



AND JUST LIKE THAT, IT'S 2022

## Welcome Natalie



Natalie Jane

There is another Comeaux in the world! Natalie Jane Comeaux

This adds to a wonderful set of grands, for a grand total of six! I don't think they are cheaper by the dozen, but we are so happy for these. Here's an update.

Natalie was born on Jan 3 at 6lb 4oz and eats and sleeps very well, knocking on wood while we type this. Natalie has a full head of hair, so it is likely that her career will involve styling or makeup. (jk).

Autumn is 2 and loves to check on her baby sister often, and continues to surprise her parents with sudden new skills like counting to 15, doing make believe with her dolls, and warming up her throwing arm by chucking a few Christmas ornaments across the house. Mimi and Pawpaw help out on Tuesdays, and afterwards we find toys and various items secreted throughout the house.

Desi still works for Golfballs.com but anticipates a transition away from full time work as the girls get older. She is getting help from her Mom, Autumn's Nana, also.

Dave's work involves boats that drive themselves. He still works for the ASV company, but that was bought by other companies, and I can't quite keep up with the new stuff. He attends meetings.

Lily Scott is 10 and in 5th grade. Her year at school was sometimes on campus, sometimes remote using Internet. She still loves biology, history and social studies, especially because of the "Little Passports" educational items both girls receive each month as a gift from Mimi and Pawpaw. She completed a whole year as a 4th grade junior Girl Scout, and her parents helped her sell the 3rd most cookies in the troop. She attended a Girl Scout sleep away summer horseback riding camp for a whole week for the first time.



The Comeauxs

Zoë is 8 and in 2nd grade (but one of the oldest because of the way birthdays fall). She is having a blast being the fun one in the family, but sometimes is too smart for her own good. Zoë's teachers praise her qualities of being responsible and eager to learn.

Michelle is now teaching French online full-time.

Jon has been recognized for 15 years service with his company 4-wheel parts.

Emmitt Lemaire is 3, and knows all his letters. He is curious and busy, loves to meet people. He started attending a homeschool preschool. He is the youngest there, but is a favorite of the kids and parents. He had a star role (with prompts) in the Christmas program reciting "The Swing" by Robert Louis Stevenson.

Meyer is an easy-going kid of 1 who just started walking, and smiles a lot. He soon may be talking, but is keeping that skill hidden for now.

Julie works for a law firm as a bookkeeper, and is having her hands full with those two boys. Mimi and Pawpaw help out on Wednesdays. Nana and Woodie help out on other days.

Trevor manages Social Southern Table & Bar, and enjoys building elaborate cushion forts and taking Emmitt to the library.

Phyllis was able to visit with her prayer group in person for a short while, but this virus stuff is really keeping us all isolated. She continues to feed the masses; write poems and other spiritual writing; per pediatric career and natural love of children helps keep the grandkids engaged at precarious times. She is looking forward to the days of resuming ministries, but is exploring online evangelization options for 2022 with friend and mentor Ashton. She encourages each of our readers to visit the website being developed: [newevangelizationinaction.org](http://newevangelizationinaction.org)

John has continued to be active in the two writers' groups, the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, and the Writers' Guild of Acadiana. And he has been able to be somewhat more active with the Knights at St. Pius X church. We rarely go out to eat, and when we do, we either take-home, or look for restaurants that are very uncrowded.

The year has been as crazy as any other, but here are the highlights.

In January, we finally got our new roof at Martele, after the storms of 2020 and having tarp on the roof for months. We also replaced the roof at the Toledo Bend lake house. Much of the first part of 2021 consisted of us driving to the lake and finishing repairs from



The Scotts



The Lemaire



Zoë loves those crawdads

the 'flood' situation, including converting the tub to a tub/shower. Then in February, a freakish cold broke pipes and branches at the lake house, causing more repairs (Thanks Mike for showing up when all the plumbers were already booked to the max.) It also yielded a beautiful snow-covered lawn, as our new logo shows.

But it is finally all done. Oh, including replacing the yard sprinkler valves and manifolds which broke because of 'cypress knees'.

In April we had a crawfish boil with the Scotts. Zoë loves those little crawdad pets. And the whole Comeaux Clan was able to gather for Easter for celebration and photos. John drove to Houma to purchase a new car, which were becoming quite scarce as you know.

Our artist Mailys moved from Sweden to Vancouver, so it makes for more convenient times for Zoom meets.

In June, we took a trip to Tennessee to visit Tony, and did some sightseeing with Beverly, Tony, Faye, and Jeff. We saw Memphis, Nashville, and Gatlinburg, and the Great Smoky Mountains.

We enjoyed a visit by Patti during the Labor Day holiday. And Regina made sure that Richard and John had a nice birthday lunch at La Pagua.

In October we traveled to Fredericksburg to visit Betsy and Ed. The hill country is quite lovely, and the stay at their home was very pleasant.

In November, the Lemaire's did Disney World with Emmitt, so we kept Meyer and took him to the Lake House. He was a blast.



Beverly, Phyllis, Tony, John, Faye, Jeff in Memphis



Ed, Betsy, Phyllis, John in Fredericksburg, TX



JP Coman (John and Phyllis) with Zoë and Lily at the Christmas in the Park event



The writing team of JP Coman, of the Moonstone book, were featured authors at “Christmas in the Park”, reading an excerpt from the novel, and selling books and meeting new fans.

We discovered the production called “The Chosen” giving new life and energy to the story of Jesus’ apostles. There have only been 2 seasons, and we impatiently await the next. They plan 7.

January through December we listened to Fr. Mike Schmitz as we read “The Bible in a Year”. It was not our first time going through the entire bible, but it was a great commitment and shared time to deepen our faith.

That’s the year’s moments. We definitely need a better 2022. Don’t forget on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 2:22 p.m. to shout “Happy TWOSDAY”.

We hope to see each and every one of you soon, after the craziness eases up (it never really goes away).

Love, John & Phyllis