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In Memory

We lost three very special members of our work family this year. Diane, Doyle and Beebe will be greatly missed at Nets & More and sister company Catahoula Manufacturing, Inc (CMI). We are truly a family business.



Diane Mathews
06/3/1954 – 11/4/2022
Employee of CMI for 18 years
Lifetime family friend



Doyle Wiggins
11/10/1947 – 11/9/2022
Employee of CMI for 13 years
Benny's brother in law for 46 years



Beebe Susie Weeks
07/14/1964 – 10/11/2022
Employee of Nets & More for 10 years
3rd generation Nets & More net builder

JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY	17	18	19	20	21
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Monster Fish



Christopher Halley, of Brookhaven, MS, sent in these pictures of himself with wife Shelly, and children, Jaudon, Mary, and Evelyn. He caught this 104 lb cat in early August 2022 in the Mississippi River near Natchez, MS. He used an 8/0 mustad hook purchased from Nets & More. This fish set a new Mississippi state record for blue catfish in the trophy division. Trophy division is for fish caught by means other than rod and reel or fly rod.

FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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netsandmore.com/photo-gallery for more pictures!				GROUNDHOG DAY		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY		VALENTINE'S DAY				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	PRESIDENTS' DAY	MARDI GRAS	ASH WEDNESDAY			
26	27	28				
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Loyal Long Timers



Johnny Daves, of Newellton, LA, has been a customer since Benny Champlin first opened his doors. Johnny commercial fished back then but “play” fishes now. Johnny has owned a small gator farm for 30 years and is pictured here with his fishing and hunting companion, Little Bit, along with some of his 2022 hatchlings.

JR Wedding of Madisonville, KY sent in this picture of himself with a 35 lb blue cat caught in Lake Barkley in western KY. He used #36 twine, Roscoe swivels, and #1 forged stainless steel Mustad hooks to make this catch. JR has been a Nets & More customer for over 20 years. Thank you for your business JR!



MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS					ST. PATRICK'S DAY	
19	20		22	23	24	25
	SPRING BEGINS					
26	27		28	29	30	31



Caught 3/26/22
43 lbs

Louisiana Snapping Turtles



Caught 4/30/20
118 lbs




Caught 4/19/20
38 lbs

Elliott T-Boy Laprairie III, of Simmsport, LA sent in these three pictures of some turtles he has caught over the years. The two turtles in the boat were caught on hook and line in Spring Bayou, LA. The turtle in the back of the truck was caught on hook and line in the “Mud Hole” (Old River) in Lettsworth, LA.

Fun fact: Alligator snapping turtles’ tongues have a pink and wiggly looking appendage to mimic worms to lure fish in to eat.

APRIL 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <small>Visit our Photo Gallery netsandmore.com/photo-gallery/</small>						1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY
2 PALM SUNDAY	3	4	○	5	6	7 GOOD FRIDAY
9 EASTER SUNDAY	10	11	12	◐	13	14 15
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Top Picks



Zachery Dent of Virginia sent in 15 awesome pictures, so here are our favorites. He says his family has been fishing for 100s of years and his biggest cat was 102.8 lbs. He fishes full time, year round, unless the rivers freeze. Thanks for the pictures!



MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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MOTHER'S DAY						
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	MEMORIAL DAY Nets & More Closed					 netsandmore.com/photo-gallery for more pictures!



Good Eats for the “Po Folk”

Brian Keating sent in this picture of Mark Leicher of Covington, LA holding a 36 lb tabby cat. Brian said Nets & More set them up with #48 tarred braided twine, stainless steel trotline clips, and stainless steel stump hooks. This tabby was caught on a 2 lb mud cat set in front of a hole. Brian also stated just in case you were wondering, the Po Folk are eating tabby tonight. I am unsure if Brian is facebook friends with our store manager, Lee, or not; but if you’re friends with Lee on facebook, you know he most certainly enjoys posting what the “po folks” are eating anytime he’s eating fish for supper!

Fun fact: There are around 3,000 species across 35 different families of catfish, some of which can live to be 60 or more years old.

JUNE 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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18	19	20	21 FLAG DAY	22	23	24
FATHER'S DAY	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Jimmy Hickman, Daniel Wilkerson, & Colton Smith
13'2", 12'8", 12'4" gators caught in St Mary parish

Jimmy and Cole with a 172 lb alligator snapping turtle that was caught by hand in Ascension parish. They released this turtle after taking pictures.



Jimmy Hickman of Prairieville, LA sent in so many fantastic pictures that we had a hard time picking out which ones to feature. So we went with the "best of the best" and variety. We've labeled each picture individually. Thanks Jimmy!!

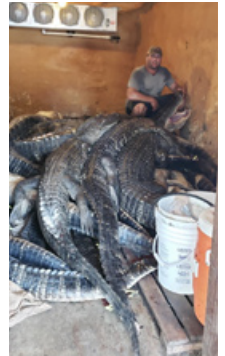
Best of the Best



Jimmy, Cole, and Rhett Hickman with a 20 lb leucistic blue cat caught in the Bonnet Carre Spillway



Cole dipping fish out of a Nets & More hoop net in Jefferson parish



Jimmy with 61 alligators caught in St Mary parish

JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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Gator Getters Gettin' It Done


Jeff Person and Ryan Gregoire used a gator getter from Nets & More to catch this 7' 2" female gator. It was caught on 10/8/2022 in Ferriday, LA on Lake St John. Good catch guys!

Michele May sent in a picture of herself with her first gator she caught using Nets & More's gator getter. Michele uploaded this picture onto our website but failed to give us any details about herself. It's a fantastic picture, but unfortunately it is all we have.



Fun fact: Alligators were once nearly extinct, but are now thriving. Still, in some states, there is a hunting season and hunters enter into lotteries in hopes of getting selected for tags to hunt gators.

AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Power Bait and Wire Net a Winning Combo!



Jimmy Haymon of Anacoco, LA is shown here with a net full of channel cat. Both Jimmy's wire net and power bait come from Nets & More. He mostly fishes in the fall in Lake Vernon, located around Leesville, LA. He says one fall he caught around 250 lbs of fish in just three trips.

Fun Fact: Catfish can be found on every continent's coastline except Antarctica. They can also be found in rivers and lakes. While they prefer warm water, catfish can survive in water from just above freezing up to 95 degrees.

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4 LABOR DAY Nets & More Closed	5	 6	7	8	9
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24	25	26	27	28	 29	FALL BEGINS 30

Koonsman Men



Durwood Koonsman, of Morgan, TX sent in these pictures of himself with his son and grandson. Durwood, Rick, and Ryan fish together every year. This haul was caught on Lake Whitney in Texas using Nets & More hooks and line. Durwood said he's been fishing since 1982 and that one year they caught a total of 1800 pounds. The biggest they've caught to date was 82 lbs. Thank you for the great family pics!

OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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8	9 COLUMBUS DAY	10	11	12	13	14 
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29	30	31 HALLOWEEN				28 

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Trotline Success



Joe - 48.5 flat head



Joe and Taylor Walton



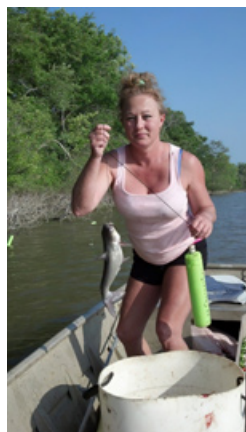
Wyatt Clark

Joe Sells is a new Nets & More customer from Wartrace, TN. Joe bought supplies to make a trotline in 2022, and here are some of his catches with friends. Keep up the good work guys!

NOVEMBER 2023






SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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☾ 5 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS	6	7	8	9	10	11 VETERANS DAY
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19	☾ 20	21	22	23 THANKSGIVING Nets & More Closed	24 Nets & More Closed	25
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In the Family



Shelley Champlin, of Monterey, LA, is the oldest daughter of Benny Champlin (CEO of Nets & More). She is also the “better half” of Nets & More’s store manager, Lee Charpentier. Shelley’s favorite fishing method is jug fishing with noodles, but she won’t turn down supper caught from a wire net or any other method of fishing for sure. When we say Nets & More is a family business, we mean it folks!






DECEMBER 2023

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CHRISTMAS EVE	CHRISTMAS DAY					
	Nets & More Closed	Nets & More Closed				
				WINTER BEGINS		



Our Team

JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Nets & More Closed	2	 Grayson 3	4	5	6
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14	15 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	16	 17	18	19	20
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Your Net Solution - Since 1981



A family business, where “Proudly Made in the USA” is more than just a slogan.

Nets & More began as The Fish Net Company in the commercial fishing industry in 1981 and has expanded to include all types of industrial nets, sports nets and sports supplies, as well as custom nets. Due to our diversity we now do business as Nets & More. Please rest assured we are the same ownership and staff with the same commitment as before. Our expertise in net engineering and qualified friendly sales staff is committed to satisfying your every net or netting need, as well as commercial fishing needs.

Our Commitment To You

Serving you and keeping you satisfied. That’s our No. 1 goal. We strive to give you the best service and best products available at fair prices. Our commitment to you has been our strength and we are determined to continue our dedication to you. We serve you with people who care. Our friendly, knowledgeable sales team is ready to take your order, answer your questions and find solutions to your problems. We strive to ship orders as soon as possible.

Disclaimer

Nets & More does not report the sale of any items to any law enforcement agencies and has never been subpoenaed to disclose any sales records. It is the customer’s responsibility to comply with all fishing regulations. **Nets & More** is not in violation of any laws by selling nets that are not legal to fish. Legality varies by location. **Nets & More** encourages the observance of all laws. It is the customers’ responsibility to know what is legal for their area. The following web address can help you determine legality for your area: www.fws.gov/offices/statelinks.html

People That Serve You

Our staff is here to assist you with whatever your needs are. From simply processing your order to helping you decide what best fits your situation. We strive to ship as many orders as possible the same day as they are received, so that you may receive your order as quickly as possible. Our net building department is highly knowledgeable of net making techniques and are very capable of building standard, as well as custom nets to fit your needs.

People Behind The Scene

In addition to the people that you come in contact with, there are over 40 other people associated with **Nets & More** that you never see and rarely hear about. Our manufacturing plant has over 200,000 square feet of production and warehouse space just half a mile from us in Jonesville, Louisiana. To the best of our knowledge, our manufacturing plant has the largest capacity in the United States for the production of twine, floats, netting, and fiberglass hoops.

Summary

We want and appreciate your business. We promise to always strive to give you fast, courteous service, top quality products at fair prices. Please contact us if you ever feel differently.



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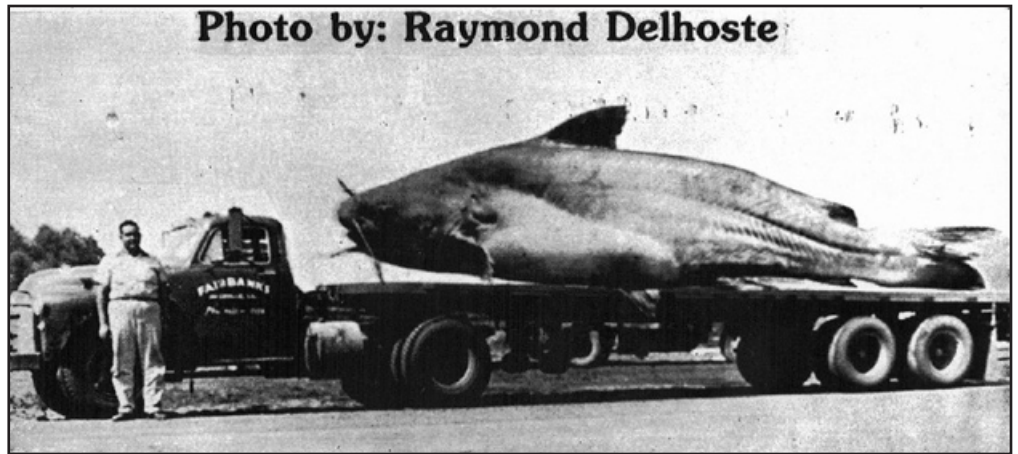
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2023

CALENDAR

From your friends at:

Nets & More



(This is a re-print of a local newspaper article that ran in the mid 1950s.)

Monster Catfish Caught In Tew Lake Saturday After 7 Hours Battle; Dresses Over 2,000 Lbs.

I've heard Robert Taliaferro talk about the big fish in Tew Lake for several years. He's always led me to believe that any old fisherman ought to be able to catch a whopper there by just throwing a hook in the water. I, therefore, decided to make the catch to end all catches to wind up the fishing news for this year. But being a rank amateur who had never wet a hook before, I called on Bob Dowdy for professional assistance.

We set out for Tew Lake bright and early last Saturday morning. On the way we had a little accident. We ran over a 40 pound goat. We hated to see all that good meat go to waste, so we pitched billy in the back of my station wagon, thinking we would roast it later on the lake bank.

We got all lined up and started casting baits in the water. That is, Bob did. I got all tangled up in my line and fell overboard two or three times before switching to a cane pole. Our luck was rotten, and by nine o'clock, we hadn't had a nibble. About that time something bumped the bottom of our boat. I thought it was a snag, but then the boat darn near capsized and the biggest catfish I think anybody anywhere has ever laid eyes on rolled over, popped his tail once and slipped back into the lake.

It took us five or ten minutes to get a word out. Bob finally managed to squeeze out a few grunts. He said that he had heard some old darkies, and one or two white gentlemen of questionable repute, speak of such a

monster, but he thought it was their overactive imaginations or over active bottle talk. But there it was. We had seen it with our eyes! I knew that if we could catch that whiskered ol gentleman, my story troubles would be over. And, being a died on the wool newshound, I talked Bob in trying for the catch.

We ran up to Jesse Ford's house and borrowed a one inch rope from him. I looked around in the station wagon and just happened to find a foot long hook with six inch barbs on it. The goat we killed on the way out to the lake sure came in handy. He was just the thing for bait.

We rigged the throw line and pitched the bait out. That cat sure must've liked the goat, because he took the bait in less than five minutes. He started floundering around splashing waves three feet high and chasing all other boats off the lake in short order to prevent swamping them. We tied the throw line to an oak tree, on the bank, which measured 14 inches in diameter. The fish came near tearing the tree up by the roots, before it seemed exhausted after fighting for nearly seven hours.

Bob hopped in the station wagon and headed back to Jonesville where he borrowed one of Bobby Fairbank's big trailer trucks and had a couple of fellers bring out two winch trucks. We finally got the fish loaded and started out to Jonesville with it. And at this point we would like to apologize to the three astonished motorists who ran their cars off the road when

they met us coming into town. Particular apologies to the bleary-eyed passenger in the last car who jumped out and took to the woods, tearing down three panels of fence along the road. Maybe our fishing trip did a little good, for the last time I saw this character he was jumping palmettos and shouting to anyone who could hear that he would never drink another drop.

When we finally got the fish to Jonesville, I got my Uncle Raymond Delhoste, to take the picture above. We couldn't find a pair of scales big enough to weigh the big fish in the rough but it dressed out 2100 pounds of steaks alone.

A biologist from the state Wildlife and Fisheries Commission said that the fish belong to the *Amiurus Ponderosus* species, which is common in Catahoula Parish but rarely ever grew to this size. In fact he said it was probably the largest fish ever caught in the state of Louisiana.

Of course there will be some people in Catahoula Parish who will not believe this story, even though they know Dick White to be a truthful man. Everyone knows Bob Dowdy would not lie about a fish, so we kindly refer these doubting Thomas's to him. He will verify the story. Actually the texture of the meat of the fish was a little coarse, so my Uncle Raymond packed it up at the Three Rivers Fishery and shipped it off to a less particular northern market.