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The Jambalaya Festival Association, chartered in 1967, invites you to mark your calendar for the 56th Annual Jambalaya Festival to be held in Gonzales, Louisiana on Memorial Day Weekend, May 26, 27, 28. Your whole family will enjoy the vast variety of food, fun, music and activities that have made the Jambalaya Festival the can't miss highlight of the year.

The festival features World

Champion Jambalaya served daily, live music and entertainment, carnival rides, cooking contests, a variety of food and so much fun it takes three days to get it all in.

On behalf of the Jambalaya Festival Association Board of Directors, we invite each one of you to come share this great South Louisiana festival with us. It will be a weekend you will never forget.



Wally Tallion

President

Jambalaya Festival Association



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What is Jambalaya?

Similar in many ways to Spanish paella, the term "jambalaya" is derived from the Spanish jamon for ham. It's pronounced "jahm-buh-LIE-uh" or "jum-buh-LIE-uh". Jambalaya found its way into Creole cookery in the late 1700's where it soon took on the flavor of added local ingredients. There are other stories of the jambalaya "myth," but the favorite comes from the Webster's dictionary which defines the word as French Louisiana for a mixture of diverse elements.

What is Jambalaya?

Today it is a Cajun/Creole dish made from a mixture of meats, rice and seasonings blended to produce a



delicious dish. It can be made (separately or all together) with ham, chicken, sausage, fresh pork, shrimp and oysters, to which is added shortening, rice, onion, garlic, pepper and other seasonings.

Starting with church fairs, which were the largest public gatherings at the turn of the century, Jambalaya

emerged from small quantity indoor cooking to become the ideal dish for outdoor cooking over hardwood fires. Big black cast iron pots made preparation so easy and economical for church use that Jambalaya was rapidly adapted for political rallies, weddings, family reunions and other affairs. No fair or political rally

around Gonzales is complete without Jambalaya cooking.

The Jambalaya Festival and World Champion Jambalaya Cooking contest is held annually in Gonzales, Louisiana. Jambalaya is economical to prepare and can be cooked in a one quart pot indoors or in a 30 gallon black pot. Jambalaya cooking is an art that must be perfected to acquire a superb blend of flavor with proper consistency. Area cooks practice continually to perfect Jambalaya that will win the title "World Champion." As you might imagine, competition is key as many cooks vie for this prestigious title. Many champions have cooked at other festivals and for foreign leaders as well as Presidents of the United States.

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Jambalaya Festival

Congratulations Carlos Braud Champ of Champs 2022

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1968 George Fairchild
1969 Uton Diez
1970 Donnie Mire
1971 Edward Braud III
1972 A. J. 'Fatty' Lessard
1973 John Graham
1974 Milton "Tibby"
Lambert



CHARLIE GAUTREAU

1975 Benoit Braud
1976 A. J. 'Fatty' Lessard
1977 'Kojak' Melancon
1978 'Dee' Gautreau

1979 Donnie Mire
1980 Norbert Loupe
1981 Richard Debate
1982 Norbert Loupe
1983 Norbert Loupe
1984 'Black' Breaux
1985 Norbert Loupe
1986 Calvin Simon
1987 Norbert Loupe
1988 Blair Lamendola
1989 Norbert Loupe



KOJAK

1990 Ricky Breaux
1991 Blair Lamendola
1992 Byron Gautreau
1993 Wally Tallion
1994 Byron Gautreau
1995 Joey Breaux
1996 Tee Wayne Abshire
1997 Byron Gautreau
1998 Kevin Braud
1999 Ricky Breaux
2000 Carlos Braud
2001 Ricky Breaux
2002 Kim LeBlanc
2003 'Stump' Marchand
2004 Kyle Frederick
2005 Ricky Breaux
2006 Mike Gonzales
2007 Jeff Parent
2008 Jody Elisar
2009 Byron Gautreau
2010 Joey Cornett
2011 Tee Wayne Abshire



FATTY LESSARD

2012 Danny Robert
2013 Scott Duplechein
2014 Robert 'Hoss' Reine
2015 Lee Elisar
2016 Robert 'Hoss' Reine
2017 Kade Lanoux
2018 Jarett Marchand
2019 Kade Lanoux
2020 (Covid Year)
2021 (Covid Year)
2022 Austin King

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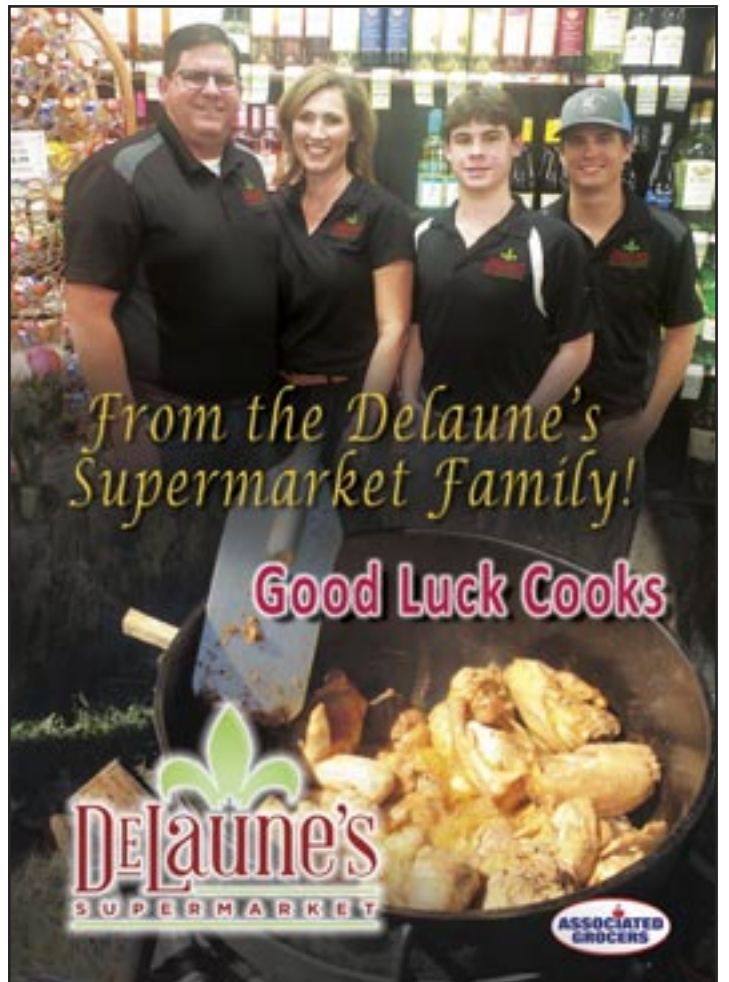
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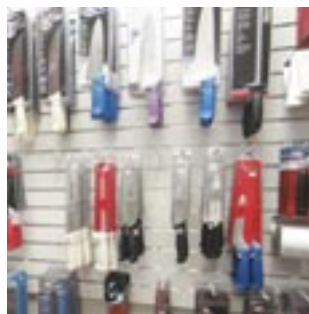
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Jambalaya Festival Band Schedule 2022

Foret Tradition

Friday May 26th
9:00 PM - Midnight



Friday, May 26

Main Stage

Damon Troy

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**Ryan Foret &
Foret Tradition**

9:00 PM - midnight

Indoor Stage

**Back Street Band
ft. Ruckle
Gautreau**

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Dustin Sonnier

9:30 PM - midnight

Cooking Area Stage

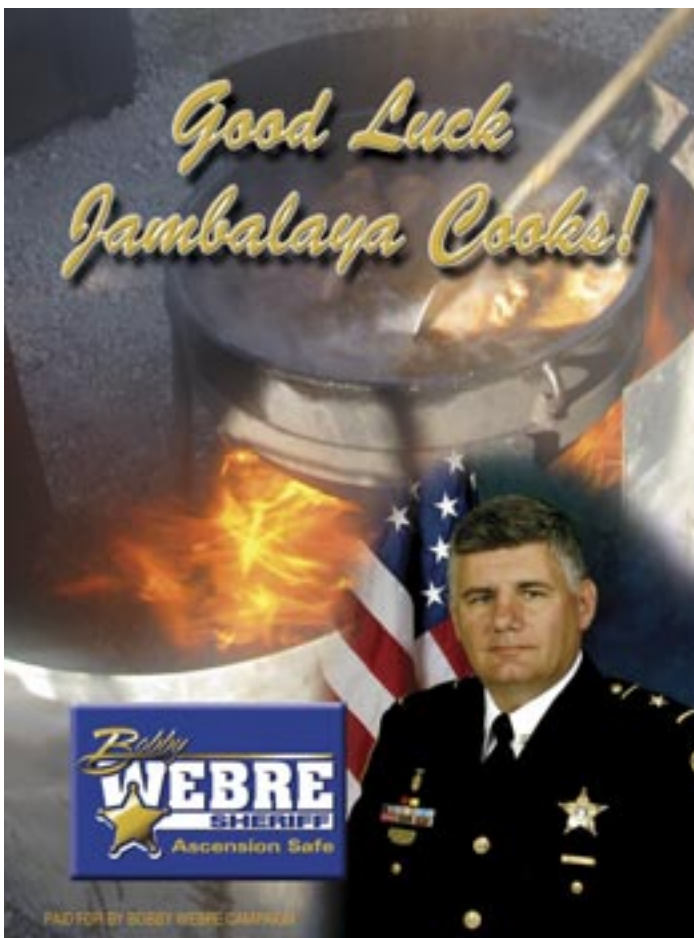
Joey Ray

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM



**Jovin Webb Experience
Saturday
4:00pm - 7:00pm**

*Good Luck
Jambalaya Cooks!*



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*Good luck to all the cooks!
Thank you Jambalaya Festival Association
for all you do for our community!*





**Saturday,
May 27**

Main Stage

Crazy Blue

11:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Justin Cornett

2:00 PM - 5:00

**Eddie Smith
Band featuring
Floyd Brown**

5:30 PM - 8:30

**Gregg Martinez
w/ TK Hulin &
Johnny Allen**

9:00 PM - Midnight

Indoor Stage

Kenny Cornett

11:30 - 1:30 PM

**Swampland
Revival**

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Mike Broussard
& Nite Train**

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

South 70 Band

9:00 PM - Midnight

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All the Cooks!*

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Sun. May 28th 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



Cooking Area Stage

**Sunday,
May 28**

T-Boy Moore & Justus

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Main Stage

Dustin Guedry

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Jovin Webb Experience

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM



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**Chris LeBlanc &
Jonatham
Boogie Long**

3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

The Mojos

8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Indoor Stage

**Rhett
Glindmeyer**

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Na Na Sha

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Don Rich

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

After 8

8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

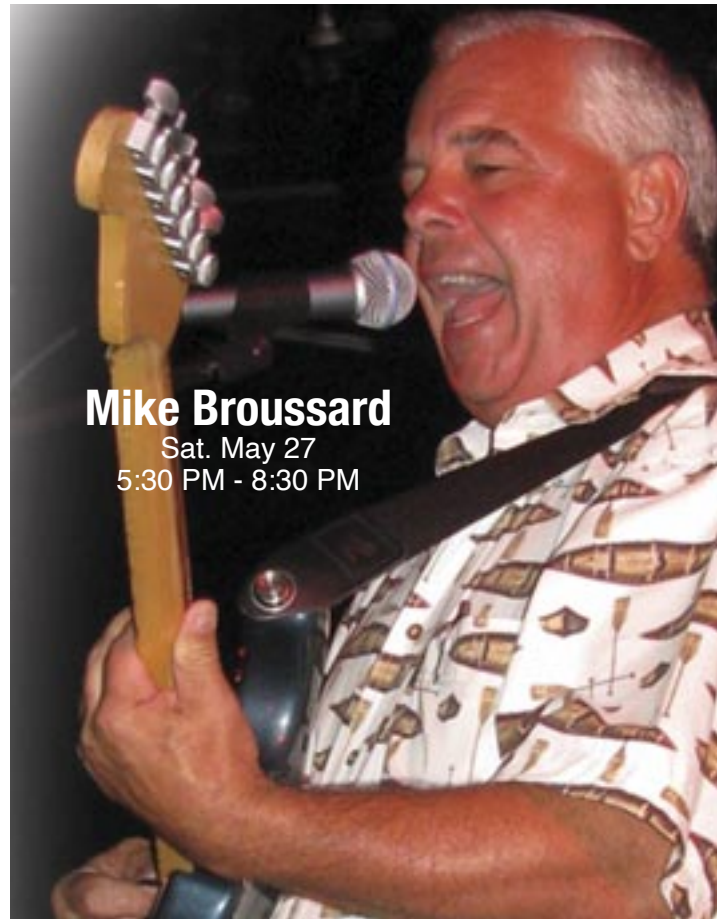
**Cooking Area
Stage**

**Ghost Riders
Band**

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Taylor Nauta

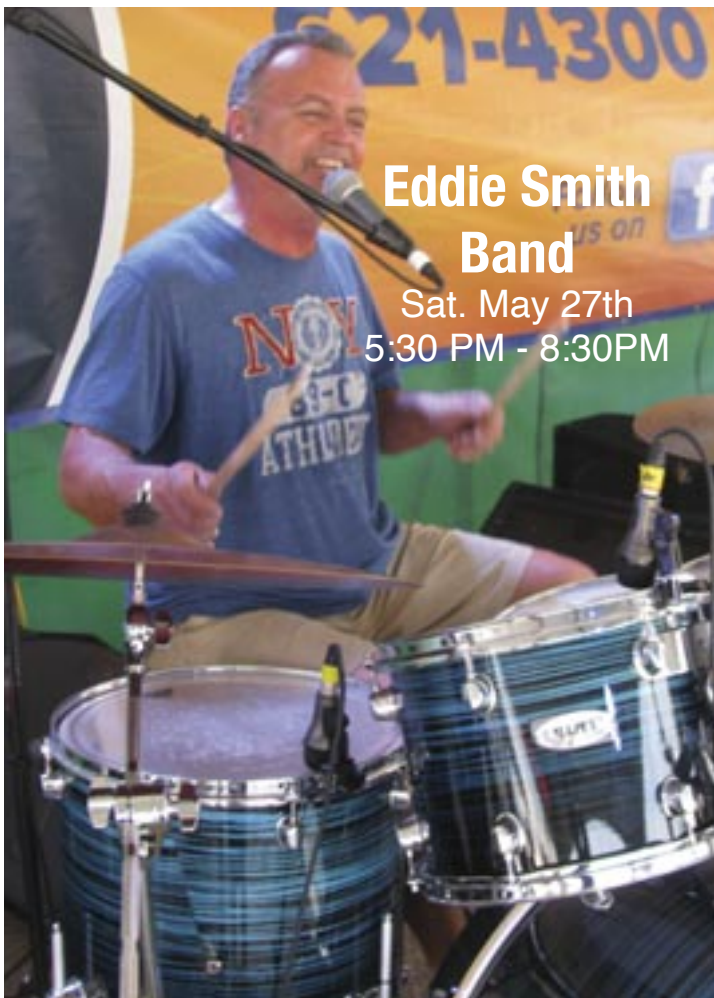
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM



Mike Broussard

Sat. May 27

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM



**Eddie Smith
Band**

Sat. May 27th
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A LOOK BACK AT 2022

Jambalaya

TOP 32 Festival

This years Jambalaya Festival hosted 77 plus cooks and after careful judging the Top 32 teams positioned themselves to cook in the Semi-Finals. This year when the names were called out they were called in the ranking position on the judging card.

This year the Top 32 was made up of seasoned veterans and many new comers. If you had a chance to see the scoring you'd be amazed how close the scores were for all of the jambalaya's.

Making the Top 32 is a mile stone of achievement and makes the teams one

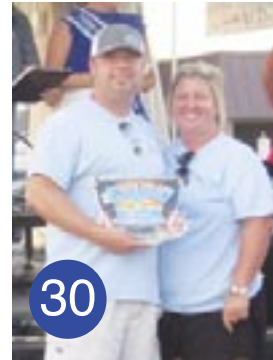
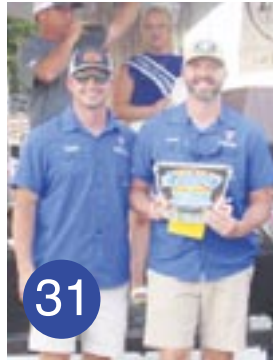
Semi-Final Heat 1

32 - Taner Bourque

31 - Daren Braud

30 - Shawn Sheets

29 - Jared Bourque



28 - Mike Gonzales

27 - Derek Diez

26 - Jared Cross

25 - Greg Stone

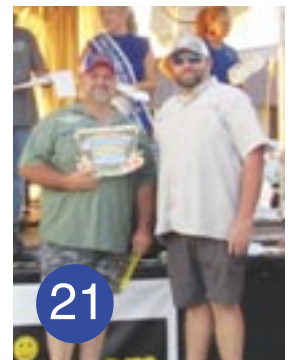
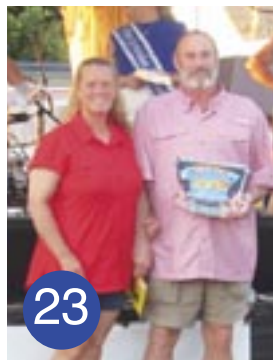
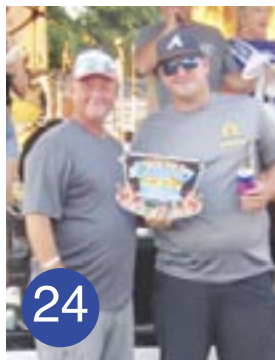


24 - Tunney King

23 - Shane Martinez

22 - Tyler Lambert

21 - Robert "Hoss"
Reine

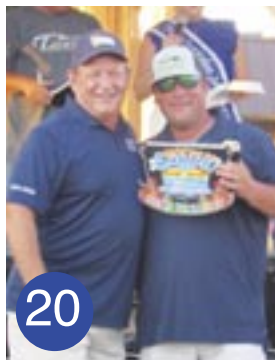


20 - Tyler Bourque

19 - Woody Woodward

18 - Dustin Gautreau

17 - Clay Parent



step closer to the Final 12 and a chance to cook for the Championship.

Ascension Magazine was present when the teams began cooking on Sunday morning.

It was hot with no rain in sight just the hard work of cooking a jambalaya on wood fires and open flames. After hours of preparing the moment of truth happens

when the lids are lifted. At that point the hopes are high for the correct color, puffed rice and the chicken flavor. Congratulations to the Top 32 cooking teams that survived the morning.

This years judges were:

*Rodney Gremillion
Freddie Hurst
David Eastridge*

*Chad Decoteau
Marty Haydel*

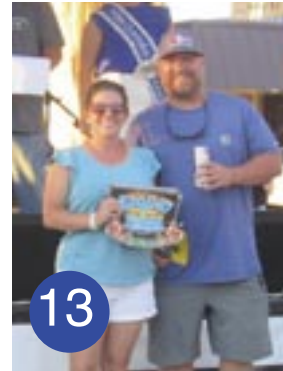
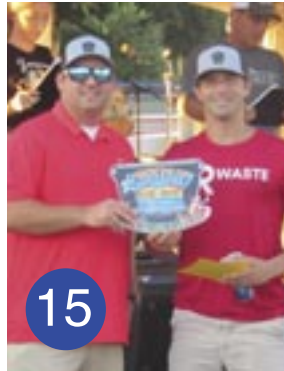
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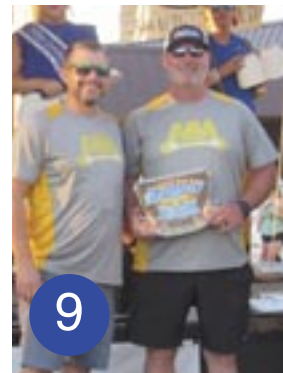
Semi-Final Heat 2

16 - Dwight Leblanc

15 - David Vidrine

14 - Shelby "Doty"
Gautreau

13 - Heath Melancon

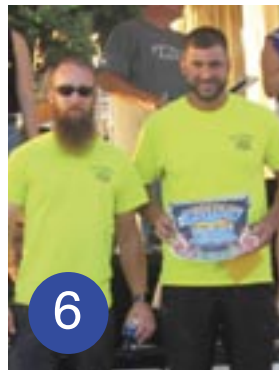
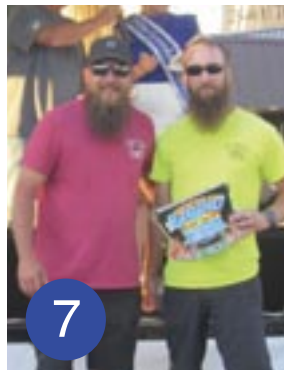
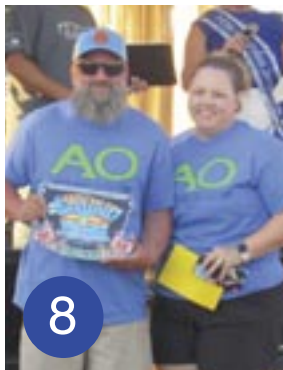


12 - Clint Broussard

11 - Curt Parent

10 - Lee Elisar

9 - Ken Cornett

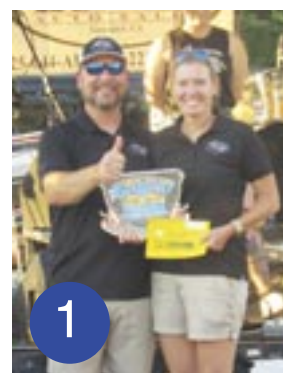
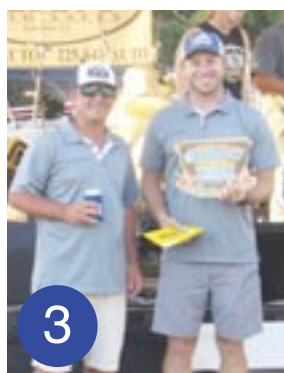
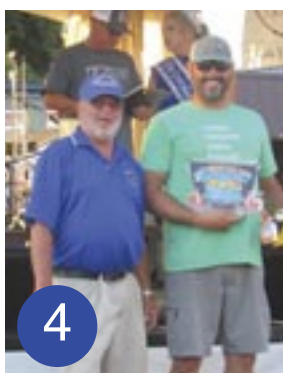


8 - Bart Himel

7 - Tyler Billingsley

6 - Kade Lanoux

5 - Austin King



4 - Adam Gautreau

3 - Brandon Elisar

2 - Justin Courville

1 - Koby Thacker

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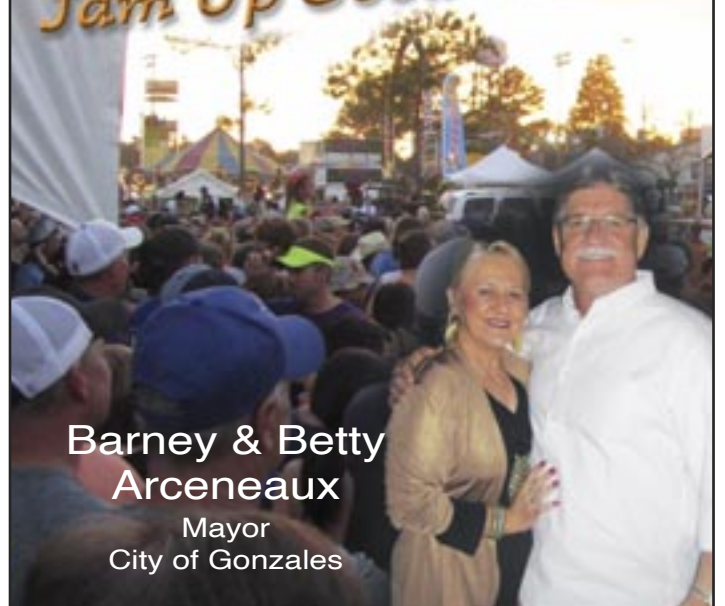
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Announcement of the Top 12 Finalist

12:00 PM Sunday May 28th Cook Area Stage



Who's Who from the Festival

Gonzales Jambalaya Festival History

1967

1st President: Steve Juneau

1968

President: Clarence Berteau
Jambalaya Champion:
George Fairchild
Queen:
Linda Collison Comeaux

1969

President: J.C. "Cobby" Walker
Jambalaya Champion:
Ulton Diez
Queen:
Cheryl Piper Federic

1970

President: John Goldsmith
Jambalaya Champion:
Donnie Mire
Queen:
Lynn Mayon Parker

1971

President: John D. Gonzales
Jambalaya Champion:
Edward Braud III
Queen:
Wanda Bourgeois Gautreau

1972

President: John D. Gonzales
Jambalaya Champion:
Arthur Lessard
Queen:
Charmaine Richard Biossat

1973

President: John C. Kling
Jambalaya Champion:
John Graham
Queen: Dawn Bourque Soileau

1974

President: John C. "Juba" Diez
Jambalaya Champion:
Milton "Tibby" Lambert
Queen: Patti Mazoch Lambert

1975

President: Teddy Ray Rushing
Jambalaya Champion:
Benoit Braud
Queen:
Jane Gonzales Bates

1976

President: M. Paul LeBlanc
Jambalaya Champion:
Arthur Lessard

Queen:

Bonnie Waguespack Simpson

1977

President: M. Paul LeBlanc
Jambalaya Champion:
Norman Melancon
Queen:
Susan Babin Minvielle

1978

President: M. Paul LeBlanc
Jambalaya Champion:
Mathew "Dee" Gautreau
Queen: Debbie Delatte
Waguespack

1979

President:
Leon S. "Bubber" Geismar
Jambalaya Champion:
Donnie Mire
Queen: Marie Mire Daigle

1980

President:
Jambalaya Champion:
Norbert Loupe
Queen: Sha McGowan

1981

President: Pegram Mire, Jr.
Jambalaya Champion:
Richard DeBate
Queen: Deenie Wright
Schexnaydre
King: M. Paul LeBlanc
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Pie Lanoux

1982

President: Larry Savell
Jambalaya Champion:
Norbert Loupe
Queen: Susie Capell
King: John D. Gonzales
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Dalton Marchand

1983

President: Estelle Capenter
Jambalaya Champion:
Norbert Loupe
Queen: Karen Crawford Webre
King: Dalton Marchand
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Mary Ann Keller



Jody Elisar
World Champion
Jambalaya Festival 2008

Announcement of the Top 32 Semi-Finalist

7:00 PM Saturday May 27th • Cooking Area Stage

1984

President: Frank P. Frederic
Jambalaya Champion:
Black Breaux
Queen: Bridgett Landry
Simoneaux
King: Leon S. "Bubber"
Geismar
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Elsie Walker

1985

President:
Leon S. "Bubber" Geismar
Jambalaya Champion:
Norbert Loupe
Queen: Simone Patterson
King: J.C. "Cobby" Walker
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Mac Daigle

1986

President: M. Paul LeBlanc
Jambalaya Champion:
Calvin Simon
Queen: Paige Spelligene Babin
King: Larry Savell
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Cobby Walker

1987

President: John D. Gonzales
Jambalaya Champion:
Norbert Loupe
Queen: Celeste Veillon Sutton
King: Frank Frederic

Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Darlene Reulet

1988

President:
Iris Louise "Pie" Lanoux
Jambalaya Champion:
Blair Lamendola
Queen: Paula Bourque Robert
King: Ernest "Beaver" Cabbage
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Black Breaux

1989

President: Ernest Cabbage
Jambalaya Champion:
Norbert Loupe
Queen: Trudy Babin Purpera
King: Charles "Black" Breaux
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Frank Frederic

1990

President:
Charles "Black" Breaux
Jambalaya Champion:
Ricky Breaux
Queen: Jamie Williams
King: William "Bill" Tally
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Anita Young

1991

President:
Charles "Black" Breaux

Jambalaya Champion:
Blair Lamendola

Queen: Shannon Wilkinson
Teen Queen: Michelle Daigle
King: Nathan Lanoux
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Pat Austin

1992

President: Frank Frederic.
Jambalaya Champion:
Byron Gautreau
Queen: Brandi Cox Lambert
Teen Queen:
Brittany Bourgeois
King: George Walker
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Carol Frederic

1993

President: Robert Pitre
Jambalaya Champion:
Wally Taillon
Queen: Jeanine Wright
King: Ed "Mike" Daigle
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Jackie Berthelot

1994

President: Robert Pitre
Jambalaya Champion:
Byron Gautreau
Champion of Champions:
Wally Taillon
Queen: Nichole Marchand

Teen Queen:

Jace' Templet Babin
King: Mervin Berthelot
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Elladee Chauvin

1995

President: Robert Pitre
Jambalaya Champion:
Joey "Joe La Bee" Breaux
Champion of Champions:
Calvin Simon
Queen: Michelle Daigle
Teen Queen: Stevi Robert
King: Sam LeBlanc
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Robert A. Pitre, Jr.

1996

President: Jackie Berthelot
Jambalaya Champion:
Tee Wayne Abshire
Champion of Champions:
Ricky Breaux
Queen: Jace' Templet Babin
Teen Queen: Joy Oakley King:
Robert Pitre
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Pearl Reed

1997

President: Estelle Carpenter
Jambalaya Champion:
Byron Gautreau
Champion of Champions:
Black Breaux



Queen: Stevie Robert
Teen Queen: Heather Lato
King: Joe Harris
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Wally Taillon

1998
President: Estelle Carpenter
Jambalaya Champion:
Kevin Braud
Champion of Champions:
Byron Gautreau
Queen: Erica Michelle Dykes
Teen Queen: Carrie Gagliano
King: Byron Gautreau
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Estelle Carpenter

1999
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
Ricky Breaux
Champion of Champions:
Tee Wayne Abshire
Queen: Heather Lato
Teen Queen: Katie Haydel
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Ruby Corrent

2000
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
Carlos Braud
Champion of Champions:
Ricky Breaux

Queen: Meghann Hebert
Teen Queen: Kellie Suire
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Frank Corrent

2001
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
Ricky Breaux
Champion of Champions:
Byron Gautreau
Queen: Katie Haydel
Teen Queen: Hailey Free
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Solly Boudreaux

2002
President: Chad Decateau
Jambalaya Champion:
Kim LeBlanc
Champion of Champions:
Tee Wayne Abshire
Queen: Jeanette Bourgeois
Teen Queen:
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Lucia Smithy

2003
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
James Marchand
Champion of Champions:
Blair Lamandola
Queen: Jakie Dixon
Teen Queen: Natalie Baker

Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Freddie Hurst

2004
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
Kyle Frederic
Champion of Champions:
Tee Wayne Abshire
Queen: Cara Jo Bruno
Teen Queen: Amber Baldwin
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Mike Daigle

2005
President: Marcy LeBlanc
Jambalaya Champion:
Ricky Breaux
Champion of Champions:
Tee Wayne Abshire
Queen: Britney Robert
Teen Queen: Marcy Martin
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Carlos Braud

2006
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
Mike Gonzales Sr
Champion of Champions:
Carlos Braud
Queen: Brittany Dinino
Teen Queen: Jennifer Floyd
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Gilbert Taillon

2007
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
Jeff Parent
Champion of Champions:
Kevin Braud
Queen: Elise Tureau
Teen Queen: Ashton Viola
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Carbett Bercegeay

2008
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
Jody Elisar
Champion of Champions:
Carlos Braud
Queen: Jenna Levert
Teen Queen: Brooke Little
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
co-winners:
Valmon & Rita Bercegeay

2009
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
Byron Gautreau
Champion of Champions:
Jody Elisar
Queen: Chanie Frederic
Teen Queen:
Kourtney Gautreaux
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Tammy Guillory



2010
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
Joey Cornett
Champion of Champions:
Carlos Braud
Queen: Tabitha Babin
Teen Queen: Lillie Ramagas
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Robert Jackson

2011
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
Tee Wayne Abshire
Champion of Champions:
Kyle Frederic
Queen: Kaylea Magee
Teen Queen: Stevie Girouard
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Mike Gonzales, Sr.

2012
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
Danny Robert
Champion of Champions:
Joey Breaux
Queen: Meredith Conger
Teen Queen: Lexie Scioneaux
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Mike Berthelot

2013
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
Scott Duplechein
Champion of Champions:
Jody Elisar
Queen: Stevi Girouard
Teen Queen: Alyssa Gordillo
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Shane Martinez

2014
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
Robert 'Hoss' Reine
Champion of Champions:
Kevin Braud
Queen: Lauren Blouin
Teen Queen: Berkley Parent
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Brenda Tallion

2015
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
Lee Elisar
Champion of Champions:
Joey Cornett
Teen Queen: Grace Graugnard
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Todd & Vanessa Blair

2016
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
Robert 'Hoss' Reine
Champion of Champions:
Scott Duplechein
Queen: Holley Stelly

Teen Queen: Destinee Mitchell
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Pam Martinez

2017
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
Kade Lanoux
Champion of Champions:
Joey Cornett
Queen: Alyssa Latuso
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Anne Lemmon

2018
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
Jarrett Marchand
Champion of Champions:
Joey Cornett
Queen: Brooke Everett

Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Blue Forsyth

2019
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
Kade Lanoux
Champion of Champions:
Danny Robert
Queen: Tara Babin

Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Marsha Moses

2020
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Shelia Sentilles

2021
Nora Lee Ricca Award:
Julie Hurst

2022
President: Wally Taillon
Jambalaya Champion:
Austin King
Champion of Champions:
Carlos Braud
Queen: Ava Savoy



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Jambalaya

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1 - Taner Bourque



2 - Curt Parent



3 - Tyler Bourque



4 - Austin King



5 - Daren Braud



6 - Koby Thacker



7 - Lee Elisar



8 - Mike Gonzales



9 - Brandon Elisar



10 - Woody Woodward




11 - Justin Courville




12 - Adam Gautreau



**Austin King 2022 World Jambalaya Festival Champion
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56TH ANNUAL GONZALES JAMBALAYA FESTIVAL

EVENT SCHEDULE

FESTIVAL GROUNDS: 219 South Irma Boulevard, Gonzales, LA 70737
FREE ENTRY AND FREE PARKING



BANDS FRIDAY, MAY 26

MAIN FESTIVAL STAGE

Damon Troy	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Ryan Foret & Foret Tradition	9:00 pm - 12:00 am

INDOOR STAGE

Back Street Band ft. Ruckle Gautreau	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Dustin Sonnier	9:30 pm - 12:00 am

COOKING AREA STAGE

Joey Ray	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Lauren Lee Band	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

SATURDAY, MAY 27

MAIN FESTIVAL STAGE

Crazy Blue	11:00 am - 1:30 pm
Justin Cornett	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Eddie Smith Band ft. Floyd Brown	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Gregg Martinez w/ TK Hulin & Johnny Allen	9:00 pm - 12:00 am

INDOOR STAGE

Kenny Cornett	11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Swampland Revival	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Mike Broussard & Nite Train	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
South 70 Band	9:00 pm - 12:00 am

COOKING AREA STAGE

T-Boy Moore & Just Us	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Jovin Webb	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Announcement of Champ of Champ & Top 32 Semi-finalists	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

SUNDAY, MAY 28

MAIN FESTIVAL STAGE

Dustin Guedry	12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Chris LeBlanc & Jonathon Boogie Long	3:30 pm - 6:30 pm
2023 World Champion Announcement	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
The Mojoes	8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

INDOOR STAGE

Rhett Glindmeyer	10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Na Na Sha	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Don Rich	4:30 pm - 7:30 pm
After 8	8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

COOKING AREA STAGE

Announcement of Top 12 Finalists	12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Ghost Riders Band	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Taylor Nauta	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

PAGEANT SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023 Gonzales Civic Center

COOKING CONTEST FRIDAY, MAY 26

Heats 1-4: 10:00 am | 11:30 am | 2:00 pm | 3:30 pm
Mini-Pot Champ of Champs: 6:00 pm

SATURDAY, MAY 27

Heats 5 - 8: 6:30 am | 8:00 am | 10:30 am | 12:00 pm
Semi-finalists announced at 7:00 pm

Champ of Champs 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Champ of Champs Winner announced at 7:00 pm

Mini-Pot Cooking Contest 7:00 am - 11:00 am
Along New River - Across from Gonzales City Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Semi-finals 6:00 am - 10:00 am
Finalists announced at 12:00 pm

Finals 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm
World Champion announced 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

5K & 1 MILE RUN SATURDAY, MAY 27

Registration	7:00 am
1 Mile Fun Run	8:00 am
5K Run Start	8:30 am

CARNIVAL

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11:00 am - 10:00 pm (Sunday)

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CAR SHOW SUNDAY, MAY 28

Registration	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Awards	3:00 pm
Council On Aging Parking Lot	

VENDOR BOOTHS FRIDAY, MAY 26 - SUNDAY, MAY 28

Irma Boulevard
Friday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am - 7:00 pm



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Ava Savoy Crowned Jambalaya Festival's 53rd Miss Gonzales Jambalaya Queen

Meet Our Queen!

As June quickly approaches, I am deeply saddened that my reign as Miss Gonzales Jambalaya is soon coming to an end. My journey into the world of Jambalaya Pageantry began in 2006 when I won my very first title as the Tiny Miss Queen. I then went on to be the Deb Miss Queen in 2014, the Junior Miss Queen in 2015, and finally, Miss



Gonzales Jambalaya in 2022. When competing as a child, I looked forward to seeing and admiring the Miss Queens, or as I called them "the big queens." I made it my goal very early on to one day hold the Miss title. Due to Covid, I was never able to compete for the Teen title. I was distraught that I would never have the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience before competing



for a Miss title but now I can see that God had a plan for me. In 2022, the Jambalaya Pageant returned and I decided to compete. Not only did I achieve my childhood dream of winning the Miss title, but I was crowned by my cousin, Tara Babin. Tara is the longest-running Miss Queen in Jambalaya history, and I'm so lucky to forever be her successor. I couldn't have asked for a better scenario and this was just

the beginning!

I immediately started traveling around our great state attending pageants and balls, riding in parades, going to festivals, doing community service, and learning about every crop Louisiana grows! I have met so many wonderful people along the way and made lifelong friends that I will forever be thankful for. I am honored to have held this title and

to have had the chance to represent the city and festival I love dearly. The tradition of our fairs and festivals brings us together to celebrate our great state and unique culture. My love for all things Jambalaya started at a very young age and grows stronger as the years go by. I have a deep family history and connection to this festival that started with my late grandmother, Colleen Babin. She was a dedicated JFA





member for many years, who gave her all to the festival and our city. My grandmother is the only woman in the history books to have 4 granddaughters who have held the Miss title. Those granddaughters are Jace' Babin in 1996, Tabitha Babin Wilkins in 2010, Tara Babin in 2019-2021, and finally myself in 2022. And to share a little secret, when competing at the pageant last year, I pinned a small mesh bag under my dress. This bag contained a picture of my grandparents along with other Jambalaya heirlooms from my family. Maw Co was my good luck charm. I thank her for keeping me safe on my travels and I hope I have made her proud.

From Jambalaya Kings and JFA members to cooks and Queens, the flames of the Jambalaya Festival burn deep within my family and me. My family ALWAYS comes together every Memorial Day weekend, because, in the words of my cousin, Tara Babin, family is our why.





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Jambalaya Festival

Jambalaya Festival Queens through the years.

The queens names are listed from left to right starting with Ava Savoy our current queen.

2022 Ava Savoy	2013 Stevi Girouard	2006 Brittany Dinino	1994 Nicole Marchand
2019 Tara Babin	2012 Meredith Conger	2005 Brittney Robert	1988 Paula Bourque
2018 Brooke Everett	2010 Tabitha Babin	2004 Kara Jo Bruno	1987 Celeste Veillon
2017 Alyssa Latuso	2009 Chanie Frederic	2002 Jeanette Bourgeois	1983 Karen Crawford
2016 Holly Stelly	2008 Jenna Levert	1997 Stevie Robert	1981 Deenie Wright
2014 Lauren Blouin	2007 Elise Tureau	1996 Jacé Templet	1973 Dawn Bourque



Jambalaya Festival

Our 2019 Jambalaya Festival Queen Tara invites Queens from around the state.



World Champion Kade Lanoux gives mini pot cooking instructions



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LeBlanc Family Honored with JFA Building Dedication

The JFA hosted a dedication ceremony honoring M. Paul & Janice LeBlanc and their dedication to the well being of the JFA and the Jambalaya Festival.

Over 5 years ago Wally Taillon and the JFA started making plans to try to obtain a piece of land to construct

the building. It took a community to make it happen. A loan was secured locally and the city of Gonzales got behind the project. Five short years later the building loan is paid in full.

It took a community to make it happen with the many volunteers that work the festival and a parish





that is proud to support the Jambalaya Festival and has named, Gonzales, Louisiana the Jambalaya Capital of the World.

The building located in the heart of Gonzales is a fully functional event location including kitchen capabilities and is for rent for small events.

The Jambalaya Festival association thanks the LeBlanc family for their help through the years with donations and support.

Join us next Memorial Weekend for the festival. It's a great family friendly 3 days of cooking and dancing the Cajun way. See you there.



The LeBlanc family would like to thank the Jambalaya Festival Association, for honoring the memory of our parents, M. Paul & Janice LeBlanc, by naming this building after them.

Their support of the JFA and many other community civic organization were a top priority of our parents.

Once again, we want to thank the JFA, one of our father's favorite organizations, today for this tremendous honor.



Marcy LeBlanc



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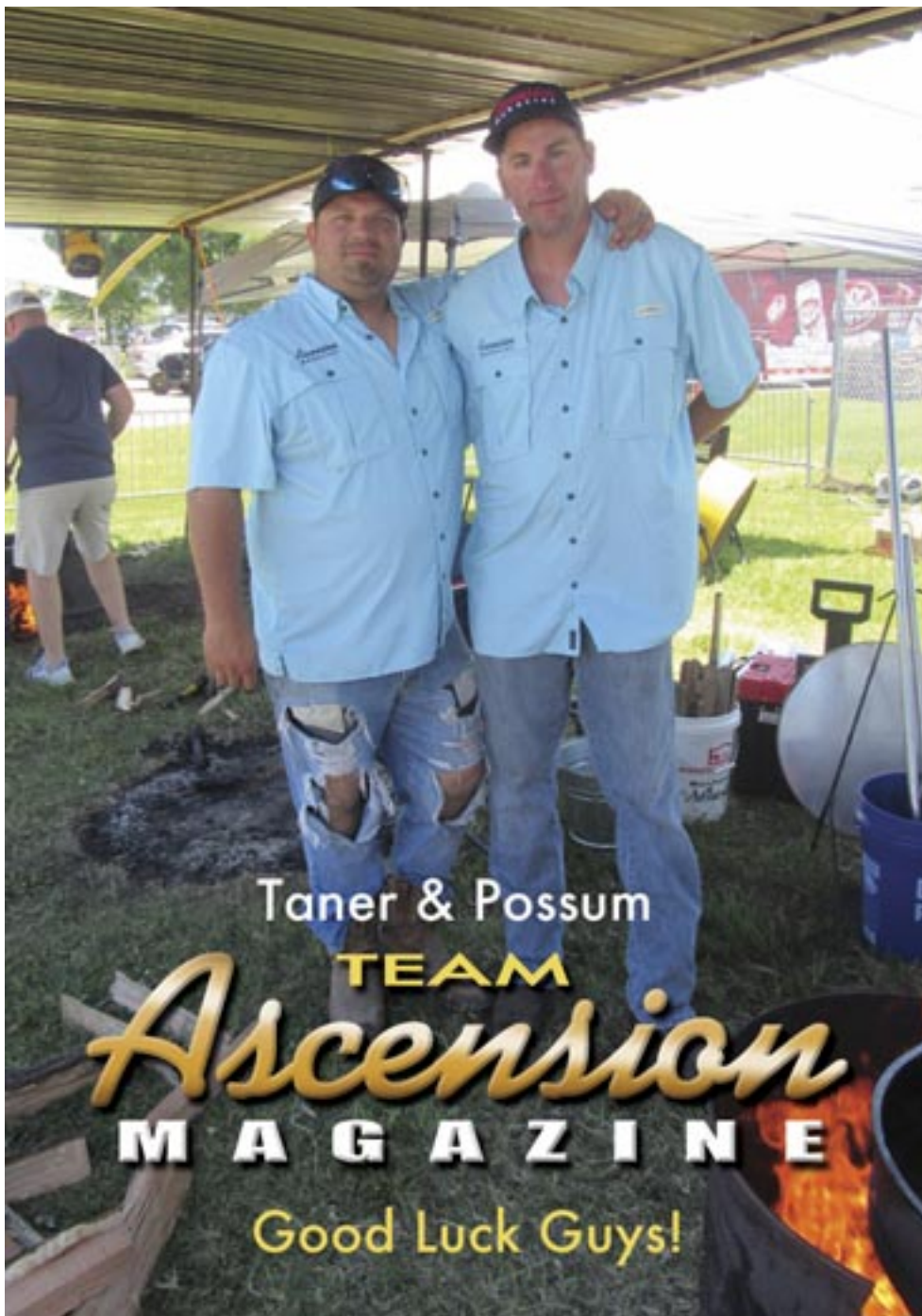
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