Crab Festival Slated June 28, 29

LACOMBE — The soft shell crab will be honored during the fourth annual Bayou Lacombe Crab Festival on Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29.

Crab races have been added to the activities for this year’s festival. Participants may enter their own crab for $1 or use one chosen from the crab paddock near the track. Jockeys will be given water pistols to urge their crabs across the finish line.

On Saturday, the festival opens around 11 a.m. with a parade of music program. This includes impromptu performances, the U.S. Navy Steel Band, and John Crowe and the Crowe Brothers Band. On Sunday, the Crab Festival Queen will be introduced and Allen Fontenot and his Country Cajuns will perform.

Contest planned include belly bucking, arm wrestling, bubble blowing.

Lacombe artist Helen Herdliska has painted an original work in honor of the festival and limited edition prints will be available at the festival. This is Mrs. Herdliska’s first attempt at poster art; she previously worked mainly with watercolors and has recently turned to etching.

Crab Fest IV will be held in the Lacombe Park. The village is located on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain on U.S. 190 between Mandeville and Slidell.