

# LA PAROLE

NEWSLETTER OF THE ACADIAN MUSEUM

By Warren A. Perrin, Chairman

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## Proclamation Signed by Erath Mayor

Erath Mayor Mencacci signed a proclamation designating July 28 of every year as "A Day of Commemoration of the Great Upheaval" by the Town of Erath.

This special day of observance was declared by Queen Elizabeth in her Royal Proclamation of 2003 to memorialize thousands of our Acadian ancestors who lost their lives to disease, starvation, drowning, and massacre at the hands of British troops during the Great Upheaval of 1755-1764, when they were deported from their homeland in the Maritime Provinces of Canada. This special day is commemorated by Acadian descendants throughout the US and Canada.

The Queen's Royal Proclamation came about mainly through the efforts of our chairman, Warren Perrin, who filed a petition with the monarchy in 1990 and succeeded after 13 years of struggle. Copies of her proclamation are posted at the World Heritage Center in Grand Pré, NS, and at the Acadian Museum in Erath. Come by the museum and see it, or [attend one of our events](#).



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## MUSEUM NEWS

### Book Talks/Special Events

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

- August 6, at 12:30 p.m., “Acadian Women in History,” Lafourche Heritage Genealogy Seminar, TRMC’s Wellness Center, 726 North Acadia Blvd., Thibodaux, LA
- August 10, at 10:00 a.m., “Revisiting the Queen’s Royal Proclamation on its 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,” Jean Lafitte National Park, 419 Decatur St., New Orleans, LA
- August 11, at noon, American Masters Weightlifting Championships, Crown Plaza Executive Center, 4728 Constitution Ave. Baton Rouge, La.
- October 1, at 6:00 p.m. “Birth of Cajun Culture – Part I,” Grand Reveille Acadien, Opening Ceremonies, Magdalen Square, Abbeville, LA
- October 9, at 11:00 a.m., Grand Reveille Acadien, Closing Ceremonies, Warehouse 535, Lafayette, La.
- November 5, at 1:00 p.m., Louisiana Folklife Festival, Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site, St. Martinville, LA

### Photos from Our Ongoing Talk Series

We just can’t stop talking about our culture! Here’s the pix:



*On July 27, Warren Perrin talked about the Queen’s Royal Proclamation at the Vermilion Historical Society in Abbeville, La. Shown above are (L-R) VHS President Richard Watkins, Acadian Museum Chairman Warren Perrin, and VHS board member Eric Adcock.*



*On July 20, Yvette Landry performed Cajun music before and after the Perrin’s talk on “Acadian Women in History” at the Jean Lafitte National Park in New Orleans.*

## Celebrating the Day of Commemoration

We celebrated the Day of Commemoration of the Acadian Deportation on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Many came to see the Queen's Royal Proclamation and hear about Acadian history.



Warren Perrin, Yvette Landry and Mary Perrin.



Above is a group that toured the museum on July 28<sup>th</sup> led by museum volunteer Anna Langlais, who is shown in the back of the group.

Warren Perrin gave a talk on Acadian history at the Hancock Historical Association building in Bay St. Louis, MS.



Betty Boudreaux, an old friend from Erath, attended the talk in Bay St. Louis for the Hancock Historical Society.



Shown on July 28<sup>th</sup> touring the museum are members of the Sen. Dudley J. LeBlanc family (left to right) Atticus LeBlanc (great grandson); Byron LeBlanc (grandson); Stephanie LeBlanc

(granddaughter); Claudette LeBlanc (daughter-in-law); and Odile Segrest (granddaughter).

That afternoon, we attended a French mass at the Saint Martin de Tours Catholic Church in St. Martinville. Later that evening, we inducted

James Akers as a Living Legend at the Acadian Memorial in St. Martinville, Louisiana.



Akers (above) has been a docent of the Acadian Memorial for many years and enjoys playing the role of the famous French explorer Samuel Champlain.



*Shown (left), Akers addresses the standing room only crowd at the event with John H. Broussard (right), who is president of the Acadian Memorial board.*



*Perrin is pictured presenting the Living Legend certificate to Akers (photo courtesy of James Laseigne).*

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### Interesting Visitors Coming Our Way

In July, we hosted two interesting women who visited the museum.



*Cindy Joseph Meyers (shown left), a graduate of Erath High School and LSU, has degrees as a registered nurse and is an attorney. She is a prosecutor on a Native American reservation in Arizona. She purchased the book on Erath history “A Century of Acadian Culture” (pictured) and was delighted to see the story about the Dozier family school—*

*which is about how her family started the first school in Erath for Blacks in their house.*



Ceclia "C.C." Neustrum (shown right), wife of former Lafayette Parish Sheriff Mike Neustrum, is a portrait artist and will have an exhibit at the Hilliard Museum in October. She is completing painting portraits of all of the first Acadian families to settle in the Attakapas territory. Her exhibit will be part of the Grand Réveil Acadien and she will be using many of our photos, sketches, and clothes to aid her in accurately creating the portraits.

**Donation in Memory of Lex Trahan**

The museum was given a donation by Vicky Myers, the aunt of Lex Trahan, the Lafayette marine killed by terrorists in Beirut, so I created this exhibit in his memory as part of our military exhibit.



**Best Wishes to Annie Friou**

Annie Friou, 86, who has worked at the museum for 42 years, announced that she is retiring. We will have a retirement party for her at the museum on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and wish her a well-deserved retirement.



Annie Friou helped keep the museum running. Here she is seen disposing of a used air filter.

**Recent Deaths**

**CORWIN R. BROUSSARD**



A gathering of family and friends was held on July 16 at Fountain Memorial Funeral Home in Lafayette for Corwin R. Broussard, 81, who passed away on July 10, 2022, at his residence in Lafayette. He was very active in many philanthropic endeavors and one of the founders of the New Acadia Project.

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## LOUISIANA/CAJUN NEWS

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### GRA October 2022



*Louisiane-Acadie* announces dates for the Great Acadian Awakening (GRA) Oct. 1-Oct. 9, 2022. As the sponsor of the GRA, *Louisiane-Acadie* is a non-profit organization domiciled in Lafayette, Louisiana whose mission is to celebrate our native French language, Cajun culture and Acadian heritage.

*Louisiane-Acadie's* premier event the GRA is held every five years but was delayed until this year due to COVID. GRA is patterned after the World Congress of Acadians ([CMA](#)) festivities that are held in the Canadian Maritimes every five years. GRA is a multiday event with activities set to take place all around the Acadiana region.

This year's ceremonies will open in Abbeville on Saturday, Oct. 1st with events set to take place each day in St. Martinville, New Iberia, Arnaudville, Rayne, Church Point, Houma, Thibodaux, Lafayette, Broussard and Port Allen. Closing ceremonies, set for Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022, will include a 9:00 a.m. French mass at St. John's Cathedral in Lafayette, followed by a *Tintamarre*

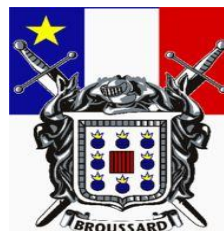
to Warehouse 535 and concluding activities at St. Luc's Immersion School in Arnaudville.

GRA is about waking up the people of South Louisiana to the importance of preserving the cultural resources of language, foodways, and music unique to Louisiana's Cajun populace. *Louisiane-Acadie* also coordinates activities between Acadians of the North and Cajuns of the South and as such encourages families to organize reunions during this time to welcome their northern cousins. Come join us in celebrating what makes us unique! For more information, visit *Louisiane-Acadie's* [website](#), email [info@louisianeacadie.com](mailto:info@louisianeacadie.com) or visit their [Facebook page](#).

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### Broussard Family Plans Meet and Greet

We received this from Cheryl Broussard Perret:



The *Famille Beausoleil* Association, City of Broussard, and the Broussard Chamber of Commerce invite descendants of Francois Broussard and Catherine

Richard of Nova Scotia to a ***Broussard Family Meet and Greet*** during the *Grand Reveil Acadien*, Friday, October 7, 2022 under the Valsin Broussard homestead oak tree from 3 to 4:30 pm at 408 W. Main St. in Broussard, La.

Afterwards, we will drive down Main Street to place flowers at the feet of the Virgin Mary, Acadian patroness, at the Catholic Church and at the monument honoring "Beausoleil" Broussard. After that we will enjoy jambalaya tasting and dancing to Chubby Carrier zydeco music at Arceneaux Park. [www.facebook.com/broussard](http://www.facebook.com/broussard) or call 337-232-1030.

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## Cities of Loudun and Thibodaux Twinned



*Shown above are Mary Perrin, Marlene Toups, and Pierre Auger.*

We, along with Marlene Toups of Thibodaux, extended Cajun hospitality to Pierre Auger of Loudun, France. The cities of Loudun and Thibodaux are “twinned.” We brought Pierre to New Orleans for Bastille Day, where he had a wonderful time. One of the things on the list that he wanted to do in Louisiana was going to Frenchmen Street to hear jazz. He was able to check that off his “bucket list.”

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## “KYOO!” – Studying Cajun English

The following linguistic research was published in the journal, *American Speech*:

BATON ROUGE – There is a substantial variety of English dialects spoken in Louisiana, including Southern White American English, African American English, Cajun English, Creole African American English, and New Orleans English or “Yat.” Eunice native Lauren Vidrine, a 2019 LSU graduate, heard her family members speak both Cajun French and Cajun English. As a teenager, she noticed one particular word that would lead her on a personal and educational research journey years later while at LSU.

“The word kyoo was actually one of the first notable aspects of Cajun English I ever remember noticing when I was 14 years old, since that was when I began encountering more people at school who weren't from Louisiana, and they were unfamiliar with the word. I then had a conversation with my mom about the word around that time too, and we discussed what we felt it meant and how it could possibly be written,” Vidrine said. “As a college student, I transferred to LSU from LSU-Eunice with the intent to get involved with linguistics in whatever ways I could, specifically interested in investigating my native dialect Cajun English.”

Vidrine also noticed the word being used on social media while in college, as well. She shared these examples of what she suspected was the interjection to LSU linguistics professor Irina Shport, who said that before the prominence of social media, the word was rarely even seen in writing.

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

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## Breaux Bridge Among “Charming Small Towns”

This article by Michael Dot Scott appeared on 97.3 *the DAWG*:

"The Crawfish Capitol of the World," Breaux Bridge can now add "Most Charming Southern Small Towns in the U.S." to its list of accolades.



The folks over at [TripsToDiscover.com](http://TripsToDiscover.com) have released their list of the "15 Most Charming Southern Small Towns in the U.S." and Breaux Bridge made the list.

Read more about it [here](#).

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## History and Genealogy Seminar in Thibodaux

The Lafourche Heritage Society will host its annual History and Genealogy Seminar on August 6 at the Thibodaux Regional Wellness Center on South Acadia Boulevard in Thibodaux. Warren and Mary Perrin will do a talk on “Acadian Women in History” at 12:30. A meal will be served at the seminar with the purchase of a Pre-Event Registration. The cost is \$30 for a LHS member and \$40 for a non-member. Walk-ins

are allowed but may not include the meal and are dependent upon available spacing.

For reservations, contact Dianne Frost at 985-413-6943 [dianne612@att.net](mailto:dianne612@att.net) or Beth Plaisance at [elizabeth\\_plaisance@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabeth_plaisance@yahoo.com). See their Facebook page or [website](#) for more information.

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## Louisiana Tourism on Canadian Junket

We received the *Louisiana Travel Quarterly* and noted the following:



In May, LOT was able to return with partners to our top international source market, Canada. With a focus on music, the delegation visited both Toronto and Montreal to host private events for Canadian media.

Attendees also enjoyed a performance by Louisiana music ambassador Amanda Shaw and receive her new album, *Joie*, as a parting gift. Demonstrating the huge importance of the Canadian market, the delegation included partners from all over the state: New Orleans & Company, Louisiana's River Parishes, Lafayette Travel, Visit Lake Charles, Visit Baton Rouge, Louisiana Northshore, Avoyelles Commission of Tourism, Louisiana's Sweetspot, Shreveport-Bossier, Natchitoches and the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area.

To sign up for La. Travel Quarterly, click [here](#).

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## FRENCH/ACADIAN NEWS

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### Acadian Festival Scheduled in PEI, Sept. 1-4

This article appeared on *Saltwire*:

The Evangeline Area Agricultural Exhibition and Acadian Festival is bringing science, magic and music to crowds from Sept. 1-4.

Acadian magician and illusionist Rémi Boudreau will entertain audiences with his fun, energetic and comical show, festival organizers said in a release.

He will be performing two one-hour shows on the main stage at the Evangeline Recreation Centre in Abram-Village on Prince Edward Island on Friday, Sept. 2, at 2:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Sept. 3, at 1 p.m.



To read more about this, click [here](#).

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### *Pays de la Sagouine* Gets a New Facelift



*Pays de la Sagouine* is a theatrical village opened in 1992 on a small island in the middle of Bouctouche Bay, where the imagination of a great Acadian author, Antonine Maillet, is brought to life every summer. Local government leaders recently “announced a joint investment of more than \$35.2 million to upgrade infrastructure at the Pays de la Sagouine and enhance [the] visitor experience,” according to this recent article on Yahoo.com:

Funding will help the Pays de la Sagouine continue to offer an authentic, immersive Acadian experience to people from all over the world. The project involves the construction of new buildings on the mainland, a new footbridge to l'Île-aux-Puces, a multi-purpose trail that will include a nocturnal experience, a wooden boardwalk with a lookout, and a patio with kiosks.

Bouctouche is a tiny village on the Gulf of St. Lawrence north of Moncton, NB and across from Prince Edward Island. Click [here](#) to read the entire article.

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## Acadian Festival Returns to Madawaska

This article by Jessica Potila appeared in *Fiddlehead Focus*:



*A float is seen during the annual Acadian Festival parade (courtesy of Elizabeth Theriault)*

This article in *Fiddlehead Focus* touts the annual Acadian Festival in Madawaska, Maine:

You do not have to be Acadian to attend the 44th annual Madawaska Acadian Festival, where all are welcome to celebrate authentic Acadian foods, music, crafts and artistry. Thousands have attended the annual four-day event each year since it first began in 1978. This year the festival will take place Aug. 11-15.

"The festival is a celebration of how we, as Acadians, came to this area (the St. John Valley) and through all the hardships, made this area our home. For us who live here and for many who have moved away, it's still our home," festival committee member Danielle Hebert said.

Madawaska is in a rural area on the northern border of Maine, near the town of Edmundston, NB. Click [here](#) to read the entire article.

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## A Common Man with Uncommon Courage

This article by Jessie LeBlanc (slightly edited here) appeared in *The West Side Journal*, recounting the story of one of our ancestors during the Great Upheaval (*Grand Derangement*):

### *July 28 - a Day of Commemoration of the Acadian Deportation*

The Queen of England signed a Proclamation on July 28, 2003 indicating that "le grande derangement" took place in Acadia in the period from 1755-1763. In the proclamation, she acknowledged the grief and suffering her country inflicted on an Acadian culture during this period. Estimates of 15-20,000 Acadians were expelled from their homeland and in the process many Acadian men, women, and children perished. Many Acadians spent a lifetime searching for loved ones and family. There are many stories of Acadians who performed unselfish and heroic deeds to help their cousins. One such hero is Noel Doiron...

Doiron, with his family, left Nova Scotia for refuge [on] Breton Island. The second wave of deportations started in 1758-59 and orders were given to transport these Acadian Nationals to Saint Malo, France... aboard the ship, *The Duke William*.

In his log, Captain Nicholls questioned the seaworthiness of the ship, but he felt compelled to carry out his orders... After a few weeks at sea, *The Duke William* encountered a violent storm that lasted several days. The ship began taking on water and Doiron went into action encouraging his compatriots to use whatever means necessary to remove water from the ship. The captain called in the Catholic priest, Father Girard, and told him their condition was

hopeless, that *The Duke William* was sinking... [The Acadians] did not panic or try to take over the ship [as] Father Girard delivered "final rites"...

Click [here](#) to read the rest of this fascinating tale.

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## Louisiana/Nova Scotia Historic Partnership

This article by Ian Wallis about a new Cajun/Acadian partnership appeared on *Louisiana's Cajun Bayou* website:



The story of the Acadians and the Cajuns is one of two countries united by a common culture ... one

that was forcibly split apart more than 250 years ago. Today, separate but uncannily similar communities exist 2,500 miles apart from each other, the first in Nova Scotia and the other in Louisiana. Now, tourism officials representing Louisiana's Cajun Bayou, Yarmouth & Acadian Shores in Nova Scotia, and the *Congrès Mondial Acadien* are working to close that great distance through a historic new partnership. The partnership aims to support this agreement and reconnect the people and culture of both destinations.

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

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## LAGNIAPPE

### Unique Podcast

On July 8, I was interviewed by Christiaan Mader (center), who is the editor of [the Current](#) and has a program on KRVS called "[Out to Lunch Acadiana](#)." The program was taped and aired July 13 on KRVS so you can listen to it on your favorite podcast. On the left is Greg Bresnitz, who has a podcast called *Crescendo* and he was also part of the program.



(L-R) Bresnitz, Mader, and Perrin

We recommend Greg's unique podcast, described here:

Crescendo! is a new seasonal podcast from award-winning podcast host and author Greg Bresnitz, which explores the intersection of food and music. Each episode, Bresnitz interviews a chef, who guides listeners through an imaginary menu where each dish is paired with a song. The guests share personal stories and insights about their selections, examining the convergence between these savory, sweet, and sonic moments as they build towards each episode's Crescendo!.

<https://www.dublab.com/shows/crescendo>  
<https://podcastcrescendo.com/>

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## Keeping Language and Culture Alive in La.

This article by John Brunette appeared on NPI.org:

There's a little radio station in south Louisiana. It's been on the air for nearly 70 years, doing everything it can to keep alive a dying language. That's Cajun French. On Saturday mornings, it broadcasts live French music from inside a venerable bar - sadly, no songs from the music of B.J. Leiderman, who writes our theme music. During the week, the radio station opens the phone lines for native French speakers to swap stories and reminisce.

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

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## Why Beaumont Is Texas' Capital of Cajun Cuisine and Culture

This article appeared in *Lonely Planet*



Beaumont, the unofficial Cajun Capital of Texas, is crawling with outdoor adventure, a delicious food scene, and a Cajun spirit that befits this bayou-filled region. The city is unmistakably Texan, but there's also no denying the Cajun influence that started growing in the 1840s when early French settlers migrated from neighboring Louisiana to the area, bringing with them their traditions and cuisine.

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

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## Food Network Names "La. Best Barbecue"

This article by Kevin Gallagher appeared in *Louisiana Radio Network*:



A well-known Lafayette eatery is ranked by *The Food Network* as one of America's finest barbecue joints and THE best barbecue in Louisiana. The TV network highlighted the brisket and pulled pork at Johnson's *Boucaniere* in downtown Lafayette. Proprietor Lori Johnson Walls says she cannot reveal the secret to their tasty barbecue; a special recipe rub made by her husband. In Cajun French, a *boucaniere* is, basically, a smokehouse. Walls says they get rave reviews for their Cajun smoked sausage, ribs, boudin and, of course, barbecue. The restaurant was recently named among Food Network's "50 States of Barbecue;" a list of the very finest across the U.S. Walls says their success is a real team effort.

"It takes the entire crew, so my entire crew is excited about it, so hat's off to them as well."

Johnson's *Boucaniere* is located on St. John Street, near downtown Lafayette. You may want to drop by and try their menu. Walls says their model for success is make it great, make it consistent and make it with love.

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

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## Perrin's Host Pascal Lozano

Mary and I hosted our friend Pascal Lozano, who is a former assistant to the Consul General of France in Chicago and now lives in Lafayette. On Sundays, she works at *Beausoleil* Book Store on Jefferson St. We showed her the rare deLaunay materials collection of Edouard Frederic deLaunay and his wife Marie Mathilda DelCroy and she confirmed (with the help of a microscope and flashlight) that the hand-written book by DelCroy contains writings and impressions of various people and departments in France.

This book connects Louisiana to the 1789 French Revolution because the Governor of the Bastille was the Marquis Bernard deLaunay, who was a relative (great uncle) of Edouard deLaunay. Marquis deLaunay was killed by the mob and his severed head was placed on a spike as a warning to French government officials.



*Mary Perrin (left) and Pascal Lozano studying the deLaunay historical journal.*

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## Living Legend Addy Melancon Turns 100



Addy Melancon, inducted as a Living Legend for his service during WWII utilizing his native Cajun French in Europe, is shown above (center) surrounded by his family as he celebrated his 100th birthday on July 23.

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## Photos Posted of Cajun Dance Session



The Cajun French Music Association held its monthly Cajun Jam at the W. Baton Rouge Museum in Port Allen, La., on July 17. The picture above shows attendees dancing the "Freeze," a dance that originally allowed musicians' wives to dance without partners at Cajun dances. To view more photos, click [here](#).

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## Lafayette Native Breaks World Record... Again

Armand Duplantis is a descendent of Acadians on the paternal side of his family (Broussard and LeBlanc, et al.). We know of no other Cajun who set a world record in athletics (track and field). Other famous Acadians are Beyoncé, Priscilla Presley, George Rodrigue, Madonna, Celine Dion, Justin Bieber, Governor Babineaux Blanco, Ellen DeGeneres, Governor Edward Edwards and now Armand “Mondo” Duplantis.f

This article by Bjorn Morfin appeared on KLFY.com:



*Armand Duplantis of Team Sweden competes in the Men's Pole Vault Final on Day 11 of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (photo Matthias Hangst/Getty Images)*

EUGENE, Or. (KLFY) – Armand Duplantis, 22, who was born and raised in Lafayette, broke his own pole vault world record yesterday at the 2022 World Athletics Championship. A Lafayette High School graduate, Duplantis is the outdoor high school record holder in the pole vault. During his time at LSU, he captured the NCAA indoor championship and was named the SEC outdoor and indoor Field Athlete of the Year

along with Freshman of the Year, according to the *Daily Advertiser*.

On July 27, the Olympic gold medalist came in first in this year's World Athletics Championship. According to CNN, Duplantis recorded a 6.21 m (20 ft. 4.5 in.) jump and marked his fifth time breaking his own world record.

Click [here](#) to see the whole article.

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## UL Friends of Humanities

We received this from Laurie Godshall and the UL Friends of Humanities organization:

Hello everyone! Some of you belong to the UL Friends of Humanities and some have belonged in the past. We hope that those of you whom we have lost through the pandemic or otherwise will return to the membership!

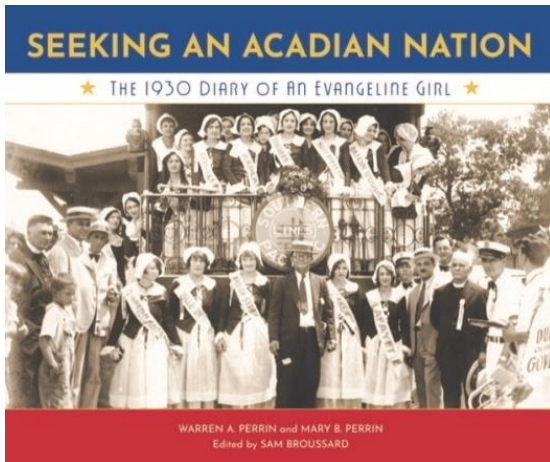
We had a wonderful trip to New Orleans this summer; in addition, we have courses offered to the Friends this Fall 2022. The Summer Social landed on a beautiful day and was hosted with grace and charm. We are looking forward to much more this year. If you have any questions about membership, please let me know. , [lgodshall@gmail.com](mailto:lgodshall@gmail.com), 337-296-4126

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## Don't Stop Here!

There's more Lagniappe on the next page, especially that really cool KLFY documentary!

## Visit the Boutique / Get Cool Stuff !



One way to support the museum is by visiting our [online boutique](#) and purchasing 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.

## More Progress on Our TV Channel

A year after first announcing it, we continue to make progress building a YouTube channel for the Acadian Museum, but still have a way to go before we open it up to the public.

Nearly all of this (very tedious) work is being done by hard-working museum volunteer Kermit Bouillion working on a Mac in his spare time. As of now, there are 85 videos uploaded of more than 150 available (that's 10 in past month—can you predict when we will be finished?). If you have video tools and know how to use them, you can help us speed things up (or maybe Kermit can teach you or maybe you know a student with the skills). We promise it will be lots of fun! Email [info@acadianmuseum.com](mailto:info@acadianmuseum.com) if you want to help.

As soon as we get the channel ready, we will open it up for viewing. Meanwhile, here's a sneak peek at another one of our historic treasures (click photo to watch, or go to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7TPctJU\\_S0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7TPctJU_S0)).



*Description: In 1996, KLFY TV traveled to France and Belgium to participate in the signing of formal accords to guarantee the future of French in Louisiana. This video features Senator Cecil Picard, Earlene Broussard, Warren Perrin, Ernest J. Gaines, Maria Placer, and Bob Moore.*