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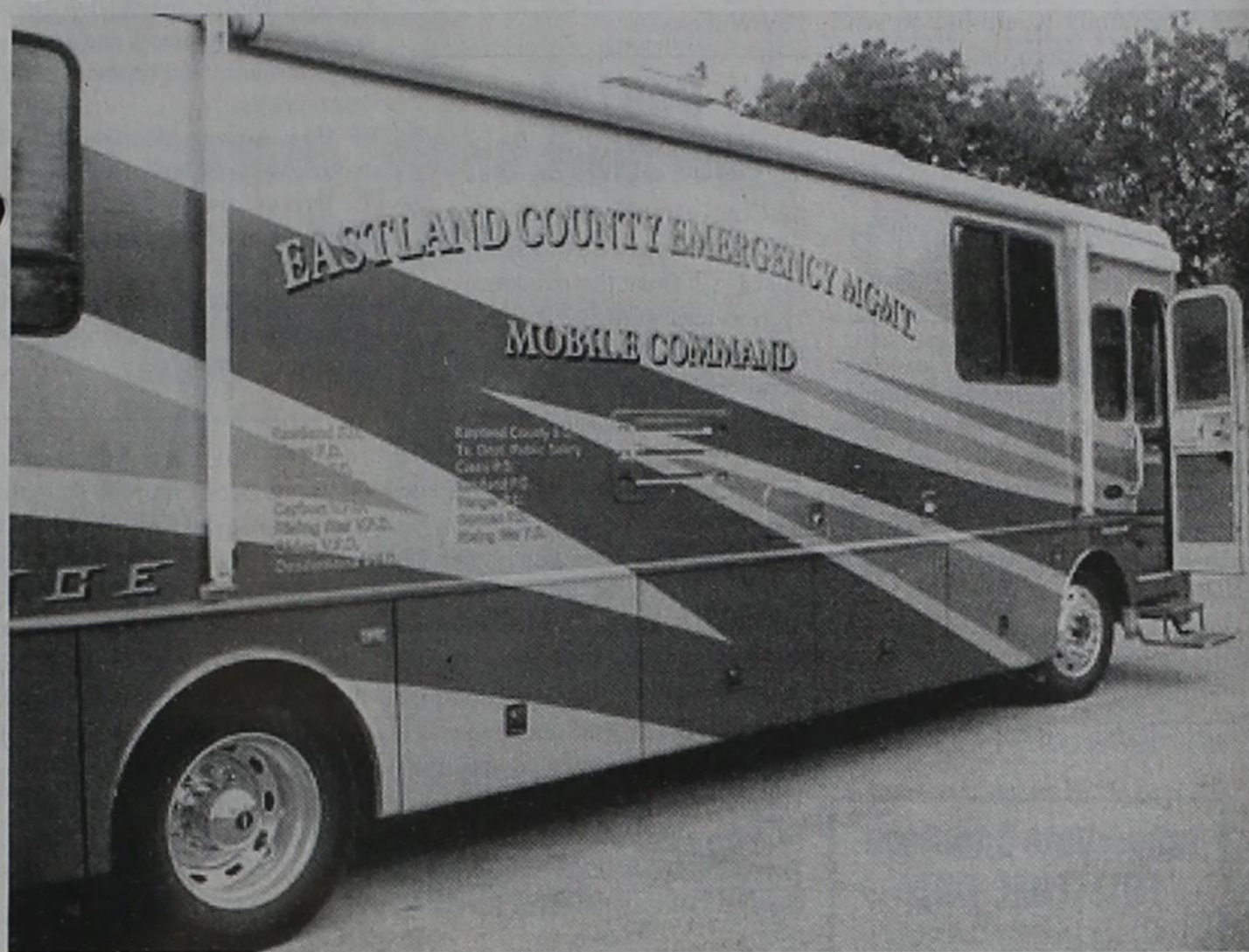
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Eastland County Receives Fire Command Center Vehicle



Eastland County Judge Brad Stephenson reported to us that he felt like Santa had come on Monday as he passed out checks from FEMA to eight Volunteer Fire Departments consisting of Eastland, Cisco, Ranger, Desdemona, Gorman, Carbon, Owens and Olden received money they had applied for from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to cover costs in fighting the New Year's Day wildfire. "This is like having Christmas in August for the Departments in Eastland County," Stephenson explained. The best surprise of all came in the presentation of a 2003 Fleetwood Providence Motor Home which will be converted to a Command Center to be used by any of the departments that need it. The mobile command center was donated by Farris and Dan Wilks, owners of Wilks Masonary of Cisco. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is providing another \$30,000 to outfit the unit. Stephenson applauded the Wilkses, calling their contribution "VERY SPECIAL." Judge Stephenson reported that the fire chiefs called a command center their biggest need especially after the Jan. 1 fire, in which more than 500 volunteer fire fighters and support staff from 50 departments from across the state assisted. The unit should be fully outfitted within six to eight weeks. We have collaborative rural agreements with other rural fire departments as well as other law enforcement agencies. This will be a fantastic resource, said Stephenson.

Peanut Queen's Contest

If you are a young lady between the ages of 14 and 18 and reside in the GISD area... You are invited to participate in the Annual Gorman Peanut Festival Queen's Contest

Great prizes --
including make-up, gift cards for each girl
and a \$250 scholarship for the Winner

Come be a part of a great tradition. Encourage a friend to enter with you!

Contestants Tea to be held Sunday August 20 at 2 pm
Contest to be held Friday August 25 at 6 pm

Contact Veronica Seaton at 734-5052 or Lori Dodd at 734-3637

Doodlebug Train Coming To Town On October 14th

DOODLEBUG TRAIN coming to town on October 14th. Please make plans to come and join in the festivities. Boarding time will be 10:30 in Dublin, on to Deleon for lunch arriving in Gorman at 1:30. I am sorry to say that all tickets have already been sold.

We had so many who were unable to get a ticket last year, they reserved for this year. I am now taking reservations for the ride in 2007. Let's make everyone feel welcome in our town to encourage them to visit us again.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR!

It has come to our attention that our Firemen are in need of Bottled Drinking Water to take with them on fire calls. We are asking people to leave donations of bottled water at Hirst Nut & Produce. We will see that the water is delivered to the firemen. Let's All Support Our Firemen Every Way We Can!

Thanks for your help!!
Daryl and Cecilia Hirst

Jewell Cemetery Association To Hold Meeting

The Jewell Cemetery Association will hold its Association Meeting on Tuesday, August 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Carbon Community Center. All interested persons, please make plans to attend.

Benefit B-B-Q Eva Rodriguez Set For Friday

On Friday night, August 18 there will be a Benefit Bar-b-que for Eva Rodriguez at First Baptist Church Annex in Desdemona. The benefit begins at 6:00 p.m. til food is gone. Make plans to attend this event.

GISD School Menu

Week of August 21 thru 25
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal, Toast, Juice and Milk.
TUESDAY - Eggs, Hash Browns, Biscuits, Juice and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Juice and Milk.
THURSDAY - Pancake on a stick,

Juice and Milk.
FRIDAY - Biscuit, Ham, Gravy, Juice and Milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Barbecue Chicken or Fish Sticks, Mac & Cheese, Pinto Beans, Vegetable Sticks, Orange Slices, Cornbread and Milk.
TUESDAY - Chicken strips or steak fingers, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Jello w/fruit, Rolls, Brownies, and Milk.
WEDNESDAY - Burrito w/chili and cheese or Taco Salad, Tossed Salad, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Crackers, Fruit Shape Up, and Milk.
THURSDAY - Homemade Pizza or Ham & Cheese Hot Pocket, Corn on the Cob, Tossed Salad, Pears, Milk.
FRIDAY - Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich or Pizza Burger on a Roll, Pork and Beans, Fresh Carrots, Tater Tots, Crispy Rice Treat and Milk.

GHS Class Of 1986 To Hold Class Reunion

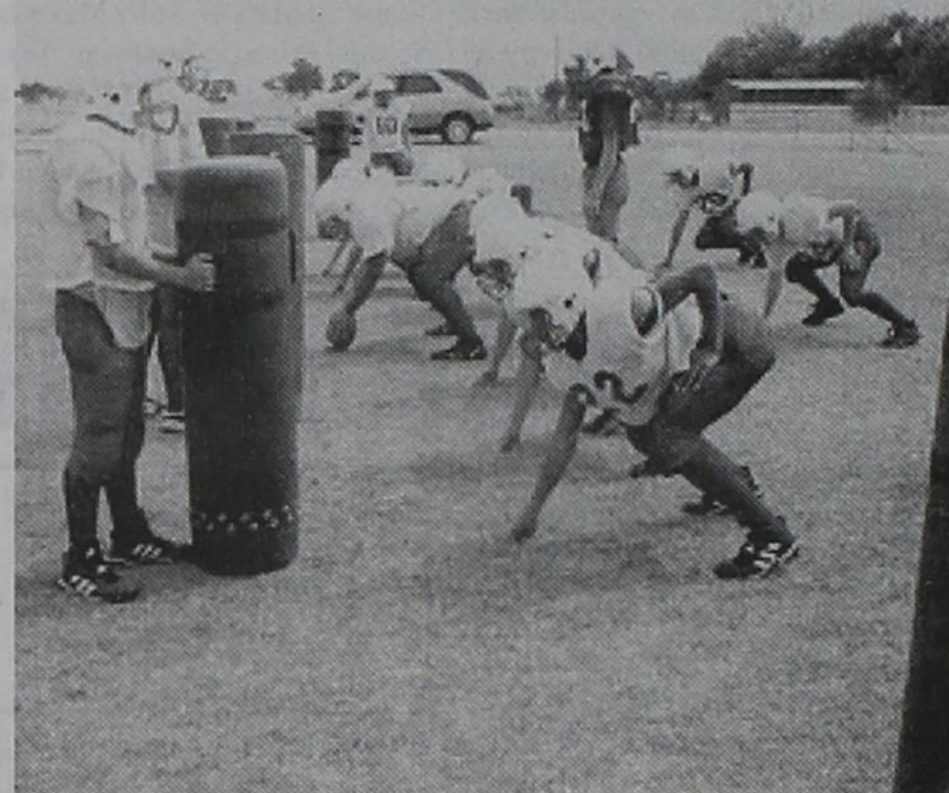
GHS Class of 1986 schedules its 20th Year Reunion for August 26th at Sowell Creek Park at Lake Proctor and have Dinner at ZJ's Steakhouse. For specific details contact 254-734-5340.

FOOTBALL FEVER - CATCH IT!!!

Coach Paul Talbert

The Gorman Panthers have kicked off their new season with 32 players reporting for duty. The numbers after one week of workouts are down to 30. The Jr. High had 18 in both the seventh and 8th grades. These numbers would allow the incoming sixth graders to play this year. These must have a current physical and a parent release form.

The Varsity Team has a great attitude and they are all working very hard. Several players have been asked to play a new position in both the changing offensive and defensive schemes. All of these changes were made with a very positive attitude. Our offense this season will be a multiple Wing T formation. We hope to be able to slow it down and control the clock but also when necessary to score quickly. Tyson Swanner is taking snaps as the quarterback and is complimented in the backfield by Matt Underwood, Reji Sanchez, Tony Perez and playing both running back and receiver transfer Zach Fox. Gabe Burt and Ernie Rodriguez are also getting reps at running back. Freshman Justin Little is currently working at the back-up quarterback position. The offensive line, coached by Howard Cox could be a good one. Seth Johnson is working at the number 1 center spot. Seniors David Ibarra and Pete Ramirez are anchoring the guard spots. Cory Clark and Tyler Johnson are starting at the two tackles. All of these young men will have to be able to play multiple positions on the line. The Tight ends are Aaron Keith, Orlando Valenzuela and Cody Church. The offense is based on execution and great ball handling skills. It is a team scheme in which each player must be unselfish. The kids are picking it up very well and should continue to progress throughout the season. I will give you some facts and names on the defensive side of the ball next week after our first scrimmage this Saturday, vs. both Evant and Johnson City. This will be a three way starting for us at around 11 a.m. We will do a series of 20 plays alternating between both these schools. Johnson City has just dropped down from 2-A where they have competed in one of the toughest 2-A District in the state. The scrimmage Saturday should be a real test for our very young squad. We will come back the following week on Thursday the 24th at 6:00 against Miles at



their place. Then of course we will open our 2006 season at home against the Roby Lions on Sept. 1. The kickoff will be at 7:30. We hope to see everyone there wearing the Fighting Red and Blue colors. Talk to you next week.

Barry Schahn Accepts Pastorate Of FBC

Barry Schahn along with his wife Sharlene, have accepted permanent Pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Gorman. He has been the Intentional Interim Pastor for the past year. He was working with the BGCT (Baptist General Convention of Texas) doing interim work. Previously he had worked with them doing missionary work, crusades and revivals in many parts of the world, their home base being in San Antonio, Texas. He worked in Miami Beach, Florida and with other missionaries in Brazil along the Amazon River, in Canada, California, Europe and Alabama.

During the past year, he has been a leader in the community and helped with aid for the wildfire victims and ministering to everyone in the community. Since Sharlene's health has not been good, the slower pace of this community and loving and caring people here seemed to be the place where they needed to be. She had surgery at Harris Hospital two weeks ago, but is home now recovering, and feeling much better. They are looking forward to being a part of this community and working with the people here.

He is excited to be working with all the programs here at First Baptist Church and with the other churches of the area, the Ministerial Alliance and the other pastors in the community as Richard Watson, Denver Rainey, John Howard, Larry Stogdale, Victor Pena and the incoming pastor of Kokomo Church. Looking forward to great and exciting times to come.

GSTC Car Wash Set Saturday

The Gorman Senior Travel Club will hold a CAR WASH on Saturday, August 19th at the American State Bank parking lot beginning at 9:00 a.m. Come on out and support the Travel Club.

Burl Gene and Virginia Wright To Mark 60th Anniversary



The family of Burl Gene and Virginia Wright is hosting a reception in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary on August 20, from 2-4 p.m. at the Gorman Community/Senior Center.

The Wrights were married in Eastland, TX August 23, 1946. Mrs. Wright is the former Virginia Houston. She was born in Houston and raised in Eastland. Mr. Wright was born and raised in Gorman. After serving in the Navy during WWII, Mr. Wright and his brother, Gabe, opened the Wright Brothers' Garage in Gorman, specializing in sales and service of Massey-Ferguson tractors.

Moving to Arlington in 1954, Mr. Wright went to work for General Motors. Mrs. Wright worked for LTV in Grand Prairie. After their retirement they returned to the Gorman/Eastland area, residing on Lake Leon.

They have two children, Sherry Massey of Watauga, TX and Rodney Wright of Flower Mound, TX. They have three grandsons: Troy Massey and wife Stacie, residing in Austin, TX; Brian Massey and wife Heather, residing in Mandeville, LA; and Trenton Wright, residing in College Station, TX. They have six great-grandchildren: Cody, Emily, Claire, Jeannette, Grace, and Leigha Massey.



The years have flown and multiplied
With family and friends by her side
Eight decades of life she has known
Time has passed and love one gone
But she's still here... spry and sassy
A well-preserved Good-Looking Lassie!

In honor of the 80th Birthday of
Ruth Guy
her children and grandchildren
request the pleasure of your company
on Saturday, August 26, 2006
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
at the Carbon Community Center
Carbon, Texas

"He children arise and call her blessed"
Prov. 31-28

No Gifts Please,
Only Your Love and Friendship

