



Seasons of Louisiana with Dianne Cage

Good Morning to FRANCIS & CURT KENNEDY, CAMILLE & AL PETERSON, HOLLY & DOUG RATLIFF, WILLIE REAGAN, JOAN SMITH, BETTY ANN NOLAN, NANCY KAY & BEN PETERS, WALT CALDWELL, KAY & HUGH McDONALD, DIXON ABELL, ANN & JOE LEDOUX, JAN & RALPH BROCKMAN, FOY GADBERY, (a very good dancer), GAIL & DR. JOHN SHEPARD, JOHN & DORTHY SCHWEEN, BERT HATTEN, SHIRLEY & SHERIFF LAYMON GODWIN. I have a wonderful old story — many many years ago, when Laymon, on a police motorcycle, stopped my Mama for speeding on Riverside, she was so mad! She told him, “I am in a big hurry,” as she tossed the ticket out the window, speeding off, ending with, “I do not have any money anyway!” I was maybe 12 years old at the time and was so embarrassed, I will never forget the look on his face!

Thank you CLIFTON MURPHY for the old ALICE L. JORDAN obituary. It really was special, one day I will run it again for all to enjoy!

How many of you remember, along time ago, in typing class: “Now is the time for all good citizens to come to the aid of their country.” This phrase actually was a typing test developed by Charles Weller in 1867, and has often been attributed to our founding fathers.

This coronavirus pandemic, staying home, self isolation. I have been busier doing things I love and have had lots of time to sort through old memories in books and pictures; and plenty of time playing in my garden, enjoying the birds, cooking and spending lots more time with Mike, as he is home more.

If it were not so sad for this old world and for all the people that are hurt by this, I am doing what I always wanted to do: be a housewife and staying home.

Growing up, I always dreamed of that vine covered cottage, kind of like “Leave it to Beaver” or “Ozzie & Harriet.”

A perfect life! As we all know, life is not that way but I am really enjoying my time at home and my time with my maker. “Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is too high, I cannot attain to it,” Psalm 139. “May I never lose the wonder of majestic mountains, the scent of fresh pine. May I never lose the wonder of laughter and tears, of warmth and compassion, of dreams coming true. May I never lose the wonder of a baby in a manger, of a rugged cross, an empty tomb and the promise of an eternal tomorrow, O GOD, may I never lose the wonder!”

Last Thursday, April 16...so exciting... Rep. RALPH ABRAHAM brought the AeroShell Aerial Acrobatics team to Monroe to perform a flyover of the city to salute the healthcare workers and first responders after the terrible tornado that tore up the area. Unbelievable!!! JIMMY FORDHAM of Monroe, who flies in slot five for the team, along with Abraham, created an amazing performance for the twin cities!

I was in the front yard eagerly awaiting. A little while later, about one mile north of our house and heading west, here they come. I jumped up and down with excitement. Our big front yard is wide open with no trees to block the view. I promise, I think they saw me! Several minutes later, I hear them coming back across the river. They flew directly over our house with a fabulous salute of trails of smoke from each plane! I captured the whole happening, a perfect video on my iPhone. Mike came out just in time for a perfect salute!

Another thing that is strange... I am always cooking but I am really cooking now, doing things I have not done in years. Cheese Souffle, Crawfish Pies, with Mama’s homemade pie crust, Crawfish Bisque, Crawfish Stew over hot fluffy rice... The crawfish have really been good this year. One week we will order from Cormier’s, the next we order from Captain Avery, and both are delicious. We always order extra for cooking old favorites... YUM!

So proud of the recent LSU Draftees to the NFL... Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow # 1 pick goes to Cincinnati...Our very own hometown boy Rashard Lawrence drafted 4th round going to Arizona. Numerous other round picks for LSU, Our neighbors Louisiana Tech had 2 DB,S ...Robertson & Sneed.. I just love seeing and hearing Head Coach Ed Orgeron on Television telling us to all be safe... Love his voice!

On all these beautiful days it is a real treat to see friends, families out and about, social distancing, Paddle Boarding, bicycling, checking on friends, sending The Kona Truck for treats, drive by Birthdays, St. Joseph Home drive by for a family smile and good cheer...

Time to say farewell to a very special beautiful lady... VIOLET McENERY...the childhood bride of one of my most special friends of all times DONNIE RAY...What a man, a man of all good, a man of God!. Donnie Ray was 19, Violet was 17. 67 years... a love story of all love stories. The graveside service is one I will never forget.

Be kind to all. Stay safe. Look forward to the next time.

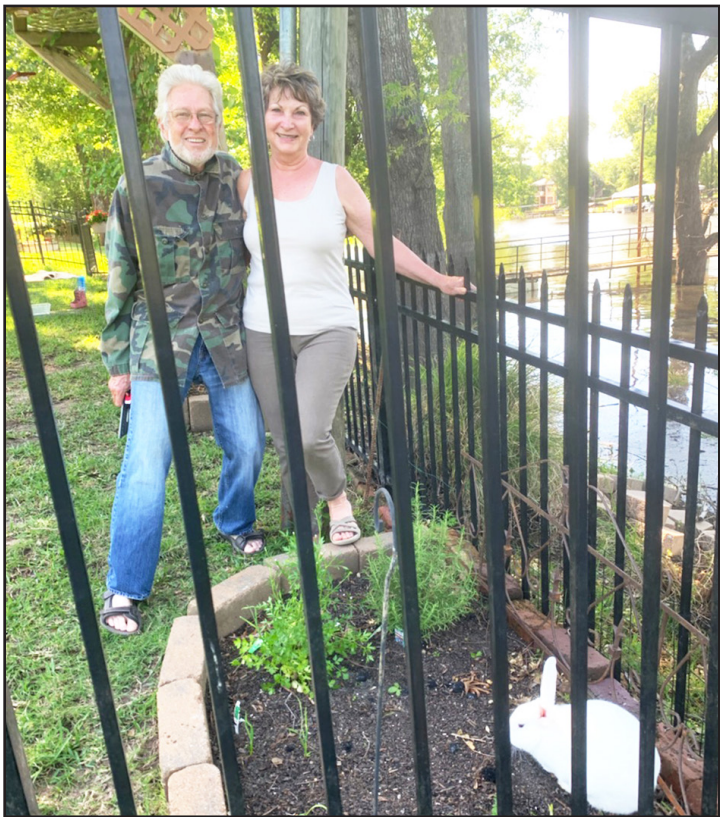
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ABOVE: Sally and Quinn Snellings bike over to check in on Grannie.



ABOVE: Georgia Snellings and Mary Lou Ricks enjoy paddle boarding on Bayou Desiard.



ABOVE: Amanda and Jim Barry enjoying a beautiful day in the back gardens with Peter Rabbit.



ABOVE: Three generations of the Gwinn girls with darling grandchildren.



LEFT: Dr. Ralph King enjoying his wonderful gardens.

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SEALED BIDS will be received in the office of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in the Courthouse Building, 301 South Grand Street, Monroe, Louisiana, on or before 2:00 PM, Tuesday, May 19, 2020, and that the same will be opened, read aloud and tabulated in the office of Ouachita Parish Police Jury, at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, May 19, 2020 and submitted to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury at its next scheduled meeting, for the purpose of furnishing the following:

2020 Pavement Striping Program
Ouachita Parish Police Jury
L&A, Inc. Project No. 20EO37.00
Estimated Probable Construction Cost: \$470,000

The Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents shall be examined and procured at the office of the Engineer, Lazenby & Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers & Land Surveyors, 2000 North Seventh Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291. A deposit of Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$50.00) plus shipping and mailing costs will be required for each set of documents. In accordance with R.S. 38:2212(D), deposits on the first set of documents furnished to bona fide prime bidders will be fully refunded upon return of the documents; deposits on any additional sets will be refunded less the actual costs of reproduction. Refunds will be made upon return of the documents in good condition within ten days after receipt of bids.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check or acceptable Bid Bond payable to Ouachita Parish Police Jury in the amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount as a guarantee that, if awarded the Contract, the Bidder will promptly enter into a contract and execute such bonds as may be required. Each bid shall also be accompanied by a Corporate Resolution or written evidence of the authority of the person signing the bid for the public work as prescribed by LA R.S. 38:2212(B)(5). Electronic bids will be received via www.bidsync.com prior to bid closing time.

The successful bidder must submit executed copies of the Non-Collusion Declaration, Attestation Clause, and E-Verify Affidavit within ten (10) days of the bid opening. These items may be submitted with the bid.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond for the full amount of the Contract in accordance with Article 5 of the General Conditions. In addition, the successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Labor and Material Payment Bond for the Contract in accordance with Article 5 of the General Conditions.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, as provided for in LA R.S. 38:2214(B).

April 15, 2020
OWNER: Ouachita Parish Police Jury
BY: /s/ Shane Smiley
Shane Smiley, President
4/23,4/30,5/7

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