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News For The Residents at Lakes of Fairhaven

LOST FAMILY PET

NAME: ELVIS

Maine Coon Cat, bright red orange coat with white underbelly, gold eyes, very fluffy tail is his distinctive feature. Wearing a red collar with name/number tag when he was lost in the Estates section of Fairfield on November 9, 2008.

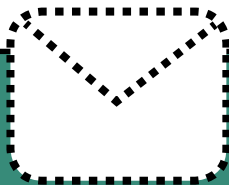
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Maston Street

Submitted by a Concerned Resident

I just had a question. Has anyone from Lakes of Fairhaven noticed the problem with Mason Street going south exiting thru Fairfield around 3:30 p.m.? When school lets out at Keith elementary school Mason becomes COMPLETELY blocked! Parents picking up their children line up on Mason completely blocking traffic. In case of an emergency traffic cannot leave Lakes of Fairhaven thru Fairfield. I have called the school with no answer. They said they cannot stop parents from blocking the street, they said they have petitioned to have the street widened to accommodate the parents. But until this happens it's just a fact of life. I know there have been 3 accidents I have witnessed where people drive into oncoming traffic to avoid waiting in line. My daughter was late to work because she had to wait 25 minutes till the traffic turned at Keith. This is definitely a problem that needs addressing!!

The Beacon

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

The Beacon is a 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 or you can email it 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!

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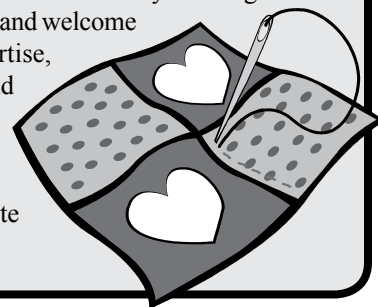
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RE/MAX Lakeland Goes “Passionately Pink for the Cure”

Cypress, TX - October 30, 2008 - The team at RE/MAX in Cypress went pink in October, partaking in the nationwide show of support for Komen for the Cure, Passionately Pink Day.

“Our fabulous agents raised funds for Komen for the Cure, and wore their best pink attire all day,” says RE/MAX Lakeland Owner Dawn Fore. “We also treated the office to a special breakfast and had an all around good time.”

Caption: The RE/MAX Lakeland Team came decked out in Pink to show support for Komen for the Cure. (L to R): Catherine Reinhard, David Jordan, Robert Fore, Clint Nabors, Jon Paquette. Front Row: Corey Guerrero, Dawn Fore, Jodi Willis

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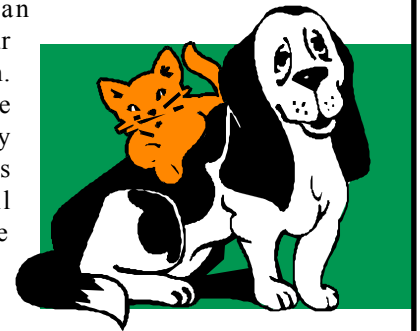
Holiday Pet Tips

Submitted by Melissa Todd

As you celebrate the season, it's important to keep your furry friends safe and stress-free.

Household changes and activity can be very hard on pets.

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Many plants and berries (poinsettias, mistletoe, ivy and holly to name a few) can be toxic to pets. Also be careful where you hang ornaments and decorations...the higher the better!
- Gatherings of people and holiday parties can frighten animals. Plan a safe place for them to retreat too when company arrives or when Halloween doorbells are ringing.
- Holiday leftovers can wreak havoc with your pet's digestive system. This is especially true with older pets. Turkey drippings, poultry bones and chocolate can all result in a trip to the emergency vet.



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Recipe of the Month:



Hot Christmas Punch

Ingredients

- 3 Cups water
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1 Tall can pineapple juice
- 1 large jar cranberry juice
- 6 sticks cinnamon, broken
- 3 T whole cloves
- 1 Cup brown sugar

Directions

Dissolve sugar in water and pour in percolator. Add juices. Place cinnamon sticks, cloves, and salt in basket. Percolate.

*If you would like to submit YOUR recipe
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The Green Corner | Green the Holidays, Part Two

By: Sheri Hicks

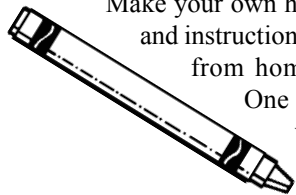
Last month, I focused on how to green up the Thanksgiving holiday. This month, in Green the Holidays, Part Two, I will focus on greening up Christmas. Christmas is a wonderful time, full of joy, celebration, remembrance, love and family. But it is also a stressful time full of consumption, overindulging and debt. I have a few suggestions that might take a bit of the stress and, in these hard economic times, debt from your shoulders so you can enjoy the holiday season for what it means to you and your family.

This year, instead of buying any roll of gift wrap, look for reusable bags or paper made from 100% post-consumer recycled products. My own family has passed around the same gift bags for the last five years!

Make your own Christmas Cards by enlisting your kids. Kids create the most amazing drawings with just a few crayons and card stock.

Make your own holiday ornaments. You can find recipes and instructions online for almost any kind of ornament from homemade cookie ornaments to origami.

One of the prettiest trees I have ever seen was decorated almost exclusively with origami cranes.



If you have to buy lights, go LED. LED lights save up to 90% on energy consumption. The colors aren't quite as true as traditional lights, but with that kind of energy savings I am willing to adjust!

Give the gift of experience. Research has shown that people are far happier with experience than an object. In a study conducted by the University of Colorado at Boulder, researchers concluded that people tend to internalize their feelings during an experience and that is just not possible with an object. That could explain how so much stuff ends up in our garages! If you know a wine lover, give them a gift of wine of the month club or a tour of a local vineyard and winery with a nice bottle of wine. If you know a golfer, give them green fees for a local course. My own family loves to travel and this year, our gift to our nine year old, is to travel to New York City for Christmas. He is excitedly anticipating ice skating in Rockefeller Center, visiting Macy's Santa land, seeing the Rockettes Christmas Spectacular, walking through Central Park, visiting the Natural History Museum and riding the subway. Of course he will get a few small gifts to open on Christmas morning but when those toys are discarded for the next "big" thing, he will still have his memories of his trip to NYC.

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Center for the Arts Season Tickets on Sale

Give the gift of entertainment - order your seats for the 2008-2009 Season of Entertainment at Lone Star College-CyFair and not only save 25% off regular ticket prices, but receive one free ticket to the 2009 summer children's production.

A variety of season ticket packages are available for this year's engaging and enjoyable choral, music and theatre line up. All performances are held in the Center for the Arts on the Barker Cypress campus at 9191 Barker Cypress. Call 281-290-5201 or go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/boxoffice for information.

Submit a Film for Quack Attack Competition

Do you have what it takes to make a movie? Five-minute film submissions will be accepted monthly through Jan. 26, 2009 with the Quack Attack Film Festival set for Feb. 27, 2009. Competition categories include: Drama, Comedy, Public Service Announcements, Action, Documentary, Commercial/Advertising, Horror, Science Fiction, Romance, Animation, News Packages and Music Video. Each film will be judged on the basis of: Creativeness, Sound, Cinematography and Special Effects. For competition rules, guidelines, entry form and information go to cyfair.lonestar.edu/video.

Try Tai Chi in the New Year

Lone Star College-CyFair offers a variety of continuing education courses, such as Tai Chi. This introductory course offers practice in the simplified styles and forms of Tai Chi. A person doing tai chi

moves his or her body slowly and gently, while breathing deeply. The 24-point posture is emphasized in this course. Students also study history and basic terms along with philosophical and physiological principles and the movements of Tai Chi. Registration is under way. For information, go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/ce.

L.I.F.E. Lessons in December

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) In December, get ready for the holidays with makeover tips Dec. 3; learn to wrap gifts in an environmentally friendly way, Dec. 10; find out about Ukrainian holiday celebrations Dec. 17 and enjoy some Renaissance vocal music, history, wassail and hearty fare Dec. 18 (a special Langham Creek High 3:30 p.m. performance). No programs will be held Dec. 24 or Dec. 31. L.I.F.E. resumes Jan. 7, 2009. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library.



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US Olympian to Speak at Northwest Flyers Registration Breakfast on February 7

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host its annual free information / registration breakfast on February 7, 2009 for all boys and girls and their parents interested in joining for the 2009 season. The breakfast starts at 8:30AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum located at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

The breakfast is the annual opportunity for youth athletes to register for the 2009 summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches and staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic team.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (age 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance,

relays and sanctioned "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. The Northwest Flyers has approximately 195 members, boys and girls. The club was founded 21 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area.

The Northwest Flyers is a member of the "Win with Integrity" program, a partnership between USATF and the American College of Sports Medicine. "Win with Integrity" brings elite track & field athletes and school-aged kids together to promote healthy lifestyles, keeping active, and living with integrity through the sport of track & field.

For additional information on The Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.

NEWS RELEASE

Library Friends' Sale Offers Bargain Gifts

The Friends of the Fairbanks Branch Library are going to have a sale! There will be a wonderful selection of items that look brand new. This includes hardback books, VHS tapes, music CDs, books on CD, books on tape, etc. It's a great opportunity to shop for affordable gifts. Nothing will be priced over \$3.00. All proceeds benefit the Fairbanks Library and help provide funding for library programs and materials. The sale will be Saturday, December 6, from 10 am to 3 pm at the Fairbanks Library, 7122 N. Gessner, near the intersection of Gessner and W. Little York. For directions, call the library at (713) 466-4438.



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