

# PALMETTO PAL'S PAPER

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

A newsletter by Friends of Palmetto Island State Park, Inc.

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## COOKING CRACKLINS AT PALMETTO ISLAND

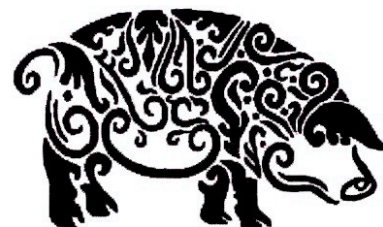
It's 28....I know you're counting the days until this event, I am too! We've invited 17 cracklin cooks, so there will be plenty of cracklins to taste. It's looking like a little over 600lbs right now. These cooks are going to show off their family traditions. So, expect a variety of seasonings. From plain salt to specially blended seasonings and don't be surprised to find out some people prefer their cracklins with Steens' Syrup. We plan to have extra treats too, like beignets, wings and sweet potatoes. Did you know the cajun families fried all kinds of other things in the oil rendered from the cracklins? After you've passed and tasted a the cracklins you can, visit with Dutch Oven cooks and have dessert. That's right, we've invited Latanier Cookers to prepare their favorite desserts. Boy Scout Terrence Dequire will be on site selling a non-alcoholic beverages. Don't forget to bring your lawn chair! For the first time at Palmetto Island State Park, Mr. Earl Seaux, Mr. Murphy Guilbeaux and Mrs. Kim Verret will be providing the musical entertainment for us this year. I think you'll be well entertained. This event is FREE! We do a little fundraising to help cover the cost. Of course, donations are always welcome, but we'll have an extremely FUN bucket raffle, a square raffle for a shot gun. You'll be able to get your Palmetto Island State Park t-shirt or sweat shirt on site. We've been blessed to have 3 generous sponsors this year. This demonstration has been made possible by Fred Villien, who sponsored this event in loving memory of Ruth, by Omega Protein and Broussard Brothers!

### 2020 Cracklin Cooking Demo made possible by...

**FRED VILLIEN  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF RUTH**



### Cracklin Demo



### Palmetto Island State Park

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Please feel free to share.

# Cracklin Cooking

Saturday, February 29

Palmetto Island State Park



**Demonstrations  
begin at 8 a.m.**

No charge for the tasting...Donations are always welcome.  
No bicycles, golf carts or pets allowed in event area.  
*Entrance fees into park apply.*

**Dutch Oven**  
Latanier Cookers



Meeting, Greeting, Cooking & Eating

**Desserts**

**LIVE  
MUSIC**  
9 a.m.  
to  
1 p.m.



Earl Seaux  
Murphy Guilbeaux  
Kim Verret  
& Friends




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# VALENTINE'S DAY CAMPING IDEAS

- ♥ Give your loved one a gift certificate to camp or spend the night in a cabin.
- ♥ The ONLY way to enjoy a romantic camping trip is TOGETHER.
- ♥ Snuggle by a romantic campfire. Add a little extra fun with flame colorant.
- ♥ Play gentle music
- ♥ Plan romantic camping meals for two that are special but easy.
- ♥ Dim the lights. Use the glimmer from the campfire, moon and stars.
- ♥ Turn off your phones and TV
- ♥ Enjoy hiking to a scenic spot for a romantic picnic in a quiet location.
- ♥ Make a memorable toast with your favorite "special occasion" beverage.
- ♥ Try a couples sleeping bag if you are valentines day tent camping

**Roses are red, violets are blue,  
We love Palmetto Island and you do too**

**Camper or not, we wanted to say  
It's time for you to unplug in a very special way**

**Kick back, take a snooze or reach for a book  
Pack a picnic, so you don't have to cook**

**Fun events for you, we do our part  
Palmetto Island patrons are so close to our heart**

**We're grateful for your friendship and need you to know  
Your support is appreciated and wanted to tell you so**

**Happy Valentine's Day from  
Friends of Palmetto Island State Park**

*Become part of our future...*

**Friends of  
Palmetto Island State Park, Inc.**



**Board of Directors' seats  
available this March.**

Next Board Meeting, **February 18, 2020**  
Vermilion Parish Library, Abbeville, 6 p.m.  
Call 337-366-2183 or [info@friendsofpalmetto.org](mailto:info@friendsofpalmetto.org)  
for more information.

## MARDI GRAS GOLF CART PARADE MESSAGE

*From Shawn, Chris and the rest of the krewe.*

We're really excited that the campground is sold out for this year's event. For those of you who are planning to participate:

- Don't forget to wear groovy clothes and crazy wigs! **There will be a Crazy wig contest!!**
- Everyone is welcome to take photos with our props near campsite #29.
- If you are interested in being the Krewe of Palmetto's king or queen, please let us know. We are looking for people who participate yearly in our Mardi Gras Parade.
- We're in need of a couple of volunteers to carry the Krewe's banner.
- Decorate your carts! Bring beads to throw to the crowd. **\*No Candy\***
- **\*No trailers!\*** Golf Carts are not allowed to pull trailers in the parade.
- **Insurance on the golf cart is required and park's golf cart rules must be followed.**



Meeting, Greeting, Cooking & Eating

Looks like the weather will cooperate for Latanier Cooker's first Dutch Oven Gathering of 2020.

**Saturday, February 8**

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

**STRAWBERRY OAT BARS** submitted by Patricia Treadway

- 1 pound softened margarine
- 1 1/3 cups sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 cup oats
- 1 pound all purpose flour
- 4 tbsp Strawberry jam (per pan) or Flavor of your choice

Mix all above ingredients except jam. Spray bottom of 12-1/4 x 8-1/4 x 1-3/32 pan or a 12 in Dutch Oven. Spread about 2/3 of the oat mixture to cover the bottom of pan. Press into the bottom. (Reserve about 1/3 portion to crumble over top.) Cook at 350° about 20 minutes. Remove pan from oven. Spread Jam carefully on top of cooked oat mixture. Sprinkle more mixture on top of jam. Cook about 20 minutes or until golden brown.

**Meeting, Greeting, Cooking & Eating**

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



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**4th Annual**  
**Krewe of Palmetto's**  
**Mardi Gras in the Park**  
**Golf Cart Parade**

Palmetto Island State Park

**Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3 p.m.**

*Park entrance and golf cart fees will apply.*

Bring your lawn chair to enjoy the parade or just make a campsite reservation and plan to stay all weekend!



2 p.m. at campsite #29

- ◆ Golf cart line up
- ◆ Complete decorating
- ◆ Parade pictures

Parade will roll around the campground 2 times. Loud music WILL only be allowed during the parade.

Golf carts are not allowed to pull anything, NO trailers of any kind. All golf cart rules apply.

Licensed driver and proof of liability insurance is MANDATORY.

**DECORATE YOUR GOLF CART!**

**KREWE OF PALMETTO  
GOES TO**



**WIGAPALOOZA**

**DRESS  
GROOVY & FUNKY**

**OUTRAGIOUS WIG CONTEST**

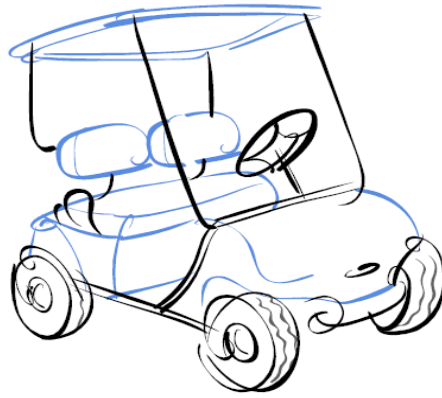
**WEAR YOUR CRAZY, BIG, ORIGINAL,  
DECORATED, OVER THE TOP WIG!**

**We'll be giving a prize to the BEST!**

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED!** to walk in costume and carry the banner



Contact the **Krewe of Palmetto** at  
[ChrisRMatt@hotmail.com](mailto:ChrisRMatt@hotmail.com) or [Klassiee@aol.com](mailto:Klassiee@aol.com)



**PLEASE READ:**

**BY STATE LAW:**

- I. Owners must show proof of liability insurance on their golf cart at the entrance station when they enter the park. Once an owner has shown proof of liability insurance, they will be given a blue tag to hang on their cart. This tag must be visible at all times.
- II. Only licensed drivers are allowed to drive golf carts in the park.
- III. Golf carts may only be driven between sunrise and sunset. They may not be driven after dark. Please make sure your cart is not on the road after sunset.

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- 1. Golf carts are not allowed to ride around with music blaring from radios or boom boxes at any time.
- 2. Golf carts are only allowed on the roads and parking lots. Golf carts are not allowed on any trails, grassy areas, or any place where a car is not allowed.
- 3. Please do not put a child in your lap and allow them to “drive” the golf cart.
- 4. Do not exceed the maximum number of occupants for the cart. For example, if you have a 2-seater, then only 2 people are allowed in the golf cart.
- 5. Please do not pull the golf cart up to the Splashpad, picnic pavilions, bathrooms, etc.
- 6. Golf carts can only park in the parking lots alongside the cars.
- 7. Golf carts must follow the speed limit of 15 mph in the park.
- 8. Utility vehicles are not considered golf carts.





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**MARCH 7, 2020**  
**ACROSS FROM DON'S BOAT LANDING - HENRY, LA.**

**JUDGING TIME: 11:00 AM**

**SERVING TIME: 11:30 AM**

**LIVE AUCTION: 2:00 PM**

**ALL DAY 50/50 RAFFLE**

**DOOR PRIZES ALL DAY**

**SILENT AUCTION ITEMS AVAILABLE**

**LIVE MUSIC 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

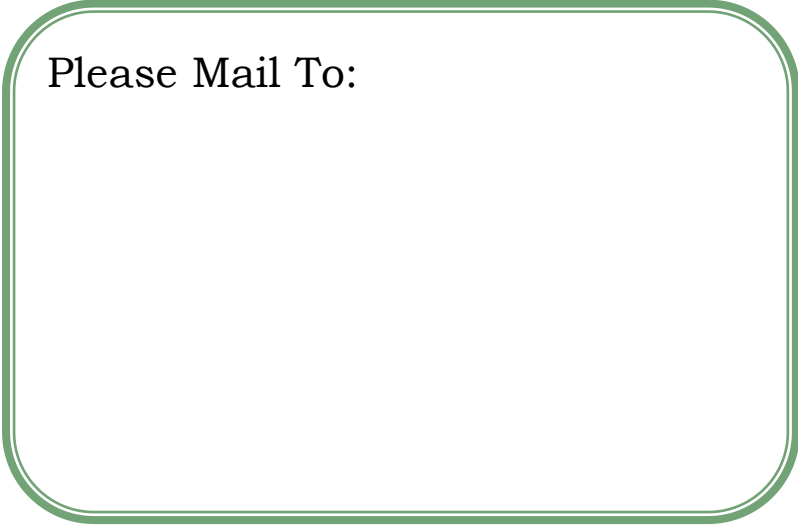
**WITH CLIFFORD BERNARD**

**FOLLOWED BY BEAU YOUNG BAND**

*(NO GLASS CONTAINERS ALLOWED)  
(NO ICE CHEST ALLOWED)*



For Further Information Please Call:  
Ryan Kirkconnell (337) 319-8774



Please Mail To:

## FIREMAN FRIENDS

Volunteer fireman from Henry have been supporting Palmetto Island State Park for many years by participating in our cooking events. We'd like to return the favor and let you know about their annual cook off. They'll be at this year's cracklin cooking demonstration. Stop by their tent and find out more.

### 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](https://www.lastateparks.com) or through the Call Center at 877.226.7652. For more information about the Park, visit [www.lastateparks.com](https://www.lastateparks.com), call 888.677.0094 toll free or 337.893.3930 locally.