



**TRAFFIC COURT**

A man who was charged with housing three dogs in a Honda, then going onto Warren County Animal Control property to retrieve them after they were removed from his possession, has been given probation.

Julian Martinez was given a six-month probationary sentence on the reduced charge of attempted cruelty to animals and criminal trespassing. He was also banned from Animal Control.

Martinez was ordered to serve 10 days in jail for failing to make a court appearance during the process.

Animal Control and Warren County Sheriff's Department responded to a complaint of three dogs

living in a Honda car and eventually had to remove the dogs from Martinez's possession after repeated visits found the dogs still in the car.

While the dogs were being housed at Animal Control, a person entered the facility after hours and retrieved them. Nothing else was disturbed. The dogs were later found in Martinez's vehicle during a traffic stop.

In settling his case, Animal Control reports Martinez has signed over ownership of the dogs. They will not be adopted out locally. They will go to an out-of-town facility for adoption.

In other cases settled in Traffic Court: Brittany Barker was

given an 11-month, 29-day probationary sentence for simple possession. She was granted a judicial diversion, meaning she can have the charge erased from her record if she gets in no further trouble.

Terry Ray Barnes had probation revoked and must serve the balance of sentence for violation of probation. An additional jail sentence was given of 60 days for driving while license suspended second

offense and 10 days for failure to appear.

Rose M. Bell was ordered to serve four days, pay a \$1,100 fine, and perform 24 hours public service work for DUI and simple possession.

In separate cases, Julian Juarez, Jared Andrew Mason, Sharon E. Cantrell, and Jody Trott were ordered to serve 48 hours, pay \$350 fines and perform 24 hours public service work for DUI.

**Decoration at New Union Cemetery**  
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 May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
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**PUBLISHER'S PICS**

**Standard** publisher Pat Zechman has been in the newspaper business for 50 years, the last 26 years as publisher/general manager of the **Southern Standard**. Zechman wants to give back to the community and the **Standard** alike and it has led her to creating the Publisher's Pics feature. This week features clippings from May 1992. Look for more Publisher's Pics on the **Southern Standard** Facebook page.

**Vince Gill, Pam Tillis to appear in concert Friday at Civic Center**



former Pam Tillis will perform at the Civic Center on May 22 beginning at 8 p.m. with Tillis opening the show. Gill has recently released his highest-selling album, "Vince Gill Live!"



**Jerry Martin signs with Rangers**

By JACKIE WILSON  
 Standard Sports

When eight-year-old Jerry (Gooby) Martin took the mound for the first time, donning his McMinnville Auto Parts uniform in junior league baseball, little did he know that some 12 years later he would be wearing the uniform of the Texas Rangers.

The former Warren County Senior High Pioneer pitcher signed with the Rangers Wednesday afternoon, following a year of negotiations from the time he was drafted last June, and set to leave for rookie league June 6.

Although Martin never set his sights on a major league baseball career until he reached the high-school level, his love for pitching

began at the very young age of eight. Even back then, Martin's "fastball" was one his opponents hated to see coming.

"Back then I was pretty good because I could throw harder than anyone else in the league," recalled Martin. "I just threw the ball right by the batters and during my junior league years, I had quite a few no-hitters."

One would think having a strong pitcher like Martin on a team, then adding another former Pioneer standout, Lane McCarter, this particular team would be hard to beat. Even though they were for the most part, there was one team that always gave them trouble.

"At the time, Powermatic was our biggest rivalry," Martin related. "They had players like Jason and

Steven Moore, Jamie Smith and Tim Frye. We were definitely the best two teams in the league."

"As a matter of fact, we only had one loss that season and that was against Powermatic," Martin continued.

"I still remember it. It was the regular-season championship game and I was pitching — bases were loaded, full count and two outs and Chris Knight was batting. I threw it right down the middle and he stuck his head right across the plate and let it hit him in the head. They called it a ball, but it was strike."

"So that was the regular season and when we played them in the tournament, we beat them 21-3. We were hitting home runs and stuff and they couldn't stop us."

"But still to this day they say they didn't care about the tournament, they just wanted to win the regular season. But I tell them the tournament was more important," Martin added.

After his two years in junior league were over, Martin advanced to senior-league baseball competition where he continued to pitch and play short stop. After dominating in the younger leagues, the right hander said he began running into trouble when the older batters could hit him.

"When I went up to senior league, I was young and the older guys started hitting me some. But my last year in the league, Mike Hardcastle and I were the best two pitchers," stated Martin.

And from that league, Martin began his career with the Americans which would eventually be the only team he played for until joining the Rangers.

"When I first joined the Americans, I was 11 and didn't see much playing time," Martin explained. "Then when I was 12 we got up a team and used to go to Memphis and play a lot."

"They would kill us every time. And as it turned out, a lot of those guys that were on the Memphis team were my teammates at Shell State for the past two years. We were playing each other we beat them," Martin noted.

"But one game I will never forget was when I was 12 we went to Memphis and played the Tigers which was the best team in Memphis at the time."

"We were playing an 8 a.m. game and we had never beaten them. Both the team's pitching was on and we went into extra innings. It was in the 8th inning and I hit inside-the-park home runs and beat them by one run. It was great, Martin said with a smile."

The former Pioneer noted that playing with the Americans really helped him become a better player due mainly to being able to play baseball all summer.

"It made me a better player when I came back in the spring play ball in high school. If I had played summer ball, I would have probably worked and wouldn't have been able to stay in shape," Martin noted.

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Texas Ranger scout Jim Dreyer, left, congratulates Jerry (Gooby) Martin for signing a professional baseball contract. Looking on are Martin's father, Larry Locke, second from left, and his mother, Hardiana Locke. (Jackie Wilson photo)

Earlier in the season, Pioneer baseball coaches made a bet with their players that if the team won the Region 4AAA championship, the young athletes could shave the coaches' heads. Tuesday night before a large Warren County following, the Pioneers defeated the Franklin County Rebels, 2-0, to win the Region 4AAA title. True to their word, Thursday morning at the senior high

gym the Pioneer mentors sat meekly as each player took a patch of hair. Jason Norris gets started on Ronnie Brown's head while, inset photos, Chad Foster redesigns Bobby Cox's look and Phillip Miller put the finishing touches on Jimmy Walker's new coif. (Jackie Wilson photo)