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Meet the Creole Heritage Center's New Staff Member!



My name is Judy Monette Rachal, I was born and raised in the Cloutierville/Derry area. My parents were Felix "T-Fra" Monette and Cecile Rachal Monette. I have four sisters and we continue to live within a three-hour drive from our childhood home place. I have three adult children and three grandsons. I retired from Northwestern State University in 2015 after 38 years of service at the university. I continue to reside in the Derry community and after some time off as a retired individual, I decided I needed a project to occupy my time. The Creole Heritage Center was a place I had been interested in for many years, but

never took the time to get really involved in. I was extremely lucky to find that the Center had a job opening and I was chosen to become a part of the Center's staff. Although I grew up in this area, I am excited to learn more about the culture of the Creole people. It's wonderful working in the center, this doesn't feel like a job, it's a learning experience.

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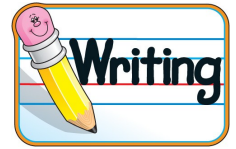


**Happy
Easter 2024**



Ask Sadie Mae

Sadie Mae:



Dear Readers,

I know everyone is tired of the rain and cold weather. But be sure to look around you when you are outside. The flowers and trees are so beautiful now from all the rain. When you are driving on the freeway you see so many beautiful flowers in so many different colors and if you have plants in your yard, I know you can see the difference in the flowers and plants. Everything is so green. What a beautiful spring and Easter it's going to be.

Enjoy your springtime with your family.

Sincerely

Sadie Mae

If you have a question for Sadie Mae send it to: bayoutalknewspaper@gmail.com

Bayou Talk Mission Statement

The Bayou Talk Newspaper strives to provide news and content of interest to Creole communities around the world and to the friends of those communities. While our cultural heritage is rooted in the Louisiana French Creole community, our goal is to appeal to all individuals who self-identify as Creole, as well as to those who have a sincere and general interest in Creole history, culture, traditions, and cuisine. So, whether you're from Cane River or the Caribbean, the West Indies or West L.A., wherever you descend from, and whatever your ancestry, it is our sincere hope that you'll feel at home here at the Bayou Talk. We welcome you to our grassroots publication and thank you for your interest in who we are and what we do.

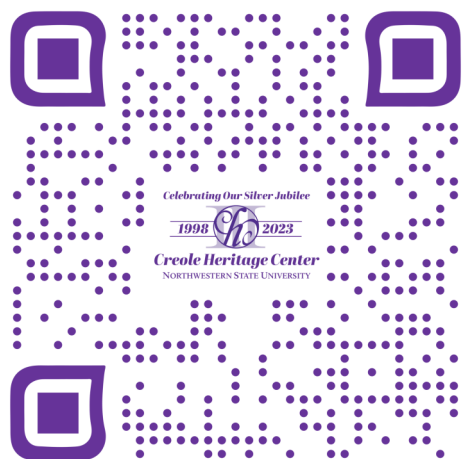
Creole Heritage Day

January 22

Creole Heritage Month

October

Creole Heritage Center



Creole Heritage Center Update – March 2024

Three exciting items to share from the Creole Heritage Center as we inch towards the beginning of spring. First, the Center has a new staff member, Ms. Judy Monette Rachal. One of Ms. Rachal main responsibilities is helping the Center build relationships with Creole communities throughout the nation, as well as relationships with other organizations who share similar missions as the Center. All of us at the Center are thrilled to welcome her on board and are grateful for the knowledge and ambition she brings to the Center.



Secondly, the Center was featured in the Winter 2023 issue of *64 Parishes* magazine. This

magazine is produced by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities and is filled with wonderful stories and photographs of Louisiana's rich heritage and artists. Our feature, providing a brief history of the Center and its future goals, will reach a broad audience who support the celebration, preservation, and greater understanding of the cultures that began in Louisiana. I greatly encourage all with an interest in Louisiana's rich stories to subscribe to the magazine and learn more about the resources it provides, such as an online encyclopedia of Louisiana. It is a great joy of mine to receive the magazine each quarter and learn about the traditions, peoples, environment, and more of the state I now call home. Visit www.64parishes.org/ for more info and subscription information, or to see (and share!) the Center's feature visit www.64parishes.org/cheers-to-25-years.

Lastly, at the end of January the Center mailed out a newsletter and membership/donation form to everyone on our mailing list. We are already well on our way to our goal of 250 memberships this year and look forward to seeing your membership form in our mailbox soon! Although we do receive some funding from Northwestern State University for salaries and infrastructure, we do rely on the generosity of others to fund just about everything else. We have many priorities we are starting to accomplish in 2024 because of your support – such as expanding the resources available on our website and developing resources for teachers and other educators.

Donations can be made to the Center at any time online at www.northwesternstatealumni.com/creole/ or the membership/donation form can be found on our website www.nsula.edu/creole. Once you receive your copies in the mail, please share our newsletter and information about memberships with family and friends! And if you, or anyone else, did not receive our mailing – visit our website and click the “Contact Information Update” button to provide us your info so you don't miss out on future information and mailings!

Dr. Kent Peacock, Director, Creole Heritage Center at NSU

PS – Now is a great time to become a member of the Center for 2024! Memberships/Donations can be paid via credit/debit card online at <https://northwesternstatealumni.com/creole/> or visit the “Donations” tab on our website (<https://www.nsula.edu/creole/>) for a paper membership form to mail with your cash, check, or money order.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service



There's a reason why Easter Sunday is often celebrated with church service at the crack of dawn. As [the story goes](#), Mary opened Jesus's tomb early in the morning to find it empty — which is why so many churches now hold services at an early hour to honor the momentous occasion.

In fact, the tradition of sunrise Easter service [dates back to 1732](#), when the first service was held in Germany by the Moravian Church. A group of young men gathered at the first light of dawn at the town's graveyard to sing hymns — and the next year, the entire congregation joined in. [By 1773](#), the first sunrise service for Easter was held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.



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There is no escaping the need to thoughtfully analyze everything we find.

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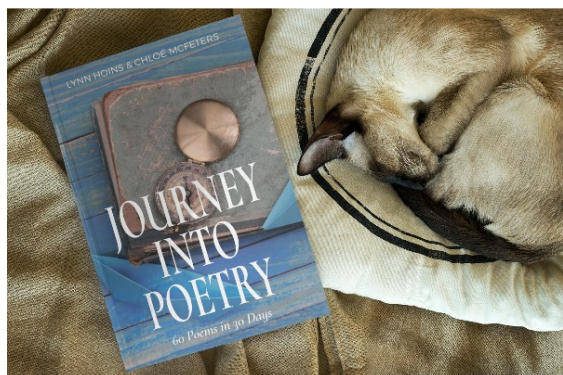
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KATRICE C. LACOUR



Katrice C. LaCour has been selected for induction to the Louisiana Music Educators Association Hall of Fame. Mr. LaCour is the director of the NSU Elementary/Middle Lab School Orchestra. The award ceremony takes place during the November 2023 LMEA Professional Development Conference. The public is invited to attend.

Journey Into Poetry



Lynn Hoins and Chloe McFeters 60 Poems in 30 days On Amazon

It is my joy and honor to share that my dear friend, story-spinner, and poet, Lynn Hoins, and I have just released a book called *Journey into Poetry*. We participated in a 30-poems-in-30-days challenge using daily prompts for National Poetry Month and spent an entire month drenched in the poetic process together. This humble collection is the result of our efforts. In addition to our poetry, we've also included more than 100 writing prompts to spark inspiration, as well as the poems of several wonderful poets, including Richard H. Fox, Jon Sebba, Eileen Van Hook, Louis H. Metoyer, Rochelle S. Cohen, and the late Dorcas Watters. You can find *Journey into Poetry* on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and in select independent bookstores across the U.S.

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(occasionally closed on Friday for office maintenance)

Genealogy Office

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Office Hours

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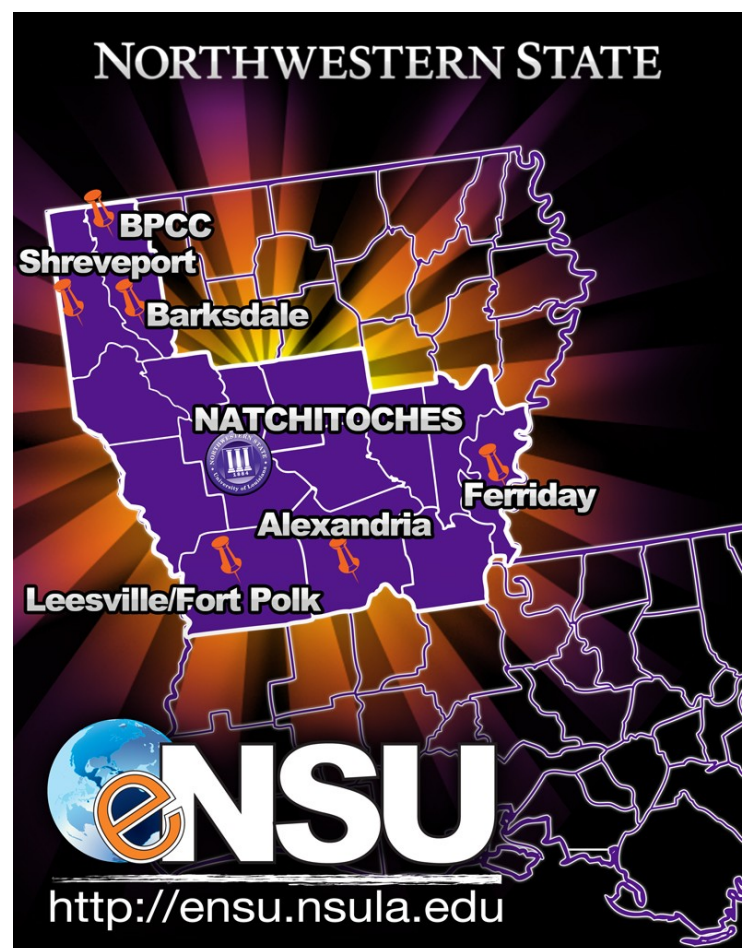
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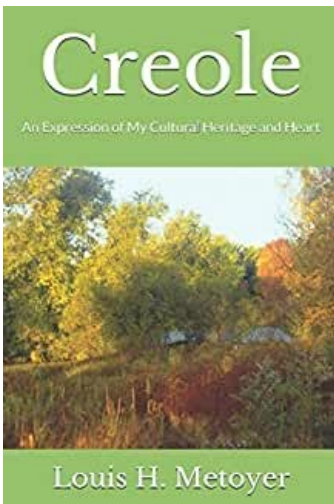
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Louis H. Metoyer at Amazon.com

“Creole” is a thoughtful celebration of the rich Cane River Creole culture heritage, as seen through the eyes of Creole poet, writer, and educator, Louis H. Metoyer. In this inviting collection of poetry, songs, and personal essays, we are afforded an intimate glimpse of Metoyer’s dreams and loves growing up in the parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, as well as the foundation upon which his steadfast values and traditions are built. A deeply personal exploration of

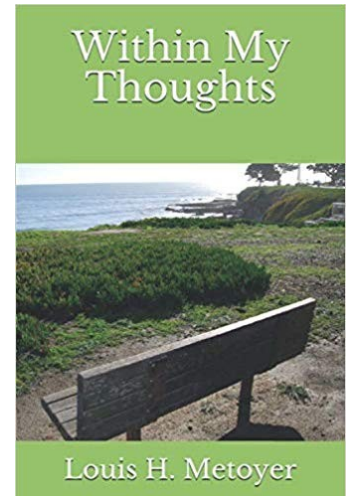


one man’s desire to understand his cultural roots and heritage, and to share that experience with others.

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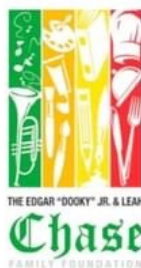
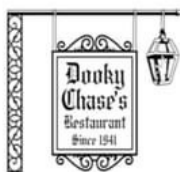
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Obituary



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February 22, 2024

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Chase Family official statement regarding the death of Edgar L. "Dooky" Chase, III

It is with deep heartfelt sorrow that we, The Chase family, share the news of the passing of Edgar "Dooky" L. Chase III on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. Dooky III beloved patriarch of the Chase Family peacefully passed away with his devoted wife Alva at his side and surrounded by his family.

Dooky was a passionate New Orleanian that proudly served on numerous local, state and regional boards focused on strengthening and improving our community and bringing people together. In addition to being a CPA and attorney, Dooky was a lifelong educator and university administrator that educated and mentored thousands of students and young professionals. He was a principled man, who was joyfully dedicated to being of service to others. Dooky was filled with passion and faith which was exhibited in his daily life and in his interactions with others. He believed in the power of love for mankind and was guided by the ideals of liberty.

While we mourn his loss, we celebrate his remarkable life, and cherish the life lessons he taught us. He will be remembered for his kindness, wisdom, commitment to our community and to all humanity, and unwavering love for his family. His presence will be greatly missed, but his spirit will forever live on in our hearts.

Grateful To You,
The Chase Family

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the The Edgar "Dooky" Jr and Leah Chase Family Foundation in Edgar "Dooky" Chase III's honor. - P.O. Box 791313 New Orleans, LA 70179 www.dookychasefoundation.org

Obituary

James Kerney Bayoune, Sr.

June 21, 1963 — February 2, 2024

James Kerney Bayoune, Sr. affectionately known as Kerney, was born on June 21, 1963 to the late Herbert and Jennie Lee Metoyer Bayoune. His favorite things to do were fish, watch the Animal Planet, History Channel, listen to the radio, and his early morning talks with his brother while drinking coffee. On Friday, February 2, 2024 he made his transition from Earth to glory. We give God all the thanks and praises for the time He allowed us to share with him.

Kerney's joyous spirit and smile will be missed by many, but we will cherish and keep his memories alive in our hearts forever. He was an excellent Butcher who took great care and pride in his work for 40 years and with great customer service that earned him the title of "Best Butcher in Town".

He dedicated his life to his wife and children. He met his beautiful wife one day in People's Food Warehouse over four decades ago. He asked her out on a date and that escalated into a beautiful marriage.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories to his wife, Belinda Bayoune; six children, Tinesha Lynch Henry (Tony), Sherman Bell, James Gant, Courtney Bayoune Watson (Charles) Kerena Bayoune Milner (David), Kerney Bayoune, Jr., and Kalaysia Lynch; one brother, Joseph Bayonne (preceded in death by his wife LaShonda); two sisters, Janice Metoyer Armstrong (Phillip, Sr.) and Theresa Bayoune Rachel; sixteen grandchildren; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Aristle Bayoune "Me Too" and grandmother, Orleans Coutee Bayoune "Miss Babe", his father, Herbert Bayoune, his mother, Jennie Bayoune; his brother, John Bayoune "Bubba"; and his sister-in-law, LaShonda Bayonne.

A service to celebrate his life was held on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at Blanchard-St. Denis Funeral Home. Burial will followed at Shady Grove Cemetery. The family received friends from 5 pm until 7 pm on Friday the 9th at Blanchard-St. Denis Funeral Home.

Those honored to serve as pallbearers include Kerney Bayoune, Jr., Charles Watson, David Milner, Tony Henry, Tokay Rachal and Royce Williams. Honorary pallbearers will be Joseph Bayonne, Sr., Joseph Bayonne, Jr., Phillip Armstrong, Phillip Armstrong, Jr., Earl Jefferson, Antonio Armstrong, Dennis Armstrong, Sr., Danny Vaughn, Sr., Daniel Morrison, Jermaine Lynch, Chris Deming, Dennis Powers, Darrell Lee, Lathan Johnosn, Sherman Bell and James Grant.

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July edition will appear as: July-August 2024

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- January—Creole Heritage Day
- February—Mardi Gras; Love; Home
- March—Easter; Springtime Memories; Cycle of Life
- April—Travel; Adventure; World Cultures
- May—Mothers
- June—Fathers, Graduation
- July—Independence, Patriotism
- August—Friendship
- September—Faith, Aging
- October—Memorial Edition, Grief; Bereavement; Healing, Creole Heritage Month
- November—Food, Honoring our Military
- December—Christmas; Creole Holiday traditions
- January 2025—Creole Heritage

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Saint Hood

Prayer

Almighty God, may the
witness of
Nicolas Augustin Metoyer
and his
loyalty to Christ inspire countless men
and women to live the Christian faith.

If it be your holy will may a miracle be
granted through his intercession, so he
may be numbered among your Saints