

LA PAROLE
Newsletter of the Acadian Museum
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- You are on the museum's email list to receive *La Parole*. If you know of anyone who would like to receive it, please forward their name and email address to my secretary Darylin at: darylinb@plddo.com. If you no longer want to receive future issues, please advise at the email noted above.
- In conjunction with the 50th anniversary of CODOFIL (Council for the Development of French in Louisiana) and the 300th Anniversary of the founding of New Orleans by the French, the Old State Capitol invites the public to join us for a day of food, crafts, movies, music and fun! Join us Sunday, November 4th from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. for the Louisiana Old State Capitol's celebration of French heritage, culture and language. This program is free and open to the public and is sponsored in part by the Louisiana Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French.
- On October 20, attorney Lester Gauthier nominated internationally acclaimed photographer Leo Touchet, a native of Abbeville, Louisiana, to become inducted into the Order of Living Legends. ***PEOPLE AMONG US*** was Touchet's exhibition at the **Acadiana Center for the Arts**, Lafayette, Louisiana in 2017 where 34 large black and white photographs from his travels through Europe, Asia and the Americas in the past 50 years were exhibited. Shown is a photo taken by Touchet of, left to right, Warren Perrin, MiMi Methvin, candidate for Congress for the 3rd Congressional District, and Mary Perrin.



- *Acadie Then and Now* was named the 2015 winner of the prestigious *Prix France-Acadie*. In Canada, the books in French or English editions may be ordered from Jacques Ouellet of *La Grande Marée* at email: jouellet@nbnet.nb.ca, or on the web at www.amazon.ca. In the U. S., call (337) 233-5832, or email perrin@plddo.com



- **Upcoming Presentations by Warren and Mary Perrin**

November 3, New Acadia Project at ACQS (America Council for Quebec Studies) international conference in New Orleans from 10:45 -12 at Intercontinental Hotel.

January 19, 2019, Algiers Historical Society (AHS) at 10 – 12 a.m., Algiers Regional Library, Algiers, LA

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- Gerald “T-Boy” Broussard will be inducted into the Order of Living Legends on December 8, 2018 at the Acadian Museum Café in Erath, Louisiana at 4:00 p.m. Please join us!
- *Alliance Française de Lafayette* will be organizing and offering member’s only perks. Some include French cinema nights, pre-festival potlucks, and discounts on products and services. To become a member visit:

https://aflafayette.org/memberships?ss_source=sscampaings&ss_campaign_id=5b870048b6dfab000128fe12&ss_email_id=5b883199ded2550001109477&ss_campaign_name=Nos+Nouvelles++Septembre+2018&ss_campaign_sent_date=2018-08-30T18%3A03%3A31Z

- Mary Perrin’s mixed media piece *Annonciation* is one of many art works being in a group show at the Rural Life Museum in Baton Rouge from September 6 – October 29. The show is coordinated by the Louisiana Crafts Guild to celebrate CODOFIL’s 50th anniversary.
- In Ville Platte, Louisiana Jack Miller’s barbeque and cocktail sauces are still made the same way, by family. Even though Jack has passed on, his son Kermit, who was named a Living

Legend of the Acadian Museum in 2010, his wife Sheila and their family cook up batches almost every day.

- After a 35-year career that includes a Grammy win, numerous hall of fame inductions, two movie soundtracks and studio time with Garth Brooks, Alan Jackson and other Nashville stars, Wayne Toups could find a live album boring. But Toups, who was inducted as a Living Legend of the Acadian Museum in 2001, is not only excited about recording before a live audience, he calls it a challenge. The album will unveil Royal Blue, a side project featuring Toups and band members Steve Riley and Chubby Carrier performing acoustic versions of his greatest hits.
- I received this email: “We'll be celebrating Jeremiah Ariaz's new book, *Louisiana Trail Riders*, and the trail riding tradition in Breaux Bridge, beginning with books for sale and signing at the World Famous Zydeco Breakfast at Buck & Johnny's and a panel discussion with the author and his subjects, moderated by *T-Galop* filmmaker, Conni Castille, at the Teche Center for the Arts. For more information on this project visit: www.louisianatrailriders.com.”
- The Cajun band *La Recolte* performed in the St. John Valley on Sept. 8. Band members are of Acadian descent so it is perhaps not surprising that when recalling previous visits to the Valley, the singer Ballard describes the people here as “friendly and family oriented.” In addition to that, people are bilingual. Whoever we meet there we can communicate with.” *La Recolte* performs only in French.
- An upcoming “rockumentary” will explore the evolution of Cajun music with a focus on Grammy-winning band Lost Bayou Ramblers. *On Va Continuer!* (French for “we will continue”) won't premiere until 2019, but details are already being shared of its production. Filmmaker Bruno Doria met the band's Louis Michot in 2016, while documenting the aftermath of devastating floods in Maurice, Louisiana. The film follows Lost Bayou Ramblers from then and through the recording and release of their Grammy-winning album *Kalenda*. In July 2018, *On Va Continuer!* was selected as the recipient of the #CreateLouisiana French Culture Film Grant in July 2018, earning it \$30,000 in funding. Beginning today (September 7), the film is utilizing Kickstarter to finish funding post-production and distribution.

- Visitors to the Prince Edwards Island enjoyed their visit to the Acadian Museum according to comments on Trip Advisor. Click to read comments in both English and French.



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- This year, the *Festival Acadiens et Creoles* hosted festival favorites like Sam Broussard, Steve Riley, Roddie Romero and Wayne Toups. For 2018, the festival celebrated the “Lyrical Legacy of Caesar Vincent” and the 50th anniversary of CODOFIL.
- I am writing a chapter for Roger Léger’s upcoming book *Monuments de l’Odyssée acadienne* which will feature a history all of the areas in world where there presently is a World Acadian Odyssey Monument (*monument l’Odyssée acadienne*) as an international project of the *Société nationale de l’Acadie* (SNA). On October 11, 2011, the 10th monument was dedicated in Houma, Louisiana in Terrebonne Parish as part of the *Grand réveil acadien* chaired by Ray Trahan. Therefore, I will write chapter 14 which will present the history of the Acadians migration and settlement in Louisiana from 1764 to 1788 when a total of about 2,600 Acadians transplanted their culture to establish New Acadia (*Nouvelle Acadie*). Today, there are 16 monuments in the world. We hope to install a second one in Louisiana on the Bayou Teche in Loreauville, Louisiana as a part of the New Acadia Project (NAP) mission.

- Pictured on August 14, 1994, in the Acadian Museum in Moncton, New Brunswick during the *Congrès mondial acadien* 1994 are Warren A. Perrin, Tookie Hollier and Billie Wayne Broussard.



- Recent deaths: My cousin Billie Wayne Broussard of Abbeville died on September 12. She had been a member of Broussard Family Reunion (*La Famille Beausoleil*) and a teacher at Henry, Maurice and Abbeville and a member of the Louisiana Librarians Association. She was inducted as a Living Legend of the Acadian Museum on June 6, 2015. She had helped to edit my book *Vermilion Parish*. Emily Ann Broussard Lanoux died on October 20. She served as secretary of *Famille Beausoleil*. Living Legend Daniel John Broussard Sr. died on October 24. He was the former assessor of Vermilion Parish and an expert in Acadian history.

- Frank Rochefort, was a decorated WW II Air Force pilot of a B24 fighter bomber who flew 42 missions over enemy territories in the South Pacific. He was the owner of the Richelieu Hotel in New Orleans and a dedicated financial supporter of the Acadian Museum. On March 27, 2008, he was inducted into the Order of Living Legends. He died on September 2, 2018.



- A new Heritage Minute depicting the expulsion of Acadians from Nova Scotia has wrapped filming in two Annapolis Valley locations. Clip director Tess Girard recently filmed scenes at Houston's Beach in Canning and the Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens which focus on a narrative she hopes offers a unique take on the historic event. The clip is filmed from the perspective of a mother, which Girard says she decided on after most of her research revealed stories and anecdotes focusing on the experience of Acadian men.
- Save the date! The French American Chamber of Commerce – Gulf Coast is proud to present two wonderful events in one big weekend!

Enjoy the First Wine of the Harvest at the 2018 *Beaujolais Nouveau* Celebration!

Wine • Cuisines • Music • Auction
 Thursday, November 15, 2018
 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
 JW Marriott Hotel
 641 Canal Street, New Orleans

Taste over 100 artisan cheeses from around the world at New Orleans' first annual cheese festival!

Cheeses • Libations • Music • Store
 Saturday, November 17, 2018
 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 The New Orleans Jazz Museum at the U.S. Mint • 400 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans

- The *Abbeville Meridional* newspaper recently sponsored a contest to determine who is "the most famous person from Vermillion Parish." Happily, Living Legend and Museum supporter D.L. Menard was voted the winner by less than 10 over Kaplan native Sammy Kershaw. Larry Menard, D.L's son, stated "my father has been all around the world and visited 40 countries. It is good to know that people from his community voted him this great honor." The "Cajun Hank Williams," as D.L. was known, died on July 27, 2017.



- André-Carl Vachon of Quebec (who had an article in our book *Acadia Then and Then*), is the new Lauréat for the *Prix France-Acadie 2018* for this book on the subject of the arrivals of Acadian refugees in Québec:
- The Music Cities Convention recently came to Lafayette, a music city steeped in history (Zydeco and Cajun) and bubbling over with new ideas and artists. The attendees – who traveled to Louisiana from six continents – got an inside look at this emerging hub of new music during the convening, which focused on diversity, music and improving our cities and communities.
- On September 19, Warren and Mary Perrin made a presentation at the UL Special Collections Department in Dupré Library entitled "CODOFIL: The Rebirth of Cajun Culture." The talk was highlighted by a PowerPoint presentation by UL Professor Dr. Mark Rees on the New Acadian Project (NAP).
- An excellent itinerary for a bus tour to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia for the CMA2019 has been organized. Any questions please contact Sandi at sandisagrera1@gmail.com. Also, don't forget to go to the CMA2019 website to register your name for the family reunions (even if you're not sure you will be attending).



2019 Congrès Mondial for the family reunions
 Aug 9-24
 AwesomeAdventures/UniqueDestinations-
 216 Rosewood Drive, Crockett, TX 75835
 (337) 303.2209

- I received this email from my Acadian cousin: “My name is Rémi Lévesque from Grand-Barachois, New Brunswick, Canada. Last year my hooking group *Les Hookeuses du Bor'del'O*, from Shediac, New Brunswick launched a hooking cushion project 200 hooked cushions for my 200th. We are proud to have in our community the oldest Acadian wooden church which 40 years ago was saved from demolition by a group of citizens. To commemorate its upcoming 200th anniversary, our hooking group started this project to have 200 hooked cushions exhibited on the church pews. The church was built by the whole community and it is in that spirit that we launched this project—rug hooking artists and artisans from all over working together as a community to create the largest collection of hooked cushions in Acadia. Please

visit our Facebook page 200 cousins *hookés pour mon 200ième / 200 hooked cushions* for my 200th. We need *cusions* from our Cajun cousins. Merci.”

- Nathan Rabalais published a book of original poetry in Louisiana French entitled *Le Hantage: un ouvrage de souvenance*. The book deals with the cyclical process of working through memories. It is published by *Tintamarre* at Centenary College and includes many striking black and white photos by the author's brother, David Rabalais. Dana Kress, editor of *Tintamarre*, sees the book as "a full-throated cry of a new poetic French that speaks in multiple tongues—with a single voice. There will be a book launch at the *Alliance Française* in New Orleans on Nov. 4 at 4 p.m.
http://french.centenary.edu/editions/hantage_en.htm Book review by David Cheramie: <https://astheure.com/2018/08/13/filiere-louisiane-14/>
- The *Congrès mondial acadien* (CMA) 2019 is launching a teaching guide for host region francophone school districts in Prince Edward Island and Southeastern New Brunswick to help education professionals to promote the event among education workers in the host regions. “As the inclusion and importance of youth are part of the CMA 2019’s vision, education is an important gateway to give next generations a vision of a traditional and contemporary Acadie,” says CMA 2019 Chair Claudette Thériault.
- On September 21, Mary and I attended a nice fundraiser for the former Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco UL Center for Public Policy. Gov. Blanco, who gave a wonderful talk, looked great and stated that her terminal cancer was not causing her any pain. Others who spoke were Sen. Breaux, Sen. Landrieu and Gov. John Bell Edwards. Gov. Edwin Edwards did not make a speech, but we got to chat with him for a minute....he looked great and sent his regards to our museum. We inducted him into the Living Legends on August 12, 2012. During the event, he shocked everyone—including his wife—by saying in public for the first time that she was pregnant. Their son is now in first grade.
- Located in the middle of Lafourche Parish sits a new visitor center, recently renovated to serve as a gateway to the community. On September 28, officials with Louisiana’s Cajun Bayou and the Lafourche Parish Tourism Commission unveiled the renovated center. The new center was designed by Glen Pitre of Cote Blanche Productions.
- The Terrebonne old-timer who authored a history of the Last Island hurricane, James M. Sothern, will be honored, during the Rougarou Festival for his contributions to local culture



and music. Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser calls Sothern “a community researcher and bayou cultural icon for over 40 years, who learned to play songs in Louisiana French.”

- Thanks to Roger Leger (ninth from left, front row) for sending to me the group photograph of the persons present for the unveiling of the *Monument de l’Odysée acadienne à Carleton sur Mer* on September 16, 2018. Director Jean Gaudet is shown on the left.



- *La Gaspésie au Soleil* by Antoine Bernard was published in 1925 and was *couronné* by *l’Académie française* in 1926. In the same year, Bernard was appointed by the University of Montréal teacher and director of The Chair of Acadian History. He studied at *l’Institut catholique de Paris* from 1922 to 1924. He published extensively. Roger Léger will republish in the next three years three other books by Antoine Bernard: *Histoire de la Louisiane* (1953), *Le Drame acadien, 1604-1755* (1936) and *L’Histoire de la Survivance acadienne* (1935). Antoine Bernard was very well-known in Louisiana where he often gave courses in Baton Rouge and Lafayette.

- Shown on September 26, 2018 for the induction of Doug Villien into the Order of Living Legends are, left to right, Richard Landry, Kermit Bouillion, and Lester Gauthier, also a Living Legend.



- Acadians’ bilingualism rights remain a hot issue in New Brunswick. A resolution from an Acadian seaside town council has fired a warning shot across the bow of the New Brunswick Tories, as the municipal councillors try to rally wider francophone support condemning any minority government propped up by the conservative People's Alliance party.

- Alain Bossé, also known as the Kilted Chef, has travelled the world from kitchens to convention centers sharing his expertise and love for buying and eating local ingredients. With his signature tartan kilt, proud Acadian heritage and undeniable flair for cooking with local, Alain has earned a reputation as Atlantic Canada’s culinary ambassador. The Kilted Chef was at *Festivals Acadien et Créoles* to help promote *Congrès mondial acadien 2019* as well as his new cookbook *The Acadian Kitchen: Recipes from Then and Now*. Cookbooks are available at <https://www.amazon.ca/Acadian-Kitchen-Recipes-Then-Now/dp/1770503137>.

- Separation of families was the cruel strategy enforced during *Le Grand Derangement*. It was the terrible period in 1755 in Nova Scotia and P.E.I. when the cruel British upheaval separated families and dispersed them in ships to many foreign ports. Some refugees were able to reassemble or escape the deportation. A group of the refugees found their way to the territory of Madawaska, in Northern Maine and South Eastern Canada. This history was chronicled in an article by Juliana L'Heureux who found an article published in the *Madawaska Centennial*, a 1969 publication.
- Here is an excerpt from a very interesting article entitled "How Houston's Frenchtown gave rise to the 'Barbecue Ward' by J.C. Reid. "By 1880, the full route between Houston and New Orleans was complete, and many of Houston's most important cultural traditions began to flow west from southwest Louisiana into Southeast Texas. This flow of people and traditions would become a tidal wave starting in the early 1900s as Creoles of color left Cajun country in search of job opportunities in the booming petroleum industries along the rail corridor connecting Orange, Beaumont and Houston. Frenchtown, just north of Fifth Ward, was created in 1922. Frenchtown became the center of the Creole/Cajun culture that would flavor and influence so much of the Bayou City's culture and traditions to this day. The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 resulted in a second wave of Creoles migrating to Houston and Frenchtown."
- If you are a Broussard descendent and wish to finally meet some of your long-lost cousins who live in Canada and beyond, consider attending the Broussard Family Reunion in Moncton, New Brunswick on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, during the *Congrès mondial acadien 2019*. The reunion format will be a "meet and greet" from 1 to 6 pm, a "Broussard" family history presentation from 2:30 to 3:30 pm and afterwards a drive to nearby lands where brothers Joseph "Beausoleil" and Alexandre Broussard once lived. For more information/registration visit: <https://www.cma2019.ca/en/program/families>. The event will be held at Solomon Gardens. There is a new sign—naming the amphitheater after our progenitor Beausoleil Broussard. I received this email from the owner of Solomon Gardens: "We are moving ahead to make the historical site Village Beausoleil a memorable place during the Acadian World Congress next year."
- Thanks to Georges Arsenault for sending to us this nugget of research information: You might be familiar with the *Canadian Dictionary of Biography* on line. It contains a great number of biographies of Canadians who have left their imprint on Canadian history, including a good

number of Acadians. Exploring the web site, you will discover a section on Acadian history during the 19th century and the early part of the 20th. Here is the link: http://www.biographi.ca/en/theme_acadians.html?p=1. You can also read it in French: http://www.biographi.ca/fr/theme_acadians.html?p=1. In another section, you will find a good introductory essay on the general history of the Acadian people by historian Naomi Griffiths. Link: http://www.biographi.ca/en/theme_essays.html?p=27. In French: http://www.biographi.ca/fr/theme_essays.html?p=27.”

- The new UL Provost Jamie Hebert, Ph.D., an Abbeville native, credits his father for the beginnings of his connection to UL Lafayette. His father, one of 14 children, was the first person in his family to go to college, attending SLI. Hebert said the people that make up Acadiana are his favorite part of the Cajun culture, crediting the residents for all of the things that the region is known for.

- On October 10, 2018, presented by CODOFIL and *Festivals Acadien et Creoles*, a panel discussion was held at the UL Hilliard Art Museum focusing on the 50 years of CODOFIL's work promoting French in Louisiana. Shown here are, left to right, former director Dr. David Cheramie, member of the board Amanda LaFleur, former President Warren Perrin, former Director Earline Broussard and former Director Phillip Gustin.



- A new book tells the story of the author's paternal family through nine generations, from the arrival of the first Poirier from France to Port Royal in the Annapolis Valley in the 1640s. Simone Poirier-Bures, who was born in Halifax and now lives in Virginia, follows her ancestors from Port Royal to Beaubassin to Port-Toulouse (modern day St. Peter's), through their fugitive years during the deportation, then to Isle Madame, and finally to Halifax, where her generation, the 10th, was born.



- In a skit entitled "Bayou Benny's Liberal Lagniappe," NBC's *Saturday Night Live* poked some fun at southern Louisiana on Saturday (Oct. 14), with a shoutout to the nonprofit Acadiana Open Channel, Tulane University and some local flavors. In the sketch, Bayou Benny, played by Beck Bennet, hosts a roundtable in Lafayette, and talks with guests including Taylor Swift

(Heidi Gardner), Seth Meyers (as himself), the show's White House correspondent (Kate McKinnon), a large biscuit and an alligator.

- On November 1, 2018, Dr. John Mack Faragher, author of *A Great And Noble Scheme - The Tragic Expulsion of the French Acadians from their American Homeland*, visited the University of Maine at Fort Kent and presented a talk about his book and about how the Americans' were involved in carrying out the plan of removal.
- The Acadian Archives at University at Fort Kent was opened in 1989 to preserve the history of the Acadian and Franco-American heritage in the St. John Valley. Now, 13 years later, the Archives has preserved thousands of artifacts and has been a temporary home to many exhibits. Each year, they bring in exhibits to showcase the French/Acadian culture. This year, they have brought in the Evangeline Exhibit. Lise Pelletier encourages people to stop in and learn the history behind the poem.
- Tulane University's Department of French and Italian presented "Time, Space And Politics: What Overseas Varieties Of French And French Creoles Can Teach Us About The Mechanics Of Geographic Spread In A Globalized World" a lecture by André Thibault, Chair in *Francophonie et variété des français* at the University of Paris – Sorbonne (Paris IV).
- We received this email from our good friend from Quebec Phil Comeau: "Everyone interested in more information on Warren Perrin's *Petition to Obtain an Apology for the Acadian Deportation* should see the new edition of *Veritas Acadie* (number 7, autumn 2018) edited by David LeGallant of Prince Edward Island that has some 50 pages of articles and opinions on the Queen's Royal Proclamation for its 15th anniversary. See the Table of Contents, starting in page 37."



- On October 13, I, along with "Boysie" Bollinger and Dr. Herman Hughes, were honored at UL's homecoming with the Outstanding Alumni Award. Here is a brief history of how the university became known as the Ragin' Cajuns. Bob Henderson, the then-sports information director at USL, decided to officially honor Faulkinberry's nickname for the football team and replaced the Bulldogs with the Ragin' Cajuns in 1962. Leslie Saloom, associate director of trademark licensing at UL Lafayette, said the name "Ragin' Cajuns" is a



better representation of UL Lafayette than the former Bulldog moniker and the representation does not stop at the name. (Photo by Doug Dugas).

- On October 16, 2018, Gov. John Bel Edwards announced that the International Organization of the Francophonie (IOF) in Paris has accepted the state of Louisiana as an observing member to the organization, following a unanimous vote of approval during its biennial conference in Yerevan, Armenia. The next convention will be held in Monaco.

- *L'Association Henri Capitant* - Louisiana Chapter - New Update

At the annual meeting of the chapter, we elected a new slate of officers: John Trahan (professor at LSU Law School) I was elected president, replacing Alain Levasseur (professor at the LSU Law School), who had stepped down after many years of selfless, sterling service; David Gruning (professor at the Loyola Law School) was elected vice-president; and Ben Janke (shareholder of Baker Donelson, New Orleans) was elected secretary and Phil Hackney (professor at the University of Pittsburgh Law School) as treasurer. *International conference of 2019*. – This coming year, the Association's *Journées internationales* will be held in Paris and Bordeaux, France, June 2 - June 7, on the theme of *la solidarité*.

- It's been five years since the premiere of *Cajun Face*. Life goes on, and so the story continues. Creators/Performers Sarah Mikayla Brown and Lian Cheramie continue to explore what it means to be Cajun/Creole in our changing world through humor, video interviews, personal stories, and original songs. *Ouais*, your favorite Cajun Face characters will be there too!

- On October 17, Marc and Marie Odile Chauveau visited the Acadian Museum. They are from Nantes, France and had attend *Festival Acadiens et Creoles* to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. They had met each other while on a *France-Louisiane* trip to Louisiana led by Claude Teboul of Paris. While in Lafayette, they were hosted by Randal Menard.



- I love this letter: “Dikes stand test of time. I live on Granville Road, the oldest road in Canada, and I see Acadian dikes each day as I drive to and from Annapolis Royal. With all the talk of global warming and increased water levels in Nova Scotia, the only solution we have goes back to 1636 when the French governors of Acadia enlisted five *saulniers* (who drained marshes to provide salt) from western France to clear our marshes by building dikes around Port Royal. Here we are in 2018 with almost 400 years of technical progress and the only solution we have is to enhance the dikes. This puts us in a sorry state. I have to say bravo to the Acadian engineers 382 years ago. May their spirits rescue us.”

- Louisiana's Avery Island, a salt dome and the birthplace of Tabasco pepper sauce, is newly-listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Avery Island is a significant part of Louisiana's history and culture. Company President and CEO Anthony Simmons says the historic designation comes the same year that marks the 150th anniversary of Tabasco and the 200th anniversary of his family's settlement on the island.

- William Thibodeaux sent the schedule for the upcoming Third Annual Old Spanish Trail (OST) Day Celebration:

Saturday 3 November 2018 - Historic Downtown Rayne, Louisiana

9:01 a.m. Opening Ceremony in Depot Square
 Music (Louisiana Knights) Begins After Opening Ceremony

“OST Museum For A Day” Opens in THE BANK on 100 Block of E. Louisiana Avenue After Opening Ceremony

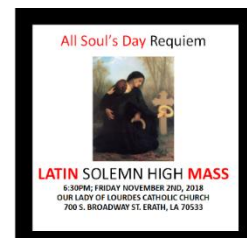
- Email from Phil Comeau: “Great news. Our Acadian film *Belle-Ile-En-Mer, A Breton and Acadian Island* just won its 26th award - this time in England! Just now, at the 7th Southampton International Film Festival. Amazing when you know that Southampton interned the Acadian deportees refused in Virginia, from 1755-1764, before they were released and some went on to settle Belle-Ile-en-Mer in France, while others would eventually go on to settle in Louisiana. This is another great way to reconcile with history!”

- We received this from Fr. Andre Metrejean: A Latin Solemn High Mass to be held on November 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

- Please join the UL Department of History, Geography, and Philosophy, in welcoming Dr. Justin Nystrom to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Nystrom will be discussing his latest book, *Creole Italian:*

Sicilian Immigrants and the Shaping of New Orleans Food Culture, which explores the influence Sicilian immigrants have had on New Orleans foodways. Dr. Nystrom is Associate Professor in the History Department at Loyola University New Orleans. The free presentation will take place on November 8 at 3:00 pm in Griffin Hall, room 315. Convenient parking for the public is available in the Girard Park Circle Parking Tower.

- From Shane K. Bernard: “Consider the irony of a Cajun helping to save the Magna Carta! Mr. Delcambre did an amazing thing, and I think deserves a medal or certificate or a phone call from the Queen. Or at least the key to the city of Salisbury. Of course by irony I'm referring to



the fact that the *Grand Derangement* was carried out by the British Crown.”
<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/7594870/american-tourist-who-tackled-hooded-hammer-wielding-man-to-the-ground-as-he-tried-to-steal-the-magna-carta-is-revealed/>. One clause in the document states: “No free man shall be seized or imprisoned, or stripped of his rights or possessions, or outlawed or exiled.” Phil Comeau aptly noted: “I think the Magna Carta was in hiding in 1755.”

- The Giant Omelette Festival Celebration will be held November 3rd - 4th in Abbeville. Abbeville is a member of a group of seven cities around the world that fry up a giant omelette to commemorate a legend about Napoleon. The main event happens Sunday—right after they finish cracking 5,000 eggs!
- Here is some great news from Ray Trahan: The Abbeville Giant Omelette Association has been successful in getting French Immersion in Vermilion Parish. LeBlanc Elementary will have French Immersion in one of their kindergarten classes starting August, 2019. The School Board invites all to the official launch of the first French Immersion program in the Parish. It will be held at LeBlanc Elementary located north of Erath on November 9 at 8:05 a.m. I encourage all of you to attend and show your support. Applications can be found at www.vpsb.net/388559 3.