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NEWSLETTER OF THE ACADIAN MUSEUM

By Warren A. Perrin, Chairman

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Annie Friou Awarded the Sadie Roberts-Joseph Excellence in Community Outreach Award

The Louisiana Association of Museums board elected to honor Annie Friou, long-time volunteer at the Acadian Museum, who we nominated for the "Sadie Roberts-Joseph Excellence in Community Outreach Award." Annie, who has worked at the museum for 42 years, recently announced that she is retiring. She will be honored at the conference luncheon starting at 12:00 noon on Sept. 12th at the Northeast Louisiana Children's Museum in Monroe, La. Guests are welcome to attend but must sign up for the luncheon at \$25 through the organization's website.

<https://lamuseums.org/about/conference/>.



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MUSEUM NEWS

Book Talks/Special Events

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

- September 14, 10:00 a.m., “New Acadia Project: Search for the Lost Acadian Settlement,” Jean Lafitte National Park, 419 Decatur St., New Orleans
- October 1, at 5:15 p.m. “Birth of Cajun Culture – Part I,” Grand Reveille Opening Ceremonies, Magdalen Square, Abbeville, La.
- October 9, at 11:00 a.m., Birth of Cajun Culture – Part II,” Grand Reveille Closing Ceremonies, Warehouse 535, Lafayette, La.
- October 20, at 6:00 p.m., “Revisiting Louisiana’s Francophone History,” Petroleum Club, Lafayette, La.
- October 31, 10-2:00 p.m., Louisiana Book Festival, Capitol Grounds, Baton Rouge, La.
- November 5, at 1:00 p.m., Louisiana Folklife Festival, Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site, St. Martinville, La.

Recent Deaths

Sadly, longtime member of the Francophone Section attorney Alan Pinner has died. Also, James Ackers of St. Martinville died just three weeks after being inducted as a Living Legend on July 28th.

Statement on the Death of Queen Elizabeth II



We at the Acadian Museum are saddened to learn of the passing of the great British monarch, Queen Elizabeth II. In 1713, Acadia was ceded to

England by the French, and Acadians in Nova Scotia were declared to be British subjects. During the last 329 years, the Acadians have been closely linked to the British Crown—for better or for worse.

Like her predecessor Good Queen Anne—who allowed Acadians in Nova Scotia to continue practicing their Catholic faith—Queen Elizabeth II was a very wise woman, in that she gave all Acadians a symbolic reconciliation for the deaths and suffering of their ancestors that resulted from the diaspora of 1755. Furthermore, the Queen’s Royal Proclamation of 2003 decreed the establishment of July 28 of each year as a Day of Commemoration of the Acadian Deportation.

Elizabeth II was undoubtedly a very wise woman. She made the correct moral decision by apologizing for the British deportation of the Acadians and the confiscation of their lands, homes, and worldly goods in 1755. Our 12-year effort to obtain the Royal Proclamation of 2003 merely set the stage for her to do the right thing.

Ceci O’Keefe Neustrom Named Art Ambassador for Acadian Museum

The Acadian Museum of Erath, Louisiana, has formed an Ambassador of Art program for area artists who specialize and promote Acadian-themed art. We are proud to announce our new partnership with Cecilia ‘Ceci’ O’Keefe



Neustrom as an Acadian Museum Ambassador of Art. The affiliation will grant Ceci the full use of the museum’s extensive Acadian collections and historical documents, as well as joint participation with the museum in public events.



Portrait by Ceci Neustrom of Annie Perret, representing the Broussards.

Parisian Family Spends Time in Louisiana



Shown after dinner in Lafayette is the Parisian couple Karel and Jamie Roynette, with Coree, Andy, Warren, and Mary Perrin.

We hosted the Karel Roynette family from Paris for a museum visit. In 2008, Karel worked for the Perrin law firm for two years. The Roynettes are spending a week at our farm in Henry with their two young sons who are having a ball. Roynette has opened his own law firm in Paris and represents many companies because of his ability to speak French and English. He credits his English skills to the two years he spent in Louisiana. While here, he met wife Jamie and they married nine years ago.



Shown here are Jamie Roynette with her two sons Hugo (standing) and William.

Beausoleil Descendants Visit Museum

Shown visiting the museum on August 4th are (L-R) Melissa Broussard Lightfoot of Baton Rouge, her brother James Anthony Broussard of Atlanta, and his daughter Alie Broussard. Their Broussard ancestor was from Delcambre, Louisiana.



Melissa sent a summary of her genealogy:

My father, James Anthony Broussard (siblings, Katsy, Carol, Larry and Charlotte) m. Pauline Nola

His father: Ivy A. Broussard, m. Cecile Elizabeth (Lizzie) Falgout

Simeon Broussard, m. Leontine Sonnier

Fiac Broussard, m. Elomire LaChaussie

Hilaire D. Broussard, m. Celeste Trahan and Josephine Riado/Reaux

Dosithee Broussard, m. Clarisse Claire Thibodeaux

Eloy Edouard Broussard, m. Marguerite Thibodeaux

Joseph "Petit Joe" Broussard, m. Anastasie Leblanc and Marguerite Savoie

Joseph *dit* Beausoleil Broussard m. Agnes Thibodeaux.

Donation to the Museum



On August 4, Pat Hébert (right) donated to the Acadian Museum this numbered print of an old time *boucherie* by her husband, the noted artist Earl Hebert, now deceased.

A New Book: *Evangeline Reconsidered*

By Veni Harlan



We were delighted to see this new book from Baton Rouge author and designer Veni Harlan, who conducted some of her research at the Acadian Museum. This from the publisher describes it best:

2022 marks the 175th anniversary of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's *Evangeline: A Tale of Acadie*. Far Field Publishing presents *Evangeline Reconsidered*. This beautifully illustrated, carefully researched book explores the roots, legends, history, and impact of poet, poem, and enigmatic heroine Evangeline. Few cultural icons have been as influential and enduring. Learn how Evangeline became an iconic figure, and how she continues to inspire and be re-imagined by artists, musicians, entrepreneurs, historians. and Acadians the world over. "A long-needed work

on a theme so central to Louisiana history, culture and identity." —Brian Costello, author & historian Audience Readers of all ages will enjoy this easy to read book which will undoubtedly shed new light to those both familiar and unfamiliar with Longfellow's pivotal work. Filled with interesting details, the book makes a unique gift for anyone interested in history, Acadians, and icons.

A real collector's item! Get your own copy of this lovely book [here](#).

BeauSoleil Ends Tours but Will Keep Making Cajun Music

John Wirt with *The Advocate* writes:



BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet, the most widely traveled and famous Cajun-French band, has launched its final tour. However absolute that sounds, the celebratory trek isn't BeauSoleil's last hurrah. The band will continue to perform and, if the muse strikes, record.

"We'll play music," singer, fiddler and bandleader Michael Doucet pledged. "We have to. That's what we do."

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

Le Bon Temps Continues on Cajun Radio

This article by John Burnett appeared on *npr.org*.



Donny Broussard and the Louisiana Stars play during the KVPI morning show at Fred's Lounge.

By 8:30 Saturday morning, the red-brick tavern called Fred's Lounge is already filled with rice farmers, bikers from New Orleans and wide-eyed French tourists ready to party. Some sit at the varnished bar sipping Budweisers and Bloody Marys, while couples waltz gracefully across the worn linoleum. A traditional Cajun band — accordion, fiddle, rhythm guitar, bass, drums and triangle — provides the soundtrack.

And the whole world can listen.

Saturday morning at Fred's is broadcast live on "The Legend" 1050 KVPI and streamed online. The radio announcer sits at a small table under a hand-written sign: "Please do not stand on the chairs or cigarette machine." The little station has been on the air for nearly 70 years doing everything it can to keep alive a dying language.

Click [here](#) to read more.

Cajun French Mass, a Tool for Preserving the Culture, Is Held in Raceland

Colin Campo with the *Daily Comet* wrote this about the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux celebrating its annual Cajun French Mass last August 9:

The Diocese has held a service where both the music and the sermons are held in Cajun French since the mid-2000s, according to the Director of the Diocesan Office of Worship the Rev. Glenn LeCompte.

LeCompte said the purpose of the Mass in French is to celebrate and recognize the dignity of the Acadian people. The goal is also to help revive a culture that was stolen between the expulsion of the Acadians and later Louisiana laws that affected their descendants.



"For example, I was a victim of that whole thing, my parents were bilingual, but they didn't teach it to us because of the after-effects of that law, so I felt kind of robbed," said LeCompte. "I'm robbed of the experience of teaching what is really a beautiful dialect of French."

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

Acadian Culture Day

Vermilionville celebrated its 20th Annual Acadian Culture Day on August 14. Acadian Culture Day welcomes the public for a family-friendly day of live music, food, art, cooking, storytelling, spinning and weaving, wood carving, arts and crafts, open heart cooking and other cultural demonstrations. Mark your calendars for next year's event by visiting their [website](#).

Grand Réveil Acadien Coming Oct. 1

This appeared in *Vermilion Today*:



LOUISIANE-ACADIE ANNOUNCES DATES OF GREAT ACADIAN AWAKENING (GRA) OCT. 1- OCT. 9, 2022

Louisiane-Acadie, sponsor of the Great Acadian Awakening (GRA), is a nonprofit organization domiciled in Lafayette, 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 postponed to 2022 due to COVID. GRA is patterned after the World Congress of Acadians' (CMA) festivities that are held in the Canadian Maritimes. GRA is a multi-day 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 each day in St. Martinville, New Iberia, Arnaudville, Rayne, Church Point, Houma, Thibodeaux, Lafayette, Broussard, and Port Allen. Closing ceremonies on Sunday, Oct. 9, 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.

For more information, visit their [Facebook page](#), [website](#), or email info@louisianeacadie.com.

Authors and Artists at the Grand Réveil

We lined up many impressive authors, artists and artisans to appear at the Erath tent on October 1 in Magdalen Square during the opening of the *Grand Réveil Acadien*, including Greg Wood, Maryland historian and author of *Becoming the Frenchified State of Maryland: An Exploration of the Lives and Contributions of Acadians, Saint-Domingue Refugees, and Émigrés from France*.

Others will include Ceci Neustrom, portrait artist who now serves as our Art Ambassador; Veni Harlan, Baton Rouge author of *Evangeline Reconsidered*; Melissa Bonin, French poet and artist; Elaine Bourque and Austin Clark, spinners and weavers of brown cotton blankets; Mary Perrin and Beverly Fuselier, both master gardeners and co-authors of *Healing Traditions of South La.*; Ronald Gaspard, chef and creator of the Cajun microwave; Douglas and Jackie Vincent, with a display of the *Robert B. Vincent HADACOL Collection*; Pete LeBlanc, archivist of the Vermilion Parish military veterans database; and Paul Bodin, displaying an arrowhead collection found in Vermilion Parish.

Broussard Family/GRA 2022 Itinerary

Here is the latest itinerary of the *Broussard Family/GRA 2022*.

**A Nine-Day Celebration of the Lasting Impact of Acadian People & Culture
CELEBRATE BROUSSARD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH!**



**GRAND
RÉVEIL
ACADIEN
2022**
THE GREAT ACADIAN AWAKENING
LOUISIANE-ACADIE

Grand Réveil Acadien 2022 is a celebration of the lasting cultural impact of the Acadian people. Across Acadiana, daily events will be held from October 1 through October 9, 2022.

The purpose of this event is to encourage Acadians from around the world to continue to advance our unique lifestyle through shared memories, French speaking events, bonding and fellowship over Cajun food and music, and the general celebration of our shared culture.

Please join the City of Broussard as we celebrate the Great Acadian Awakening!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022 • BROUSSARD SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

9:00 a.m.
Opening Ceremonies at the Valsin Broussard Home on Main Street

- Cajun Jam Session with Biscuits, Jam & Coffee
- Pétanque Games
- Boudin Making Demonstration
- Les Freres Michot: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- Genealogy Information Table: 9:00 - 11a.m.
- French Table: 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Sponsored by Cajun Food Tours

10:00 a.m.
Twin cities recognition with Cap-Pelé officials at Valsin Broussard House

11:00 a.m. - 12:00
Lunch at various restaurants in Broussard

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
***Cajun Food Tours led by Marie Ducote**
*registration required

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Self-Guided Tour Options

- Parish Brewery
- Zoo of Acadiana
- Walking tours of historic church and homes, guided by Maxine Duhon

For more information on Broussard events, visit: www.cityofbroussard.com

ARCENEUX PARK ACTIVITIES
Chamber of Commerce Cook-off at Arceneux Park & Music on Main

11:00 a.m.
Jambalaya Cook-off Teams start cooking

3:00 p.m. Park Opens to Public

4:00 p.m. Official Jambalaya Tasting Begins

7:00 p.m. Cook-off Winners Announced

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Chubby Carrier Performs

Broussard Family Meet & Greet
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. at Valsin Broussard House under the oak tree



For information on the entire seven-day, multi-parish Grand Réveil Acadien Celebration, visit: www.louisianeacadie.com

Grant Funding for Historic Valsin Broussard House

This article by Adam Daigle appeared in *The Advocate*.

The city of Broussard received a \$7,500 grant from the Lafayette Convention and Visitors Commission for the historic Valsin Broussard House, which will serve as a visitors' center.



The two-story, Creole-style house, located at 408 W. Main St., was built in 1876 and is the oldest residential building in Broussard. The funding will allow the city to buy displays and furniture to showcase donated historic items and share the city's history with visitors, city officials announced.

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

Louisiana Endowment Celebrates 50 Years

As the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities celebrates its 50th anniversary, they wrote:

Our team reflects on the success and growth of our first 50 years: from *Cultural Vistas* to *64 Parishes*, Prime Time to Head Start, and Turners' Hall to The Helis Foundation John Scott Center. We cherish sharing Louisiana's histories, traditions, and values with you and thousands of others around the world. Show your support for the humanities and [donate](#) in honor of our milestone golden anniversary. For more information, visit: <https://leh.org/>

FRENCH/ACADIAN NEWS

Statement by Prime Minister Trudeau on National Acadian Day

The Canadian Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, issued the following statement to commemorate National Acadian Day, which occurs on August 15 each year:

On National Acadian Day, we celebrate the rich heritage and unique culture of the Acadian people, which have enriched and shaped our country since its foundation.

Acadians have always shown courage, resilience, and perseverance. For more than 400 years in North America, they have built a strong and dynamic identity, which they have safeguarded in the face of adversity and hardship. This Acadian identity, deeply rooted in our history, inspires people far beyond the borders of Acadie.

Since the first Acadian National Convention, which was held in 1881 in Memramcook, New Brunswick, August 15 has been a day of celebration for Acadians.

This year, I encourage all Canadians to learn more about the history, culture, and contributions of Acadians, and to [take part in an activity](#), wherever you are in the country. On behalf of the Government of Canada, Sophie and I wish all those celebrating today, across Canada and around the world, a wonderful National Acadian Day.

SOURCE Prime Minister's Office.

View the original press release [here](#).

Acadians Pilgrimage Offers a Chance to Commune with Ancestors Driven from Their Lands

This article by Greg Mercer appeared in *The Globe and Mail*:

In the 18th century, French-speaking settlers were forced to leave the Maritimes for refusing oaths to the British Crown. Now one of the deportation sites is a place of celebration and reflection on challenges ahead.

Sometimes, a place can be home, even if you've never been there before.

There may be few Acadians left in Grand Pré, N.S., a rural hamlet outside of Wolfville in the fruitful hills of the Annapolis Valley. But each year, they come back here by the thousands, as if compelled to stand in the place where their forefathers were once forced to leave.

"This just feels like home," said Susan Surette-Draper, one of the few Acadians who actually live in the area. "For a lot of people, it's kind of a religious experience coming here."

For many Acadians, the descendants of French settlers who came to the Maritimes in the 17th and 18th centuries, Grand Pré is one of the most important sites in the story of their tragic upheaval. Each summer, large crowds gather here for Acadian Days, a weekend-long celebration of Acadian music, culture and history. It is, between all the plates of rappie pie and wailing fiddles, a reunion of long-lost cousins that defies history.

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

Mi'kmaw Educator Takes Kids on a Language Journey

This article by Emma Smith appeared on CBC News:



Trevor Gould, an artist, powwow emcee, and language program developer from Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation, teams up with Wowkwis the puppet in the new language series. (Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia)

As a child of the 1980s, Trevor Gould grew up in awe of Jim Henson's muppets, dreaming of a day when he could join them.

The artist and educator from Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation, N.S., has gotten pretty close to fulfilling that dream now that he's teamed up with a Nova Scotia theatre company to teach kids the Mi'kmaw language using puppets.

Gould co-stars next to Wowkwis — the Mi'kmaw word for fox — in Mermaid Theatre's *Animalingo*, a video series for school-aged kids that the organization hopes to bring to classrooms across the province.

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

Congrès Mondial Acadien Festival Receives \$7.6 Million in Investments

This article by Jakob Postlewaite appeared on 1015thehawk.com:



(L-R): Argyle MLA Colton LeBlanc, executive director of the village historique acadien, Roland D'Eon, minister of ACOA Ginette Petitpas Taylor, and West Nova MP Chris d'Entremont. Y95 Photo

The 2024 *Congrès mondial acadien*, which will be hosted in the Clare and Argyle regions of Nova Scotia, has received a big funding boost.

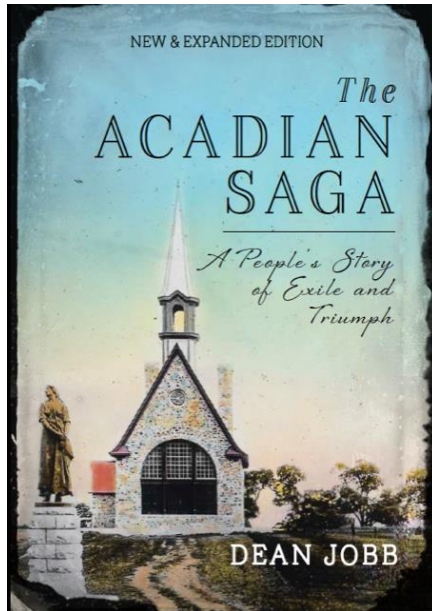
"The Congrès mondial is always something that has always been important to Acadians," says West Nova MP and deputy speaker of the House of Commons Chris d'Entremont. "I'm glad to see the investment that's coming from the federal government and the provincial government and the municipalities. It's an expensive thing to put on but I'm very hopeful that everything's going to be done in two years."

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

The Acadian Saga: A People's Story of Exile and Triumph

By Dean Jobb (Nimbus Publishing)

In a revised and updated edition of the book published to mark the 250th anniversary of first Acadian deportations, award-winning author Dean Jobb revisits his dramatic and compelling account of the origins, ordeals, and survival of the Cajuns and Acadians. Jobb brings a cast of characters to life so vividly that the reader is immediately captured by their stories. With thirty images to complement the storytelling, *The Acadian Saga* is a bridge across the centuries for the descendants of a people whose courage and resourcefulness still resonate in modern-day Acadie and Louisiana. Details at www.deanjobb.com.

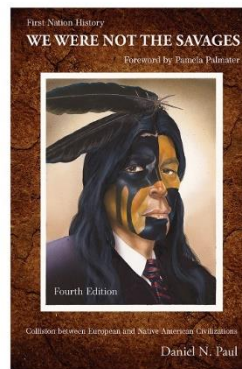


We Were Not the Savages

Mi'kmaw Saqmaqwey (Eldering) (Dr.) Daniel N. Paul, C.M., O.N.S., LLD, DLIT's new book will be launched on September 30.

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professor and chair in Indigenous Governance
at Toronto Metropolitan University



Guest Speaker and Singer:
Cathy Martin
educator and filmmaker



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<https://www.amazon.com/author>

Petit de Grat Acadian Festival

This article by Jake Boudrot appeared in *The Reporter*:



On the final day of the 50th installment of the popular Isle Madame Acadian Festival, the parade involved many floats and attracted big crowds.



Kids got to see and touch some snakes, lizards and a turtle on Aug. 11, St. Joseph Parish Hall in Petit de Grat.

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

What A Show! National Acadian Day Concert in Pubnico, NS

This article by Tina Comeau appeared in *Saltwire Today*:

Havre Au Tchai concert at Dennis Point Wharf in Lower West Pubnico wows the audience



The Havre Au Tchai' concert at the Dennis Point Wharf in Lower West Pubnico on National Acadian Day was a celebration of Acadian pride and culture. Tina Comeau photo

LOWER WEST PUBNICO, NS – When Daniel Léger went to his first Acadian show he was 14 years old. He immediately knew he wanted and needed to be performing on a stage someday – preferably sooner than later.

“It was in Shediac. When I saw the show, something happened inside of me. I wanted to do the same thing,” he said.

“The next day I started watching the show, learning the songs,” he said in an interview while standing next to the massive stage on the Dennis Point Wharf in Lower West Pubnico in Yarmouth County on National Acadian Day.

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

French Language on Slow Decline In N.B., New Statistics Canada Data Suggests

This article by Griffin Jaeger appeared on *CBC News*



The overall bilingualism rate in the province should be increasing, sociology professor Michelle Landry says, but it has remained essentially the same for a while.

The use of French as a first official language is gradually declining in New Brunswick, the only officially bilingual province in Canada, according to new census data from Statistics Canada.

A report Wednesday said the percentage of people in the province who speak predominantly French at home dropped from 28 per cent in 2016 to 26.4 per cent in 2021.

The overall bilingualism rate in the province has remained essentially stable at 34 per cent, which Michelle Landry, a sociology professor at the Université de Moncton, suggests is not a good thing.

Click [here](#) to read more...

The Myth of Canadian Bilingualism

This article by Helen Hernandez appeared on *oicanadian.com*:

Michel Doucet devoted his life to defending French, and today he wonders if it was really worth it.

This law professor at the Université de Moncton has been involved in all Acadian language struggles for 40 years. And many victories. But each new census illustrates a little better the slow but inevitable decline of French almost everywhere outside Quebec.

If we observe declines in French in certain indicators in Quebec, in the rest of Canada, the data show rapid erosion everywhere.

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

44th Annual Acadian Festival Wraps Up

This article appeared in *WAGM News*:

Madawaska once again hosted their annual Acadian Festival through the weekend.

A number of events celebrating Acadian Culture and Heritage were held including a Parade that included Maine's Gubernatorial Candidates, Fireworks, Live Entertainment, a Poutine Eating Contest, an Acadian Mass and much more. Danielle Hebert, a Committee Member for the festival says they've had a better turn out this year compared to the last couple of years as Covid Guidelines have become less strict.

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

Caregivers Nova Scotia now offering French support group, handbook

This article by Jake Boudrot appeared in *The Reporter*:



Pictured with the new French Caregiver Handbook developed by la *Fédération des Femmes Acadiennes de la Nouvelle-Écosse* are (from the left): Jenny Theriault, Executive Director of Caregivers Nova Scotia; Élizabeth Vickers-Drennan from la *Fédération des Femmes Acadiennes de la Nouvelle Écosse* (FFANE), who is the project coordinator for le Guide de les personnes aidants; and JoAnne Connors, Caregiver Support Coordinator for the Capital Region and Provincial French Language Caregiver Support Coordinator.

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

Tintamarre in Petit-Rocher



We received this from Yvon Godin:

Yvon Godin originally from Petit-Rocher in Acadie (New Brunswick) but living in Montréal has participated in the big Tintamarre in Petit-Rocher August the 15, 2022. I was disguised as Astérix the popular French cartoon.

Archive/Moncton, First Bilingual City In Canada

Tellor Stone wrote this article for *thesaxon.org*:

On August 6, 2002, Moncton became officially bilingual following a resolution by city council. This was a first not only in New Brunswick but also in the country.

“Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Well, who would have thought? A page of history is about to be written in Moncton. The city will become the first officially bilingual Canadian city in a few minutes.”

—ABBÉ LANTEIGNE, AUGUST 6, 2002

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

The Acadian Music Explosion

This article by Holly Gordon appeared on *CBC Music*:

When Lisa LeBlanc's most recent album, *Chiac Disco*, was shortlisted for the 2022 Polaris Music Prize, she was blown away. Not only because it's her second Polaris nod — her 2016 English album, *Why You Wanna Leave, Runaway Queen?*, was shortlisted in 2017 — but because it embraced her Acadian heritage.

It's also undeniably experiencing a boom across language barriers. LeBlanc's release is only the second Acadian album to hit the Polaris short list — 12 years after Nova Scotia's Radio Radio became the first with *Belmundo Regal* — but other Acadian names aren't far behind. P'tit Belliveau saw both his 2020 debut album and this year's followup album hit the Polaris long list, and the tongue-in-cheek lyricist from Clare, N.S., has seen his popularity explode online. New Brunswick's Les Hay Babies just celebrated 10 years as a trio, and say they are seeing more love and demand for Acadian bands than they ever have before.

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

Nova Scotia Prepares for Congrès Mondial Acadien 2024

The Acadians of southwest Nova Scotia will host tens of thousands of locals and tourists for the 7th Congrès mondial acadien (World Acadian Congress) in August 2024. This [video](#) from *Global News* will update you on their preparations.

New Brunswickers Held Acadian Day Celebrations

This article appeared on WAALI News' website:



New Brunswickers enjoyed a weekend of celebration of National Acadian Day on August 15th.

The Acadian day at Caraquet begins with a mass at the Sainte-Anne-du-Bocage sanctuary, followed by dozens of performances by Acadian and French artists at the town's old convent.

Caraquet has also hosted a grand tintamarre, a parade-like Acadian Day celebration, in recent years. It has been visited by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau as well as other officials in the past.

Dieppe, which bills itself as "the greatest Acadian city in the world", will host a grand celebration at the MusiquART site on Notre Dame Street on August 15th. Activities include a tintamarre, music, bouncy castles and decoration stations.

Moncton hosts Acadie Rock, a festival featuring Acadian rock musicians, between August 12th and 20th. More details are available on the festival website.

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

LAGNIAPPE

New Book About Acadians in Maryland

Greg Wood, who will join us at the *Grand Reveil* in October, sent us a note about his new book:

Acadian exiles left Maryland for Louisiana in four waves from 1766 to 1769. Though Beausoleil set up his new group at Attakapas in 1765, Maryland Acadians were to dominate new settlements in Cabanocey, St. Gabriel, and Natchez.

Becoming the Frenchified State of Maryland focuses on many Francophones who found themselves in the colony from 1755 through the 1930s. Over 800 Acadian exiles, or Neutrals as they were identified at the time of the expulsion, arrived in Maryland in late November to early December 1755 and were distributed in various areas around the Chesapeake. Of these, 600 or more then found their way to Louisiana in the mid- and late 1760s, while leaving behind a number of aspiring watermen and future shipmasters, who regrouped in Baltimore in a quarter duly named "French Town."

As they began to prosper, these Acadians were joined by Revolutionary War veterans, merchants, clergy, over 1500 West Indian French, both free and enslaved, and many others escaping revolution in France. These two volumes show the economic, social, cultural, educational, and religious impact that each group and their descendants had on one another and on the community.

The two-volume set is available from [Amazon Books](#) (\$75) or from Maryland Francophone Studies (gwood@olgchs.org) and others for \$60 plus tax and shipping.

63rd Annual Mass Held for Charlene Richard, The Little Cajun Saint

Kayo LeBlanc wrote [this story](#) for *katc.com*:

RICHARD, LA- People from all over Acadiana gathered at St. Edwards Church yesterday to celebrate the 63rd death anniversary of Charlene Marie Richard, servant of God. Praying of the rosary was held at 5:30 p.m. followed by the service at 6 p.m.. with Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel as the main celebrant for the mass.

Last year, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops proceeded with the case on Beatification to the Vatican. This means that Charlene Richard is getting closer to being declared a saint.

41st Annual Medina Lake Cajun Festival

This appeared on [mysoutex.com](#):

The 41st Annual Medina Lake Cajun Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, on the grounds of the Lakehills Community Center in Lakehills, 30 miles northwest of San Antonio.

The key elements of this festival are Louisiana Cajun and Zydeco music on two stages, homemade Cajun food and the Great Gumbo Cook-off.

Cajun and Zydeco music, with a little Country and Western added in, will be played all day long on two stages. There are also two dance floors.

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

Living Legend Goldman Thibodeaux Celebrates 90th Birthday



This appeared on the St. Landry Parish Tourism Facebook page:

Goldman Thibodeaux, leader of *Goldman Thibodeaux & the Lawtell Playboys*, celebrates his 90th birthday today. The musician and native French speaker was inducted into the Acadian Museum's Living Legends in 2019. He has memories of Amédé Ardoin and can still be seen playing the accordion. He is one of the only living performers of pre-Zydeco, house-dance music of rural Louisiana communities. Happy Birthday, Mr. Goldman!

Visit [here](#).

American Masters Weightlifting Championship

I am writing a book on my friendship with former Tulane weightlifter David Berger, who was killed on September 5th during the 1972 Munich Olympics. I am hoping to release the book later this year and still doing research.



(L-R) Howard Cohen, Walter Imahara, Warren Perrin

On August 12, I went to Baton Rouge and attended the American Masters Weightlifting Championship. While there Walter Imahara introduced me to Howard Cohen the namesake for the meet, who had a famous gym in Savannah, Georgia for many years. Cohen won his first national title in 1955 and appeared poised to make the 1960 Olympic weightlifting team but was injured. Included in his titles were first place awards for the Georgia Weightlifting

Championships and South Weightlifting Championships. In 1953, Cohen won a silver medal in the Israeli Games. He is Jewish and attended many Maccabiah Games both as a coach and competitor. He knew David Berger and recalls him being inspirational and supportive of other athletes.

Cohen told me that during one of the competitions in Israel he discussed the Munich massacre with wrestler Gad Tsabari, who suddenly pushed aside a weapon, broke from the group of hostages, and dashed down a flight of stairs toward an underground parking garage deftly avoiding the terrorists' hail of gunfire in his direction. Of the 12 Olympians originally captured by Black September, Tsabari was the only Israeli to survive the massacre. He told Cohen how the tragedy unfolded and how he was able to save himself from the grim fate of his teammates.

Gulf Brew

We received this from Acadiana Center for the Artis

Gulf Brew volunteers needed! Sign up [here](#) for a shift today. All volunteers get free admission to attend Gulf Brew (either before or after their shift), a volunteer t-shirt, and other cool perks at the Rock'n Bowl afterparty!



Vermilionville Receives Grant to Expand Native American Presence

Brady McKellar Managing Director Bayou Vermilion sent this to us:

Vermilionville Living History Museum and Folklife Park has been awarded a Lower Mississippi Delta Initiative Local Heritage Grant through the Jefferson National Parks Association. This grant will be utilized to enhance Vermilionville's Native American interpretation as well as presence on the campus.

Vermilionville received 100% of the requested funding for this project, just under \$15,000.

Highlights of the program include:

- Providing permanent signage acknowledging that this land in the Attakapas region was unceded by the indigenous people who first lived in this area.
- Developing a permanent exhibit in the Visitor Center depicting the region as it was when only indigenous peoples lived here.
- Making plantings on the property, both agricultural and permacultural, that are significant to Native Americans.
- Development of a new ramada-style building to house Native American historical artifacts.

Vermilionville Managing Director Brady McKellar said, "We are grateful to the Jefferson National Parks Association for affording us this opportunity to further illuminate and share the stories of the indigenous people of the Attakapas region. We look forward to working closely with tribes and tribal groups in the area to develop the particulars."

How To Speak Cajun French Apps for iPhone and Android

This appeared on 97.3thedawg.com:

In 1921, a new Louisiana Constitution was adopted that unfortunately

took aim at Cajun culture by banning any and all teaching of French in all public schools. As a result, Cajun French in Louisiana was almost completely erased.

According to Wikipedia "as of 2011, there were an estimated 150,000 to 200,000 people in Louisiana who speak French. By comparison, there were an estimated one million native French-speakers in Louisiana in about 1968."

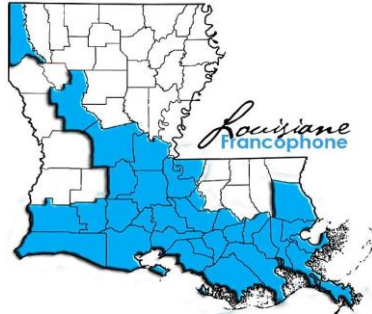
Thankfully, in 1968 the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, or CODOFIL, was established to help preserve French language and culture. Fast forward to the age of smart phones, and now we've got apps to help teach Cajun French. Originally released in 2018 for IOS, the LearnCajun app seems to be gaining popularity lately.

Click [here](#) to read all about it.

French Table and Acadiana Memories

William Thibodeaux asked us to post this:

La table Française de Rayne now meet Thursday mornings at 9:30 in the historic Bernard-Bertrand house built in 1881—the third oldest home in Rayne. It is located at 1023 The Boulevard, Rayne, LA 70578. *Vieus nous voir, cher!*



Acadiana Memories: It is an interactive history program held on the second Monday of each month. We reminisce about people, places, and events of long ago. The program is from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the conference room of Hospice of Acadiana located at 2600 Johnston Street, Lafayette, LA, 70503. Everyone is invited. We hope to see you there.

Voices and Votes: Democracy in America

This appeared on Louisiana's Old State Capitol



This fall Louisiana's Old State Capitol will host "Voices and Votes: Democracy in America." This traveling exhibit by the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street tells the story of the great leap of faith of forming a radical new government based on democratic ideals and how our country has evolved over time. It is a springboard for discussions about whose voices will be heard and how we can participate as citizens. We will host several programs in conjunction with this exhibit beginning in September. More information on these programs can be found below and on our [website](#).

Cajun Day in Lake Charles, September 24

[This article](#) by Mike Soileau appeared on *Gator 99.5*:



Photo: Getty Images

Louisiana folks love their Cajun music and go out and enjoy it every chance they get. Whether it's at a festival, on the radio, or just playing it on their phone or Bluetooth speakers during an event at their house, you will hear the squeezebox all over South Louisiana.

Coming up on Saturday, September 24th, 2022, The Cajun French Music Association will hold their annual Cajun Day at their building located at 3481 East Prien Lake Road in Lake Charles.

Need a Translator? Contact Melanie!

We received this email from Melanie Miller:

I am a proud graduate of UNO with a BA in French. Since graduating, in addition to many volunteer opportunities, I have tutored a dyslexic high school French student and joined Les Amis du CODOFIL, primarily run by Ed Fleischmann. When Mr. Fleischmann is not able to conduct our weekly meetings on Wednesday evenings, I will conduct them for him. I am looking for a full-time remote position with benefits. I can read, speak, type, write, and translate English to French, and French to English. mmille72@gmail.com



Travel Scholarship to the 2023 Joan of Arc



Patricia Fullmer, Gayle Dellinger, and Mary Perrin

On August 26, we hosted Mark and Patricia Fullmer, museum supporters from New Orleans, and Gayle Dellinger, a member of the New Orleans Rotary Club. The New Orleans Rotary Fund, Inc. is providing a travel scholarship to the 2023 Joan of Arc. The recipient will ride in the January 6 Krewe of Joan of Arc Parade through the French Quarter and also visit Orleans, France next summer, where the Orleans Rotary Club will introduce her counterpart—the French “Jeanne.” She will have the opportunity to learn the history and culture of Orleans and build friendships there.

In the summer, we will welcome the French “Jeanne” to New Orleans and introduce her to our history and expand her understanding of *Nouvelle Orléans*. In 2021, Gayle Dellinger was instrumental in forming the New Orleans-Orleans Rotary Sister City Club. For more information, please visit this [website](#) which provides an application form.

17th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina

We received this from Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser:

Dear Warren,

Just this week, we commemorated the 17th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina on August 29, as we continue to pray for those who lost loved ones. It brought to mind other memories this time of year – the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Isaac, the 2nd anniversary of Hurricane Laura, and the first anniversary of Hurricane Ida – all making landfall in Louisiana between August 26 and August 29.



Lt. Governor Nungesser participated in a wreath laying ceremony in St. Bernard Parish.

Anna Catherine Bradford Named 2022 Evangeline

This article appeared in the *Plaquemine Post South*.

Anna Catherine Bradford made history Saturday night – not once, but twice.



2021 Evangeline Isabella LoBue passes the title to Anna Catherine Bradford, who was named 2022 Evangeline during a social Saturday night at the Knights of Columbus Council 970 Home in Plaquemine. Staff Photo.

Anna Catherine, the daughter of Jerry and Amy Bradford of Plaquemine, was named the 2022 Evangeline during a social at the Knights of Columbus Council 970 Home in Plaquemine.

She will begin her reign in October during a presentation of the new Evangeline and her princesses at the Plaquemine Community Center.

Anna Catherine, a senior at St. John High School, will follow the footsteps of her older sister Lily Bradford, who was crowned Evangeline in 2019.

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

French Restaurant *Parlons*

On August 31, we enjoyed a nice dinner at the French restaurant *Parlons* in Old Metairie with friends Frank and Eileen Arnemann.

Ed Fleischmann, the owner, is an attorney and long-time member of the Francophone Section of the La. State Bar Association, who hosts a French table there every Wednesday night at 6:00. We highly recommend the unique and cozy restaurant located at 1001 Metairie Road. Call in advance for reservations.

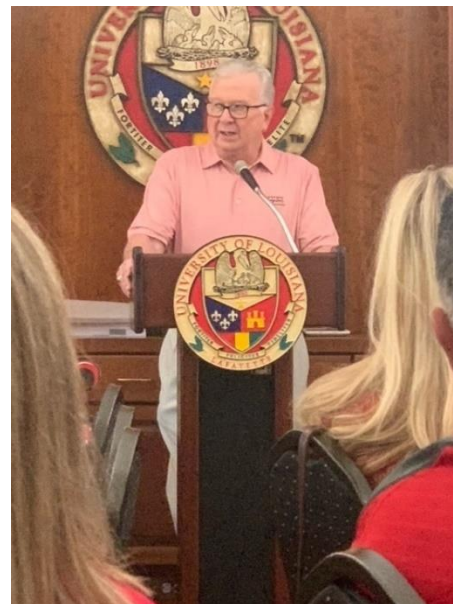
*Mary Perrin,
Eileen
Arnemann and
Warren Perrin.
Photo courtesy
of Frank
Arnemann.*



Annual UL Alumni Board of Directors Meet



On September 2, we had our annual UL Alumni Board of Directors meeting in Lafayette and I had the pleasure of meeting Dean Ahmed Khattab Ph.D (left) of the college of engineering, who shared his optimistic vision for the future of the department.



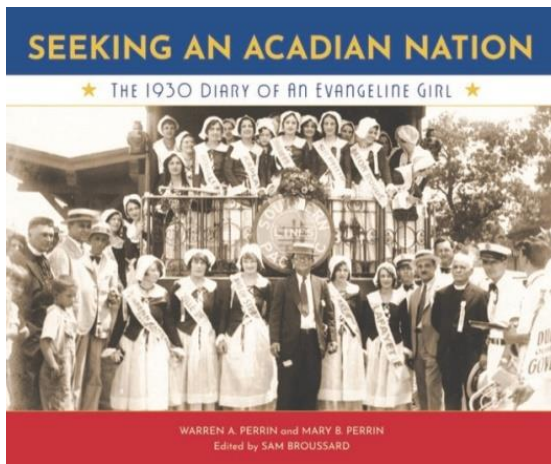
UL President Joseph "T Joe" Savoie (below) is pictured discussing the tremendous progress the university has made during the last year and upcoming plans to help fulfill its mission in the future.

Learn French with Alliance Française

Sessions start this month. Classes will be held online. You can register now on the Alliance website to reserve your spot. Schedule and details are available on the link below. Alliance Française membership is required for all students. Classes are \$160 for 8 hours. A minimum of three registered students is needed to start a class (except private classes).

<https://aflafayette.org/courses>

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 Vermilion, Iberia, and St. Landry parishes.
- T-shirts, posters, and reproductions.

Status Report on Our TV Channel

Over 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 September 9, there are 105 videos uploaded of more than 150 available (that's 20 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). We promise it will be lots of fun! Email 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 <https://youtu.be/6VLWeh-7Cho>).



Description: Le Theatre Cadien is a local theater group in Lafayette, Louisiana, that produces and performs plays in the Cajun French dialect. The group got together to present awards for those who performed in this play about the life of Dudley J. LeBlanc. The play was written by Jim Viator.