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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Dean Doucet

Dear Cousins,

The Les Doucet du Monde (LDDM) has been in existence for 14 years. During that time it has sponsored the family reunion for the descendants of Germain Doucet as part of the CMA activities in Louisiana in 1999. It has also participated in the CMA activities in Nova Scotia (2004) and in New Brunswick (2009). LDDM intends to be at the CMA activities in 2014 in northern Maine/western New Brunswick/eastern Quebec. As we ponder these activities we must give thought to what is the purpose of LDDM and what is its future.

A small core of individuals has kept LDDM going through the years. There seems to be interest each time a CMA activity comes up, and then afterwards the interest dies and the membership dwindles. We have dreams of what we would like to do, but those dreams are hard to bring to pass due to the limited membership that we have and the area covered by those members (literally from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean). We could do more if we simply had more members and more involvement by those members. It is heartbreaking to read of other family organizations that have thousands of members and regular annual or semiannual activities.

So as we look at our future, we must ask the question: What is our purpose? Are we a genealogy organization, since the largest section of the LDDM web site consists of genealogical information? Are we a heritage organization, since there is a fine section on the Acadian heritage? Are we a social organization, since we participate in the CMA and other events? Are we a little bit of each of these?

I do not believe that we are simply a genealogy organization, although genealogy is a big part of what we do. I have always felt that the more we can provide the easier it will be for others to find their place in the Doucet family tree, and thus build an appreciation for the family and our heritage.

Maybe we haven't focused enough on the Heritage or culture part. I know that Carol and others have tried to include articles in our newsletter that are heritage related, even if they don't say so. However, I don't think people today are very interested in their heritage, other than to say, "I am a Cajun" or "I am Acadian." The idea of "family" has nearly died out in our society. We need to re-instill in our families who they are and what their heritage is and help them have gratitude for those who have gone before us.

There is a Mission Statement on the web site that defined what we wanted to be. Can we achieve that mission? I think that the

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answer to this question lies in the biggest issue that LDDM has continually faced: membership. People don't seem to be concerned with their heritage or culture, or the family they descended from. Is this due to the economical times that we are in, or is it something else? Maybe it is that we as an organization aren't doing enough.

In that light, I want to touch on two issues and ask for your assistance.

First, we have developed a survey on the LDDM web site. It is accessible from the main page or at http://doucetfamily.org/MemberSurvey/membership_survey.htm. I would ask that each of you take a few minutes and complete the survey. Ask other family members, especially former LDDM members, to likewise complete the survey. Please be honest. Don't say something good if we aren't doing well. We are trying to find out how we can do better. I thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey.

WEB SITE UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2011 **BY: DEAN DOUCET, WEB MASTER**

Being the LDDM webmaster has been a real joy to me. I have enjoyed the uncountable hours spent to provide the largest database of genealogical data for the extended Doucet – Doucette family members. I am most appreciative to Lou for all the work he does to maintain the web site and keep it updated and provide the special features, such as the Germain Doucet plaque dedication video and the survey, amongst other things.

I also want to add a special thanks to all who contribute to the genealogical data. Without you there wouldn't be a web site. The site started small with a couple thousand names and has grown to over 40,000 names, with a name index and hyperlinks to the family group data.

I want to provide an update as to what is going on in the Genealogy Section.

I recently went through all of the hyperlinks in the Name Index for the surname Doucet, Doucette, etc. I updated hundreds in bad links, updated names and added marriages and added a birth year for each Doucet where I could. Some are actual dates and some are estimated from other information in each family group. A future project will be to go through all of the non-Doucet surnames and update them. If you find a bad link or incorrect data, please let me know so that I can correct it.

I have added approximately another 1000 names to the Name Index. I already have some additional families to add to the data and thus more names to the Name Index.

I have been working on a Name Index for the census extracts that are on the web site. Now that the

first half of the hyperlink project is complete, I will concentrate on this index. There are approximately 22,000 entries in the combined extracts (obviously some are duplicate from one census to the next). It is a slow process to build the index with all of the misspellings in the actual census records.

Some time ago I went through all of the queries/entries made on the GenForum and RootsWeb Doucet and Doucette forums. I extracted the data and added it to the family entries of the descendants of Germain or Pierre or added it to the Miscellaneous Entries section. I want to go through all the entries since that last update and add the additional data to the web site.

These are the projects that I am working on. With each of them being a large project I don't always get to some of the updates as quickly as I should. I appreciate your patience as I try to provide more data to the genealogical section.

DOUCET REUNION

Preliminary plans are under way for a Doucet/Doucett/Doucette mini-reunion in Lafayette, Louisiana during the Grand Réveil Acadien 2011/Great Acadian Awakening 2011 in October. The dates of the Grand Réveil in Lafayette are Thursday, October 13 to Sunday, October 16, 2011.

The Festival Acadiens in Lafayette is from Wednesday, October 12 to Sunday, October 16.

<http://gra2011.org>

<http://www.festivalsacadiens.com>

So that we might choose a suitable place for the reunion, please let us know if you might be interested in attending the Doucet reunion. How many persons in your party? This is not a commitment.

RSVP to: carold@doucetfamily.org

Or Carol Doucet

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RENCONTRE DES DCET/ DOUCETT/DOUCETTE 2011

On a commencé à planifier une mini-rencontre des Doucet qui se passerait à Lafayette, Louisiane lors du Grand Réveil Acadien. Les dates du GRA 2011 à Lafayette sont du 13 au 16 octobre.

Ce grand événement a lieu en meme temps que les Festivals Acadiens à Lafayette.

<http://gra1011.org>

<http://www.festivalsacadiens.com>

Afin de nous permettre de choisir un lieu convenable pour la rencontre des Doucet, veuillez nous informer si vous seriez intéressé à y assister. Combine de personnes vous accompagneraient? Ce n'est pas un engagement. Veuillez répondre au coordonnés ci-dessus.

NEW BIOGRAPHY OF GERMAIN DOUCET, SIEUR DE LA VERDURE
By Carol Doucet

In order to know about Germain Doucet, Sieur de La Verdure, I thought it was necessary to know also about Acadia and its beginnings, what happened in Acadia before his arrival, and the principal events that occurred during the time that he spent in Acadia. Therefore, this work includes a time line which has the most important events which concern Acadia from the time of the first explorers until the time of Doucet in Acadia.

I read more than three dozen books and innumerable articles on web sites which had information about Germain and the years during which he was in Acadia. It was also necessary to find information about events that led to Razilly and the “300 men of the elite” going to retake Acadia from the English.

Material in English, seventeenth century French and modern French were checked so as to present an accurate and comprehensive biography.

Some of the topics covered were the beginnings of Acadia; peace treaties; preparations to go retake possession of Acadia; the Order of Malta; Germain—the man, father, soldier; and conflicts.

This book is available in English or in French. See ordering information on the ORDER FORM enclosed with this newsletter.

NOUVELLE BIOGRAPHIE DE
GERMAIN DOUCET, SIEUR DE LA VERDURE
Par Carol Doucet

Afin de mieux connaître Germain Doucet, Sieur de La Verdure, j’ai pensé qu’il était nécessaire de connaître l’Acadie et ses débuts, cette Acadie qui existait déjà depuis vingt-huit ans quand Germain y est arrivé.

J’ai lu plus de trois douzaines de livres et innombrables articles provenant de sites web contenant de l’information sur Germain Doucet et sur l’Acadie de l’ère de Germain.

Il était nécessaire de rechercher des renseignements sur les événements qui ont précédé les préparatifs pour aller reprendre l’Acadie des mains des Anglais.

Les sources utilisées furent écrites en français du milieu du dix-septième siècle, ou en français moderne, or en anglais.

Quelques thèmes étudiés sont les débuts de l’Acadie; des traités de paix; les préparatifs pour aller reprendre possession de l’Acadie; l’Ordre de Malte; Germain—l’homme, le père, le soldat; les conflits.

Deux livres sur Germain sont disponibles, l’un en français, l’autre en anglais. Voyez le Bon de

LE GRAND RÉVEIL ACADIEN/THE GREAT ACADIAN AWAKENING 2011

The organization **Louisiane-Acadie** was created to promote the Cajun heritage and culture, and to educate the people of Louisiana about the rich history contained in the area of Acadiana. The **Grand Réveil Acadien/Great Acadian Awakening** event, taking place in October 2011, will be an event to gather people of Acadian ancestry in Acadiana to celebrate their culture. Taking place over 10 days, the Great Awakening will offer attendees activities, concerts, lectures, business opportunities and festivals.

Preparations for the Grand Réveil began in 2010, when youth organizations were created, and their members mobilized to promote the event and plan various activities. Through networking, students and teachers from Acadiana and Acadia, in Canada, will be encouraged to participate in anticipation of this memorable event.

The Réveil itself will reach many different areas of Louisiana, starting in New Orleans, with the dedication of the Acadian monument in the port of the city. Acadian monuments, consisting of “La Croix de la Déportation,” have been installed across North America in cities significant to the history of the Acadians because of their role in the great deportation of Acadians in the 18th century.

Over a period of ten days, the Réveil will feature events in the cities of Houma, Lake Charles, Lafayette and New Orleans, and include, among many other things, academic conferences, lectures on language, and cultural activities specific to the regions hosting the events. In Houma and Lake Charles, the events will be held in the cities’ Civic Centers and other venues, while Lafayette will be holding a more festival-like approach: events will take place all over the city, in open areas as well as in venues such as the University of Louisiana at Lafayette campus and Girard Park.

In addition to more formal approaches like conferences and lectures, some of the cultural festivities will focus on promoting and showcasing traditions by displaying them and inviting attendees to participate. Following a French Sunday mass at the cathedral of Lafayette to initiate the closing ceremonies, there will be a procession from the church to the festival that will be made up of various traditional processions: the “Tintamarre,” “Courir de mi-carême,” “Chandeleur,” and, of course, “Mardi Gras.” All of those traditions encapsulate the richness of the Cajun culture, as they date back hundreds of years. Full of color, vibrant music, songs and general joie de vivre, the procession will be a true testament to the warmth, pride and life of the Cajun people.

GERMAIN DOUCET DEDICATION VIDEO AVAILABLE

I have completed the page for the Germain Doucet dedication video, from Castine. You can now order copies. It is beyond my control, but the cost for shipping to Canada is more than twice as much as within the US.

If you are interested in buying them, go to:
<http://doucetfamily.org/Dedication/>. An on line copy of the short version is also available for viewing, on that page.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, AN ORDER FORM IS ALSO ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER.

FINDING ROOTS IN FRENCH
(Nicholas Persac, npersac@theadvertiser.com
The Daily Advertiser, Lafayette, LA,
January 8, 2011)

Students as a group closed their eyes Friday afternoon and anxiously waited for the Lou Garou to take a villager. When they opened their eyes, another from the group had “died.”

The students played a version of the parlor game “Mafia,” this one called “les Loups-Garous de T hiercelieux.” Each tried to convince their peers, speaking only in French, why they weren’t one of the dreaded werewolves.

“I think the use of French here is the most powerful way to access our cultural identity,” said Zachary Hebert, a 22-year old senior who studies French, linguistics and international development at Tulane University.

Hebert and nine other 20-somethings met...at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Student Union to learn how to play games and teach leadership skills to high school students looking to delve into the French language and Cajun heritage.

Two representatives from the New Brunswick Francophone Youth Federation traveled from Canada to conduct a two-day workshop in preparation for the Grand Reveil Acadien, or Great Acadian Awakening, event to be held across the state during October by the Louisiana-Acadie group.

“Acadians in New Brunswick and here in French Louisiana have a lot in common,” said Jason Doiron, a 27-year-old project manager with the Canadian group. “We come from the same families and have the same hospitality.”

The 10-day Great Acadian Awakening will bring festivities to Lafayette, New Orleans, Houma and Lake Charles. The students learning from the New Brunswick visitors will launch a youth organization geared at high school students to “put the French language, a crucial part of Acadiana’s heritage, back on the streets of Lafayette,” according to Valerie Broussard, director of youth programming for the Great Acadian Awakening.

...the young adults spoke in English only at this reporter’s request. All have taken university level classes taught in French. Most learned the language through formal high school education and have traveled outside the U.S., where they said they truly recognized the value of south Louisiana’s heritage.

“I’ve been into French for a long time,” said Rachel DeCuir, 24, from Lafayette. “I couldn’t find anything to do with it here, and I don’t want that to be an excuse for other students.”

During lunch, the group socialized and shared stories about the Saint’s Super Bowl victory and partying on Bourbon Street in New Orleans.

“Once the school bell rings at the end of the day, it’s hard to see how the language transfers,” said Erin Roussel, a 21-year-old senior who studies French and linguistics at Tulane. “This program will use French in a context that’s fun and about making friends.”

These students are the grandchildren of the last generation here that grew up speaking only French, according to David Cheramie, executive director of CODIFIL, Council for the Development of French in Louisiana. He observed the

workshop...and said targeting high school students is effective because those youths are learning who they are and finding self-identity.

Group members said they often first speak in French to restaurant waiters, cashiers and others in this area. They use Facebook, send text messages and leave voicemails in French. Their friends who speak only English try to mimic some of the easier phrases.

“We’re speaking French not just for the Grand Awakening,” said Jordan Landry, a 22-year-old senior at UL, where he studies international relations. “It’s my generation that decides if our parents are going to be a blip or a pattern with speaking English only.”

La FJFNB offrira un coup de main en Louisiane

Par David Caron, L’Étoile
(l’etoiledieppe.jminforme.ca
Publié 30 décembre 2010)

Bien que le français ne soit pas utilisé par nos cousins Cajuns comme c’était le cas auparavant, la culture cadienne reste quand même très vivante. Depuis quelques années, de plus en plus de jeunes Louisianais redécouvrent leur langue, et luttent pour la protéger. Reconnaisant toutefois qu’ils manquent cruellement de ressources, ils profiteront de l’expertise de la Fédération des jeunes francophones du N.-B., qui ira donner des formations en animation à des jeunes, en vue du Grand Réveil Acadien, qui se tiendra en octobre 2011.

Jason Doiron, coordonnateur à l’animation à la FJFNB, fait partie de ceux qui se rendront en Louisiane.

“Notre projet consiste à donner des formations en animation de groupe et de jeux à de jeunes leaders de là-bas, afin de les appuyer dans l’organisation du Grand Réveil Acadien,” explique Jason Doiron, qui sera accompagné de Danielle Vienneau. Selon lui, avec ces outils, les Cadiens seront en mesure d’éventuellement tenir des discussions, des tables rondes et des conférences.

“Ce sera la même formation qu’on offre ici au Nouveau-Brunswick, mais ajustée à leur réalité. Ici, nous avons développé une certaine expertise dans le domaine du leadership jeunesse. Nous n’avons qu’à penser aux Jeux de l’Acadie, à la FEÈCUM ou encore à la FJFNB,” souligne-t-il.

À mille lieues du bureau de la FJFNB à Moncton, Valérie Broussard milite activement en faveur de la culture cadienne à Lafayette et grâce à la magie d’internet, elle travaille de très près avec Jason Doiron et Danielle Vienneau afin de mettre cette première initiative sur pied.

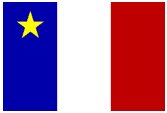
Pour elle, l’objectif principal de ce projet est de sortir la langue française des salles de classe d’immersion et de la rendre vivante et actuelle.

Il y a beaucoup de programmes académiques en lien avec le français, mais les côtés social, communautaire et citoyen n’existent pas. Oui, les jeunes parlent français, mais ils s’en servent très rarement. Nous voulons alors former 16 “animateurs” de 14 à 18 ans qui vont monter une association avec d’autres animateurs de 19 à 25 ans, explique-t-elle.

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Éventuellement, tous les mois, cette association organisera des soirées culturelles visant à encourager l'utilisation de la langue de Zachary Richard en vue des célébrations en octobre. Tout de même, Valérie Broussard souhaite que la volonté de tous se poursuive bien au-delà de 2011. De son côté, Jason Doiron dit vouloir envoyer une délégation en Louisiane en octobre 2011.



ACADIAN/CANADIAN CHAPTER NEWS



LES RÔLES SONT INVERSÉS

Par Rolande O'Connell

Un dimanche après-midi de l'été 1993 je vais visiter Papa à la Villa Sormany à Roberville. Il y a plus d'un an qu'il y réside, après avoir reçu un diagnostic provisoire de la Maladie d'Alzheimer's il y a presque deux ans. Je peux encore voir Papa, assis sur sa chaise berceuse (sa chaise que Maman avait fait livrer au foyer). Lorsque j'entre dans sa chambre, il me dit d'un ton enjoué: «Allô-o!». Il a toujours été connu pour son accueil chaleureux. Lorsque je m'approche de lui il me fait un gros câlin. Il ne connaît plus le nom de ses enfants, mais il sait que je suis quelqu'un de familier, quelqu'un qui l'aime, (du moins, je l'espère). Moi, je le connais. Il a les mêmes yeux, le même cœur, et la même âme. Il a conservé son essence.

C'est le temps de la sieste. Je l'aide à enlever ses pantoufles, il se couche. Je l'enveloppe comme il faut avec la couverture. Je m'assois sur le côté du lit, et comme il le faisait lorsque nous étions petits, je commence à fredonner et puis à chanter:

Isabeau s'y promène

*Isabelle s'y promène le long de son jardin,—
Le long de son jardin sur le bord de l'île,
Le long de son jardin sur le bord de l'eau,
Sur le bord du vaisseau...*

Papa ne sait pas qui je suis, il ne se souvient pas de sa fille mais, par contre, il se souvient des paroles de la chanson que sa grand-mère Betty devait lui chanter quand il était petit garçon. De sa voix enrouée, il chante avec moi, mais moi, je ne peux plus. Ma voix se brise, mes larmes coulent, je pleure.

C'est à ce moment précis que je me rends compte que les rôles sont inversés. C'est moi le parent, c'est Papa l'enfant. Mon deuil est

“C'est certain que nous allons continuer de les suivre et partager des outils,” dit-il.

Annoncé à la suite du Congrès mondial acadien 2009 dans la Péninsule acadienne, le GRA se veut une manifestation de la culture acadienne en Louisiane. Les événements se tiendront à la Nouvelle-Orléans, ainsi qu'à Houma, Lac Charles et Lafayette.

THE ROLES ARE REVERSED

By Rolande O'Connell

Translated by Eldine Doucet

One Sunday during the summer of 1993 I went to visit Papa at La Villa Sormany in Roberville. He has been a resident there for over a year after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's almost two years ago. I can still picture Papa, sitting in his rocking chair (his chair which Mama had delivered to the Villa). As soon as I entered his room, he greeted me with a joyous “Hello!” He has always been known for his warm welcome. As I approached him he gave me a big hug. He no longer knows the names of his children, but he knows that I am someone he knows, someone he loves, (at least, I hope so). I know him. He still has the same eyes, the same heart, the same spirit. He is still essentially the same.

It is nap time. I help him take off his slippers, he lies down. I cover him with the blanket. I sit down on side of the bed, and like he used to do when we were children, I begin to hum and to sing.

Isabeau Walks There

*Isabeau walks in her garden,
In her garden on the island shore,
In the garden on the water's edge,
Next to the vessel...*

Papa does not know who I am, he does not remember his daughter, but he remembers the words to the song that his grandmother Betty must have sung to him when he was a little boy. In his hoarse voice, he sings with me. But I can no longer sing. My voice breaks, my tears begin to flow, I weep.

It is at that precise moment that I came to terms that our roles have been reversed. I am now the parent and Papa is the child. My mourning has begun.

DENIS LEDOUX RECORDS FRANCO-AMERICAN HERITAGE

(Portland Press Herald, Juliana L'Heureux
Portland, ME, January 5, 2011)

Franco-Americans are often surprised by how easy it is to create a family genealogy.

Denis Ledoux is a writer from Lisbon Falls who was

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amazed by how easy it was to fill in the roughly 6,000 names on his Franco-American family tree. He is writing a book about his ancestors.

Ledoux's genealogy research began in 1996 when he started to chronicle the Ledoux family line. "I found it was so do-able, I just kept going," he says.

As a matter of fact, he soon filled several three-ring binders with the names of descendants of the four ancestors who began his family tree beginning 11 generations ago in Quebec Province. His family tree begins with the four major names Ledoux, Verreault, Bilodeau and Lessard. He learned his first ancestor in New France to have the Ledoux name was Louis Ledoux. He found a record dated May of 1668, when Ledoux received his Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Franoise (sic) de Laval (1623-1708), who was the first Roman Catholic Bishop of New France.

Some of Ledoux's early ancestors arrived during a grand recruitment of French settlers executed by Paul Chomedey, sieur de Maisonneuve (1612-1676), a French military officer who helped to spearhead the settlement of Montreal. One of his first ancestors was among the group of Fille a Mariers, or a group of young ladies who agreed to travel to New France for the purpose of marrying one of the French settlers....

Genealogy research helped Ledoux to feel connected to his family's history. He grew up speaking

French when his family lived in Lewiston and later in Lisbon Falls. He attended St. Bernadette Parochial School, where the Sisters of the Presentation taught him English.

Ledoux recalls what it felt like to belong to an immigrant group.

"I believe immigrant groups share the experience of feeling disenfranchised from the predominant culture," he says. "I grew up learning other people's history; but genealogy gave me the experience of knowing my personal history," he says.

Ledoux started publishing stories about his Franco-American culture 22 years ago, well before he undertook research on his family tree. He owns the publishing company Soliel Press, running the business operations from an office located right next door to his home in Lisbon Falls. In the past 22 years, Soliel Press has published about two dozen books; most of them are personal autobiographies.

Ledoux wrote and published the book "What Became of Them and Other Stories from Franco-America," a collection of short stories. He edited "Lives in Translation," an anthology of Franco-American writing. He is currently finishing another book titled "Here to Stay," a creative story based on his family's 17th-century Canadian ancestors.

Information about Soleil Life story Network is found at the website www.turningmemories.com.



LOUISIANA CHAPTER



7TH ANNUAL ACADIAN MEMORIAL FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2011 10 AM-4 PM
"GEARING UP FOR THE GRA"

ACADIAN MEMORIAL, 121 S. NEW MARKET STREET, ST. MARTINVILLE, LA, (337) 394-2258
FREE ADMISSION

Features art, town tour (free admission) and L'Ordre du Bon Temps crawfish boil at Maison de Tours, 128 S. Main Street. Call the Memorial for ticket price and more information. (337)394-2258

Festival day takes place in Evangeline Oak Park on Saturday, March 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Celebrate Acadian culture in a lively way with music, food, fun, French theater, kids' activities, lectures and demonstrations. This year's honored families are Boudreaux and Guillotte. Costumes encouraged! Don't miss the 1 p.m. boat reenactment of the Acadians' arrival on Bayou Teche. Free admission. Corner of South New Market Street and Evangeline Boulevard, St. Martinville, LA.

- 9 am:** Ray Trahan leads CAFA meeting, **Acadian Memorial, upstairs**
- 10 am:** Opening ceremonies-Welcome, Prayer and Flag Raising, Intro for Honored Guests and GRA comments; **Gazebo**
- 10:30 am:** Renaissance Cadienne Dance Troupe, **corner of Evangeline Blvd & S New Market**
- 11:15 am:** Ray Trahan, GRA presentation, **Acadian Memorial, upstairs**
- 11 am:** Cheri Armentor, Kids' Mardi Gras Theater, **City Hall Foyer**

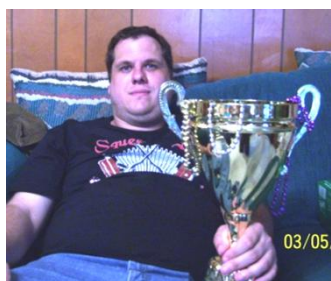
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- 11 am-1 pm:** Babineaux Fuselier Cajun Band: **corner of Evangeline Blvd & S New Market**
- 11:30 pm:** Putt Putt Parade, **Bayou Teche**
- 11:45 am:** Theatre Acadien, **Acadian Memorial, downstairs**
- 12 pm:** Kathy Mier Kids' Stories & Tintamarre, Meet in **Cultural Heritage Center Media Room**
- 12:30 pm:** Boat Reenactors meet at the bridge, **corner of Bridge and New Market Streets**
- 1 pm:** Boat Reenactment with ceremony & guests (Boudreaux and Guillotte families & Evangeline Queen)
- 2 pm:** Ray Brassieur Cattle Branding lecture, **Acadian Memorial upstairs**
- 2-4 pm:** Babineaux Fuselier Cajun Band: **corner of Evangeline Blvd & S New Market**
- 3 pm:** Theatre Acadien **Acadian Memorial, downstairs**
- Throughout the Day :**L'Ordre Du Bon Temps sells **Cajun food, 10 am till...**
Clara Sonnier Darbonne, **gardes-soleil exhibit**, Cultural Heritage Center
Antique Boats and Motors, Antique Cars, Quilts, Arts & Crafts

DUELING ACCORDIONS

Doucet claims amateur Shootout title
By Carol Doucet



“The atmosphere at the Strand Theater on Saturday at “high noon” was electric and intense as the Cajun Squeezebox shootout Accordion Championships took center stage. Audience members remained so quiet and attentive during

each performance that one would never guess there was a packed house for the sixth annual contest.” (Jennings Daily News, Jennings, LA, March 11, 2011). The contest was held on March 5, the Saturday before Mardi Gras.

Robert Doucet, son of Carol and Eldine Doucet (please allow us bragging rights here) took first place honors in the amateur competition. Robert began playing the accordion 22 years ago at the age of seven and plays in the traditional Cajun style in the tradition of Iry Lejeune and Nathan Abshire.

DOUCET NAMED LIVING LEGEND

Crowley native's contributions to Cajun culture recognized
(The Daily Advertiser, Lafayette, LA August 11, 2010)

ERATH Local radio veteran and musician Camey Doucet has been nominated for membership in the Order of Living Legends at the Acadian Museum for his efforts to promote Cajun music.

Doucet was inducted Saturday, August 15, according to Andy Perrin, member of the Acadian useum's executive committee.

Doucet was born on April 4, 1939, in Crowley. He served in the Army for two years, then returned to Crowley where he met his wife, Deanna.



He joined his first band, Big Brother, and began working at 1560 AM KAJUN. He later founded the Cajun band Camey Doucet, Wayne Toups and the Crowley Aces, later organizing Camey Doucet, Jimmy Thibodeaux et Musique.

Doucet was hired by Walmart founder Sam Walton to perform at all openings of South Louisiana stores. He worked for KSIG for 13 years before moving to Beaumont, Texas to succeed the late Johnnie Janot at KLVI. Doucet returned to KSIG for a few years before moving on to KROF, where he has been for the past 23 years.

Honored as Contemporary Cajun Artist of the Year for *One Day at a Time* in 1986 and inducted into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame in 1991, Doucet won CFMA Cajun Hall of Fame notice in 1997. In 1995, he was also inducted into the Lake Charles CFMA chapter Cajun Music Hall of Fame.

One of his songs, *The Buffalo Song*, made a national debut on the CBS television series *Jake and the Fat Man*, but he is best known for *Mom I'm Still Your Little Boy*, recorded at Floyd Soileau's studio in Ville Platte. He has recorded five albums and several 45's in Cajun, Rock, country and Gospel music.

During the years, Doucet has performed with many local and national artists, including George Jones, Jo-El Sonnier, Clint West, Wayne Toups, Happy Fats, Doug Kershaw, Cedric Benoit and Amadée Breaux. Doucet's broadcasts can be heard online at 960thegator.com and on the radio at AM 960 Tuesday through Sunday, where he also hosts a gospel program *Flight to Heaven*.

The Living Legends series, free and open to the public, honors individuals who have helped shape and define Cajun culture.

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