Cottonport celebrates 100 years on Nov. 4-6

COTTONPORT — The 100th anniversary of Cottonport will be celebrated Nov. 4-6 with three days of entertainment, including a parade, grand ball and fireworks display.

Activities will begin on Nov. 4 with a theatre production and continue until that Sunday with gospel singers, races and political speaking on a river boat.

The entire town will participate in the centennial celebration with events that include a tour of homes and the honoring of the oldest residents by the Avoyelles Council on Aging.

Booths, displaying arts and crafts or selling food items, will be set up along Dr. Henry Kaufman Avenue on Nov. 5-6. Also, memorabilia will be on display at the museum located in the lobby of the old Cottonport Bank.

A schedule of events, listing dates and times, follows.

• Nov. 4 — 7 p.m., production of “Une Noce Cadidienne” by the Moncla Theatre Players.
• Nov. 5 — noon, procession to the People’s Cross for Ecumenical services; 1:45 p.m., Cotton Queen dedication, presentation of centennial quilt, Centennial 2-mile Race; 2 p.m., booths open, live entertainment on the Cotton Queen, senior citizens tea; 2:45 p.m., games and contests (pig catching contest, frog race, sack race, hoop race and chicken catching contest), horseshoe tournament; 3 p.m., tour of homes departs from Cottonport High School gymnasium; 6 p.m., booths close; 8 p.m., Centennial Ball at the American Legion Hall.
• Nov. 6 — 9:30 a.m., Mass at St. Mary Assumption Church; 10 a.m., booths open; 10:15 a.m., gospel groups on Cotton Queen; 10:45 a.m., games (canoe race, lizard race, duck calling demonstration and horseshoe tournament finals); noon, political speaking on Cotton Queen; 1 p.m., entertainment on Cotton Queen; 1:30 p.m., Confederate Air Force fly-over; 2 p.m., parade; 4 p.m., commemorative plaque unveiling; and 5 p.m., closing ceremonies on Cotton Queen.