Revon Reed, a resident of Mamou, was named "Cajun of the Year" by the Cajun French Music Association (CFMA) during its annual music festival held at the Northwest Community Center in Kaskaskia.

Reed was presented a plaque by Elton "Bee" Cormier of Church Point. Cormier, who has been a French musician for many years, was the first person recognized at Cajun of the Year by the CFMA last year.

The award was presented by Hazley Castille, who chaired the selection committee that reviewed the nominations made by CFMA members.

On making the presentation, Hazley, a well known Cajun musician, reviewed the events that led to the committee's decision.

"After World War II, following his discharge in 1943, Reed returned to Mamou and took a teaching job at Mamou High School. He was soon distressed to learn that in the late 1940s the Cajun language and Cajun music was being lost. Reed worked for United Press and the Cajun language and Cajun music was on the decline. He started a "Cajun Radio" which helped support the French Language. Without Reed's efforts, Cajun culture would have died out.

"Cajun of the Year" is a recognition the French Music Association makes to those who have contributed in some way to the preservation and popularization of Cajun music. The award is presented annually during the annual music festival in Mamou.

Reed is a prolific musician and composer who has been involved in the Cajun music scene for many years. He has recorded numerous albums and has performed at many festivals and events. His music has been recognized and praised for its authenticity and cultural significance.