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Le Grand Réveil Acadien 2011

Louisiane-Acadie appelle tous les Acadiens à se préparer pour le Grand-Réveil Acadien (GRA) qui se déroulera du 7 au 16 octobre 2011 dans quatre régions de l'Acadiana, région composée de 22 paroisses civile (comtes) du sud de la Louisiane reconnues par les chambres législatives louisianaises pour leur héritage acadien. Durant ces 9 journées, les villes d'Houma, de Lafayette, du Lac Charles et de la Nouvelles-Orléans accueilleront de forums, rencontres et célébrations. Elles se termineront par un considérable regain de la fierté acadienne durant les Festivals Acadiens et Créoles au Parc Girard a Lafayette les 15 et 16 octobre, et notamment par une grande parade montrant toute la diversité des traditions acadiennes offertes lors des Courir du Mardi Gras, Tintamarre, Mi-carême, Guiannée et Chandeleur.

Le GRA a été organisé pour en appeler aux descendants des Acadiens et en particulier a la jeune génération, pour qu'ils réalisent que les Louisianais de souche acadienne vivent sous la menace de la perte de leur langue d'origine, qui est le français, ainsi que de leur culture, mais de leur terres côtières. Le but du GRA est d'encourager des partenariats et de trouver des solutions et des plans d'action concertés pour revitaliser tous les aspects de la culture distincte du sud (Voyez « GRA » sur page 7)

Boudreaux/Boudreau Family Association Plan for Acadian Family Day at Cajun Dome

The Boudreaux / Boudreau Family Association is planning to participate in the upcoming Acadian Families Day which will be held during le Grand Reveil Acadien on Thursday, October 13, 2011, at the Cajun Dome in Lafayette, Louisiana.

We will have great souvenirs for visitors all reasonably priced including T-shirts, lapel pins and coffee mugs all with the organization's logo. The logo itself will be available to all who would like to purchase one. The T-shirts, lapel pins and mugs are available for purchase on the Boudreaux Family web site. Our web site is Boudreauxfamilies.org.

The event is billed as the biggest gathering of Acadian families in Louisiana since Le Congrès Mondial Acadien of 1999. Many activities are scheduled for Acadian Families Day and again on Friday, October 14 and over the weekend of October 15 and 16 which will tie-in with Festivals Acadiens et Creoles at Girard Park in Lafayette.

The Acadian Memorial in St.Martinville, Louisiana, will host a reenactment of the arrival of the Acadians. Check the GRA web site for scheduling.

Grand Réveil Acadien 2011 / Great Acadian Awakening

Louisiane-Acadie, Inc. is aiming to encourage all Acadians to participate in the continued expression of the native French language and culture by announcing a grand gathering of Acadians in Louisiana called the "Grand Réveil Acadien / Great Acadian Awakening".

Hosted by Louisianians, the entire region of South Louisiana is opening their doors to welcome family and friends who want to celebrate and help maintain the culture, customs, traditions and history of the Acadians. This celebration will be held October 7th through 16th, 2011 in four Acadian regions. New Orleans, Houma, Lake Charles, and Lafayette will host events and celebrations closing with a huge renewal of pride on the last day at Festivals Acadiens et Créoles at Girard Park in Lafayette.

After engaging a group of young Louisianians to prepare and participate in promoting Louisiana for the World Acadian Congress 2009, an awakening of their heritage was visibly evident. "The Acadians of the Acadian Peninsula of New Brunswick helped start a renaissance and an awakening of our younger generation's pride and interest in promoting the French language and culture of their ancestors."

(See "GRA" on page 2)

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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 2011.

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. 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!

Write to:
Charles Boudreaux
(address at left)

**View our new web site at:
Boudreauxfamilies.org**

Grand Reveil Acadien/Great Acadian Awakening

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states President Ray Trahan.

In order to maintain our rich heritage, it is now time to take advantage of this renewal and to learn from the past. We should do everything we can to keep this hope alive. We're asking Acadians and friends to join us in Louisiana to celebrate this unique, living culture! Vive l'Acadie et vive la Louisiane! (see GRA schedule on page 4)

Visit le Grand Réveil Acadien web site at
www.gra2011.org <

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Letters

Dear Charles

Have to say that I really appreciate all the info that helped with the genealogy of my Dad's family. With the extensive research that you and the other Boudreaux genealogists have found, I feel deeply grateful to get some insight on the resilience of Acadians.

I thoroughly enjoy reading the newsletter. Wanted to also thank all the dedicated people who made the St.Martinville Boudreaux/Guillot Acadian ceremony a success. The pictures are great!!

Thank you so much,

Dierdra Boudreaux Lopinto
Harahan, Louisiana

Dear Charles,

I am so appreciative of your efforts to send me this information on my genealogy. It is very exciting that you have pieced together this puzzle for me. When I read this information, I felt as if I was on the same journey with my ancestors. I could feel the disruption of their lives. I could sense their terror at the hands of soldiers, lack of basic necessities on the ship, no food that they were used to eating, the misery of the journey, the utter desolation of not being able to disembark in Virginia. I am still affected bit. The good news is that Bridget and her surviving children made it to Louisiana. Their years in England and France as refugees give me some understanding of what refugees today have to endure.

Thank you so much,
Dierdra Boudreaux Lopinto
Harahan, Louisiana

Hello Everyone,

Update for the book *Histoire de la Famille de Michel Boudrot* by Stephen White 2004.

About a month ago I was researching the book *Acadian Church Records, Port La Joie, Ile St. Jean 1749-1758*, published by Tim Hebert. I discovered an entry on page 81. Jean Baptiste Boudro baptized 29 May 1757

born: March 5, 1757.

Parents: Charles Boudro & Marie Joseph(e) Doucet. Godparents: Francois Landry, Marie Landry. I looked at the family on pages 93-94 of Stephen White's *Histoire de la Famille de Michel Boudrot*, and he was not listed. I contacted Mr. White, and he responded to my query. "This is a valid child of this family and was overlooked when the book was compiled. The details are correct, except: the fact that the

original called the Godfather "Francois" rather than Francis Landry". Stephen White.

If you have the book you can add the entry to the family on pages 93-94 per Stephen White, August 2011.

Don Boudreaux
Lafayette, Louisiana

And more about The GRA . . .

Grand-Reveil Acadien /Grand Acadian Awakening

When Louisiana lost its bid to host the 2014 World Congress of Acadians, organizers decided to build upon the interest in Acadian culture, especially among the younger generation, and throw their own gathering in 2011, at that time called "Plan B."

Thus began plans for the Grand-Reveil Acadien or the Great Acadian Awakening, said Ray Trahan, president of Louisiane-Acadie Inc.

A non-profit group, Louisiane-Acadie Inc is organizing the gathering set for Oct. 7 through Oct. 16 in four regions of Louisiana: Lafayette, Houma, New Orleans and Lake Charles.

Lafayette will host the closing ceremonies Oct. 16 on a special stage at Festivals Acadiens et Creole, which runs Oct. 14 through 16.

The Grand Acadian Awakening is part of a movement to awaken Louisiana residents of Acadian descent, especially the youth, to the realization that they are losing their French language, culture and coastal lands.

As part of the festivities in Lafayette, at the Cajundome Convention Center, Hall A, on

October 13, families were invited to rent tables to offer exhibits and genealogy. So far more than 25 table displays have been contracted for, including our own Trahan Family Assoc. Won't you join us? Other families that will have display tables and other offerings are the Broussard's (next to the Trahan table), Boudreaux, Breaux, Bourque, Crouchet, Doiron, Doucet, Duhon, Hebert, Leger, Theriot, with other families showing interest in joining as well. Tables have also been paid for by Tourist Groups, Genealogy Societies, Museums, etc.

On Sunday, October 16, other activities will be held in Gerard Park, including a French Mass.

Concessions stands will be open all day on the 13th, plus we will have a sit down luncheon by a Canadian Chef at \$20.00 per person. It is recommended that you drop us a note at Louisiana-Acadie, P O Box 354, Maurice, La. 70555 with your order and check or money order for this luncheon. You will be able to pick up your tickets and registration tags at the desk in the lobby of the convention center the morning of the 13th. Please indicate the names of all who you are ordering tickets for.

There will be seminars, Photography Exhibits, Children's Storytelling and naturally Cajun Music

Visit the website: www.gra2011.org for up to date information. Enclosed is a program as of this date, Sept. 7, 2011, but slight changes may be made up to the date of the events.

If you are receiving this, and you now have e-mail service, please send me your email address so I can add it to my contacts, send to lgrahan@cox.net

Loubert Trahan
President, Trahan Family Assoc.
Member, Louisiana Acadie, Inc.

GRA : New Orleans - October 7th & 8th

Friday, October 7th - 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony with Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne and Special Guests Reception, Gallier Hall, 545 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA

Saturday, October 8th - Discover and Visit the New Orleans Area www.neworleanscvb.com

Louisiana Swamp Tour – airboat tour of swamplands

New Orleans City Tour – French Quarter, St. Charles Avenue

Plantations along the Mississippi River

Self-guided walking tour of the French Quarter

Historical Cemetery Tour

Voodoo Spiritual Tour

New Orleans Cocktail Tour

Horse and Buggy Tour of the French Quarter

New Orleans Museum of Art and Sculpture Garden

Self-guided New Orleans Trolley tour on the oldest operating trolley cars in the United States

Blaine Kern's Mardi Gras World – see how Mardi Gras floats are created.

Special group rates are being arranged by Grayline tours and independent tour operators. Optional tours may be arranged.

GRA : Houma - October 9th & 10th

Sunday, October 9th

9:00 a.m. Gathering of Acadians, Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center, 346 Civic Center Boulevard, Houma, LA (985) 850-4657

11:00 a.m. Unveiling of the Acadian Deportation Cross Monument in downtown Houma near the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum, 7910 Park Avenue, Houma, LA (985) 580-7200

12:30 p.m. Luncheon (Ticketed Event) with special genealogical presentation by Stephen White,

Genealogist, Moncton University, New Brunswick, Canada. Houma-Terrebonne

Civic Center, 346 Civic Center Boulevard, Houma, LA (985) 850-4657

ALL DAY “Voice of the Wetlands Festival” at Southdown Plantation, 1209 Museum Drive, Houma, LA (Infophone 800.688.2732 or www.voiceofthewetlands.com)

[Shuttles will be available at the Civic Center with regular transports to and from the Voice of the Wetlands Festival]

Monday, October 10th – Discover Houma region / Tours www.houmatravel.com

Coastal Restoration Project: Grass Planting - [Click for more information](#) (Limited registration)

Note: Bus departs at 7 a.m. from the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center.

Special tours are being developed by the Convention and Visitors Bureau with various attractions and restaurants

GRA : Lake Charles – October 11th & 12th

Tuesday, October 11th - All events take place at the Lake Charles Civic Center, 900 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, LA (337) 491-1256

10:00 am : Genealogy Library display opens, Buccaneer Room.

11a -12:15p: Welcome by Dignitaries, Exhibition Hall / Light Lunch

12:15-2:00 pm: *Papillion & Creole for Kids* on stage, Exhibition Hall

2:15-4:00 pm: Genealogy Seminar/workshop in Buccaneer South Room. Keynote Speaker – Stephen White, Genealogist, Moncton University, New Brunswick, Canada

Learn to Speak French, Buccaneer Middle Room

Additional programming,

Buccaneer North Room

4pm-10p Booths Open

Tourism, Louisiana Market, Candice, Alexander's Fleur de Lis

collection, Cajun families, Cajun artists and vendors, Exhibition Hall “Taste of Southwest Louisiana” – festivals and restaurant vendors serve food

Cash Bar opens

4pm-5:30pm Lesa Cormier / Cajun French Music Association, dancing demonstration

5-6pm Wine Tasting (Ticketed event – limited registration), Contraband Room

5-7pm Boudin Trail Battle - taste and cast ballots for your favorite and 5:30 pm

Tourism Representative provides “Battle of the Boudin” details; Introduction of French Immersion Children

5:30 pm French Immersion Children Perform

6:00-7:30pm Chris Miller & Bayou Roots

7:30 pm Announce the Battle of the Boudin Awards

8-10 pm Terrance Simien & the Zydeco Experience (Off site) The Southwest Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Library, 411 Pujoe Street,

Lakes Charles, LA (337) 721-7116, will remain open after hours from 5-8 p.m. for those interested in researching their family histories.

www.calcasieu.lib.la.us/genealogyinformation.html

Wednesday, October 12th – Discover Lake Charles region / Tours

www.visitlakecharles.org

Hit the Boudin Trail-The Southwest Louisiana Boudin Trail winds throughout Calcasieu Parish and parts of Cameron Parish. The trail has a brochure that plots out places to try boudin as well as attractions along the way. Visitors might want to drive part of the trail or stop in and pick up Southwest Louisiana's favorite finger food – BOUDIN!

Visit area parks- Sam Houston Jones State Park is a gorgeous place

to explore nature, with hiking trails, picnic areas and majestic scenery

GPS activated hand held video tour of the Creole Nature Trail-The CPS handheld video tour device is available for check-out free of charge at the Lake Charles / Southwest Louisiana Convention & Visitors Bureau, 1205 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, LA (337) 436-9863. The knowledgeable staff at the bureau can provide visitors with French and English versions of the tour to take with them as they explore Louisiana's outback.

Visit the Mardi Gras Museum-The Mardi Gras Museum in Lake Charles houses the largest display of Mardi Gras costumes anywhere in the world. There are themes dedicated to various aspects of Mardi Gras from king cake to costume making to chicken runs and Mardi Gras royalty.

Visit Local Art Galleries-The Imperial Calcasieu Museum is the treasure trove of history in Lake Charles / Southwest Louisiana. Furniture, jewelry fashion and documents, it is a peek into the lives of the founders of Lake Charles and the heyday of the lumber barons.

Carriage rides through downtown Lake Charles (private bookings)-Local carriage companies will offer visitors a ride through downtown Lake Charles, along the lakefront and through the Charpentier Historic District to see the Victorian Mansions. There is also a detailed brochure on the historic district that guides visitors through the area, telling stories along the way.

GRA : Lafayette – October 13th - 16th

Thursday, October 13th – Fête de Famille [Free Admission but ticketed luncheon]

Cajundome Convention Center, 444 Cajundome Boulevard, Lafayette, LA 337.265.2320

Table top displays will be available for information on Genealogy, Acadian family name products, artists: music, crafts, Cajun & Acadian products, books, family photos, family groups, etc. Skirted tables (4' x 6') with 2 chairs will be provided at a cost of \$200. To request a table top, contact Kim Broussard at CRbrouss@bellsouth.net or call (337) 298-3711.

All DAY: Lucius A. Fontenot Photography Exhibit, "*Louisiana is where I am from. Louisiana is where I live. Louisiana is who I am. Louisiana is what I do.*"

All DAY: Cajun Film Festival (Mardi Gras Room) – Programming available on-site

8:30 am Registration [Free Admission but ticketed luncheon] / Meet & Greet / Coffee and Pastry in Café Bienvenue (foyer area).

9:30 am Opening ceremony: Welcome, Special Guest, Lt. Gov. Jay Dardenne, Announcements, Introductions

Causeries: Acadians converse about similar topics of interest to each area (scholars to facilitate) Moderated by Barry Ancelet.

10:00 am Acadian Heritage & Culture - Our Future? Keynote Speaker TBA. Additional presenter: Stephen Ortego.

Buffet Luncheon (Ticketed Event) - 11:30 pm Genealogy and The Acadian Identity: Finding our Ancestors. Keynote Speaker: **Stephen White**, Genealogist, Moncton University, New Brunswick, Canada.

1:00 pm Environmental Issues - Seafood Industry and Oil Spill / Coastal Erosion and Restoration, **Thomas Michot, Ph.D.**, Institute for Coastal Ecology & Engineering, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

2:00 pm: French Language – The Louisiana French Language: The Battle Continues. Keynote Speaker: **Amanda Lafleur and Eileen M. Angelini, Ph.D.**, Department of Modern Languages, Canisius College (NY).

4:00 pm *Musique des deux Acadies:* lyrics, old ballads with musicians / Music conversations: Similarities and differences with special blend of Acadian and Cajun Music.

Friday, October 14th / Discover Lafayette and Acadiana vicinity

www.lafayettetravel.com

Acadian Family Organizations plan family gatherings

8:00 am : "Beignets and Coffee" gathering at the Musee de Maurice, Chief H. Fred Street, Maurice, Louisiana. The art of making beignets demonstrated to visitors. Coffee and beignets offered with live Cajun music and conversation for all. (Complimentary)

5:00 pm : Opening of *Festivals Acadiens et Créoles* concert at Girard Park

Saturday, October 15th - Festivals Acadiens et Créoles, Girard Park, Lafayette, LA

www.festivalsacadiens.com

10:30 am until... Music, Dancing, Cajun Cuisine, Arts & Crafts, Acadian History, Culture, Traditions GRA Hospitality
Dancing Tent : Where Acadians and Cajuns come together to dance
Reception and exhibition of Grand Pré artists, including Georgette Bourgeois originals

Discover St. Martinville :

St. Martinville Re-enactment of the Arrival of the Acadians on the Bayou Teche, renewal and reconnection with St. Martinville's sister cities, and attractions. (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Nantes, France)

Blessing Ceremony at St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, Church of

the Acadians, in historic downtown, St. Martinville

**Sunday, October 16th -
Festival Acadiens et
Creole- Girard Park –
11:00 – 7:00 pm**

**GRA Closing Ceremony and
Mass at Festivals Acadiens et
Creoles**

9:30 am : Outdoor French Catholic
Mass, Salle de Danse Stage

11:00 am : Grand Parade
Procession – parade around the park,
including youth program
participants: A demonstration of
cultural traditions and community
affirmation, encouraging all ages to
participate in *Courir du Mardi Gras*,
Tintamarre (Scott Jumelage
Committee), *Mi-Carême*, *La
Guianée* and *La Chandeleur*.

Abbeville Omelette, featuring
Louisiana Crawfish will be prepared
at the Culture Sur la Table tent
during Festivals Acadiens et
Créoles. The Confrerie d'Abbeville
is delighted to offer a preview of
their unique Omelette celebration for
GRA. The members will prepare a
petite omelette in their four foot
skillet. Although only 1/9th the size
of its main skillet used in the annual
celebration, it is still quite
impressive and tasty!

Thank you to our partners: Société
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Richard and Action Cadienne,
CODOFIL, Festival Acadien de
Clare, Madawaska Acadian Festival,
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Poitou, Canadian and Louisiana
twinned cities, Center for Culture &
Eco-Tourism, Jeunes Cadiens,
Association Jeunesse à Lafayette.

**Meet fellow members
Rogers and Charlotte
Boudreaux Romero**



We Tasted Bayou Water

by Rogers Romero resident of
New Iberia, Louisiana

In 1779, New Iberia was located
in the Attakapas District and settled
by the Malaguenos, who, after a
long journey from Malaga, Spain,
began to farm the lands in the area.
One of the families from this group,
was that of Miguel Romero and
Maria DeGrano. Three sons; Juan,
Jose and Antoino made the voyage
with their parents. Soon after
arriving, they had two more
children; Marie Bernarda and
Bernardo. It was Antoino who
would set my ancestry up to what it
is today. Miguel was my fourth great
grandfather, thereby, making
Antoino my third great grandfather.
By his sons Sylvestre and Balthazard
came my great grandparents Antoine
Adolph and Marie Romero. Yes
they were first cousins, which
occurred a lot in those days. My
story begins with Antoine Adolphe
Romero's son, Elie Romero, my
grandfather. Elie had been a share
cropper on his father's 160+ acre
farm and apparently things didn't go
so well for his family.

Around 1917, agents from the
seafood industry in Biloxi came to
the areas around Iberia Parish and
recruited several families to relocate
to Biloxi, Mississippi with a promise

of a better life. They were promised
quarters, food and transportation.
This evidently enticed Elie so he
gathered up his family consisting of
his wife and 7 children, boarded a
train and traveled to Biloxi. There,
all but the youngest children worked
in the seafood factories, shucking
oysters and peeling shrimp to be
packaged and sold throughout the
South. Most of the children did not
have much of an education. Some
went to the third grade and had to
quit in order to work the fields for
their father, prior to moving to
Biloxi. Only one son went on to get
a high school diploma.

It was there while working in the
factories that my father, Adolph
Romero, son of Elie met and married
my mother Wilda Sellers in 1925.
Their lives were better than it had
been in what we now call Acadiana.
In time my brother and I were born
there in Biloxi. During WWII,
Higgins recruited people from the
south to help in the war effort. He
designed and built the landing crafts
used during that war. My father
decided that making the move to
New Orleans would be a wise one. I
am glad he did, because after the
war, Higgins laid off most of the
workers. My father, wanting to
return close to his roots, applied for
a carpenter job in Abbeville,
Louisiana. So we packed up and
moved to Abbeville. I didn't know
my father's family here in Coteau
and New Iberia, so I went along for
the ride.

After high school, I joined the
Marine Corps and did my four years
before being discharged. It was then
that I landed a job in New Iberia
with Otis Engineering Corp. My
career in the oilfield spanned 42
years of which 32 were with Otis.
While working in New Iberia, I
married my sweetheart, Charlotte
Boudreaux, from Abbeville in 1960
and had three children who were all
born in New Iberia. My children
were; Dwana, Shannon and Juan
Romero (deceased) they were all
born by January 1964.

Through the course of my career, I was transferred to New Orleans and Houston. But, not being happy with being away from New Iberia, I retired from Otis in 1992 and returned to my roots. After setting my feet on good solid ground, I began consulting in oilfield services. My desire to return to New Iberia was very strong. I wanted to be where my roots began and attempt to learn who my family was. By engaging in genealogy, it helped me to learn who my ancestors were and where they came from.

It never ceases to amaze me how much history there is in this area and for me, Rogers Romero, being a large part of it. I also didn't realize how much my father missed his hometown, but I can see now. He and I were bitten by the bug, thereby coming full circle. It is my intention to never leave this wonderful city, so rich in Spanish history and Acadian culture, of which I share both. I guess it is like the author Maurine Bergerie titled her book, "They Tasted Bayou Water."

NEW FOREIGN ASSOCIATE TEACHERS ARRIVE MONDAY, AUGUST 1st

by [Codofil Louisiane](#) on Friday, July 29, 2011 at 9:01am

TEACHERS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD TO EDUCATE LOUISIANA STUDENTS JULY 28, 2011

Lafayette, LA - The Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, in close partnership with the Louisiana Department of Education, the Louisiana Consortium of Immersion Schools, the Bureau Wallonie-Bruxelles (Belgium) and the Consulate General of France in New Orleans, is welcoming 50 foreign associate teachers of French to Louisiana for a four-day orientation and workshop beginning Aug. 1.

These Belgian, Canadian and French educators will participate in intensive trainings and seminars designed to prepare them to live in

Louisiana and to work in French immersion and French as a second language programs in public and private schools throughout the state. According to statistics from the Louisiana Department of Education, about 3,500 students are enrolled in French immersion programs at the elementary and middle school levels, and nearly 19,500 students take courses in French as a second language.

"These foreign educators will help Louisiana students broaden their understanding of Louisiana's connection to the French-speaking world and will help preserve the French language which has long been part of our Cajun and Creole heritage," Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne said. "We are excited to welcome each educator to our great state and we know it will be a rewarding experience for each of them."

Through CODOFIL, Louisiana has long-standing cultural and educational accords with the French-speaking community of Belgium, the government of France and the Canadian provinces of Québec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. These international agreements allow for such exchanges in keeping with CODOFIL's legislative mandate to "preserve, promote and develop Louisiana's French and Creole culture, heritage and language."

Language connections

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The French Tables of Acadiana

Amid the cacophony of voices and clanking dishes during the breakfast rush at Dwyer's Café drift phrases from a different time and place.

Follow those phrases and they'll lead you to a table in the back of the downtown café, where men and women, young, old and in-between, meet over grits, biscuits and café au lait every Wednesday morning to

practice a language that, for some Acadiana natives, was their first.

The French Table gathering was started 27 years ago by 15th Judicial District Judge Rick Michot who learned French in school but picked up Cajun French expressions from his grandmother. An attorney in 1984, he and another person learned about their shared heritage when called upon to interpret for someone in court one day.

That got Michot thinking about how seldom he had the chance to use his Cajun French. He founded the French Table so those who grew up speaking French can practice the dying language of their parents and grandparents in the hopes of keeping it alive.

You can always find at least six people at the table closest to the buffet line at Dwyer's.

"For some, it's a religion," Michot said recently.

Sometimes the French Table draws as many as a dozen people.

"Most of the people that come here grew up in the area around Lafayette — Carencro, Scott, Judice Maurice, Church Point," said Lester Gauthier, a Lafayette attorney who has been attending the French Table about 20 years.

Mamou native Harry McCauley, who didn't learn English until he went to school, is one of the faithful who considers the hour he spends every Wednesday morning worthwhile and interesting. He's developed friendships at the French Table, where the conversation often centers on the differences in the French spoken in various regions.

"It's a big social, that's all," he said.

Daniel DeBlanc was referred to the French Table by Alliance Francaise de Lafayette in 2004 in conjunction with two visits he made to Sainte Anne Université in Nova Scotia. Like many in Acadiana, he traces his family back to France and Nova Scotia.

Also attending the French Table recently has been a young woman

working on her master's degree in French who's teaching at UL.

"She's very fluent, with a Monroe accent," Michot said.

For Brenda Trahan, curator director of the Acadian Memorial and Museum in St. Martinville, the blend of generations at the French Table demonstrates the willingness of the young to learn the language from the older generation.

That's what she and others hope to encourage Oct. 7 through Oct. 16 with the Great Acadian Awakening or Grand Réveil Acadian.

"We're concerned that our language is waning. We're concerned that our culture is going by the wayside," Trahan said. "We want our young people to accept the baton from the older ones."

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Louisiana's Heritage Month City of Scott Celebrates

October is Louisiana's Heritage Month and on behalf of the City of Scott, La Maison de Begnaud (Scott's Welcome Heritage Visitor's Center) and the Le Jumelage de Scott Association we would like to get the word out to the Acadian family associations to join in a celebration of our heritage.

Le Jumelage de Scott will sponsor a Tintamarre as part of the closing ceremony of the Grand Réveil Acadien 2011 to be held during Festivals Acadiens et Créoles in Lafayette's Girard Park on Sunday October 16th, 2011.

Tintamarre is a grand celebration in which people get together and march around making an enormous racket with improvised instruments in order to express their pride in their Acadian heritage with a joyful noise.

The Acadian families are encouraged to participate in this Tintamarre parade by walking into Girard Park carrying family surname banners. So brings your pots,

pans and spoons, etc and join us in continuing this Acadian celebration. If anyone wishes to request a banner ahead of time please don't hesitate to sign-up. We are requesting that participants dress in our Acadians colors of red, white and blue with a touch of gold. The Tintamarre will begin at 11:00 and will be a short walk to the Main Stage. Another parade will be at 2:30 and will host all traditions, Courir du Mardi Gras, Tintamarre, Mi-Guiannee and La Chandeleur.

We welcome your attendants and thank you for your continued support of the preservation of the Acadian heritage and culture.

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Français

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Louisiane et de l'environnement qui la nourrit. L'impact des Congrès Mondiaux Acadiens sur la communauté louisianaise de souche acadienne a été considérable. La confédération des grandes familles (CEMA) en est le résultat le plus évident. Mais il faut aussi noter le nombre important de jeunes Louisianais qui vont étudier chaque année en Acadie, ainsi qui jouent dans les nombreux festivals acadiens au Canada. De manière générale, on peut se réjouir de constater en Louisiane un intérêt croissant des jeunes pour leur héritage acadien.

Mais il faut éviter que ce ne soit qu'un feu de paille: le Grand Réveil Acadien sera donc l'occasion de réunir la grande famille acadienne du nord et du sud, sans oublier les cousins et cousines « de l'autre bord » (Europe), et aussi d'organiser les premiers congrès de jeunes Acadiens du Canada et de Louisiane au pays des bayous.

L'équipe organisatrice de prochain CMA de 2014 sera bien présente, afin de susciter la plus grand participation possible des Louisianais CMA « de la Terre et des Forêts ».

Car le Grand Réveil Acadien ne veut absolument pas concurrencer le CMA; bien au contraire, il s'agit de commencer à préparer la communauté acadienne et franco-louisianaise pour la prochaine grand-messe acadienne » qui aura lieu en 2014!

Tous les Acadiens et Acadiennes sont invités au Grand Réveil Acadien du 7 au 16 Octobre 2011 en Louisiane ! Vive l'Acadie !

Visitez s'il vous plait

Le Grand Réveil Acadien site web a www.gra2011.org

Vocabulaire du baseball

Basics

Baseball - le baseball; the term *la balle au camp* (i.e. field ball) was also used until the 1950's.

Ball - la balle

Field - le terrain

Dugout - l'abris des joueurs (masc)

Foul line - la ligne de démarcation

Mound - le monticule

Batter's box - le rectangle des frappeurs

On-deck circle - le cercle d'attente

Bullpen - l'enclos des releveurs (masc)

Base - le but

First Base, Second Base, Third Base - le premier but, le deuxième but, le troisième but

Home plate - le marbre

Infield - l'avant-champ (masc)

Outfield - le champ extérieur

Warning track - la piste d'avertissement

Fence - la clôture *or* la rampe

Fair territory, Foul territory - le territoire des balles en jeu, le territoire des balles fausses

Player - le joueur

Manager - le gérant

Coach - l'instructeur (masc)

Umpire - l'arbitre (masc)

Inning - la manche

