



# Seasons of Louisiana with Dianne Cage

“Angels We Have Heard on High”  
“Angels from the Realms of Glory”  
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”  
St. Paul’s Methodist Church ... Festival of Carols..St. Paul’s Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra... JAY PETTIT, Conductor, ALICIA REITZEL, Piano, JEFF MOUK, Reader. Truly beautiful!

## Desiderata by Max Ehrmann

Go placidly amid the noise and haste,  
and remember what peace there may be in silence.  
As far as possible without surrender  
be on good terms with all persons.  
Speak your truth quietly and clearly;  
and listen to others,  
even the dull and the ignorant;  
they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons,  
they are vexations to the spirit.  
If you compare yourself with others,  
you may become vain and bitter;  
for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.  
Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble;  
it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.  
Exercise caution in your business affairs;  
for the world is full of trickery.  
But let this not blind you to what virtue there is;  
many persons strive for high ideals;  
and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself.  
Especially, do not feign affection.  
Neither be cynical about love;  
for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment  
it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years,  
gracefully surrendering the things of youth.  
Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.  
But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings.  
Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.  
Beyond a wholesome discipline,  
be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe,  
no less than the trees and the stars;  
you have a right to be here.  
And whether or not it is clear to you,  
no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God,  
whatever you conceive Him to be,  
and whatever your labors and aspirations,  
in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams,  
it is still a beautiful world.  
Be cheerful.  
Strive to be happy.  
**By Max Ehrmann**

Merry Christmas and I look forward to 2020!

Dianne



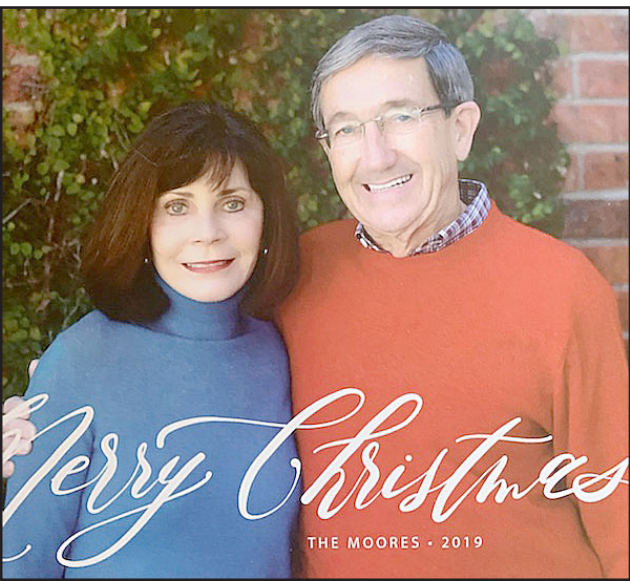
ABOVE: The Neal family.



ABOVE: The Echols family — Christie, Everly, Michael and Amelia.



ABOVE: Arabella, Walter, Vada Speed and James Moore.



ABOVE: Lynn and James Moore.



ABOVE: The Montgomery family.



ABOVE: Mary Margaret, Molly Francis and Mae Marie.



ABOVE: The Judge Wendell Manning family.

# AgCenter appoints animal agent for north, central La.

**BY KAROL OSBORNE**  
LSU AgCenter

The LSU AgCenter recently hired Ashley Keith Edwards as an extension agent and coordinator for regional animal science programs in the Central, Northwest and Northeast regions. Edwards will have offices in all three regions and will support programming across a broad spectrum of animal science-related areas, including commercial operations, small herds and 4-H livestock activities. Edwards is a graduate of Texas A&M University with

a bachelor’s degree in animal sciences. She earned a doctorate in 2015, focusing her dissertation on maternal nutrient restriction on ovine placental development. Before joining the AgCenter, Edwards served as assistant professor of animal sciences at Louisiana Tech University. A Central Texas native, Edwards grew up on a commercial cow-calf operation and was an avid 4-H and FFA member, competing in livestock judging and goat, lamb, hog and cattle shows. “Growing up working with

livestock was pretty much my entire focus,” she said, adding that she knew at an early age that she wanted to pursue a career in animal sciences. While her previous teaching role concentrated primarily on animal nutrition and livestock production, Edwards has an extensive research background in the integration of nutrition, reproduction and physiology in animal production. “I am looking forward to having a more direct impact on livestock production working with producers to assess their needs and

goals,” she said. Edwards said she is eager to have a more hands-on approach working with industry and wants to hear from producers about potential programming emphases and implementation. Her plans include working with producers to stimulate production and sales of local beef to promote Louisiana beef to local consumers and restaurants. Edwards has previous experience coordinating events with AgCenter experts at the North Louisiana Livestock Show at Ag Expo in West Monroe, the Lou-

isiana State Fair Livestock Show in Shreveport and the Louisiana Producer Artificial Insemination School at the AgCenter Hill Farm Research Station.

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