



Seasons of Louisiana with Dianne Cage

Happy July to ASHLEY & NED WHITE, DR. SARA KLUG,PAT-TY NELSON, PAM & BOB STRATTON, KAREN & TERRY FINLEY, LYNDSLEY & JASON EWING, MEGAN & MOLLY JEFCOAT, JENNY & JOE KING MONTGOMERY, DEBBIE CLICK, MARIE LOUISE & DAVID KINDER (from way down yonder in Texas, enjoying Louisiana waters with good looking sons CORBIN & GEORGE), KRISTY & JEFF GOLSON, WENDY & DR. REL GRAY, ELLEN BREED, BET-TY ANN NOLAN TAYLOR & MONICA CAGLE, CLAUDIA & JIM-MY WOODS and many, many more!

John Wayne’s “God Bless America” from 1970: God Bless Ameri-ca, land that I love stand beside her and guide her Through the night with the light from above... From the mountains to the prairies to the oceans white with foam, God Bless America my home sweet home... God Bless America, land that I love Stand beside her and guide her Through the night with the light from above. From the mountains to the prairies to the oceans white with foam Google this John Wayne song Bob Hope, Dean Martin, Glen Campbell, Rickey Nelson, Lucy Ball, Red Skelton and many more are involved. You are in for a real treat!

Independence Day, colloquially, The Fourth of July means fireworks, family, reunions, barbecues, picnics, fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, pa-rades, swimming, boating, tubing, skiing, summertime fun, red, white & blue and Old Glory waving in the wind. So much fun! And, do not forget that the figs are almost ready!

My beautiful friend AMANDA JANE BURNSIDE DEAN passed away this last week. Talk about being missed by her family, beloved husband GEORGE DEAN, her adored children and grandchildren. Amanda was so passionate about those grandchildren! One hot summer day she made six different events they were participating in: baseball, tennis and dancing. The service was at the beautiful ‘Jesus The Good Shepherd Catholic Church.’

Father MICHAEL THANG ‘WA delivered a very comforting message. The music was wonderful and REV. JOHN MABRAY delivered the most perfect Eulogy. I did not know Amanda had written a little book about growing up on the Burnside Family Plantation in Newell-ton! ‘AMANDA JANE & GLORY LAND.’ Rev. John described the little story. Remember The Little Golden Books years ago? In his wonderful voice and command of the English language, it could have been Walt Disney himself. With the Love of Christ and happy memories, there is a wonderful peace!

Years ago I was on Mayor Bob Powell’s Planning and Zoning Committee for almost 12 years. When asked to serve, I told the mayor that I was not smart enough! He said, no, you are just the kind of person that needs to be on that committee. So here we go! A group of Catholics were in the process of planning to build a new church off of Loop Road, Lexington area. They had to come before the City Planning & Zoning ... first time I met George Dean. I think, Father Moore was in the mix. For several months they came and were approved. As I remember, the only objection to the new church was that it should be named Saint George as George Dean had put his heart and soul into this project. One more memory of years gone by... Remember when Walmart was coming to Monroe on Louisville Avenue and Lamy Lane? They had to appear before our committee. The residents off Lamy and that neighborhood came and objected to the Walmart Project as the traffic was already so bad as Lamy was only two lanes. The city or state had promised to four lane this intersection and it had never been done. After several hours, hearing Walmart and the residents...our committee turned down Walmart! Early the next morning my phone rang ... an emergency meeting with the mayor! We got our butts chewed out! Walmart was approved and Lamy Lane was four-laned with turning lanes...

What is all the fuss about a shortage of BABY FORMULA? Going through George’s baby book, the other day on January 13, 1966, in my hand writing: Formula. Boil nipples briskly for 5 minutes then drain and cover. Boil tongs, can opener, spoon & pitcher for 15 minutes, drain and cover. Sterilizer-put 6oz. cold water. Air dry the bottles up-side down for about 45 minutes. Put bottles, apoon, etc., on waxpa-per to make the formula. WASHING THE BABY: Get all materials in bathroom... shirt, towel, wash cloth, 2 dippers, cotton, oil, lotion and a blanket. Make sure bathroom is warm. Clean baby nose & ears with Q-tips & oil. Wash with phisoex, massage with lotion... Those instructions given to me by George’s Nannie PANSEY GRAYSON, Dr. George Snellings’ old nurse.

Goodbye to one of my most favorite old friends, DR. JOHN COOK-SEY. He was just the best and he always made me smile and see really well! Happy memories that I treasure! Love and blessings to his beautiful family. ANN was my suite mate at LSU.

Be kind to all. Just to tell you all, THANK YOU! A smile, a text message, a note, a hug, flowers, food, dropping by... I could not be breath-ing if it were not for the love of our community and fellow man.

I want to share one thing. Close family and friends, looking back... Last August, George had covid and it was really bad for about two weeks. He was so sick! He said several times after he recovered that he was not thinking right and it was really bothering. In *The Week* magazine, which has the best columns in U.S., an article titled “Long Covid’s hidden toll on millions” says “We may be in the midst of “a mass dis-abling event of historic proportions”... Its more insidious symptoms, such as brain damage. Read the whole article by Benjamin Mazer. *The Atlantic* ... Mike has said several times that we do not know the long term effect of Covid!

Looking forward to the next time!
The Lord is my light and my salvation-whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

Dianne



ABOVE: “Pansy loves this little Snellings.”



ABOVE: Tubing on Bayou Desiard — Adaleigh Gaiennie, Mae & Cookson Montgomery.



ABOVE: A fun Fourth of July at the Jason Ew-ings.



ABOVE: Megan and Molly Jefcoat parading on Pargoud Boulevard, Triangle Park.



ABOVE: At Triangle Park celebrating the Fourth of July.



ABOVE: Mae Montgomery and Adaleigh Gaiennie hav-ing Fourth of July fun at Bo-bo’s.

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