

Seasons of Louisiana with Dianne Cage

Time has always played an important part in the story of civilization. For time is as old as the earth and the dawn of time-consciousness is the dawn of the human race.... The sun is 5 billion years old...the Big Bang Theory. The little Book about God and I am working on my Little Book about “PRAIRIE des CANOTS” or Prairie of Canoes... named so, way back in the late 18th century, because of the flotilla of tiny watercraft ... Indians, living and trading on the Ouachita River, right here in Fort Miro or now Monroe. I am doing something I have wanted to do for a long time!

Thank you DR. SIDNEY SEEGERs for giving me the perfect start for my little Ladybird Book... The 1934 Neville Monroyan Year Book, the year my father Tom W. King graduated from this stately old school. There is the most amazing story of “The History of The City of Monroe, by Fred Williamson. I have heard and read many of these happenings over the years and this will just let me pull it all together — like Watson Brake, here in Ouachita Parish, said to be older than Poverty Point.

Happy June to MR. & MRS. DINO TAYLOR, Dino and Jada Banks, married this late May. A lovely reception was held at the Pargoud Boulevard home of the bride’s mother, SANDRA BANKS. The gardens were specially landscaped and manicured by, everyone’s favorite, BRADLEY HALL. GREGORY HUDGINS arranged fabulous flowers and CHEF ERICK JOHNSON wove magic with amazing hors d’oeuvres. All truly beautiful!

‘OH BABY’ Please join us as we Shower, LAINE BRISTER, with a drive through Brunch, Saturday May 30, 10:30 -12:00 on 1405 Park Avenue. The beautiful day was 85 degrees, blue blue skies, a crisp feeling in the air to welcome “It is a girl!” Thank you for showering BIRDIE with your love ... Laine & Kirk. The large brick driveway, landscaped with ancient azaleas, was the perfect setting. Pale large balloons of cream, gold, blush pink were in large arches laced with sprigs of silver Eucalyptus, graced the setting for Laine to greet her guests. All the hostesses were dressed in the color of the balloons and offered a cranberry, with or without champagne and a beautiful gold box, lined with pink tissue with the most delicious chicken salad croissants, fresh fruit cups, the best sugar cookies in the shape of a little bird, a small, pink swirl lollipop, darling stark napkins. I promise, there was not one tiny little pearl left unturned. It was so much fun. Love her name, BIRDIE BRISTER... Hostesses and greeters were

DENISE ANTIS, SOPHIE BARKSDALE, STEVE CANNON, MACEE CREWS, TARA DAY, RHONDA FLEMISTER, MISTI HAJJ, NIKKI HAYNES, GARNETT HILL, LESLIE KENNEDY, BROOKE LAUVE, KIM DUKE LINER, LANDYN KUFFEY, ELLIE McELROY, JESSICA MILETELLO, CAROLINE SCOTT, BLAIR SHEMWELL, KELLY SOUTHERN, LAUREL YOUNG and grandmothers, BARBIE CLARK & JEANETTE BRISTER.

With all this old world in this pandemic and unrest.. things changing daily... we have been riding our bicycles... especially cool mornings, with little traffic. I will say this, when there is traffic, the drivers have been very respectful of old folks on wobbly bikes. THANK YOU! We decided to ride our bikes over to BIRDIE BRISTER’S Baby Shower. On the way we ran into MIKE LOHAN, our old friend who was out for a walk. We had a good visit, said he was going to walk about another hour and head home and fix a sandwich for his lunch. Heading home from the baby shower with lunches in my basket we ran into Mike heading home and offered to share our box lunch with him. He gave us a tour of his home on Speed Avenue that he has lived in since 1956. We were sharing old memories... Mike’s father Mr. Ed Lohan was head of Interstate Gas Corporation in Sterlington. He hired Mike Cage who was in high school, for a summertime job. Mike Lohan said he his father said Mike Cage was the hardest worker he ever had! Mr. Lohan, he was 84 years ago, it was 1978, January, late afternoon, he was going to pick his son up at work. He was a little early, riding around until time, and he drove over the levy by the Monroe Boat Dock on Forsythe. Mr. Lohan never picked Mike up from work. Early Spring, a man is launching his boat at the Forsythe landing. Motoring off, his motor hits the top of a car. The police are called, MARVIN DEARMAN has just joined the force as a Rescue Diver. He finds Mr. Lohan in the car. An autopsy found no water in the lungs. The cause of death was a heart attack. We just never know. God is good, God is great.

A good read...very sad.. “We Were the Lucky Ones” By the end of the Holocaust, 90 percent of Poland’s three million Jews were annihilated; of the more than 30,000 Jews who lived in Radom, fewer than 300 survived. Treblinka, the Polish contraction Camp, one can only imagine what the Nazis did and what happened. With this race war going on in the USA, wonder what would happen if we were conquered by another world power!

Speaking of the Nazis, Entergy has hired a



LEFT: Laine Brister and pretty mother Barbie Clark.

(Photo courtesy Patty Stewart Photography)



LEFT: Happy birthday, Lisa Anderson, shown with Jeffery Knight who surprised her with a Josh Madden courtyard concert. ABOVE: Highland Baptist Church Sunday drive-by music and uplifting message.



RIGHT: Old friends Mike Cage & Mike Lohan.

tree cutting business to massacre the beautiful old trees in Monroe. There is no way to describe the nasty /ugly way they slaughter the poor trees. I call them the Nazis from Treblinka! They need to go back to tree trimming school. I understand the trees need to be trimmed properly to protect the power lines from falling limbs and uprooted trees, but come on, someone has a real hate for trees! Wake up America!

With all this time on my hands, cleaning out my children and grandchildren’s toys

and old memories, I ran across one of their favorite old books “Aesop’s Fables.” Little is known about Aesop, he lived in the sixth or seventh century B.C. His words are so true today...

“America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand” — Harry S. Truman

GOD BLESS AMERICA and I look forward to the next time!

Dianne

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NOTICE
We are applying to the Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of low alcohol content at retail in the Parish of Ouachita at the following address:
7601 Hwy. 165 N, Monroe, LA 71203
Shortstop Convenience Stores LLC
d.b.a. Shortstop 1
Billeco Brewster, owner
6/11

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1405 N. 7th St., West Monroe, LA 71291
R&D Restaurant Operations, LLC

d.b.a. Burger Grind
Ray Anding, owner
6/11

NOTICE
I, Herbert Allen DOC# 483920, have applied for clemency for my conviction of Attempted Armed Robbery. If you have any comments, contact the Board of Pardons, (225) 342-5421.
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NOTICE
GIBBONS — Anyone knowing the whereabouts of ROSEMARY J. GIBBONS, whose last known address was 4307 Harrison Street, Monroe, LA contact the law offices of G. Gregory Green, 409 Bres Ave., Monroe, LA 71201, or phone (318) 322-4477.
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Vinita May

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— PHILIPPIANS 4:13