

# LA PAROLE

NEWSLETTER OF THE ACADIAN MUSEUM

By Warren A. Perrin, Chairman

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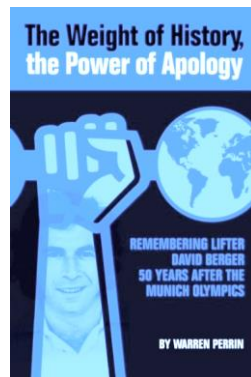
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## ***The Weight of History, the Power of Apology—Remembering Lifter David Berger 50 Years After the Munich Olympics***



Our latest book, *The Weight of History, the Power of Apology—Remembering Lifter David Berger 50 Years After the Munich Olympics* is a reflection on history written by Acadian Museum Chairman Warren Perrin, which compares the fate of three weightlifters at USL and Tulane in the late 1960s, including David Berger who became a victim of a terrorist attack as part of the

Israeli weightlifting team at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich, Germany. The book was launched on May 24 at the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience, 818 Howard Avenue in New Orleans. To order (337) 456-7729 or online [here](#).



*Shown, left to right, author Warren A. Perrin, Joe Murry, Walter Imahara and Wayne Vizzini.*

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## MUSEUM NEWS

### Book Talks/Special Events

The following talks are by Warren and Mary Perrin, unless noted. All times US Central. To schedule a talk, pick a [topic](#) and a date not already taken.

- June 2, 12:30 pm, *Introducing our new book The Weight of History, the Power of Apology—Remembering Lifter David Berger 50 Years After the Munich Olympics, Roy House, 1204 Johnston St, Lafayette, LA. Lunch provided by author: Tante Effie's four-meat Vermillion Parish jambalaya*
- June 8, 10:45am WWL TV Great Day Louisiana, *The Weight of History, the Power of Apology (via zoom)*
- June 8, 2 pm CT, 1 pm MT, *The Weight of History, the Power of Apology, U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum, Colorado Springs, CO (via Zoom)*
- June 17, 11am, Colby Hebert at Vermilionville's next Healing Traditions of Acadiana speaker series. More information on page 3
- June 20, 11am, *The Weight of History, the Power of Apology on Keep the Flame Alive podcast w/ Jill Jaracz*
- June 21, 10am, *The Weight of History, the Power of Apology, French Q Visitor Center (temp location), 916 N. Peters St., New Orleans, LA*
- June 22, 6pm, Warren Perrin, *Acadie Then and Now* and Mary Perrin, *Healing Traditions of S. Louisiana*, Westside Library, 5416 Provine Place, Alexandria, LA
- July 23, 1pm, *The Weight of History, the Power of Apology, W. Baton Rouge Acadian Heritage Celebration, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, , 402 S. Kirkland Dr. (River Road), Brusly, LA 70719*
- July 28, 4pm, talk by Warren Perrin, *The Weight of History, the Power of Apology, Acadian Memorial, 121 Market St., St. Martinville, LA*
- Oct. 10, 7pm, *The Weight of History, the Power of Apology, Main Library, 16500 Van Aken Blvd, Shaker Heights, OH*

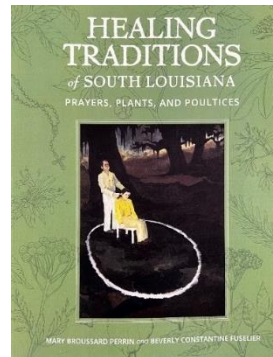
Oct. 19, 6pm, *New Acadia Project*, South Regional Library, 6101 Johnston St, Lafayette, LA

- Nov. 16, 2023, 2:45-4pm, *Royal Proclamation*, to UT Lifelong Learning Institute (Austin) members, Acadian Museum, 203 S. Broadway, Erath, LA

### Would You Like a Group Presentation?

For a talk on How to Identify and Use Native Louisiana Medicinal Herbs, please contact authors Mary Perrin ([mlbperrin@gmail.com](mailto:mlbperrin@gmail.com)) or Beverly Fuselier ([bevfuse@cox.net](mailto:bevfuse@cox.net)).

### Our Book on Traiteurs Doing Quite Well



This popular new book is already in its third printing: *Healing Traditions of South Louisiana, Prayers, Plants, and Poulitices*.

Native Americans arriving in South Louisiana found a rich diversity of plants and animals in bayous, prairies and marshes. They uncovered a multitude of powerful natural curatives that could stop bleeding, cure infections, relieve pain, and much more.

In the 1700s, the Acadians arriving in the area brought their own healers, now known as *traiteurs*, with them. This book is the most comprehensive history available today of these healing arts from the dawn of civilization to present times. The attractive volume is arranged in two parts. Part One describes the traditional healing arts, and in particular those of the *traiteurs*, along with their methods and rituals.

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Part Two presents the medicinal plants that grow wild in South Louisiana. To order dial (+1) 337-456-7729 during business hours, or online [here](#).

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### Let Us Entertain You... Subscribe Now!



Our YouTube video channel is doing quite well, with 695 subscribers and more joining every day. Our goal is to hit that magical 1,000 mark, so if you haven't joined yet, please help us out and [do it now here](#). Meanwhile, [here's one of our latest offerings](#), a French film on the first Acadian lands (*Premieres terres acadiennes*) from 1980.

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### Recent Deaths

Sadly, Christy Maraist died on May 14, 2023. She was inducted into the Order of Living Legends on July 28, 2013.



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### Remembering Lifter David Berger 50 Years After the 1972 Munich Olympics



*Former world champion weightlifter Walter Imahara and Warren Perrin making the book presentation. David Berger's image appears on the screen in the background.*

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### Vermilionville

Colby Hebert will be the speaker for Vermilionville's next *Healing Traditions of Acadiana* speaker series. A New Iberia native and generational *traiteur* since the age of 11, Colby has always had a deep pride and passion for his Louisiana roots. Since 2016, he has used his custom hat business, "The Cajun Hatter" as an avenue to express and preserve elements of Cajun and Creole culture. Currently, he has shifted his preservation efforts towards the healing tradition of which he has long been a part. In his talk "The Cajun Healer: Revival and Renewal" Hébert will share his perspective on how we can honor tradition while embracing the changes necessary to sustain it.

The talk will take place in Vermilionville's Performance Center Saturday, June 17 at 11 am.

Admission is free but donations help pay for the services of a videographer. The resulting video will be posted on the YouTube channel of the Acadian Museum, since honoring our traditions includes preserving it for future generations.

### ***La Table Française d'Erath***

We received this from Layla Melancon:



Bonjour mes amis! If you weren't at *La Table Française d'Erath* you definitely missed something very special-- the opportunity to see how Madame Elaine Larcade-Bourque is helping to weave the Acadian French past and future together with *coton jaune* (Acadian brown cotton)! What an amazing presentation by one of the few remaining master weavers, now widely considered the greatest living Acadian spinner and weaver of *coton jaune*! *Roulée, boutoné, amidon, l'amour de Maman, paillasse, métier...* just a tiny sample of the many Acadian French textile terms we enjoyed discussing while learning the history and process of this 250-year old French tradition! *Merci Beaucoup Madame Larcade-Bourque!*"

### **Museum Visitors**



*On April 28, these people visited the museum (front) Monsignor Frank Giroir of Madisonville; (back) Sing Daotheuang from Broussard, Peggy Morris of Madisonville, and Don Giroir of Metairie, who donated to the museum a Blue dog souvenir doubloon from Mardi Gras when Living Legend George Rodrigue was King.*



On May 26, these visitors were hosted at the Acadian Museum by volunteer Boni Suire, left to right, Phillip N. Sonnier, Eva Sonnier, who are natives of Erath, Bonnie Hippler, who grew up in New Iberia, studied French at UL and now lives in Seattle, and Boni Suire.

## Robert Sullivan Now a Living Legend



Shown on May 2, 2023, during his induction into the Order of Living Legends, is Robert Desmarais Sullivan (left) with Warren Perrin. For his work in the creation of the first immersion school in New Orleans, the French government named Robert a *Chevalier des Palmes académiques*. He was also the first to do a bilingual radio program in New Orleans. It was called "*L'Heure acadienne*" and was terminated only when WWNO went classical. The event was held at the *Alliance Française* office on Jackson Ave. in New Orleans.

## Antiques Roadshow



*Pictured above following the appraisal at the Baton Rouge Antiques Roadshow of the patterned quilt of handwoven cottonnade squares (shown at the right on the table) are appraisers, Martina d’Damato, William Degregorio Ph.d. and Warren and Mary Perrin.*

On May 2, the Perrin’s attended the popular *Antiques Roadshow* television program on PBS at the LSU Rural Life Museum in Baton Rouge and their presentation went well. This rare quilt is made from scraps of old handwoven clothing or remnants left over from cutting out pattern pieces when new garments were made. Acadian quilts were made of random square or rectangular pieces of irregular sizes with no attempt to create a decorative pattern; and Acadian cottonnade was traditionally woven with three colors – white cotton, naturally-occurring brown cotton (*coton jaune*), and indigo-dyed white cotton which achieved a blue color. Such quilts were hardwearing, and the old adage “*il n’y a pas fin de cottonnade.*” Mary had bought it for \$400 at a flea market in Rayne and it was appraised at \$9000! We were filmed giving an interview about the appraisal. Lucius Fontenot, a

friend from Lafayette, helped with the interview. The premise of the show: collectors discover that they can turn trash into treasure thanks to the appraisal skills of the show's specialists in antiques and fine art.

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## Obituary of Kay Le Blanc Jarrell

Michelle Le Blanc sent this obituary on her mother:



Kay Le Blanc Jarrell was recently welcomed into the arms of the Lord at age 96 while asleep and in good health. She had been living for many years in Florida with her daughter, Michèle Le Blanc. Kay was the third child and eldest daughter of Senator Dudley J. "Coozan Dud" and Evelyn Le Blanc of Abbeville.

Kay loved to recount one of her favorite stories about her Daddy, although it was after he had passed away. While in Beverly Hills in the 1970's, Kay ran into Groucho Marx and told him Coozan Dud had died. Without missing a beat, Groucho said to her, "I told Dudley that Hadacol would kill him one of these days!"

In love and light, Michèle Le Blanc (award-winning author of 26 books, including her latest novel, *The Pitcher's Prayer*, an Official Selection by the West Florida Literary Federation in the *XXI Emerald Coast Review*.)

## LOUISIANA/CAJUN NEWS

### La Table Française – Come Speak French

Locals in South Louisiana meet regularly to share their experiences, speaking only in French. This is a great way to brush up on your language skills. Here's some of the local French Table meetings:

- **Arnaudville:** Last Saturday of the month, 9:30 – 11:30 am at Arnaudville Community Center, 291 Guidroz St. Hosted by Mavis Frugé.
- **Baton Rouge:** 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 6pm, La Madeleine, 7707 Bluebonnet Blvd.
- **Broussard:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays, 8:30 am, at the Valsin Broussard House, 408 W. Main St.
- **Erath:** Every Friday, 11:00 am, Erath City Hall, 115 W. Edwards St.
- **Maurice:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10 am, 218 Chief Fred Ave.
- **New Iberia:** Every Thursday, 8:30 am, Cane River Pecan Company, 254 W. Main St.
- **Port Allen:** First Fridays, 1 pm, W. Baton Rouge Museum, 845 N. Jefferson Ave.
- **Rayne:** Every Thursday, 9:30 am, Bernard-Bertrand House, 1023 The Blvd. Contact William Thibodeaux [wjthibodeaux@yahoo.com](mailto:wjthibodeaux@yahoo.com).
- **Thibodaux:** Every Tuesday, 5 pm, Jean Lafitte Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center, 314 St. Mary St. Contact Marlene Toups [mbreauxtoups@yahoo.com](mailto:mbreauxtoups@yahoo.com).

### Roy House Restored

This article by Jim Hummel appeared on [katc.com](http://katc.com):



After years of fundraising, planning, and construction, a historic building on the University of Louisiana at Lafayette campus is now ready for its next chapter. On May 3, the dedication of the UL Roy House took place. It will house the UL Center for Louisiana Studies.

To read more about the restoration, click [here](#). Shown below are speakers at the dedication.



*Joshua C. Caffery Ph.d.,  
Director UL Center for  
Louisiana Studies*



*Attorney James Roy*



*UL President Joseph "T-  
Joe" Savoie  
(all photos courtesy  
Kermit Bouillion)*

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## Keeping Cajun Culture Alive, Acoustic Jam



This article by Angelica Buine appeared on KPLCTV.com:

If learning how to play traditional Cajun music is on your bucket list, you're in luck! A spot in Jennings holds bi-weekly jam sessions and is open for anyone to join in. Behind the doors at the Gator Chateau in Jennings, the SWLA Acoustic Cajun Music Jam gathers every other Saturday to play traditional Cajun music. The group holds jam sessions to introduce people to the style of music and keep its history alive. The sessions happen every other Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Gator Chateau which is located at 100 Rue de l'Acadie in Jennings.

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

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## Le Troisième Music Heritage



Every 3rd weekend of the month, the focus is on music and heritage. For more information, contact NUNU Arts and Culture Collective, 1510 Courtableau Road,

Arnaudville, LA 70512, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thursday – Sunday, [information@nunucollective.org](mailto:information@nunucollective.org)  
337-453-4223

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## Creole Culture Day at Vermilionville



Every year, Vermilionville celebrates the cultures of Acadiana that have contributed so much to our unique folklife. Come to Vermilionville June 11, 2023, 10 AM – 5 PM for our 21st Annual Créole Culture Day event! Admission is free. For more information call 337-233-4077 or visit our website, [Vermilionville.org](http://Vermilionville.org), or the Vermilionville Facebook page.

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## Congratulations to Lena Charles

The Bayou Vermilion District's Vermilionville announced that Lena Charles, a cultural innovator has been selected to receive the 2023 the 2023 Richard Catalon Award. This prestigious award was established in 2004 honoring one of the museum's first artisans, Richard J. Catalon, Sr. Ms. Charles joins 18 other local leaders who received the award for the outstanding contributions to the community and culture. She will receive her award on June 11 at 1 pm in Vermilionville's Performance Center during Creole Culture Day festivities.

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## Les événements français de Baton-Rouge

Sponsored by Friends of French Studies at LSU:

**June 12th**, Beginner and Intermediate summer French classes will begin! /Click [here](#) for more information. Contact Shawn Braud at [toutmoncoeur23@gmail.com](mailto:toutmoncoeur23@gmail.com) for details.

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## Nous Foundation--Paid Teacher Training in France

We received this email from Marth Pinney, Program Coordination, Nous Foundation:

Good Morning Mr. Perrin,

My name is Martha Pinney and I am the programs coordinator for the Nous Foundation. I am writing to make you aware of our exciting new program open to French-language teachers. It is a fully-funded scholarship program to send Louisiana-based teachers to Vichy, France for a two-week immersive educational program this summer to perfect their skills and methodologies in teaching French language and culture. We were wondering if it would be possible for you to include news of this program in your next newsletter since it may be of interest to your readers. The deadline for applications is May 30th and the application and more information can be found [here](#).

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Best,  
Martha

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## First Center for Francophonie Outside Canada

This appeared on *KATC News*

CODOFIL, ULL, and Lafayette Consolidated Government, are set to welcome the 2023 *Université d'été* (Summer University) to Louisiana. The University of Louisiana at Lafayette is hosting the event from May 22 to 27, 2023.

The 2023 Summer University, conducted entirely in French, is a flagship program of the *Centre de la francophonie des Amériques* (Center for the Francophonie of the Americas), according to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. This will be the first time a flagship program for the Center of the Francophonie of the Americas is taking place outside Canada.

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

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## 2023 Louisiana Cajun-Zydeco Concert Series

The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation presents the 2023 Louisiana Cajun-Zydeco Concert Series on June 11, celebrating the rich musical traditions of southwestern Louisiana. This year, we're presenting Louisiana's indigenous sounds indoors at the George and Joyce Wein Jazz & Heritage Center, 1225 N. Rampart Street in New Orleans. Tickets are \$10. All proceeds from this concert series directly support the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation. Doors open at 7pm and the concerts begin promptly at 8pm. Seating is limited, so please register in advance. To learn more about the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation, please visit us online at [www.jazzandheritage.org](http://www.jazzandheritage.org)

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## FRENCH/ACADIAN NEWS

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### Health in French: Western Nova Scotia

This article by Adrien Blanc appeared on *Radio-Canada*:



*Dr. Samuel Martin appreciates the welcome he received in the Acadian community of Clare. Photo: Radio-Canada / Adrien Blanc.*

The Clare Health Centre, which is undergoing expansion, presents itself as a model for consolidating French-language health services in Atlantic Canada. In this municipally funded health centre, conversations sometimes take place in French and sometimes in English. Dr. Gisèle Dugas reviews in French with her physician colleagues the patient files of the Acadian community of Clare, which she manages. A colleague Samuel Martin completed an internship in family medicine there before continuing his practice in Halifax.

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

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### Language Lessons Give Native Learners Words They Didn't Know They Needed

This article by Catriona Koenig appeared in *The Globe and Mail*:



Jordee Reid at Thetis Lake in Victoria, B.C., on April 25. Reid started learning Denesuline after giving birth to twin boys in 2018. Jordee Reid, a Dene living in Victoria, said her grandmother thought raising her children in English would give them the best life. After surviving the residential school system, her grandmother was left with a broken link to her civilization and was the last Denesuline speaker in their family, Ms. Reid said. Residential schools contributed to generation gaps of Indigenous children who grew up disconnected from their communities, or who were too traumatized to share their knowledge.

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

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### Learn About Chief Membertou

Chief Membertou was the first Micmac chief the French dealt with when they settled in Acadie (1605). Mario Lagacé sent us a link to this [interesting podcast](#), produced by Serge Bouchard (all in French).

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## What is Poutine? Depends Where You Ask.

We also received this from Mario Lagacé:

"I googled '*histoire de la poutine*' and the query led me to this article by *Radio-Canada*. Briefly, I know most are familiar with the Quebec version of the *poutine*, now a popular dish through Canada. *Poutine râpée* is something altogether different. It has been around for a long time and it is more regional (only New Brunswick and then only some parts of Acadia). You could call it an acquired taste. And it does not look very appetizing.



When I see one, I think 'dirty snowball.' But it has been around for a long time, like right after *le Grand Dérangement*. There are three videos featured in this article. The first video has to do with the Quebec *poutine*, the second is an interview with prof. Melvin Gallant about the history of the Acadian *poutine*. It is the most informative and interesting video of the three (think German dumpling). The third one is a how-to-cook Acadian *poutine* video. So, I hope you will at least try an Acadian poutine on your next trip to NB."

[Click here](#) to read the article and watch the videos (in French).

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## Acadian Festivals in Nova Scotia

One more note from Mario: If you are heading to Nova Scotia this summer, here is a list (in French) of all the Acadian festivals from Clare up to Cheticamp.

Si vous voyagez en Nouvelle-Écosse cet été, voici une liste (en français) de tous les festivals acadiens de Clare à Chéticamp, grâcieuseté de notre ami Mario Lagacé.

<https://salutcanada.ca/festivals-acadiens/>

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## Des classes d'immersion pour apprendre le mi'kmaw en famille à Listuguj

*Les cours d'immersion en mi'kmaw pour adultes permettent aux parents d'apprendre à un rythme soutenu la langue. En plus d'aider les familles dans cet apprentissage, ils ont converti des enseignants anglophones en instructeurs d'immersion.*



*Brenda Germain et Joyce Germain, enseignantes d'immersion en mi'kmaw, animent une leçon dans leur classe de maternelle à l'école Alaqsite'w Gitpu de la Première Nation de Listuguj. Photo : Alexandre Silberman/CBC*

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

Here's the English version of the article:

Less than 300 people in Listuguj speak Mi'kmaw as their first language, most fluent speakers are over 60.

In a colourful classroom surrounded by forest, Brenda Germain is teaching her kindergarten students the Mi'kmaw words for animals they might find in the woods around them.

Ten years ago, she only knew a few words of Mi'kmaw, but today, Germain is fluent enough to teach immersion classes in Listuguj First Nation, Que., just across the Restigouche River from Campbellton in northern New Brunswick.

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

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## Influential Mi'kmaw Historian Honored

This article by Genieve MacIntyre appeared in *Dal News*:



*Daniel Paul of Indian Brook attends an unveiling of a portrait of himself by Alan Syliboy. (Kate Hayter photos).*

When Dal associate professor Margaret Robinson learned last fall that acclaimed Mi'kmaw editor, activist, and author Daniel Paul had been diagnosed with terminal cancer, she knew something had to be done to honour his ground-breaking work as a historian. Elder Paul rose to prominence with his 1993 book *We Were*

*Not the Savages*, an ambitious monograph that recast the history of European colonization in North America through a Mi'kmaw lens. It exposed the violence inflicted on the Mi'kmaq by colonizers and its enduring impact.

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

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## Mémé Louise Stood by the Stove Making Sure Everyone Had Enough to Eat

This article about a lady in Prince Edward Island reminds many of us in Louisiana of our own mothers and grandmothers. Written by Yvon and Yosé Cormier, it appeared recently in *The Globe and Mail*:



*Mémé Louise Marie Arsenault: Grandmother. Volunteer. Knitter. Devout. Born Aug. 31, 1926, in Abram-Village, PEI; died March 2, 2023, in O'Leary, PEI, from complications from a mild stroke; aged 96.*

Ask anyone in the Evangeline region of Prince Edward Island who Louise Arsenault was, and you will likely be asked, "Which Louise?" But ask them about Mémé Louise and there will be no doubt about who you are talking about.

In this rural region, west of Summerside, where so many people share the same first name and often last name, a litany of generational monikers are required for proper identification. But that distinction was never needed for Louise Arsenault à Antonin Gallant à Joe Cannon: It was just Mémé Louise, or grandmother Louise.

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

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## Signs of Acadian/Mi'kmaq Friendship

This article appeared on *Radio-Canada*:



*These volunteers dig for headstones in the cemetery of Mission Sainte-Anne. Photo: Radio-Canada / Babatunde Lawani*

In the vicinity of Miramichi and Neguac in eastern New Brunswick, Acadians and Mi'kmaq search for tombstones of their ancestors buried at the St. Anne's Mission cemetery on the Esgenoopetitj First Nation.

This collaboration between these two communities, with a conflictual past, aims to honor the memory of their ancestors by rehabilitating their tombstones demolished or sunk over the years in the earth.

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

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## French Translators Wanted

If you are a native French speaker or French graduate and know all the subtleties of the language, we could use your help. It's a volunteer position for a good cause, to help us translate more of our articles into French, and vice-versa. To help, contact [info@acadianmuseum.com](mailto:info@acadianmuseum.com)

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## Thesis on Hon. Joseph Arsène Breaux

We received this email from Jean-Robert Frigault:

I will be defending my thesis on Joseph A. Breaux on June 15th, 10:00 AM at University of Moncton. Hon. Joseph Arsène Breaux was an amazing subject to research. Breaux is more than the first Cajun to meet the Acadian Leaders in Waltham, Mass. in 1902. I will soon be available to present his contributions in Louisiana. His life is exceptional when you think he was successful in commercial, educational, judicial, and cultural enterprise. His humble demeanor is only contradicted by his incredible wealth. After the thesis is accepted, it will be available in French. I will see to it that it gets translated by a knowledgeable translator and edited in a book in English. I have talked to Mr. Josh Caffery from the Center for the Louisiana Studies at ULL about publishing the translated version. No commitment as of now.



*Item from our collection*

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## LAGNIAPPE

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### Les Hay Babies Enjoyed Time in Henry, La.

Looks like *Les Hay Babies*—a New Brunswick all-girl band—enjoyed their time last month at our farm south of Erath in Henry, La. where they soaked up the sun and prepared for their appearance at the *Festival International* in Lafayette. This article came to us from Radio-Canada:



Katrine Noël, Julie Aubé, and Vivianne Roy have just returned from Louisiana where they devoted themselves to writing new songs. In addition to appearing on stage at the Lafayette Intl. Festival, *Les Hay Babies* stayed at a residence in the small community of Henry in southeastern Louisiana.

The album is far from finished, but the trio was able to write a few songs. "One thing we have in common is that we love everything 'dad rock'. CCR, Steve Miller Band, that kind of stuff. But there's not a lot of music like that that's been made by women. It seems like we just had to experience the Louisiana vibe, the heat, the good weather to finally explore that sound a little more," said Vivianne Roy.

The complete article is available [here](#) (in French only).

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### Proposal is Approved by State Park

We received this from our friend, Gary Salathe concerning the Abbeville Red Iris, which is endemic to our family property on Turkey Island in Vermilion Parish:

We'd like to thank the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation & Tourism's Louisiana State Parks for approving LICl's proposal to manage and increase the number of *I. nelsonii* Louisiana red irises growing at the Palmetto Island State Park's boardwalk. We received word earlier this week that the proposal we had submitted to the park manager, Andrea Jones, had been approved by the department's naturalist.



(Left to right) Jennifer Viator, Interpretive Ranger for the Louisiana Department of State Parks, Palmetto Island State Park manager, Andrea Jones, and LICl's Gary Salathe.

We are very excited to now be a part of this important project, which began in 2011 as an idea proposed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries and then implemented by the Friends of Palmetto Island State Park to plant rare *I. nelsonii* irises (Abbeville Red) at the boardwalk as a way for people to see them blooming in their natural habitat. (The only place where they grow

in the wild is a nearby privately owned swamp on Turkey Island that is not open to the public.)

More information on the park's boardwalk irises can be found [here](#). Information on the Abbeville Red iris (*I. nelsonii*) can be found [here](#). Info on Palmetto Island State Park can be found [here](#).

## Question on the Billeaud House at Acadian Village

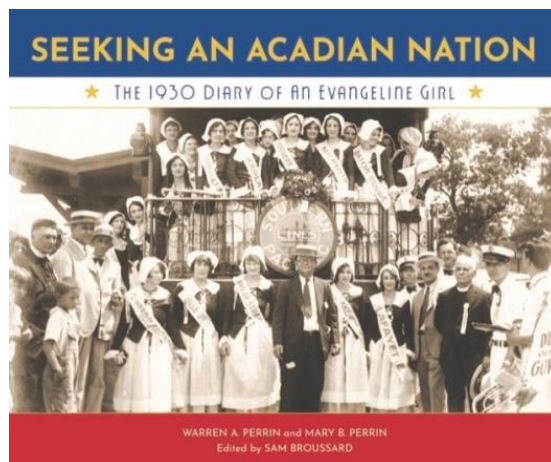
I received this request from Millicent Norbert, City of Broussard: Do you know what family or families lived in the Billeaud quarters house located at Acadian Village? If you have information, please email Millicent at [mnorbert@broussardla.com](mailto:mnorbert@broussardla.com) or call her at (337-445-3478 Ext. 304).

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## Would You Like a Group Presentation?

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- Folk Healing Traditions and the Traiteurs of South Louisiana
- The Development of Cajun Music
- Acadian Resistance Fighters and Beausoleil Broussard
- Louisiana: the French Renaissance: 1900-2000
- Longfellow's Evangeline: The Birth and Acceptance of a Legend
- Acadians’ Role in the American Revolution
- Frenchie: Cajuns’ Contributions in WW II
- Post Deportation Migrations of Acadians 1755-1800