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## Bayou Teche fund-raiser Oct. 29

### Group mobilizes to keep historic waterway clean

**Breux Bridge** - Café des Amis will host a fund-raiser for "Cajuns for Bayou Teche," a program of the Teche Ecology, Culture and History Education (TECHE) Project.

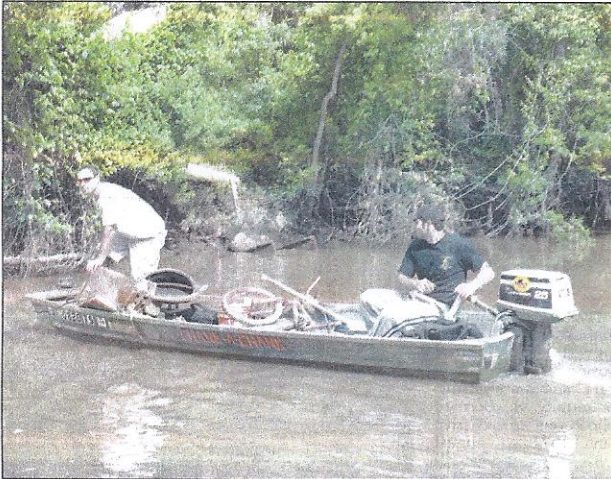
The event will be 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, at the famous Bridge Street bistro. Featured musicians will be Bon Soir, Catin, Drew Landry and David Greeley & Friends.

The suggested \$25 donation in lieu of a cover charge will be used to support Cajuns for Bayou Teche, a community organization that volunteers time to haul debris from Bayou Teche.

Volunteers donate their time and boats to help clean up. Currently, the organization is in need of a motor and additional fabrication work to assist in removing large items like washers and hot water heaters. The organization would like to raise \$3,000 the evening of the event.

"Last spring, we hauled over six tons of metal, tires, bicycles and refrigerators from the bayou," said Blake Couvillion, director of Cajuns for Bayou Teche and president of the TECHE Project.

"It's ridiculous what people throw in there. The Teche is a part of our lives and our heritage and that's how we treat it? We have water quality problems to address on the Teche and we also have to get some of this junk out of here,"



**CLEANING UP AFTER OTHERS** - With Lance Benoit of Carencro in the bow, Cajuns for Bayou Teche founder Blake Couvillion steers for another pile of trash on the bank. With the help of like-minded musicians and others, Couvillion hopes to raise enough money on Oct. 29 to upgrade his "garbage scow." (Staff Photo by Ken Grissom)

Couvillion said.

"Right now I have my eye on a stove that's been sitting there for years. Once the winch is ready to go and I have a reliable motor, my guys and I will get out there to pick it up and start hauling debris. We'll work from Port Barre all the way down to St. Martinville!"

"The communities along Bayou Teche are paying attention to what Blake is doing,"

said Kristen Kordecki, watershed coordinator from Acadiana Resource Conservation and Development Council.

"He is not only helping restore the aesthetics of the Teche but also faith that we can achieve improved water quality in our bayous."

The community is invited to come out to meet with Blake Couvillion and learn more about Bayou Teche and enjoy the company and music of some of the areas finest musicians. Tickets are available by calling Couvillion at 230-8596.