Grande Boucherie des Cajun

The annual Grande Boucherie des Cajun in St. Martinville is scheduled to get under way on Feb. 25 with Cajun music, food and fun. The celebration is being sponsored by the St. Martinville Jaycees and will be held in St. Martinville Northside City Park.

Cajun rock bands such as Wayne Toups and Zydecajun, Harold Leger, Rufus Thibodeaux, Rodney Miller and the Musical Kings, Warren Storm and Acadiana Breakdown have been lined up to perform during the all-day festival. They will begin playing at 9 a.m. and continue until 5:30 p.m.

Among other attractions at the boucherie will be a Storytellers Tent, sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Foods and beverages of all kinds will also be sold in order to tantalize appetites.

The boucherie is the celebration of a traditional Acadian Custom—butchering a pig for a huge community feast.

Since food storage was a problem for the early Cajuns and one family could not eat an entire hog before it spoiled, several families would gather to slaughter and butcher a hog.

The day was spent making boudin and gratons and stuffing sausage. What followed was much merriment and feasting.

The Jaycees say they sponsor the annual celebration, which was revived by St. Martinville native, Mac Greig, to keep the Cajun tradition alive.

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