### Schedule of Events

#### Thursday, June 4
- **5:30 p.m.** Interfaith Liturgy  
  Where: City Park Pavillion
- **6:00 p.m.** Festival Grounds Open  
  Family Night
- **6:30 p.m.** French Speaking Contest  
  Where: City Park Pavillion
- **11:00 p.m.** Festival Grounds Close

#### Friday, June 5
- **6:00 p.m.** Festival Grounds Open
- **BANDS**  
  - **7:00 p.m.** Jackie Callier & Cajun Cousins

#### Saturday, June 6
- **10-1:00 a.m.** Kenny & the Heartbreakers  
  **8:30 a.m.** Cajun French Accordion Contest  
  Where: City Park Pavillion  
  Registration: 8:00 a.m.

#### Sunday, June 7
- **8-11:00 p.m.** Paul Daigle & Cajun Gold
- **11-1:00 a.m.** River Road
- **1:00 a.m.** Festival Grounds Close
- **1:30 p.m.** Festival Parade

#### BANDS
- **11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Less Cormier & The Sundown Playboys
- **2-5:00 p.m.** Rodney Miller/Carol Holler & Cajun Born
- **5-8:00 p.m.** Ricky Bearb & The Cajun Ramblers
- **10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Aldus Roger & The Lafayette Playboys
- **12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Kip Sonnier & Hurricane
- **4:30 p.m. - until** Wayne Toups & Zydecajun

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**NO**

Ice chests, glass containers or barbecue pits allowed on festival grounds.

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The cover was reproduced from the 1998 Church Point Buggy Festival's official T-Shirt.

**June 4-7, 1998**

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**Contacts:**
- **Parade:** Aaron & Diane Richard 684-2808
- **Booth Space:** Teasie Cary 684-2739
- **Festival & Public Relations:** Teasie Cary 684-2739
- **Publicity & Interfaith Liturgy:** Teasie Cary 684-2739
- **Cajun French Accordion Contest:** Karen Tweedle 684-3688 or 684-2739 Between 8:00 a.m. - noon
- **Trail Ride:** Michael Henry 684-2082  
  Joey Richard 684-2026
CROWNING SENIOR QUEEN - In the absence of the 1997 Senior Queen Marie Matte, the 1998 Queen Evangeline Richard was crowned by 1997 Buggy Queen Aimee Hebert during the Saturday night pageant. Photo by Diana Daigle

1998 FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS - Teasie Cary, the President of the Medical Foundation and Chairman of the Buggy Festival, displays the Buggy Festival t-shirts which may be purchased at the Acadia-St. Landry Hospital or at the Buggy Festival this weekend. The colorful shirts are being sold for $12 in adult sizes and $10 in children's sizes. Photo by Carolyn Hart

COME ONE COME ALL to the Folk Art & Handicrafts Church Point High School Gym
Fri., June 5 - 5 pm - 9 pm
Sat., June 6 - 9 am - 9 pm
Sun., June 7 - 9 am - 5 pm
Sponsored by Church Point Area Chamber of Commerce
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Allons rouler! to the Church Point Buggy Festival
Hope to see you there!
Greg Fruge' District 41 State Representative
Bienvenue.

The Acadia-St. Landry Medical Foundation and the Town of Church Point are celebrating their 15th Annual Church Point Buggy Festival. In this celebration, I am joined by all the officials and citizens of the Town of Church Point — Buggy Capitol of the World — in extending a sincere and cordial “Bienvenue” to the hundreds of visitors coming to share this Festival with us June 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1998.

On behalf of the Town of Church Point, our colorful “Buggy Festival” we all hope you’ll share and enjoy the true Cajun Spirit and “Joi de Vie” which have been so faithfully preserved here by the pioneer settlers of Acadiana.

Dancing in Cajun Tradition, the “Fais-Do-Do” French music and many other novel entertainers will provide much fun in generation-old observances and nothing will be overlooked to insure an unforgettable four days for everyone as “Les Bons Temps Roule” at the 16th annual festival.

The Acadia-St. Landry Medical Foundation, annual sponsors of the Buggy Festival, have planned the “best yet” schedule of events and activities.

The Town of Church Point joins the Acadia-St. Landry Medical Foundation in welcoming all our Buggy Festival visitors. We hope that you will enjoy meeting old friends, making new friends and having a part in the traditional warmth and fellowship, the true cordiality of all citizens, as every effort is put forward to make the 16th Annual Buggy Festival — and your visit to Church Point — a long remembered experience of festival fun.

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ACADIA - ST. LANDRY MEDICAL FOUNDATION
Festival Honoree

Mrs. Jean Voitier named 1998 honoree at Buggy Festival

The 1998 Church Point Buggy Festival honoree, selected by the Acadia-St. Landry Medical Foundation Committee, which sponsors the Buggy Festival, is a life long resident of the community, Mrs. Jean Voitier. The honoree is the daughter of the late P. Roy Horecky and Ura DeJean Horecky. She graduated from Church Point High School and attended St. Mary’s College in South Bend, Indiana, for two and one-half years before graduating from S.L.I. in Lafayette, Louisiana, with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration. She was married to the late Bob Voitier for forty-four years, and is the mother of nine children, Robert Voitier, Jr., Mary Beth Conway, Paul Albert Voitier, Margaret V. Fulker son, Stephen Voitier and Roy Voitier. She is the proud grandmother of twenty beautiful grandchildren. Her memberships include Catholic Daughter of America Court Immaculate Conception No. 1531, American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 225, and she is a lay minister of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Church Point. She is on the Board of Directors of Farmers State Bank & Trust Co. and has served on the Board of Commissioners of Acadia-St. Landry Hospital for fifteen years. In 1982 she was one of a group of volunteers who canvassed the town on a petition to ensure looks forward to the event with great anticipation. The honoree will be attending many of the Buggy Festival activities.

Mrs. Voitier will be a special guest at the Buggy Festival Dignitaries Luncheon Sunday, June 7 at the Acadia-St. Landry Hospital.

She will also be riding in a place of honor in the festival parade at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Buggy Festival and June 7.

Mrs. Jean Voitier event with great anticipation.

Her hobbies include gardening, golf and keeping up with her grandchildren's activities.

She considers it a special honor and a privilege to be named Honoree of the 1998 Buggy Festival and looks forward to the event with great anticipation.

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Congratulations! Mrs. Jean

Dorothy Williams

Wayne Duplechain

FESTIVAL HONOREE - Festival Edgar Daigle home. Standing are Honoree Jean Voitier, seated, is shown here at the tea for the queen’s contestants held at the and Mrs. Edgar Daigle.

Mom

Robbie Vicki
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Mary Beth Rob & John

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Elizabeth & Jim

Dickie Ann

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Maggie Michael, Jennifer & Sam

Roy Maureen, Kate & Jake

Stephen Jackie
Ben, Joe & Mary Kathrine
Burleigh named Miss Congeniality

The contestants in the Buggy Festival's queen pageant chose Alaina Burleigh as Miss Congeniality.

She was named at the Queen's pageant held Saturday evening, May 30. The 18 year old has light brown hair and brown eyes, and lives in Lewisburg. She was sponsored by Flying 'A' Custom Fit. She is the daughter of Ronald L. and Janet Burleigh.

The honoree just finished Seton Home Study, and is enrolled at LSUE for the fall 1998 semester, majoring in animal science, with a possible minor in mass communication.

Her hobbies are showing cattle, traveling, listening to country music, watching hockey, public speaking, gourmet cooking and collecting cow novelties.

She maintained a 4.0 average in high school. She plans to one day run her own cattle fitting business and have her own herd of cattle. Her focus in college is on beef production and herd management.

MISS CONGENIALITY - Alaina Aimee' Hebert, Miss 1997 Buggy Burleigh, right, was named Miss Festival Queen. Photo by Diana Congeniality. She is shown with Daigle

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Cormier named parade Grand Marshal

Elton Bee Cormier has been a public servant for the people of the Church Point community since 1953.

His first job was with the firm of Theo. Daigle & Bro., Inc., a firm established in 1910, making this establishment 86 years old. Cormier has been employed there for 45 years. He later became office manager for Theo. Daigle & Bro., Inc., Daigle Butane and Appliances, Inc., Daigle Oil Co., Inc., and Point de l’Eglise Texaco Station.

“When I came to work at Theo. Daigle’s, Mr. Daigle asked if I could speak French. Naturally, I told him I couldn’t speak a word of English until I started school,” said Cormier. “Mr. Daigle was glad. He said that 95% of his business was done in Cajun French. Now, about 5% of business is done in French. That’s something that has changed in 45 years.”

Cormier was commissioned Notary Public by Governor Jimmie Davis, and is a Justice of the Peace. He is a member of the Knight of Columbus and is a charter member of the CAJUN FRENCH MUSIC ASSOCIATION. He started his band, The Church Point Playboys, in 1949.

But his main goal in life has been promoting Cajun music. He has been active in the promotion of Cajun Music with the young boys and girls of the area since 1962, and has received several plaques and trophies for this work.

He was motivated towards this goal in 1961, when he was flipping through Cajun albums and saw a message on one of them from the producer.

The message stated that Cajun music was dying to the point of extinction because no young musicians played it anymore. The average age of the musicians on the album was 42, with some much older than that.

“I got to thinking on that subject,” said Cormier. “I didn’t tell anyone what prompted me to use young members for my band. I wanted to do something to light up the idea for young ones to get interested in Cajun music.”

He remembered a Bible passage he had been taught by the convent nuns who read daily from the Bible. “I remember one old nun quoted from Proverbs 22:6, ‘What you teach a young boy when he is little, he will keep when he is older.’ It came to my mind and I decided to involve young ones.”

Elton Bee Cormier
1998 Parade Marshal

Recording studios tried to discourage him, but Cormier persevered. He wrote his first recording, “Jour de ma Jeunesse,” which means “The Day of My Youth” in English. Today, Cajun music is well and thriving, thanks in part to his efforts.

Cormier is proud to have been able to serve the people of Church Point and feels that the people of Church Point were good to him. He hopes to serve the people of this area for many years to come.

Cormier is married to the former Drussella David of Church Point. They have four children, Bonnie, Barry, Susie and Germaine, and four grandchildren, Jeremy and Eric Larcade and Matthew and Stephanie Cormier. They also have one great-grandchild, Gabrielle Larcade.

To my loving husband & best friend,
Love, Drussella

We are so proud to "Honor" you and We Love You!

Bonnie, Drew, & Eric
Barry, Yvonne, Mat, & Stephanie
Susie & Kenny

Germaine & Steve
Jeremy, Christine & Gabby
Buggies:
Where can I get One?

By PIERRE YARMON DAIGLE

He was a proud old man. He spoke with pride about his wedding day back in September 1928. "Was it a big wedding?" someone asked. He opened and closed both hands twice, indicating a large number. "Twenty-three buggies followed the bride and groom from church" he answered.

I know of nothing else that would so vividly remind us of how much the one horse carriage we call "a buggy" was part of our lives here in southwest Louisiana, and particularly around the town of Church Point, which has long been known as "the buggy capital of the world."

When did the buggy come to southwest Louisiana? That question led me back in time and memories, and before I was through asking questions, I had spoken with old friends and met new friends. Part of the excitement of doing research into the past is the mystique of research itself. I always start with a black wall. The first, inevitable state of mind when beginning a project is "instant panic." My first thought when I was asked to do this piece on buggies was, "My God, where do I start?"

The answer always is: "Start somewhere. Look for the most obvious place and start there."

When I was eleven years old I lived in the Point Noir community. Shelby Matte (son of Etienne Matte of Church Point) was a young man. He was courting his future wife, Virginia Thibodeaux (daughter of Phidias Thibodeaux) who lived farther down the road from where we lived. Shelby had a fast and beautiful buggy horse, a brand new buggy equipped with rubber tires! and a colorful lap robe! This was 1934 – the buggy was still king, a

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Latiolais named 1998 Buggy Festival King

Lloyd Latiolais has been named King of the 1998 Church Point Buggy Festival.

Latiolais has always had an interest in buggies, purchasing his first, an old doctor’s buggy, in 1965. He shared this hobby with his father, Frank Latiolais. The two of them would ride in local parades as early as 1966.

Today he is the owner of four buggies: a 1962 one seater; a topless buggy made in Quebec, Canada; a two seater acquired in 1996, purchased in Senor, Missouri and made by the Amish; and an old buckboard he recently remade. The two seater is frequently used for weddings and special occasions, such as showing dignitaries around town.

Latiolais has always been employed in Church Point. From 1953-1957, he worked at Vincent Bergeron Station. He went to work at Theo Daigle & Bro in February 1957 and remained there until June 1967. In June 1967 until December 1997, he managed NAPA Motor Parts and Supply.

He was an active member of the Church Point Volunteer Fire Department from January 1960-1989. He served as Assistant Fire Chief, and later as Fire Chief for eight years. He is a member of the Volunteer Fire Department and lifetime member of the Louisiana State Firemens Association. Today he is an honorary member of the Volunteer K.C. Council, and is married to Mattie Breaux Latiolais. They have five children and 14 grandchildren, whom Latiolais enjoys taking for buggy rides.