

OFFICIAL 2026 VISITOR GUIDE



# St. LANDRY

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*Gumbo for Your Soul!*

ARNAUDVILLE | CANKTON | EUNICE | GRAND COTEAU  
KROTZ SPRINGS | LEONVILLE | MELVILLE | OPELOUSAS  
PALMETTO | PORT BARRE | SUNSET | WASHINGTON



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# Cajun Country Events

## JANUARY

### Gumbo Cook-off

Opelousas | 337.331.2837

TheGumboFoundation.org

LAST SATURDAY

## FEBRUARY/MARCH

### Cajun Country

### Courir de Mardi Gras

Eunice | 337.457.7389

EuniceMardiGras.com

5-DAY CELEBRATION BEGINNING THE FRIDAY BEFORE MARDI GRAS DAY

## MARCH

### Here's the Beef Cook-off

Opelousas | 337.684.6751

1ST SATURDAY IN MARCH, EXCEPT WHEN IT CONFLICTS WITH MARDI GRAS

### Washington Community Festival

Washington | 337.351.2412

3RD SATURDAY

### World Championship

### Crawfish Étouffée Cook-off

Eunice | 337.457.2565

EtouffeeCookoff.org

LAST SATURDAY

## APRIL

### Arnaudville Étouffée Festival

Arnaudville | 337.754.5912

LAST WEEKEND

### Boot Brew Fest

Eunice | 337.457.2881

SATURDAY AFTER EASTER

### Cycle Zydeco

Various Locations | 337.781.9416

WEEK AFTER EASTER

### Semi-Annual Antique Fair & Yard Sale

Washington | 337.826.3580

2ND WEEKEND

## MAY

### Herb and Garden Festival

Sunset | 337.662.5225

SunsetHerbFestival.com

1ST SATURDAY

## JULY

### Lebeau Zydeco Festival

Lebeau | 337.623.5909 | 337.623.4362

1ST SATURDAY

## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

### Original Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival

Opelousas | 337.290.6048

Zydeco.org

SATURDAY BEFORE LABOR DAY

## OCTOBER

### Creole Culture Day

Grand Coteau | 713.838.6770

CreoleCulture.com

1ST SATURDAY OF OCTOBER

### Semi-Annual Antique Fair & Yard Sale

Washington | 337.826.3580

2ND WEEKEND

### Sweet Dough Pie Festival

Grand Coteau | 337.662.3058

LAST SATURDAY OF OCTOBER

### Tour du Teche

Various Locations | 337.344.0461

1ST WEEKEND

## NOVEMBER

### Holy Ghost Creole Festival

Opelousas | 337.942.2732

HolyGhostCreoleFestival.com

1ST FULL WEEKEND

### Festival of Words

Grand Coteau | 337.254.9695

FestivalOfWords.org | 1ST WEEKEND

### Cracklin Festival

Port Barre | 337.457.1776

PortBarreCracklinFestival.com

2ND WEEKEND

*When planning your visit, please refer to the EVENTS PAGE on our website [CAJUNTRAVEL.COM](http://CAJUNTRAVEL.COM) for updates and additional events.*



## Welcome to St. Landry Parish

*Bienvenue à la paroisse de Saint Landry*

*Feel like a local in St. Landry Parish, a rural-heritage destination with a rich history and a people who will find any excuse to celebrate life!*

With festivities that celebrate art, Cajun and zydeco music, crawfish étouffée, Mardi Gras, and sweet dough pies, you will certainly experience *joie de vivre*, Louisiana style.

The area's vibrant traditions come from the diverse people who have called it home. Acadian, Creole, French, African, Spanish, German, Italian, and Native American people have influenced our way of life for almost three centuries. Today, you will meet folks who still speak Louisiana French, young musicians performing traditional Cajun and Creole music, and families who have been doing "farm to table" before it was cool.

We invite you to begin your visit in St. Landry Parish at the **St. Landry Parish Visitor Center**. Located at Exit 23 on Interstate 49, the facility is one of the first sustainably designed centers in the country. By utilizing both old and new practices in its construction, this award-winning structure is welcoming and a great way to introduce visitors to this region of Louisiana. The Center is open Monday through Saturday from 9AM-5PM and offers free coffee, WiFi, and of course, the most up-to-date information about things to do and see in St. Landry Parish.



# Crawfish Étouffée

1 stick real butter	1 tbsp minced garlic	3 pinches of cayenne pepper
2 cups chopped onion	2 bay leaves	¼ tsp white pepper
1 cup chopped celery	1 tbsp flour	1 tsp hot sauce
½ cup chopped green bell pepper	1 cup warm seafood or chicken stock	2 tbsp finely chopped parsley
1 lb. peeled crawfish tails	1 ½ tsp salt	3 tbsp chopped green onion

Melt the butter in a large sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add onions, celery, and bell pepper and sauté until vegetables are wilted, about 10-12 minutes. Add the crawfish, garlic, and bay leaves and reduce heat to medium. Cook for 10-12 minutes stirring occasionally. Dissolve the flour in the warm stock and add to the mixture. Season with salt and cayenne and stir until the mixture thickens, about 5 minutes. Stir in the parsley and green onions and continue cooking for 2 minutes. Serve over Prairie Ronde Rice (a St. Landry Parish product). \*Crawfish tails can be substituted with peeled shrimp (40/50 count)



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## Parlez-vous Français?

Evidence of our French heritage is everywhere you look, from our visitors guide *en français*, signs, newspapers, and menus to everyday phrases and surnames, French culture and language are on full display here. Throughout the parish, it's very common to still hear both Cajun and Creole French being spoken.

French programs are available on local radio stations, like *Bonjour Louisiane*, weekday mornings on KRVS 88.7FM and "Tee Cajun" *Sterling Burleigh* Saturday mornings on KBON 101.1FM.

Arnaudville is also home to **NUNU Arts & Culture Collective**, which has been designated one of 12 "French Corners" in the United States.

Several towns in St. Landry Parish are part of the *Francophone* and *Francophile Cities Network*, which is a network of cities across North America that create trails for travelers interested in knowing more about French language and culture.

*La Table Française* gatherings are held throughout the parish, where locals share conversation *en français* over a cup of coffee. Young and old, tourists, and non-French speakers are all welcome to join in.

While browsing [CajunTravel.com](http://CajunTravel.com), look for the phrase "*Ici on parle français*" or French is spoken here.

## LA TABLE FRANÇAISE

**ARNAUDVILLE** - 9:30AM, *last Saturday of the month*

La Table Kreyol | 2PM, *2nd Saturday of the month*

NUNU Arts & Culture Collective

1510 Bayou Courtaleau Rd. | 337.754.5990

**EUNICE** - 9:30AM, *every Wednesday*

Eunice Depot Museum | 220 C.C. Duson St. | 337.457.6540

**MALLET** - 2PM, *3rd Sunday of the month*

St. Ann's Catholic Church | 8348 US-190 | 337.543.2366

**OPELOUSAS** - 8:30AM, *last Wednesday of the month*

Le Vieux Village | 828 E. Landry St. | 337.948.6263

Located in the Louisiana Orphan Train Museum



## ST. LANDRY PARISH *Spiritual Trail*

Travelers flock to this area in search of the site of a miracle, a floating eucharistic procession on the bayou, and *traiteurs* or “faith healers”. We can thank the people who settled here for these diverse beliefs and rituals. They brought with them their own style of worship, creating an area with varied denominations.

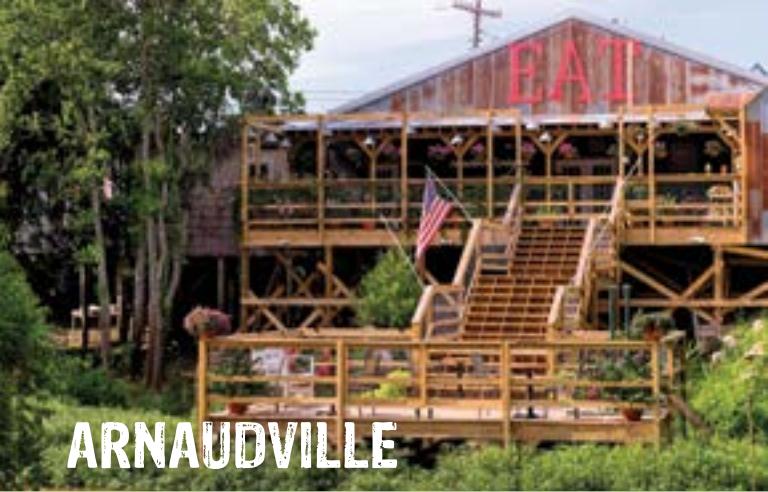
In fact, Opelousas is home to one of the oldest African American churches in Louisiana, **Little Zion Baptist Church**, and the oldest Methodist church congregation west of the Mississippi River, **Louisiana Memorial United Methodist Church**. The town is also home to **Holy Ghost Catholic Church**, which boasts one of the largest Catholic congregations of African Americans in the U.S. The church has a phenomenal gospel choir which performs every Sunday at 11am Mass.

While visiting Opelousas, stop by **St. Landry Catholic Church**. There you'll find the **Father Lafleur Monument**, an original sculpture in honor of this WWII POW's heroic last moments aboard a scuttled ship. Also, visit the church cemetery in October for historic reenactments and tours.

St. Landry Parish is also noted for its many historic Catholic institutions, especially in the town of Grand Coteau. Here, travelers report an indescribable peacefulness. That feeling may have a lot to do with the **Shrine of St. John Berchmans at The Academy of the Sacred Heart**, the site of one of the only documented miracles in the U.S.

Continue your tour of Grand Coteau at the **St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church**, noted for its very large collection of religious art. While visiting, make time to see the **St. Charles Cemetery**. This hallowed ground is the resting place of many Jesuit priests.

This is just a small sample of the trail. For the full itinerary, visit **CajunTravel.com**. While on our website, don't forget to sign up for the Spiritual Trail Passport. When you visit many of the places on the itinerary, you can earn points to win prizes designed by local artist, Hannah Gumbo.



## ARNAUDVILLE

“Cultural economy” is not just a buzz phrase to this town of 1,400 residents located at the junction of **Bayou Teche** and **Bayou Fuselier**. In recent years, Arnaudville is a haven for artists, musicians, and champions of the French language. Through a partnership with the French Consulate in New Orleans as well as with France, Canada, and Haiti, an exchange of ideas and business practices has enhanced the residents’ way of life and the economy of Arnaudville.

Every April, Arnaudville hosts the **Étouffée Festival**.

Residents and visitors can enjoy coffee and conversation *en français* at a **French Table** (see pg. 5).

### ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

#### NUNU Arts & Culture Collective

1510 Courtaleau Rd. (LA 93 E) | [f](http://NunuCollective.org)  
337.754.5990 | [NunuCollective.org](http://NunuCollective.org)  
Thurs-Sun 11AM-4PM & by appt.  
View artwork, meet working artists, shop for original art and products. Attend music and French performances and presentations. Take classes and workshops.  
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#### Tom's Fiddle & Bow

204 Fuselier Rd. | 337.322.5402  
[TomsFiddleAndBow.com](http://TomsFiddleAndBow.com) | [f](http://TomsFiddleAndBow.com)  
Mon-Fri 12:45PM-4:45PM,  
Sun by appt.  
Restoration, repair, and sales of new and used instruments and bows. Jam session 1PM-4PM the first Sunday every month.

### ATTRACTI0NS

#### Atelier de la Nature

1050 Andrew Gautreaux Rd  
337.761.6335 | By appt. | [f](http://AtelierDeLaNature.com)  
This nature reserve and education center offers dual language cooking workshops, guided nature walks, eco-workshops, art and science educational programming, and more. *Ici on parle français.*

#### Cajun Customized Excursions

337.303.8060  
[CajunCustomizedExcursions.com](http://CajunCustomizedExcursions.com)  
Explore uncharted areas of South Louisiana's swamps and bayous. See beautiful scenery, birds, and other wildlife, including alligators. Tour given in French or English.

#### Bayou Teche Brewing

1106 Bushville Hwy | 337.754.5122  
[BayouTecheBrewing.com](http://BayouTecheBrewing.com) | [f](http://BayouTecheBrewing.com)  
Sun 11AM-6PM; Tues-Thurs 12PM-8PM; Fri-Sat 12PM-9PM  
All beers are specially crafted to complement traditional cuisine. Enjoy live music every Saturday and Sunday and take a tour in English or *en français*!

#### Louisiana Hemp Extractors

2742 Oscar Rivette Rd. | 337.418.9498  
Mon-Fri 8AM-4PM & by appt.  
[LouisianaHempExtractors.com](http://LouisianaHempExtractors.com) | [f](http://LouisianaHempExtractors.com)  
This 10,000 sq. ft. facility houses a full suite of extraction equipment and has processed over 2000 lbs. of industrial hemp for local farmers. Offers finished goods manufacturing for farmers and businesses. Tours available.

## LIVE MUSIC

- **Bayou Teche Brewing**
- **NUNU Arts & Culture Collective**



- **Tom's Fiddle & Bow**  
See listings and call for information.

## EAT & DRINK

### Café NUNU

1510 Courtaleau Rd. (LA 93 E)

Located inside NUNU Arts & Culture Collective

337.754.5990 | Wed-Sun 10AM-2PM

Serving coffees, teas, and fresh lunches. Also featuring a bookshop with a hand-picked selection of art, architecture, music, children's, and French titles.

### Cajun Saucer Pizza

1106 Bushville Hwy. | 337.754.5368

Sun 11AM-6PM; Tues-Thurs 12PM-

8PM; Fri-Sat 12PM-9PM | [f](#)

Authentic wood-fired pizzas created to blend perfectly with Bayou Teche Brewery's craft beer. Located in the beer garden of Bayou Teche Brewery.

### Knott's Cajun Kitchen

408 Market St. | 337.754.5999 | [f](#)

Sun-Thurs 10AM-8PM; Fri-Sat

10AM-9PM

Serving Cajun cuisine. BBQ on Sundays.



### The Little Big Cup

149 Fuselier Rd. | 337.754.7147

[LittleBigCup.com](#) | [f](#)

Tues 11AM-2PM, Wed-Thurs 11AM-8:30PM; Fri 11AM-9PM; Sat 9AM-9PM; Sun 9AM-2PM

Enjoy the weekend boucherie brunch buffet or fine dining on the deck, overlooking Bayou Fuselier. Try a specialty cocktail at The Little Big Bar.

### Myran's Maison de Manger

1023 Neblett Rd. (Hwy. 31) | [f](#)

337.754.5064 | Daily 7:30AM-8:30PM

Est. 1979. On the Bayou Teche. A full menu plus daily plate lunches. Boiled crawfish in season. *Ici on parle français.*

### Russell's Food Center

114 Main St. | 337.754.5722

[RussellsFoodCenter.com](#) | [f](#)

Mon-Sat 7AM-8PM; Sun 7AM-7PM

Plate lunches. On the Boudin Trail.

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## ACCOMMODATIONS

### The Cajun Cabin Guest Cottage

113 E. Railroad St. | 337.331.6677 | [f](#)

Downtown. Cozy cabin with a front porch, and cathedral ceilings with exposed beams. Adjacent to the cottage, a 2-bedroom house is also available.

### Maison Stéphanie

1862 Bushville Hwy. | 337.454.4073

[Maison-Stephanie.com](#) | [f](#)

Built in 1796, this 8 bedroom, 20-acre estate has been newly renovated and is now a bilingual bed & breakfast and event space. *Ici on parle français.*



### Shiny Tiny House

1510 Hwy. Courtaleau

337.356.9429

Overnight stays and artist retreats in locally constructed tiny house with top-of-the-line features in creative community with authentic French culture. *Ici on parle français.*

### Taylor's Retreat

311 Fuselier Rd. | 337.501.0314

Newly renovated home built in the late 1800s featuring a fully equipped kitchen, two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a private reading/work area and a seasonal porch.

## CANKTON

Cankton, in the Coulee Croche area of St. Landry Parish, takes its name from Dr. Louis Aristide Guidry, who was also known as "Cank." An avid hunter as a boy, Guidry would signal his family that he was home from a hunt with a duck call, "Cank, cank, cank." His folks would say, "Cank est revenu," (Cank is back) and the name stuck.

## EAT & DRINK

### Cankton Café

613 Main St. | 337.668.4744 | [f](#)

Tues-Thurs 11AM-9PM; Fri-Sat

10AM-9PM; Sun 10AM-8PM

Serving traditional Cajun dishes such as boiled seafood, étouffée and daily plate lunches.



### Cormier's Country Store

792 Main St. | 337.680.4191 | [f](#)

Sun-Fri 6AM-2AM; Sat 7AM-2AM

On the Boudin Trail.



## EUNICE

Known as the "Prairie Cajun Capital," Eunice is popular for its Mardi Gras tradition—**Courir de Mardi Gras** (see pg. 17). Visit the **Jean Lafitte National Park & Preserve Prairie Acadian Cultural Center**, an interpretive center for all ages. Here, exhibits focus on the history of the Acadians and how they shaped our culture on the prairie. Musical performances, cooking demos, workshops and more are offered. Just next door is the historic **Liberty Theatre**, where for more than 30 years, thousands have flocked to the live radio and TV show, "**Rendez-vous des Cajuns**," held every Saturday night and emceed in Cajun French and English. Ongoing theater renovations will have dancers waltzing and two-stepping again soon.

Other stops on your music tour can include the downtown radio station, **KBON 101.1 FM**, that highlights Cajun, zydeco, and swamp pop artists. Check out the wall with signatures of music legends. Make time to visit the **Cajun French Music Hall of Fame & Museum** to see the past and present of Cajun music. Also include on your itinerary a jam session at **Savoy Music Center**, owned by a family whose lives are built around the accordion, their heritage, and music.

## LIVE MUSIC

- **Jean Lafitte Prairie Acadian Cultural Center**
- **Lakeview Park & Beach**
- **Savoy Music Center**

See listings and call for information.



**Beaucoup**

114 S. Second St. | 337.550.4727 | [f](#)  
 Tues-Fri 10AM-5PM; Sat 10AM-4PM  
 Handmade jewelry, art, religious items, gifts, and Mardi Gras costumes and masks.

**Bellard's Family Pharmacy & Gifts**

621 W. Maple Ave. | 337.546.6386  
[BellardsPharmacy.com](#) | [f](#)  
 Mon-Fri 8AM-5:30PM  
 Locally crafted artwork, jewelry, honey, and more.

**Cajun Flea Market & Auction**

1051 W. Laurel Ave. | 337.457.7274  
 Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM; Sat 9AM-4PM | [f](#)  
 Huge collection of antique furniture, glassware, cooking ware, and more. Every first, third, and fifth Saturday of the month, attend the live auction for funky finds. *Ici on parle français.*

**City Auto Antiques**

100 W. Walnut Ave. | 337.457.5273  
 Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM; Sat 9AM-12PM | [f](#)  
 Antique wooden furniture, vintage signage, glassware, and décor.  
*Ici on parle français.*

**ATTRACTI0NS****Cajun French Music Hall of Fame & Museum**

240 S. C.C. Duson St. | 337.457.6534  
 Wed-Sat 8:30AM-4:30PM  
 Where the history of this region's unique form of music is preserved and showcased.

**Cajun Prairie Habitat**

635 E. Magnolia Ave.  
 337.457.4497 | [CajunPrairie.org](#) | [f](#)  
 10-acre living exhibit of Louisiana native plants, flowers, and grasses. Touted as one of the U.S.' leading restoration sites with more than 100+ flora species.

**Eunice Depot Museum**

220 S. C.C. Duson St. | 337.457.6540  
 Wed-Sat 8:30AM-4:30PM  
 In 1894, developer C.C. Duson auctioned lots from this site for what became the City of Eunice. It houses educational, cultural, and historical exhibits. *Ici on parle français.*

**Jean Lafitte National Park & Preserve - Prairie Acadian Cultural Center**

250 Park Ave. | [f](#) | 337.457.8499  
 Learn about the settlers of the prairie region of southwest Louisiana through exhibits and artifacts. Check out their musical performances, crafts, cooking demonstrations and more. *Ici on parle français.*

**Damian Cuccio Designs**

110 S. Second St. | 337.580.3092  
 By appt. only  
 Original art: clay pieces, ceramics, paintings, and various furniture and home accents. Groups (adults & children) of up to 20 are welcome for classes and events.  
*Ici on parle français.*

**Eunice Community Garden Food Farmacy**

2101 W. Ash Ave. | 337.580.2993  
 Fall: Tues & Thurs 8AM-12PM; Sat 11AM-12PM  
 Summer: Wed & Sat 8AM-12PM  
 Seasonal garden fruits and vegetables (when available), jellies, jams, and more.

**Lakeview General Store**

1717 Veterans Memorial Hwy. (Hwy. 13) | 337.457.2881 | [f](#)  
 Mon-Thurs 9AM-5PM; Fri-Sat 8AM-7PM  
 Shop local jams, jellies, smoked and fresh meats, local handmade items, and other Louisiana-inspired items.

**KBON 101.1 FM**

1009 S. Second St. | 337.546.0007  
[KBON.com](#) | [f](#) | Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM  
 Variety music station highlighting Cajun, zydeco, and swamp pop artists. When visiting, check out the wall of signatures from local legends.

**Savoy Music Center**

4413 Hwy. 190 E. | 337.580.0899  
[SavoyMusicCenter.com](#) | [f](#)  
 Sat 9AM-12PM  
 Workshop of famed master accordion craftsman, Marc Savoy. Join Marc and his musical family for a jam session every Saturday. This jam session has attracted attention from all over the world and has been featured in major media outlets. Bring an instrument and join in or just sit back and enjoy the music. *Ici on parle français.*

**The Liberty Theatre**

200 Park Ave. | 337.457.7389 | [f](#)  
[Eunice-La.com](#) | \*Reopening Soon  
 This restored 1924 Vaudeville Theatre hosts the internationally-recognized radio and TV show Rendez-vous des Cajuns. Family friendly, emceed in French and English. *Ici on parle français.*

**Allison's Hickory Pit**

501 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W) | 337.457.9218 | [f](#)  
 Sat-Sun 10AM-2PM  
 Serving BBQ dinners and sandwiches. Call early for ribs. Take-out orders only.

**Café Mosaic**

202 S. Second St. | 337.546.6276 | [f](#)  
 Mon-Fri 6AM-7PM; Sat 7AM-7PM; Sun 7AM-5PM  
 Locally-roasted coffee, sandwiches, and a variety of sweets. Free WiFi.

**Cajun Station**

101 Veterans Dr. | 337.457.4252 | [f](#)  
 Mon-Sat 6AM-8:30PM  
 Serving daily plate lunches (11AM-1PM), boiled seafood (in season), boudin balls, fish platters and more.

**Champagne's Super Foods**

1051 W. Maple Ave. | 337.457.1893  
[ChampagneFood.com](#)  
 Mon-Sat 7AM-8PM; Sun 7AM-7PM  
 Serving plate lunches Monday-Thursday and on Saturdays. Seafood served on Fridays and BBQ plate lunches on Sundays.

**Crawfish Corner**

740 W. Laurel St. | 337.546.6090 | [f](#)  
 Open seasonally - call ahead  
 Boiled crawfish when in season.

**D.C.'s Sports Bar & Steakhouse**

1601 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W) | 337.457.7001 | Mon-Thurs 10:30AM-9:30PM; Fri-Sat 10:30AM-10PM  
 The place to go for sports, local cuisine, and lively atmosphere.

**Donut Queen**

940 E. Laurel Ave. | 337.466.7300 | [f](#)  
 Open daily 4:30AM-1PM  
 Breakfast items: croissants, kolaches, donuts, and biscuits. King cakes year-round.

**Eunice Poultry**

251 E. Laurel Ave. | 337.457.5614  
[EunicePoultry.weebly.com](#) | [f](#)  
 Open daily 6AM-6PM  
 Specialty meats incl. stuffed roast and a variety of sausage. On the Boudin Trail.

**Lejeune's Sausage Kitchen**

108 Tasso Cir. | 337.457.8491  
 Mon-Fri 7AM-5PM | [f](#)

Open since 1977, a family-owned local smoke house selling sausage, ponce, and tasso. *Ici on parle français.*

**Love Bonez**

121 W. Laurel Ave. | 337.550.4739 | [f](#)  
 Mon 6AM-10PM; Tues 6AM-2PM; Wed-Thurs 6AM-10PM; Fri 6AM-12AM; Sat 8AM-11AM/6PM-11PM  
 Serving Cajun and Creole cuisine and daily plate lunches.

**The Lunch Box**

1520 W. Laurel Ave. | 337.255.5883 | [f](#)  
 Mon-Fri 10AM-2PM or until sold out  
 Food truck serving everything from Cajun food, fried shrimp, and poboy to burgers, tacos, and much more.

**Mel's Quick Stop**

1894 Veterans Memorial Hwy. | 337.457.1958 | [f](#)  
 Mon-Sat 6AM-7PM; Sun 7AM-5PM  
 Conveniently located near Lakeview Park & Beach. On the Boudin Trail.

**Mo' Crawfish**

29017 Crowley Eunice Hwy. 13 | 337.788.2722 | [f](#)  
 Crawfish Season: Wed-Sat 5PM-9PM  
 Boiled crawfish, crab, shrimp, gumbo, and étouffée.

**Mowata Grocery Store**

30283 Crowley Eunice Hwy. 13 | 337.457.1140 | [f](#)  
 Mon-Fri 7AM-5:30PM; Sat 7AM-1:30PM  
 Offering specialty meats, boudin, and cracklins. On the Boudin Trail. *Ici on parle français.*

**The New Ronnie's Cajun Café**

541 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W) | 337.457.2004 | [f](#)  
 Sun-Tues 6AM-2PM; Wed-Sat 6AM-9PM  
 Breakfast, lunch, and dinner served Cajun style. Catering available.

**Rosa Mae's Café**

393 Hwy. 13 N. | 337.466.3112 | [f](#)  
 Mon-Sat 6AM-7PM; Sun 6AM-2PM  
 Home to classic Cajun and Creole cooking and a unique dining experience inside a renovated grain silo. Offering breakfast items, plate lunches, and Sunday BBQ.

**Ruby's Café**

221 W. Walnut Ave. | 337.550.7665  
337.546.0903 | [f](#) | Mon-Fri 6AM-2PM  
30 years in business. Cajun smoked ponce, crawfish étouffée over fried eggplant, and homemade biscuits and jelly – a local favorite. *Ici on parle français.*

**SugarCoated**

100 N. Saint George St. | 337.466.3401  
[SugarCoatedByStevie.com](#) | [f](#)  
Tues-Fri 9AM-5PM; Sat 10AM-1PM  
Bakery serving cookies, cake balls, a wide variety of cheesecakes, specialty desserts and King Cakes during Mardi Gras.

**ACCOMMODATIONS****BED & BREAKFAST****The Cottage at Cypress Grove**

119 Seale Ln. | 337.304.1727  
[CypressGrovePlace.com](#) | [f](#)  
Newly renovated with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, and full kitchen. 40 yards from the Chapelle Country Store event venue.

**The Keller House**

420 S. Second St. | 337.962.4849 | [f](#)  
Built in the 1800s, the first floor features 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms including the master bedroom with a full en suite bath and French doors leading into a parlor room. Second floor has 3 bedrooms and a full-sized bath. Continental breakfast served.

**Lulu's Cajun Cottage**

119 Freddie Fruge Rd. | 218.600.6485  
This historic home includes 3 private bedrooms, 2 full baths, full kitchen, laundry unit, and a large screened-in porch.

**The Main House at Cypress Grove**

121 Seale Ln. | 337.304.1727  
[CypressGrovePlace.com](#) | [f](#)  
4 beautifully furnished rooms in a restored home, c. 1910, located on six acres. Private parties and groups. Prairie Barn, located on the grounds, also sleeps 4.

**CAMPGROUNDS****Cajun Campground**

5552 Hwy. 190 E | 337.457.5753  
[CajunCampground.com](#) | [f](#)  
On 40 acres along Bayou Doza with 135 full hookups, 7 cabins, 5 pavilions, and WiFi. Hiking, swimming, fishing, game room, and mini golf. Clubhouse open to groups. *Ici on parle français.*

**L'Acadie Inn & RV Park**

259 Tasso Loop | 337.457.5211  
[LAcadieInn.com](#) | [f](#)  
21 rooms with microwave and fridge. 17 full hook-up RV sites with 30/50 amps, water, sewer, free WiFi, playground, pool, and fishing pond. Pet friendly.

**T-Boys Boudin & Cracklins**

1500 W. Laurel Ave.  
337.457.3344 | [tBoysBoudin.com](#)  
Mon-Fri 7AM-5:15PM; Sat 7AM-12:45PM  
Boudin and cracklins. Fresh, smoked, and specialty meats. On the Boudin Trail – will ship. 1st place winner – 2011-2016 Boudin Cook-off & People's Choice Awards.

**The Superette**

1230 W. Laurel Ave. | 337.546.6042  
Mon-Fri 7AM-6PM; Sat 6AM-2PM;  
Sun 8AM-2PM | [f](#)  
Meat market with locally sourced products. Drive-thru. On the Boudin Trail.  
*Ici on parle français.*

**ACCOMMODATIONS****Lakeview Park & Beach**

1717 Veteran Memorial Hwy. (Hwy. 13)  
337.457.2881 | [LVPark.com](#) | [f](#)  
This award-winning RV park offers 10 cabins, 95 full hook-ups with 30/50 amps, water, sewer, cable, WiFi, 13-acre fishing pond, beach, playgrounds, pavilions, family restrooms, dog park, and laundry. Seasonal Sat night barn dances, Feb-Nov.

**HOTELS****Best Western of Eunice**

1531 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 W)  
337.457.2800 | [f](#)  
35 rooms. Pool, W/D, HBO. Free WiFi. Complimentary breakfast, gazebo, and BBQ pit.

**Days Inn & Suites**

1251 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 E)  
337.457.3040 | [DaysInn.com](#) | [f](#)  
39 rooms. Fridge, microwave, W/D, HBO, and free WiFi. Complimentary breakfast, gazebo, and BBQ pit.

**Eunice Inn**

1145 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 190 E)  
337.457.4274  
24 rooms. Fridge, microwave, and free WiFi.

**Holiday Inn Express**

1698 Hwy. 190 W. | 337.546.2466  
[HIExpress.com/eunicela](#) | [f](#)  
66 rooms. Fridge, microwave, and free WiFi. Complimentary breakfast and motorcoach parking. Indoor pool.

**Howard's Inn**

3789 Hwy. 190 E. | 337.457.2066  
24 rooms. Fridge, microwave, W/D, free WiFi. Gazebo and BBQ pit.



# GRAND COTEAU

Grand Coteau, French for big ridge, rests on what was the west bank of the Mississippi River some 2,000 years ago. It was settled in 1776 and became home to Acadian, Creole, Irish, and German immigrants.

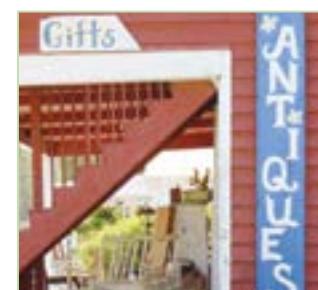
The town is one of the primarily few rural districts on the National Register of Historic Places with more than 70 structures designated as architecturally significant. Several of these structures have been repurposed and house antique shops, kitchen shops, and coffee houses. Grand Coteau is also noted for its magnificent trees that form alleys, groves, and gardens.

For 200 years, Catholicism and Grand Coteau have been deeply connected with the establishment of the **Academy of the Sacred Heart**. The academy also houses the Shrine of St. John Berchmans, one of the only documented miracles in the U.S. Along with the church and retreat centers, spiritual and educational guidance is extended to the local community and visitors from afar.

The town hosts four major events each year: **Creole Culture Day** (October), **Sweet Dough Pie Festival** (October), **Festival of Words** (November), and **Grand Noel** (November).

**ANTIQUES & SHOPPING****The Kitchen Shop**

296 E. Martin Luther King Dr.  
337.662.3500 | [f](#)  
Tues-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 1PM-5PM  
Gourmet food, books, greeting cards, linens, items for garden and bath. Sweet Dough Pie and Gateau NaNa served daily by Pastry Chef Nancy Brewer.

**Petite Rouge Antiques & Organics**

272 E. Martin Luther King Dr.  
337.662.4002  
[PetiteRougeAntiques.com](#) | [f](#)  
Mon-Tues 11AM-4PM; Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 1PM-5PM  
Antiques and vintage jewelry. A wide selection of herbs, hand-selected tea blends, essential oils, aroma therapy, goat milk soaps, infused local honey, and apothecaries.

## ATTRACTI0NS

### Academy of the Sacred Heart

1821 Academy Rd. | 337.662.5275  
 SSHCoteau.org | [f](#) | By appt. only  
 • Shrine of St. John Berchmans  
 • Le Petit Musée  
 • Oak Alley & formal gardens  
*Ici on parle français.*



### Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House

214 Church St. | 337.662.5410  
 GCRetreats.org  
 Built in 1938 on the site of the original St. Charles Church, this Spanish mission-style building sits under moss-draped oak trees. Retreaters are welcome. Private. *Ici on parle français.*

## EAT & DRINK

### B Sweet Bakery

106 St. Joseph St. | 337.662.2253 | [f](#)  
 Tues 12PM-5PM; Wed-Thurs 10AM-5PM; Fri 10AM-6PM  
 Freshly baked sweet treats including pies, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, and puddings. King cakes during Mardi Gras season.

### Big Hill Café at Brent's

234 E. Martin Luther King Dr. | [f](#)  
 337.662.4003 | BrentsRestaurant.com  
 Tues-Fri: Breakfast 8AM-10:30AM; Lunch 10:30AM-1:30PM; Sun 10AM-1:30PM  
 Serving delicious traditional breakfast items, beignets, and locally roasted Rêve coffee. Restaurant also serves Cajun cuisine favorites and home cooked plate lunches. Seafood buffet Friday nights during Lent.

### Go Bears Southern Eatery

1672 N. I-49 Service Rd. | [f](#)  
 337.662.2500 | Go-Bears.com  
 Mon-Fri 10AM-2PM  
 Large variety of gourmet salads, sandwiches, and Cajun food favorites.



### The Hive Market

219 E. Martin Luther King Dr. | [f](#)  
 337.962.1588 | TheHive-Market.com  
 Tues-Fri 7AM-5PM; Sat 8AM-4PM  
 Café serving local and farm-fresh ingredients. Snoballs with natural and organic syrups, pastries, unique sandwiches and soups.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### Casita Azul

151 Church St. | 337.254.9695 | [f](#)  
 Relax in a private guest cottage with accommodations including a queen bed, WiFi, a large bathroom. *Ici on parle français.*



St. Charles College. All furnishings are antiques or recycled pieces. WiFi.

### Train Wreck Inn

211 Chatrian St. | 337.466.8002  
 TrainWreckInn.com | [f](#)  
 This retro train motel offers four separate lodging spaces, including a train car and caboose. Each space has a private bathroom and a custom, stocked kitchen. *Ici on parle français.*

### Mama Sue's Tiny Guesthouse

134 Church St. | 337.739.7974 | [f](#)  
 Converted little, red barn with high ceilings and a front porch overlooking the beautiful and peaceful grounds of the Jesuit Spirituality Center at



### St. Charles Borromeo Church & Cemetery

174 Church St. | 337.662.5279  
 St-Charles-Borromeo.org | [f](#)  
 Groups by appt. only  
 Designed by New Orleans architect James Freret, this wooden structure, the finest gem in Grand Coteau, has stained glass windows, paintings, statues, and ornate altars.



## KROTZ SPRINGS

Krotz Springs, also known as the “Mile of Boudin” for its popular vendors, was named after Ohio native and saw-mill owner, C. W. Krotz. Krotz put down the first oil well in St. Landry Parish but struck water instead of oil, so the town formerly known as Lantania became Krotz Springs. Situated on the **Atchafalaya River**, Krotz Springs is a port and refinery center handling almost three million tons of liquid and dry bulk cargo, such as oil and grain. The town is also a gateway to the outdoors with the 40,000-acre **Sherburne Wildlife Management Area** along its eastern border. Outdoor enthusiasts can also access a 28,000-acre area in the **Atchafalaya Basin, Indian Bayou**, perfect for hunting and fishing. North of Highway 190, on Highway 105, is the **Teche Vermillion Pumping Station**. The station is responsible for the healthy water levels and water quality of our bayous. They monitor the water flow and prevent further debris from entering our waterways.

## FOOD & DRINK



### Kartchner's Grocery

24562 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.0529 | [f](#)  
 Mon-Sat 7AM-7PM; Sun 8AM-6PM  
 Specialty meat market. Available frozen - gumbo, étouffée, rice dressing, and much more. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

### Morrow's Diner

24442 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.3737 | [f](#)  
 Open Daily 4AM-10PM  
 Short-order menu featuring daily plate lunches and breakfast specials. Located in the Exxon Station.

### Whitetails Bar & Grill

24399 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.2800 | [f](#)  
 Mon-Tues 11AM-2PM; Wed-Sun 11AM-9PM  
 Features an array of specialty sandwiches, seafood, and daily specials, in a motif centered around the whitetail deer. Daily Buffet. Groups welcome.

## CAMPGROUNDS

### Cypress Cove RV Park

517 Division St. | 337.407.7756 | [f](#)  
 11 sites with water and sewer. Laundry facility across the street. Pet friendly. 30/50 amps.

### DC's RV Park

24399 Hwy. 190 | 337.566.2800  
 Great area for fishing, boating, hunting, and more. Full-service restaurant, 15

full hook-up sites, 30/50 amps, water, electricity, sewer, WiFi, and pet friendly.

### Riverview RV Resort

174 Campground Loop | [f](#)  
 337.351.4260  
 Water, electricity, dump site, 67 sites on the Atchafalaya, pavilion, picnic tables, washateria, bathroom, and showers.



## LEONVILLE

The first Catholic pastor, Fr. Leon Mailluchet, named this village after St. Leon. Nestled between Opelousas and Arnaudville, along Bayou Teche, Leonville's public boat launch makes a great starting point for a paddle down this historic waterway. It's also a perfect stopping point for cyclists pedaling on the **Zydeco Cajun Prairie Scenic Byway** (Hwy 31). The **Bayou Teche** is maintained by T.E.C.H.E. Project (TecheProject.com), and is a National Water Trail.

### EAT & DRINK

#### Champagne's Marché

3802 Hwy. 31 | 337.879.2586  
ChampagnesMarche.com | [f](#)  
Mon-Sat 6:30AM-8PM; Sun 7:30AM-2PM  
Est. in 1926, Champagne's Marché offers plate lunches and award-winning king cakes and boudin. On the Boudin Trail. *Ici on parle français.*

#### Silver Slipper

2818 Hwy. 31 | 337.595.5080 | [f](#)  
Wed-Thurs 10AM-9PM; Fri-Sat 10AM-10:30PM; Sun 10AM-3PM  
Visit this historic landmark located on the Bayou Teche. Enjoy Cajun-Asian fusion cuisine - Cajun-style sushi and hibachi, plus Louisiana classics like crab cakes, poboy, and gumbo. See Facebook for live music schedule.



## Uncover Your Roots

St. Landry Parish is fortunate to have archival records dating back to the early 1800s and welcomes visitors to search for ancestry through several resources open to the public.

The **Imperial St. Landry Genealogical & Historical Society** has an active membership that meets monthly with periodic workshops and seminars. The public is invited to attend. Members are happy to assist with research that may answer some of your family's questions about roots of origin.

Research online:

[ImperialStLandryGenealogy.org](http://ImperialStLandryGenealogy.org)  
[facebook.com/ImperialStLandry](http://facebook.com/ImperialStLandry)

Other public resources include:

#### Charles Jagneaux Election & Archives Center

306 W. Landry St., Opelousas | 337.942.5606 | Mon-Fri 8AM-4:30PM

#### Opelousas Public Library

212 E. Grolee St., Opelousas | 337.948.3693

[Opelousas.lib.la.us](http://Opelousas.lib.la.us) | Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM

#### Eunice Public Library

222 S. Second St., Eunice | 337.466.7077

Mon-Tues, Fri 8AM-5PM; Wed-Thurs 8AM-6PM; Sat 8AM-12PM

## Cajun, Creole Mardi Gras



Here, **Mardi Gras** is not your typical festival with floats, beads and doubloons. Instead, for the **Courir de Mardi Gras**, locals trade floats for horses, beads for bells, and crowded streets for country roads.

You can participate in this fascinating, century-old celebration in Eunice, Louisiana. The *courir* or "run" puts costumed revelers on foot or on horseback in search of items to contribute to the community gumbo. Those seeking a little adventure can give it a shot in the chicken chase, which for some, is a Mardi Gras rite of passage.

Don't forget the costume! The traditional mask and a tall hat called a *capuchon* are required, but you can add your own creative flair.

The festivities don't start and end there. In fact, it is a five-day long event that begins Friday and ends with the *courir* on Mardi Gras day. The remaining days are filled with Cajun traditions, such as jam sessions, street dances, cooking demos, a traditional *boucherie*, and **Lil' Mardi Gras**, a run held on Sunday for children ages 0-14.

#### Additional festivities include:

Opelousas Mardi Gras Celebration

Sunset Mardi Gras Parade

Lundi Gras Boucherie

Cankton Chicken Run

Lebeau Chicken Run

Keith Frank's Zyde Gras on the Square



#### When is Mardi Gras?

2027: February 9

2028: February 29

2029: February 13

For more information visit:  
[CajunTravel.com/Mardi-Gras](http://CajunTravel.com/Mardi-Gras)



Travel the **Zydeco-Cajun Prairie Scenic Byway**, a music-heavy trail that traverses three parishes – St. Landry, Acadia, and Evangeline. These regions are responsible for three distinct musical sounds – Cajun, zydeco, and swamp pop.

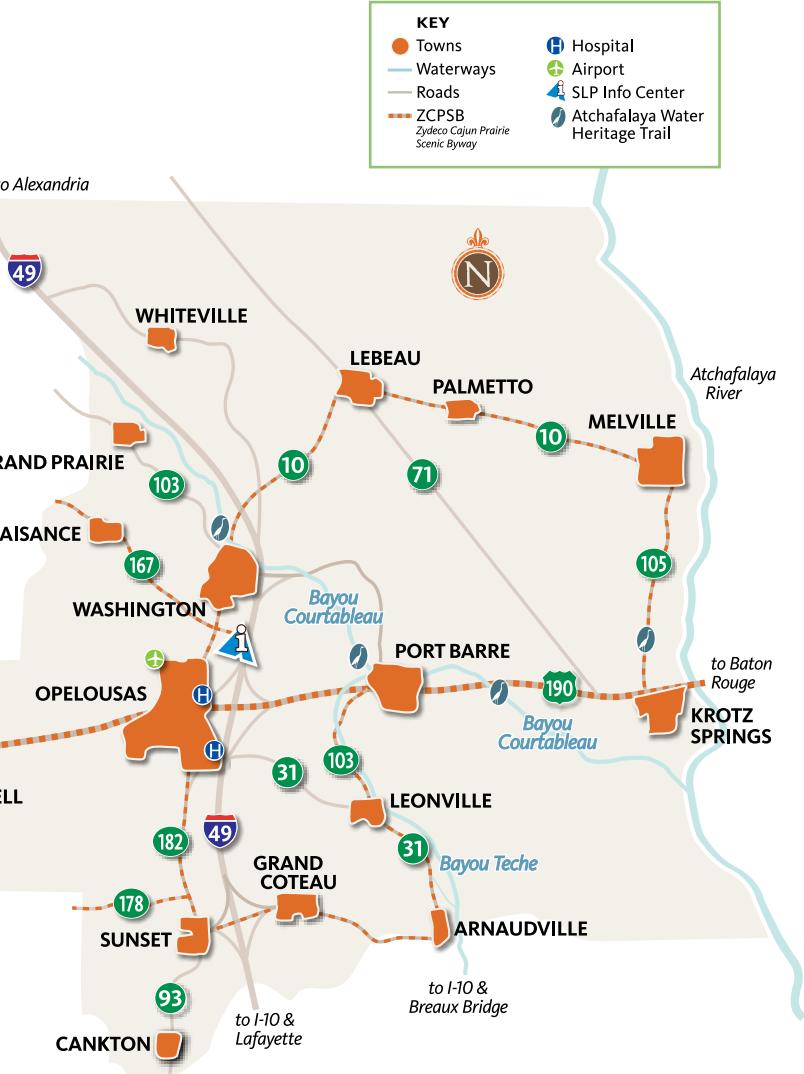


*Don't change that station!*

Let **KBON 101.1** be the soundtrack for the **Bayou Teche Corridor**.

Part of the **Atchafalaya National Heritage Area**, this corridor traces historic Bayou Teche, a 135-mile bayou flowing from its head in Port Barre down to its mouth in Berwick.

This bayou is now recognized as a **National Water Trail** featuring 13 established access points for paddle trips.



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#### ST. LANDRY PARISH TOWN HALLS

ARNAUDVILLE	337.754.5911	GRAND COTEAU	337.662.5246
CANKTON	337.668.4456	KROTZ SPRINGS	337.566.2322
EUNICE	337.457.7389	LEONVILLE	337.879.2601

MELVILLE	337.623.4226	PORT BARRE	337.585.7646
OPELOUSAS	337.948.2527	SUNSET	337.662.5296
PALMETTO	337.623.4426	WASHINGTON	337.826.3626

# AMÉDÉ ARDOIN COMMEMORATIVE



Amédé Ardoin (1898-1942) was one of the earliest French-speaking Creole musicians to commercially record his songs and the first to build a library of over 30 recordings with national labels. He is widely regarded as the bedrock of today's Cajun and Creole music. The **Amédé Ardoin Commemorative** was inspired by the Ardoin family's efforts to bring him home from his burial place in an unmarked grave at the Central Louisiana Hospital. The memorial, a 1,500-pound steel statue, displays Ardoin standing high atop his most prized possession, his accordion. In his right hand he holds out a bronze lemon, a reference to Ardoin's practice of carrying a lemon in his pocket for his singing voice.

*View the memorial statue at the St. Landry Parish Visitor Center located at Exit 23 on Interstate 49.*



## OPELOUSAS

Founded in 1720, Opelousas is Louisiana's third oldest city. Take a walk through downtown and see original architecture, historic homes, and public art. Some of the parish's oldest buildings have been restored at **Le Vieux Village Heritage Park**. There, you will also find the **Louisiana Orphan Train Museum**, one of only two museums in the U.S. that tells the story of the New York Foundling Hospital orphans.

As the **Zydeco Music Capital of the World**, Opelousas is home to Grammy winners, **Clifton Chenier** and **Terrance Simien**. Learn more about these and other zydeco musicians at the **Zydeco Music Exhibit**, on display at the village.

On the second and third weekends of October, the parish's "older" residents come back to life. See and hear their stories during the **St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery Tours**.

Local restaurants today are still influenced by Opelousas natives, the late culinary great, **Chef Paul Prudhomme**, and seasoning entrepreneur, **Tony Chachere**. With local eateries still open since the 30's, you can enjoy recipes that are tried and true!



### OPELOUSAS TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER & JIM BOWIE DISPLAY

828 E. Landry St. (Hwy. 190) | Mon-Fri 8AM-4:30PM & Sat 9AM-4PM  
337.948.6263 | 800.424.5442 | CityOfOpelousas.com | [f](#)

The center houses a display of photos and information on Jim Bowie, one-time resident of Opelousas.

### LIVE MUSIC VENUES

- **Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino**
- **SLP Visitor Center**

- **Toby's Downtown Restaurant & Lounge**

*See listings and call for information.*



**Art Box Studio & Gallery**

115 S. Main St. | 337.418.1789 | [f](#)  
 ArtBoxOp.com | Mon-Fri 1:30PM-6PM  
 View the vibrant and bold work of Neketta Guillory. Check her website for events: poetry readings, music events, and other hands-on learning experiences.

**Becky's Barn**

1145 Hwy. 357 | 337.356.3192 | [f](#)  
 BeckysBarn.net | Wed-Sun 10AM-5PM  
 8,000-sq. ft. Over 50 vendors. Antiques, black iron pots, glassware, goat milk soap, furniture, and more.

**Opelousas Farmers Market**

828 E. Landry St. | 337.435.1023  
 Tues, Thurs, Sat 6:30AM-11AM  
 Discover bounties of homegrown fruits, vegetables, preserves and jellies, and more.

**Sebastien Dupre Fine Jewelry**

822 S. Main St. | 337.948.4367 | [f](#)  
 Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM  
 Distinctive pieces made by locals, including primitive Louisiana folk art, handmade reclaimed wood projects, artwork, and fused glass pendants.

**Spotted Cat Antiques, Etc.**

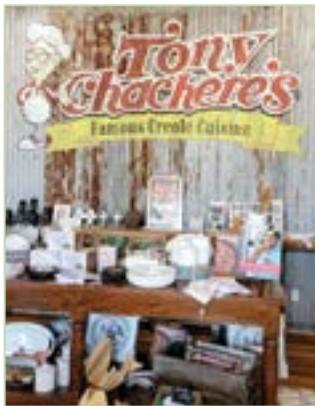
637 Creswell Ln. | 337.678.1081 | [f](#)  
 SpottedCatAntiquesEtc.com  
 Thurs-Sun 10AM-5PM  
 More than 100 dealers and 30,000 sq. ft. of antiques, vintage clothing, furniture, and primitive items. *Ici on parle français.*

**Targil Seasoning & Butcher Supplies**

229 Wartell Ave. | 337.942.6276 | [f](#)  
 Targil.com | Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM, by appt.  
 Create your own spice blend and custom label. 2.5 billion pounds of spices are produced annually. Purchase blends in the retail shop. *Ici on parle français.*

**Tony Chachere General Store**

5604 I-49 Frontage Rd. | 800.551.9066  
 Mon-Fri 9AM-4PM | Production viewing Mon-Thurs only  
 Shop kitchen items, tableware, Parish Ink apparel, and other Louisiana-inspired novelties. Also shop the entire line of seasonings and box mixes, such as jambalaya and dirty rice.



## COOK LIKE A LOCAL WITH LOCAL PRODUCTS

**Craft Beer** – Each ale is crafted to complement Louisiana dishes. Every weekend, sample **Bayou Teche Brewing**'s latest culinary concoctions in the tap room, hear live music, or take a tour in French or English. (pg. 8)  
**Sunset Brewhouse** opening soon with a tasting room, dining menu, and outdoor seating.

**LouAna Cooking Oil** – From vegetable and corn to avocado and safflower. Find it at any local grocery or visit [LouAna.com](#) for recipes and tips.

**Parish Rice** – Grown in Eunice, Parish Rice, aside from its delicious taste, has 53% more protein than most other brands. It also has the lowest glycemic index value of any white rice on the market in the U.S.

**Savoie's Foods** – From smoked sausage and tasso to roux and dressing mix, this local favorite makes everything you need for a Cajun meal. (pg. 25)

**Tony Chachere's Original Creole Seasoning** – A Cajun staple that can go on anything from gumbo to popcorn. Find it at any local grocery or visit the general store at **Tony Chachere's**.

**Zydeco Chop Chop** – Called *mirepoix* or *Cajun Trinity*, Louisiana cooking made easy with this bag of dehydrated ingredients. **Targil Seasoning**. (pg. 22)

**Creole Heritage Folklife Center**

1113 W. Vine St. | 337.945.5064  
 Tues-Fri 12PM-4PM; Sat 1PM-4PM;  
 Sun by appt.  
 Relive traditions of Creole culture. Featured on the Louisiana African American Heritage Trail. Call for guided tours. *Ici on parle français.*

**Evangeline Downs****Racetrack & Casino**

2235 Creswell Ln. Ext.  
 337.594.3000 | 866.4.RACINO  
[EvangelineDowns.com](#) | [f](#)  
 Open 24 hours a day  
 Live thoroughbred and quarter horse racing. More than 1,350 slot machines, concerts, and a variety of restaurants. Groups welcome.

**Louisiana Memorial United Methodist Church**

515 Bellevue St. | 337.942.3163 | [f](#)  
 Mon & Wed 9AM-12PM  
 Established in 1806, this church is known for having the oldest Methodist church congregation west of the Mississippi River.

**Louisiana Orphan Train Museum**

223 S. Academy St.  
 Located within Le Vieux Village  
 337.948.9922 | 337.942.7845 | [f](#)  
[LaOrphanTrainMuseum.com](#)  
 Tues-Fri 10AM-3PM, Sat. by appt. only  
 Hear the story of the Orphan Train Riders who came to Louisiana by train from the New York Foundling Hospital between 1873 and 1929. One of two museums in the US. Admission. *Ici on parle français.*

**Opelousas Little Theatre**

1344 S. Union St. | 337.351.2591 | [f](#)  
 Built in the 1880s, this former church has housed hundreds of plays since the Opelousas Little Theatre, a group formed in 1939, made it their home in 1959. A wide range of plays are still put on. Tours available.

**Opelousas Museum & Interpretive Center**

315 N. Main St. | 337.948.2589  
[CityOfOpelousas.com](#) | [f](#)  
 Mon-Fri 8AM-4:30PM; 1st & 3rd Sat's 10AM-2AM. Group tours by appt. Special exhibits include the Geraldine Smith Welch Doll Collection, Civil War Display, the Rodney Milburn Tribute – Gold Medal Winner, the Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival Archives, and “Free People of Color in St. Landry Parish” exhibit.

**St. Landry Catholic Church & Cemetery**

1020 N. Main St. | 337.942.6552  
[StLandryCatholicChurch.com](#) | [f](#)  
 Mon-Thurs 8:30AM-12PM, 1PM-4PM  
 Tours by appt. only  
 Built in 1909, the “Mother Church of Acadiana” is one of the finest examples of Romanesque Revival in the state. It is also the site of the Fr. Lafleur Monument, a tribute to the WWII POW Chaplain.





## Back in Time

123 W. Landry St. | 337.942.2413 | [f](#)

Mon-Sat 11AM-2:30PM

Café serving award-winning recipes.

Unique gifts and collectibles. *Ici on parle français.*

## Bellard's Poultry & Crawfish

405 S. Bullard St. | 337.942.3033 | [f](#)

Mon-Fri 7AM-5PM; Sat 7AM-12PM

Open since 1964. Custom cutting the freshest quality meat, seafood, and poultry. Zydeco Chop Chop (pg. 23) is also available here.

## Benny's Supermarket

806 S. Union St. | 337.948.6533 | [f](#)

Mon-Sat 7AM-8PM; Sun 7AM-7PM

Delicious breakfast and plate lunches, boudin, and local products such as craft beers, rice, coffees, and spices.

## Billy's Boudin & Cracklin

6487 I-49 S. Service Rd.  
337.942.9150 | [BillysBoudin.com](#) | [f](#)

Sun-Wed 6AM-8PM; Thurs-Sat 6AM-9PM

Enjoy traditional, smoked, and crawfish boudin, cracklins and specialty meats.

## Bosco's Specialty Meats

15595 Hwy. 190 | 337.948.0000 | [f](#)  
Mon-Sat 7AM-6PM; Sun 7AM-2PM

Specialty meat shop serving daily plate lunches, boudin, cracklins, sausage, and more.

## Brew Express

9508 Hwy 182 | 337.826.5469 | [f](#)  
Mon-Sat 7AM-6PM

Located in the Phillips 66 gas station. Café offers specialty coffee, smoothies, and more.

## The Cajun Boudin Stop

1691 US-167 | 337.305.5292 | [f](#)  
Mon-Sat 5AM-7PM

Serving plate lunches, boudin, cracklins, fried chicken, meat pies, and more.

## Chicken King

219 E. Prudhomme Ln. | 337.942.9224  
[ChickenKingLA.com](#) | [f](#)

Open daily 8AM-8PM

Breakfast biscuits, Cajun fare, and plate lunches served daily. BBQ lunches on Tuesday and Sunday.

## Crawfish Corner

529 S. Union St. | 337.407.2529 | [f](#)  
Tues-Sat 11AM-8PM; Sun 11AM-7PM

Serving live and boiled seafood. Crawfish when in season.

## Crawfish House & Grill

1214 S. Union St. | 337.948.0049 | [f](#)  
Sun 11AM-2PM; Tues-Fri 11AM-2PM/5PM-9PM; Sat 5PM-9PM

Daily plate lunches, seafood, burgers,

"Cajun Girl Poboy" and sandwiches. Oysters, shrimp, and boiled crawfish when in season. *Ici on parle français.*

## DezMeaux's Boudin

720 E. Vine St. | 337.678.1740

Dezmeauxs.top | [f](#)

Tues-Sat 8AM-5PM; Sun 9AM-2PM

Serving authentic Creole boudin using their decades-old recipe. A must-try are the chicken wings stuffed with boudin - a local favorite.



BOUDIN—CAJUN STYLE FAST-FOOD

## Dominick's Smoke Wagon

1611 N. Main St. | 337.290.0457 | [f](#)

Sat-Sun 10AM-5PM or until sold out

For over 30 years, this local eatery has served some of the best BBQ around using local products with their own unique spin, such as the "Come Back Sauce."

## Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino Dining

2235 Creswell Ln. Ext.  
337.594.3000 | 866.4.RACINO  
[EvangelineDowns.com](#)

- The Spotted Horse Tavern & Dining Parlor
- EVD Express
- Infusion Casual Cuisine

## Hebert's Boudin & Cracklin

4932 I-49 N. Service Rd. | [f](#)  
337.942.8828 | [HebertsBoudin.com](#)

Mon-Sat 6AM-9PM; Sun 7AM-8PM

Specialty meat market and local products. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

*Ici on parle français.*

## Java Square Café

103 W. Landry St. | 337.678.0551  
[JavaSquare.Cafe](#) | [f](#) | Mon-Fri

6:30AM-6PM; Sat-Sun 8AM-4PM

Coffee specialties and light fare served in the old Parish Trust & Savings building (1927). Locally-roasted Reve coffee.

## Jim's Seafood

1005 N. Main St. | 337.948.1366  
[JimSeafood.top](#) | Mon-Sat 10AM-8PM

Serving seafood dishes from local farmers and suppliers.

## Joe's Sandwich Shop

1633 W. Vine St. | 337.942.5163  
Mon-Fri 8AM-8PM

Est. 1941. Burgers, poboy, fried seafood, and chicken. Plate lunches served Mon-Fri.



## Kelly's Country

### Meat Block & Diner

1531 S. Union St. | 337.942.7466 | [f](#)

Store: Mon-Sat 7AM-6PM; Sun 7AM-2PM. Diner: Daily 10AM-2PM

Hearty homemade Cajun fare, daily plate lunches, and BBQ on Thurs and Sun. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

## Lavergne's Cajun Kitchen

10300 Prejean Hwy. (Hwy. 190) | [f](#)

337.678.9468 | Mon-Fri 10:30AM-3PM

Located in Lawtell right on Hwy 190. Offering plate lunches from seafood to stews, option for dessert. House-made seasoning, Paw's and Poppy's Seasoning.

## Mama's Fried Chicken

508 E. Landry St. | 337.948.9203

Open daily 10AM-10PM

2307 Jake Dr. | 337.948.6262

Mon-Thurs, Sat 10AM-9PM;

Fri 10AM-10PM; Sun 10AM-4PM

[EatMamasFriedChicken.com](#) | [f](#)

Serving homemade items, such as chicken and biscuits. Desserts include funnel cakes and fried Oreos.

## Meche's Meat & Supermarket

1508 W. Landry St. | 337.942.2089

Mon-Sat 7AM-7PM; Sun 7AM-6PM

Specialty meats. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

## Mikey's Donut King

952 E. Landry St. | 337.942.2128 | [f](#)

Open daily 4AM-1PM

Offering an array of different donuts and fillings. Stop by during Mardi Gras season for a traditional King Cake.

## Pearl's Country Kitchen

8247 Hwy. 182 | 337.594.8899

Mon-Fri 10:30AM-5PM

Home cooked plate lunches. Cakes and catering for all occasions.

## Pizza Shack

1242 Edith St. | 337.948.4838

[PizzaShackOpelousas.com](#) | [f](#)

Mon-Thurs 11AM-9PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-10PM; Sun 5PM-9PM

Est. 1988. Serving poboy, muffuletta, and pizzas (sauces made fresh daily and dough made from scratch.) Ferdie's Special, uses local Savoie's Sausage.

## Queb's Country Store

3007 Hwy. 167 | 337.628.0333 | [f](#)

Open daily 6AM-8PM

Full-service butcher shop featuring a large variety of fresh and smoked meats. Deli specializing in plate lunches, Sunday BBQ, boudin, cracklins, and more.

## Ray's Grocery Plus

6028 Hwy. 182 | 337.942.9077 | [f](#)

Mon-Sat 8AM-6PM

Ray's original recipe boudin, crawfish boudin, pepper jack cheese stuffed boudin balls, and sweet potato biscuits. On the Boudin Trail. *Ici on parle français.*

## Savoie's Foods

1742 Hwy. 742 | [SavoiesFoods.com](#)

337.942.9955 | 337.942.7241 | [f](#)

Mon-Fri 7AM-4PM

Producers of Savoie's sausage, tasso, roux, and more. On the boudin trail - will ship. *Ici on parle français.*

## Sebastien's West End Seafood Market

1538 W. Landry St. | 337.407.0780

Mon-Fri 9AM-6PM; Sat 9AM-4PM | [f](#)

Large variety of fresh, wild-caught seafood all from local fishermen. *Ici on parle français.*

## Soileau's Dinner Club

1618 N. Main St. | [Soileaus.com](#) | [f](#)

337.942.2985 | Tues-Fri 11AM-8PM;

Sat 4PM-8PM; Sun 11AM-2PM

Est. in 1937, Soileau's offers Cajun specialties, char-broiled angus beef, and seafood. Family and candlelight dining. Private banquet room. Take-out available.

## Sonya's Donuts & Deli

1416 Jean Kayla Blvd. | 337.942.7143

Tues-Sun 4AM-11:30AM | [f](#)

Soul food, burgers, and plate lunches.

## Toby's Downtown Restaurant & Lounge

132 Toby Ln. | 337.948.3800 | [f](#)

Lunch: Tues-Fri 11AM-2PM;

Dinner: Tues-Wed 5PM-7:30PM;

Thurs 5PM-9PM; Fri-Sat 5PM-10PM;

Brunch: Sun 10AM-2PM

Historic restaurant serving Cajun and Creole food classics like fried alligator, crawfish étouffée, and gumbo. Also serving brunch.

## ACCOMMODATIONS



### CAMPGROUNDS

#### Alice's RV Park

631 Desirée Rd. | 337.288.9633  
10 full hook-up sites with access to electricity, water, and sewer. WiFi, RV rental, picnic tables, gazebo, washateria, laundry, church services available. Pet friendly.

#### Dale White RV Park

7829 Hwy. 31 | 337.652.8353  
39 full hook-up sites. Showers, laundry and partial handicap access. Camping clubs welcome. Pets allowed.

### HOTELS & MOTELS

#### Budget Inn

1125 N. Main St. | 337.942.9762  
8 rooms. Daily & weekly rates, cable, microwave/fridge, free WiFi.

#### Cardinal Inn Motel

12012 Hwy. 190 | 337.942.5624  
35 rooms. Daily & weekly rates.

#### Days Inn & Suites

5761 I-49 S. Service Rd., Exit 18 | 337.407.0004 | DaysInn.com | [f](#)  
58 rooms. Complimentary breakfast, free WiFi, microwave/fridge, pool. Groups welcome. Pet friendly.

#### Evangeline Downs Hotel

2235 Creswell Ln., Exit 18, Lot B | 337.407.2121 | [f](#)  
A Choice Hotels property connected to Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino. 117 rooms - mini-fridge, microwave, WiFi, and continental breakfast. Indoor pool and hot tub. Event/meeting space. Pet friendly.

#### Hampton Inn

1700 Commerce Blvd. | 337.284.3428 | [f](#)  
80 rooms. Complimentary breakfast, free WiFi, microwave, fridge, pool, and fitness center. Meeting room.

#### Evangeline Oaks RV Park

808 Hwy. 742 | 337.288.0032  
EvangelineOaksRVPark.com | [f](#)  
17 shaded sites, with WiFi, laundry and bath facility, 30/50 amp electric, full hookups, water, and sewer.

#### South City Park Campground

1524 S. Market St. | 337.948.2562  
CityOfOpelousas.com | Office: Mon-Thurs 8AM-4PM; Fri 8AM-11AM  
10 RV sites with water, electricity, 30/50 amp, dump station. Tennis courts in walking distance. Pavilion and meeting halls.

#### Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

5696 I-49 N. Service Rd., Exit 18 | 337.948.3300 | [f](#)  
HolidayInn.com/OpelousasLA  
75 rooms. National Award Winner for Design. Full-service hotel. Heated indoor pool and spa. Meeting room. Pet friendly.

#### Motel 6

4165 I-49 S. Service Rd., Exit 15 | 337.948.9500  
62 rooms, outdoor pool, cable TV, and WiFi. Pet friendly, no pet fee.

#### Ranch Motel

315 S. Cane St. | 337.942.9775  
15 rooms.

#### Spark by Hilton

5454 I-49 N. Service Rd., Exit 18 | 337.942.4900  
57 rooms. Complimentary breakfast, free WiFi, pool.

#### Studio 6

5791 I-49 S. Service Rd., Exit 18 | 337.942.6250  
46 rooms, WiFi, pool, cable TV. Complimentary hot breakfast. Pet friendly.

#### Townhouse Motel

337 W. Landry St. | 985.212.2510  
30 rooms. Cable TV and WiFi. Daily & weekly rates.



## PALMETTO & LEBEAU

Located on Hwy. 10, between Melville and Hwy. 71, the small town of Palmetto earned its name from the native plant that grows in the area. Before a sign was made for the train depot, fronds of the palmetto plant were nailed to the building. The spirit of early Palmetto is still felt at the community's general store, **Budden's**, which has been open since the 1930s. On the first Saturday in July, thousands head to nearby Lebeau for the annual **Zydeco Festival**. A popular time for family reunions and fun.

### SHOPPING

#### Budden's Store

165 W. Railroad Ave., Palmetto | 337.623.4711 | [f](#)  
Mon-Wed, Fri 8AM-5PM; Thurs 8AM-12PM; Sat 8AM-4:30PM  
Established in 1934, this general store retains the character of the early days of Palmetto, when it was the trade center for the surrounding agricultural area.  
*Il ci parle français.*

### EAT & DRINK

#### Stelly's of Lebeau, Inc.

8621 Hwy. 71, Lebeau | 337.623.4458 | [f](#)  
Store: Daily 7AM-8PM  
Restaurant: Daily 6AM-8PM  
Open since 1920, this grocery store/restaurant combo offers local specialties, breakfast, and plate lunches.  
On the Boudin Trail.



## Taste your way through St. Landry Parish with the Allons Manger! passport

Try the best Cajun and Creole restaurants, fried chicken icons, upscale dining, boudin stops and specialty meat locations to earn points and win prizes. You can also enjoy exclusive discounts at participating restaurants. Get the passport on your phone via text or email, and make sure you're on site to check in at each location. Once you have enough points saved up, redeem the prize of your choice. It's the perfect excuse to try all the great food you can find in St. Landry Parish.

# PORT BARRE



Port Barre is the birthplace of **Bayou Teche**. Settled as a French trading post in the early 1800s, Port Barre sits at the point where **Bayou Courtalieu** flows into the Teche.

In October, hundreds gather for **Tour du Teche**, a 135-mile staged marathon for canoes and kayaks of all sizes. The course is the length of the bayou, from Port Barre to Berwick. The race snakes through St. Landry, St. Martin, Iberia, and St. Mary parishes.

Built up an appetite? Then pick up a jalapeño-sausage-cheese bread, the town's most famous culinary export. In November, cracklins take center stage at the **Port Barre Cracklin Festival**.

## EAT & DRINK

### Bourque's Supermarket & Deli

581 Saizan Ave. | 337.585.6261  
BourqueSpecialties.com | [f](#)  
Deli: Mon-Sun 7AM-8PM  
Famous for jalapeño, sausage, cheese bread. Also serves boudin, cracklins, and homemade plate lunches. On the Boudin Trail - will ship.

### Chicken King

17560 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.7150  
ChickenKingLA.com | [f](#)  
Open daily 10AM-8PM  
Cajun fare. Plate lunches served daily. BBQ lunches on Tuesday and Sunday.

### King's Cajun Cuisine

16470 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.7697 | [f](#)  
Sun-Thurs 7PM-10PM; Fri-Sat open 24 hours  
Offers breakfast and a large menu selection with authentic Cajun and seafood dishes and homemade burgers. Located inside King's Truck Stop.

### Rascal's Cajun Express

17681 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.6903  
Open daily 6AM-9:50PM  
More than your average gas station dive. Serving Louisiana classics: beignets, boudin, poboy. Try the Zydeco Omelette and the Cajun Sunrise for breakfast.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### Bayou Teche RV Park

100 Bayou Dr. | 337.585.7646  
25 shaded camp sites located on the banks of Bayou Teche, with access to electricity and running water. Dump site and large pavilion available.

### JC's RV Park

2963 Hwy. 741 | 337.351.9913 | [f](#)  
Open daily 7AM-8PM  
22 full hook-up sites with 30/50 amp service, 3 covered RV sites, a large pavilion, WiFi, and private laundry and shower facilities. Pet friendly. Gated entry.

### Travelers Motel

17425 Hwy. 190 | 337.585.7642  
31 rooms with cable TV, microwave, and fridge. Daily and weekly rates available.



# SUNSET

Legend has it that in the late 1800s, railroad workers gave Sunset its name. The workers named new train stops as they reached them and apparently arrived here at sunset. Today, Sunset is known as the **Rubboard Capital of the World** with a thriving arts community. Historic buildings have been revived into shops for antiques, collectibles, and local handcrafted items. For those with a green thumb, visit in May for the **Herb & Garden Festival**.



## ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

### Antique Woods of LA

184 Pershing Hwy. | 337.662.2121  
AntiqueWoodsLA.com | [f](#)  
Mon-Thurs 7:30AM-4PM; Fri 7:30AM-11AM

If you are looking for flooring, ceiling, beams, or other reclaimed architectural pieces, then this is the place.

### Bayou Some Stuff Thrift Shop

798 Napoleon Ave. | 337.331.5577 | [f](#)  
Thurs-Fri 9AM-5PM; Sat 9AM-4:30PM  
Furniture, kitchen items, clothing, toys, music, jewelry, collectibles, and art.

### Jerilyn's Fused Glass Art Gallery & Studio

819 Napoleon Ave. | 337.662.5409 | [f](#)  
Wed-Sat 10:30AM-4PM & by appt.  
One-of-a-kind, fused glass art pieces and jewelry. Commissioned pieces upon request.

### Le Petit Cadeaux

829-B Napoleon Ave. | 337.329.3254  
Wed-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 11AM-4PM | [f](#)  
Gift shop featuring handmade items by local artists and craftspeople, including Louisiana-inspired items. Artwork, wood-work, photography, jewelry, clothing, candles, and home décor.

### Remember When Antiques

956 Napoleon Ave. | 337.308.4899 | [f](#)  
Fri-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 12PM-4PM  
Vintage furnishings, architectural items, antiques, and general resale. Mid-century room.

### Sunset Antique Market

151 Leo Richard Ln. | 337.212.2091  
Fri-Sat 10AM-5PM; Sun 11AM-4PM | [f](#)

Over 10,000 sq. ft. of antiques, art, and collectibles in a converted sweet potato shed - warehouses approx. 50-75 years old. *Ici on parle français.*

### Sunset Rail Stop Flea Market

312 Anna St. | 337.945.9188 | [f](#)  
Fri-Sat 10AM-4PM; Sun 12PM-4PM  
Located in a converted feed store and warehouse. Primitives, furniture, art, jewelry, collectibles, and more. 6,000 sq. ft. and climate controlled.

### Tee Don's Rubboards

385 Sandpiper Place | 337.654.0858  
KeyOfZRubboards.com | [f](#)  
By appt. only

Carrying on the tradition of his father, Tee Don Landry is famous for his Key of Z Rubboards. Purchase a rubboard, have one custom made, or buy a mini rubboard for decoration.

### The Funky Flea

829-A Napoleon Ave. | 337.258.5404  
Wed-Thurs 12PM-4PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-4PM & by appt. | [f](#)  
Featuring antique and mid-century furniture and collectibles from all eras. Local art, photography, paintings, pottery, glass, and mixed media.

## ATTRACTI0NS

### Knollwood Farm

169 Knollwood Ln. | 337.658.6000  
By appointment | [f](#)  
Small horse farm providing horseback riding lessons and riding trails. Annual horse show and other equine events held here. *Ici on parle français.*



## EAT & DRINK

### Café Josephine

818 Napoleon Ave. | 337.662.0008  
CafeJosephineSunset.com | [f](#)

Tues-Thurs 5PM-9PM; Fri-Sat 11AM-2PM/5PM-10PM

Specializing in Cajun cuisine. Full-service bar and oyster bar. Private group dining.

### DDee's Café

207 Landry St. | 337.347.2161  
Wed-Sat 11AM-2PM | [f](#)

Plate lunches, soups, salads, and sandwiches, all inspired by Cajun recipes. Private parties and catering available.

### Sunset Brewhouse

114 Railroad Ave. | 337.764.6593  
Wed-Sat 11AM-2PM | [f](#)

Craft brewery, serving a select menu of meticulously crafted, traditional ales and lagers brewed with the best ingredients and traditional techniques.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### Honey Bee Home

845 Napoleon Ave.  
337.267.6477 | 985.705.1235  
Built in 1927 and recently remodeled. 5 bedroom, a fully equipped kitchen, living room, and covered patio. Sleeps 12 people. Large, fenced yard for pet.

### Shuga' Shack

1457 Napoleon Ave. | 337.351.4931 | [f](#)  
This retro Mid-Century modern cottage built in the late 1920s has a full kitchen, two bedrooms, 1 acre of land and an outdoor fire pit.

### Sunset Motor Inn

2153 I-49 S. Service Rd. | 337.662.3726  
31 rooms.

### The Rustic Retreat Guesthouse

1208 Hwy. 357 (Church Point)  
337.344.1554 | [f](#)  
Located on the ground of Bien-Aime Farm, featuring a cozy studio for two with a kitchen, queen bed, and bathroom. Farm tours available.



## Drink like a local with drive-thru daiquiris.

These colorful frozen cocktails are a fun Louisiana classic. Grab one drink—or a gallon—and bring the party with you.

—JUST REMEMBER DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE—

### Chip's Daiquiris Eunice

1501 W Laurel Ave, Eunice  
337.466.3408 | [f](#)  
Sun-Wed 11AM-12AM, Thurs-Sat 11AM-1AM

### Daiquiri Shack

1140 E Laurel Ave, Eunice | [f](#)  
337.546.0539 | Mon-Sun 12PM-2AM

### Chip's Daiquiris Express

606 E Vine, Opelousas | 337.678.3031  
Mon-Thurs 1PM-9PM, Fri 12PM-11PM,  
Sat 11AM-11PM, Sun 12PM-9PM

### Cupid's Daiquiris

409-B Creswell Ln, Opelousas | [f](#)  
337.948.0069 | CupidsDaiquiris.com  
Open Daily

### Don's Drive Thru Daiquiris

1341 W Landry St, Opelousas  
337.942.0785  
Sun-Wed 12PM-10PM, Thurs 12PM-11PM, Fri 11:30AM-12AM,  
Sat 11AM-12AM



## WASHINGTON

Washington, first named Church Landing, was the site of the first Catholic Church (built in 1770) in St. Landry Parish. Located on **Bayou Courtableau**, and a thriving steamboat town in the 1800s, Washington served as the largest port between New Orleans and St. Louis. Steamers worked their way through a maze of bayous and rivers to carry cargo to and from New Orleans.

Today, antique lovers can spend hours browsing treasures at the numerous shops along Main Street. The **Old Schoolhouse Antique Mall**, a former high school built in 1934, houses more than 100 antique dealers. On the second weekend in April and October, the **Semi-Annual Antique Fair & Yard Sale** is held on site, attracting thousands of shoppers.

Much of the original town is included in the **Washington Historic District**, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Its homes, cottages, warehouses, and other buildings from those steamboat days are still standing, serving as restaurants, bed and breakfasts, and shops.

Washington has become a desirable wedding destination, with its historic venues and churches that provide quaint settings and charming backdrops for that special day. The significance of the town's original architecture was recognized in 2017, as the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation, chose Washington as the site of its annual Fall Ramble.

## ANTIQUES & SHOPPING

### Nanny Belle's Antiques

402 S. Main St. | 337.849.8477  
Fri-Sat 9AM-6PM; Sun 12PM-6PM  
More than 10,000 sq. ft. of treasures, antiques, glassware, china, and more.

### Old Schoolhouse Antique Mall

123 S. Church St. | 337.826.3580 | [f](#)  
OldSchoolhouseAntiqueMall.com  
Fri-Sun 9AM-5PM  
40,000 sq. ft. of antiques, collectibles, jewelry, clothing, and primitives. 50s-style café offers home-cooked meals. Semi-annual sales in April and October. *Ici on parle français.*

### Olde Wood Accents

321 Main St.  
337.351.9009 | 337.308.3563 | [f](#)  
Mon-Thurs 7AM-5PM; Fri 7AM-3PM  
Source for reclaimed wood, cypress furniture, floors, stairs, and woodworking.

### Robinson Weaving Shop

406 Martin Luther King St.  
By appt. only | 337.308.1692  
Owner/craftsman Donald Robinson Sr., specializes in caning seat weaving restoration and repairs to antique furniture. He learned his craft from his father, whose works are preserved at the Smithsonian.

## ATTRACTI0NS

### Washington Museum & Tourist Center

404 N. Main St. | 337.324.8658

Fri-Sun 10AM-3PM

Information on historic sites, maps, house and walking tours upon request. View artifacts of the steamboat era, Acadiana brown cotton blankets and antique loom, antique agriculture equipment, Native American tools, and more.

## FOOD & DRINK

### Duet's Café

123 S. Church St. | 337.826.3580 | [f](#)

Fri-Sun 9AM-5PM

1950's-style café offers home-cooked meals, homemade desserts, coffee, and beverages. Located in the gym of the Antique Mall. *Ici on parle français.*

### Lou's Bakery

303 N. Main St. | 337.945.7244 | [f](#)

Tues 12PM-4PM; Wed-Fri 8AM-5PM; Sat 7AM-3PM

Find vintage candy bars, decadent cakes, cake pops, cobblers, and King Cake in Mardi Gras season. Gift shop offers handmade towels and quilts.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### BED & BREAKFASTS

#### Carriere Street Cottage

316 Carriere St. | 318.458.4441

Built in the early 1900's and recently renovated, this cottage sleeps 5 with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Pet friendly.

#### Steamboat Cottages

519 N. Main St.

337.826.1009 | 337.230.7229

Nestled on scenic Bayou Courtaleau, featuring spacious living areas, patios, full baths, cypress furnishings, mini-fridge, and microwave. Complimentary in-room coffee, WiFi, and DIRECTV.

### CAMPGROUNDS

#### Bayou Courtaleau RV Park

187 Elizabeth St. | 337.351.2615

Located on Bayou Courtaleau. Offers 12 full hook up sites, picnic tables, firewood, a pavilion, and outdoor kitchen for guest use. Water, electricity, and RV rentals.

#### The Ponderosa

116 Elizabeth St. | 337.290.8028

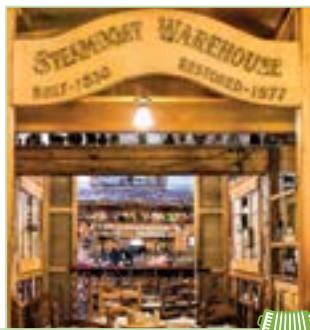
ThePonderosaRVPark.com

Enjoy 7 acres in a family and pet friendly environment with 30/50 amp hookups including water, electricity, and sewage.

## MUSIC VENUE

### • Steamboat Warehouse Restaurant

See listings and call for information.



### Steamboat Warehouse Restaurant

525 N. Main St. | 337.826.7227 | [f](#)

SteamboatWarehouse.com

Tues-Sat 5PM-until; Sun 11AM-2PM

This brick warehouse was built in the 1820s and restored in 1977. Enjoy cocktails on the deck overlooking the bayou, then dine on delicious steaks, seafood, and specialties.

### Washington Fast Foods

311 N. Main St. | 337.826.5704 | [f](#)

Open daily 5AM-9PM

Daily breakfast. Short order menu with burgers, fried chicken, salads, and more.

## Renee's Galaxy RV Campground

171 Hebert Ortego Rd.

281.451.4850 | [f](#)

This peaceful RV park is pet friendly with picnic tables and laundry available. It has 8 sites with full hookups and 50-amp plugs. Short-term and long-term welcome.

### Willie's Campground

1408 Hwy. 10 N. | 337.307.0963 | [f](#)

Bar: Mon-Thurs 2PM-12AM; Fri 12PM-2AM; Office closed on Sun & Mon

This campground of 20 sites is situated along Bayou Courtaleau. Water, electricity, and sewage provided. *Ici on parle français.*

## HOTELS & MOTELS

### Hotel Klaus

203 N. Main St. | 337.565.9516

HotelKlaus.com | [f](#)

This historic boutique hotel offers a perfect blend of history, Acadiana charm, and modern luxury. The 9-room retreat features exquisite historic architectural details, a serene courtyard, and a cocktail pool.



# Birding

Birders have a lot to explore across the coastal prairie, upland hardwood, and bottomland hardwood habitats of St. Landry Parish. These ecosystems, along with the iconic wetlands of the Atchafalaya Basin, provide sanctuary for over 200 species of birds.

During winter, waterfowl like snow geese and ducks migrate down from their snowy homelands by the thousands. In Spring, beautifully colored neotropical songbirds make their way into the area.

- Large Wading Birds
- Neotropical Songbirds

- Raptors
- Woodland Birds



# Clifton Chenier

## THE KING OF ZYDECO

June 25, 2025

was a special day in St. Landry Parish and beyond. The date marks 100 years since the birth of Clifton Chenier, the King of Zydeco.

Born near Leonville, Chenier transported the Creole accordion music of his rural roots to stages that stretched from "Austin City Limits" on PBS to clubs and festivals across the United States and Europe. Chenier's "I'm Here" album earned a Grammy in 1983. In 2011, Chenier's "Bogalusa Boogie" album was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame. The Library of Congress preserved the album in its National Recording Registry as a "culturally, historically or significant" work.

The Recording Academy awarded Chenier its prestigious Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014. Chenier's legacy was celebrated with a tribute album, statue and music events for his centennial in 2025.

### KING OF ZYDECO TRIBUTES

- Rolling Stone Mick Jagger, who described Chenier as a "great influence," said, "I love the way he just grabs a blues number and adapts it to his style."
- June 25 is Clifton Chenier Day in the city of Opelousas, St. Landry Parish and the Louisiana State Legislature.
- Chenier received a 1984 National Heritage Fellowship, considered the nation's highest honor for folk and traditional arts.
- Chenier was the honoree of the 2023 *Festivals Acadiens et Creoles* in Lafayette. Chenier performed at the first festival in 1974.
- C. J. Chenier has continued his father's Red Hot Louisiana Band since his passing Dec. 12, 1987.



# St. LANDRY PARISH FAMOUS FACES

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- Jim Bowie **HERO OF THE ALAMO & INVENTOR OF THE BOWIE KNIFE**
- Terrance Simien **LIFETIME GRAMMY WINNER, 'KING OF ZYDECO'**
- Clifton Chenier **CHEF & FOUNDER OF TONY CHACHERE'S CREOLE SEASONING**
- Tony Chacherie **CHEF AND RESTAURANTEUR**
- Devery Henderson **CELEBRITY CHEF AND RESTAURANTEUR**
- Rockin Sidney Simien **CELEBRITY CHEF DAVID SIMPSON**
- Paul Prudhomme **CELEBRITY CHEF DAVID SIMPSON**
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