Boucherie

Steaming water boils in a black pot as Jaycees in the background scrape the bristles off a freshly killed hog during last year's Grand Boucherie des Cajuns in St. Martinville. The Jaycees are expecting another big crowd of visitors for their annual festival which is scheduled for Sunday, March 1 in the city park. (File Photo)

Jaycees release

Boucherie schedule

St. Martinville -- In the true Cajun tradition, the St. Martinville Jaycees will bring the fatted hog to the slaughter for its annual La Grande Boucherie Des Cajun March 1.

Plans for the event which has grown into a major festival are under way, says publicity chairman Allen Theriot and the Jaycees say they expect St. Martinville's population to more than triple on the day of the hog killing.

Last year about 25,000 attended the festival.

This year's boucherie is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and continuing throughout the day at the City Park.

The highlight of the day-butchering the hog is set for 10:45 a.m. with a lunch menu of "Cajun Power" Fricassee, boudin, hoghead cheese, cracklin, pig ears, etc. to follow at 11 a.m.

A fais-do-d' featuring Cajun bands like Good Rockin Dupsie, T.K. Hulin, the Romero Bros., Nancy Tabb and Sam 5, will get the festival rolling at 9 a.m.

When festival goers aren't eating or dancing, they can tour displays of Cajun arts, crafts, and demonstrations from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Activities like art displays, rooster fights, wood carving and jewelry displays will be featured.

Ice chests and glass bottles will not be allowed on the park grounds.