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Ascension Music Jam 2015 Moves to Lamar-Dixon's Robbie Savoy Arena Saturday

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GONZALES –Ascension Parish President Tommy Martinez and the Ascension Festivals and Cultural Council, Inc. announced today the Ascension Music Jam 2015 set for Saturday, April 18 will take place in Lamar-Dixon Expo Center's Robbie Savoy Arena (Arena D) due to forecasts of rain showers over the weekend.

Originally billed as an outdoor event to showcase local musical talent, the threat of rain showers has prompted the venue change, festival committee members said.

“We will have a wooden dance floor that measures 40 by 64 feet for all the dancing couples to have a great time,” President Martinez said.

The seven-hour music concert featuring bands exclusively from Ascension Parish will take place from 2 p.m. till 9 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person.

A portion of the proceeds will go to parish recreation to restock the fishing ponds of Lamar-Dixon Expo Center. Recreation officials have stocked the 11.4 acre fishing pond four times since 2012 and included bass, catfish and rainbow trout.

Martin McConnell, sales and marketing director for Lamar-Dixon Expo Center, said concert goers are still encouraged to bring chairs inside the arena. He said food, drinks and adult beverages will be on sale.

Veteran show band Na Na Sha will headline the Ascension Music Jam.

Arthur Broussard and the Back Yard Band, a variety music band playing Swamp Pop and Country music, will kick off the event at 2 p.m., followed by the Lil' Bayou Band at 3:30 p.m.

High energy horn band Hai Karate will take the stage at 5 p.m. followed by Mike Broussard and Night Train at 6:30 p.m., with special guests Van and Grace Broussard.

Na Na Sha will round out the day's musical line up at 8 p.m. with a choreographic show of 50's, 60's and 70's music hits.

Pets, ice chests, outside food and beverages are all prohibited, McConnell said.

For more information, you may call Martin McConnell at (225) 450-1035, or visit <http://www.lamardixonexpoctr.com>. You may also visit the parish website, www.ascensionparish.net.

PICTURE CUTLINE – Let 'Er Fly - Dave Emerson with Crystal Lake Fisheries of Ava, Mo. is shown releasing rainbow trout into Lamar-Dixon's fishing pond last December. A portion of the proceeds from this weekend's Ascension Music Jam 2015 will go towards the parish recreation department's efforts to stock the public fishing ponds on Lamar Dixon Expo Center's property. The seven-hour concert featuring local musical acts will take place in the Robbie Savoy Arena on Saturday.