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In keeping with its title as Buggy Capital of the World, which was probably really the case at one time, the town of Church Point holds an annual Buggy Festival. All proceeds from the activities of those four days go to benefit the Acadia-St. Landry Hospital.

The Acadia-St. Landry Medical Foundation was chartered June 9, 1982 as a non-profit organization in its efforts to support the Acadia-St. Landry Hospital. Two fund raisers were planned in its early beginning, a benefit day, held at the Saddle Tramp Rider's Club and a door to door campaign in a community get-together to save our local hospital.

This year's Buggy Festival will take place May 29, 30, 31 and June 1. On those four days, glimpses can be seen of our pioneer past. Pioneer Americans-Pioneer Acadians. As Americans, determined that the revolution that gave us rights to our own destiny as a nation was not fought in vain. As Acadians, determined that the bloody times of the exile from a rightful home in Nova Scotia will never be repeated. It was determined that what was good for the community had to be defended, supported, and promoted for the good of all!

There are things from the past that cannot be taken into the future. Traveling by buggy today on a main highway would be highly impractical and terribly dangerous. There are things from the past, however that should not be left behind. The close-knit community of pioneer days, when it was absolutely necessary that all members of a community join with others in order to survive, may be part of the present and future.

Church Point has a hospital that the community built, but without community support, it could close its doors. Should this happen, it could become virtually impossible to ever open it again without government help.

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LOVELY CONTESTANTS - Twelve contestants took part in the Buggy Festival Queen's pageant held Saturday night, May 30 in the Church Point High Gym. The contestants are, seated from left, Alaina Burleigh, Lewisburg; Marsha Scallisi, Kaplan; Elizabeth Lawson, Crowley; Erica Wilson, Church Point; back from left, Dawn Quibodeaux, Mire; Kim Fontenot, Church Point; Candice Stanford, Church Point (Miss Church Point); Jade Guidry, Rayne; Desiree Bourque, Port Barre; Megan Richardson, Lake Charles; Traci Donellan, Waggaman, La. and Janea Latiolais, Church Point.

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Visiting queens attend pageant

The 1998 Church Point Buggy Festival Queen was graced by many beautiful queens garbed in robes and crowns. They were introduced and made a grand entrance during the pageant. The queens were the following:

- Taylor Smith, Queen of Queens 1998; April Nicole Leger, 21st Gueydan Duck Queen; Charmaine Landry, National Miss LA Cajun; Brandy Campbell, Queen Ray’la’ne I; Brook Henry, Princess Ray’la’ne I; Brittany Aube, LA Cotton Festival Queen; Erin Keenan, Miss Bunny; Regina Menard, Erath’s Miss 4th of July; April Delcambre, Jr, Shrimp Queen; Cherie Bourque, Miss Etoffice; Ashlie Frederick, 52nd Queen of Yambiile; Mary Penaire, LA Oyster Queen XXIX; Jaimee Gandy, Rayne Lions Club Frog Derby Queen; Keri Andruss, Miss Basile; Rachel West, Miss Teen Basile; Haley Dubroc, LA Cajun Culture and Music Club; Jesalyn Hoychick, Miss Teen Eunice; Miller Ham’s, LA Cattle Queen 49; Casey Landreneau, Boggy Bayou Queen; Erica Bordelon, LA Mardi Gras Queen and Jenny Wise, Frog Festival Queen.

Young Aces featured

Featured entertainers at the Buggy Festival will be young people of the community and surrounding area. The Young Aces, who will be playing on Saturday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

All Cajun youth musicians in the Young Aces are 18 years old and under. The youngest musician to play at the Buggy Festival will be little Macy Cormier, three years old. Local favorites are Blake Thibodeaux, accordion; Mary Tweedel, accordion and vocalist; Lewis Drounet, fiddle; Mathew Cormier, guitar, fiddle, drums, accordion and vocalist; Wyatt Forman, bass guitar and accordion; Mathew Courville, accordion and harmonica; Christopher Dwyer, drums; Mitch Lanclos, accordion; Jason Bageron, fiddle and accordion; Seth Guidry, accordion; Macy Cormier, scrub board; Hillary Guidry, triangle and vocalist.

QUEEN’S MEMORABILIA - Looking over the table are Casey Landreneau of Ville Platte, Buggy Queen Aimee’ Hebert were placed on the Queen’s Table set up for the Buggy Festival Queen's Pageant. Photo by Diana Daigle

BUGGY RIDERS ENTERTAIN ON TOUR - Accompanying the Goodwillers on the Buggy Festival Promotional Tour to Port Arthur, TX, were the Buggy Riders Band headed by Elton “Bee” Cormier. Band members are, front, Freddie Hanks, Alexis Jagneaux Jr. and Mary Tweedel; back from left, Edmond Thibodeaux, Jr., Rex Champagne, and by Mr. Elton “Bee” Cormier. Band Hoffspair and Laura Jagneaux.

PUBLICIZING BUGGY FESTIVAL - These young ladies were among the many Goodwillers who made the trip to Port Arthur, TX, May 19 and 20 to publicize the 1998 Church Point Buggy Festival. They are, 1997 Buggy Festival Queen Aimee’ Herbert, Mary Tweedel, accordion player, 1997 Miss Church Point Candice Stanford a candidate for the 1998 Buggy Festival Queen and Monica Lyons, past Buggy Festival Queen.
Group visits Port Arthur

Two buses of Goodwillers on the Buggy Festival Promotional Tour left Church Point early Tuesday, May 19 for Port Arthur, Texas to invite their Texas friends to attend the 1998 Church Point Buggy Festival which will be held June 4 through June 7 on the City Park grounds next to Church Point Elementary.

The group included the Cajun Ladies, queens, a band and others interested in having a good time and making known the activities going on at the festival.

The first stop for the group was in Beaumont where they visited a nursing home. There, they enjoyed a Texas gumbo. Residents were entertained by band members from Church Point, Elton "Bee" Cormier, J. B. David, Mary Tweedel.

The next stop was at City Park in Port Arthur where they were met with dignitaries and others anxious to visit and hear the band perform. From there they visited an Italian Villa and then on to the hotel to rest and prepare for the night's activities.

Evening took them to the Rodair Club where the Church Point band members entertained. There was dancing and a gumbo supper.

A mass was held at a Port Arthur church on Wednesday morning. The band again played for the mass and the Goodwillers were introduced to the congregation.

The approximately 75 Goodwillers were served breakfast in the church hall.

Later the group visited a monument, a large statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which was built by Viet Nam residents as a thanksgiving memorial.

The 1997 Buggy Festival Queen Aimee' Hebert, 1997 Miss Church Point Candice Stanford, Buggy Festival Queen Evangeline Richard and Cajun Queen Lorraine Fuselier were among the many who made the trip.

EMMA AND FRANK LATIOLAIS - In this painting by Anthony Wimberly, Lloyd Latiolais' parents, Frank and Emma Latiolais, are drawn riding in the first buggy he owned.

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T-TINY MR. - From left, King Logan Mitchell Bergeron; first runner-up Jacob Ray Bergeron; second runner-up Alex Newman Michael and third runner-up Tony Wayne Thibodeaux, II.

BABY MISS - From left, Queen McKenzie Fruge; first runner-up Kennedy Sha Roy; second runner-up Ali Brook Fontenot and third runner-up Emily Kathryn Hendricks.

TINY MR. - From left, King Andrew Antley; first runner-up Kyle Logan Wimberley, second runner-up Devin Michael Savoy and third runner-up Christopher Prather.

TINY MISS - From left, Queen Alexis Loren Thibodeaux; first runner-up Ann-Alyce Laverge; second runner-up Taylor Paige Richard and not shown, third runner-up Heidi Rae Clark.

LITTLE MR. - From left, King Lane Michael Faul; first runner-up Taylor Lane LeJeune; second runner-up Caleb Thibodeaux and third runner-up Jordan Cale Davis.
PETITE MISS - From left, Queen Haley Nicole Comeaux; first runner-up Jasmine Faith Briscoe; second runner-up Kelsey Primeaux and third runner-up Halie Joubert.

TODDLER MR. - From left, King Kaleb Morgan Daigle; first runner-up Deontole Charlotte and second runner-up Tyler Rayon.

LITTLE MISS - From left, Queen Sunnie Brooke Nacio; first runner-up Chelsea Marie Cormier; second runner-up Malary Forest and third runner-up Kristin Blair Arnold.

DEB MISS - From left, Queen Victoria Arceneaux; first runner-up Amber Stanford; second runner-up Haley Bourque and third runner-up Elizabeth Ashley Bertrand.

JUNIOR MISS - From left, Queen Ashley Arnaud; first runner-up Sarah Bourque; second runner-up Lauren E. Schexneider and third runner-up Diawana Nichole Thibodeaux.

TEEN MISS - From left, Queen Erica Stelly; first runner-up Natasha Simone Romero; second runner-up Shea Denise Lavergne and third runner-up Tiffany Boudreaux.

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Since these people do not use modern technology, the buggy and wagon are still their only means of transportation. Until 1941, the Acadians of southwest Louisiana were listed as the second largest users of buggies.

PAGEANT JUDGES - Judges for the Queen's Pageant are shown here with pageant chairman Virgie Courville. Judges for the pageant were seated, Jody Flanagan of Lake Charles and Tammy Stelly of Arnaudville. Standing were Virgie Courville and Barbara Sanders of Arnaudville. Photo by Diana Daigle
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