



## 2018 Calendar of Events

Events are current as of Dec. 22, 2017. Please check [www.MostCajun.com](http://www.MostCajun.com) for the most current calendar. VPTC is not responsible for submitted events. Information contained in this calendar is the responsibility of the individual event planners. Events are subject to change without notice. It is best to confirm dates before making travel plans. Thank you!

### On-going Exhibits & Events

**Held every other Saturday beginning 1/6: Cajun Jam Sessions.** Museum Cafe, Erath. Enjoy live Cajun music. 2-6 pm. 337-937-0012.

**Held every other Saturday beginning 1/13: Touchet's Jam Sessions.** Touchet's Bar, Hwy. 167, Maurice. Live music and dancing. 2-6 pm. Free. 337-893-9882, [www.touchetsbar.com](http://www.touchetsbar.com).

**Held throughout the year: Induction of Living Legends.** Museum Café, Erath. Join the Acadian Museum as they recognize and induct individuals who have helped to shape and define our Cajun culture into the Order of Living Legends. Live Cajun music at the Museum Café. Music, 2-6 p.m.; Induction Ceremony 4 p.m. 4 pm. Free. 337-233-5832, [www.acadianmuseum.com](http://www.acadianmuseum.com)

**1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14, 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, 9/8, 10/13, 11/10, 12/8: Dutch Oven Cooking in the Campground.** Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Join the Latanier Cookers for a Dutch oven cooking demonstration and taste testing at noon. 9 am-1 pm. \$2 per person to enter the Park. 337-893-2470.

**3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3, 12/1: Delcambre Seafood and Farmers Market.** Bayou Carlin, Delcambre. Open air market with local produce, fresh seafood, music and more. 9 am-1 pm. Free. 800-884-6120 ext. 6, [www.delcambremarket.org](http://www.delcambremarket.org).

**3/7\*, 4/21\*, 5/19, 6/16, 7/14, 8/18, 9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 12/8\*: Abbeville's Farmers Market.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Open air market with local produce, crafts, etc. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 337-652-6148. \*3/17, 4/21 and 12/8 will be held from 8am-3 pm.

**Held the last Saturday of the month from March to November: Coffee and Music.** Kaplan Museum, Kaplan. Enjoy a cup of coffee, doughnuts, cracklins and boudin while listening to music by local musicians. 9:30-11 am. Free. 337-643-1528.

**TBA: Erath's Farmers Market.** Downtown Erath. Open air market with local produce, fresh seafood, crafts and more. 8 am-1 pm. Free. 337-522-2338.

### January

**1/15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade & Festival.** AA Comeaux Park to Herod Village, Abbeville. A celebration of the life and doctrine of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with youth activities, parade and ceremony at Herod Village. Parade begins 10 am. Free. 337-893-8646, 337-893-2766.

**1/20: Erath Project Graduation Gumbo Cook-off.** QSA RV Park, Erath. Gumbo cook-off, music, live and silent auction and more. Gates open at 8 am with judging and serving at 1 pm. Music begins at 1:30 pm. Admission \$5, kids 5 and under, free. 337-257-1994.

**1/20: Le Krewe de le Originales et les Enfants Mardi Gras Run.** Duck Festival Grounds, Gueydan. Join us for a traditional Mardi Gras run and trail ride through the country with chicken throws throughout the ride. Run is followed by a dance. 9 am-10 pm. 337-247-0555

**1/28: VC- Carmel Beignet Boogie 5K Run.** VC-Mount Carmel School Grounds, Abbeville. 5K Fun Run for the whole family with fresh cooked beignets at the finish line. Proceeds to benefit Mt. Carmel and Vermilion Catholic School. 7:30 am-noon. Free to attend, \$30 to participate in 5K. 337-898-0859, [www.mceschool.org](http://www.mceschool.org)

### February

**2/13: Chic-A-La-Pie Mardi Gras Parade.** Kaplan. Family-friendly, old-fashioned Mardi Gras parade. 2 pm. Free. 337-643-8602, [chicalapie@yahoo.com](mailto:chicalapie@yahoo.com).

**2/17: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Don Dugas Memorial Fin, Fur & Feather Cook-off.** 5515 W. LA Hwy 688, Erath (across from Don's Boat Landing). Cook-off, DJ, silent and live auction at 2 pm, live music by the GTO Party Band from 6-10 pm and more. Sponsored by the Henry Volunteer Fire Department. 6am-10 pm. Admission \$5, kids 10 & under free, Entry fee for cook-off. 337-201-2876, 337-652-7347

**2/24: Cracklin' Cooking Demonstration.** Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Join the Friends Group for a crackling demonstration and tasting. 8 am-2 pm. \$2 per person to enter the Park. 337-652-2484, [www.friendsofpalmetto.org](http://www.friendsofpalmetto.org)

### March

**TBA: Sounds in the Square Spring Concert Series.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music concert series with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-893-8550, 337-893-4110.

**3/3: A Louisiana Saturday Night & Chili Cook-off.** Quality Sports Authority & RV Park, Erath. Join QSA for a chili cook-off followed by live music. All proceeds from the event go to help youth recreational programs provided by QSA. Cook-off starts at 8 am, judging at 1 pm, music from 2 pm-midnight. \$10 per person, \$30 per cook-off entry. 337-937-4360.

**3/10: St. Pat's Comedy for a Cause.** Magdalen Place, Abbeville. Join the Rotary Club of Abbeville for an evening of food, beverages, comedy by Cowboy Bill and music. All proceeds from the event benefit a community project. Social hour begins at 5 pm, dinner and comedy show at 6 pm, music following. Admission. 337-893-6798.

**3/17: Spring Downtown Garage Sale.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Booths with numerous items for sale. 8 am-3 pm. Free, charge to rent a booth. 337-652-6148.

**3/17: Kaplan Arts Council Annual Zydeco Brunch.** Kaplan American Legion, Kaplan. Join us for a breakfast buffet, music, silent and live auctions, an art exhibit of student works, and a local professional artist. All proceeds from the event go back into the community in the form of scholarships awarded to graduating seniors. Sponsored by the Kaplan Arts Council and the Vermilion Parish Library. 10 am-1 pm. \$15 per person. 337-516-8140, 337-652-2898.

**3/23-24: Maltrait Memorial Spring Bazaar.** Maltrait School grounds, Kaplan. Live music, food, street fair, games, bingo, cook-off, auctions. It's fun for the whole family! Fri., 5:30-10 pm; Sat., 10 am-10 pm. Free. 337-643-7765, [www.vrml.k12.la.us/mmcs](http://www.vrml.k12.la.us/mmcs)

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**TBA: Movies Under the Oaks.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Families are invited to bring blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy the movie in Magdalen Square. Food and refreshments sold. Gates open at 5:30, movie begins at 7:30 pm. Admission \$1 to fund the downtown murals. 337-652-6148.

**4/7: 8th Annual "Stir the Pot: Seafood Cook-off and Festival."** Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Live music, seafood and wild game cook-off, nature talks, live auction, raffle and more. 10 am-5 pm. Admission \$5, kids under 3, free. 337-898-6600, [www.stirthepotcookoff.com](http://www.stirthepotcookoff.com)

**4/21: Roots Squared.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Celebrate the cultures that make Vermilion Parish special with music, food, games, arts and crafts. Held in conjunction with the April Abbeville Farmers' Market. 8 am-3 pm. Free. 337-893-8550, 337-893-4110.

## May

**5/4-5: Vermilion Carmel May Festival.** VC-Mount Carmel School Grounds, Abbeville. Family-friendly festival with live music, games, food, and entertainment. Fri. 5-11 pm, Sat. 2-11 pm. Free. 337-898-0859, [www.mceschool.org](http://www.mceschool.org), [www.vermilioncatholic.com](http://www.vermilioncatholic.com)

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**6/2: Daylily Festival and Garden Show.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. A celebration of horticulture and all that it involves. Plants, garden accessories, educational speakers, food & more all set under the beautiful oaks of Magdalen Square. Free. 8:30 am-3 pm. 337-898-4110, 337-893-2491, [www.cityofabbeville.net](http://www.cityofabbeville.net).

**6/7-10: Fishing for Memories.** Abbeville Harbor & Terminal Boat Launch, Intracoastal City. Benefit fishing rodeo for the Alzheimer's Association with cash prizes, live music, family activities and auction. Prizes awarded in 12 categories while children can win LA Lifetime Fishing Licenses. Competition begins at 12:01 am on Thursday; scales open at 8 pm on Friday with live music beginning at 8 pm; Sat. 3 pm, scales open, 5 pm children's activities and live music begins at 8:30 pm; Sun., scales open at 10:30 am, with the auction and awards ceremony beginning at 1:45 pm. Free. Tickets \$30 adults, \$10 children 12 & under. 337-254-4880, [www.FishingforMemories.org](http://www.FishingforMemories.org)

## July

**6/30-7/4: Annual Erath 4th of July Celebration.** Erath. Parade, water fights, music, pageants, carnival rides, food and a large fireworks display on July 4th, 1 pm-12:30 am. Free. 337-937-5585, [www.erath4.com](http://www.erath4.com).

**TBA: Annual Cake and Ice Cream Festival.** AA Comeaux Park, Abbeville. Cake and Ice Cream contests, music and family fun. Free. 9 am-3 pm., contest judging 1-3 p.m. 337-652-0646.

## August

**TBA: Delcambre Shrimp Festival.** Delcambre. Shrimp cook-off, pageants, fais-do-do, food, carnival rides, blessing of the fleet. Wed.-Fri. 6:30 pm; Sat. 7 am; Sun. 10 am. Admission Fri., \$5; Sat., \$10; Wed., Thurs., Sun., free. 337-685-2653, 800-884-6120, ext 7, [www.shrimpfestival.net](http://www.shrimpfestival.net).

## September

**TBA – Sounds in the Square Fall Series.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music concert series with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-893-8550, 337-893-4110.

**TBA: Friends of Palmetto Island Plate Lunch Sale.** Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. The Friends Group will be selling Pork Steak plate lunches to help raise funds to assist the Park. Pick up in front of the Park Entrance Station. \$8 per plate. 337-652-2484, [www.friendsofpalmetto.org](http://www.friendsofpalmetto.org)

**9/20-23: Gueydan Duck Festival.** Duck Festival Park, Gueydan. Duck Calling Contest, Skeet Shooting Competition, pageant, cooking contests, music, food, parade, carnival and more. Admission \$10 (Fri.-Sat.) 337-536-6456, [www.duckfestival.org](http://www.duckfestival.org).

## October

**TBA – Sounds in the Square Fall Series.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Live music concert series with refreshments sold by Allumé Society. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free. 337-893-8550, 337-893-4110.

**TBA: Annual LA Cajun Food Fest.** Downtown, Kaplan. A fun filled day with food, arts and crafts, family fun in the Park and live music beginning at 9:30 am. Admission \$5, kids 10 & under free. 337-652-8390, [www.facebook.com/lacajunfoodfestival](http://www.facebook.com/lacajunfoodfestival)

**10/12-14: LA Cattle Festival and Fair Association.** Abbeville. Celebrating the Cattle Industry with food, pageants, parades, livestock show, arts and crafts, carnival rides and live music. Fri., 6 pm-midnight; Sat. 11 am-midnight; Sun. 11 am-5 pm. Free. 337-385-2397, 337-652-0646, [www.louisianacattlefestival.org](http://www.louisianacattlefestival.org)

**10/27: Trick-or-Treat at Palmetto Island State Park.** Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Join the Friends group for costume contests, campsite decorating contest and trick-or-treating in the Park. \$2 per person to enter the Park. 337-652-2484, [www.friendsofpalmetto.org](http://www.friendsofpalmetto.org)

**10/31: Scare in the Square.** Magdalen Square and downtown, Abbeville. Trick-or-treating, costume contest, storyteller and more. 5-7 pm. 337-893-3973.

## November

**TBA: Taste of Vermilion.** Magdalen Place, Abbeville. A culinary showcase that allows patrons to sample some of the finest dishes from the area's best chefs. 5:30-8:30 pm. Admission. 337-893-2491.

**11/3-4: Abbeville's Giant Omelette Celebration.** Magdalen Square, Abbeville. Juried art show, egg games, great Cajun food, music and more! A 2-day family festival with a procession of chefs and the cooking of a 5,000+ egg omelette in a 12 foot skillet on Sunday afternoon. 9 am-5 pm. Free. 337-344-9232, [www.giantomelette.org](http://www.giantomelette.org)

**11/4: Annual Omelette Celebration Mass.** St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Abbeville. As part of the Omelette Celebration, a mass will be celebrated in English and French. 9 am. Free. 337-893-0244, [www.stmarymagdalenparish.org](http://www.stmarymagdalenparish.org)

**11/9: "If Headstones Could Talk..."** Old Catholic Cemetery, Abbeville. Take a guided, living history tour of the cemetery and listen as "residents" as they recount would have occurred in Abbeville in the late 1800s. 5:30-9 pm. Admission \$10. Tours depart every 30 min. Tickets at The Depot or Abbeville City Hall. 337-740-2112, 337-898-4110, [www.cityofabbeville.net](http://www.cityofabbeville.net).

**11/10: Dutch Oven "Cochon de lait" Demonstration.** Palmetto Island State Park, Abbeville. Join the Latanier Cookers for a Dutch oven cooking demonstration of a cochon de lait and taste testing at noon. 9 am-1 pm. \$2 per person to enter the Park. 337-893-2470.

## December

**TBA: Abbeville's Christmas Parade.** Downtown Abbeville. Enjoy floats decorated for Christmas, marching bands playing holiday favorites and an appearance by Santa Claus. Free. 337-652-0646.

**TBA: St. Mary Magdalen Christmas Concert.** St. Mary Magdalen Church, Abbeville. Join us for the annual concert of Christmas music featuring the St. Mary Magdalen Choir. Free. 337-893-0244, [www.stmarymagdalenparish.org](http://www.stmarymagdalenparish.org).

**TBA: Delcambre Boat Parade.** Boat docks to bridge, Delcambre. Decorated boats will parade down the Delcambre Canal. Gumbo and refreshments will be available for purchase. Free. 6:30-9 pm. 337-685-4462, [www.delcambreboatparade.com](http://www.delcambreboatparade.com).

**TBA: Christmas in the Park.** Downtown Gueydan. Family-style Christmas event with caroling, parade, fun jumps, live nativity, hot chocolate, kids' activities, Santa Workshop with elves, hayride and more. 5:30-9 pm. Free, photos with Santa and build a toy \$2. 337-536-6140.

**12/6: Abbeville's Annual Christmas Stroll.** Downtown Abbeville. A family-oriented evening of strolling, visiting, shopping and dining. Santa Claus, music, white lights all within the decorated downtown historic district. 5:30-8 pm. Free. 337-898-4110, [www.cityofabbeville.net](http://www.cityofabbeville.net).