

# LA PAROLE

NEWSLETTER OF THE ACADIAN MUSEUM

By Warren A. Perrin, Chairman

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## Medicine in the Leaves: The History of Vermillionville's Unique Healers Garden

The Healing Traditions of Acadiana speaker series is back after a pandemic layoff of 2 1/2 years. On Saturday, March 5, 11am, in Vermillionville's performance center, this quarter's talk will be "Medicine in the Leaves: The History of Vermillionville's unique Healers Garden" presented by Beverly Fuselier who will cover the garden's founding in 2011 and speak on the garden's native Louisiana plants. She will discuss their medicinal value, who used them, and how they used the medicine procured from the leaves, stems, roots, and bark, and much associated entertaining folklore. Admission is free, donations gratefully accepted.

## Passing It On Workshops

Also don't miss this special presentation: *Healing Traditions of Acadiana*, March 12, 9:30am at the Erath Community Center. By Mary Perrin, Mary Ann Armbruster, PhD., Beverly Fuselier, Nancy Adkins DVM, Tina Vidrine, and Melonie Francois.

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## MUSEUM NEWS

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### Book Talks/Special Events

We are accepting invitations to give presentations. Here are some scheduled talks:

- March 19, Acadian Memorial, City Hall Council Room, St. Martinville, La. at 11:00 a.m.
- April 9, 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Legion Post, Acadian Museum, 203 S. Broadway, Erath, La. at 12 Noon
- April 11, SAGE seminar, Thompson Conference Center, University of Texas, Austin, Texas at 2:30 p.m.
- April 27, "Salute to Frenchie: Honoring French-Speaking WWII Veterans, World War II D Day Museum, New Orleans, from 2 - 4 p.m.
- April 30, La. Sports Hall of Fame Museum, 800 Front St., Natchitoches, LA, 71457 at 2 p.m.
- May 10, 1:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Acadiana (radio show)  
Listen on KRVS 88.7 FM or [krvs.org](http://krvs.org)
- July 21, 12 noon, Hancock Historical Society, 198 Cue St., Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

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### Passing It On Workshops *(continued from p. 1)*

#### *Storytelling Workshops*

#### **March 20 and April 10**

We will have a maximum of twenty (20) participants. The presenters are Richard Landry, Robert Richard, Connie Suire, Allen Simon and Randel Broussard. For registration and location information, please contact Richard Landry: 337-280-4288 or [risulandry@gmail.com](mailto:risulandry@gmail.com).

Also, the *Table Francaise* in Maurice will kick off again this month. The 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:00. This month will be March 9th and 23rd.

#### *Spinning and Weaving Workshop*

#### **April 2, 10am-2pm**

"Madame Dronet's Legacy: Spinning and Weaving in Prairie Greig" will be presented by Elaine Bourque and Austin Clark at the Perrin Farm, 6805 Hwy 330, Erath, LA. Participants must preregister via phone 337 456-7729 or email [info@acadianmuseum.com](mailto:info@acadianmuseum.com).

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### Recent Deaths

#### **Constance Bernard Babin**

Connie Bernard Babin, a native of Erath and resident of Lafayette, died on Thursday, February 10, 2022. As Director of Development for the Diocese of Lafayette, she was responsible for implementing the Bishop's Services Appeal raising \$2.67M before she retired, as well as helping church parishes adopt stewardship as a way of life in their own parishes.

Connie was active in the International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC), an affiliate of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, that supports and promotes the teaching of Christian stewardship and responsible philanthropy in the Church. As a member of ICSC's board of directors from 2007 to 2014, she represented 18 Catholic dioceses and archdioceses across five states and served on the board's strategic planning task force, and the organization's conference planning and marketing committees.

She and the entire Bernard family were loyal supporters of the museum. Siblings Mary Pat Dinkins and Ryan "Toby" Bernard (who manages our website and edits this newsletter) are both active volunteers.

### **David Floyd**

The Louisiana Association of Museums (LAM) remembers dedicated leader David Floyd. David was instrumental to the survival of LAM after the 2008 economic fallout. As LAM's President, he used his countless connections to call in every favor in an effort to eliminate our debt so we could one day be a profitable organization again. Which we are, thanks to his hard work. Floyd served on LAM's board for many years, executing countless fundraisers and conferences. So many of us involved with LAM are where we are today because of his mentorship, guidance, and support.

Thank you, David, for dedicating your life to sustainability of museums, to those we serve, and to those we interpret. We will never forget your encyclopedic knowledge and the years you gave to the museum world.

### **First Cajun Astronaut: A Living Legend**



*Hayley Arceneaux*

Andy Perrin, chairman of the Executive Committee said, "I am delighted to be able to recognize the achievements of a Cajun girl who has made all of us proud and that she is also proud to be a part of our extended Acadian family from throughout the world."

Perrin announced that the Acadian Museum will induct Hayley Arceneaux, the first Cajun astronaut, into its Order of Living Legends on March 18, 2022. The event will take place at the Acadian Memorial, St. Martinville, Louisiana, at 5:00 pm, on the occasion of the re-opening of the Acadian Memorial in St. Martinville.

Hayley served as Chief Medical Officer on Inspiration4, the first all-civilian mission to orbit on September 15, 2021. She made history as the first person with a prosthesis, the first pediatric

cancer survivor, and the youngest American to ever go to space.

Born in St. Francisville, Arceneaux now works at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, TN as a physician’s assistant caring for pediatric leukemia and lymphoma patients. *The Order of Living Legends* is a program sponsored by the Acadian Museum to honor those individuals who help to inspire and shape our culture.

Warren A. Perrin, Chairman of the Board, said: “We are privileged to be able to honor as a Living Legend a young person whose life’s work has made a major impact upon our Cajun culture and history.”

## Living Legend Jonas Perrin Celebrates His 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday Touring the Acadian Museum



On February 18, my Uncle Jonas Perrin, who was inducted as a Living Legend on July 30, 2021, celebrated his 96th birthday. As part of his day,

Jonas (left) and his son Randall visited the museum and viewed the ongoing project to install the new military exhibit by Lovelace Touchet which will include photos and materials from the Derouen-Moss Post 279 American Legion. The unveiling of the exhibition will be on April 9 at noon during the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the post to be led by Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser.

## Nungesser to Appear at 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Erath American Legion Post

On April 9, 2022, the Acadian Museum is hosting a celebration for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Erath Derouen-Moss Post 279 American Legion at 12 noon, which will feature a special appearance by Louisiana Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser.

DEROUEM-MOSS POST 279 AMERICAN LEGION  
ERATH, LA

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY



CEREMONY

75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ERATH DEROUEM-MOSS  
POST 279 AMERICAN LEGION

THE ACADIAN MUSEUM OF ERATH

203 S. BROADWAY ST., ERATH, LA 70533

APRIL 9, 2022

12 NOON



The event will officially open the museum’s new American Legion exhibit, which will be named in honor of Erath’s own Willis Granger, a proud WWII veteran who served aboard the ship used to plot the US invasion of Southern France, often called “The Second D-Day.” In addition, the museum will honor its cofounder Robert B. Vincent by naming our separate Military Exhibit

after him. Despite suffering from muscular dystrophy, during his short life Robert co-founded the Acadian Museum, was elected to Erath City Council at the age of 19, and later earned a law degree, earning a living as an attorney and serving in many civic and educational roles. The anniversary presentation will include posting of colors by the Acadian Veterans Honor Guard with a bugle rendition of the *Star-Spangled Banner*.

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### Museum Sponsors LeBlanc Elementary's French Music Program

With a show of support for her work, the Acadian Museum will be a sponsor for upcoming events headed by Madeline DeHart where they will feature some of LeBlanc Elementary's French music programs. They will have one program happening on March 31, featuring their LeBlanc fiddlers and another on April 7, featuring Erath Middle Zydeco Band.

The sponsorships will help defray costs associated with hiring professional music groups *Blake Miller and the Old-Fashioned Aces*, from Iota, and *Poisson Rouge*, from Erath. Their efforts to promote our local music within our local schools is growing in popularity, and your help would go a long way to make this happen for our students. If anyone wants to support their programs, donations may be made to the Vermilion Parish School Board, attention Madeline DeHart, PO Drawer 520, Abbeville, La 70511-0520.

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### LeBlanc Elementary Third Annual Culture and Leadership Day

We received this information from Principal Rachelle Brown regarding LeBlanc Elementary's Third Annual Culture and Leadership Day (see below):



Guests will have the opportunity to attend a school-wide celebration, enjoy music and dance, peruse art exhibits, participate in student-led conferences, and visit classroom. To attend, register here by March 11:

[www.tinyurl.com/leblancleaders2022](https://tinyurl.com/leblancleaders2022).

## Acadian Museum's Visitors



Visiting on February 5 were Tim (left) and Nick Hidell, father and son from Delaware. Nick and his family recently moved to Abbeville, Louisiana, and are neighbors of Charles and Mary Ellen Sonnier, longtime museum supporters, who have hosted several fundraisers at their beautiful Magdalen Place home, shown below.



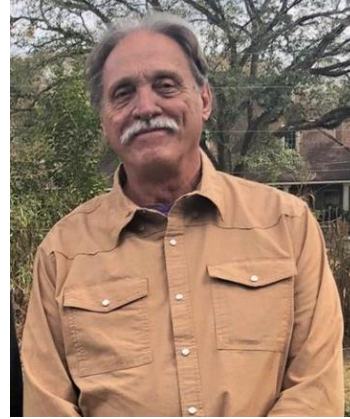
Other visitors include (front row, L-R) Mary Ellen Sonnier, André Herrington, Charles Sonnier, and Jan Wooten; (back row) Price Crane, John Clyde Herrington, and Ann Crane. On February 5, the Sonniers hosted their friends from New Orleans for a visit to the Acadian Museum.



On February 23, Natalie d'Augereau hosted Kathy and Bill Day from Georgia for a museum tour.

## LOUISIANA/CAJUN NEWS

### Folklorist Recounts His Amazing Life



Dr. Barry Ancelet, Photo courtesy Discover Lafayette

Dr. Barry Ancelet, the acclaimed Cajun folklorist, author, songwriter, professor, and festival organizer, recently recorded a podcast for Discover Lafayette, a website that calls itself “The Gateway to South Louisiana.” This story,

which appeared on *discoverlafayette.net*, includes some amazing quotes:

“My dad told me when I was a kid, ‘Find something you really love to do and you’ll never work a day in your life.’ I got paid to visit with artists like Dewey Balfa, Dennis Magee, Canray Fontenot, and Nathan Abshire, listen to their stories and turn it into coursework and publications. When I retired, in my speech I said I was happy to be retiring before the university realized I would have done it for free.”

It wasn’t that long ago in Louisiana that speaking French was shunned and children were not allowed to speak the language in school for fear of reprisal. However, Barry says that he grew up in a French-speaking family who enjoyed Cajun music, and, “we never felt French was a liability.” His grandmother always quoted a French proverb, “A man who speaks two languages is worth two men,” translated in French as “Un



On February 25, Will McGrew, who is from New Orleans and co-founded Télé-Louisiane, and David Chermie Ph.D., who is doing some work to help promote the Acadian Museum, visited the museum. Télé-Louisiane works with local and international partners to develop Louisiana language and culture for economic growth.



On February 26, volunteers Bill Comeaux and Ron Bodin “had a great morning hosting the Half Fast Car Club of Lafayette. There were 16 visitors who seemed to thoroughly enjoy their trip to the museum. Of course, they all arrived in their various restored vehicles and I’m sure many people in Erath had questions of what was going on. After their visit, they were caravanning to Abbeville to enjoy lunch at Shuck’s. It was exciting seeing such a large group enjoying the museum.”

home qui parle deux langues vaut deux hommes.”

Barry’s accomplishments are too numerous mention in this newsletter, but you can click [here](#) for the whole amazing story of his life and listen to him talk in the podcast.

## Acadiana Native Plant Project



We received this from NUNU’s Arts and Culture Collective:

Spring approaches and Acadiana Native Plant Project’s propagation team prepares new growths for planting in your yard. Be part of this nonprofit by becoming a member ([greauxnative.org/join-us/](http://greauxnative.org/join-us/)) or stop by the June Walker Memorial Greenhouse, 1046 Main Hwy, Arnaudville, La., any Tuesday morning, when and where you can purchase plants. Purchases helps to support ANPP’s mission to educate on the benefits of planting native.

## Soirée Francophone @ LSU

The LSU Department of French Graduate Students have planned an upcoming series of social gatherings for all to enjoy. See the flyers

below for upcoming programming. Link [HERE](#) for a list of all dates, times, and locations. And you can follow them on Instagram [@lsufrench](#).

March 9, Pause Café, 4-5 pm; Location: City Pork [sic] at Design building;

March 23, Picnic, 4-5 pm; Location: LSU Union Quad;

March 30, Pause Café, 4-5 pm; Location: City Pork at Design building;

April 6, Ciné, 6-8 pm; Film: *Le fabuleux destin d’Amélie Poulain*. Location: French House.

## Acadian Memorial Reopens in St. Martin

After a Covid 19 closing, join in the re-opening of the Acadian Memorial and African American Museums along with the Acadian Memorial

Heritage Festival celebration on Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Evangeline Oak Park (two blocks off Main Street), 121 South New Market Street, St. Martinville, LA 70582

Arceneaux and Leger families will be honored at the festival. There will be street music, booths, a reenactment of the arrival of the Acadians on the Bayou Teche, and more.

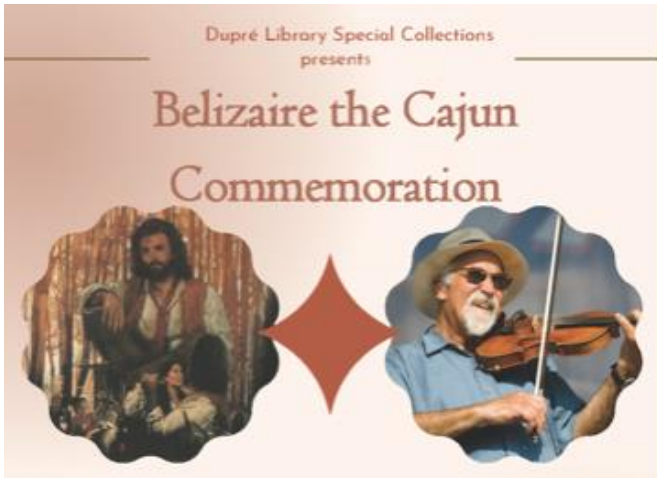
An acting troupe, *Theatre Cadien*, will recount the historical story of an Acadian family’s deportation memories as seen on the mural of *The Arrival of the Acadians in Louisiana*. The Acadian Memorial Foundation encourages all to



participate by volunteering, dressing in Cajun costumes, and share a day learning about the Acadian/Cajuns history, culture, and traditions. *Vive l'Acadie!*

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### **Belizaire the Cajun Celebrated at Event**



A commemoration of the movie *Belizaire the Cajun*, which was released in 1986, will be held on March 17 at 6:00pm at UL Lafayette, Oliver Hall, Rm 112. The event will include a screening of the movie and a special performance by renowned Cajun fiddler, band leader, and songwriter Michael Doucet. Spread the word and reserve seats [here](#).

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### **Acadiana Memories**

We received this email from William Thibodeaux:

Please mark your calendar for Monday, March 14, 2022, for another interesting session of Acadiana Memories. The program is from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the conference room at Hospice of Acadiana located at 2600 Johnston Street, LA 70503. It is a two-hour interactive history program held on the second Monday of each month. We reminisce about people, places,

and events of long ago. Everyone is invited. We hope to see you there.

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### **Acadiana Musicians Share Stories Over Their Favorite Childhood Meals at New Series**

This article by Megan Wyatt appeared in the *Advocate*:

Greg Walls has long supported south Louisiana's musicians at his downtown Lafayette restaurant. Johnson's Boucanière plays local music over the speakers, displays festival and event posters on the doors and sells CDs near the cash register. Still, Walls has wanted to do more for years. "In south Louisiana, and especially Lafayette, we're associated with our food, Andrew Duhon performed at the our music and our culture," Walls said. "How do we combine all three into one event?" Stories on the Porch, the new music series features a different artist each month over a meal inspired by his or her favorite childhood foods. The event begins this month at 7 PM and will first feature Mary Broussard.

[https://www.theadvocate.com/acadiana/entertainment/life/article\\_c92413ea-82f3-11ec-8910-634c0acb857f.html](https://www.theadvocate.com/acadiana/entertainment/life/article_c92413ea-82f3-11ec-8910-634c0acb857f.html)

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### **Lafayette Known as "Happiest City in America"**

This article appeared in *Only In Your State*:

### **Visit The Friendliest Town In Louisiana The Next Time You Need A Pick-Me-Up**

Lafayette is known as the happiest city in America – and for good reason! When you're surrounded by some of the richest cultures in the country, you're bound to be happy. The

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heartbeat of Cajun Country, Lafayette dates back to the 18th century when Canada's Acadians settled in the area, and over the next few hundred years, the Greater Lafayette Area has grown into its own distinct, unique identity that draws tourists from all over the world.

To read the article, click [here](#).

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## Louisiana Folklore Society Annual Meeting

The Center for Louisiana Studies is proud to partner with the Louisiana Folklore Society for its annual meeting, to be held in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana April 1-2 at the Têche Center for the Arts.

The title of this year's conference is: *Waterlore: Vernacular Knowledge in a State of Change*. With the theme of *Waterlore*, organizers hope to encourage discussion and collaboration around the complex culture and folk heritage of Louisiana's waterways.

To learn more about the event or to submit a presentation or paper for consideration, [click here](#).

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## The Extra Mile's Gala Hope & Healing

Thursday, March 24, 2022 7:00 PM

2022 Hope & Healing Gala Benefiting The Extra Mile  
[Register](#)

Acadiana Center for the Arts

Join local nonprofit The Extra Mile as they present the Hope & Healing Gala on Thursday, March 24, 2022. Guests will gather at Acadiana Center for the Arts in Downtown Lafayette for a "cocktail style reception." Guests will enjoy

savory fare – the opportunity to taste signature specialties provided by local businesses.

Support the Hope & Healing Gala:

- with a sponsorship
- donation of an auction item
- ticket purchase for the event

[Click here to learn more about sponsorship opportunities.](#)

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## Newest Louisiana Senator Takes Oath in French

This staff editorial appeared in *The Advocate*:



Jeremy Stine's entry to the Louisiana Senate this month buoyed the spirits of French language enthusiasts. Stine, a Calcasieu Parish Republican, won his seat in a special election in November.

The marketing director for family-owned Stine Lumber, Stine took the oath of office last Tuesday first in English, then, for about 66 seconds, in French, as he stood before Senate President Page Cortez and his colleagues.

To read the entire article click [here](#).

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## Erath Mother-Daughter Create Gifts

This article appeared in the *Daily Advertiser*



Donna and Britany Sellers are the mother-daughter duo behind Blessed Bayou Creations. They had-craft items at their home shop in Erath and sell them online through an Etsy shop.

Click [here](#) to read the article.

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## Local Principal Plays Gigs Across Acadiana

This article by Leigh Guidry appeared in the *Daily Advertiser*:

It's a Wednesday at J.H. Williams Middle School in Abbeville, and Ryan Abshire greets students and talks with teachers.

After the last bell rings Abshire shifts gear, taking off his assistant principal hat and replacing it with a black cowboy hat. He heads to Breaux Bridge for a mid-week gig with his band, *Ryan Abshire and the Envies*.

He's been an educator about 25 years, teaching math at J.H. Williams for more than 15 years and serving the school as assistant principal for the last nine years.

And those skills come in handy as a front man.

"He definitely uses his teaching and administration skills to manage the band and book gigs, deal with people," drummer Monty Bergeron said.

To read the entire article, click [here](#).

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## FRENCH/ACADIAN NEWS

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### Our Museum Recognized in Nova Scotia in Connection with Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This article by Andréanne Joly in *Francopresse* talks about Queen Elizabeth's 70 years on the throne and mentions my efforts to obtain the Queen's Royal Proclamation of 2003 as one of her achievements.

It was Elizabeth II who formalized the adoption of the Canadian flag in 1964 and the national anthem in 1980, but also acknowledged the harm caused by the British administration with the deportation of the Acadians from 1755 to 1763.

In 1990, Louisiana lawyer Warren Perrin had taken over claims made by Acadians in exile in 1760. They had asked for "recognition that a tragedy had happened and that the actions [of deportation] were contrary to British and English laws," explains the man of Acadian origin, author and president of [the Acadian Museum of Louisiana](#). It took 13 years to see the signing of the Royal Proclamation acknowledging the wrongs in December 2003.



Louisiana lawyer Warren Perrin (Simon Delattre, Acadie Nouvelle)

However, Warren Perrin believes that the sovereign could have simply ignored the request. "When I started this, no one thought we'd get there; everyone thought we would be ignored." However, the Queen has gone even further: "she has designated July 28 as the [annual Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval](#)", which is as unexpected as it is phenomenal, welcomes Warren Perrin.

You can read the rest of the article [here](#).

## 2024 World Acadian Congress Planned in Southwest Nova Scotia

This article appeared on *Saltwire* announcing the next World Acadian Congress to be held in southwest Nova Scotia in 2024:



Anna Claire Nickerson is the new archivist at the Pubnicos Acadian Museum and Research Center in West Pubnico, Nova Scotia (contributed photo).

Behind the scenes operations are starting to ramp up as the Acadian community in southwestern Nova Scotia gets ready to welcome Acadians from around the globe to the 2024 World Acadian Congress.

The Acadian communities and municipalities of Argyle and Clare won the bid to host the seventh *Congrès mondial acadien* (CMA) in 2019. The CMA will take place from Aug. 10 to 18, 2024, and will include events such as family reunions, conferences, various forms of artistic and cultural events, and a mega concert to celebrate National Acadian Day on Aug. 15.

To read the rest about CMA 2024, click [here](#).

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## Archive Director Publishes Historical Piece

This article appeared in *Fiddlehead Focus*:



Dr. Patrick Lacroix, director of the Acadian Archives *acadiennes*, was recently published in the *American Review of Canadian Studies*.

His piece "Prelude to the 'Great Hemorrhage': French Canadians in the United States, 1775-1840," establishes the context in which French Canadians left the St. Lawrence River valley to settle in the Midwest, in New England, and in our borderland region. It shows that their migrations did not begin in the second half of the 19th century, but much earlier. The French Canadians who moved east from the 1820s onward joined the pioneering Acadian families and intermarried.

"Most people of French heritage in the Madawaska region today can trace family lines both to colonial Acadia and to Quebec, which our extensive collection of Quebec genealogies reflects," said Dr. Lacroix. "My article lays out the social and economic circumstances for the creation of French-Canadian settlements outside of Quebec and the rise of a hybrid French culture."

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## Nova Scotians Celebrate Grand Pré on Annual Heritage Holiday

This article appeared on CBC News



*The 102-year-old Evangeline statue put a face on the Expulsion of the Acadians. (Robert Guertin/CBC)*

Nova Scotians will celebrate Grand Pré Day today, as the annual Heritage Day holiday focuses on the homeland of the Acadians.

Claude Degrâce, the executive director of the Landscape of Grand Pré Inc., said it also marks the 10-year anniversary of having the site named a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

"These lands created by Acadians using dykes are still more or less maintained the same way, still farmed, still community-based," he told CBC's *Information Morning*.

To read the article, click [here](#).

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## 3,400 Miles of Coastline Offers New Ways to Experience Acadian Coast, Bay of Fundy

This article appeared on [www.wfmz.com](http://www.wfmz.com):

Located just across the U.S. border from Maine, New Brunswick, Canada, welcomes travelers this year with family-friendly coastal experiences that explore its rich wildlife, vibrant cities, and awe-inspiring tides of the Bay of

Fundy. Visitors will find newly refurbished accommodations, kayaking and biking adventures along with opportunities to enjoy the Atlantic Canada province's Acadian heritage and vibrant cities.

### The Waterfront Container Village

New to Saint John, Canada's oldest incorporated city, is the [Waterfront Container Village](#). This village of shipping containers transforms a parking lot into a diverse collection of retail shops, eateries and a bar, a large stage performance space, pop-up activities, and a beer garden with views of the Bay of Fundy. This lively area will be made up of more than 60 shipping containers that represent the vibrant and eccentric personality of Saint John. The Waterfront Container village will mirror the cruise ship schedule, which runs from early June to mid-November.

To read the entire article, click [here](#).

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## Association des Richard du Nouveau-Brunswick

We received this information from Paul Richard of New Brunswick, Canada:

The Richard Association of New Brunswick tries to unite multiple generations by discovering their roots, and history and to be proud of their rich Acadian history. We are continuously researching the history of our ancestor and adding information on our website. All Richard descendants of Michel from all over the world are invited to join and share stories, images, etc... Visit their website at <https://associationrichardnb.com>

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## Paradise Lost Charts Amazing Archeology of Grand Pré, Nova Scotia



Maro Lagacé of Ottawa alerted us to this post on the *Archaeology in Acadia* Facebook page, which talks about a new article in the current issue of *Archaeology Magazine*:

The March/April 2022 issue of *Archaeology Magazine*, a publication of the Archaeological Institute of America, features a beautifully illustrated article about the archaeology of old Acadie written by Executive Editor Daniel Weiss.

You'll find it on pages 30-35 in the print edition, but I don't think they plan to post it on their website. So, if you'd like to give it a look, take a stroll to your nearest newsstand or supermarket and pick up a copy the old-fashioned way.

Thanks to all who contributed, including Jamie Robertson for that stunning aerial image of Grand-Pré.

You can see the AIA Facebook page [here](#), but note that the current issue may be available at well-stocked bookstores and newsstands in your area. Also note that the mag publishes its issues two months at a time, so the current issue will be available for purchase online in early May here: <https://archive.archaeology.org/>

## LAGNIAPPE

### North Carolina Town Mobs New Cajun Mart: “Everything Is Pretty Much Gone”

This article by Morgan Starling appeared in *The Daily News*, a publication covering eastern North Carolina:

A new Cajun market is bringing pieces of Louisiana to Onslow County, and fans of the niche market have shown their appreciation. And perhaps too much — the store nearly sold out of items in its first week.

Richlands Cajun Market, located at 904 Wood Drive in Richlands, opened on Feb. 3 by Tammy Heap and Russ Folley, and is a small grocery store specializing in authentic Cajun food items.

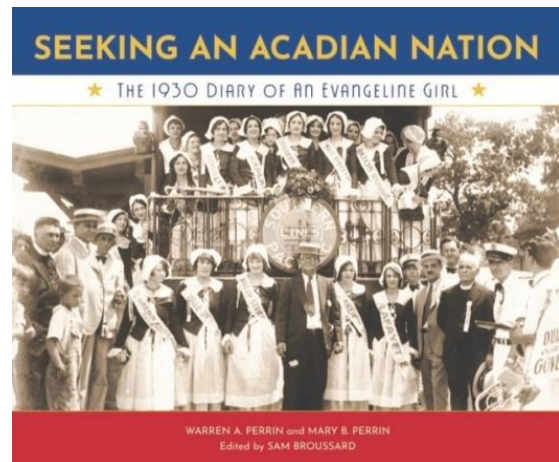
"It was Russ' vision to bring his love of Louisiana and the Acadiana area to the food to North Carolina," said Heap. "He had a vision, and I guess we made it happen together."

Heap and Folley both served in the Navy for 32 years before opening the market. Heap said they found a niche they didn't know existed, and underestimated the appreciation of Cajun food in the area.

"Within eight days of opening, almost everything is out," said Heap. "We still have some boudin and shelf stable items but everything else is pretty much gone."

To read the article, click [here](#).

## Visit the Boutique / Get Cool Stuff !



Another way to support the museum is by visiting our [online boutique](#) and purchasing one of our books or other souvenirs. Our latest book, [Seeking an Acadian Nation](#), traces the movement toward Acadian reunification across the decades. Other titles and available souvenirs include:

- [Acadie Then and Now: A People's History](#) with articles by Cajun and Acadian authors from around the world.
- [Acadian Redemption](#) - From Beausoleil Broussard to the Queen's Royal Proclamation by Warren Perrin.
- *A Century of Acadian Culture, Erath (1899-1999)* by General Curney Dronet.
- *The University of Louisiana's National Championship Weightlifting Teams*
- Historical "picture books" on Vermillion, Iberia, and St. Landry parishes.
- T-shirts, posters, and reproductions.

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## Help Us Put Acadian Museum YouTube Channel on the Air!



*D.L. Menard at Lake Peigneur*

For most of the past year, we've been announcing that we would release our own YouTube channel of Cajun and Acadian treasures. But **we still need your help to make it happen!** For months, the Center for Louisiana Studies has been working on converting our massive historic collection of videotapes, which will be a major part of what we offer. Here is just one of the videos from that collection: D.L. Menard playing outdoors at Lake Peigneur with the Rees Family Band.

<https://youtu.be/9EHP2TV8Y4A>

We would like to make our channel the number one spot for the best in Cajun videos: food, music, culture, you name it!

**Here's how you can help and *have fun* at the same time!** Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), search for "Cajun," watch a lot of the videos, and send us links to the absolute best ones you can find (email [rybernard@gmail.com](mailto:rybernard@gmail.com)). Once we have a critical mass of these videos ready for viewing, we will launch the channel. Stay tuned...