7th Annual
Creole Families
Bastille Day Festival
2016

July 16
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Northside Civic Center
704 N. Soileau St.
Ville Platte, LA 70586
Programme:
Louisiana Creole, French, & Acadian NEWSFLASH!
Are You Ready To Come Out And Celebrate Louisiana, All of Her People, Her Food, Faith & Culture?

La France Nous Parle-Toujours! Creole Families' Bastille Day Heritage Festival & Commemoration! Louisiana's diverse Creoles all share the French cultural heritage language, and both France and American Creoles treasure our democratic values of freedom, equality and brotherhood! And, we love our shared Louisiana-based multi-ethnic people, food, music and traditions which we will again celebrate.

Schedule/Programme:
Bienvenu a la fete de Bastille de Familles Creoles!
A. Welcome & Introduction by President Gene Buller who Leads Pledge of Allegiance (in substitution of Mayor if not present) introduces schedule of events.
B. Holy Mass, Benediction of the Ancestors & Families present w/ Fr. Jason Vidrine, St. Anthony's Catholic Church & Chief John Mayeux w/ the Native American benediction. C. Bastille Day Champagne Toast w/ Dr Charles Fontenot & Mr Eugene Fontenot honoring roll call/recognition of special guest Creoles whose work, support, friendship, teaching, art, publishing & writings have contributed to the preservation of our French & Creole heritage & culture. (List Attached). Special guests, Dr & Madame Olivier Chatelain de Pronville of France will be present. Dr. Olivier will present a special message of our close cultural ties to France! D. Public Lecture by V.P. Author-scholar John LaFleur II: "Our Rich Louisiana Creole & French Cultural Heritage-La France Nous Parle-Toujours!" E. Special Talk by Ms Donna Demourelle-Johnson of Evangeline Genealogical & Historical Society: "The First Families of Ville Platte." F. Special Announcement & Debut of "C'est Bon! Old Creole Herb & Spice of Louisiana A World of Flavor!" John L. introduces BIC members and goals!
- Lunch/Dejeuner a la Creole avec Chef John LaFleur: Our delicious Creole Hot dogs, Bremes la Sauce Bearnaise Creole (Creole stewed eggplant) Creole hotdogs, la limonade, dessert. - Musique et Danse contest winners
- Creole Ladies' Summer Beaux Chapeaux Contest-Winners, TBA! Au-revoir et Bonne Fete a tout le monde! Et que Dieu vous benit!

CREOLE FAMILIES' BASTILLE DAY HERITAGE FESTIVAL HONOREES
List 2016!
Please share & hopefully, be there with us!

Congratulations to all of you for everything you do, write, and say to clearly honor, state, defend, promote, explain, educate, illustrate, exhibit and teach others about Louisiana's diverse Creole people, our common heritage and culture!

On July 16, 2016, at 9:30 am, we will honor and salute the following 41 Louisiana, French & Acadian Creoles during our champagne toast at the Ville Platte Civic Center, 704 N. Soileau St., after our commemorative mass on behalf of our diverse Louisiana Creole ancestors.

Alex Lee & Donna Demourelle Johnson, genealogists
Waven Boone, Louisiana Creole-Cajun artist
Phoebe & Norris Fontenot, South Louisiana photography
Dr Rhonda Fink-Pucheau & Mr John Pucheau, Mr Jim Soileau & Martel Ardoin (Mark Layne) KVPI-Louisiana French radio
Mr Roland & Michael Hebert, cultural heritage publicity
Mr David Ortego, VP Gazette
Mayor-Emeritus, Bill Jeannard, architecture
Brian Costello, Pointe Coupee, Randy DeCuir & Mr Carlos Mayeux, Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana history, genealogy & heritage
Ms. Etha Amling, St. Landry Parish genealogy, cultural history.
Ms. Carola Hartley, Opelousas/St. Landry Parish history.
Mr & Mrs Jeremy Semien, social media Creole history, culture, education, & portrait collectors
Nick Douglas, New Orleans, Louisiana Creole cultural history, author of "Finding Octave..."
Ms Janelle Mercier, social media, Creole food, & culture.
Mr. Gabe Smith, Creole cultural social media & Christian enthusiast.
Ms. Mary Gehman, author, Creole historian & retired publisher of Louisiana authors.
Dr. Chris Landry for his dedication to researching and publishing the history of the political-cultural identities of Louisiana.
Ms Robin White, Nicholls State Univ., French & Louisiana Creole cultural education.
Mr Joseph Dunn, promotion of Louisiana Creole culture & French acquisition.
Mr Boisy Pitre, Louisiana Creole cultural enthusiast, musician, intellectual.
Ms Mardell Vidrine-Sibley, Louisiana Creole cultural awareness & education.
Fr. Jason Vidrine, Louisiana Creole & Acadian spiritual & cultural education
Mr. Blake Vidrine, Pharmacist, Creole Families' Festival patron, enthusiast.
Dr. Charles Fontenot, M.D. Supporter/Patron Louisiana Creole Families' Bastille Day Fest sponsor
Mr. Eugene S. Fontenot, Euco Finance, patron, supporter/sponsor Creole Families' Bastille Day Fest.
Mr. Kent Bone, Missouri French Creole Activist & cultural historian.
Dr. & Madame Olivier Chatelain de Pronville; Special French official attaché of French Consul-General, M. Raymond Hinz will honor us with his presence and comments!
Ms Darla Montgomery, Louisiana Television anchor & Creole Families' cultural education enthusiasts.
Ms. Pam Rivers-McGee for Ville Platte beautification & architectural restoration.
Wanda Schultz & Mr. Sidney Schmidt, New Orleans Creole Education-
Dr. Ina Fandrich, New Orleans Creole Educ. & tourism.
Mr. J.D. Soileau, Louisiana Creole cultural enthusiast, artifact collection.
Mr. David Ellzey, contributions to research, book formatting & editing Creole cultural & commercial content.
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Buller, supporters Creole families festival & cultural education.
Mr & Mrs. Mark Jenkins, BIC LLC Creole commerce.
All of our sponsor-patrons Teet's Food Store, Rixby Manual's Auto Sales, V.P. Farm Bureau, Papa Gator's, JD Bank, Mr Terrell Fontenot's Southern Quality Ford Dealership, Dr. Charles's Fontenot M.D., Blake's Pharmacy & Gifts, Citizens' Bank, Tate's Men & Boys, Euco Finance, Soileau Industries, Evangeline Bank & Trust Co., VP Wal-mart, Bobby Dardeau's Bonnes Nouvelles magazine, law Office of Jonathan Vidrine, Gurvis Upholstery Shop and the City of Ville Platte's Town Council & Mayor Jennifer Vidrine for all of your unflinching support!
Congratulations to all, for all you've done and will continue to do that our children and all posterity and the world may know that the descendants of Louisiana's Creole peoples and delicious culture are alive and well!