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2026 Calendar



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Closed: January 1, May 25, July 3, September 7,
November 26-27, December 24-25

Transfer of Wisdom



Viggo Christensen, of Illinois City, IL has been making a living fishing the upper Mississippi River for 63 years. His grandson, Braden Gillispie, goes along as often as he can. Pictured in the middle is a hoop net with 1500 lbs of flatheads ranging from 4-50 lbs each. One of the boatloads pictured shows 2000 lbs of fish. Viggo buys his raw materials from Nets & More to build his own nets. He has taught Braden how to build nets, as well as where and how to fish the nets. Thank you Viggo and Braden for your business, and for sharing your wonderful memories with us.

JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
	netsandmore.com/photo-gallery for more pictures!			NEW YEAR'S DAY		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Lessons for a Lifetime



Tracy with a boatload of gar on Red River at Coushatta



Wayne Smith (Tracy's Dad) with a loggerhead turtle



Omer Nettles (Tracy's friend), with a load of buffalo and catfish on Red River above lock and dam 5



L to R: Maddie, Katie, Emily (wife), & Meghan



Katie (in pink), Maddie & Meghan (twins)

Tracy Smith of Shreveport, LA is a long time customer and friend of Nets & More. Not only did he fish 5 days a week for 25 years; he was a fireman as well. His long time friend, Omer Nettles, taught Tracy how to build hoop nets. He spent many years fishing with Omer and his dad, Wayne Smith. His daughters are pictured inside one of his hoop nets from when they were little, and as you can see, they are all grown up now. Tracy has been blessed to do what he loves with family and friends that he loves.

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
☉ 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	☾ 9 GROUNDHOG DAY	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	● 17	18	19	20	21
22	PRESIDENTS' DAY	MARDI GRAS	ASH WEDNESDAY	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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Fishing Duo



Aaron Bleem and his father, Ron Bleem of Ellis Grove, Illinois are a fishing duo. Ron has been fishing for 30 years. This big blue cat weighed in at 71 pounds and was caught in Chester, IL. Aaron said "We will continue to buy your nets as they are catching machines." Thanks Aaron, we are sure your dad's 30 years of experience has just as much to do with your success as our nets do. Good job fellas!

MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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15	16	17 ●	18	19	20	21
22	23	ST. PATRICK'S DAY	24 ◐	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
PALM SUNDAY						



Like Father, Like Son

Randy Lemoine of Batchelor, LA is one proud father. His son Lucas shot his first gator in September 2023 at 4 years old. They used a 12/0 Mustad hook and size 96 tarred twisted twine for the gator on the left. They caught the gator on the right with a gator getter snagging hook and size 120 braided twine. Randy says he wouldn't take his business anywhere else due to great service and fast shipping. Thanks Randy, we appreciate your kind words and support.



APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			○ 1	2	3	4
			APRIL FOOL'S DAY		GOOD FRIDAY	
5	6	7	8	9	☾ 10	11
EASTER SUNDAY						
12	13	14	15	16	● 17	18
19	20	21	22	☾ 23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
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God and Good Family



Paula Franklin of Cecil, AR sent these pics of herself and friend Bill Faulkner. She commercial fishes the Arkansas River and caught the big flat head on a trot line with a good bunch of blues. Paula said “not everyday is like this, but if it was an easy job, EVERYBODY would do it”. She states God has blessed her with each fish she has ever caught, with some good training from her father and brothers. Sounds like God blessed Paula with more than just fish. Thanks Paula, for the great pictures.



MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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10	11	12	13	14	15	● 16
MOTHER'S DAY						
17	18	19	20	21	22	☾ 23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	MEMORIAL DAY Nets & More Closed					netsandmore.com/photo-gallery for more pictures!

Making Memories



Left: Timothy Foster of Starks, LA has been making his own hoop nets for over 40 years. He has bought lots of supplies over the years from Nets & More to build his nets. Tim's sidekick Hadley is 6 years old. Tim loves teaching the art of fishing hoop nets to the younger generations. These fish were caught in the Sabine River bottoms in Starks.

Tournament Winner?



Right: Derek Krause, of Shiner, TX with a nice 32 lb flathead caught on a throw line during a church fishing tournament. He used twine from Nets & More. Most of the fillets were donated to the church for fried fish plates during lent. We do not know if Derek won the tournament, but that sure is a nice cat.

JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
FLAG DAY						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
FATHER'S DAY SUMMER BEGINS						
28	29	30				

Family of Fishermen



Left to right: Edward, Philip, Gabriel & Leland





Jacob's son Gabriel has also learned how to build nets.



Gabriel and Edward

Jacob Thibodeaux of Morse, LA learned how to build his own nets as a kid from an old man in Lake Arthur, La who was a friend of the family. He still builds nets today and fishes to “fill the freezer”, which is a good thing since he has four boys. His son Leland is pictured here on the Mermentau River from when he was around 12 years old. Leland is now 17 and still fishes often with his dad.

JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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26	27	28		29	30	31

INDEPENDENCE DAY
Nets & More Closed

Whelks and Ops



Captain Pete Eshenfelder of Niantic, CT and longtime friend Jack Brigham caught approximately 128 pounds of whelk in 8 traps off the eastern end of Long Island sound. They used bait bags from Nets & More to keep the horseshoe crab bait in their traps.

Bronson Credeur and daughter Elliot of Breaux Bridge LA show off a 27 lb op caught in a 20" wire net that he sewed himself with twine purchased from Nets & More.



Fun Fact: Whelks are carnivores and will even eat other whelks. Some can drill a hole into the shell of their prey with their radula or use their own shell as a wedge to force other shells open.

AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9	10	11	● 12	13	14	15
16	17	18	☾ 19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	○ 28	29
30	31					



Big 12' Gators

Jerry Flynn of Deltona, FL is a nuisance alligator trapper. Pictured left is a 12 footer out of central Florida he caught using Nets & More's alligator hooks and #6 solid braid nylon. Nets & More thanks Jerry for his long time commitment to us and especially to keeping his community safe.



Christopher Gomez of Houma, LA sent in the picture to the right showcasing the head and mouth of his 12' gator. He caught this gator in Bayou Black in Houma, LA.

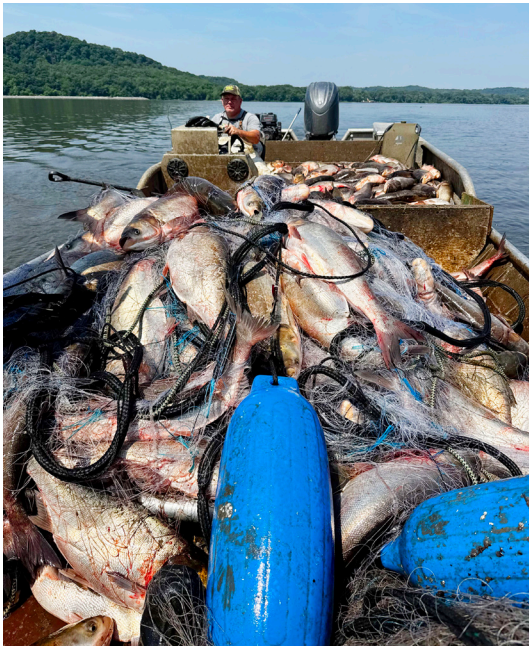
SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY Nets & More Closed	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	FALL BEGINS 29	30			



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Building Boats, Nets, and Memories



Richard and son Brandon Epley of Payson, IL fish full time. They are 3rd and 4th generation fisherman, building their own boats and nets. They fish mostly for Asian carp or hackleback sturgeon and spoonbill for cavier. They have caught over 800,000 pounds of Asian carp since December 2024. Richard is pictured here on the left and in front of the boat on the right.

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	COLUMBUS DAY					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
						HALLOWEEN

Unusual Catches



Rusty Fontenot of Many, LA is a commercial fisherman who caught this albino catfish on a Mustad 39965 hook in Grand Lake, LA from Nets & More. He released the fish so others may get to experience the thrill of catching it again one day.



Ron Gelardi with NYSDEC Environmental Education sent in this picture of a short bigeye (*Pristigenys alta*) captured in Shinnecock Bay, New York. The NYSDEC Education Unit uses the net with public seining programs to show the diversity of the food web.

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
☾ 1 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	● 9	10	VETERANS DAY 11	12	13	14
15	16	☾ 17	18	19	20	21
22	23	○ 24	25	26 THANKSGIVING Nets & More Closed	27 Nets & More Closed	28
29	30					fb

Retired Life is the Best Life



Jay and Melanie Smith of Anacoco, LA used some sinkers and circle hooks from Nets & More to catch her first black drum and a batch of blue cats. Jay has been a customer since he was in the military and is now retired. He and Melanie moved back home to enjoy the retired life. Congrats Jay on your retirement and enjoy your time fishing with Melanie.

DECEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6	7	● 8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	☾ 17	18	19
20	21	22	○ 23	24	25	26
	WINTER BEGINS			CHRISTMAS EVE Nets & More Closed	CHRISTMAS DAY Nets & More Closed	
27	28	29	☾ 30	31		



Our Team

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JANUARY 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Nets & More Closed	2
3	4	5	6	●	7	8
10	11	12	13	14	☾	15
17	18	19	20	21	○	22
24	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	26	27	28	☾	29
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Nets & More

(The Fish Net Company LLC)

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

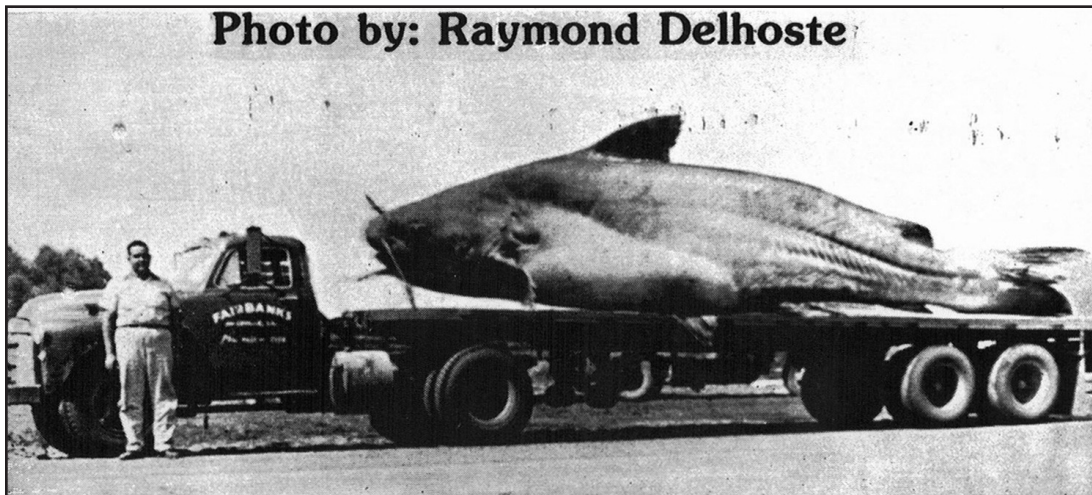
Our staff is here to assist you with whatever your needs are. From simply processing your order to helping you decide what best fits your situation. We strive to ship as many orders as possible the same day as they are received, so that you may receive your order as quickly as possible. Our net building 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.



(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.