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Best Wishes for a Joyous Easter! - Nous vous souhaitons joyeuses pâques !

Les communiqués de presse :

Le Congrès mondial acadien, célébration d'une Acadie sans frontière!

L'Acadie sans frontière se dévoilera au monde du 7 au 23 août 2009 lors de la quatrième édition du Congrès mondial acadien 2009.

Déjà, les soixante communautés hôtes de la Péninsule acadienne, située au nord-est du Nouveau-Brunswick, au Canada atlantique, se parent de leurs plus beaux atours pour accueillir les milliers de visiteurs qui se sont donné rendez-vous pour ce grand événement international. Des événements populaires d'envergure aux nombreuses activités communautaires, la programmation du Congrès mondial acadien 2009 propose mille et un trésors de découverte, offrant de quoi plaire à tous les goûts!

Une grande fête de famille

Le Congrès mondial acadien est l'occasion par excellence de rassembler la descendance acadienne, dispersée aux quatre coins du monde. Plus de 70 fêtes de famille auront lieu pendant le Congrès. C'est ainsi que les Arseneault, les Breau, les Comeau, les Dugas, pour ne nommer que ceux-ci, provenant notamment de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard, de la Nouvelle-

The 2009 World Acadian Congress - Acadia without borders!

Acadia will be in the world spotlight from August 7 to 23, 2009, during the fourth World Acadian Congress.

Already, the sixty host communities on the Acadian Peninsula in northeastern New Brunswick, in Atlantic Canada, are gearing up to welcome the thousands of visitors who will be coming for this major international gathering. The program for the 2009 World Acadian Congress offers everything from large-scale popular events to a wealth of community-based activities, so there's sure to be something to please everyone!

A huge family reunion

The World Acadian Congress is a perfect opportunity to bring together Acadian descendants from all over the world. More than 70 family reunions will take place during the Congress. For instance, the Arseneault, Breau, Comeau, and Dugas families, most of them coming from Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Louisiana, and Europe, will be getting together to celebrate their common origins and culture. In addition to the thousands of Acadian descendants, there will be other (See "Acadia without border" page 3)

Boudreaux Family Association Gathering Set for April 25, 2009

Next Association Meeting

April Saturday April 25, 2009

11:00 AM

Golden Coral Resturant

Veterans Memorial Dr

Abbeville, LA 70510

(337) 898-942

Roland Stansbury, Director Young-Sanders Center for the study of the War between the states in Louisiana

located in Franklin, Louisiana, will be our guest speaker.

Roland has Boudreaux's in his genealogy.

Attendees are asked, if they would like to participate in a fun drawing, to bring an inexpensive prize. (Don't spend more than around \$5.00). Hand made arts & crafts are welcomed.

Gift cards of \$50, \$25 & \$10 will be given away from a drawing of 3 names of members attending.

Lunch will be Dutch treat from a great selection of favorite Cajun dishes.

View our new web site at: Boudreauxfamilies.org

We are working diligently to rework this site for the members and visitors. It should be completed soon. The www.boudreauxfamily.org site is still running temporarily. Let us know about projects you would like to see.

L'Etoile Acadienne

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Membership Dues

It is that time of year, so this is a gentle reminder for all members whose renewal date fell in January 2008.

Receiving our newsletter L'Etoile Acadienne (Acadian Star) is a great way to keep abreast of what is happening in the Acadian community and with our own grand Boudrot family.

Our organization is non-profit; the dues are used for printing and mailing the newsletter and for support of the French Immersion Program in

Louisiana's public schools. Annual membership dues remain at \$10.00 or

receive a 3 year membership for \$25.00.

As a reminder we still print your renewal date on your mailing label.

Please contact us for any change of address, mailing error or membership error.

Make check payable to Boudreaux Family Association.

Send to:

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We would like to hear from you . . . Won't you drop us a line!

Tell us what you like about the newsletter and what you would like to see more of: genealogy, history, news articles, stories about Boudreau (x) (It families from Acadiana, across the U.S.A., Canada and France, etc. Take up your pen and write an article yourself. It is one easy way to participate in the organization without even leaving home.

For those who live too far away to attend our meetings and reunions, send us a photo to introduce yourselves. From time to time we include photos of members so you can get to know us also.

Hope to hear from you!

Letters

Bonjour,

I like the genealogy, history and L'Etoile Acadienne written in French. I try to read it in French before resorting to English. Keeps me challenged!!

I would like to see another Congrès (like the one in 1999 which I attended) held in Lafayette.

For now, my best to the outgoing and the incoming officers. To

everyone may you be blessed with peace, good health and happiness "dans la nouvelle année".

Au revoir,

Annette K. Lee
Escondido, California

Sending our membership dues for 2009. We are looking forward to another year of informative newsletters.

Thanks,

Jeanne Boudreaux Beebe
Lena, Louisiana

I'm so delighted you enjoy Les Patates Nouvelles (CODOFIL bulletin). I always enjoy your (Boudreaux Family Association) newsletter and including the fact that it is bilingual and seeing my scribblings. I'm pleased we can collaborate.

Elaine F. Clément
Relations Communautaire
CODOFIL
Lafayette, Louisiana

Dear Don Boudreaux,

First of all, congratulations on being named president of our prestigious Boudreau (x) Family Association! I have been a member for some years now, and as I read through the most recent edition of the newsletter, I realized I need to send my renewal for membership.

I have a correction – or addition – to make regarding an article in the December 2008 newsletter. If you see fit to print it, do so. Or if you want to pass it on to the author of the article, do so. I always enjoy the newsletter. Someday I hope to get to one of the reunions either there or in Canada. Charles printed a run-down on my particular (Boudreau) ancestry in the August 2000 newsletter.

Dear Editor,

The article in the December 2008 newsletter titled "Francophones in the Land of Uncle Sam" was interesting

and well done. But it sent me to my own family's history of their moves from Canada to the United States. I would to ask the author, Loubert Trahan, to do a little further research about at least one item. The article reads "Saint Joseph, the first Francophone parish in the United States, was established in 1850."

I would like to suggest a bias toward the New England states. I did not try to check out when the Francophone parishes in Missouri, Cap Girardeau or St. Genevieve, were settled, but it was even before Missouri became a state. But my Boudreau ancestors moved from L'Acadie near Montreal with a number of other Francophones in the 1840's to form a large French settlement in northern Illinois, including Bourbonnais and Kankakee, and several surrounding villages. St. Leo Parish in Bourbonnais celebrated mass in a chapel at least as early as 1841, and in their new church, renamed Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, mass was celebrated as early as 1849. In St. George, a small village just northwest of Bourbonnais, my ancestors settled in the Francophone parish of St. George, begun in 1848. All of these items can be pulled from the internet to verify them.

My nit-picking is not meant to take away from the quality of the original article which was insightful and informative, thanks to the author, Loubert Trahan.

Richard Boudreau
La Crosse, Wisconsin

Note:

The author of that article also failed to acknowledge the founding of many francophone parishes in Louisiana in the early 1700's to 1850. To name a few, St. Louis in New Orleans, St. Martin of Tours in St. Martinville, St. Charles in Grand Coteau and dozens of parishes along the Mississippi and Bayou Lafourche. But perhaps the author was thinking of areas outside Francophone Louisiana.

Welcome ~ Bienvenue

We extend to you a warm Acadian welcome to our Association de la Famille Boudreaux / Boudreau which is part of "*la grand famille Boudrot*".

We are all part of the large family of Michel Boudrot and Michelle Aucoin, one of America's first European families who settled in the French colony of *Acadie* in the late 1630's.

For those of you who are renewing your membership, we thank you for your continuing support.

New Members

David R. & Helen L. Boudreaux
3 years
Fremont, California

Renewals:

Joseph Floyd Boudreaux -3 years
Metairie, Louisiana

David & Angela B. Raines – 3 years
Westwego, Louisiana

Kelly Boudreaux Cookmeyer -3yrs.
Kenner, Louisiana

Kristie Boudreaux Daigle – 3 years
Thibodaux, Louisiana

W.Leo & Donna J. Boudreaux
3 years
Kerrville, Texas

Bobbie & Jeanne B. Beebe – 1 year
Lena, Louisiana

Mrs. Edith Boudreaux – 1 year
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Sharon B. Borden – 3 years
Chesapeake, Virginia

Curlis & Jeanell Lanthier – 3 years
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Salvador & Dierdra B. Lopinto
3yrs.
Harahan, Louisiana

Elphie J. & Gwen Boudreaux
3 years
Beaumont, Texas

Annette K. Lee – 3 years
Escondido, California

Richard & Joanne Boudreau -3 yrs.
La Crosse, Wisconsin

Sidney Boudreaux – 1 year
Boca Raton, Florida

Bobbie Taylor – 1 year
Long Beach, Mississippi

Henrietta Caranna – 1 year
Gulfport, Mississippi

Noel & Letty Boudreaux - 1 year
Covington, Louisiana

Gloria M. Boudreaux – 1 year
Lafayette, Louisiana

Robert & Deborah Boudreaux
1 year
Terrytown, Louisiana

Kenneth & Audrey Borne -3 yrs.
Thibodaux, Louisiana

Edwin Boudreaux - 3 years
Panama City Beach, Florida

Acadia Without Borders (Cont. from page 1)

families who are "friends of Acadia" and wish to take part in this reunion because they have shared the Acadians' history, their struggles, and their dreams.

Celebrating to the Francophone World Beat

Though the ancestral roots of the Acadian people are firmly anchored in Europe, the conflicts between England and France forced them to scatter

throughout the Americas in search of a place where they could settle and live in peace. Perhaps that is why they have always maintained and cultivated close ties with Francophones in other parts of the world. Invitations to attend the 2009 World Acadian Congress have gone out to representatives of these many lands, peoples, and communities that have ties of friendship with Acadia. For 17 days, the Acadian Peninsula will become a stage for a multitude of festivities and interactive events in which the innovative spirit, creativity, and expertise of Acadia and the Francophonie will be on display, especially during the opening ceremonies (August 7, 2009), National Acadian Day (August 15, 2009), *Espace 2009* (from August 16 to 22, 2009) and the closing ceremonies (August 23, 2009).

Grande Jasette.com or Acadia on the Move

The fourth World Acadian Congress lecture series offers something for everyone, including talks by Acadian celebrities who have made their mark on the national and international scene. Among the people who have been approached to speak are *Michel Cormier*, an international journalist; *Michel Bastarache*, a retired judge of the Supreme Court of Canada; *Réjean Thomas*, a physician and activist; *Édith Butler*, an internationally famous singer, songwriter, and author; and Oscar winner *Paul LeBlanc*.

An artistic mosaic reflecting modern Acadia

The CMA 2009 organizers are also planning an impressive variety of excursions into the Acadian imagination, inspired by the sea, the land, and infinity. From large outdoor concerts to intimate gatherings with artists, the artistic and cultural events will take audiences on voyages through space and time.

The activities on the program will

be hosted by different artists from the Acadian Peninsula, but also from other parts of the so-called "Acadian diaspora." Among the invited artists are Zachary Richard (Louisiana), Blou (Nova Scotia), Lost Bayou Ramblers (Louisiana), 1755 (New Brunswick), Jean-François Breau (New Brunswick), Nathalie Paulin (New Brunswick), Suroît (Magdalen Islands), and Oumou Soumaré (Mali).

The productions on the program will include the opening show,

Racines océanes – L'Acadie accueille, the musical *Louis-Mailloux*, a multimedia production entitled *Le Violon fantastique*, the National Acadian Day show (August 15) called *Le temps de se dire... L'Acadie célèbre*, and the sculptures in the *Jardin de Lumières*.

A thousand and one treasures to discover, a world of adventures to experience!

The Acadian Peninsula offers many attractions, and the World Acadian Congress organizers plan to put them all on display in August 2009. Nature enthusiasts will be delighted with the beauty of the Acadian shoreline and the outdoor activities available to them.

There are hundreds of activities on the program: eel and smelt fishery interpretation sites, bird and seal watching tours, fishing trips, interpretation of local ecosystems, the Acadia 2009 windsurfing and kiteboarding championships, a guided tour of a peat bog, shellfish and seafood fishing and tasting, a 250-km bicycle tour on the Acadian Peninsula cycling trail, a tour of marine facilities, and all-terrain vehicle (ATV) excursions. In short, there will be something for adventurers of all ages!

History and culture will be showcased throughout the fourth Congress as well, through activities

organized by local communities and institutions. Guided heritage tours, talks and trivia quizzes on historical topics, guided tours of historic sites and buildings, displays of hooked rugs and quilts, exhibits of old photographs, and Acadian storytelling evenings are some of the hundreds of activities that will be offered in Acadian Peninsula communities.

St. Anne University Scholarship

Cafa (Confédération des Association des Familles Acadiennes) is offering a partial scholarship (\$1,000.00) to attend St. Anne University in Church Point, Nova Scotia, Canada, during the coming 5 week summer session. Applicants must be at least 15 years old and their parents must be a paid member of CAFA family organization. The major objective is to learn French. They must pay their own transportation as well as the difference in tuition. Each Cafa family organization can submit only one nomination.

Congrès 2014 Application

On February 2009, at the Lite Center in Lafayette, Louisiane-Acadie unveiled its application for Louisiana to host CMA 2014 via their worldwide website: www.cma2014.com. Louisiane-Acadie is an umbrella organization that represents Acadians and Cajuns in Louisiana working towards hosting the 2014 gathering. It is made up of organizations such as CAFA, Acadian Memorial, CODOFIL, elected officials and others interested in promoting a united voice to accomplish the task of hosting CMA 2014.

Ray Trahan, president of CAFA, is requesting the following:

1. Visit the website www.cma2014.com and sign up to support the application.

2. Each CAFA family organization is asked to write a letter of support signed by the president of the association. This will go a long way to show that this application has broad support from family organizations.

The announcement of what area gets to host CMA 2014 will be made on August 9, 2009.

Areas seeking to host CMA 2014 are Québec City, Québec, the Acadian region of northwest New Brunswick around Edmondton and northern Maine, the Acadian region of the Gaspé Peninsula of Québec, and Louisiana.

Bus Trip to Canada for CMA 2009

The Acadian Memorial and CAFA (Confederation of Associations of Families Acadian, Inc.) are working together to provide bus transportation to the World Congress of the Acadians to be held in the Acadian Peninsula of New Brunswick. The event is from August 7th - August 23, 2009.

We are currently working on applying to host the next Congress, 2014, here in Louisiana and if we receive the bid, we want to have a good showing at the 2009 Congress. The announcement of the winner will be made in the first quarter of 2009 and celebrated at the Congress in the Acadian Peninsula.

If you are interested in this trip, either leaving on the bus from here in Louisiana or being picked up by the bus at some destination up north, either Bangor, Maine, Moncton, New Brunswick etc. please let us know immediately.

We are currently working with a reputable tour guide company who is putting a package together that will be ready for review shortly. This company is also willing to donate a portion of their fee's back to the Acadian Memorial and CAFA, therefore the trip, serving as a fund raiser for both.

Once in the Acadian Peninsula, we are looking at providing transportation for you to attend at least one day of your individual family reunion. In 2004, in Nova Scotia, because of the distance between reunions, it was almost impossible. Because of the concentrated area in which the reunions will be held this time, we feel we can accommodate you for at least one day of your reunion.

When responding, please give us your contact information such as address, phone numbers, and e-mail address so the tour bus agency may contact you with more information.

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2009 World Acadian Congress Congrès mondial acadien 2009

They're here! Family reunions!

The Acadian Peninsula of New Brunswick will be the host for the August 7th through August 23rd 2009 Congress. You will meet Acadians who live every day in French, surrounded by the magnificent maritime scenery that is particular to this region. Numerous families will hold reunions during the event. These will certainly be meaningful reunions. If you are interested in the family reunions now is the time to make your PLANS.

The Acadian Memorial Foundation, Inc. and CAFA Confederation of Associations of Families Acadian, Inc.) are working together to provide bus transportation to the World Congress of the Acadians to be held in the Acadian Peninsula of New Brunswick. If you are interested in this trip, either leaving on the bus from here in Louisiana or being picked up by the bus in Bangor, Maine or Moncton, New Brunswick etc. please let us know immediately so that you may be included on the mailing list.

DON'T BE LEFT OUT ON THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET "COUSINS" FROM THRUOUT THE WORLD.

To have your name on the mailing list, Contact: Shirley T. LeBlanc 337-981-3289/email: shirleythibo@bellsouth.net 534 Camellia Dr., Lafayette, LA 70503.

For a complete list of families hosting reunions and for further info on CMA 2009 go to website: <http://www.cma2009.ca>

CMA 2009 Reservation Concerns

As you may know, the 2009 *Congrès mondial acadien* (2009 CMA), the 4th ever worldwide gathering of Acadians, will take place August 7th to 23rd in the Acadian Peninsula, a region located in northeastern New-Brunswick.

According to information requests processed by our staff, accommodations seem to be visitors' main concern. That concern is also ours and we admit that it is challenging for events the size of the 2009 CMA to make sure that needs are fulfilled and expectations are met. As you may imagine, our situation is far from being unique; other large gatherings such as Québec City's 400th anniversary celebrations and the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games face rather similar challenges. **5**

In order to increase the number of available accommodations in our region, the 2009 CMA developed a network of rooms to rent in private residences. In addition to commercial accommodations in the Acadian Peninsula, Chaleur and Miramichi regions, we've identified and listed houses, cottages, lots for RVs and rooms in private residences.

We invite you to visit the 2009 CMA website at www.cma2009.ca. All the available lodging options are located in the "Accommodation" section. There you'll find lists of commercial accommodations and the contact information, specs and pictures of the available private accommodations in the region. The renting of private rooms is done between you and the owner of the premises.

The people of the Acadian Peninsula are proud to host the 2009 *Congrès mondial acadien* and wish to welcome all of you in the region. The fabled warmth of the Acadians will be displayed once again next August, don't miss out on the opportunity to meet incredible people in their own homes! *Just come on in, we're there for you to discover!*

Robert Frenette
Executive Director

Rachelle Dugas
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Valentine Romance Under the Evangeline Oak Tree

The City of St. Martinville, Acadian Memorial, and Cultural Heritage Center hosted a celebration at the most romantic and most photographed oak tree in the world.

On the eve of Valentine's Day, February 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., Longfellow's poem, "Evangeline" and the romance behind it was part of a tribute to all couples who were married or engaged under the famous oak tree in St. Martinville. Many marriage proposals and weddings occurred under the boughs of this famous and magnificent oak tree situated along the Bayou Teche. Some of these couples recounted their reason for coming to this romantic town and famous tree to keep a most precious memory of their marriage and proposal.

Peggy Hulin with Old Castillo Hotel: La Place du Evangeline, (220 Evangeline Blvd, St. Martinville 337.394.4010) hosted the event and the city of St. Martinville invited all couples to be a part of this annual romantic celebration. The invitation to all was to "come enjoy a Valentine romance 'Cajun Style' then dine in our historic city." A special Valentine meal was offered at La Masion on Bridge Street.

A reception was held with music, door prizes, lecture on Longfellow's "Evangeline" and the influence this story has on romance for couples and the history of the Acadian/Cajuns. Also featured on that day was the 1929 film of "Evangeline" shown at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. at the Acadian Memorial Conference Room (121 South New Market~337.394.2258

Grammy goes to Doucet, BeauSoleil

SHAY RANDLE
Lafayette Advertiser

Local music veterans BeauSoleil and Michael Doucet had something to be proud on February 9, 2009 at the 51st Grammy Awards.

One of several Lafayette award nominees, the group added another Grammy to its shelves as it won Best Cajun or Zydeco Music Album for **Live At The 2008 New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival**.

This newly formed category - only two years old - was won last year by local musician Terrance Simien. The nominees were a who's who in the genre. Other local musicians, including The Pine Leaf Boys, Steve Riley and The Mamou Playboys and Cedric Watson, were among the category's nominee list.

Michael Doucet, BeauSoleil's fiddler and founder, was a nominee in the same category for his album **From Now On**.

BeauSoleil is an 11-time Grammy nominee (traditional folk music category) and international band that has toured for more than 30 years. Founded in 1975, the group first won a Grammy in 1997 for the Best Traditional Folk Album category for **L'Amour Ou La Folie**.

The Best Cajun or Zydeco Music Album category became official last year after local musicians and industry professionals, including Terrance and Cynthia Simien, had lobbied for it for six years.

Material from contributing writer Herman Fuselier was used in this report.

Les Patates Nouvelles

~ News from CODOFIL

What could we do with the French language and cultures in Louisiana if we didn't have any limits? What could we have done in the past without these limits? In spite of the challenges in the world today, the future is ours and without limits. It goes without saying that we respect the past while heading toward the future, but I dare to ask that you think past the glass ceiling in the New Year.

We've got too many musicians in Louisiana, and we want to support all of them. For this reason, we don't do promotion for them individually. BUT it happens from time to time that a CD is so extraordinary that it is impossible not to share it. Valcour

Records just released a record by **Christine Balfa** playing the triangle that you can't miss. Listening to it makes me so emotional that I leave it to you to discover. Excuse me, I have to go finish crying....

...and it just keeps growing! I have the pleasure of announcing another **French table** in the area. **Ralph Robert** of Broussard invites you to join him for French conversation and food at noon every Monday (beginning January 5) at **LeBoeuf's Restaurant** at 3450 Pinhook Road near Broussard. If you have questions, you can contact him at 337-356-5649 at rjrckona@yahoo.com. I hope to see you all over there! Don't forget about the other French tables:

For the past several years as promised, the **Evangeline Parish Police Jury** has held its annual meeting in December entirely in French. This year, the room was filled, and jury member **Davis Manuel** conducted the meeting. **Olivier Brochenin**, the French Consul general, was a special guest, and **David Cheramie of CODOFIL** spoke of the fact that **Paul Tate**, one of the founders of CODOFIL, was from Evangeline Parish. Bravo!

The **Office of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State** with the **Adobe Foundation** launched an on-line video contest. The goal is to increase U.S. diplomacy through web campaigns and social media platforms. The contest which is entitled, "My Culture and Your Culture / Share your story" is open to anyone 14 years and older. You must submit a video of 3 minutes or less. It is impossible to give you all of the details, but the awards are trips abroad or to the US if you live elsewhere. For more information, visit the following web site: <http://www.icubed.us/node/1556>.

Thanks to a program at **Tulane University** and the **LEGO group**, a company which produces constructive toys, 4th grade students at **École**

Bilingue in New Orleans are working on the destruction of wildlife habitats due to global warming. It's a project to increase student interest in sciences and math. And the students at Tulane are performing this project in English and in French. Click here to read an article on the project. <http://tulane.edu/news/newwave/102708lego.cfm>

The Louisiana Supreme Court has changed its admissions rules to the Louisiana Bar for foreigners who have a visa to work in the United States. They will need 14 supplemental credits in a Louisiana law school. Congratulations to everyone who worked hard on this project!

In news on the bid for the **2014 World Acadian Congress**, we will have some competition. Here are the regions submitting a bid:

1. Acadia of land and forests (partnership between the region of Northwest New Brunswick and Madawaska, Maine in the US) .
2. Louisiana
3. Québec City, Québec
4. The Baie des Chaleurs Region of the Gaspésie in Québec.

Our publicity campaign has begun. The ads will be all over Louisiana and are linked to the CODOFIL web site. We would love to have your feedback.

Something's stirring in **Lafourche Parish**. We don't have all of the details, but there are some exploratory meetings on the possibility of starting immersion programs. We will keep you posted!

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In Memoriam

Juan Anthony Romero

(January 31, 1964 - March 15, 2009)

New Iberia, La. – Memorial services will be conducted for Mr. Juan Anthony Romero, age 45 at 11:00 AM on Saturday March 28, 2009 at Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with Father Mark Derise officiating. A gathering of family and friends will be on Saturday March 28, 2009 from 9:00 AM until time of service at Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Church. Inurnment will follow at Holy Family Mausoleum. A rosary will be prayed Saturday March 28, 2009 at 10:30 AM in the church. Mr. Romero passed away Sunday March 15, 2009 at his residence in New Iberia.

Mr Romero was a native and resident of New Iberia. He was lift boat deckhand.

Mr. Romero is survived by his parents A. Rogers Romero and Charlotte Boudreaux Romero of New Iberia; two sisters, Dwana R. Townsend and her husband David, Sr. of Harvey, La. and Shannon Romero of New Iberia; two nieces, Brandi Townsend and Whitney Townsend both of Harvey, La.; three nephews, David Townsend, Jr. of Harvey, La., Caleb LeBlanc and Jubian Leblanc both of New Iberia; two aunts, Charmaine Ledet and Juliet Parrish both of Abbeville, and numerous cousins.

Mr. Romero is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Charles Boudreaux and Eloise Martin Boudreaux; and his paternal grandparents, Adolph Romero and Wilda Sellers Romero.

In lieu of flowers the family prefers donations to Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Catholic Church liturgy and enhancement project, P.O. Box 10110, New Iberia, La. 70562.

In Memoriam

Rexall Romero of Chalmette, Louisiana, passed away on Saturday,

March 7, 2009. He is survived by his brother Rogers Romero and his wife Charlotte Boudreaux Romero and their family of New Iberia, Louisiana,

He is preceded in death by his parents Adolph Romero and Wilda Sellers Romero.

Rexall was 81 years of age.

Please keep Rogers and Charlotte and their family in your prayers during this time of sorrow.

"The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything. Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God."

Eula

Michel Boudrot's Arrival in Acadie

By Robert Rochon

The following is a translation of text from the web site of Robert Rochon. It tells the story of the arrival of Michel Boudrot in Acadie as well as his role in Port-Royal.

His parents are unknown but Michel Boudrot was born around 1600, probably in the parish of Cougnes in the diocese of La Rochelle in France. In 1641 he married Michelle Aucoin, born around 1618 in the La Rochelle area, daughter of a Tradesman martin Aucoin and of Marie Sallé or Sallé.

Michelle Aucoin had arrived at Port-Royal accompanied by her mother, sister, brother and her mother's second husband, Jean-Claude Landry.

Michel Boudrot was present at a baptism on September 21, 1639 in his role as the first magistrate of Port-Royal. He was named to that position in 1636 by Charles de Menou d'Aulney, father of the child being baptised. The Boudrot family is considered one of the earliest of Acadie, at least from 1639 and likely since 1632.

In the first census of 1671, farmer Michel Boudrot is listed as being seventy-one and his wife Michelle Aucoin is identified as being fifty-three. Michel Boudrot received the title of Lieutenant-General for Port-Royal in 1671. He owns 20 livestock and 12 sheep, on eight cultivated acres. It also listed their eleven children, born between 1642 and 1666, all of them living including Jeanne, born between 1642 and 1645. Jeanne Boudrot married in 1666, at Port-Royal to Bonaventure Therriot, or Terriau, son of Jean Therriot and Perrine Breau (Bourg). In the 1686 census, Jeanne is 41 years old and lives with her husband Bonaventure Therriot and their two daughters. The youngest, Marguerite is of interest to us. In 1702, she married René Granger, born in 1676, son of Laurent Granger, originally from Plymouth, England, and Marie-Henriette Therriot.

Michel Boudrot seems to have participated in public life since in 1685, at the age of 85, he receives from the King of France official letters naming him Lieutenant-General for civil and criminal matters for the country and the Acadian coast, a position he occupies until 1688. He replaced Abraham Dugast, who also has genealogical links to our family.

In the 1693 census, Michel Boudrot is listed as deceased. His wife Michelle Boudrot, survives him another few years. She died in Port-Royal on December 17, 1706, at the age of 85 and was buried the following day.

Français

Acadie sans Frontière

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Écosse, du Nouveau-Brunswick, du Québec, de la Louisiane et de l'Europe, se sont donné rendez-vous pour célébrer ensemble leurs origines et leur culture. À ces milliers de descendants acadiens s'ajouteront également des familles « amies » de l'Acadie qui, ayant partagé leur

histoire, leurs combats et leurs rêves, souhaitent prendre part à ces grandes retrouvailles.

Des célébrations au rythme du monde francophone

Ses racines ancestrales bien ancrées en Europe et les conflits entre la France et l'Angleterre l'ayant forcé à parcourir les Amériques à la recherche d'une terre où il pourrait s'établir et vivre en paix, le peuple Acadien a toujours conservé et cultivé des liens étroits avec les espaces francophones de la planète. Le Congrès mondial acadien 2009 est le prétexte tout désigné pour inviter à la fête les représentants de ces nombreux territoires de même que les peuples et collectivités qui cultivent des liens d'amitié avec l'Acadie. La Péninsule acadienne deviendra donc pendant 17 jours la terre d'accueil et le théâtre d'une multitude d'activités festives et interactives où l'innovation, la créativité et le savoir-faire de l'Acadie et de la Francophonie seront mis en valeur, plus particulièrement lors des grands rassemblements marquant l'ouverture du 7 août 2009, la Fête des Acadiens du 15 août, Espace 2009 qui se tiendra du 16 au 22 août et la clôture de l'événement, le 23 août 2009.

Grande Jasette.com ou l'Acadie en mouvement

Le volet des conférences de cette 4^e édition du Congrès mondial acadien propose des activités pour tous les goûts, incluant des conférences livrées par des personnalités acadiennes ayant fait leur marque à l'échelle nationale et internationale. Michel Cormier, journaliste international, Michel Bastarache, juge retraité de la Cour suprême du Canada, Réjean Thomas, médecin activiste, Édith Butler, auteure-compositrice-interprète de renommée internationale et Paul LeBlanc, récipiendaire d'un Oscar, sont au nombre des conférenciers pressentis.

Une mosaïque artistique à l'image de l'Acadie moderne

Les organisateurs du CMA 2009 proposent également une variété

impressionnante d'incursions dans l'imaginaire acadien, inspiré par la mer, la terre et l'infini. Allant de grands concerts en plein-air à des rencontres intimistes avec les créateurs, la programmation artistique et culturelle de l'événement fera voyager les spectateurs dans l'espace et le temps.

Les activités artistiques de la programmation seront animées par une variété d'artistes acadiens de la Péninsule acadienne, mais également d'autres régions dites de la diaspora acadienne. Les artistes pressentis incluent notamment Zacharie Richard (Louisiane), Blou (Nouvelle-Écosse), Lost Bayou Ramblers (Louisiane), 1755 (Nouveau-Brunswick), Jean-François Breau (Nouveau-Brunswick), Nathalie Paulin (Nouveau-Brunswick), Suroît (Îles de la Madeleine) et Oumou Soumaré (Mali).

Au nombre des productions de la programmation, mentionnons le spectacle d'ouverture *Racines océanes – L'Acadie accueille*, le théâtre musical *Louis-Mailloux*, la production multimédia *Le Violon fantastique*, le spectacle du 15 août, Fête des Acadiens, *Le temps de se dire... L'Acadie célèbre* et les sculptures du *Jardin de Lumières*.

Mille et un trésors à découvrir, un monde d'aventures à vivre!

La Péninsule acadienne recèle des trésors que les organisateurs du Congrès mondial acadien entendent bien mettre en valeur en août 2009. Les amateurs de plein-air seront émerveillés par la beauté du littoral acadien et par les activités à faire dans la nature qui leur seront proposées.

Au programme, des centaines d'activités : sites d'interprétation de la pêche à l'anguille et de la pêche à l'éperlan, sorties d'observation d'oiseaux et de phoques, sorties de pêche, interprétation des écosystèmes de la région, le Mondial Windsurf Kiteboard Acadie 2009, visite guidée d'une tourbière, pêche et dégustation de mollusques et fruits de mer, vélotour de 250 km sur la Vélo route de la Péninsule acadienne, tournée des installations maritimes et randonnées

en véhicules tous terrains... Bref, de quoi rassasier les petits et grands aventuriers!

L'histoire et le patrimoine seront également mis en valeur tout au long de ce 4^e Congrès par le biais d'activités issues des institutions et communautés de la région. Circuits patrimoniaux guidés, causeries et rallyes-recherche à saveur historique, visites guidés de lieux et de bâtiments historiques, expositions de tapis *hookés* et couvertures piquées, expositions de photos anciennes, soirée de contes et légendes acadiennes font partie des centaines d'activités qui sont proposées par les communautés de la Péninsule acadienne

Les Patates Nouvelles

~ Nouvelles de CODOFIL

Qu'est-ce qu'on pourrait faire avec la langue et les cultures françaises en Louisiane sans limite? Qu'est-ce qu'on aurait pu faire sans les limites du passé? Malgré les défis dans le monde aeteur, le futur est à tous de nous et sans limite. Il faut respecter le passé en se dirigeant vers l'avenir, mais j'ose vous demander de penser au-delà pendant la Nouvelle Année.

On a autant de musiciens en Louisiane, on peut pas les promouvoir tous dans Les Patates. Pour cette raison, on fait pas la promotion pour ce monde. MAIS il arrive de temps en temps un CD extraordinaire qu'il est impossible à ne pas partager. Valcour Records vient de sortir un disque avec **Christine Balfa** sur le triangle qu'il faut pas manquer. Ça me rend tellement émotionnelle de l'écouter que je vous laisse à le découvrir. Moi, je dois aller brailler.....

....et ça continue! J'ai le plaisir d'annoncer une nouvelle table française dans le coin. **Ralph Robert** de Broussard vous invite à vous joindre à lui pour la conversation et le manger en français à midi tous les lundi (commençant le 5 janvier) au

restaurant LeBoeuf qui se trouve à 3450 Pinhook Road près de Broussard. Si vous avez des questions, vous pouvez le contacter au 337-356-5649 ou au rjrckona@yahoo.com. J'espère vous voir là-bas! Et oubliez pas les autres tables françaises : www.codofil.org/francais/regularevents.html.

Depuis quelques années comme promis, le police jury de la paroisse Evangeline fait une réunion annuelle en décembre entièrement en français.

En décembre 2008, la salle était remplie, et le membre du jury Davis Manuel a conduit la réunion. Olivier Brochenin, Consul général de France, était invité spécial, et David Chermie du CODOFIL a parlé du fait que Paul Tate, un des fondateurs du CODOFIL, était de la paroisse Évangéline. Bravo !

Le Bureau des Affaires éducationnelles et culturelles du Département d'État avec le Adobe Foundation a lancé un concours de vidéo en ligne dans le but d'augmenter la diplomatie états-unisienne à travers les campagnes sur le web et les plateformes de média social. Le concours qui s'appelle "My Culture + Your Culture =? Share your Story" est ouvert au monde entier de 14 ans et plus. Il faut soumettre un vidéo de 3 minutes ou moins. Il est impossible à vous donner tous les détails, mais les prix sont des voyages. Pour plus d'information, vous pouvez visiter le site web suivant : <http://www.icubed.us/node/1556>

Grâce à un programme de **Tulane University et le LEGO group**, une compagnie qui produit des jeux constructifs, les élèves en 4^{ème} livre à l'École Bilingue à la Nouvelle-Orléans travaillent sur la destruction des habitats de la vie sauvage par le réchauffement de la planète. C'est un projet pour augmenter l'intérêt des élèves pour les sciences et les mathématiques. Et les étudiants de Tulane font ce projet en anglais et en

français! Cliquez icitte pour lire un article sur le projet.

La Cour Suprême de la Louisiane a changé les règles pour l'admission au barreau louisianais des étrangers qui ont un visa pour travailler aux E-U. Il leur faut 14 heures supplémentaires dans un Faculté de Droit en Louisiane. Félicitations à tout le monde qu'a travaillé fort sur ce projet!

Dans les nouvelles de la candidature pour le Congrès Mondial Acadien 2014, nous aurons de la compétition! Voilà les autres régions qui ont postulé :

L'Acadie des terres et des forêts (partenariat entre la région du Nord-Ouest du Nouveau-Brunswick et le Madawaska, Maine aux États-Unis); La Louisiane aux États-Unis; La Ville de Québec au Québec; La Région Baie des Chaleurs Gaspésie au Québec.

La campagne publicitaire a déjà commencé. La publicité sera tout partout en Louisiane et ca sera lié à notre site web. On aimerait bien avoir vos commentaires.

Quelque chose brasse dans la **paroisse Lafourche!** On a pas tous les détails, mais ils commencent des réunions sur la possibilité de commencer des programmes d'immersion. On vous tiendra au courant!

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L'arrivée Michel Boudrot

En Acadie

Le texte suivant est extrait d'un ouvrage de Robert Rochon. L'histoire raconte l'arrivée de Michel Boudreau en Acadie ainsi que son rôle à Port-

Royal: De parents inconnus, né en 1600, probablement de la paroisse de Cougnes, du diocèse de La Rochelle, en France, Michel Boudrot, épouse en 1641, à Port Royal, Michelle Aucouin, née vers 1618, dans les environs de La Rochelle, fille du menuisier, Martin Aucouin et de Marie Sallé ou Salé.

Michelle Aucouin est dernièrement arrivée à Port-Royal, en compagnie de sa mère, sa soeur, son frère et du second époux de sa mère, Jean-Claude Landry.

Michel Boudrot est présent lors d'un baptême, le 21 septembre 1639, dans le rôle de premier syndic du Port-Royal. Il est nommé à ce titre, en 1636, par Charles de Menou d'Aulney, le père de la baptisée. La famille des Boudrot doit être classée parmi les plus anciennes de l'Acadie, au moins avant 1639, en tout cas, probablement depuis 1632.

Dans le 1er recensement acadien fait en 1671, le laboureur Michel Boudrot âgé de soixante et onze ans, sa femme Michelle Aucouin, âgée de cinquante et trois ans. Michel Boudrot reçoit le titre de lieutenant-général de la juridiction de Port-Royal, en 1671. Il possède 20 bêtes à cornes et 12 brebis, sur huit arpents en culture. Puis leurs onze enfants, nés entre 1642 et 1666, tous vivants, dont, celle qui nous tisse le lien de généalogie aux Boudrot, Jeanne, née entre 1642 et 1645. Jeanne Boudrot s'est mariée vers 1666, à Port-Royal avec Bonaventure Therriot, ou Terriau, fils de Jean Therriot et de Perrine Breau (Bourg). Au recensement Acadien de 1686, Jeanne Boudrot a 41 ans et habite avec son mari Bonaventure Therriot et avec eux, leur deux filles. La plus jeune des deux, Marguerite Therriot, nous concerne. Elle épouse en 1702, à Port-Royal, René Granger, né en 1676, fils de l'ancêtre Laurent Granger, originaire de Plymouth en Angleterre et de Marie-Henriette Therriot.

Michel Boudrot semble s'être mêlé à la vie publique, car en 1685, alors qu'il est âgé de 85 ans, il reçoit du roi de France, des lettres patentes le nommant lieutenant-général civil et criminel du Roy au pays et côte de

l'Acadie, poste qu'il occupe jusqu'en 1688. Il remplace Abraham Dugast, qui a aussi un lien d'ancêtre avec nous dans la présente généalogie.

Au recensement acadien de 1693, Michel Boudrot est décédé. Sa veuve, Michelle Aucouin, lui survit quelques années. Elle meurt à Port-Royal, le 17 décembre 1706, à l'âge de 88 ans, inhumée le lendemain.

Les Acadiens du Québec

Par Andre Boudreault

Les Acadiens vivant au Québec ont-ils été assimilés par les Québécois. Partout où l'Acadien s'est retrouvé après la déportation de son peuple, l'histoire nous raconte qu'ils se sont toujours battus pour garder leur langue, leur religion et leurs coutumes. Dans les pays où la langue anglaise prédomine, l'acadien a toujours tenter de garder ses us et coutumes au prix souvent cher payer de sa vie. Encore aujourd'hui, dans les provinces maritimes du Canada et dans les Etats-uniens, Les Acadiens de souche se battent encore pour garder la fierté de leurs ancêtres. Ici au Québec, on dénombre environ un million huit cent mille personnes qui sont de descendance acadienne et sur ce nombre, près de la moitié ne savent pas qu'ils sont de souche acadienne. Alors la question que l'on peut se poser, les Acadiens vivant au Québec ont-ils été assimilés par le fait que leur langue et leurs coutumes sont en partie présentes dans les endroits où ils ont pris racine.

Si au Québec, on demandait à tous ceux et celles qui sont de descendance acadienne de se mobiliser comme le font certains groupes vivant ici depuis des centaines d'années ou encore les nouveaux arrivants des pays anciens ou le peuple québécois, lui même, pour revendiquer leurs droits, y aurait-il encore une flamme de fierté pour monter aux barricades de la défense de leurs us et coutumes.

Depuis le temps que les Acadiens sont au Québec, ont-ils perdu cette étincelle qui animait leurs pères ou sont-ils devenus, par habitude, des Quebecois ?