Boudin Tops Weekend Menu

Everything from a fais-do-do to a boudin-eating contest are on tap for this year’s Boudin Festival. The third annual fete will be held in Broussard Feb. 13-15.

Gov. Dave Treen proclaimed Feb. 9-15 as Louisiana Boudin Week and said, “Boudin-making is a unique culinary art in the Louisiana Cajun tradition.”

Treen also said that the town of Broussard has achieved widespread acclaim for the quality and excellence of boudin prepared there. The festival is sponsored by the Broussard Jaycees and Jaynes.

The festivities start with a fais-do-do Friday in St. Cecilia Gym from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. with music by Easy Company.

Saturday’s events start at 8 a.m. with registration for the 2nd Annual Boudin Run in Arceneaux Park. There will be a 6.2 mile run and a 1.5 fun run. T-shirts will be given to each runner and awards will be presented at 11:30 to various age classes in both men and women’s categories.

At 9 a.m. the festival grounds in Arceneaux Park will officially open with rides, boudin booths, beer, arts and crafts, shops, and a mechanical bull. Beginning at 10 a.m., live Cajun music begins and continues until 6 p.m.

To finish up the day, a dance will be held in the St. Cecilia Gym between 9 p.m. with music by Wheels.

Sunday at 9 a.m. it’s more rides, boudin booths, beer, refreshments, arts and crafts and a mechanical bull.

The music will be from 10:30 until 6 p.m. and feature Good Rockin’ Doopsie and the Twisters, Belton Richard, Atchafalaya, Gervais Matte and the Branch Playboys, and Nancy Tabb Marcantel, sponsored by Rivianna Foods. The Disco Clown, Harold Short, will also be there to entertain.

At 10 p.m., a boudin and cracklin-making demonstration will be conducted by Elmer “Graton” Girouard. Also at 10 p.m. will be the Boudin-Eating Contest for men and women.

At noon, a pork jambalaya will be served on the festival grounds.