkled with olive oil, seasoned salt, sea salt, or Tony Chachere's, and roasted in the oven at 400 degrees.

Fried was my favorite growing up, because my mom could fry a shoe and make it edible.

Okra is a warm season plant that cannot tolerate frosts, freezes, or even cool nights. It thrives on heat so should be planted well after the last frost each year, generally April-May in East Texas, but as late as July 4. Okra is easily planted from seed.



Soak it in warm water over night to speed up the germination process. Once the seedlings are established and about 6 inches tall, thin them to 12-18 inches apart. Occasionally okra transplants are available which can be planted at the same spacing.

Okra needs at least 8 hours of direct sun each day for maximum production. It isn't picky about soils if they drain well. Due to a susceptibility to root knot nematodes, it is best to avoid areas where this has been a problem in the past or where okra was planted the previous year.

It is ideal to till in several inches of compost or organic matter and incorporate 2 pounds of a complete lawn fertilizer (15-5-10, 18-6-12, etc.) per 100 square foot of bed or every 35 feet of row

before planting. For small plantings use 2 teaspoons per square foot or foot of row. The ideal soil pH for growing okra is 6.0-7.0

Okra can be planted on flat ground, in raised beds, or rows. The rows should be 6-8 inches high, 24 inches wide, and 36-48 inches apart.

Using the corner of a hoe or a stick, open a trench 1/2-3/4 inch deep and plant the okra seed at a rate of 4-5 per foot of row.

Cover the seed lightly with well cultivated soil and gently tamp down with the back of the hoe to conserve moisture and ensure good seed to soil contact.

Okra is easy to grow and relatively pest-free, however there are a few potential problems including nematodes and fire ants. First ants can inflict damage to the blooms, young pods, and your hands.

Treat the base of the plants and the mounds with an appropriately labeled pesticide when they occur. After thinning, lightly sidedress them with a high nitrogen fertilizer, such as 21-0-0. I also use chicken litter from my flock.

Okra pods should be harvested when they are 3-5 inches long and tender. Sometimes they will snap from the plant, but I usually use a pair of hand pruners.

Okra foliage irritates some gardener's skin, including mine, so you might want to wear a long sleeve shirt. Okra needs to be harvested every other day to keep producing well. If the pods are left on the plant until they get tough and the seeds plump up, the entire plant will stop producing.

All okra varieties do well in East Texas. When the plants get too tall to pick, I cut the top of the middle stalk which makes the plant branch from below at lower heights and increases production. Okra is native to Africa.



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TxDOT crews work Lindale area

Texas Department of Transportation crews will be working in the Lindale area this week as widening and realignment continues from FM 849 to U.S. Highway 69 near downtown, said TxDOT spokesman Jeff Williford.

The project will be four miles west of FM 849 east to U.S. 69.

Contractor is Highway 19 Construction LLC and the project's estimated cost will be \$44.4 million.

The company has projected a completion date of August, 2025.

The project consists of grading, asphalt base, asphalt surface overlay paving, storm drain, bridge, and culvert structures, signing, pavement markings, and signals. Crews will be preparing the right-of-way by removing trees and grading embankment. There will be

a crew working to install a detour for a traffic switch near Lindale Cemetery Road. Lane closures will be present in the area. Motorists should drive with caution and expect delays.

Also, Tyler TxDOT crews be in the FM 2710 area to fix washout in the right-of-way, just west of FM 14.

Other Smith County construction projects include:

Sidewalks at Various Locations in Smith County

Limits: SH 64 in Tyler (Entrada Lane to Parkdale Dr.); SH 110 in Troup (CR 2138 to FM 347); SH 135 in Troup (FM 13 to Tiger Drive)

Contractor: Highway 19 Construction, LLC

Cost: \$3.5 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Winter 2022

Project is in final cleanup. No work is scheduled this week. No lane closures are anticipated. The project consists of sidewalk construction along SH 64 west in Tyler, SH 110 west in Troup and SH 135 north in Troup.

FM 344, ETC. Safety Improvements

Limits: FM 344 - From FM 756, E to SH 110; FM 768 - From SL 456, S to FM 22

Contractor: A R Brothers Construction Services, Inc.

Cost: \$1.8 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2023
Project is awaiting final punch list. The project consists of improving drainage, culvert work, and guard rail upgrades.

SH 155 Resurfacing Project

Limits: From Loop 323 in Tyler, southwest to the Anderson County line

Contractor: Madden Contracting Company, LLC

Cost: \$17 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2023

The contractor is scheduled to begin laying PFC surface to the shoulders and will be conducting work at the turn lane at FM 2868. Expect delays and lane closures on this corridor when construction is in progress. The work is scheduled to be completed during the day and night. The project consists of resurfacing the roadway, upgrading drainage structures, and repairing bridge joints.



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DATED the 22nd day of May, 2023.

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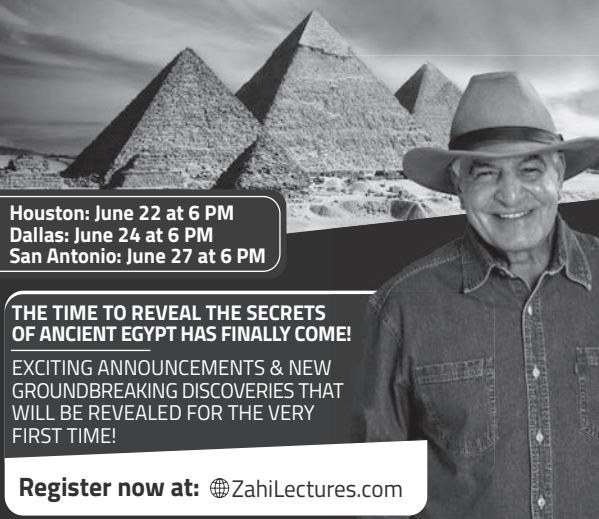
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The City of Lindale reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Lindale for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

The City of Lindale Carolyn Caldwell, City Manager 05-26-2023
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LHS Class of 2023 receives diplomas

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high school.

This fall she will continue her studies at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, La.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and has been involved with several activities while at LHS. In addition to her NHS affiliation she has taken part in UIL events such as spelling, social studies and computer science.

Kleam was particularly adept in the UIL computer applications area. She hopes to earn her college degree in computer science and eventually become a video game designer. Shortly before 8 p.m. the graduates, in their Eagle blue caps and gowns and waving to family and friends, filed into the stadium to the familiar sounds of "Pomp and Circumstance."

Not long after, they would become newly minted high school graduates ready to take on the world.



Family and friends waved to their favorite graduates this past Friday night at Eagle Stadium as the Lindale High School Class of 2023 received their diplomas.



Lindale High School senior Jacob Stevens (pictured) was inadvertently left out of last week's LHS 2023 graduation section in the Lindale News and Times.

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