

Does your non-profit group or organization have a special upcoming event you'd like to announce? Send it to us, we'll publish it free of charge in our County Calendar (as space is available). Deadline is Monday, 12:00 noon.

Republican Meeting

► THURS, MAR 11, 7:00 PM, at First National Bank, Hwy. 82 W.

Tiger Camp

► Is one attempt that Clarksville Elementary is making to provide additional support & instruction for our struggling learners. SAT, MAR 13 & 27, 8-12:00 AM, designed to provide intense instruction & intervention to eligible students in grades 3, 4 & 5. Will receive breakfast & lunch, buses will be available. Contact Carrie Gray for more info, 903-427-3891.

Rock of Ages Baptist Church

► Women's Day Program: SUN, MAR 14, 3:00 PM. Special guest Pastor Glenn Scott & Haywood Baptist Church. May wear red or white. Everyone is invited.

Clarksville ISD

► Staff & students will enjoy Spring Break, MAR 15-19. School will resume on its regular

schedule, Monday, Mar. 22.

Madras Cemetery Society

► Spring meeting: SAT, MAR 20, 1:00 PM, at Madras Community Center. Annual \$10 per member dues will be accepted. Donations may be sent to: Byron Pace, president, 197 CR 2020, Clarksville, Texas 75426-6811, or Glenn Wortham, treasurer, 6 Encantado Lane, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909-7407.

RRC Youth Rally

► SUN, MAR 21, 4:30-7:30 PM, at Avery United Methodist Church. Food, fellowship, fun, music & worship. \$8/each, reservations by Mar. 12. Sponsored by AUMC Youth. 903-243-3213 or 903-684-3175.

Gravel Hill Cemetery Assoc.

► Annual meeting: SAT, APR 10, 2:00 PM, Gravel Hill Baptist Church. Anyone interested in this cemetery is invited to attend.

2010 Detroit Arts Fest

► SAT, JUN 12, in conjunction with annual *Little Motor City* antique car show. <http://detroitartsfest.blogspot.com/>

Bagwell Community Center

► Is in need of donations for the upkeep of the building. Please send donations to: Bagwell Com-

munity Center c/o Patty Barton, PO Box 162, Bagwell, TX 75412. All donations are appreciated and tax deductible.

Hebron Cemetery

► Is in need of donations for mowing & upkeep. If you have loved ones buried there, please send a yearly upkeep fee of \$50 per family plot, to: A. Wooten, 1011 W. Madison, Clarksville, TX 75426. For info. call 903-427-5577 or 903-427-0649.

RRC Crime Stoppers

► Regular meeting is 3rd Thursday of every month. Cookbooks are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce.

"Adopt A Unit"

► A unique service project being developed by Clarksville ISD to show support of our community. Share the names and addresses of currently deployed CHS graduates or family/friends of CISD students/staff. Please notify Shannon Carson, 903-427-3891 ext. 701.

ETMC Auxiliary

► Is sponsoring the collection of old cell phones for a fundraiser to go toward nursing scholarships & other auxiliary activities for the hospital. A collection box will be stationed in the front lobby. Other boxes could be placed at busi-

nesses, please let the auxiliary know if boxes need to be placed at a location. Bring in your old cell phones!

Lennox Health Resource Center

► 114 N. Walnut, holds Diabetic Support Group meeting: 1st Wednesday, 2 p.m.
► Exercise/nutrition class: Tuesdays, 9-10 a.m.
► Need help getting your medications? Call to see if you qualify for assistance.
► Free child safety seats to be given away. To receive a seat you must attend a safety education class, be low income, & own a vehicle. Call 903-428-8500 to make an appointment.

McKenzie Clothes Closet

► Located by the Methodist church at 1809 S. Donoho, FM 909, is open Saturdays, 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. Offering clothing for the entire family at a low cost. Supporting needy families and the Ministerial Alliance.

Non-Denominational Ministry

► Of the Spirit of God under the leadership of Benny Foglesong & Berta Dawson. Praise & prayer to Jesus Christ 6:30 PM, every Wed. at the old D-Gym, east of Clarksville. All invited, young & old.

Cypress Basin Hospice

► Do you need a speaker for your church group, civic club, ladies group, etc? Cypress Basin Hospice has a speakers bureau that can speak on several subjects. Call 903-577-1510 or 888-429-2966, ask for Pam.

Freehope Cemetery

► Is in need of funds for it's upkeep. Contact: Valerie Garnes, 903-427-5791; or Ada Owens, 903-427-5022.

Annona Cemetery

► Is in need of donations for the purpose of mowing & maintenance. Please send donations to: Annona Cemetery Society c/o Shirley, PO Box 1019, Clarksville, TX 75426. Your contribution is appreciated & tax deductible.

Fairground Cemetery

► Yearly upkeep fee is due. \$50 yearly per family plot. Plots are \$150 each. Send payment to: Mrs. Bettie J. Johnson, PO Box 201, Clarksville, TX 75426; Jo Baker, 1012 W. Madison, Clarksville, TX 75426. For more info call 903-427-3948 or 903-427-3621.

RRC Public Library

► Storytelling: each Tuesday at 10:00 AM.

► Library Thrift Shop: Hwy. 37 N (N. Cedar & Madison St.), open each Sat., 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. All donations of good quality clothing & household items are greatly appreciated. Staffed by volunteers & all money is used for upkeep of RRC Public Library.

TeamKID Program

► Sponsored by First Baptist Church of Clarksville: Wednesday evenings, 6:15-7:30 PM, for children ages 3 thru grade 5. Join us.

Red River County Extension Office

► Visit Texas Agrilife Extension's website for fun ideas & chance to win free cookbook: red-river-tx.tamu.edu

Clarksville City Council

► Meets 3rd Tuesday each month, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 800 W. Main unless announced otherwise.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service

► Is offering free diabetes classes, consisting of managing your diabetes by nutrition, managing your blood sugar, diabetes & exercise, foot care, how to read nutrition labels, diabetes medications, & eating out. If interested, please call 903-427-3867.

Obituaries

Barbara Faye Alvarez

Barbara Faye Alvarez, age 58, of Clarksville, Texas, passed away Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at her residence.

Barbara was born November 14, 1951, in Okemulge, OK, to Rev. O.D. Clayton and Catherine Elizabeth Jobe Bates. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Clayton Bates. Survivors include her husband: Rodrigo Alvarez of the home; sons: Charles Bates of Valliant, OK, Wiley Bates of Clarksville, and Miguel Alvarez of Atlanta, GA; daughters: Maria Juana Garcia of Annona; sisters: Agnes Daniel of Tulsa, OK, and Deborah Wilson of Haworth, OK; brother: Michael Bates; and 11 grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, March 6, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Lobaton officiating. Interment followed in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery under direction of Clarksville Funeral Home. Pallbearers were: Charlie Bates, Miguel Alvarez, John Smith Eddie White, Justin Bates, Jose Jun, Brian Hamil and Armando Alvarez. Online condolences may be made to the Alvarez family at www.clarksvillefuneralhome.com.

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Charles "Wache" H. Cole

Mr. Charles "Wache" H. Cole, age 79, passed into heaven on February 28, 2010, after a long courageous battle with congestive heart failure.

"Wache" was born January 16, 1930, in Lamar County, the son of Charles Henry and Lilly Maudie Gable Cole. He married the love of his life, Geneva Cawley on August 29, 1952, in Texarkana, Arkansas. They moved to Houston, in the mid 1950's, and he started his career as a brick mason. That career continued for the next 38 years until his retirement in 1992. "Wache" was an avid supporter of FFA, and loved watching his son and grandchildren show cattle, sheep and goats through the years. He also got great enjoyment

watching his grandchildren play sports. He loved good horses and good cattle. But above all of this, he loved his family. He was a devoted husband, daddy, granddaddy, son and brother. He is preceded in death by his parents; in-laws: Lloyd and Eula Cawley; brother and wife: Johnny and Betty Cole; and sister-in-law: Nita Townes Redding. "Wache" is survived by his wife: Geneva (or Punkin' as he called her); son: Monte Cole and wife Amy; daughter: Darlene Field-Smith and husband Buddy; grandchildren: Becky and Tyler Cole, Bridget Field Hosford and husband Nick, Cole Field, Ashley, Tiffany, and Shelby and Marnie Smith; great-grandchildren: Landon and Carter Hosford; sisters: Lou Nell Thompson of Magnolia, Nita Johnson and husband Jim of Conroe; brother: W.C. Cole and wife Carrie of Dimple; brothers-in-law: Ralph Cawley and wife Bobbie, and Billy Cawley and wife Randi, all of Bogata; ex son-in-law: Luke Field of Tomball; along with many nieces, nephews and close friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 3, at Bogata First Assembly of God with Rev. Glenn Little officiating, and burial at Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Homes. Pallbearers were: Carlton Cole, David Townes Jr., Michael Overmann, Tyler Cole, Cole Field and Luke Field Jr. Honorary pallbearers were: Mike Cox, Nick Hosford and Wayland Johnson. Donations may be made to American Heart Association.

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Edna Mae Farmer

Edna Mae Farmer, age 91, of Madill, OK, passed away Monday, March 1, 2010, at Brookside Nursing Center in Madill.

She was born July 5, 1918, in Plain Dealing, LA, to the late Mack McGuire and Alma Mae McGuire. Edna was raised in Orange, Texas, where she graduated high school. She married James Earl Farmer on November 9, 1940, in Shreveport, LA. He preceded her

in death on December 30, 1993. Edna lived in Irving, before moving to Detroit, Texas, where she lived from 1971 to 2006. In 2006, she moved to Madill where she lived the rest of her life. Edna was a member of the homemakers club and First United Methodist Church in Detroit. She enjoyed reading, walks, playing bingo at Brookside, and loved eating McDonald's apple pies. She is survived by her son: Chris Farmer and wife Melissa, of Madill, OK; grandchildren: Colt Farmer, Ariana Farmer, Christopher, Jacob and Andee Valentine, Eric and Donna Cannon, and Dean and Terry Cannon; great grandchildren: Amberly, Sean Cannon, Jaime Cannon; and friend: Janet Holder. Edna was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and three children: Michael Farmer, Betty Cannon and Judy Robinson.

Memorial services were held Friday, March 5, at Brookside Nursing Center in Madill, OK, officiated by Dan Clifton. Condolences may be sent to wattsfuneralhome.com.

Daphne Pointer

Daphne Pointer, age 91, formerly of Bogata, Texas, passed away Friday, in Hurst, Texas.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 9, 2010, under the pavilion of Cuthand Cemetery with Rev. Billy Daniels officiating, under direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pointer was born February 4, 1919, in Red River County, the daughter of Clarence and Docie Bynum Duffee. She retired from J.C. Penney Company, where she worked as a bookkeeper. She is survived by her son: David Tucker of Austin; stepson: Jerry Pointer and wife Debbie of Ft. Worth; two brothers: Dallon Duffee and wife Cewilla of Ft. Worth, and Travis Duffee and wife Sudie of Plano; sister: Trillus Young and husband H.L. of Ft. Worth; two grandsons: Todd and Paul Pointer; and great granddaughter: Katelin Pointer.

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Allie Katherine Johnston Ribble

Allie Katherine Johnston Ribble died in her sleep March 4, 2010, in San Antonio, Texas.

Born and raised in Clarksville, the daughter of James and Mary Barry Johnston, she then lived in Washington, D.C. with her husband Ralph Ribble of Roxton, a foreign service officer with the U.S. Department of State. Together they raised their three children in Washington, D.C., Brazil, Panama, Italy and Mexico before retiring home to Clarksville. She later moved to San Antonio to be closer to family. She was preceded in death by Ralph Ribble; her sister: Mary

Christine "Sis" Johnston Lee; and brother: James "Bud" Barry Johnston. She is survived by her son: Jim Ribble and his wife Amanda Barnett of Atlanta, GA; son: Richard Ribble of San Antonio; and daughter: Anne Ribble and husband Frank Bortle of San Antonio.

A graveside memorial service will be held at a later date in Roxton.



Carolyn Jane Beaton Strawn

Carolyn Jane Beaton Strawn grew her angel wings and flew off to heaven at 10:30 A.M., March 2, 2010, while surrounded by her loving family in her home. She left this world softly and quietly even though there was so much more for her to do. She wanted to stay for a while longer but God has different plans for her.

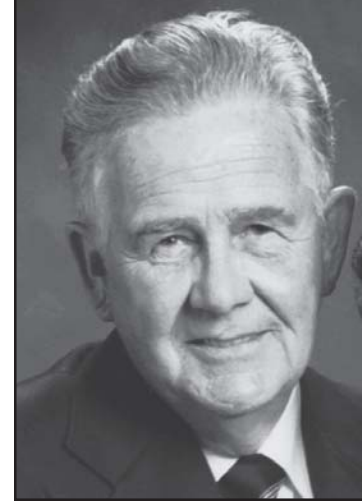
Carolyn was known as Jane to all of her friends and family. She was born January 30, 1946, to Christopher Henderson Beaton and Maudine Calvert Beaton in Jonesboro, AR. Her childhood and young adulthood was spent in Arkansas. Jane married Justin Erwin Strawn on March 19, 1965, at First Baptist Church in Elaine, AR. Jane and Justin lived in Arkansas for a while and then moved to Saint Francisville, LA. From there Jane and Justin moved to Helena, AR. Then they found their way to Sulphur Bluff, Texas, and eventually ended up in Bogata. Bogata is where Jane and Justin raised their children and lived for most of their married years together. Jane was a homemaker while her children were young. She decided she wanted to pursue teaching as a career after her children got a little older. She earned her teaching degree from Texas A&M University Commerce. Jane's first year of teaching was in 1982. She taught school for many years in Bogata school district. She enjoyed her time teaching, and her family enjoyed hearing the many stories about the children she taught. All of the children Jane taught learned from a great teacher and her family is so happy that her efforts will live on forever. She retired from teaching school after many years due to her failing health. Jane was a member of First Baptist Church of Bogata, a church family that she cherished and adored.

Jane was preceded in death by her infant sister; father: Christopher Henderson Beaton; mother and father-in-law: Clarence Coleman Strawn and Grace Leona Strawn; sisters-in-law: Myra

Diane Strawn and Francis Opal Strawn Pickens; and brothers-in-law: Van Winston Strawn and James Arliss Strawn. She is survived by her husband of almost 45 years who has loved and cared for her; mother: Maudine Calvert Beaton of Paris, formally of Mellwood, AR; brother: Franklin Dan Beaton of Council Bluff, IA; aunts: Patsy Beaton Fielder of Memphis, TN, and Nayrene Calvert Sanders of Monette, AR; and four daughters who she loved unconditionally and four sons-in-law who she said fit each of her daughters perfectly: Deana Jean Strawn Boyd and husband Reginald Kelley Boyd of Bogata, Carolyn Joy Strawn Gibson and Jeffery Dalton Gibson of Pattonville, Sharon Grace Strawn Greer and Clinton Scott Greer of McAllen, and Melanie Diane Strawn Handlin and Jeremiah Shane Handlin of Powderly; seven grandchildren to whom she is known as Big Mama: Courtney Paige Boyd, Aaron Scott Greer, Lily Grace Gibson, Hollie Marie Greer, Paydan Jace Handlin, Miah Jane Handlin, and Lanie Shane Handlin; extended family; brothers and sisters-in-law: Clarence Elwin Strawn and wife Norma Patricia Strawn of Sulphur Springs, James Sandford Pickens of Yazoo City, MS, and Jerrell (Peachy) Newton Strawn and wife Cynthia Piazza Strawn of Vicksburg, MS; and many additional extended family members and special friends whom she loved and adored and spoke of often also survive her. Each and every person Jane came to know held a very special place in her heart.

The celebration of Carolyn Jane Beaton Strawn's life was held March 11, at First Baptist Church in Bogata, under the direction of very precious people, the Wood family.

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Buck Ramsey

Mr. Buck Ramsey, age 86, of Bogata, Texas, passed away Sunday, February 28, 2010, in Clarksville Nursing Center. Mr. Ramsey was born January 23, 1924, in Fulbright, the son of

Dave and Ruth Mangrum Ramsey. He married the former Betty Gill on May 24, 1944. He was a United States Army Veteran, a long time member of Church of Christ, and Bogata Lions Club. He retired from the City of Fort Worth. He was a member of Rosalie Lodge #527 AF and AM, and received his 50 year membership in 2003. He also received the Golden Trowel Award from the Grand Lodge of Texas in 2007. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother: John; and sister: Eula Fay. He is survived by his loving wife: Betty of Bogata; sister-in-law: Eugenia Haydock; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 3, in Bogata United Methodist Church with Mr. Benny Cogburn and Rev. John Gowling officiating. Burial with full Masonic honors was held in Bogata Cemetery under direction of Wood Funeral Home.

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Martha Craig Whiteman

Martha Craig Whiteman, age 88, of Clarksville, Texas, passed away Sunday, March 7, 2010, at her residence.

Martha was born March 27, 1921, in Red River County, to Henry A. and Helen Bledsoe Whiteman. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers. She is survived by two sisters: Alberta Whiteman and Mary Whiteman, both of Clarksville; brother: Bill Whiteman of Clarksville; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside funeral services were conducted Monday, March 8, at Madras Cemetery with Rev. James Brown officiating under direction of Clarksville Funeral Home. Pallbearers were nephews and great nephews. Online condolences may be made to the Whiteman family at www.clarksvillefuneralhome.com.

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