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Located in northwest Louisiana, Shreveport-Bossier throws the best family-friendly Mardi Gras in the state. Whether you're catching beads at a parade, tapping your feet to a second-line band, or digging into a po-boy, good times are waiting around every corner.

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KREWE OF SOBEK PARADE

Ian. 18 at 1 p.m.

Parade begins at the Fair Grounds Field parking lot and goes through the Queensborough neighborhood in Shreveport.

This fun-filled afternoon features floats, bands, marching groups, drill teams, royalty, youth sports teams, homecoming courts, and more. 318-734-8206 www.kreweofsobek.org

KREWE OF HARAMBEE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY MARDI GRAS PARADE

S Jan. 20 at 1 p.m.

Parade begins at Milam Street at Texas Street and ends at Municipal Auditorium in downtown Shreveport.

Celebrating the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. Mardi Gras-style, this family-friendly parade features marching bands, dancers, stiltwalkers, dozens of floats, and more.

📞 318-286-5878 🛄 www.kreweofharambee.net

KREWE OF CENTAUR MARDI GRAS PARADE XXIX \odot Feb. 15 at 3:30 p.m.

Parade begins in downtown Shreveport at Clyde Fant Parkway at Lake Street, follows Clyde Fant Parkway south, and rolls through the Broadmoor neighborhood.

One of the largest parades in Louisiana, the Krewe of Centaur rolls 10 days before Fat Tuesday and features marching bands, brightly colored floats and more. This event is a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 Event.

🌭 318-393-8560 💻 www.kreweofcentaur.org

KREWE OF BARKUS AND MEOUX PET PARADE

KREWE OF BARKUS AND MEOUX PET PARADE ^O Feb. 9 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

• Events on the Red, 2000 Reeves Marine Dr., Bossier City Drawing more than 10,000 spectators a year, this huge parade of costumed pets is a chance for festive pet owners to celebrate Mardi Gras with their fur babies.

www.barkusandmeoux.org

KREWE OF GEMINI MARDI GRAS PARADE XXXI

○ Feb. 22 at 3:30 p.m.

Parade begins in downtown Shreveport at Clyde Fant Parkway at Lake Street, follows Clyde Fant Parkway south, and rolls through the Broadmoor neighborhood.

Parade attendees can catch limitless beads, trinkets, stuffed animals, toys and more from masked revelers on floats as they yell the age-old cry, "Throw me something, Mister!" This event is a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 Event.

📞 318-741-9264 🛄 www.kreweofgemini.com

KREWE OF HIGHLAND MARDI GRAS PARADE XX ⁽²⁾ Feb. 23 at 2 p.m.

The parade begins at the intersection of Gregg Avenue at Gilbert Drive in Shreveport and rolls through the historic Highland neighborhood.

Shreveport's most eccentric krewe welcomes everyone to attend this funky, family-friendly neighborhood parade, which is famous for its unpredictable throws including ramen noodles, moon pies and hot dogs. This event is a Southeast Tourism Society Top 20 Event.

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🖕 318-402-1132 🛄 www.thekreweofhighland.org

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Follow these tips to help ensure an enjoyable parade experience and remember to always celebrate safely and responsibly.

KREWE OF CENTAUR & KREWE OF GEMINI PARADES

- Clyde Fant Parkway between East Preston Avenue and Milam Street closes to traffic at 7 p.m. on evenings prior to parades and reopens at 7 a.m. on parade day.
- Premium parade-watching spots will fill up quickly. Plan ahead and arrive early for the best spot on the parade route.
- See the parade route map in the back of this guide for great paradewatching spots.
- Alcoholic beverages are allowed at the Krewe of Centaur and Krewe of Gemini parades, but no glass containers are allowed.
- Alcohol is not allowed in the family-friendly zone on Clyde Fant Parkway.
- Port-a-potties will be available for public use along the parade route.
- On parade days, all roads on the parade route close at 3:30 p.m.
- Parking is free in downtown Shreveport after 5 p.m. on Fridays and all day on weekends.

MARDI GRAS PARADES

- Dress appropriately, as temperatures can change quickly during parade season.
- Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets to sit on while waiting for the parade.
- Bring empty sacks for beads and throws.
- Bring hand wipes and sanitizer.
- Bring snacks and drinks to enjoy throughout the day.
- Bring cash if you want to purchase toys and souvenirs from the push carts that go up and down the parade routes.

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"The party before the party" starts as krewes in Shreveport-Bossier open their dens to the public to load their colorful floats with throws. Dens are where Mardi Gras floats are decorated and constructed by krewe members. Visitors can see all the floats up close and personal before the parades.

KREWE OF HARAMBEE ANNUAL PIG ROAST AND FLOAT LOADING PARTY

Jan. 19 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

1049 Grimmett Dr., Shreveport

The members of Krewe of Harambee bring their favorite southern dish to share including a pig roasted on an open pit for the guests to share. Free admission.

📞 318-286-5878 🛄 www.kreweofharambee.net

KREWE OF CENTAUR FLOAT LOADING PARTY

🕑 Feb. 14, time TBA

351 Aero Dr., Shreveport

The Krewe of Centaur opens its den to the public to load their colorful floats with throws. Food and beverages for purchase. Free admission.

KREWE OF GEMINI FLOAT LOADING PARTY

Feb. 21 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

2101 E. Texas St., Bossier City

Explore the Krewe of Gemini den with all its ornate floats while enjoying food, music and more. Food and alcohol for purchase. Free admission.

Put your best face (or mask) forward and celebrate with the krewes as they present their royal courts and dance the night away. Check with each krewe when purchasing tickets for dress codes, age restrictions, and information about food and drinks.

KREWE OF SOBEK GRAND BAL XVII

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Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. ²⁰² \$80
 Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St., Shreveport
 www.kreweofsobek.org

KREWE OF JUSTINIAN GRAND XXVI BAL

Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. Solution
 Riverdome at Horseshoe Casino and Hotel,
 711 Horseshoe Blvd., Bossier City
 www.kreweofjustinian.com

KREWE OF ELDERS GRAND BAL

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Jan. 24 at 6 p.m.
 TBA
 American Legion Post 14, 5315 S. Lakeshore Dr., Shreveport
 318-925-3914

KREWE OF CENTAUR GRAND BAL XXIX

Feb. 1 at 6:30 p.m. ⁽¹⁾ \$90
 Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St., Shreveport
 www.kreweofcentaur.org

KREWE OF ATLAS GRAND BAL XII [∞] Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. ≅ \$85

Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St., Shreveport
www.kreweofatlas.org

KREWE OF GEMINI GRAND BAL

Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. 400 \$100
 Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St., Shreveport
 www.kreweofgemini.com

KREWE DES AMBASSADEURS GRAND BAL XIX ⁽²⁾ Feb. 14 at 6:30 p.m. ⁽²⁾ \$80 ⁽²⁾ Sam's Town Casino and Hotel, 315 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport ⁽²⁾ www.facebook.com/krewedesambassadeurs

KREWE OF HARAMBEE SAADA MASKHARA BAL $^{\odot}$ Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. 🕮 \$85

Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St., Shreveport
www.kreweofharambee.net

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In French, "Lagniappe" means "a little something extra." In Shreveport-Bossier, we're a whole lot of extra.

12TH NIGHT PARTY

° Jan. 4 at 6:30 p.m. 🕮 \$50

 Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Rd., Bossier City
 Celebrate the start of the Mardi Gras season with the Krewe of Gemini and other Shreveport-Bossier krewes.
 www.kreweofgemini.com

KREWE OF HARAMBEE'S MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOPES AND DREAMS SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST San. 20 at 8 a.m. 20 t 8 a.m.

Petroleum Club of Shreveport, 416 Travis St., Shreveport
 Members of the Krewe of Harambee host this special breakfast to award deserving students college scholarships. This event is open to the public.
 318-286-5878 www.kreweofharambee.net

RED RIVER MARDI GRAS BASH [☉] Feb. 15 at 1 p.m. [△] \$40

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 Corner of Lake Street and Clyde Fant Parkway in downtown Shreveport Groups of 10 or more will enjoy this exclusive party and front row experience to the Krewe of Centaur parade hosted by the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau. Tickets include live entertainment, savory Cajun and Creole food, king cake, a commemorative Mardi Gras bead and t-shirt, and more. Must be 21 years or older to attend.
 Contact Erica Telsee, Tourism Sales Manager, at etelsee@sbctb.org.
 1-800-551-8682 ext. 104 www.shreveportmardigras.com

"TRASH JACKETS" are a Carnival season tradition in Shreveport-Bossier.

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BY CHRIS JAY www.20x49.com blogger

Visit Shreveport-Bossier for Mardi Gras, and you're likely to meet lots of local krewe members sporting "trash jackets." These festively decorated tuxedo jackets usually start out as last season's formalwear before being covered in colorful pins, patches, stitching, and doo-dads.

Often, you can determine which krewe the wearer belongs to, their position on Mardi Gras courts (look for pins emblazoned with titles like "Duchess"), and even their hobbies by looking closely at the jacket. Each trash jacket tells a story, and the wearer typically adds one new decoration each Carnival season.

Want to assemble your own trash jacket? Just buy a used tuxedo jacket and get started!

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Mardi Gras,), Souvenirs

For a complete list of shops, visit www.Shreveport-Bossier.org/Things-To-Do

ENCHANTED GARDEN

💡 2429 Line Ave., Shreveport

Find perfect, handcrafted Mardi Gras masks, collectibles, jewelry, home goods, clothing, and more.

📞 318-227-1213 🛄 www.enchantedgarden.com

FALSE RIVER GIFT SHOP AT RALPH AND KACOO'S • 1700 Old Minden Rd., Bossier City

Located inside Ralph and Kacoo's restaurant, this gift shop offers Mardi Gras t-shirts, famous hurricane daiquiri mix, beignet mix, jewelry, mugs, and more. 318-747-6660 ____ www.ralphandkacoos.com

LOUISIANA SPECIALTY GIFTS

450 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport

Shop for Louisiana-theme gifts, flare and flavor at this shop located in the Red River District.

📞 318-210-5207 🛄 www.facebook.com/louisianaspecialtygifts

THE AGORA BOREALIS

• 421 Lake St., Shreveport Buy Mardi Gras masks, recipe books, jewelry, coffee, granola, and candles among local art and crafts.

📞 318-268-3011 🔲 www.theagoraborealis.com

TUBBS HARDWARE & CAJUN GIFTS

615 Benton Rd., Bossier City

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Tubbs is home to tons of souvenirs and parade essentials including beads, boas, crawfish pots, beads, Cajun seasoning, their specialty made X-Treme Cream Cheese King Cake, and more.

🖕 318-746-0311 🛄 www.tubbshardware.com

KING CAKE HISTORY

It's not Mardi Gras without king cake! This delicious tradition dates back to the 12th century in France and honors the Three Kings who visited Jesus. In 1870, the tradition was brought to New Orleans. Shreveport-Bossier's king cakes range from traditional versions, like those at Lowder Baking Company, to the more decadent cakes available at Tubbs Hardware & Cajun Gifts, Lilah's Bakery and Julie Anne's Bakery & Café.

BUTTERCUPS CUPCAKES

6535 Youree Dr., Shreveport
 Enjoy king cake in the form of cupcakes.
 318-797-6696 ____ www.ilovebuttercups.com

JULIE ANNE'S BAKERY & CAFÉ **825** Kings Hwy., Shreveport 318-424-4995 www.julieannesbakery.com

LILAH' S BAKERY 7 1718 Centenary Blvd., Shreveport 318-676-1407 www.lilahsdeli.com

LOWDER BAKING COMPANY • 4019 Fern Ave., Shreveport • 318-453-9141 ___ www.lowderbakingcompany.com

THE WOODEN SPOON • 4350 Viking Dr., Bossier City

📞 318-742-6486 🛄 www.woodenspoononline.com

TUBBS HARDWARE & CAJUN GIFTS 615 Benton Rd., Bossier City 318-746-0311 www.tubbshardware.net

Stuffed Shrimp at Orlandeaux's Café

For a complete list of local restaurants, visit www.Shreveport-Bossier.org/Restaurants

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BARBECUE SHRIMP at Frank's Louisiana Kitchen 9 1023 Provenance Blvd., Ste. 200, Shreveport

It can be tough to track down a great order of barbecue shrimp outside of New Orleans, but Frank's Louisiana Kitchen in Shreveport serves a masterful version of this legendary recipe. Head-on Gulf shrimp are sautéed in an unbelievably rich sauce and served with toasted French bread.

📞 318-688-3535 🛄 www.frankslakitchen.com

BEIGNETS at Larry P's Boiling Point (Food Truck) 2260 E. Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Shreveport

Any conversation about the best beignets in Shreveport-Bossier must include Larry P's Boiling Point, a Cajun food truck that is typically parked at 2260 E. Bert Kouns Industrial Loop in Shreveport. Larry P's is also a popular stop for boiled shrimp, crawfish, shaved ice, and more.

📞 318-560-2250 🛄 www.larrypsboilingpot.com

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BREAD PUDDING at BeauxJax Crafthouse • 501 Barksdale Blvd., Bossier City

BeauxJax Crafthouse is a sprawling Cajun eatery located in Bossier City's new East Bank District. During Mardi Gras season, the restaurant often hosts live music, cook-outs, and parties coordinated with the axe-throwing bar next door. Satisfy your sweet tooth with their fantastic homemade bread pudding topped with Bayou Ruminfused icing.

📞 318-584-7169 🛄 www.facebook.com/beauxjaxcrafthouse

CRAWFISH CORNBREAD SUPREME at Cassandra's Louisiana Kitchen

💡 9001 Jewella Ave., Shreveport

Looking for a new way to enjoy delicious Louisiana crawfish tails? Try them baked into a slab of sweet and spicy cornbread topped with delicious, homemade crawfish étouffée for a unique meal that seamlessly fuses traditional flavors of northern and southern Louisiana.

📞 318-828-2128 🛄 www.facebook.com/cassandralakitchen

FRIED OYSTER PO' BOY at Herby-K's

💡 1833 Pierre Ave., Shreveport

Herby-K's, one of Shreveport's oldest continually operated restaurants, has been a destination for outstanding Louisiana seafood since 1936. While the restaurant is best known for its famous open-faced po' boy, the Shrimp Buster, their oyster po' boys are among the very best in Louisiana.

🌜 318-424-2724 🛄 www.herbyks.net

JAMBALAYA EGGROLLS at The Cajun Asian

9 1964 Airline Dr., Bossier City

The Cajun Asian puts a new spin on an iconic Louisiana dish by stuffing classic jambalaya into an eggroll and serving it with their addictive "Casian" dipping sauce. Other unique fusion dishes on the menu include crawfish-stuffed wontons, étouffée fried rice, and Cajun pad Thai.

📞 318-588-5250 🛄 www.facebook.com/thecajunasian318

STUFFED SHRIMP at Orlandeaux's Café 9 4916 Monkhouse Dr., Shreveport

One of Shreveport's longest-running culinary traditions is the Shreveport-style stuffed shrimp, a spicy and flavorful delicacy served by several local restaurants with roots dating back to the 1920s. Orlandeaux's Café, where zydeco music blares over the house stereo and local beer flows from the taps, is a great place to fuel up before a parade.

💪 318-635-1641 🛄 www.orlandeauxs.com





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From classic, New Orleans-style cocktails to local craft beer, Shreveport-Bossier offers many unique Louisiana libations. Please celebrate responsibly and obey opencontainer laws.

318 GOLDEN ALE at Great Raft Brewing 9 1251 Dalzell St., Shreveport

Since opening in 2013, Great Raft Brewing has established itself as one of the South's most acclaimed and award-winning regional breweries. Great Raft produces and distributes four flagship beers throughout the South, but the 318 Golden Ale is only available for purchase within the 318 area code. Visit their beautiful tasting room or grab a six-pack for the parade route. 318-734-9881 www.greatraftbrewing.com

BOURBON MILK PUNCH at Red River Brewing Company 9 1200 Marshall St., Shreveport

Popularized at Dickie Brennan's Bourbon House in the French Quarter, this refreshing – and deceptively potent – holiday beverage typically appears on cocktail menus from Thanksgiving until Fat Tuesday. Red River Brewing Company mixes a great milk punch and offers in-house dining, craft beer brewed on-site, a game room, and more.

📞 318-317-4110 🛄 www.redriverbeer.com

CARNIVALE KING CAKE ALE at Flying Heart Brewing & Pub 700 Barksdale Blvd., Bossier City

Flying Heart Brewing & Pub is a beautiful craft brewery and restaurant located in the heart of Bossier City's new East Bank District and Plaza. Each Mardi Gras, they partner with a top local bakery – The Wooden Spoon – to produce a limited edition beer designed to pair with the official dessert of Carnival season: king cake!

🃞 318-584-7039 🛄 www.flyingheartbrewing.com

HURRICANE at Ralph & Kacoo's Bossier City • 1700 Old Minden Rd., Bossier City

Looking for an enormous, Bourbon Street-style cocktail in a keepsake glass? Look no further than the Laughing Gator Bar at Ralph & Kacoo's Bossier City, where just one of these legendary rum cocktails may be enough to have you taking photos with the bar's enormous stuffed alligator, Jumbeaux.

📞 318-747-6660 🛄 www.ralphandkacoos.com

SAZERAC at Fatty Arbuckles Pub

💡 450 Clyde Fant Pkwy., Shreveport

Fatty Arbuckles Pub, tucked away in downtown Shreveport's Red River District, can mix a perfect Sazerac with any of their more than 200 different whiskies. The bar is located just a few steps from the routes of the Krewe of Harambee, Krewe of Centaur and Krewe of Gemini Parades.

📞 318-459-1448 🛄 www.facebook.com/fattyarbucklespub

SIDECAR at Superior's Steakhouse • 855 Pierremont Rd., Ste. 120, Shreveport

Invented in the 1830s at New Orleans' St. Louis Hotel, this classic Cognac cocktail is the perfect way to warm up on parade day. Superior's Steakhouse is home to an elegant, smoke-free bar with old school atmosphere and service.

📞 318-219-4123 🛄 www.superiorssteakhouse.com

Daiquiris Shops-& DRIVE Daiquiris

Please celebrate responsibly and obey open-container laws.

DAIQUIRI SHOPS

DAIQUIRI EXPRESS
1205 Shreveport Barksdale Hwy., Shreveport
318-869-2220 www.daiguiriexpressshreveport.com

FROZEN PIROGUE
515 Barksdale Blvd., Bossier City
318-459-7762 ___ www.frozenpirogue.com

LOUISIANA DAIQUIRI CAFÉ 9 1881 Texas Ave., Shreveport 🌜 318-848-7002

TONY'S BEVERAGES
6241 Line Ave., Shreveport
318-861-1127 ___ www.facebook.com/tonysbeverages

DRIVE-THROUGH DAIQUIRIS

ALKY THERAPY **4312** Greenwood Rd., Shreveport **318-632-5800** www.alkytherapy.com

CAJUN DAIQUIRIS DRIVE-THROUGH **3306 Youree Dr., Shreveport 318-868-9620** www.facebook.com/cajundaiquiris

CAJUN LIQUOR **246 E. 70th St. 318-868-4660**

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THE JUMP OFF **3701** Greenwood Rd., Ste. 300, Shreveport **318-606-4262** www.facebook.com/thejumpoffliquor

Krewe of **Sobek**, PARADE ROUTE Jan. 18 at 1 p.m.



- Begins at the Fair Grounds Field parking lot along Grosjean Street
- Left turn on Greenwood Road
- Right turn on Mertis Street
- Right turn on Lakeshore Drive
- Right turn on Missouri Avenue back towards the Fair Grounds Field

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Krewe of **Harambee** PARADE ROUTE Jan. 20 at 1 p.m.

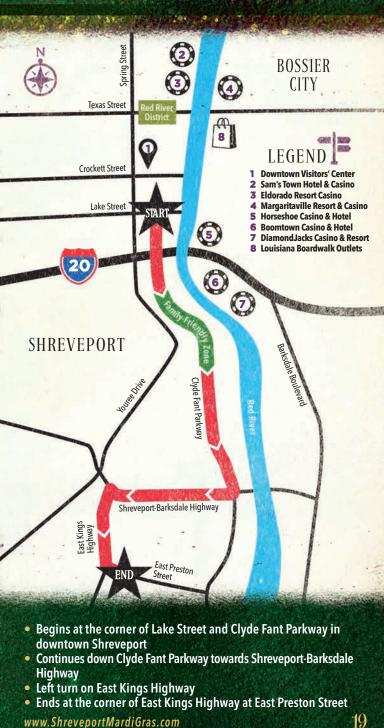


- Begins at Shreveport Municipal Auditorium on Elvis Presley Avenue
- Continues straight on Milam
 Street

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- Left turn on Edwards Street
- Left turn on Texas Street
- Left turn on Common Street
- Ends at Common Street and Milam Street

Krewes of Centaur & Gemini PARADE ROUTE Feb. 15, 4:30 p.m.; Feb. 22 at 4 p.m.



KPewe of **Highland** PARADE ROUTE Feb. 23 at 2 p.m.



- Begins at the corner of Gilbert Drive
 at Gregg Avenue
- Continues straight on Gilbert Drive
- Left turn on Gladstone Boulevard
- Right turn on Creswell Avenue

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- Right turn on Herndon Street
- Right Turn on Centenary Boulevard
- Right Turn on Gladstone Boulevard

JUBB *Cajun Gifts* HARDWARE SINCE 1922

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t's Mardi Gras season! Tubbs Hardware, Cajun Gifts and King Cakes in Bossier City is stocked floor-to-ceiling with Mardi Gras souvenirs like jumbo Mardi Gras beads, decorative face masks, t-shirts, culinary products, cook books, fleurde-lis accessories, and more!

Tubbs was voted Best King Cake by Shreveport Times. Upwards of 10,000 moist, delicious, cream cheese-filled king cakes are shipped nationwide. Flavors include Traditional Cinnamon, X-Treme Cream Cheese, Blueberry Cream Cheese, and Strawberry Cream Cheese.

Stop by Tubbs for your favorite Mardi Gras souvenirs and king cakes. Tubbs is located at 615 Benton Rd. in Bossier City. For more information visit www.tubbshardware.net or call 318-746-0311.





