



Seasons of Louisiana with Dianne Cage

“Here comes Peter Cotton Tail, hopping down the bunny trail...”
“In Your Easter Bonnet, with all the frills upon it...”
Happy Easter....
Happy April to KELLEY & MALCOLM OAKLEY, JUDY WORTHEN, DEANIE & TOM BAKER, SCOTT ANDERSON, KATHY & BILL PARTICK, CHUCK ADAMS, STEPHANIE & NELSON ABELL, DR. RALPH KING, JANE CONRAD, LILLIAN & HERSHEL GENRTY, GAIL & JOE BAILEY GRANT, GUY CAMPBELL, JOY LOOMIS, DENISE & RANDY SMITH, DEBBIE CLICK, ALISE & MAC OLIVER and CINDY ROGERS.

What a fun happening! Carol Wroten, Neville High School class of 1961, living in Houston now, was passing through Monroe with a quick sleepover. She called all the Monroe ‘61 alumni to meet around 5 p.m. at the Warehouse for a little libation, small plates and a catching up visit. What a grand turn out: BILL BECTON, BUNNY CANNON HEWITT, GERALD GRAVES, DALE GUILKEY DIMOS & husband Judge Jim, JIM HUGGINS, TEDDY DIXON VARINO, CECIL HILL & wife Annetta, JOEY MCGINN & wife Sue, JAN WEST BROCKMAN, ALMA FAULK STEPHENSON & husband Bobby, LINDA LEE WOODS, BETTY LOCKWOOD & friend Herbert Manley. We all had so much fun!
Betty Ann Noland was congratulated on being selected as United Methodist Woman of the year, a very big honor to a well deserving old class mate and sweet childhood friend! I think we are getting ready to celebrate 60 years from high school... Can it be true that we are that darn old? Just look in the mirror!!!

Talk about getting old! We are Great Grandparents! Taylor Cage Colvin and good looking husband, Dr. Murphy Colvin, this March 18, welcomed... 8 pound 1 ounce GRAHAM MICHAEL COLVIN into this beautiful world. Once in church, the minister asked what do you think the face of Christ looks like? I, immediately, thought of a new born baby... the face of Christ! We are so excited and looking forward to many more. There is a song by The Royal Canadian Choir, “Turn Around,” tell the whole story of how fast our children grow up and how fast our life on this old world is. Beautiful! Early this March we hosted a baby shower for just family with a morning brunch... Ham, Fried Chicken, Cheese Grits, Hot Curry Fruit, Marinated Green Beans, Hot Croissants with Mayhaw Jelly and lots of Thurman’s Petitfours for dessert . It was all so good and so much fun... only thing I’m worried about: How in the world is Graham going to wear all those darling little gowns, rompers and such? I told Taylor she will have to change outfits at least four times a day.

Palm Sunday was so special at St. Paul’s. Oh my goodness..the little children strolled up & down the aisles, waving Palm Branches to magnificent music, as only JAY PETTIT can play. Easter Music Celebration... “Your Grace Still Amazes Me” “And Can It Be” by JUSTIN HAVARD... “My Victory” — “Death Was Arrested” by NAOMI KILPATRICK... “When I Survey the Wonderous Cross” — “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”... CHARLES DIGIULIAN... “Mercy Tree” — “They Could Not”... KRISTEN ODEN. Between each piece, JEFF MOUK was the wonderful reader. A truly magical Sunday! Another Sunday treat.. Sunday School with our teacher JAY PETTIT... a true Bible scholar! Home again, home again. 11 a.m., First Methodist Church television ministries with BRYAN MERCER to be enjoyed with one of Dr. Cage’s famous Sazeracs. Thank you BOB CUDD for sharing your secret recipe! You can only have one! For lunch, Matzo Ball Soup. My friend sent her mother’s recipe ... she cheats just a bit and adds a little bacon fat to the Matzo Balls! Yum! Happy Easter. Happy Passover. I will look forward to the next time! Be kind to all!

Dianne

P.S. Beware ... The Texas Puss Moths or Stinging Caterpillar and the most painful and toxic of all caterpillars... they have made their way to North Louisiana. I got stung by one last week at our River House as I was repotting old ferns. I have never! On my wrist a two-inch burn look with severe swelling, pain and itching. I have had nightmares! They say if a caterpillar looks fuzzy, don’t touch it. I have always let the pretty caterpillars live, knowing the promise of a beautiful butterfly. Not anymore! They are going to get the bug spray and a double dose!



ABOVE: Palm Sunday at St Paul’s.



LEFT: Three generations, great grand-dad, Mike Cage and baby boy Graham Colvin.



RIGHT: Graham Michael Colvin.



LEFT: Bunny Hewitt and Bill Becton.

ABOVE: Leigh Moses celebrating an early March baby shower for Taylor.

Mama’s Matzo Balls

- 1 1/2 C water, bring to a boil with 2 tablespoons of chicken fat, grated onion and salt.
- Add 1 C Matzo Meal cook & stir until leaves side of pan
- Cool and add 2 beaten eggs, one a time and beat until smooth
- Add chopped parsley, roll into balls
- Drop in hot chicken broth or boiling water
- May be frozen and cooked later!

1. Make sure mixture is completely cooled before adding eggs. The recipe does not say to put mixture into fridge before rolling the balls but I think it helps to cool it a little. If I’m making ahead of time, I roll them and cover and put in fridge until I’m going to cook them. Mama doesn’t say how long to cook them, some recipes say 30 minutes, others 10-12 minutes.
2. I make my balls about an inch round or about the size of a large walnut. Many recipes say the size of a ping pong ball. I don’t like those huge matzo balls, but it is a preference.

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