



# Gober Memorial Day

MAY 21, 2023

10:30 a.m.

## Proposed Slate of Officers for 2023/2024

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The proposed slate of officers is to your left. If you disagree or want to nominate someone else, please contact Gaitha Castleman. An absence of a response means you vote FOR this slate. You will need to give a response, if necessary, by May 13. Thank you!

**RECOVERY!!!!** Come experience the miraculous *Recovery of the Gober Community Building* as we gather this year for our Gober Memorial Day. Mark your calendars for **May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m.** We have all experienced recovery in so many ways over the past few years, but by the grace of God, we have dealt with each challenge that has come our way and when we experience **recovery**, we are even stronger than before! THANK YOU *to all of you for your generous donations that not only allowed us to maintain the cemetery, but also allowed us to rebuild the Community Center and keep it as a gathering place for our community!*

**Johnny Babers, who has faithfully served** as our cemetery caretaker for the past 14 years, has decided that it's time to "hang up his spurs". His words... We will honor him and his service during our Gober Memorial Day program. A tree has already been planted, thank you Don Grisham and Monte Wallace, and a plaque will be placed with it to document this service. Thank you, Ruby Polston, for your work on the plaque. Thank you, Johnny, for your dedication to our beloved cemetery.

**Monte Wallace** was hired by the Cemetery Board to begin the job as Cemetery Caretaker on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Monte is highly motivated, energetic, and has a deep love of our cemetery. We are looking forward to working with him and continuing the excellence of care!

### **Accomplishments Over the Past Year,**

- Kelli Blain Burnside, former associate Board member, became a Board member replacing Luetta Callahan.
- Mark Callahan, was approved to be an associate Board member.
- A memorial bench was purchased and installed that honors the service of Board members. We will be voting, May 21<sup>st</sup>, to add another memorial bench and Luetta Callahan's name will be the first to be honored on that bench.

### **Ongoing Projects,**

- Look up names of grave sites where the stones are so eroded that information cannot be read. Consider metal name markers in these areas.
- On March 25, 2023, the Board voted to approve the purchase of an online program that will allow us to set up an online registry that will identify the location of all gravesites at our cemetery, and their specific location. This will be a HUGE project, but one that is needed. Thank you to Kellie Blain Burnside for the research on this project!

**GO PAPERLESS!!!** Please send your email address to [gaitha.castleman@gmail.com](mailto:gaitha.castleman@gmail.com). It is really important that we plan to send out newsletters to email addresses in the future. The money that it takes for printing and postage could be better used on the cemetery upkeep. *However*, anyone who does not have email/computer will most certainly continue to receive a mailed version.

***The cemetery is beautiful as always. In order for it to remain that way we depend upon everyone's yearly contributions. Please find it in your hearts to bless us with a much-appreciated larger donation this year so your loved ones' resting place will continue to be one of beauty and the community center can be maintained.***

**If you are able to make a donation, please mail your donation to:**

Joetta Wallace  
Gober Cemetery Association  
5920 FM 68  
Wolfe City, TX 75496

**If you would like minutes and a detailed copy of the financial report mailed to you, contact Joetta. The minutes and a detailed financial report will be available on the cemetery website and will be available at the Memorial Day program.**

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