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WE LOVE *our cities*

The Love Your City mural is my second favorite mural. I'm biased toward the Call to Action mural on the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau's downtown offices.

But the Love Your City mural reminds me to cherish and love the things that make Shreveport-Bossier special. I've been at the Tourist Bureau for 27 years. Every research report we have conducted identified one of our community's greatest assets as our people.

Even the building the mural is located on, the Hub Ministry, is about loving those with the greatest needs.

In this issue we are celebrating the many things that we love about our community - people, food, and places that make us special and demonstrate our joie de vivre, our cheerful enjoyment of life.

We are excited to feature Damien "Chapeaux" Chapman, owner of Orlandeaux's Café. He is the epitome of someone who loves this community. This year his family celebrates 100 years of serving delicious food to our locals and visitors.

We will also introduce you to other things that we love about our community - gaming, outdoor patio dining, Instagrammable spots, and local insights.

I invite you to come and fall in love with Shreveport-Bossier.

Stacy Brown, CDME
President, Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau

THE ULTIMATE SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER *Casino Bucket List*

BY SHALISA ROLAND



“YOU MISS EVERY CHANCE YOU DON’T TAKE,”

are words to live by in Shreveport-Bossier. Entertainment seekers travel near and far to indulge in the area’s non-stop gaming scene. With five riverboat casinos and a racino, your chances of winning multiply by the minute. Whether you want the thrill of gambling, ever-flowing libations, or

24/7 access, you can have an unforgettable experience on the banks of the Red River. Many think that casinos bring only dice and decks of cards to the table, but Shreveport-Bossier casinos are individually unique. Here are six ways to go beyond gambling at our casinos:

1 BOOMTOWN CASINO & HOTEL



Boomtown is legendary in Bossier City, with a quick commute to Louisiana's second-largest entertainment venue, Brookshire Grocery Arena. It's a prime location for post-concert gambling, after-party hangouts, and late-night nibbles.

2 ELDORADO RESORT CASINO



At Eldorado's **Celebrity Lounge**, guests can party the night away to the best musicians in the South with weekly live entertainment, VIP seating, bottle service and more.

3 HARRAH'S LOUISIANA DOWNS



Harrah's is home of the Super Derby, one of the premier races in North America. This one is bucket list-worthy. You can place a bet on your favorite thoroughbred and watch your chance take off toward the finish line.

4 HORSESHOE HOTEL & CASINO



Risk is its own reward at Horseshoe. Some say it's home of the best odds with the highest table limits, but lounging in a private cabana at **DARE Dayclub | Ultra Pool** with a fully stocked bar and DJ is a must.

5 SAM'S TOWN CASINO & HOTEL



Sam's Town has won the love of locals and visitors in many ways, but there's no denying the fine dining experience at **William B's Steakhouse**. If you want a perfectly seared steak or lamb in an elegant atmosphere, this is it.

6 MARGARITAVILLE RESORT CASINO BOSSIER CITY



Margaritaville serves up paradise year-round, but even non-gamblers can appreciate their **Riverview Restaurant and Brewhouse**. Between delicious food, premier liquors, craft beer, and an adults-only game room, this is one spot you ought to explore.

NIGHTLIFE IN

Ratchet City



**THE STRAY CAT IN
DOWNTOWN SHREVEPORT**
Photographed by Shannon Palmer

BY SHALISA ROLAND

DIVE INTO DOWNTOWN SHREVEPORT

Shreveport's downtown bar scene caters to everyone 21 and up, but the dive bars thrive on distinction and hospitality. If you want to be in the middle of all the action, dive into **Fatty Arbuckle's Pub** for craft cocktails and **Fat's Oyster House** next door. Grab a daiquiri at **Louisiana Daiquiri Café**, a sports bar near downtown Shreveport. This popular weekend hangout serves daiquiris named after well-known neighborhoods and main thoroughfares in Shreveport-Bossier. Bounce from bar to bar to discover a new favorite beverage with flights of beer at **Red River BrewPub**, drink specials and bar food at **The Stray Cat**, and all the fun with the LGBTQ+ community at **Korner Lounge**.

STAY LOW-LIT & LOW-KEY

If small, intimate settings are your thing, it's vital that you add **Vintage Wine Bar and Spirits**, **Bourbon Bar**, **Bar Chord**

and the **Remington Suite Hotel and Spa** to your after-hours itinerary. Whether you're craving wine and cheese boards, artistic concoctions, or a chance to mingle with locals, you can keep a stealthy status at these bars before calling it a night. If you are seeking a ducked-off chill spot, slide into **The Hive** for poetry nights and live music.

LATE-NIGHT HUNGER PANGS

The top of Texas Street in downtown Shreveport is booming with trendy menu items and crafty cocktails. Check out **Abby Singer's Bistro**, **The Missing Link**, and **Noble Savage Tavern**. But if you want to explore a taste of Bossier City's nightlife, grab some drinks and Cajun eats in the **East Bank District** or **Riverview Restaurant and Brewhouse**, located inside of **Margaritaville Resort Casino**.

THE OFFICIAL RATCHET CITY PLAYLIST

BY SHALISA ROLAND

Shreveport, Louisiana has quite a few nicknames but one name sticks to the underground party culture of Shreveport, and that's "Ratchet City." It originated in Shreveport with Anthony Mandigo, but later claimed fame through Torrence "Lil' Boosie" Hatch's hit song "Do Tha Ratchet." The term ratchet is popularly used in hip-hop culture and is often misinterpreted in a negative connotation.

To gain clarification on the meaning of "ratchet," we asked a few locals what song they'd recommend to translate the vibe of Ratchet City's party scene and what the cultural celebration means to them.



STEVEN KNIGHT, RATCHET CITY EVENT BOSS

"Knuck If You Buck" by Crime Mob

"Ratchet City is all of the unapologetic hip-hop anthems that hype your confidence and the neighborhood you're from. Periodt."



JADA DURDEN, RATCHET CITY MEDIA MAVEN

"Do tha Ratchet" by Lil' Boosie

"Ratchet City is uniquely ours. It's the good, bad, ugly, and pretty in all of us. It's how we stay well-rounded and grounded."



ERIN SMITH, RATCHET CITY SOCCER MOM

"Karaoke" (feat. Lizzo) by Big Freedia

"In Ratchet City, we get down to the nitty gritty of fun. We're just bare bones about it. Frills are not requested or required."



LASHINA MITCHELL, RATCHET CITY CREATIVE GENIUS

"Independent" by Webbie

"Ratchet City is known to get you on your feet and on the dance floor, but even the shyest folks will do a little bop in their seats when the DJ drops this one."



ALEX RICHARDSON, RATCHET CITY ENTERTAINMENT PROMOTER

"Ay Bay Bay" by Hurricane Chris

"Ratchet City is one of the few destinations that can guarantee carefree fun with the absence of judgement."

WHAT'S MISSING? [CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A DJ REQUEST.](#)

SHREVEPORT, WHERE T

BY BRANDY EVANS

SIRI, WHO IS SYLVESTER MARSHALL?

"Mr. Brunch and Chill," according to Google. His events are legendary. They attract those with style, class and expectations for an unforgettable experience.

If you live in Shreveport, you have likely heard about or attended one of his popular events – Brunch (people added Chill, which he hates), Rock the Clock, drive-in movies, Sails and Cocktails, and Picnic in the Park and Summer Send Off.

He is currently planning the entertainment for **Port City Fest** weekend, April 15-17, in Shreveport-Bossier.

As the senior client relations director for Aveanna, a nationwide pediatric healthcare provider, his home is in New Orleans and his heart is in Shreveport.

How he crisscrosses Louisiana with his day job and manages his event-planning company, **Social Circle of Louisiana**, is mystifying. Yet, he is intentional about giving minority-owned companies opportunities to shine at his events.

He has this marketing voodoo that dispels racial, socio-economic and other barriers to create a party atmosphere for all.

Though he could abandon Shreveport like others his age for bigger cities, he keeps adding these cultural game changers to Shreveport's entertainment landscape.

Why? "It's home," he said. "My friends are here. Shreveport made me who I am. Shreveport has my heart."



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MORE INFO ON
PORT CITY FEST**

LEARN MORE ABOUT PORT CITY FEST

THE *Culture* RESIDES

ALEXA, PLAY "CHOPPA STYLE" BY CHOPPA.

Who they want? Choppa-style, chop chop Choppa-style or is it "Chapeaux", the hat man Damien Chapman, owner of **Orlandeaux's Café**, a culture and legendary heir of 100 years of amazing food and service?

The people want the latter. Not only for his fresh, dimpled face, but for his service and soul-stirring food. Chapeaux, the nickname he stole from his younger brother, stands on the shoulders of culinary giants. His family made **Shreveport-style stuffed shrimp** famous. The stuffed shrimp is a jumbo Gulf shrimp that is butterflied, loaded with Creole crab stuffing, and then deep-fried.

"My purpose drives me every single day," he said. "Cooking and hospitality is what I was put on this earth for."

It's what his Creole family were put on this earth to do, too. They slaved away by day as sharecroppers and by night over gumbo, red beans, and soul-reviving food for their loved ones.

That culinary tradition launched Freeman and Harris Café, a family-owned business, in 1921. The restaurant's name has changed a few times before the current Orlandeaux's, a nod to Chapeaux's dad Orlando, who successfully ran Brother's Seafood.

"The secret sauce is our connection to the city," Chapeaux said. "You have to desire to see people happy and making people happy through our food is what has kept us around for 100 years."



WATCH DAMIEN CELEBRATE 100 YEARS



VIEW THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES VIDEO

FEAST ALONG SHREVEPORT'S Soul Food Trail

Soul food represents the heart of the people in Shreveport, where anything can be deep-fried, smothered in gravy, or dashed with a kick of spice. Feast along Shreveport's Soul Food Trail to experience trendy, traditional and true down-home flavors from legendary restaurants, food trucks, hole-in-the-wall joints, underground caterers, and more.

To see a full list of soul food spots in Shreveport-Bossier, [click here](#).



FRIED PORK CHOP, BUTTER BEANS, YAMS, & CORNBREAD
(Traditional)

CROSS LAKE

*Sho'Nuff
Soul Food &
Catering*

STEWED OXTAILS OVER RICE
(Traditional)



**JERK CHICKEN &
GRILLED PINEAPPLE
OVER RICE**
(Jamaican)



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PIGS FEET
(Old-School)

**FRIED CHICK'N &
BAC'N-WRAPPED
GREEN BEANS**
(Vegan)



Cat Daddy's Cafe

Taylor's Catering
& Restaurant

Feeding the Soul
Cajun Cuisine (POP-UP)

RED RIVER



BOILED GULF SHRIMP,
CORN, POTATOES,
& SAUSAGE WITH
RATCHET SAUCE
(Seafood)

BOSSIER CITY



RNL's
Cookery
Corner



GOAT & JOLLOFF RICE,
GREEN SALAD & CABBAGE
(Sierra Leonean)



MAC N' CHEEZ
(Vegan)

Vegans on
The Run



FOOD TRUCK OR
MOBILE CATERING

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- MEET -

Chef Hardette

AT US UP NORTH KITCHEN (Farm-to-Table)

North Louisiana's Red River soils and bountiful bodies of water create a feast of farm-fresh vegetables and sustainable fish. Farms flourish along the banks of the Red River, offering locals and visitors a taste of the area's treasures. It's the very reason Chef Hardette Harris, named "Louisianan of the Year" by *Louisiana Life Magazine* in 2017, was able to create the Official Meal of North Louisiana. This appetizing meal includes fried catfish, purple hull peas, and hot water cornbread, which are all the ingredients that grow and produce naturally along the Red River. Originally from Minden, Louisiana, Chef Harris coined this meal based on her childhood memories of preparing what was available in the area.

kick back on some of SHREVEPORT- BOSSIER'S MOST POPULAR PATIOS

BY ALY VELASQUEZ

Springtime is patio time in Shreveport-Bossier. Whether you want to pour up with friends or wind down with family, there's plenty of outdoor space calling your name.

FLYING HEART BREWING AND PUB
IN THE EAST BANK DISTRICT

Photographed by Kyle Johnson



RHINO COFFEE & CHILL

Along with their choice selection of coffee, tea, and breakfast and lunch menu, **Rhino Coffee's** two locations offer the best of both worlds – city street outdoor dining at its downtown location and a comfortable backyard feel at its uptown location. At **Rhino Coffee Downtown**, you can enjoy alcoholic beverages like their popular Frosé – a frozen take on Rosé – along with a refreshing menu of cocktails, beer and wine.



FLY INTO THE HEART OF BOSSIER CITY

Flying Heart Brewing and Pub's outdoor beer garden is a favorite place among locals! Relax in the beer garden with cornhole, patio tables and a big pint of beer, and hear local musicians that often play on the weekends. The menu features brick-oven pizza, several flagship beers, Louisiana-made beers, a cocktail menu, house-made root beer, weekend brunch, dessert waffles, and more.



GARDEN PARTY, PLEASE!

Located in the historic Highland neighborhood in Shreveport, **Fat Calf Brasserie's** new outdoor garden dining is perfect for a summer date night under the stars. Recently, Executive Chef and Co-Owner Anthony Felan was chosen as one of *Louisiana Cookin's* 2020 Chefs to watch, and with good reason. The exquisite menu offers a French-inspired Southern cuisine featuring seasonal and locally farmed foods with lots of sharables.



GREEK FOOD & OUTDOOR HOOKAH

Tucked away on Line Avenue in Shreveport is **Athena Greek and Lebanese Grill**, a traditional family-owned Mediterranean restaurant that has a courtyard-style patio with plenty of shade. Along with delicious Greek food staples, the restaurant offers Hookah for smoking shisha outdoors. *For more information on dining in Shreveport-Bossier, [click here](#).*

pinch, twist & poll:

WHO HAS THE BEST CRAWFISH IN SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER?

BY SHALISA ROLAND

For most, the spring season introduces pleasant weather, blooming flowers, and bright colors, but Louisianans only care about a bright red platter of piping hot crawfish between the months of February and June. This critter-crawling, boiled-live, downright unruly dining experience is a delicacy. With more than 20 crawfish locations in Shreveport-Bossier, we want to know which is your favorite.

Is it **Larry P's Boiling Pot**? At Larry P's, you can grab a few pounds of spicy crawfish and wash it all down with one of their legendary snow cones.

Is **The Cajun Asian** more your style? They offer a unique lime-infused crawfish experience with their Viet-crawfish, as well as other unorthodox Vietnamese-Cajun menu items.

Maybe **Red Barn Cajun Crawfish & Seafood** is more of your speed? Red Barn is known for leaving a kick of flavor on your lips and fingertips after plowing into a pound or two.

What about **Beauxjax Crafthouse**? It's a popular hangout in the East Bank District, and they are crowned during crawfish season for adding a link of gator andouille sausage in your crawfish bucket.

Do you like to keep the local legacies alive? Then vote for **Chuck Wagon Crawfish**. The Shreveport-Bossier community does not play about this one.

Are you the type that likes to explore new restaurants? **Rubba Boot Crawfish Company** should be next on your list! Try them, and if they're the best, vote on it!

LOCAL TIP:

Great Raft Brewing's 318 Golden Ale was specifically crafted to complement Cajun meals.



PUT YOUR PALATE ON THE BALLOT! [CLICK HERE TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE.](#)

DO IT FOR THE 'Gram

Social media gives us all a platform to speak, express and tell stories, but "doing it for the 'gram'" is all about aesthetics. Shreveport-Bossier has a way of giving locals and visitors memories are Instagram-worthy. Here are a few of favorites we found from locals:



@YumYumDessertBar
Shreveport - Highland Neighborhood



@ShreveportsBestEats
Abby Singer's Bistro



@SeeShreveportBossier
Black Girl Magic Museum



@RedRiverBalloonRally
Red River Balloon Rally - Louisiana State University Shreveport



@318RestaurantWeek
Abby Singer's Bistro



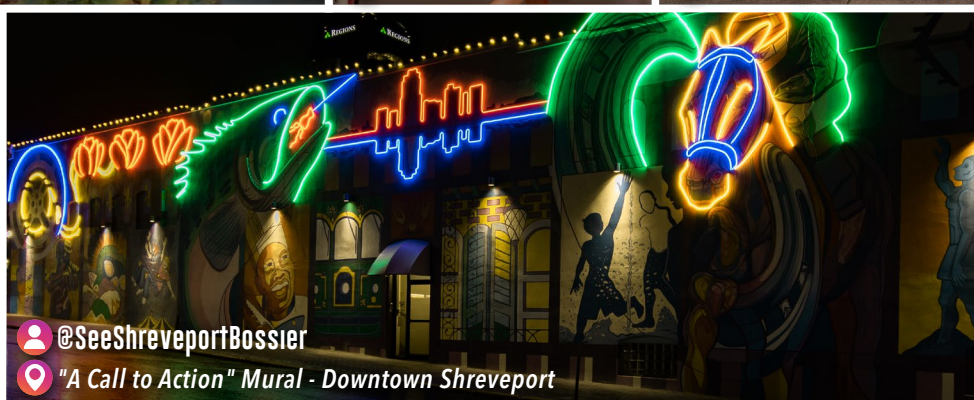
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Glow Alchemy Kitchen



@SeeShreveportBossier
"Blowing Bubbles" Mural - Bossier Arts Council



@LovingThisLifeJada
Port City Exotic Rides



@SeeShreveportBossier
"A Call to Action" Mural - Downtown Shreveport



@318ArtandGarden
318 Art and Garden



@TheMissingLink504
The Missing Link



@MargaritavilleBossierCity
The Busted Coconut at Margaritaville Resort Casino



@CrispyDonutBossier
Crispy Donut - Airline Dr.



@KyleJPhotog
Sunflower Trail and Festival - Gilliam



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Central Artstation - Downtown Shreveport



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Artspace - Downtown Shreveport



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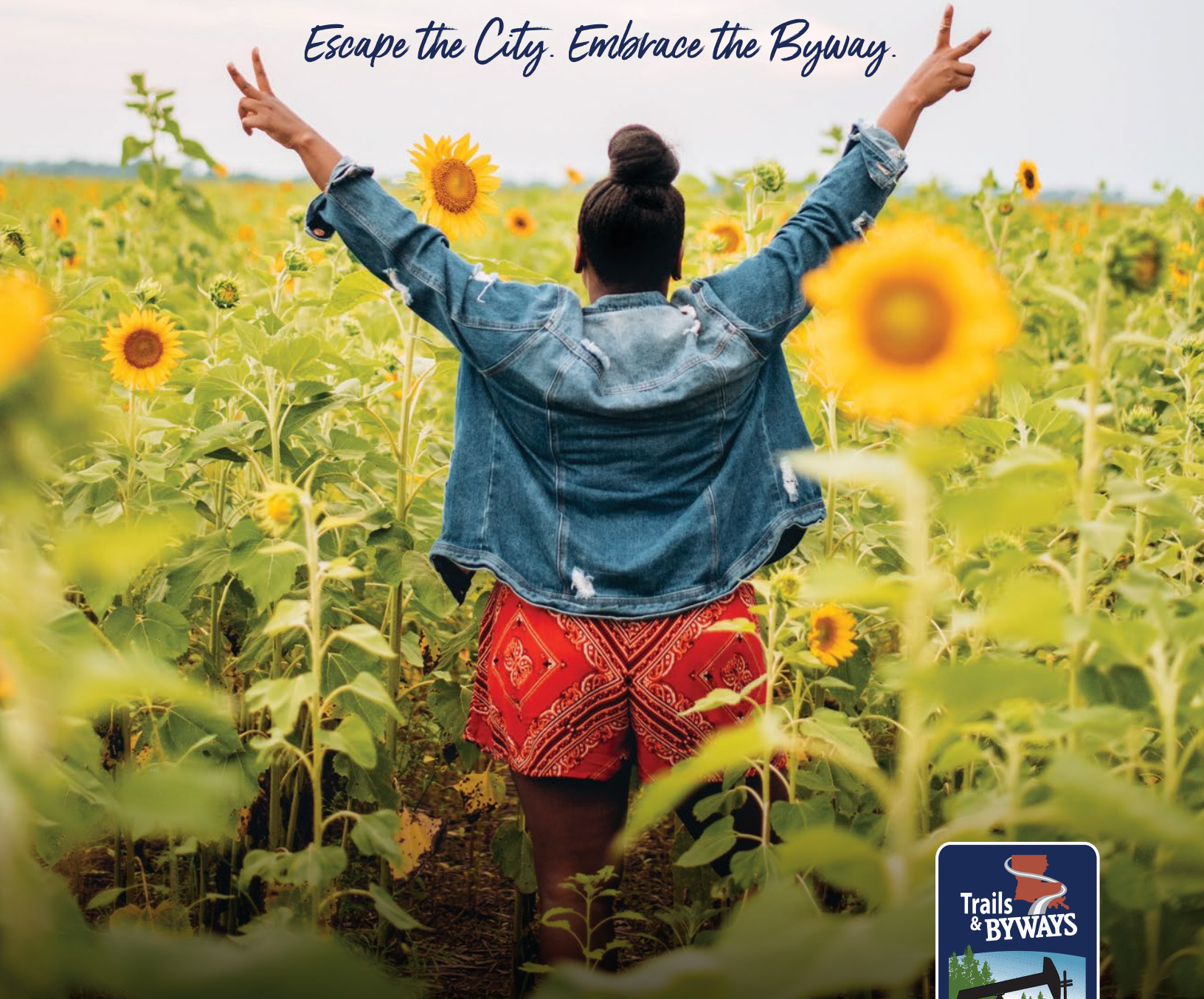
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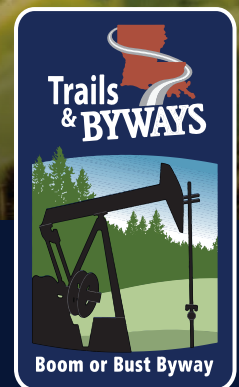
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