

# PALMETTO PAL'S PAPER

*'Our community connecting YOU to Palmetto Island State Park'*

**Latanier Cooker's 6th Annual 'Cochon de Lait' Dutch Oven Gathering** was held in November. It was an awesome day! The weather was nice and cool for a morning of cooking and visiting. 375 people were in attendance. Cooking crews provided seven 40lb pigs in Cajun Microwaves, 1 pig on a rotisserie and several pork loin roasts for patrons to enjoy. We even snuck in a couple of cracklin cooks, what a treat! Meaux Brother's Sisters conducted a Dutch Oven bread pudding cooking demonstration. Yum!

50 Dutch oven cooks prepared 67 different dishes available to taste. Dutch Oven cooks were generous, sharing dishes like Unstuffed Bellpepper Casserole, Cornucopia, Candied Yams, Rice Dressing, Mac n Cheese, Soups, Crawfish Cornbread, Green Beans, Cabbage, ribs and so much more. The desserts were fantastic! Cobblers, Bread Puddings, Rice Pudding, Pecan Pie Brownies, Dump Cakes, I recognized Dutch oven cooks from D'Arbonne Cookers from Lake D'Arbonne State Park in Farmersville, WEGO Cookers from Bayou Segnette State Park in Westwego, Le Chien Cookers from Sam Houston Jones State Park in Lake Charles and Cajun Creole Cookers from Lake Fausse Point State Park.

Boy Scout Terence Dequire was there selling drinks and etched cups to raise money to fund his Eagle Scout project, a new playground near the splashpad. Local farmer, Al Lee brought 3 antique tractors for viewing and I'm sure the tractors reminded some people of the days gone by. The 'Wayback Rambers' had the crowd entertained with many great selections of music to tap your feet to. They never disappoint us and are enjoyed tremendously. In honor of Veterans Day, Veterans that attended the event were acknowledged and honored. It was a fun filled day! If you have a Facebook page, you can find a bunch of pictures posted to Latanier's page or visit Chef Ted Bourque's YouTube page for a video. Mark your calendars for next year's event. It will be held Saturday, November 14, 2020.

Friends of Palmetto Island publishes this electronic newsletter on the 1st of each month. To receive a copy please e-mail [info@friendsofpalmetto.org](mailto:info@friendsofpalmetto.org)  
To 'un-subscribe' e-mail the above. **Only current members without an e-mail address will receive a copy of this newsletter by mail.** Thank you!  
Please feel free to share.



## Friends of Palmetto and Latanier Cookers' members and volunteers Christmas Social is

December 7th, at 2 p.m. in the meeting room at Palmetto. If you are a member or have volunteered in the last year, you are invited to attend. Last year was a lot of fun and I'm sure this year will be too! The Latanier cooks will be cooking up a big pot of gumbo and potato salad for all to enjoy. See the flyer on page 4 more information. If you have questions please call 337-298-3098 or 336-627-4924.

Membership and volunteer applications are being sent out this month. Please consider volunteering with us this year. Friends is made up of a group of volunteers and if we don't have enough volunteers, we will have to decrease the events and programs that we have at the park. Our events have become popular with the patrons of the park and our local community as well and have grown in the amount of attendance over the years so it takes quite a few volunteers to put on these events. Consider joining us for our **monthly board meetings**. The next one is Tuesday, December 17 and the one in January is on Tuesday the 28th. Board meetings are held in one of the meeting rooms at the Vermilion Parish Library in Abbeville at 6 p.m. In March, we will have board members coming to the end of their term and we will be needing new board members to take their place. We may not be able to continue our mission as it is if we don't have people step up and volunteer.

The Cracklin' Demonstration and Tasting event will be held on February 29, 2020. **We need volunteers for this event!!!** We need a co-chairperson and the Friday before the event, we need people to help bag and weigh out pork bellies that will be used for the event.



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# LATANIER COOKERS' D.O.G. 'CHOW'

**DUTCH OVEN JALAPENO BREAD** submitted by Danny Meaux

- 2 cans of Large Biscuits
- 2 cups shredded Mexican Blend Cheese
- 8 tbsp. butter (1 stick), melted
- 1/4 cup sliced Mozzarella Cheese
- 1 jar sliced Jalapeno Peppers (nacho style)
- 1/4 cup bacon bits
- 1 small can sliced Black Olives

Pre-start 26 coals. Place about 2 tbsp. of melted butter into a 12 in, parchment paper lined Dutch Oven. Cut biscuits into 4 pieces. Add about half (*one tight layer*) of the cut biscuit pieces to Dutch Oven. Drizzle half of remaining butter over biscuit pieces. Sprinkle half of Mexican cheese, peppers, olives and bacon bits over biscuit pieces. Add remaining biscuit pieces (*start at center and work out*) to form second layer. Drizzle remaining butter over second layer of biscuits. Sprinkle remaining Mexican cheese, peppers, olives and bacon bits over second layer of biscuit pieces. Sprinkle Mozzarella cheese over the top of bread. Cover and bake at 350° - 375° (*Place 10 coals on bottom of DO and 16 coals on top of DO*) for approximately 1 hour or until bread is golden brown.

**Notes:** This bread can be cut or 'pulled apart' to serve.  
Can also be baked in home oven uncovered at 350° - 375°.



### Meeting, Greeting, Cooking & Eating

Gathering on the 2nd Saturday of each month at Palmetto Island State Park



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**Friends of Palmetto Island &  
Latanier Cookers  
invite you to our annual  
Membership & Volunteer  
Christmas Social**

A relaxing fun filled evening with us. No work!  
Just visiting, eating and laughing together.

**Saturday, December 7  
2 p.m.**

**in the Meeting Room at  
Palmetto Island State Park**

**Gift Game**

*A wrapped gift valued at \$10 or more is required to participate in the game.*

Call 337-298-3098 or 386-627-4924 for more info.



## WELCOME TO LOUISIANA AND PALMETTO ISLAND STATE PARK

*Submitted by James Menard*

This year we will start our WELCOME to out of state visitors with our great Palmetto Island State Park Camp hosts.

Please Welcome Dave and Wendy Butler from Rhode Island. They have been full time RV'ers for three years now. No doubt Dave's skills as a retired social worker help him connect to the park's patrons and their camping needs. This is the third year that the Butler's visit Louisiana and they look forward to a trip every year. They have been camp hosts at Palmetto Island for 2 months now and love the Park.



Next, Welcome Curt Paulson. Originally from Minnesota, Curt was living in Ohio when he retired from teaching Agricultural Communication at Ohio State University. He also taught Ag Comm at Texas Tech University and Vocational Agriculture at Warroad, MN. He has been RVing for 5 years now and has been camp hosting at state and national parks. Traveling gives Curt the opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and students across the nation. Curt has served as a host at Palmetto Island 6 times. One hosting was back to back due to a cancellation. He loves Palmetto and says it's one of the best parks he has been to in the United States.

Our 3rd out of state visitor and camp host, Linda Motes and her puppy Girly from Florida. Once Linda retired from being a rural mail carrier for USPS, she moved to Georgia onto a little farm. She has been RVing all her life. When her husband passed away 3 years ago, she tried staying home, but knew that was not for her. She loves to travel, so she started RVing full time this past year, and has camp hosted at several parks. She claims Palmetto Island is very much like where she lived in Florida. This is not her first trip to Palmetto Island and says she will be back. Linda has a never ending smile and a positive attitude that brings out the "laissez les bon ton rouler" in all of us.



If y'all see them, please show them some Cajun hospitality and thank them for their part in keeping Palmetto Island the greatest state park in Louisiana. Welcome Dave, Wendy, Curt, Linda and Girly to Louisiana and Palmetto Island State Park.



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## Park Hours of Operation:

**Gates** are open 6am-9pm (Sun-Thurs) and 6am-10pm (Fri & Sat). **Entrance station** is open: 8am-5pm (Sun-Thur) 8am-10pm (Fri & Sat). All park sites close at 10pm on Friday, Saturday and days preceding holidays. **Entrance Fees:** \$3 per person; Free for Seniors (62 and older) and children age 3 and under. **Canoe** rentals are \$25 per day or \$7 per hour. The **Splashpad** is open all year, Tuesday – Sunday from 8am to 8pm. **Golf cart** entry fees are \$10 per day or \$100 for annual pass (*proof of insurance is required*). Palmetto Island State Park has **96 camp sites**, **6 cabins**, **4 pavilions**, **4 primitive backpack sites**, **1 primitive group site** and a **meeting room** to rent. **Reservations** for overnight accommodations at Palmetto Island State Park can be made [online](http://www.lastateparks.com) or through the Call Center at 877.226.7652. For more information about the Park, visit [www.lastateparks.com](http://www.lastateparks.com), call 888.677.0094 toll free or 337.893.3930 locally.