

Parade honors heritage



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Residents of Scott hold a "tintamarre" celebration. The event is modeled after similar activities that occur in Canada's French provinces each August.

Cajun sounds fill Scott City Hall for event

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SCOTT — The Scott City Hall was transformed Saturday evening.

Instead of hosting the latest council meeting or community discussion, the hall was filled with the sounds of Cajun music as the city held its first "tintamarre" to honor the area's Acadian heritage.

The event is modeled after similar activities that occur in Canada's French provinces each August. During a "tintamarre," descendants of Acadians

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proudly carry banners bearing their family names, with many wearing red, white and blue, the colors of the Acadian flag.

Nolan Serrette of St. Martinville said he enjoyed being able to represent his family heritage. Serrette said his mother was from Canada and his father was from France.

"It's very important to keep that spirit alive," Serrette said.

"I'd like to see the French heritage celebrated here as much as we can."

Bonnie LeBlanc and Kathleen Hebert, both from Houma, said they heard



Bill Young, right, looks on as Harold Richard and Jenn Rohloff share a dance before the start of the "tintamarre" parade.

about the Scott event while traveling in Canada.

"I think we tend to take our heritage for granted, but when you realize how rich our history is, you really

appreciate it more," LeBlanc said. "It's just wonderful to be able to celebrate it here."

Hebert said she was impressed by the Canadians' appreciation for their history.