

Pope thank you

It is with our deepest gratitude that we would like to give thanks to each and every one of you for all the acts of kindness and love shown to us during the loss of our Mother and Nanny, Loweta Pope. Words alone cannot express our appreciation. May God Bless each of you.

Coleman County Choir Easter Cantata March 24

Coleman County Choir will present the Easter cantata “Lamb of God” this weekend. The performance will be Saturday March 24th in the Sanctuary of Coleman First United Methodist Church beginning at 6:00 P.M. Soloists will be Jerry Schulze and Dawn Smith. The choir is directed by Jesse Lotspeich and is made up of singers from churches in Coleman and surrounding communities.

Coleman County Democrats to meet in County Convention

The County Convention of the Coleman County Democratic Party will be held on Saturday, March 24, at 10:00 AM in the Hidalgo’s Restaurant meeting room. Registration will begin at 10 at 501 North Colorado Street, with the call to order at 10:15. Delegates to attend the State Convention will be selected. Refreshments will be provided.

XO Marriage Conference

If your marriage is ok, time spent this weekend will make it better. If you are stuck in a rut, this will help you get un-stuck. If you are holding on by your last straw, we are here to show you hope. We welcome you to join us as we feature teachings from Jimmy Evans, founder of Marriage Today, along with guests that include author and pastor Max Lucado, Craig Groeschel, and many others. Friday starting at 6:15 p.m. and Saturday starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Voss Baptist Church. Saturday meal is provided so PLEASE R.S.V.P. so we will know how much food to prepare. You may do so by calling James Steward at 325-220-1120.

• Lions fight childhood poverty

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ons president said, “Our focus is kids and this is a great opportunity to serve them.” The Evening Lions work diligently to live out the The Lions Club International Mission Statement that reads, “To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.” The USDA Economic Research Service reports, “Although child poverty invokes an urban image for most Americans, about one-fourth (23.5 percent) of children in rural (nonmetropolitan) areas were poor in 2016, compared to about one-fifth (20.5) of urban (metropolitan) area children.” According to Data

HOLY WEEK



Gouldbusk United Methodist Church will host Holy Week Revival

The annual Holy Week Revival at Gouldbusk United Methodist Church will begin this Palm Sunday, March 25, and continue nightly through Wednesday, March 28. The Rev. John Alsbrooks will be bringing the message each night. Rev. Alsbrooks is a retired United Methodist minister from San Saba. Bro John and his wife Sharon, served the Gouldbusk/Trinity churches from January through June 2017. We are so excited to welcome him back for this special revival. There will special music and on Tuesday night, Bro John has something very special planned for the kids. After Wednesday night service, there will be fellowship and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Our traditional Sunrise Service will be held on Easter Sunday, April 1. Bro Jim Kitchens, pastor of Gouldbusk/Trinity UMCs, will conduct this service. Following the service, we will serve breakfast and host an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids. Evening services will begin at 7:00 pm and Sunrise Service will begin at 7:00 am. The congregation would like to invite everyone to come and worship with us and celebrate this special Holy Season.

Whon Picnic celebrates 85 years

Homer Schulz and Faye Gil were teachers at the Whon School in the 1930s. One year, the older boys of the school decided to play hooky on April Fools Day. Since the boys did not attend school that day, the teachers decided they would take the kids who were in attendance on a picnic along the Colorado River. Thus began the famous Whon Picnic. The Picnic continued on April 1st of each year until the school closed in 1948. The following year, the picnic was moved to the first Saturday in April and continues to this day. The location of the picnic has moved several times and is currently located on the old Bush place, now owned by Tommy Rutherford. It is believed this will be the 85th anniversary of the Picnic. Everyone is invited to the picnic on April 7, 2018. Signs will be placed along the way to the location. The meal will be served at noon. Meat, bread and drink will be furnished. Bring a dish to share and meet old friends and make new ones. Hope to see you there!

GUESS WHO



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Community Calendar

- **Coleman Museum and the Gallery at Heritage** are open every Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Circle C Cattlewomen** meet the second Tuesday of the month, September - June at 12:00 p.m. in the Mrs. J.A.B. Miller Library.
- **Coleman Business People’s Association** meets the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Coleman County Chamber of Commerce.
- **Coleman Livestock Auction** - every Wednesday 11:00 a.m.
- **Loaves and Fishes** serves hot meals every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and the Food Pantry is open the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- **1st Friday Senior Coffee Club** every month at Coleman Healthcare Center. Free coffee, donuts, and dominoes.

MARCH 21

- Immunization and Flu Clinic, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. at United Christian and Presbyterian Church, 1609 Commercial Ave.

MARCH 24

- Fundraiser and Silent Auction fundraiser for Joe Haynes at City Park, 1:00-11:00 p.m.
- Coleman County Democratic Party County Convention at Hidalgo’s meeting room. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Coleman County Choir Easter Cantata, “Lamb of God”, 6:00 p.m. First United Methodist Church Sanctuary.

MARCH 29

- Coleman FFA Spring Plant Sale, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Coleman ISD greenhouse.

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• Haynes returns to work

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& Democrat Voice, 204 W. Pecan in Coleman. A benefit event for Joe Haynes will be held in the City Park on Saturday, March 24, from 1:00 p.m through 11:00 p.m. A lunch will be served. Plates will cost \$10 each and include brisket, sausage, drink and a cookie. A disc golf tournament is scheduled. Entry fees are \$20.00 for 36 holes. A \$100.00 prize is offered to the first person to get a hole in 1 on hole #1 and hole #4. The first place winner will receive a driver,

putter and mid range disc. Awards are provided by Miller’s A Automotive of Junction, Texas. All proceeds will be used to pay medical bills. “I’d like to thank everyone in Coleman and the Coleman area that has reached out to me with well wishes and cards. I’m looking forward to continuing to serve Coleman and Coleman County for a lot of years,” Haynes commented regarding his return to the office. “My goal in recovery is to inspire people that we can overcome.” We still need members to join us. You will love it. We had our first quarterly Pink Lady Lunch at Hidalgo’s. There is a lot of fun in this group.

Coleman County Auxiliary meeting

The Coleman County Auxiliary met in the Conference room at Coleman County Medical Center on March 19th. Our guest, Randy Teague, gave us a very informative talk on the Air Med Care service. It is wonderful to

know we have affordable options as needed. Mary Veras, his niece. Padron was last seen at 11:30 a.m. at 1205 Largent Ave. wearing khaki pants, a black jacket, grey tennis shoes and a cowboy hat. Family members said he routinely walked to the Shortstop and Allsup’s on Broadway Ave. Anyone with information is asked to call the Ballinger Police Department at 325-365-3591.

Reward offered for information on missing man

BY CELINDA HAWKINS
Brownwood Bulletin, Texas

The family of Gabriel Padron, 74, who has been missing since Feb. 9, is offering a \$1,000 reward for news of his whereabouts. Mr. Padron was reported missing by his family on Friday, Feb. 9 at 5 p.m. He reportedly disappeared after taking at the trash at the home of

Coleman’s own, Garner Sloan will be touring back through his hometown to perform at Rancho Loma Vineyards on March 22, 6:30pm - 8:30pm. He will be bringing along close friend and talented songwriter, Hank Erwin for the first stop on their tour together. Chef Josh Tye will be creating a special menu for this event. We hope you can join us for an intimate evening of songs and stories from these young troubadours.



Hank Erwin

Garner Sloan

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