La Grande Boucherie des Cajuns on tap in St. Martinville Feb. 13

ST. MARTINVILLE — La Grande Boucherie des Cajuns is scheduled to get under way Feb. 13 with Cajun music, food and fun.

Events are to be held in St. Martinville’s Northside City Park.

Cajun bands have been lined up to perform during the all-day festival, say officials with the St. Martinville Jaycees, sponsors of the annual event.

Bands scheduled to perform this year include Acadiana Breakdown, the Nik-L Beer Band and Roddie Romero and the Rockin’ Cajuns. The bands will begin playing at 10 a.m. and continue until 5:30 p.m.

Other attractions include an arts and crafts exhibit featuring many Cajun toys and artifacts. Foods and beverages of all types will also be available.

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

Because 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, crackling’s and sausage.

The St. Martinville Jaycees sponsor the annual celebration, revived by the late Mac Greig who hoped to keep the Cajun tradition alive.