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# The Beacon

News For The Residents at Lakes of Fairhaven

## Welcome to the The Beacon

*A newsletter for Lakes of Fairhaven  
residents by Lakes of Fairhaven residents.*

The Beacon is a new monthly newsletter mailed to all Lakes of Fairhaven residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports activity, social group, etc. and would like to submit an article for the newsletter you can do so online at [www.PEELinc.com](http://www.PEELinc.com) or you can email it [articles@peelinc.com](mailto:articles@peelinc.com). Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, special celebrations, birthday announcements and military service are also welcome.

Our goal is to keep you informed!



## Cy-Fair ISD & Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS): A Winning Combination

VIPS is an acronym for Volunteers in Public Schools. VIPS in Cy-Fair ISD center the attention of their service on supporting students and staff and making a significant contribution to the education of children. These dedicated individuals, who give freely of their time and resources, impact the academic and personal development of Cy-Fair students. Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is fortunate to be able to draw from a diversity of skills and knowledge in its community.

The district VIPS Executive Board spearheads the business of the VIPS. This board is comprised of volunteers elected to take on specific responsibilities offering support, guidance, and training to all volunteers in the district. The VIPS Executive Board meets monthly to evaluate and address the needs of the district and distribute information relating to volunteer and community activities and strengthen parental involvement in education.

If you are interested in becoming part of the winning combination at Cy-Fair schools as a volunteer, and making a difference, or would like more information, please contact Pam Scott, Partners in Education Director at 281-894-3950.

## Cy-Fair ISD & Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS): A Winning Combination October 2008 Upcoming Events

**October 1 Math Training** – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center

Participants will have an opportunity to review the first semester curriculum in grades 1-5, use some of the technology applications available to teachers and students, learn more about the 4-step problem solving process, and explore some of the components of

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### Attention Teenagers

The **Teenage Job Seekers** listing service is offered free of charge to all Lakes of Fairhaven teenagers seeking work. Submit your name and information to [articles@PEELinc.com](mailto:articles@PEELinc.com) by the 9<sup>th</sup> of the month!

## Newsletter Article Submissions

Interested in submitting an article? You can do so by emailing [articles@PEELinc.com](mailto:articles@PEELinc.com) or by going to <http://www.peelinc.com/articleSubmit.php>. All news must be received by the 9<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the issue. So if you are involved with a school group, scouts, sports etc – please submit your articles for The Beacon. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, special celebrations and military service are also welcome.

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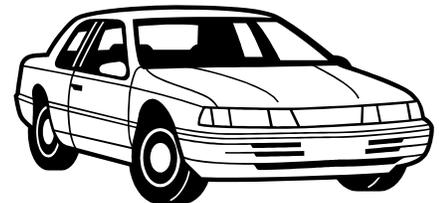
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## Follow Our Top 10 Ways To Save Gas!

*Submitted by Leonard Johnson*

If you are serious about saving more gas, it is important to understand that you will see the largest savings when you practice a combination of proper car care and smart driving behaviors. An aggressive attack plan can save you hundreds of dollars per year in fuel.

- 1) Drive fewer miles: Combine errands, carpool when possible, eliminate unnecessary trips. The average vehicle uses a gallon of fuel for every 20 miles driven. A few thousand less miles per year adds up to big money!
- 2) Correct tire pressure: This one has gotten a lot of press recently, but improper tire pressure can cost 3% in fuel economy.
- 3) Replace dirty air filters: Replacing your air filter every 12,000 miles will save up to 10% fuel.
- 4) Pay attention to the Orange engine light: This light warns you when something is wrong in your fuel or emission system. A faulty Oxygen sensor or fuel injector can waste 35% more fuel and increase the harmful pollutants your vehicle emits.
- 5) Check the gas cap: 147 million gallons of gas vaporizes annually in the U.S. due to loose gas caps.
- 6) Avoid jack-rabbit starts: The key to good fuel economy is smooth starts and stops. Driving like a grandma may not be fun, but it will raise your fuel mileage by up to 33%.
- 7) Slow down: Every 5 miles per hour over 60 mph is like paying an additional .26 cents per gallon for gas.
- 8) Remove excess weight: Every 100 pounds of weight reduces your mpg by 2%.
- 9) Change to synthetic motor oil: Reduces friction and increases fuel mileage by 2%.
- 10) Inspect brakes - Dragging brakes can seriously decrease fuel mileage.



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## VIPS - (Continued from Cover Page)

Singapore Math being used with students in elementary math.

**October 7 Junior Achievement Coordinator Training** – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center

Specifically for those who will take responsibility for implementing the JA program for their campus.

**October 7 Junior Achievement Volunteer Training** – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center

The purpose of Junior Achievement is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, understand business and economics, and be workforce ready.

**October 9 Sooper Puppy Training** – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center

Sooper Puppy is a first grade class series dealing with life lessons, facing dilemmas and arriving at solutions by making good choices.

**October 15 Hearing Certification Training** – 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Berry Center

Become a State certified trained volunteer to assist your CFISD school in hearing testing for the students. Please RSVP to your school nurse by October 10.

**October 16 Vision Certification Training** – 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Berry Center

Become a State certified trained volunteer to assist your CFISD school in vision testing for the students. Please RSVP to your school

nurse by October 10.

**October 23 Classroom Assistance** – 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., ISC West

Learn basic classroom technology tips to assist students in the classroom. A campus administrator or VIPS liaison approval signature is required for this free technology training.

**October 28 Junior Achievement Volunteer Training** – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center

**October 28 Microsoft Word I & II** – 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., ISC West

Learn simple to moderate applications of Microsoft Word software. Administrator signature approval required to register for this free technology training.

**October 30 Fall Conference** – 8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., Berry Center

A day of informative workshops is offered to volunteers, staff, parents and community members designed to support the work of volunteers in all district schools.

### How to register for training

With the exception of Hearing and Vision Certification, register for training by emailing the PIE office at [vipsrsvp@cfisd.net](mailto:vipsrsvp@cfisd.net). Provide your name and the name and date of the training you wish to attend. Registration is required to guarantee a seat and training materials.

*Adults only please.*



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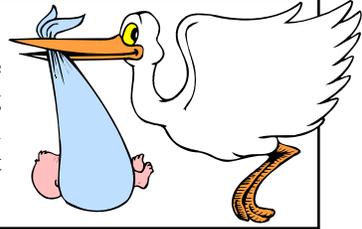




Please drive slowly and watch out for "Trick-Or-Treaters" on Friday, October 31st!

## Stork Report

If you have a new addition to the family please let us know by emailing [articles@PEELinc.com](mailto:articles@PEELinc.com) and we will include an announcement to let everyone know!



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*"If winning isn't everything, why do they keep score?" -Vince Lombardi*

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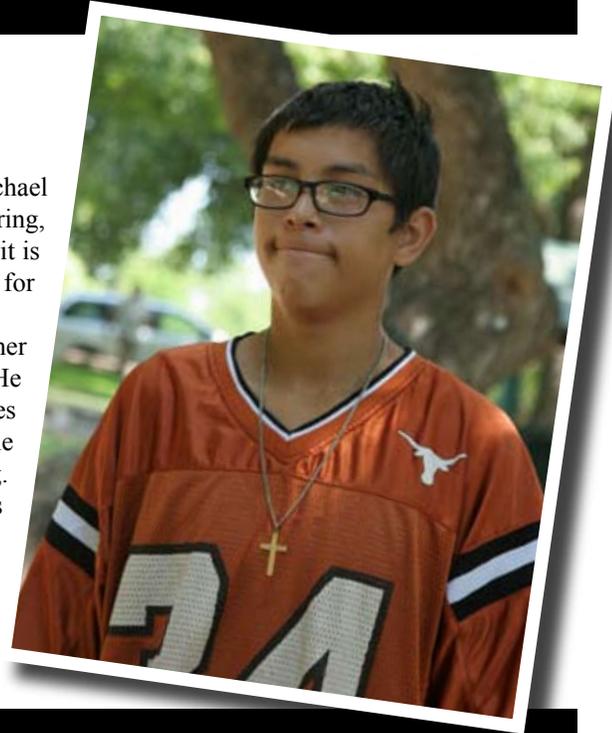
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## Meet Michael

Imagine hearing a child ask “is it my turn yet” when asking about adoption. Michael has seen others find their forever family, and he is still patiently waiting and wondering, “is it my turn”. Hopefully soon we can answer his question with a “yes Michael, it is your turn”. Michael is a very sweet and loving 15 year old. He has a dog he cares for and has grown to love, an abused dog that he has rescued and nurtured.

Born in August 1993, Michael likes all of the things any boy would love - summer camps, go carts, fishing, baseball and anything that has to do with cars (and UT). He currently participates in special education and tries very hard in school. He hopes to play sports in school when he is adopted. Michael would do well with a single mother or a two parent family. Michael is a child who really wants a place to belong. He is very affectionate and has missed out on being a part of a family. He just wants someone to love him, and his dog. Could this be you?

If you are interested in learning about Michael, or about adoption in general, please call the Adoption Coalition of Texas at 512-301-2825 or [info@adopttexas.org](mailto:info@adopttexas.org).



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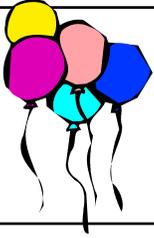


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# Recipe of the Month:



## Mini Cheesecakes

### Ingredients

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 12 vanilla wafers                       | ½ C sugar      |
| 1 8 oz. packages cream cheese, softened | 1 tsp. vanilla |
|   | 2 eggs         |

### Directions

Line muffin tin with foil liners.

Place one vanilla wafer in each liner. Mix cream cheese, vanilla, and sugar on medium speed until well-blended. Add eggs. Mix well. Pour over wafers, filling 3/4 full. Bake 25 min. at 325°.

Remove from pan when cool. Chill. Top with fruit, preserves, nuts or chocolate.

*If you would like to submit YOUR recipe email it to [articles@peelinc.com](mailto:articles@peelinc.com).*



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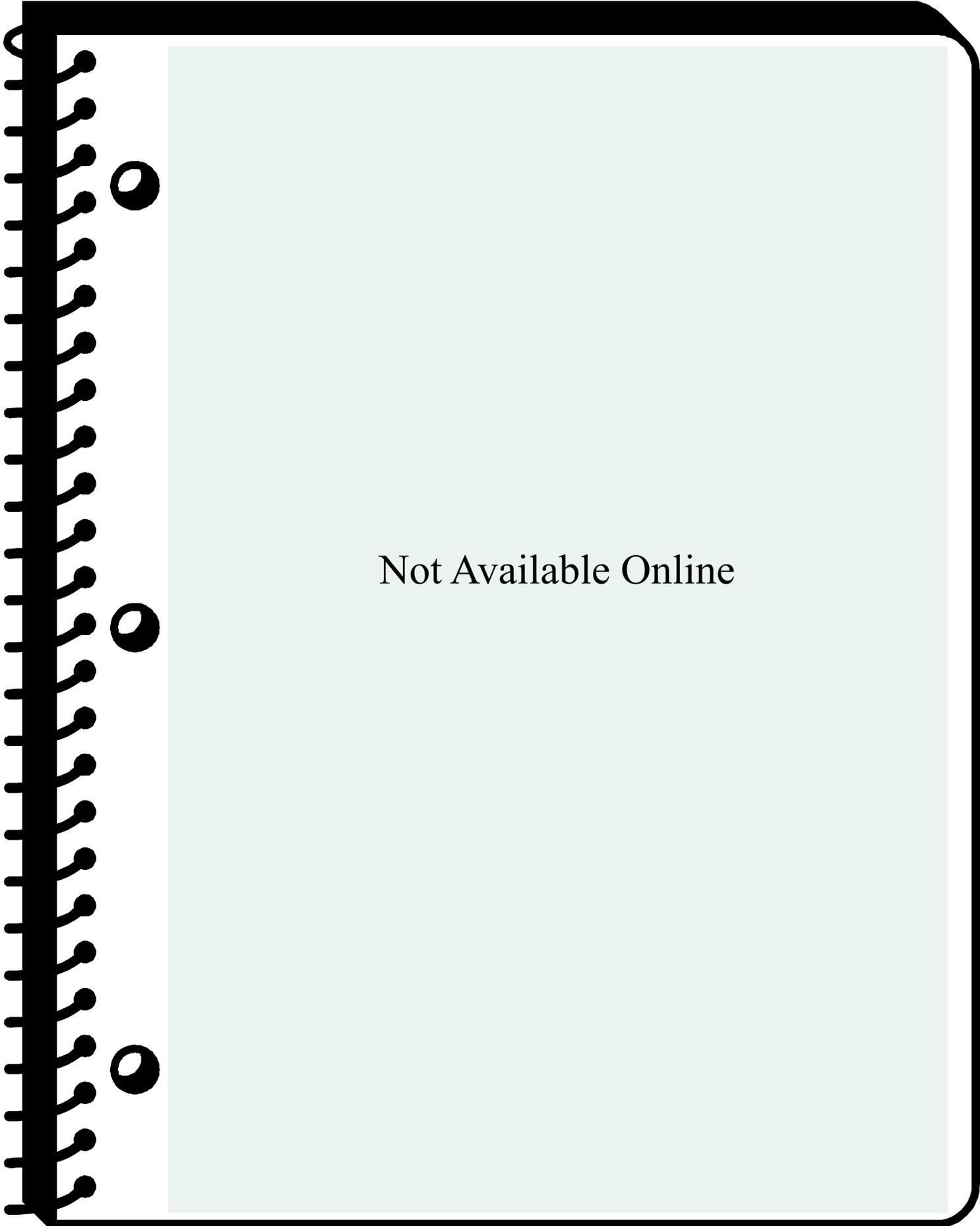
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*family to*  
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