Breauxs together again

Family remembers city's female founder

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BREAUX BRIDGE — The smoke from one Breaux's barbecue grill drifted into the branches of the oak tree he and his family were sitting under in Peer Hardy Park. Breaux and his extended family were cooking gumbo under the pavilion.

Another was looking for a cold beer at the rooter. He was hot. He settled for a rooter of ice water — for the time being, at least.

Breauxs from all over the western Louisiana and Southern states gathered in Breaux Bridge this weekend for their largest and most important event of the year, the Breauxs' Picnic. The event has been a staple of Breauxs' lives for generations.

An accompanying banner, reading "Breauxs Together Again," was proudly displayed at the picnic grounds.

Jean Guy Butler, right, photographs his wife, Emma Breaux Butler, in front of the Scholastic Picnic Breaux statue in Breaux Bridge City Park.

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Nancy Triff, Muriel performed for the crowd at the Breauxs' Day event.

A new statue was unveiled at the library in Breaux Bridge — a monument to the legacy of Breauxs in the community.

Jean Guy Butler, right, photographs his wife, Emma Breaux Butler, in front of the Scholastic Picnic Breaux statue in Breaux Bridge City Park.

It's remarkable that there is a Cajun culture to be celebrated," Triff said.

There are many cultures in South Louisiana, but the Cajun and Creole traditions that have been preserved largely because of allegiance to family and church.