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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: You may relate to the following described trip. I know I have been there before. This is a cute way to make a great point and really get your attention. Vanda Anderson

"Leaving the City of Regret"

I had not really planned on taking a trip this time of year, and yet, I found myself packing rather hurriedly. This trip was going to be unpleasant and I knew in advance that no real good would come of it. I'm talking about my annual "Guilt Trip".

I got tickets to fly there on "WISHIHAD" Airlines. It was an extremely short flight. I got my baggage, which, I could not check. I chose to carry it myself all the way. It was weighted down with a thousand memories of what might have been.

No one greeted me as I entered the terminal to the Regret City International Airport. I say international because people from all over the world come to this dismal town. As I checked into the Last Resort Hotel, I noticed that they would be hosting the year's most important event, the Annual Pity Party.

I wasn't going to miss that great social occasion. Many of the towns leading citizens would be there. First, there would be the "Done Family", you know, "Should Have", "Would Have" and "Could Have". Then came the "I Had" family. You probably know "ol'Wish" and his clan. Of course, the "Opportunities" would be present, "Missed" and "Lost". The biggest family would be the "Yesterday's". There are far too many of them to count, but each one would have a very sad story to share. Then "Shattered Dreams" would surely make an appearance. And "Its' Their Fault" would regale us with stories (excuses) about how things had failed in his life, and each story would be loudly applauded by "Don't Blame Me" and "I Couldn't Help It".

Well, to make a long story short, I went to this depressing party knowing that there would be no real benefit in doing so. And, as usual, I became very depressed. But as I thought about all of the See Down Home Page 8

THURSDAY, **JANUARY 18, 2007** EARLY OUT AT 12:50 р.м. BUSES WILL RUN Ат 1:00 р.м.

FRIDAY, **JANUARY 19, 2007** SCHOOL IS OUT FOR THE CALLAHAN COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW

CLASSES WILL RESUME ON MONDAY JANUARY 22, 2007 AT REGULAR TIME

Another New Business Awarded Grant from EDC/City of Cross Plains

By Deborah Lowitzer Special Writer

Hardwick Nursery Coming to Town, "Senior Village" Water Lines, Wastewater Permits Discussed, the Baseball Lease gets Pitched Back One Last Time and the New Fire Chief is Named at the January 11th **City Council Meeting**

*Dannes Turner from the Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation, Inc. (EDC) met with Council members to present Hardwick Nursery's proposal to open a garden center at the corner of Highway 36 and Main Street in

the building, putting in a "saloontype" front, with an open-air fruit and produce stand facing east and

the EDC has approved a grant of \$56,875.00. \$10,000 to Mr. Hardwick,

stipulation is not met, the grant will become a loan and must be paid back with interest.

The EDC also offered to loan Hardwick the extra money he needed, but it was respectfully declined, as he has already looked into getting a loan elsewhere.

The Council unanimously approved the proposal for this new business.

the Water and Wastewater project to the EDC property, located east on First Street (the the former TNT Auto Care Old Pioneer Highway). The Hardwick intends to remodel begin construction in the near future and will need new lines reaching that property.

The estimated costs of running a greenhouse on the west side. both water and wastewater lines Hardwick Nursery has an are \$161,312.00. These costs do existing operation in Rising Star not include the looping back into on Highway 36, just east of town. the City's existing system. That Turner advised the Council that will incur an additional

If the City and EDC opts to flush providing that his business offers the dead-end lines instead of at least 80 hours of employment looping them, they can save some per week, for 2 years. Practically money, but have to maintain a speaking, this could mean 2 rigid flushing regimen to avoid

but posing no threat.

It was brought out that because it will be seniors who will be the rabbits and poultry. occupying the housing, they most likely will be more frugal with water and other utilities, and not that entries are expected to actually run enough water to number about 450 this year diffuse the buildup of gasses.

sprinkler systems, this would help not only with keeping the *Mark Norris gave an update on landscapes from drying out and a means of fire protection, but also help with the dispersing of gasses. However, sprinklers are not an option being considered by Eddie Riley and Johnny Lee; "Senior Village" is proposed to those in charge of building the "Senior Village" at this time.

> *Mr. Norris also discussed the fact that the current Wasterwater Permit needs to be amended from

> a "Discharge Permit" to an "Irrigation Permit" due to testing requirements. There have been some snags with the amendment process however, and it was decided it would be better to wait until the permit renewal in 2009 to make those changes. At that time a new amendment to the permit will be requested.

Callahan County Jr. **Livestock Show set** for January 18th-20th

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 18th -Saturday, January 20th at the full-time employees or a gasses that ultimately may build County Show Barn in Cross few part-time workers. If this up, causing a potential foul odor, Plains. Starting time will be Thursday, January 18th, at 5:30 p.m. with the judging of

Frankie Hyles, President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association, said from the various FFA Chapters If the housing unit put in and 4-H Clubs in the County. Other officers of the association are Steven Mitchell as Vice President, Johnny Adkins as Treasurer and Karen Johnston as Secretary.

Superintendents for this years show are: Beef Cattle-Market & Breeding Swine-Treva Gambrell; Poultry & Rabbits-Doug Johnston and Larry McIntire; Sheep & Goats-Steven Mitchell and Angela

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 18th with Scott Anderson of Brownwood Extension office doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m. on the 18th. Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 19th, with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show. Colby Christie, of Haskell will be judging the Swine Show. At 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 19th, Joe Raff, of Wichita Fall, will start judging the Market Lambs followed by the Boer Goats and Meat Goat Show. On the Afternoon of the 19th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed. Lee Standley, of Weatherford, will get the judging of the Beef Cattle underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 20th with the heifer show. Mr. Standley will also judge the steer show starting at 9:00

The Premium Sale will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction.

Announcers for the three day show will be Jimmy Hargrove, Greg Gerngross, Robert Frost, John Belcher and Doug Johnston.

Officials of the Show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show and support the young folks of Callahan County.

See City Council Page 4 School Board Trustees Confer on Tennison's **Evaluation at Meeting**

By Deborah Lowitzer Special Writer

January 11th. According to past school year. President Scott Childress, that The results of their collective meeting was held as a Summative assessment and evaluation will be Conference for all of the Board discussed at the next meeting on Members to discuss the Monday, January 22nd at 6 information from combined p.m. The public as well as

Texas Running Dangerously Short of Electricity

AUSTIN, TX-Texas is running dangerously short of electricity, according to a new report released today by the Clean Coal Technology Foundation of Texas, giving the Texas Legislature a historic opportunity to address this critical problem by developing a comprehensive state energy plan.

"With top power officials warning publicly that Texas' supply of electricity could drop below safety margins as early as this year, or by 2008, at the latest, it is clear the state must take a hard look at Texas energy needs and develop a comprehensive plan to meet those needs," said Foundation Administrative Director Donna McDonald.

"There is no time to waste because current projections show that by 2009 existing Texas power plants will be unable to meet demand. The state should act quickly to develop an energ, plan so regulators and utility companies have a clear picture of how to proceed and

See Electricity Page 3

Several weeks ago, Board Members were given evaluation The Cross Plains School Board sheets to fill out regarding their went into Executive Session in a individual assessment of Called Meeting the night of Mr. Tennison's performance this

> students and parents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

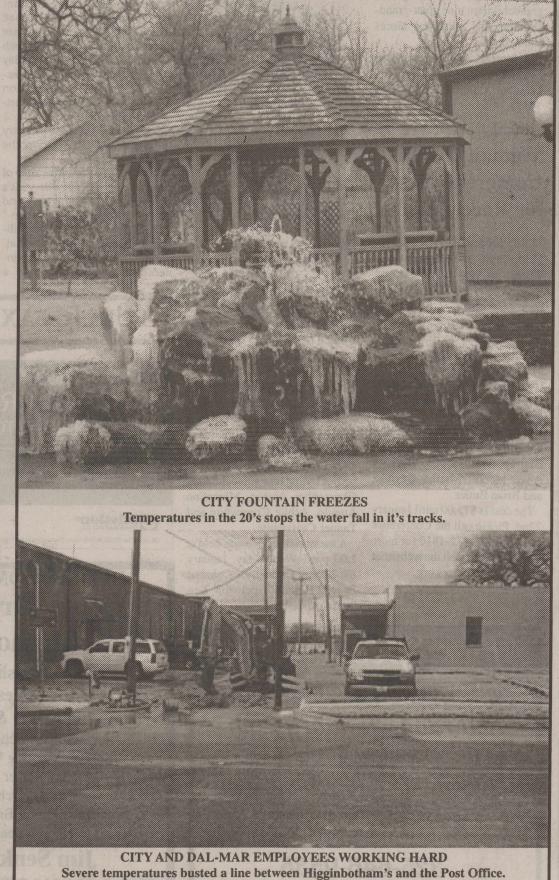
County burn ban lifted

Callahan County has lifted its outdoor burn ban effective Tuesday, January 16, 2007 by County Judge Roger Corn.



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First Baptist Church

Sunday

9:45 am Bible Study 11 am & 6 pm Worship

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship

Ronnie B. White, Pastor (254) 725-7629 3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443

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Evening Service	6:00P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study & I	

Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599 Church (254)725-6266 Bible Teaching Friendly Church

Zelda Ardilla Milam

Zelda Ardilla Milam, age 100, passed away Tuesday, January 9, 2007, in Rising Star, Texas.

Graveside services were held Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fairview Cemetery with Burlie Taylor officiating.

Zelda was born June 21, 1906 in Brown County, Texas to A.A. and Jackie (Luttrell) Moore. She graduated from the Grosvenor High School while her father was principal there. She married Earl Milam in Brown County, Texas on June 28, 1941. She worked as a hairdresser for many years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains.

She is survived by a cousin, Lorene Jennings of Rising Star and several nieces and nephews, as well as great-nieces and neph-

Corrine Cowan Barnett

Corrine Cowan Barnett, 86, died Tuesday, January 9, 2007, in a care center in Colorado City.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 11, in the Cross Plains Cemetery, with Tommy Cowan officiating, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory, Abilene.

Corrine was born July 29, 1920, in Childress, Texas, the daughter of Earl L. and Lillie Mae (Hood) Cowan. She married Harrell G. Barnett, March 29, 1938, in Hillsboro, Texas. She was a homemaker, living in Abilene for 26 years. In 1986 she moved to Colorado City and has lived at Kristi Lee Manor Nursing Center for five years. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Colorado City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Harrell (1983), her sister, Lavatha Gentry, and three brothers, Orville Cowan, E.L. Cowan and Doyle W. Cowan.

Survivors include three daughters, Barbara Bills and husband, Larry of Snyder, Harrline Fleming of Kilgore and Jane Findley and husband, Macca of Colorado City; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Third and Chestnut, Colorado City, Texas 79512.

Woman of God Conference Set for Raceland, LA

The Diocese of Houma Thibodaux will present the Woman of God Conference on January 26th and 27th at St. Hilary Catholic Church in Raceland, Louisiana.

The theme is "Be Renewed To Renew." This conference has been planned to reach women from all walks of life and all ages. It is open to women ages 21 and

Speakers include Tammy Evevard, Dr. Dee Burbank, Bishop Sam Jacobs, Barbara Anne Moore, Martha Gaynoe, and Brian Butler.

The cost is \$75.00 until January 22nd. Please call the Conference Office at 985-872-1810 for more information or visit the website at www.htconferences.org.

Wanda Faye Flippin

Wanda Faye, age 82, of Rising Star, passed away Tuesday, January 9, 2007 in Abilene. She had been battling a serious illness for more than three weeks. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 12, 2007, at the Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains. Graveside services followed at the Pioneer Cemetery Pavilion.

Wanda was born in Haskell

County, Texas to Willard and Vera Melton on November 16, 1924. She married Tom Flippin on January 9, 1942 at the Eastland County Courthouse. They lived for a number of years in West Texas, Eastern New Mexico and Richfield, Minnesota. They returned to Eastland County in 1970 where they still reside. Wanda was greatly loved by her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be missed until our reunion with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Flippin, of the home; sons, Donald, Willard and Jodee Flippin; daughter, Denise Hubbard; two daughter-in-laws, Patty Ann and Patty Rose Flippin; grandchildren, Michael, David, Steven, Timothy and James Flippin; Angela Haynes, Dawn Rudolph, Dawn Bohenen, Jennifer Davis, Jonathon and Jacoby Hubbard; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Pioneer Cemetery Association, 300 Hog Creek Rd, Brownwood, Texas 76801, or the charity of your



PATRICIA ANN MCMILLAN CROSSWHITE

Patricia Ann McMillan Crosswhite

Patricia Ann McMillan Crosswhite, age 57, a resident of Irving, Texas, died Sunday, January 14, 2007 at Baylor Medical Center at Irving.

Born March 26, 1949 in Ranger, Texas, she grew up in Cross Plains, graduating from Cross Plains High School in 1967. Patricia was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her children, Charles Benton Archer of Abilene; Sheila Rena Angulo and husband Marc of Las Vegas, Nevada; Curtis Matthew Crosswhite and wife Christina of Saginaw; mother, Ruth McMillan and; brother, James McMillan both of Irving; four grandchildren, Christopher Archer, Marcelino Angulo, Ashlie Crosswhite and Tanner Crosswhite.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Ken Parlin officiating.

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Ladies Night Out Scheduled

the Family Life Center.

comedian Chonda Pierce via a for!" DVD message titled "A Piece of Clean". Chonda is more than all. happy to be called the "queen of clean" because her comedy serves please call ahead to make your a larger purpose. "The punch line reservation. is not always the bottom line for

The First Baptist Church's me!" she says. "Comedy is just Women's Ministry has scheduled my opening act. We could leave a Ladies Night Out for Monday, the night with a good laugh and February 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in that's great. But add a bit of life changing information and you've Featured speaker will be got a night worth leaving home

Please invite your family, of My Mind". It's Chonda's friends and neighbors. Bring your use of personal narrative and favorite salad and join us for an everyday stories in her comedy evening that will sure to have that has branded her "The Queen laughter, tears and a good time for

Child care will be provided, but

Submitted by Linda Slaymaker

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Debra S. Christensen, fail to identify. Ashley M. Hall, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Wesley L. Callaway, DWI. Avery E. Elder Jr., disruptive

Charles M. Taylor, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Jamie Spann, judgment revoking probation and sentenced to 30 days in jail. Justin Armstrong, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$100 fine, \$256 court costs. Sheryl Ann South, plea of

\$220 court costs. Christian D. McCoy, order terminating deferred adjudication.

guilty to assault, \$200 fine,

Luis C. Velarde, plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$200 fine,

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Dejah Marie Talk vs. Tobie Wayne Talk, divorce.

Blake Fulenwider, CDJ vs. Texas Department of Transportation, suit for title, 2 counts.

Civil Minutes

Karen E. Rockhill and Donald R. Rockhili Jr., divorce granted. Maria Barough and James Barough, divorce granted.

Crimina' Minutes

Orval Wayne Taylor, plea to burglary of a habitation, 5 year in prison, \$219 court costs.

Orval Wayne Taylor, plea of guilty to possession of methamphetamine, 5 years in prison, \$219 court costs.

Wanda M. Jones, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$750 fine, \$254 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Callahan Divide SWCD poster contest deadline is Jan. 28th

Callahan Divide Soil and Wa- plaque. ter Conservation District is holddard poster board, cut to half and the SWCD newsletter. size-22"x14". Artwork on poster materials which do not readily smear, crack or chip. If necessary, a fixative or lamination may be used. Poster entry artwork should be flat.

Each poster will need an entry form attached to the back of the

Students may choose one of the two themes for this year's contest. #1 "Water Wise," and #2 "Celebration Conservation." Students will be awarded a ribbon for participation by the Calners will be presented with a ext. 3.

A digital photograph will be ing a poster contest open to all required of each winner from the Callahan County students. County competition to be pub-Poster entries shall be on stan- lished in the local newspaper

The District will choose three entries should be produced with winners from the Callahan County school districts in fourth, fifth and sixth grades. These posters will be submitted to the Area 5 competition. If one of these posters is selected, it will then be sent to the state compe-

All posters must be turned into Callahan Divide SWCD no later

than January 28, 2007 Please contact Judi Winans at Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District at 141 West 4th Street, Suite Bin Baird, Texas lahan Divide SWCD. Area win- 79504, phone 325-854-1349,

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Jim Senkel, Pastor Church 254-725-7377 Cell 325-280-8480

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PR AD

Fire Control Meeting Rescheduled

Due to inclement weather the Fire Control Meeting scheduled for last night was canceled and agenda, so don't forget to remark meeting.

Also, enter your home Journal The first we have seen in many a so boring and frustrating.

front of the fire place with shawls around our shoulders and

Seminar is set for February 8th

high quality forage to meet their

management techniques on

Bob Lyons, Extension Range

ensured of a dependable supply

The scope of Texas' electricity

predicament is detailed in Power

Outage 2007, the Foundation's

most recent report on energy and

air quality issues. The report is

walking a very fine line. The

Texas Legislature should take

of power come online as quickly

as possible. Otherwise, the

action to ensure that new sources 2007

Electricity-

of electricity," she said.

management.

strategies will include applicators.

Angelo, Dr. Larry Unruh, Counties.

Forage Seminar set for

February 8th in Cross Plains

A special 5-hour CEU Forage Specialist - Uvalde. Dr. Warrick

at the First Baptist Church in Bermudagrass Management.

Cross Plains, Texas. Registration Dr. Sansone will discuss Forage

starts at 8:30 a.m. The program Insects and Dr. Unruh will be

begins at 9:00 a.m. The goal of discussing forage fertility. Dr.

this program is to provide Lyons will discuss native pasture

producers with information on management. Jan Hatler with

forage management strategies the Texas Department of

to help them produce uniform, Agriculture will be on hand to

production goals. These Regulation for pesticide

existing bermudagrass pastures accompanying meal is \$5 to

as well as native pasture those that pre-register by

Speakers for the Seminar will the door will be \$10.00 per

include: Dr. Chris Sansone, person. This program is

Extension Entomologist - San presented by the Extension

Angelo and Dr. Billy Warrick, offices in Brown, Callahan,

Extension Agronomist from San Coleman and Eastland

American Plant Food and Dr. information, contact the

consumers and businesses are reliable electric system that we

based on data, comments and gal is expensive and its price

projections from the Public volatile, and solar and wind Utility Commission of Texas, energy are incapable of reliably

Electric Reliability Council of delivering power when

Texas, North American Electric customers need it the most.

Reliability Council and U.S. De- Nuclear plants, however, can

partment of Energy. "Texas is require a decade to permit, build

commiserating about the fact finally got around to the people that it was inconvenient for God who have to get out in this to inflect human beings with such miserable weather to get the

Our conversation, while so rescheduled for Monday, January hunkered down with the power 29, 2007. Same subject and same off and no place to go or lights to work, degenerated into an your calendar. It is an important injunction against "Company" telephone answering equipment Icy Cold Weather Keeps Folks and the extensive menus a person has to sort through before getting someone "anyone" to talk to. on January 15, 2007 as an All those manufactured and extremely "ICY COLD" day. mechanical sounding voices get

We were all "hunkered down" finally reach a human voice. The (there's that phrase again) in beauty of modern technology seems to get lost in the shuffle.

will discuss the basics of

give an hour of Laws and

The cost of the Seminar and

February 2nd. Registration at

For

Callahan County Extension

have taken for granted for

decades will be in jeopardy,"

State regulators have said new

coal-fueled and nuclear plants are

key to addressing the looming

power crunch, noting that natural

and become operational.

A full copy of Power Outage

www.cleancoalfoundation.org.

is available at:

McDonald said.

Office at (325) 854-5835.

further

Anyway our conversation csb5@airmail.net.)

power back on.

They do have a disagreeable job, but somebody has to do it. So, hats off to the crewmen who get out and work on the worst days of the year, just to get the power back on. Somehow they always manage to get it done. Don't forget to participate in the

(For information about this And it seems to take too long to Column or to report any news or Cottonwood Connections, please call Wallace Bennett at 254-725-7474 or e-mail me at

West Texas Rehab Auction this

QUILTING Today **Cross Plains**

By Barbara Powell

There are a number of children's quilt patterns. They are all delightful. One I think is particularly charming is a "Peekaboo Crib Quilt". Centered in the quilts 12 pieced blocks, are simple appliqued shapes such as a heart, a balloon, an apple and a kite. All these hide behind fabric doors. Self-grip fasteners make it easy for tiny fingers to unlock each door.

These quilts make great gifts. Children love them. You could make a matching doll bed quilt. Your granddaughter would love it. One cute quilt is a solid white top with appliqued cowboys and horses.

How about a sailboat quilt with a red boat, blue background and white sails or appliqued gingerbread man quilt????

The ideas can go on and on. My favorite and easy to make is "Nine Patch", just coordinate colors with the child's room. So get out your scraps and let your mind go wild!!!!!!

How to report power outages

In response to the severe winter weather alerts in effect for WTU Retail Energy service territories, customers are reminded to contact the area transmission and distribution service provider, AEP, at 1-866-223-8508 to report power outages and downed Gelatin, Crackers or damaged power lines.

LIBRARY NOTES

Statistics January 8-12, 2007

Donations: Sally and Dave Anderson Chad and Kim Cunningham Ethel Ames **Memorials:**

Jack Tunnell Rodney and Lois McCarty Class of 1969 Wanda Merryman Becky Odom **Jack and Kathryn Tunnell** Curt and Ginny Hoskins **Sheila Gray Teeters**

Class of 1958 Wanda Merryman Vern Webb Class of 1969 Glenn Payne Class of 1969 **June Atwood Hughes**

Vanda Anderson & Family Wanda Merryman Hollis Shults Sr. Zandy and Carol Goode Roger and Joyce Klingberg Ray and Azalee Womack Wanda Merryman **Johnny Wooten**

Books Donated: Kathleen Terstegge

Wanda Merryman

Activity Report

Patrons: Lap 6 Lapsit 2 **Books Checked Out: 69** Lap 26 Lapsit 8 **Internet Users: Interlibrary Loans:**

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JANUARY 22 - 26

MONDAY - BBQ Brisket on Bun, Coleslaw, Pinto Beans, Lemon Pudding

TUESDAY- Beef-Tomato Macaroni, Waldorf Salad, Zucchini, Peanut Butter Cookie,

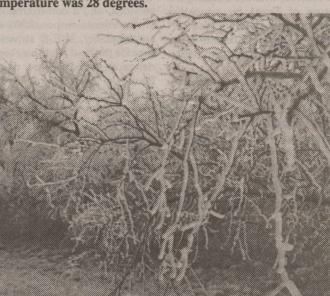
WEDNESDAY - Smothered Chicken, Whipped Potatoes,

THURSDAY - Pinto Beans, Cucumber-Tomato Salad, Mixed Greens, Peach Cobbler, Cornbread

FRIDAY - Chef Salad (Ham-Cheese-Egg), Baked Potato,

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SCHOOL MARQUEE-Due to ice storm, Sunday's high temperature was 28 degrees.



ACCUMULATION ON TREES—Trees on Hwy 206 N. show the uneven build-up of ice on the north side of these branches.

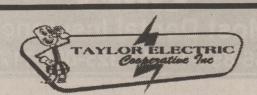


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By Bob Pipes Cross Plains Church of Christ 433 N. Main (254) 725-6117



The recent (current?) cold spell has caused me to stop and think, and be thankful for some things I might normally take for granted — cleared roads, a warm house and clothes, reliable transportation and plenty of food. Some would refer to these as rich, rich blessings — and such they are, when we stop long enough to think about it!

Two little children, going from house to house and offering to clean snow from people's sidewalks in order to earn some money, were just about to freeze when one kind lady asked them to first come in and share cups of hot chocolate. As they supped from the cups, one of the children asked the lady, "Are you rich?" Somewhat surprised, she said, "Why, no! Why do you ask?" The child answered, "I was just wondering, seeing that your cups and saucers match." That lady never forgot, from that day forward, that she indeeed was rich!

Are you rich? Thankful? Read James 1:17a. Come share in periods of life-changing Bible study and worship with us. We really do care about you, too!

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Applications sought for 2007 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards

ABILENE—Attention teachers. principals, and school districts. you have until January 31st to submit an application to the 2007 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards and compete for more than \$500,000 cash and grants. The awards are the largest monetary recognition program for Texas educators. To pick up an application, visit any H-E-B store or heb.com. Applications must be postmarked by January 31, 2007.

Award finalists will be invited to Austin in May for a celebratory luncheon that will feature a keynote speech by Erin Gruwell, who is portrayed by actress Hillary Swank in the newly released major motion picture, Freedom Writers. Finalists will also receive a \$1,000 check and a \$1,000 grant for their schools. Principals on the finalist list will be presented with a \$1,000 check for themselves and a \$2,500 grant for their schools. Large school districts (3A, 4A or 5A) named finalists will receive \$5,000. A new awards category for 2007 has also been created to recognize outstanding small school districts (1A or 2A). As a small school district finalist, each will receive \$2,500. Award semifinalists will receive a certificate of recognition from H-E-B CEO Charles Butt and H-E-B gift

"We are proud to recognize the future of Texas by educating our next generation of leaders," said Kate Rogers, Director of the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards.

At the celebratory luncheon in pating in personal interviews before a panel of judges, will be announced as grand-prize winners. These winners will be com- Mexico.

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THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast,

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Yogurt, Assorted Juice

prised of two principals, six teachers and two school districts, one large and one small.

Each winning principal—one elementary school and one high school-will each receive \$10,000 in cash for themselves and a \$25,000 grant for their schools. The winning large school district will receive a \$100,000 cash prize and the winning small school district will receive \$50,000.

The six winning teachers will include one elementary and one secondary teacher in each of three categories:

• The Rising Star Award honors exceptionally promising teachers with less than 10 years of experience. These winners will each receive a \$5,000 check for themselves and a \$5,000 grant for their schools.

• The Leadership Awardhonors teachers with 10 to 20 years in the classroom. These winners will each receive a \$10,000 check for themselves and a \$10,000 grant for their

• The Lifetime Achievement Award—salutes teachers with more than 20 years of experience. These teachers will each receive \$25,000 in cash for themselves and a \$25,000 grant for their schools.

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Registration is also open for the 29th Annual Bryan Adrian Summer Basketball Camp. Boys and girls age 6-18 are eligible. All skill levels are welcome. Locations include: Prescott, AZ; Thousand Oaks, CA; Sterling, CO; Babson Park, FL; Atlanta, GA; Champaign, IL; Ypsilanti, MI; Glassboro, NJ; Lebanon, TN; Commerce, TX; and Blacksburg,

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"The Cooperative Difference"

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City Council

*Fire Chief Bob Harrell of officers has been held at the Fire Department. As a result of that election, he has been replaced as fire chief by Ricky Carouth. Blake Foster is the new Assistant Chief, Gerald Brown J.D. Huddleston is Secretary/ Treasurer.

gratitude at being able to serve the people of Cross Plains. As Fire Chief, Bob was very instrumental in coordinating the effort of fighting the massive firestorm faithfully and heroically for the thanked Bob for his many years total revenue of \$7, 018.00. of service and dedication to the Fire Department.

final draft of the Baseball Lease between the City of Cross Plains and the CPISD. The only change made to the lease was that it will be a 1 (one) -year lease with an option to renew each year. Mayor Ray Purvis signed the lease and it officially went into effect.

*After the Council returned Nichols read a motion explaining encouraged to attend. the need to look for a new judge to the position of Justice of the Hall. Peace on January 1, 2007.

Nichols moved that Debbie, via reported that the yearly election the City of Cross Plains, recommend someone to replace Hill as soon as possible. The motion carried with no objections.

*In December there were 79 calls for service, with 7 Thefts, 4 is Rural Fire Chief and Recovered Stolen Property, 4 Criminal Mischief, 4 Family Disturbances, 4 "Hot-rodders", 3 Mr. Harrell expressed his Alarm Responses, 3 Loud Music calls, 3 Gas Thefts, 2 Gas Driveoffs, 2 Dog calls, 2 Disorderly Conducts, 2 Open Containers, 1 Trespassing and 1 DWI. There were 39 Citations and 31 that hit the City in December of Warnings. Police Chief Don 2005. He has served Cross Plains Gosnell had to assist other agencies 3 times and his Comp. past 15 years. The Council Time was 101.5 hours, with a

*Members of the public present were: Dannes Turner, Era Lee *Debbie Gosnell presented the Hanke, Rick and Peg Terrell, Blake Foster, Gerald Brown, Joe McWilliams and Bob Harrell.

*The "Official Minutes" for City Council Meetings are available at City Hall. If any citizen would like to know what is on the agenda for the next meeting, it will be posted at least 72 hours before the meeting on the front from Executive Session, James door of City Hall. The public is

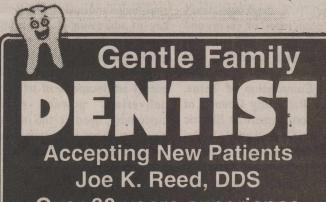
*The Cross Plains City replace Municipal Judge Bob Council meets every 2nd Hill, because Hill was elected to Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at City

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Texas unemployment insurance tax rates decrease for most employers in 2007

Workforce Commission (TWC) has announced employer tax rates for Calendar Year (CY) 2007. As announced by Gov. Perry in October 2006, some 2007 tax rate are: 360,000 qualifying Texas emeconomic conditions in the state, the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has a \$320 million surplus. All experience-rated Tax Credit. The surplus will be credited to Texas employers who paid into the system.

a decrease in their tax rate, com- ers will pay a general tax. pared to last year, as the economy continues to improve. charged to all employers to cover Texas Unemployment Insurance unemployment claims not (UI) tax rates are down more than two-tenths of a percentage point, on average, and initial claims for UI have declined by claims increase and businesses more than 24 percent over the last 12 months.

Sixty-seven percent of Texas' minimum tax rate of 0.29 percent for CY 2007. This low rate is a result of the proactive measustain the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

The average tax rate of 1.30 percent for CY 2007 is down from 1.51 percent in 2006, while www.texasworkforce.org the average experience tax rate of 1.13 percent for CY 2007 is down from 1.37 percent in 2006. (TDD) • 1-800-735-2988 www.texasworkforce.org. The experience tax rate is the

\$9,000

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PRIDE

0.29%

0.40%

0.58%

0.67%

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

When I think of Americans "touch" you too. It was sent to

honoring fellows Americans, it me by a friend over the Internet.

Year

2007

2006

2005

2004

2003

AUSTIN - The Texas sum of the general tax rate, the replenishment tax rate and the obligation assessment tax rate for the year.

The components of the CY

• The obligation assessment ployers will receive a tax credit rate - to collect the amount during 2007. Thanks to strong needed to repay the bond obligations due next year. It is experience-rated, based on an employer's 2006 tax rate.

• The general tax rate - based employers will be eligible to re- on claims against an employer's ceive the benefits of the Surplus account. If TWC has paid benefits to former employees who were laid off or separated through no fault of their own in the past employers of this state. The Most Texas employers will see three years, then those employ-

• The replenishment tax rate charged to a specific employer. This tax tends to rise following economic slowdowns when

• The employment training assessment - charged to all em-400,000 employers will pay the ployers who are eligible for a computed tax rate to finance the Skills Development Fund and the Texas Enterprise Fund. The line item on the Employer's Quarterly Tax Report.

Texas Workforce Commission • 512-463-8942 • http:// Equal Opportunity Employer Relay Texas • 1-800-735-2989

Taxable Wage Base Min. Tax Rate Max. Tax Rate Avg. Tax Rate Avg. Exp. Tax Rate

7.70%

7.64%

8.02%

8.26%

is a bit different from my usual

Barb's Cue but I think it will

1.30%

1.51%

1.74%

1.74%

The 79th Texas Legislature (2005) changed the way the Skills Development Fund is financed. The Skills Development Fund provides new and incumbent workers customized assessment and training in response to the needs of Texas businesses. This program is funded by a flat rate assessment, called the Employment Training Assessment, and is a component of the unemployment tax rate.

TWC is dedicated to finding ways to lower the financial impact of unemployment on the agency has instituted initiatives to ensure program integrity in several areas, and to increase UI fraud detection and prevention. Through the use of increased work-search verifications, improved automated processes and database cross matches with other agencies, TWC has seen a reduction in UI overpayments since January 2004. TWC pledges its continued efforts in helping to keep taxes as low as possible and mitigating the effects on Texas employers.

The Texas Workforce Comsures undertaken in 2003 by Employment Training Assess- mission is a state agency dedi-TWC to issue bonds in order to ment calculation is a separate cated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the programs it offers in unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or

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1.37%

1.63%

1.64%

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CJC Students

Ten Cisco Junior College

recently released

students from this area names

President's List for the fall

List have made a straight "A"

Students making the President's

Students making the Pro

record on a 4.0 system.

semester of 2006.

List were:

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Clyde

May

Cross Plains Ryan Payne

Fred Chittum

Jennifer Herod Burkett

Travis Golson

Jered Adams

Stephen Free

Russell Scott

Vicky Jenkins

Michelle Sampaio

Named to

List

President's

willter Storm	
Preparedness	
Check List	

Winton Stor

CORPUS CHRISTI, (January 12, 2007)—AEP Texas is preparing for severe winter weather in parts of West Texas over the weekend.

If major outages occur, AEP Texas responds first to dangerous situations such as fallen wires or sparking equipment Emergency and health-related facilities such as hospitals and fire and police departments are top priorities. AEP Texas then works to restore power to the largest number of customers. AEP Texas is dedicated to restoring power to all customers as safely and efficiently as possible.

Here are some important tips to remember when severe weather threatens:

• Prepare your family by keeping flashlights and portable ra-

· Always stay away from downed power lines, and keep others away, too. Although the line may look harmless, it could be carrying electricity. Report any downed utility lines to AEP Texas, the police or fire depart-

• If you use a portable generator, DO NOT plug the generator into your circuit box. Portable generators "back-feed" electricity up the line and risk the lives of repair workers and the public. Plug appliances directly into the generator.

• To report an outage, call the number on your electric bill. If you have trouble getting through by phone, please be patient and try again in a few minutes. With widespread outages, thousands of customers call at the same

• Be extremely careful when using any alternate forms of heating, cooling, cooking and lighting.

• If an outage occurs, unplug or turn off major appliances and electronic equipment like televisions, VCRs and computers. Turn them on one at a time when power is restored.

Stay tuned to local news media for updates on the storm situation and recovery progress. Updates on major outages also be posted www.AEPTexas.com.

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1200 Net Change in Fund Balances

0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)

3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)

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JANUARY 20 Mykea Shyenne Douglass Jaden Marie Kennedy Landon Hart Bobbie Johnson Billy Wright Ricky Lee Smith Romona Strahan Sharon Havens Susan Meiron Hutchins

Logan Riley Ballard Theresa Dore Kery Campbell Clay Carl Stout Media Campbell Roberts Mrs. Don Brown Wanda Roe

Joyce Nell Murray

Charley Havens

JANUARY 21

JANUARY 22 Krisi Gail Reed Caleb Scott Townson Martha (Foster) Leveritt Carolyn Forbes Anita Mays Larry McAnally Robert Brawley Rea Hopson Robert Burks Donna Illingworth Kristi McAnally

> **JANUARY 23** Mike McClure Alvin Hutchins **Elvin Hutchins** J.W. Fore

Suzanne (Cowan) Havelka

Lawrence C. Bryan Wanda Louise McMullen Michele Browning Darryle Letney Joseph O. Baker

JANUARY 24 Cindy (Gosnell) Smith Nancy Rhodes **Brian Smith** Suzanne White Gary Murray Colby Gibson Courtney Gibson Patricia (Yarbrough) Mathes Connie Kirkham Billy Dale Strickland **Bobby Golson** Linda Hubbard C.W. Freeman

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Rising Star Larry Benton **CJC Students** Named to Dean's List Nine Cisco Junior College students from this area were named on the recently released Dean's List for the fall semester of 2006. The Dean's List includes students

Tyann Pohle John Scott Heather Vernon

LaRhonda Kelton

Rising Star Abel Luna

May

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE **GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS** FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2006 Total Data Governmental Control General Funds Fund Funds Codes REVENUES: 5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources 88,873 \$ 1,271,473 1.182,600 2,140,865 2,063,442 77,423 5800 State Program Revenues 291,477 291,477 5900 Federal Program Revenues 3,703,815 3,246,042 5020 Total Revenues **EXPENDITURES: Current:** 223,045 1,851,035 1,627,990 0011 Instruction 18.507 0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services 18,507 0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development 6,651 6,651 174,337 0023 School Leadership 173,420 917 42,484 0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services 35,879 6,605 0033 Health Services 200 200 131,695 1,289 132,984 0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation 157,881 9,083 148,798 0035 Food Services 184,288 445 184,733 0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities 219,312 0041 General Administration 218,812 500 1,583 397,522 395,939 0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations 36,590 36,590 0053 Data Processing Services **Debt Service:** 60,000 60,000 0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Deb 28,428 28,428 0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt 0073 Debt Service - Bond Isssuance Cost and Fees 418 Capital Outlay: 212,740 212,740 0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction Intergovernmental: 0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA 29,987 29,987 472,028 3,553,809 6030 Total Expenditures 3,081,781 1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over 164,261 (14,255)(150,006)(Under)Expenditures OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): 609 609 7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property 6,471 6,471 7915 Transfers In (6,471)8911 Transfers Out (Use) (6,471)609 6,471 7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) (5,862)

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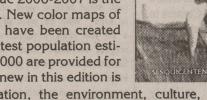
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Tammy Walker named 2006 Tax American Assessor-Collector of the Year

Callahan County Tax Assessor-Collector, Tammy T Walker, was named the 2006 Tax Assessor-Collector of the Year, for the State of Texas, at the recent V.G. Young Continuing Education Seminar held at College Station.

Mrs. Walker was presented the award, Nov. 14,2006, at a banquet luncheon held in honor of her and the other six nominees. The nominees were Tammy T. Walker, (Callahan County) Baird, Betsy Price, (Tarrant County) Ft. Worth, Jeri Cox, (Aransas County) Rockport, Scott Porter, (Wheeler County) Wheeler, Norma Dubose (Gonzales County) Gonzales, Peggy J. Moore (Navarro County) Corsicana, and Sylvia Romo (Bexar County) San Antonio. Each nominee is selected from their region. The regions represent the 254 county Tax Assessor-Collectors State wide. Each nominee is graded on a point system by a Board of other Tax Assessor-Collectors and the previous year's winner.

Mrs. Walker has served as Tax Assessor-Collector for Callahan County since July 2000. Her career in the tax office began 25 years ago. She served as Chief-Deputy Tax A/C for thirteen of those years. She currently serves on a State Committee as Regional Coordinator for her region. She has also taught the State Certified Accounting Course for Tax Assessor-Collectors working to achieve their State Certification. The course offered attendees dual credit with the Texas Assessor-Collector Association and with the Board of Professional Tax Examiners. Mrs. Walker received her State Certification of Registered Tax Collector (RTC) in March of 1991 and her Registered Tax Assessor (RTA) in June 2002. She has served as a moderator for counties with a population of 14,999 and below at the Round Table Discussions for Motor Vehicle Issues and also for Property Tax Issues, at the V.G. Young Seminar.

She has served on various other committees for her Region and the State Association. She and her staff attend classes sponsored by Texas Department of Transportation, for motor vehicle issues, Texas Secretary of State's office on voter registration issues and the Texas accomplishments. Each region my daughter Kaitlyn and my and property tax issues. She feels it is very important to stay stitute provides county officials cially my chief-deputy, Debbie abreast of the current laws and with information and technical Hatchett. Debbie has worked changes that affect the citizens assistance, and helps them com- along side of me for 23 years. of Callahan County.

The Region nominating tinuing education requirements. focused.'



TAMMY T. WALKER ...named 2006 Texas Tax Assessor-Collector of the Year

Tammy is the Big Country Chap- This year's seminar provided 13 ter of the Abilene Region. This credit hours for those that atvery active region consists of 23 tended all the sessions. Mrs. plus counties that offer quar- Walker earned all 13 CEUs. terly educational and networking meetings. All nominees had she felt about the award, she to complete an extensive ques- responded, "My region has so awarded for many different as- great honor to be nominated by pects. Some of the criteria is the office performs, the committees served on County, Regional and State levels, awards and honors ceived the award if it had not received (professionally and been for the great support from cations, current courses taken tience, love and devotion of my related to profession, and civic friends and family, especially Comptroller's office concerning also must send letters stating husband, Ray and of course the motor vehicle sales tax issues why the person was nominated. wonderful support and hard work Each year the V.G. Young In- of the ladies of my office, espe-

When Tammy was asked how tionnaire and provide support- many knowledgeable and hard ing documentation. Points are working Tax A/C that is was a them. Then to be chosen on the years of service in the profes- State level was an even greater sion, years as Tax A/C, the num-honor. It is very humbling. It is ber of Constitutional duties the wonderful to be honored by your peers in such a way. I am very blessed. I could not have repersonally) professional certifi- my county and region, the paplete their State mandated con- She keeps me grounded and

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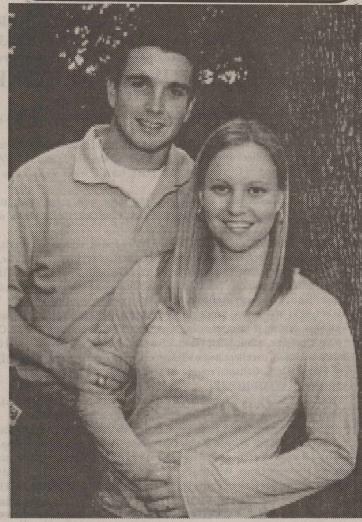
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VANS & SUV'S 97 Ford Explorer 4x4, V6, looks, runs good, 4DR, Auto..... 99 Ford Explorer Sport, V6, Loaded, Looks, Runs very good (Red).\$5,450 97 Isuzu Rodeo,4cyl, Auto, cold air, looks; runs good (Green)......\$2,850 99 Ford Windstar, V6, Auto, cold air, 7Pass, looks, runs good (Burgandy)...\$4,950 96 Ford Windstar, 3.0 V6, recent motor overhaul, cold air, Looks, Runs good \$2,995 95 Chev Cargo Van, 350 V8, Auto, Runs good (White)......\$1,295 95 Pontiac Transport, V6, Auto, Looks, drives good, 7Pass ... Special. \$1,495 95 Dodge Grand Caravan, V6, cold air, looks, runs good (Red). Special. \$1,595 90 Dodge Conversion Van, Nice interior, Rear seat/bed, cold air.. Special.\$1,695 88 Chevy Suburban, Dual Air, nice inside/out, runs goodSpecial.....\$1,250

AUTOMOBILES 99 Lincoln Town Car, Signature Series, Fully Loaded, New Tires, Super Nice\$4,995 99 Taurus, V6, floor shift, Auto, Moon Roof, Runs good.....\$2,650 98 Ford Contour, V6, 4DR, tilt, cruise, etc, looks, runs good (Silver)....\$2,750 95 Saturn S21,2DR Coupe, 4cyl, 5spd, moon roof etc..... 99 Mercury Sable, V6, cold air, Auto, Looks, runs good (Red)......\$3,195 2000 Ford Contour, 4DR, 4cyl, cold air, (Red) was \$3,450....now......\$3,250 99 Mercury Tracer, 4cyl, 4DR, looks, runs super nice, Auto (White)......\$2,650 97 Ford Taurus, V6, cold air, looks,runs good (Lt. Blue)..... 96 Ford Taurus, V6, cold air, looks, runs good (White). Special......\$1,950 96 Buick Century, V6, over 30 M.P.G., low miles.. This Week Only.....\$1,995 97 Thunderbird, 4.6 V6, cold air, clean inside & out, runs good. Special....\$2,750 97 Lincoln Mark VIII, LSC, fully loaded, sun roof, looks,runs good......\$2,950 96 Mercury Cougar XR7,3.8 V6, Rear wheel drive, Runs good.....\$2,450 91 Lincoln Continental, 91 Ford Crown Victoria

GAS TRUCKS-ETC

01 Dodge Ram 1500, V6,5 spd, cold air, looks, runs very good, 108K\$4,250 01 F150 XLT,4DR, Super Cab, V8, Auto, cold air, clean in & out....\$5,750 01 F150 LWB Reg Cab, 4.6 V8, Auto, Looks, Runs good...Special....\$4,150 01 Ford Ranger Super Cab, V6, Auto, 4DR, Looks, Runs very good..\$5,950 97 F250 Crew Cab, V8, Auto, 4DR, Super nice Truck (White). Special. \$3,750 96 Dodge Dakota 4x4, V6, Auto, cold air, very good condition. Special \$2,650 96 Dodge Dakota, 4Cyl, 5spd, runs good, roll bar.....Special......\$2,595 93 Chev 4x4 Ext Cab, V8, Auto, Everything works, runs good.....\$2,850 2 Car Hauling Trailer, In good condition..... ...\$2,250 84 Wrecker F250 Super Cab, 4x4..... ..\$1,495 92 GMC Sonoma, 4cyl, 5 spd, runs good (Lt. Blue)......

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Down Home-

that all of this trip and subsequent and left no forwarding address. "pity parties" could be canceled by ME!

have to be there. I didn't have undo them. to be depressed. One thing kept "I can't change yesterday, but I do all your reservations NOW! have the power to make today a wonderful day."

I can be happy, joyous, much that I have now taken up Street. fulfilled, encouraged, as well as

stories of failures brought back encouraging. Knowing this, I left permanent residence there. My from the past, it occurred to me the city of Regret immediately neighbors, the "I Forgive Myself"

Am I sorry for the mistakes I've helpful. made in the past? YES!!!!! I started to realize that I did not But there is no physical way to carry around heavy baggage,

going through my mind, the city of Regret, please cancel too, can find this new town, just

Instead, take a trip to a place way. called Starting Again. I liked it so

and the "New Starts" are so very

By the way, you don't have to because the load is lifted from So, if you are planning a trip to your shoulders upon arrival. You ask the Lord to show you the

Now I live on "I-CAN-DO-IT"



DINE IN OR CARRY OUT!