



2023 Calendar of Events

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On-going Exhibits & Events

Held every other Sat. from 1/7-12/23: Touchet's Jam Sessions. Touchet's Bar, Maurice. Live Cajun music and dancing. Musicians are welcome to join in! 2-6 pm. Free. 337-893-9882, www.touchetsbar.com.

Held the 1st and 3rd Fri. of the month: French Table at the Le Musee de Kaplan. Kaplan Museum, Kaplan. Whether you are trying to learn conversational French or would like to brush-up on your French, all levels are invited to join in. Table begins at 10 am. 337-643-1528.

Held the 3rd Saturday of the month: Jam Session. Gueydan Museum, Gueydan. 1-3pm. Free. 337-536-0443.

1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 6/10, 7/8, 8/12, 9/9, 10/14, 11/11: Dutch Oven Cooking in the Campground. Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Join the Latanier Cookers for a Dutch oven cooking demonstration and taste testing around 11:30am. Bring your chairs and ice chests. 9 am-noon. Admission to enter the Park. 337-298-3098.

Held the last Sat. of the month from Mar-Nov.: Coffee and Music. Kaplan Museum, Kaplan. Enjoy a cup of coffee, doughnuts, cracklins and boudin while listening to music by local musicians. 9:30-11 am. Free. 337-643-1528.

Held the last Saturday of the month: Flightline Markets. Hwy 82, Abbeville. Market with plenty of vendors selling various items. 8am-2pm. Free. 337-652-9513, www.flightlinepark.com.

3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3, 8/5, 9/2, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2: Delcambre Seafood & Farmers Market. Bayou Carlin, Delcambre. Open air market with local produce, fresh seafood, music and more. 9 am-1 pm. Free. 800-884-6120 ext. 6, www.delcambremarket.org.

2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13, 6/10, 7/8, 8/12, 9/9, 10/14, 11/11, 12/9: Kaplan's Farmers Market. 113 N Irving St., Kaplan. Open air market with local vendors providing shopping for everyone. 9am-2pm. Free. 979-583-8114.

3/18, 4/15, 5/20, 6/17, 7/15, 8/19, 9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16: Abbeville Farmers' & Artisans' Market. Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Open air market with local produce, crafts, etc. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 337-652-6148.

1/10-2/25: "History of African-American Voting Rights" Exhibit Abbeville Cultural & Historical Alliance, Abbeville. An exhibit to highlight Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's life and dedication to the Civil Rights Movement. Mon-Fri., 9am-4:30pm, Sat., 9am-3:30 pm. Free. 337-898-4114, 337-898-6600.

1/1-3/31: "Swamp Spirits 2023" Gueydan Museum, Gueydan. 10 local artists are given the same photo to paint their interpretation. Wed.-Fri., 1-5 pm; Sat., 11 am-4 pm. Free. 337-536-0443, gueydanmuseum@yahoo.com.

3/1-4/15: "Talent & Gifted Visual Arts" Abbeville Cultural & Historical Alliance, Abbeville. An exhibit of works by Vermilion Parish's Talented Visual Arts Students. Mon-Fri., 9am-4:30pm, Sat., 9am-1pm. Free. 337-898-4114, 337-898-6600.

4/1-5/30: "Amber Voorhies Exhibit." Gueydan Museum, Gueydan. Wed.-Fri., 1-5 pm; Sat., 11 am-4 pm. Free. 337-536-0443.

6/1-7/30: "Stan Routh Exhibit" Gueydan Museum, Gueydan. Wed.-Fri., 1-5 pm; Sat., 11 am-4 pm. Free. 337-536-0443.

8/1-10/30: "Nita's Quilt Display." Gueydan Museum, Gueydan. Wed.-Fri., 1-5 pm; Sat., 11 am-4 pm. Free. 337-536-0443.

10/1-12/23: "Swamp Spirits 2023" Abbeville Cultural & Historical Alliance, Abbeville. Local artists are given the same photo to paint their interpretation. Mon-Fri., 9am-4:30pm, Sat., 9am-1pm. Free. 337-898-4114, 337-898-6600.

11/1-12/31: "Christmas Wonderland." Gueydan Museum, Gueydan. Local businesses decorate Christmas trees for our annual contest along with Santa and other Christmas decorations throughout the museum. Wed.-Fri., 1-5 pm; Sat., 11 am-4 pm. Free. 337-536-0443.

January

1/6: Annual Revival. St. Mary Congregational Church, Abbeville. Area youth are invited to attend the revival service in honor of the Martin Luther King Celebration. Free. 337-230-6693, 337-893-2766.

1/14: Erath Project Graduation Gumbo Cook-off. QSA RV Park, Erath. Gumbo cook-off with live music by Gerald Gruenig and Gentilly and Cajunation. Admission, \$10, includes free gumbo tasting.

1/14: Celebration Breakfast. Mt. Triumph Baptist Church, Abbeville. Annual prayer breakfast in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Program and breakfast at 9am with guest speaker Dr. Corwin Thomas, Cardiologist. Free. 504-236-0801.

1/15: King Fest Church Service. Light of the World Primitive Baptist Church/Praise Church, Abbeville. A celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a church service and guest speaker, Lawana Stokes, Director of South Louisiana Community College. Free. 337-893-2766.

1/16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. Corner of Greene and IJ Joiner Sts & McKinley Scott Park, Abbeville. Enjoy a day of celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The day begins with a stomp service at 9:30am at the corner of IJ Joiner and Green St, followed by a motorcade from Greater Pleasant Green Baptist Church to McKinley-Scott Park at 10:30am. The motorcade will stop at the Veteran's War Memorial on Concorde St in honor of Terry Bessard. At 11am, a celebration will take place in the Park. Feel free to partake in the celebrations from your vehicle. If you desire to exit your vehicle, masks are required and please practice social distancing. Free. 337-230-6693, 337-893-2766.

1/28: Le Krewe de le Originales et les Enfants Mardi Gras Run. Duck Festival Grounds, Gueydan. Join us for a traditional Mardi Gras run and trail ride through the country with chicken throws throughout the ride. Run begins at 9 am, followed by live music that afternoon. Mask are required. Admission. 337-247-0555

1/29: Bignet Boogie 5K. VC School Grounds, Abbeville. 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk to benefit Vermilion Catholic schools. Boogie your way through the streets of Abbeville and celebrate your finish with a delicious bignet breakfast! We will have music and fun for the whole family! Registration begins at 7:30 am; 5K Run begins at 9 am with 1 Mile following. 337-893-6636

February

2/4: Farm Bureau YF&R Committee presents: "Party at the Red Barn" Fundraiser. LA Cattle Festival Red Barn, Abbeville. Event to benefit parish and state Farm Bureau scholarships and AG in the Classroom programs. Meal, live music by Alligator Blue, live and silent auctions, gun raffle, cash bar. 5-11 pm. Advance tickets, \$10, at the door, \$15. 337-658-0487.

2/10-12: CYT presents: "Frozen Jr". Abbeville High School auditorium, Abbeville. Performed by Christian Youth Theatre (CYT) Vermilion's young performers. Performances: Fri., 9am & 7pm; Sat., 2pm & 7pm; Sun., 2pm. Tickets, \$15. www.cytlafayette.org

2/18: Krewe of Palmetto Mardi Gras Golf Cart Parade: Rockin' Around the Campground...50s Style! Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Join us as we roll through the campground to celebrate Mardi Gras 50s style. Line-up at campsite #36 at 2pm; parade rolls at 3pm. Admission to enter the Park. Golf cart fees and rules will apply. 337-893-3930, ChrisRMatt@hotmail.com, www.friendsofpalmetto.org

2/18: Krewe of Palmetto Mardi Gras "Rockin' Around the Campfire 50's Style" Jitterbug Dance Contest. Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Lace up your dance shoes and grab your partner for the jitterbug dance contest to be held after the King and Queen Coronation at campsite #36. Prizes awarded! Admission to enter the Park. Golf cart fees and rules will apply. 337-893-3930, ChrisRMatt@hotmail.com, www.friendsofpalmetto.org

2/21: Krewe Chic-A-La-Pie Mardi Gras Parade. Kaplan. Family-friendly, old-fashioned Mardi Gras parade. 2 pm. Free. 337-643-8602, lindavincent723@gmail.com.

2/25: Cracklin Cooking Demonstration. Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Learn how we make this Cajun treat. Demonstrations begin at 8am. No charge for tasting but donations are always welcome! No bicycles, golf carts or pets allowed in the demonstration area. Admission to enter the Park. 337-893-3930, www.friendsofpalmetto.org

March

3/11: Don Dugas Memorial Fin, Fur & Feather Cook-off. 5420 W. LA Hwy 688, Erath (across from Don's Boat Landing). Cook-off with judging at 11am, silent and live auction at 2pm, live music starting at 11am and more. Proceeds benefit the Henry Volunteer Fire Dept. Admission, Entry fee for cook-off. 337-319-8774.

3/18: Gueydan Vendor Market. Gueydan Museum, Gueydan. 10am-3pm. Free. 337-536-0443.

3/16: Sounds in the Square Spring Concert Series. Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music by Stop the Clock Cowboy Jazz Band with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-652-2239.

3/23: Sounds in the Square Spring Concert Series. Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music by Geno Delafosse & French Rockin' Boogie with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-652-2239.

3/24-27: Vermilion Voyage. Vermilion River, Lafayette to Palmetto Island State Park. Paddle the Vermilion River from the Acadiana Park Nature Station to Palmetto Island State Park during this three-day overnight voyage. Participants have the rare opportunity to consecutively paddle just over 50 miles of the Vermilion through Lafayette and Vermilion Parishes. Registration fee covers paddle craft, life jacket, guide, shuttle service, insurance costs, breakfast, lunch and dinner with some beverages, as well as evening entertainment. Trip registration, \$350. 337-769-3816, www.lafayettetravel.com/vermilion-voyage/

3/25: Sicilian Festival and Celebration. Sam Guarino Blacksmith Museum and Heritage Center, Abbeville. Cook-off, music, tours of museum and demonstrations, wine tasting, food available for purchase and more. 10 am-4 pm. Free. 337-652-6148

3/25: Erath Easter in the Park. Erath City Park. Come enjoy the annual a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Take a selfies with the Easter Bunny or play in the fun jumps from 10am-noon. Easter egg hunt will begin at 11am! 337-937-8401

3/30: Sounds in the Square Spring Concert Series. Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music by Three AM with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-652-2239.

April

4/13: Sounds in the Square Spring Concert Series. Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music by The River South Band with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-625-2239.

4/15: Stir the Pot Seafood Cook-off. Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Family fun with food and live music. Admission to enter the Park. 337-893-3930, www.friendsofpalmetto.org.

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May

5/20: Gueydan Vendor Market. Gueydan Museum, Gueydan. 10am-3pm. Free. 337-536-0443.

5/29: Memorial Day Commemoration. Louisiana Military Museum, Abbeville. Join us in honoring those who have sacrificed their lives for our country as we host an indoor ceremony followed by a Missing Man aerial salute. Program time TBA. Free. 337-898-9645, www.lamilitarymuseum.org

June

6/3: Daylily Festival and Garden Show. Magdalen Square, Abbeville. A celebration of horticulture and all that it involves. Plants, garden accessories, educational speakers, food & more all set under the beautiful oaks of Magdalen Square. Free. 8:30 am-3 pm. 337-652-2239, 337-893-2491, www.cityofabbeville.net.

July

7/15: Whittington Veterinary Clinic 3rd Annual Golf Tournament. Southern Oaks Country Club, Abbeville. 4-man scramble golf tournament with music, auction, food, drinks, prizes and more to benefit the Kalix James Broussard Memorial Scholarship and God Made Self Driven organization. Entry fee (4-man teams) \$500. Shotgun start, 8am. 337-893-8522, wvcevents@yahoo.com

6/30-7/4: Annual Erath 4th of July Celebration. Erath. Celebrate our nation's independence with an old-fashioned street fair for five days with carnival rides and games, food, live music every night, parade, water fights and a large firework display on July 4th. Free. 337-385-3627, www.erath4.com

August

8/16-20: Delcambre Shrimp Festival. Delcambre. Shrimp cook-off, pageants, fais-do-do, food, carnival rides, blessing of the fleet. Wed.-Fri. 6:30 pm-midnight; Sat. 9 am-1pm; Sun. 10 am-4pm. Admission Fri., \$5; Sat., \$10; Wed., Thurs., Sun., free. 337-380-7879, 800-884-6120, ext. 7, www.shrimpfestival.net.

8/24-27: Gueydan Duck Festival. Duck Festival Park, Gueydan. A festival celebrating the history of the best known secret in LA – Gueydan, the Duck Capital of America! Duck Calling Contest, Skeet Shooting Competition, pageant, cooking contests, music, food, parade, carnival and more. Thurs. 5-10 pm; Fri. 5 pm-midnight; Sat. 8 am-midnight; Sun. 8 am-3 pm. Admission \$10 (Fri.-Sat.) 337-536-6456, www.duckfestival.org.

September

TBA: Sounds in the Square Fall Concert Series. Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-625-2239.

October

TBA: Sounds in the Square Fall Concert Series. Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-625-2239.

TBA: LA Cattle Festival & Fair Assoc. Downtown Abbeville. Celebrating the Cattle Industry with food, pageants, parade, livestock show, music and more. Admission. www.louisianacattlefestival.org

10/14: Whittington's Anything Over Rice Cook-off. Whittington Vet Clinic, Abbeville. Cooks will be competing by cooking literally anything over rice. Live music, petting zoo, live auction, silent auction, raffle, and more. There will be dogs available to adopt. 10am-4pm. Admission. 337-893-8522, wvcevents@yahoo.com

10/21: Gueydan Vendor Market. Gueydan Museum, Gueydan. 10am-3pm. Free. 337-536-0443.

10/28: Halloween in the Park. Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Join the Friends of Palmetto Island State Park for trick-or-treating in the campground and campsite decorating contests. 4-6pm. Admission to enter the Park. 337-893-3930, www.friendsofpalmetto.org.

November

TBA: Louisiana Cajun Food Fest. Downtown Kaplan. Great Cajun food, music, car show, kids' activities and more! Admission \$5, children under 10, free. Gates open at 8:30am. Free. 337-643-8600

11/4-5: Abbeville's Giant Omelette Celebration. Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Juried art show, egg games, great Cajun food, music and more! A 2-day family festival with a procession of chefs and the cooking of a 5,000+ egg omelette in a 12-foot skillet on Sunday afternoon. Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Sun. 9 am-4pm. Free. 337-344-9232, www.giantomelette.org

11/10: "If Headstones Could Talk..." Old St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Cemetery, Abbeville. Take a guided, living history tour of the cemetery and listen as "residents" as they recount would have occurred in Abbeville in the late 1800s. 5:30-8:30 pm. Admission \$10. Tours depart every 30 min. Tickets at The Depot or Abbeville City Hall. 337-740-2112, 337-898-4110, www.cityofabbeville.net.

11/10-11: 3rd Annual Veteran Heritage Festival. Louisiana Military Museum, Abbeville. Enjoy hands-on living history programs, demonstrations and presentations that "honor our veterans and remember their stories" c. 1700-present. This is a fun-filled festival for the whole family! 10am-4pm. Free. 337-898-9645, www.lamilitarymuseum.org

11/18: Gueydan Vendor Market. Gueydan Museum, Gueydan. 10am-3pm. Free. 337-536-0443.

December

12/7: Abbeville's Annual Christmas Stroll. Downtown Abbeville. A family-oriented evening of strolling, visiting, shopping and dining. Santa Claus, music, white lights all within the decorated downtown historic district. 5:30-8 pm. Free. 337-898-4110, www.cityofabbeville.net

12/9: Abbeville's Cajun Christmas Celebration. Downtown Abbeville. Join the Rotary Club of Abbeville and other community organizations for a family Christmas event with live music, shopping, kid crafts, parade with Santa and more! 1-8 pm. Free.