Area Shrimp Lovers Celebrate Annual Festival In Delcambre

DELCAMBRE — Shrimp and children were everywhere this weekend as area families came to this coastal town to enjoy the 31st annual Delcambre Shrimp Festival.

Plate after plate of boiled shrimp was consumed white festival goers took a break from the sun in the festival building. Wednesday began the yearly celebrations, with the opening of the street fair.

The crowning of the Junior Shrimp Queen, Schuyler Delcambre, of Delcambre, was followed by a dance Thursday night.

Friday night brought the coronation of the Shrimp Queen, Donna Lamorette, of Delcambre, and another dance. Also ruling over the festival activities was Shrimp King Danny Segura, a local shrimp trawler. Area residents also enjoyed bingo and the street fair that night.

Activities geared up Saturday around 5 p.m. with the Baby Shrimp King and Queen Contest for boys through four-year-olds Seth Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morris, of Jennings, was crowned king and Kerrie Lopez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lopez, of New Iberia, was crowned queen.

This year's Golden Age Queen was a local resident, Mrs. Nicholas Mitchell.

At 2 p.m. there was a mini-marathon, with 13-, 7 and 1.5 mile races. The winners of each race received medals and everyone who entered received a T-shirt.

Athaufasays Band provided music for the Saturday night dance-to-do when started around 7 p.m.

Sunday morning festivities began on a more solemn note, with the ceremonial sale of the first fish and a blessing of the fleet at 11 a.m.

Other festival goers Sunday afternoon enjoyed the big band music provided by the Air Force Band, from Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss., while younger celebrators enjoyed the games and rides at the street fair.

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