

## 2024 Calendar of Events

Events are current as of Jan. 2, 2024. Please check [www.MostCajun.com](http://www.MostCajun.com) for the most current calendar. VPTC is not responsible for submitted events. Information contained in this calendar is the responsibility of the individual event planners. Events are subject to change without notice. It is best to confirm dates before making travel plans. Thank you!

### On-going Exhibits & Events

**Held every other Sat. from 1/6-12/21: 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](http://www.touchetsbar.com).

**Held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**1/13, 2/10, 3/9, 6/8, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9: Dutch Oven Cooking in the Campground.** Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Join the Latanier Cookers for a Dutch oven cooking demonstration, interacting with the cooks and taste testing around noon. Bring your chairs and ice chests. 8:30 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, [www.kaplanla.com/museum](http://www.kaplanla.com/museum).

**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](http://www.flightlinepark.com).

**Held the first Saturday of the month from March-Dec.: 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](http://www.delcambremarket.org). No market in July!

**Held the third Saturday of the month from Mar.-Dec.: Abbeville Farmers' & Artisans' Market.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Open air market with local produce, crafts, etc. Local non-profits will sell food and refreshments. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 337-652-6148.

**1/2-2/23: African-American History Exhibit: Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** 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-4pm. Free. 337-898-4114, 337-898-6600, [www.abbevillemuseums.com](http://www.abbevillemuseums.com).

**1/3-3/29: "Swamp Spirits 2024"** 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](mailto:gueydanmuseum@yahoo.com).

**1/3-3/23: Art Exhibit: Anna Meaux.** Kaplan Museum, Kaplan. Wed.-Sat., 9am-pm. Free. 337-643-1528, [www.kaplanla.com/museum](http://www.kaplanla.com/museum).

**3/1-29: "Talent & Gifted Visual Arts"** Abbeville Cultural & Historical Alliance, Abbeville. An exhibit of works by Vermilion Parish's Talented Visual Arts Students. Mon-Fri., 9am-4pm. Free. 337-898-4114, 337-898-6600, [www.abbevillemuseums.com](http://www.abbevillemuseums.com).

**3/16, 4/20, 5/18, 9/21, 10/19, 11/16, 12/21: Gueydan Museum Vendor Market.** 615 4<sup>th</sup> St, Gueydan. Market with vendors selling various items. 10am-3pm. Free to attend, \$25 vendor booth space. 337-536-0443, [gueydanmuseum@yahoo.com](mailto:gueydanmuseum@yahoo.com).

**10/1-12/20: "Swamp Spirits 2024"** Abbeville Cultural & Historical Alliance, Abbeville. Local artists are given the same photo to paint their interpretation. Stop in and see the many renditions. Mon-Fri., 9am-4pm. Free. 337-898-4114, 337-898-6600, [www.abbevillemuseums.com](http://www.abbevillemuseums.com).

### January

**1/15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Enjoy a day of celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The day begins with a march down State Street from Abbeville Electric to Magdalen Square followed by the MLK Program, meal and scholarship presentation. 10am-2pm. Free. 337-517-2685, 337-277-7121.

**1/20: 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

### February

**2/3: 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 Whiskey Bay, live and silent auctions, gun raffle, cash bar. 5-11 pm. Advance tickets, \$10, at the door, \$15. 337-658-0487.

**2/9-11: CYT presents: "Anastasia the Musical".** Abbeville High School auditorium, Abbeville. Performed by Christian Youth Theatre (CYT) Vermilion's young performers. Performances: Fri., 7pm; Sat., 2pm & 7pm; Sun., 2pm. Tickets, \$14-16. [www.cytlafayette.org](http://www.cytlafayette.org)

**2/10: Krewe of Palmetto Mardi Gras Golf Cart Parade: Sparkle in Denim and Diamonds!** Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Join us as we roll through the campground to celebrate Mardi Gras. Line-up 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

**2/13: 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.

**2/24: 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

**2/25: Troops & Tusks 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hog Tournament.** Don's Boat Landing, Erath. Come celebrate the winners of the Hog Tournament, fellowship with friends and family, show patriotism, honor veterans and more. Jambalaya and gumbo, local vendors, live music from Swampland Revival and take a photo with the winning hog. Admission 1 can good or dry good per person. 337-353-0047, www.troopsandtusks.com

## **March**

**3/14: Sounds in the Square Spring Concert Series.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music by Terrance Simien & Geno Delafosse with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-652-2239.

**3/21: Sounds in the Square Spring Concert Series.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-652-2239.

**3/23: 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

## **April**

**4/4: Sounds in the Square Spring Concert Series.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music by Whiskey Bay with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-625-2239.

**4/6: 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.

**4/11: Sounds in the Square Spring Concert Series.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music by Bad Boys Band with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-625-2239.

## **May - TBA**

## **June**

**6/1: 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**

**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**

**8/14/-18 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.

**8/22-25: 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**

## **October**

**10/4-6: LA Cattle Festival & Fair Assoc.** Downtown Abbeville. Celebrating the Cattle Industry with food, pageants, parade, livestock show, music and more. www.louisianacattlefestival.org

**10/26: 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](http://www.friendsofpalmetto.org).

## **November**

**11/2-3: Abbeville's Giant Omelette Celebration.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Juried arts & crafts, kids games, Cajun food and music, tractor egg cracking contest, Sunday mass and the cooking of a 5,000+ egg omelette in a 12-foot skillet over a wood burning fire on Sunday afternoon. Sat. 9 am-5 pm, Sun. 9 am-4:30 pm. Free. 337-344-9232, [www.giantomelette.org](http://www.giantomelette.org)

**11/8: "If Headstones Could Talk..."** Old Masonic 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. 5-8 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](http://www.cityofabbeville.net).

## **December**

**12/5: 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](http://www.cityofabbeville.net)

**12/7: 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.