

# THE FISH NET COMPANY IC More Than "Just" Nets For Fish

### **2016 Calendar**





### Marksville Fishermen Catch a Boat Load of Buffalo

Dwayne Dibble of Marksville, Louisiana sent in these pictures of Richard Durrett holding a large buffalo (pictured left) he caught running hoop nets. Pictured on the right is Dwayne Dibble (left) and Richard's step son Andrew Bass (right) with over 7,000 lbs of buffalo they caught out of the state canal near Melville, Louisiana in March 2015. The boat is 8' wide and 26' long.



## **JANUARY 2016**

| SUNDAY    | MONDAY                          | TUESDAY                     | WEDNESDAY                     | THURSDAY | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY |
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|           |                                 | www.fishnetco.c<br>for more | om/photo-gallery<br>pictures! |          | 1<br>NEW YEAR'S DAY<br>The Fish Net Co.<br>Closed |          |
| 3         | 4                               | 5                           | 6                             | 7        | 8   | 9        |
| 10        | 11                              | 12                          | 13                            | 14       | 15  | 16       |
| 17        | 18<br>MARTIN LUTHER<br>KING DAY | 19                          | 20                            | 21       | 22  | 23       |
| 24        | 25                              | 26                          | 27                            | 28       | 29  | 30       |
| <b>31</b> |                                 |                             |                               |          |   |          |

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### **Nothing But Noodles!!**

This is 65 year old Billy Chambliss of Lufkin, Texas with 15 Blues that weighed in at 345 pounds. Billy and his brother Charles of Jasper, Texas caught these fish in March 2011 out of Lake Rayburn. The brothers were using noodles with cut perch and cut buffalo. Their noodles were geared with Eagle Claw long shank 2/0 stainless steel hooks from The Fish Net Company, LLC!!!



## FEBRUARY 2016

| SUNDAY            | MONDAY  | TUESDAY           | WEDNESDAY     | THURSDAY                      | FRIDAY                | SATURDAY |
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|                   | 1   | 2                 | 3             | 4                             | 5                     | 6        |
|                   |   | GROUND HOG<br>DAY |               |                               |                       |          |
| 7                 | 8   | 9                 | 10            | 11                            | 12                    | 13       |
|                   |   | MARDI GRAS        | ASH WEDNESDAY |                               | LINCOLN'S<br>BIRTHDAY |          |
| 14<br>VALENTINE'S | • 15<br>WASHINGTON'S<br>BIRTHDAY<br>PRESIDENT'S | 16                | 17            | 18                            | 19                    | 20       |
| DAY 21            | DAY 22  | 23                | 24            | 25                            | 26                    | 27       |
| 28                | 29  |                   |               | om/photo-gallery<br>pictures! |                       |          |

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### **Remembering Bill Nelson**

Bill Nelson is pictured here with a helper in the background fishing hoop nets. They caught 2,400 pounds this trip alone. Picture on right is 6 fish that weighed 200 pounds. Bill was a long time customer for The Fish Net Company, LLC. He will be missed.

## **MARCH 2016**

| SUNDAY                                   | MONDAY                        | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                   | FRIDAY            | SATURDAY |
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| 6  | 7                             | • 8     | 9         | 10                         | 11                | 12       |
| 13<br>DAYLIGHT<br>SAVINGS TIME<br>BEGINS | 14                            | 15      | 16        | 17<br>ST. PATRICK'S<br>DAY | 18                | 19       |
| 20<br>SPRING BEGINS<br>PALM SUNDAY       | 21                            | 22      | 23        | 24                         | 25<br>GOOD FRIDAY | 26       |
| 27<br>EASTER<br>SUNDAY                   | 28                            | 29      | 30        | 31                         |                   |          |

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### **Generations of Spiers Fishermen**

William and Ilene Spiers of Carriere, Mississippi love teaching their grandchildren the family secrets to catching the "BIG" ones! They love instilling good values at an early age and hoping they will carry on the tradition. Ilene said she and William opened a bait and tackle store a few years ago in Millcreek, Mississippi. The name of the store is Double Trouble Bait and Tackle named after their twin grandsons Braxton and Bryson.

## **APRIL 2016**

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY                      | WEDNESDAY                     | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                   | SATURDAY |
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|        |        | www.fishnetco.co<br>for more | om/photo-gallery<br>pictures! |          | 1<br>APRIL FOOL'S<br>DAY | 2        |
| 3      | 4      | 5                            | 6                             | 7        | 8                        | 9        |
| 10     | 11     | 12                           | 13                            | 14       | 15                       | 16       |
| 17     | 18     | 19                           | 20                            | 21       | 22                       | 23       |
| 24     | 25     | 26                           | 27                            | 28       | 29                       | 30       |

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#### **Fish Tales**

James Wade (pictured left) of Lufkin, Texas has been fishing most of his 85 years. He is holding this 25 lb. blue cat that his son, Coy, caught from Sam Rayburn Reservoir in July 2015 on trotlines with Eagle Claw 6/0 circle hooks. James calls Michael Crawford (pictured right), assistant manager of The Fish Net Company, LLC, to share great fishing stories. Our knowledgeable sales staff enjoys helping our customers with their fishing needs and loves to hear great fish tales. Michael (pictured right) caught these two 25 lb. flathead (yellow cat) in a 4' hoop net out of Ouachita River near Jonesville, Louisiana. Michael has been hanging around The Fish Net Company, LLC since his father started here in 1996. Michael began working in our sales department in 2010.



#### **IAY 2016 SUNDAY MONDAY** TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY **FRIDAY SATURDAY** 2 3 5 6 4 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 **MOTHER'S** DAY 16 17 15 18 19 20 21 23 24 25 27 22 26 28 29 30 31 www.fishnetco.com/photo-gallery **MEMORIAL DAY** for more pictures! The Fish Net Co. Closed

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#### **Public Alligator Skinners at J D Murphry WMA**

Robert England Sr of Port Arthur, Texas has been a public alligator skinner at J D Murphry WMA for 32 years. He is helped by his sons Robert Jr and Paul. Robert Sr is now 75 and is not sure how much longer he will be able to keep up. He is hoping that his sons will be able to carry on. At one time they were skinning about 200 alligators a year, but recently they have been doing only about 75.

The Fish Net Company, LLC wants to thank Robert for letting us supply his needs over the past years and hope the next generation here will be able to help the next generation there.



## **JUNE 2016**

| SUNDAY                      | MONDAY                        | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY  |
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| 5                           | 6                             | 7        | 8         | 9        | 10     | 11        |
| 12                          | 13                            | 14       | 15        | 16       | 17     | 18        |
| 19                          | 20                            | FLAG DAY | 22        | 23       | 24     | 25        |
| FATHER'S<br>DAY<br>26       | SUMMER BEGINS                 | 28       | 29        | 30       |        |           |
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Josh and Brittney with Gauge (oldest son) and Jaxon (youngest son).

Josh and his father (Julius) on Julius'sA family trip in April 2015 at<br/>camp on the Alabama River.

#### **The Turner Clan**

Fishing trotlines is a family affair for the Turner family. Josh is 29 years old and all the Turner tackle has been coming from The Fish Net Company, LLC as long as he can remember. Looks like we have new customers in the making. Thank you.

## **JULY 2016**

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY                      | WEDNESDAY                     | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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|          |  | www.fishnetco.co<br>for more | om/photo-gallery<br>pictures! |          | 1      | 2        |
| 3        | A<br>INDEPENDENCE<br>DAY<br>The Fish Net Co.<br>Closed | 5                            | 6                             | 7        | 8      | 9        |
| 10       | 11   | 12                           | 13                            | 14       | 15     | 16       |
| 17       | 18   | 19                           | 20                            | 21       | 22     | 23       |
| 24<br>31 | 25   | 26                           | 27                            | 28       | 29     | 30       |
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#### **Red River Fish**

Edgar Briggs of Colfax, Louisiana caught this nice truck load of buffalo and this alligator gar in gill nets made from supplies he bought from The Fish Net Company, LLC. The alligator gar was 6'10.5" long weighing in at an even 200 lbs. Edger said he caught this huge gar in the Red River under the Natchitoches, Louisiana bridge. Edgar is a long time customer that fishes hoop nets and gill nets.

### **AUGUST 2016**

| SUNDAY    | MONDAY    | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                         | THURSDAY                      | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 21        | 22        | 23      | 24                                | 25                            | 26     | 27       |
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### **Bigfoot from "Swamp People"**

Harlan Hatcher (aka Bigfoot) is show with a 9' nuisance gator he caught. Center picture is Bigfoot with his son, son-in-law, and three grandsons. Left to right are Bigfoot, David Hatcher, Holden, Reid, Canyon, and son-in-law Bobby. Picture on right shows 30 alligators Bigfoot caught in 1/2 day during the 2013 season.

## **SEPTEMBER 2016**

| SUNDAY | MONDAY                                       | TUESDAY                      | WEDNESDAY                     | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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|        |  | www.fishnetco.co<br>for more | om/photo-gallery<br>pictures! | • 1      | 2      | 3        |
| 4      | 5<br>LABOR DAY<br>The Fish Net Co.<br>Closed | 6                            | 7                             | 8        | 9      | 10       |
| 11     | 12   | 13                           | 14                            | 15       | 16     | 17       |
| 18     | 19   | 20                           | 21                            | 22       | 23     | 24       |
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Leon Bivens is a commercial fisherman from Athens, Alabama. Leon started fishing by himself when he was 11 years old and 60 years later he is still fishing. Both his father and grandfather were commercial fishermen. He and his wife, Judy, opened their own fish market in April 1998. They still own and operate it today.

## **OCTOBER 2016**

| SUNDAY    | MONDAY                | TUESDAY                     | WEDNESDAY                     | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 2         | 3                     | 4                           | 5                             | 6        | 7      | 8        |
| 9         | 10<br>COLUMBUS<br>DAY | 11                          | 12                            | 13       | 14     | 15       |
| <b>16</b> | 17                    | 18                          | 19                            | 20       | 21     | 22       |
| 23        | 24                    | 25                          | 26                            | 27       | 28     | 29       |
| 30        | 31<br>HALLOWEEN       |                             |                               |          |        |          |

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### **Black River Catfish**

Left to right are Lee Adams, Jimmy Maier, and George Hardy of Jonesville, LA. They caught this 600 pounds of catfish in May 2015 out of Black River fishing 4 hoop nets with 5-1/2' fronts.



### Long Drive

Randy Shontz (white shirt) and Richard Turner (blue shirt) drove 34 hours round trip from Maryland to pick up 65 wire trap nets. Pictured with them is our assistant manager, Michael Crawford.

## **NOVEMBER 2016**

| SUNDAY                                | MONDAY                        | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY             | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                           | SATURDAY |
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| 6<br>DAYLIGHT<br>SAVINGS TIME<br>ENDS | • 7                           | 8       | 9<br>VETERAN'S<br>DAY | 10   | 11                               | 12       |
| 13                                    | 14                            | 15      | 16                    | 17   | 18                               | 19       |
| 20                                    | 21                            | 22      | 23                    | 24<br>THANKSGIVING<br>The Fish Net Co.<br>Closed | 25<br>The Fish Net Co.<br>Closed | 26       |
| 27                                    | 28                            | • 29    | 30                    |  |                                  |          |

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### **Fishing Fever**

Jacob Dollar of Monroe, Louisiana sent in these pictures of two fine boys and some nice fish. Jacob has only been fishing a couple of years, but it looks like he has caught fishing fever. The scale fish came out of Bayou Barthlomew near Sterlington, Louisiana. They were caught in a couple hoop nets that he bought from The Fish Net Company, LLC in 2014. He caught this nice mess of catfish in 4 slat traps from The Fish Net Company, LLC in Darbonne Lake near Farmerville, Louisiana. Looks like his two boys may also have the fever. On the right is Blayne, age 5, and on the left is Cam, age 3.

## **DECEMBER 2016**

| 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       |
| 18                  | 19                               | 20                          | 21<br>WINTER<br>BEGINS        | 22       | 23<br>The Fish Net Co.<br>Closed | 24       |
| 25<br>CHRISTMAS DAY | 26<br>The Fish Net Co.<br>Closed | 27                          | 28                            | 29       | 30                               | 31       |

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## **JANUARY 2017**

| SUNDAY         | MONDAY                          | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                      | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 1              | 2                               | 3       | 4         | 5                             | 6      | 7        |
| NEW YEAR'S DAY |                                 |         |           | $\frown$                      |        |          |
| 8              | 9                               | 10      | 11        | <ul><li>─ 12</li></ul>        | 13     | 14       |
| 15             | 16<br>MARTIN LUTHER<br>KING DAY | 17      | 18        | 19                            | 20     | 21       |
| 22             | 23                              | 24      | 25        | 26                            | • 27   | 28       |
| 29             | 30                              | 31      |           | om/photo-gallery<br>pictures! |        |          |

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#### Summary

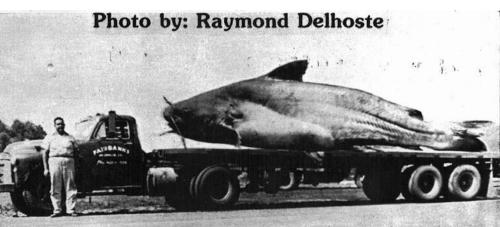
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#### (This is a re-print of a local newspaper article that ran in the mid 1950's.) Monster Catfish Caught In Tew Lake Saturday After 7 Hours Battle; Dresses Over 2,000 Lbs.

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 We rigged the throw line and pitched 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

ster, 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.

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 of questionable repute, speak of such a mon- three astonished motorists who ran their cars

off the road when they met us coming into town. Particular apologies to the bleary-eved 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. Evervone 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.