Scott Festival Defies Weather Forecast

Contrary to what the weathermen predicted, the second year of the Scott Boudin Festival went from start to finish with hardly any rain to speak of and a good crowd to enjoy the great line-up of musicians and specialty foods. When all was said and done, the festival was another success for the City of Scott with attendance nearing twenty thousand. Both Friday and Saturday nights, the crowd was good. Musicians included Grammy winner Chubby Carrier and his Bayou Swamp Band, Keith Frank and the Soileau Zydeco Band, Bobby Page & the Swamp Pop Express, NiKL Beer, Bayou Boys, Lil Nate & the Zydeco Big Timers, Chee Weez, Keven Naquin & the Ossun Playboys, Geno Delafose & French Rockin' Boogie and Travis Matte & the Kingpins. To their credit, our local bands played tight performances.

Leading up to the Festival, eleven crowns were presented for ten queens and a little king chosen to usher in the Boudin Festival. Oleus Boudreaux unveiled the poster for the second festival while opening up the new Gallery Acadie across St. Mary Street from collections of Floyd Sonnier’s art at Beau Cajun Gallery. Many meetings and much coordination ensued to put on the festival. The sponsors helped, especially Louisiana Plating & Coatings which set up and manned the VIP section. While the committee has made repeated commendations to all the volunteers who helped, we cannot be remiss in thanking the committee members for all that they did. These included Jan-Scott Richard—chairman (and Scott’s mayor pro-tem), Daniel Noel—vice chair, Roz Noel (Roz and Daniel both work for Hulco Printers), Brenda Dugas, (the city manager), Mark Aubrey Cole (owner of Don’s Specialty Meats), Damon Cormier (partner owner of The Best Stop), Glenn Baudoin (a former member of the Boogie Kings), Kelly Potier (a former pageant queen), and Tonya Carola (an employee of Allied Waste), as well as Purvis and Mary Morrison (the mayor and his wife).

Swan Song for Newsletter: New Partnership Expands Exposure for Scott

While this issue of The Great Scott Herald could be the last 14-page edition we see around the city, it won’t mean the end for The Herald. Stacey Judice, editor of Community Chronicles and Theresa Rohloff, of The Great Scott Herald, teamed together to produce Scott’s 2nd Annual Boudin Festival special edition (see picture). A three-month pilot incorporated many elements of The Herald into Community Chronicles.

The pilot fulfills many needs for Scott: more exposure, greater geographic coverage and more issues more frequently. In June, we go “live” in partnership for the year. We hope to provide everything our readers want. Both publications have historically provided positive news for the area; both veer away from controversy. These aspects make them a good match in character and content. Both will keep an independent online presence through the internet and Facebook.

Know anyone who wants another “souvenir” festival publication? We have a few left. Just email TheScottHerald@aol.com and post as the topic: FESTIVAL EDITION.
Greetings from City Hall:

I hope everyone had a Great Easter holiday. I’m looking forward to seeing many of you at our observance of the National Day of Prayer at the Scott Event Center. I also look forward to two other special days: Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. I appreciate all that my parents did for me and hope that others can experience the special things that good parents bring to our lives.

Again, thanks to everyone who made the 2nd Annual Scott Boudin Festival a great success. April was such a busy month for Scott. Following the festival event, we were judged for the Cleanest City Contest. You can’t imagine how we worked to be ready for the contest only two days after the festival! This year we took second place in our district – again a great accomplishment. A big thank you goes to Claudette LeBlanc and all her volunteers.

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Walk the block and eat a great breakfast at Coffee Depot or Cajun’s Eatery, just a little farther. The best antique store in the area, Revival Antiques, has amazing retail items and many special sales. Did you know we have the largest Goodwill store in Lafayette Parish? Gift items can be found at both of our downtown drug stores, Cashway Pharmacy and Scott Pharmacy – that has continued its operations since 1919! Don’t forget to check out the new “Art District.” Yes! We have three galleries clustered together on St. Mary Street: Beau Cajun Gallery, Gallery Acade and the Three Wise Monkee. The community will benefit from their enthusiasm and commitment to their art.

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CITY BEAT

Church Community Raises “One Voice United in Prayer”

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Principal Mia Lemaire made the grand promenade in royal radiance that could not be denied in April at the L. Leo Judice Elementary School annual bookstrob parade. This has become a traditional favorite for students, teachers and parents, alike. Each year, the Scott police kindly lead the parade with one of their cars complete with flashing lights. Everyone in Scott loves a parade!

If anyone doubted the effectiveness of the traffic circle, the City of Scott will be putting it to the ultimate test. Now, if at first you don’t succeed, you can go around again! That is one of the beauties of the design and it offers visitors the luxury of a second try without having to back up or turn around if they use it as designed. Remember to yield to those already in the circle!

There are still a few touches that will make it easier to navigate, such as the dyed cement to be used for the walkway around the circle. No pedestrian markings are currently slated to be added to the road.

RUNNING OF THE RAMS RACE took place in coordination with the Scott Boudin Festival. Congratulations to all the winners especially overall winner Dr. Geoffrey Mire (see Chalk Board page 8), overall female winner Kacy Lions and overall student winner Seam Rains. Other category winners include Matt Smith of the men 19-39, Chad Landry of men over 40, Alexandra Gaudard of women 19-39 and Tommie Winters of women over 40.

So hail to Miss Scott Alexé, a senior at Acadia High, and Miss Scott Sydney, a sophomore at Lafayette High, as they fulfill their royal roles. The demands on their time and presence are constant, and they have a heavy obligation to represent their city in a positive and “respectable” manner. They have both been doing a fine job as they live out their expressed dream to be Scott’s princesses for the year.

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What’s Makes this Royalty Shine?

S cott adores having its royal “Misses” wear the city banner and jeweled tiaras. Alexé Brianne Chiasson and Sydney Rae Credeur count as the 15th in line to reign as Miss Scott and Jr. Miss Scott for the city. In recent years, the interest among young ladies to take part in the competition has peaked along with the general following for the City of Scott as it grows and gleans occasional flashes of media attention.

One perk of the title that has added an increased interest in the competition is that fact that Miss Scott and Jr. Miss Scott are automatically slated to be Mardi Gras Royal Maids for the Scott Business Association. The girls’ fathers are automatically named as Royal Dukes for the SBA Mardi Gras Ball. The regalia of Mardi Gras provided a majestic moment for the fathers as Chris Chiasson and Ron Credeur escorted their lovely daughters in procession through a throng of adoring subjects. Subsequent to the ball, Scott’s Mardi Gras parade also provides another spotlight on the girls as they shine in their finery, close to the front of the parade, but certainly after the city’s chosen.

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The 2nd Annual Scott Boudin Festival

ANOTHER FINE FESTIVAL TO REMEMBER!

Boudin Festival President Jan Scott Richard (L) and other board officers thank everyone for another great Boudin Festival.

The “Cincinatti Kid” who won the Festival Boudin-Eating Contest and left $500 richer. (EDITOR NOTE: to help pay for his doctor’s bill! LOL)

The 2014 Boudin Queens (L-R): Festival Queen Brittlyn Cormier and Queens: Jr. Miss Zoe Courville, Teen Miss Meka Cormier, Deb Miss Kailey Hollier, and Ms. Scott Queen Ashley Grigsby with Tiny Miss Emilina Alvarez.

Cub Scout Pack 451 raised the US Flag.

Volunteers from Home Bank.

The Glitter Fairy added magic to painted faces.

Fun shopping for arts and crafts.

Volunteer Toni Yancey-Banks.

Dancing to the music of Chubby Carrier.

Public Works Supt. Keith Theriot behind the scenes.

Trent Taylor of Louisiana Plating & Coatings.

Kelly Mayard and Karmen Blanco.

The “2nd Annual Scott Boudin Festival” is another fine festival to remember.
Graduation exercises for all Lafayette Parish public schools take place at the Cajundome on Saturday, May 24. Keep up with what's happening in our schools at www.LPSSONLINE.com!

The Great Scott Herald applauds the public and private school teachers of our area and wishes all of you a summer break that brings recognition to the valuable service you have provided us and our offspring.

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
• Held its Storybook Parade on April 17.
• Take a 14-minute virtual tour at www.sts-peter-paul.org
• The 8th Annual Knights Classic golf tourney takes place May 24th 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Cajundome.
• Teacher Appreciation Week May 5-9
• Congratulations to April Staff Members of the Month: Ms. Benoit and Ms. Boudreaux
• Scott Family Physicians.

SCOTT MIDDLE SCHOOL
• Scott Middle School made the television news with this pre-Easter talent show.
• Congratulations to April Staff Members of the Month: Ms. Benoit and Ms. Boudreaux
• Academic Pep Rally will be held on Friday, May 23 with the Scott Boudin Festival.
• Running of the Rams Race

ACADIANA HIGH (AHS)
• Running of the Rams Race took place in coordination with the Scott Boudin Festival. Congratulations to all the winners, especially overall winner Dr. Geoffrey Mire (of Scott Family Physicians).
• Acadia High has renamed its baseball field in honor of former coach Scott McCulloch.
• Graduation: Saturday, May 24th 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Cajundome.
• Acadia High’s Agriculture teacher was visited by a Rotary Vocational Training Team for Australia on Monday, March 24. This team consisted of five agricultural professionals from New South Wales.

CARENCO HIGH
• The Academy of Information Technology team took 1st place in 8th annual Louisiana High School Online Technology Challenge hosted at UL-Monroe.
• Graduation exercises for Carenco Seniors will be conducted from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 24.

Pie Day stays a Scott tradition
Just like in the early 1900s, folks stop in for a piece of pie on Good Friday — although not at his grandmother’s home, Paul Begnaud continues the tradition. Guests enjoyed 125 pies made by his “kitchen warriors” on Thursday. He might not know everyone, but he has never turned anyone away as long as pies were still available to share. That’s a big part of pie day — sharing.

The hospitality has become a legacy of his family.

Between Scott and Duson on Hwy. 90 (Cameron) at Fieldspan.

Come See our Art Center and Shop Petite Magasin!

No act of Congress or City Hall was needed to make cool things happen on St. Mary Street. On Good Friday, more than pies quenched a new appetite in Scott. Three galleries, in very close proximity and an outlier on Cameron attract our attention. The veteran of the group is Beau Cajun Art Gallery, run by Verlie Sonnier, the widow of renoun artist Floyd Sonnier. Two new and enthusiastic artists include Oleus Boudreaux who has made a big splash with his festival posters, and John Perret who has returned “home” from New Orleans. He had a gallery there for over 10 years and became known as “The Monkey Man.” The two newcomers have set up their own working space/galleries: Gallery Acadie and Three Wise Monkeez. With their infusion, now we have a “Welcome to Scott Art District.”

This comes on the heels of the opening of Le Petite Magasin de Scott, an every-Saturday farmers market – so far without the farmers due to the late growing season but Brian Goteaux (of Goteaux Family Farm in Scott (organics and tilapia) has expressed interest. We are all hoping they jump on board soon.

A new shop, definitely worth the walk around the corner of Cayzer and Cameron Street, is Aquarius. It combines the peace of well-managed fresh and salt water aquariums with art and lovely plants. The new storefront is run by brother and sister Todd and Rae Haymon.

Did you know you can get the most amazing fresh honey right next door at Ray’s Sports Cards, a little shop sandwiched between Aquarius and Cashway. Stop in and chat with Terry. She’s sure to bring a smile when she talks about bee keeping.

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Upcoming Events

May
1 National Day of Prayer, Scott Event Center, 11a.m. – 2p.m.
5 Cinco de Mayo
7 Knights Classic Golf Tournament, The Wetlands off University
11 Mother’s Day
18 Scott Historical Society Meeting, Coffee Depot, 2p.m.
24 *Graduation Exercises
Fireman’s Skeet Shoot Out, see page 12 Dispatch
31 Memorial Day *No School
* Last Day of School
1 VFW Post 9822 Memorial Ceremony, 120 VFW Road, 11a.m.

June
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See CHALKBOARD on Page 8 for more school-related dates of interest.

Regular Monthly Meetings

Saturday’s, Farmers’ Market Le Petite Magasin, Cayret turn, 7 a.m. – noon
Scott City Council, Every 1st Thursday – Scott City Hall, 6 p.m.
Le Jumelage de Scott, Every 1st Wednesday – Community Ctr., 6 p.m.
Fire Dept. Board Meeting, every 2nd Monday – Station 2, 7 p.m.
SHGS Meeting, every other 3rd Sunday – The Coffee Depot, 2 p.m.
Acoustic Jam Session – Begnaud House, every Friday, 6 p.m.
French Table, every Wednesday – Begnaud House, 1 p.m.
Boy Scout Pack 451 – every last Monday – KOC Hall, 6:15 p.m.
Weight Watchers, Tuesdays – St. Martin de Porres Church 5:30 p.m.

History Marked by Obscurity

Scott’s history relies much on the work of William Arceneaux, author of “No Spark of Malice.” The story centers on a horrific murder that occurred in Scott in its very early railroad days. Documents exist from old newspapers and court records from the 1800s about the Blanc brothers and their execution.

Much of the credit for the evolution of Scott into the thriving little city relates to the railroad and its early mark in education. Names like Judice, Cayret and Delhomme are recognized as central to its history. There have been some new discoveries of late that will compliment what is generally known. As a teaser, see the stone posts that marked a cornerstone of the Scott School and a lesser known school that preceded it.

Sts. Peter & Paul Fence gets a Facelift

Just in time for the Holy Season of Easter and likewise, the Cleanest City Contest, the entire length of the iron fence that fronts the church cemetery was primed and repainted. With the weather shifting sporadically from sun to ice and rain, it took some time to complete. The job was finished in early April.

Business-after-hours at Candyland Cottage and Ice Cream Shop was quite the treat (no pun intended)! This was a busy gathering since we had not held a meeting for several months. We have been so busy in Scott. Steward Laurens and his Candyland staff did a wonderful job!!!
In addition, we thanked the outgoing Board members, Bobby Dunn, Lacy Prejean, Kyle Landry and Annie Taylor, for their service. Now, I move into the Ex-Officio spot as president replacing Charles Pelletier.

We also swore in the incoming Board members. Returning to the Board were Tonya Carola and Cherie Gauthreaux. We welcome newcomers Dr Ryan Cazares, Pam Bergeron and Kelly Sonnier. What a great line up for the upcoming year!!!

Election of officers will be held at the May meeting. In the announcement of your new SBA Board.

Each year, the SBA awards three scholarships to high school seniors. This year the amount was $800 each, thanks to the generosity of Jo Ann Forlinder of Advance Systems. She asked to increase each by $100. The winners were Acadia High’s Kamy Smith, Carencro High’s Kealy Stelly and Lafayette High’s Chelsea Noel.

For several years now, the SBA has been honoring firemen, police officers and citizens of Scott who have gone above and beyond to make Scott a better place to work, play and live.

This month, Fireman Justin Douet was recognized for his outstanding efforts in the line of duty. Please take a few minutes to visit the SBA website to see our improvements. Submit your comments at www.scottsba.org!

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