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*H*ave you ever wondered what makes Bossier unique? Sit back and enjoy reading more about the city named *Best Place to Live in Louisiana* by *Money Magazine* - it's Bossier City!

Oh, and Bossier Parish, it's only growing faster than Bossier City. At 175 years old, the parish's legacy of commerce as well as Southern hospitality are still going strong.

Whether you're a local looking to learn some new spots to try out or a visitor looking for the "Best in Bossier," we've got you covered. Looking for more about Bossier? *Check out BeBossier.com.*

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Do you know

THE HISTORY OF ALL THINGS BOSSIER?



Travel back in time with us as we celebrate the 175th anniversary of Bossier Parish. Today, we are a thriving parish that has seen a continual growth in population, business and innovative ideas. Test your knowledge of Bossier's history with these fun historical facts.

BOSSIER PARISH

DID YOU KNOW? Bossier Parish was formed on **February 24, 1843**. That's right—175 years ago, the Louisiana Legislature formed Bossier Parish. Early residents fought to have their own government. In order to become a parish, they had to give the area law enforcement, court systems and infrastructure. General Pierre Evariste Jean Baptiste Bossier was a key player in delivering the petition to the legislature to create Bossier Parish and it was eventually passed into law.

BENTON

DID YOU KNOW? The town is named after **U.S. Sen. Thomas Hart Benton**. He served in the senate from 1821 to 1851. Benton had a hand in pushing for the intercontinental railway, supported expanded use of the telegraph, and authored the first Homestead Acts, which gave land grants to anyone willing to farm it. He also pushed for the construction of the road between Arkansas and Louisiana, which ran through Plain Dealing and Benton.

DID YOU KNOW? The Bossier Courthouse was not always located in Benton. "The courthouse was originally in Bellevue. Supposedly, they voted on it one time because Benton wanted to move the courthouse," said Mayor Shelly Horton, Jr. According to Horton, Benton won that election, but Bellevue claimed the election was rigged. Naturally, the good townspeople of Benton retaliated by stealing the courthouse records from Bellevue, and Bellevue retaliated in kind by stealing them back. The whole affair was only settled when the courthouse in Bellevue burned, ceding the courthouse location to Benton.

PLAIN DEALING

DID YOU KNOW? The town took its name from an **antebellum plantation**. The Plain Dealing Plantation was settled by George Oglethorpe Gilmer, a man known for selling the products of his farm and using channels of trade for his needs, different from the bartering and trading of the day. The Plain Dealing Plantation originally contained 5,000 acres.

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE

DID YOU KNOW? The Base is named in honor of **Lt. Eugene Hoy Barksdale**. In August 1926, Lt. Eugene Hoy Barksdale, U.S. Army Air Corps, lost his life while flight testing Douglas O-2 observation airplane over McCook Field in Dayton, Ohio.

DID YOU KNOW? Barksdale Air Force Base is Bossier Parish's largest employer. As of 2017, more than 6,000 active duty/reserve military members work on base along with over 1,500 civilians.

HAUGHTON

DID YOU KNOW? The area gets its name from early resident **William Haughton**. William was a farmer and a teacher. He, his wife Harriet and two children settled on some 2,000 acres of prime land that became known as "Haughton Place."

DID YOU KNOW? Haughton might become a city soon. Haughton Mayor Jack Hicks is optimistic that with the 2020 census approaching, Haughton's town status is about to change to a city.

Check out BeBossier.com for more historical fun facts.
Facts compiled from The Bossier Press-Tribune 175th Anniversary Edition.

Community Events

DON'T BE A STRANGER!

Saturdays



BOSSIER FARMERS MARKET

Every Saturday until
November 24
Pierre Bossier Mall
Rear Parking Lot

Sundays



BENTON FARMERS MARKET

Every Sunday until July 29
495 Simpson Street
Benton, LA

July



RED RIVER BALLOON RALLY

July 13-July 14
LSUS Campus

Community Calendar

2018 Dates

Sept. 2

LOUISIANA DOWNS SUPER DERBY

Sept. 8

BOSSIER NIGHT MARKET

Sept. 29-Oct. 7

RED RIVER REVEL FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

Oct. 25-Nov. 11

STATE FAIR OF LOUISIANA

November

RCA NATIONAL BLACK RODEO FINALS

Nov. 20

BOSSIER MAKERS FAIR AT LA BOARDWALK

Nov. 24

ROCKETS OVER THE RED FIREWORKS FESTIVAL

Dec. 1

BENTON CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE FESTIVAL

Dec. 15

CHRISTMAS IN HAUGHTON
BOSSIER HOLIDAY NIGHT MARKET



KEEP UP-TO-DATE
on local events at
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October



BOO! AT THE BOARDWALK

Oct. 31
Louisiana Boardwalk

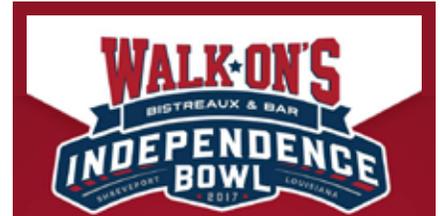
November



LE BOUTIQUE DE NOEL

November 15-18
Bossier Civic Center

December



2018 INDEPENDENCE BOWL

December 27
Independence Stadium

2019 Dates

Feb. 22

**KREWE OF CENTAUR
FLOAT-LOADING PARTY**

Feb. 23

KREWE OF CENTAUR PARADE

Feb. 24

KREWE OF BARKUS AND MEOUX

March

CORN DOG BUSKER ARTS FESTIVAL

Mar. 1

KREWE OF GEMINI FLOAT-LOADING PARTY

Mar. 2

KREWE OF GEMINI GRAND PARADE XXX

Mar. 3

KREWE OF HIGHLAND PARADE

May 23-26

MUDBUG MADNESS FESTIVAL

May 4-5

BAFB DEFENDERS OF LIBERTY AIR SHOW

Fun Facts

ABOUT BOSSIER



Bossier City was named the
NO. 1 BEST PLACE TO LIVE
in Louisiana
by *Money Magazine*

The namesake of Bossier City and Parish
is Gen. Pierre Evariste Jean Baptiste Bossier.

*Did you know he originally pronounced
his last name **BO-SHAY!***

*Check out bebossier.com to see what happens
when he visits present-day Bossier from 1847.*

Bossier Schools is the
FASTEST GROWING SCHOOL DISTRICT
in North Louisiana

Bossier City was named the
#7 BEST PLACE
to Find a New Job,
according to *Money Magazine*



Bossier-Shreveport are
among the
BEST OPPORTUNITY CITIES,
according to *Forbes*

Bossier City ranked
No. 3 in Louisiana in
BEST CITIES TO RAISE A FAMILY
by *Niche*

Bossier is home to Barksdale Air Force Base,
the winner of the
2017 Commander in Chief's
ANNUAL AWARD FOR INSTALLATION EXCELLENCE
for the Air Force

Bossier is home to **36 PARKS** and numerous
recreational lakes, as well as **THE RED RIVER**.
And, you can find **10 GOLF COURSES**
in or around Bossier.



The population of Bossier has
GROWN 11%
since the 2010 census

Bossier City is the
6TH LARGEST
city in Louisiana

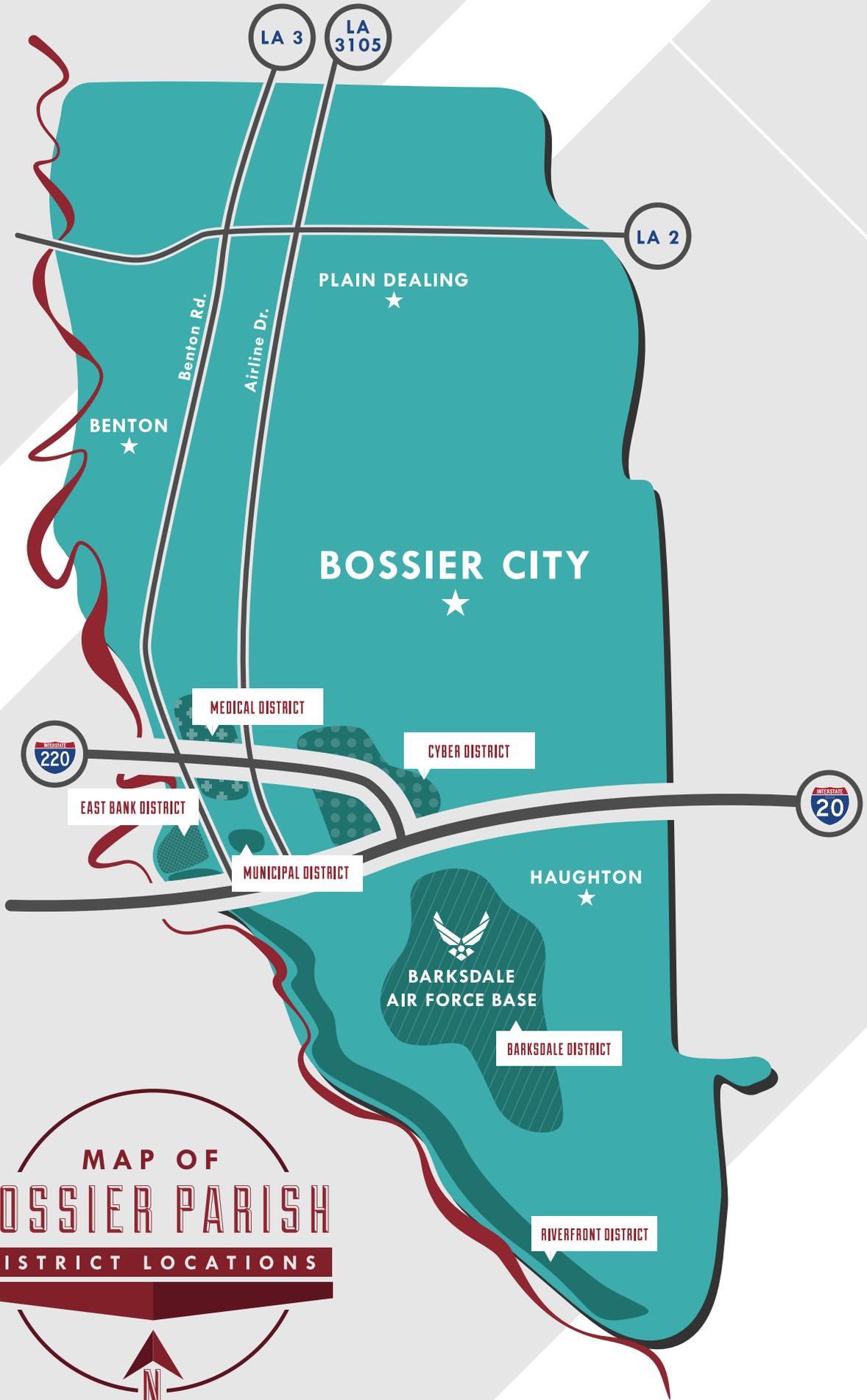


Bossier was named a
TOP 20 MILITARY COMMUNITY

Bossier-Shreveport was named a
GAME-CHANGING COMMUNITY
by *Southern Business & Development*



Bossier Schools is an
'A' RANKED
public school district



**MAP OF
BOSSIER PARISH
DISTRICT LOCATIONS**

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ANTIQUe SHOPPES

No millennial-focused arts district would be complete without its own unique antique shoppe and vintage store. Located in the trendy, newly developed East Bank District, Antique Shoppes is a multi-vendor antique mall featuring vintage, shabby chic furniture, custom-built farm tables, collectibles and a large collection of vintage signs among hundreds of other items. Barbara Brown, partnered with Trish Nattin, opened the store three years ago and now boasts 30 different vendors with a variety of items that are refreshed regularly.





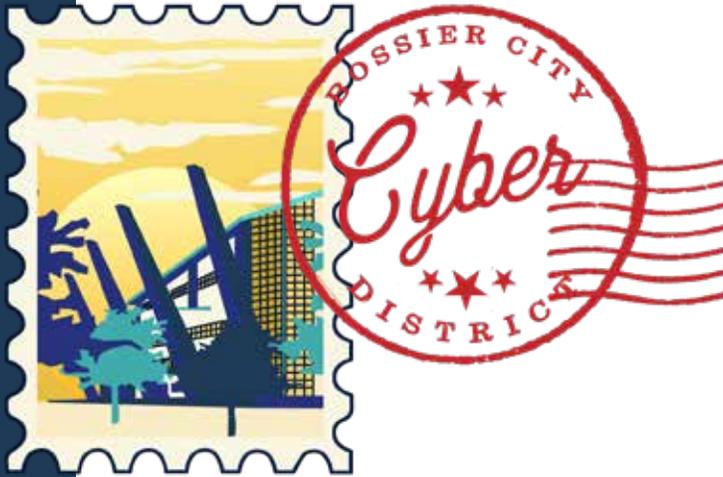
KIM'S SEAFOOD

Since 2006, one Bossier City restaurant has been providing these tasty crustaceans and more at the corner of Benton Road and Texas Avenue. Kim's Seafood & Po-Boy in Bossier has become something of ground-zero for all things good and yummy as it offers a great menu of seafood favorites ranging from catfish, crab, shrimp, gumbo, po-boys and of course crawfish. Duc Duong brought his expertise of restaurants and Cajun-style seafood north from New Orleans after evacuating from Hurricane Katrina. The restaurant has become a gem for Bossier City.



LUCKY PALACE

Lucky Palace is one of the top hidden gems in Bossier City. Owner Kuan Lim has a passion for food and wine like no other in the parish. As stated on the menu, Lim believes, "Wine and food can elevate each other." Of its many accolades, Lucky Palace has been noted for being one of the Top 100 Chinese restaurants in the United States. According to Food and Wine, they've also recently been named a semi-finalist for the James Beard Award. Tucked away in a hotel, this restaurant provides a relaxed and inviting atmosphere with a solid menu and excellent wine for a night out. "Chinese food with a gourmet twist" is how they categorize the food. The menu is filled with typical Chinese food items, but with specialty selections that come recommended by many in Bossier. Plus, Lucky Palace is known to have the largest wine selection in Bossier City. They take pride in the taste and experience of drinking wine.



What happens when you bring the namesake of Bossier Parish into the 21st century from 1847?

With computers and smart phones, let alone the change in infrastructure, commerce and the like, it's bound to make for a fun time.

WATCH Tour de Bossier with Pierre Bossier at bebossier.com/pierre.

NATIONAL CYBER RESEARCH PARK

The Cyber Innovation Center (CIC) is the anchor of the National Cyber Research Park in Bossier City. CIC serves as an economic engine for the region. Through its efforts, the CIC is diversifying our region's economy by attracting high-tech jobs and creating a knowledge-based economy through innovation.



NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED THEATRE PROGRAM

A community favorite nestled in the Cyber District of Bossier City is the Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC) Performing Arts program. While the goal is to give students an education and training in acting, directing, lighting, costuming, makeup, and set building, the program gives the public access to award-winning productions. Most recently, the BPCC Theatre Program *received seven distinguished achievement awards* at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Washington, D.C., in addition to several other awards for performances at various festivals. BPCC is growing rapidly and celebrating their 50th Anniversary! Connect with them by visiting BPCC.edu.



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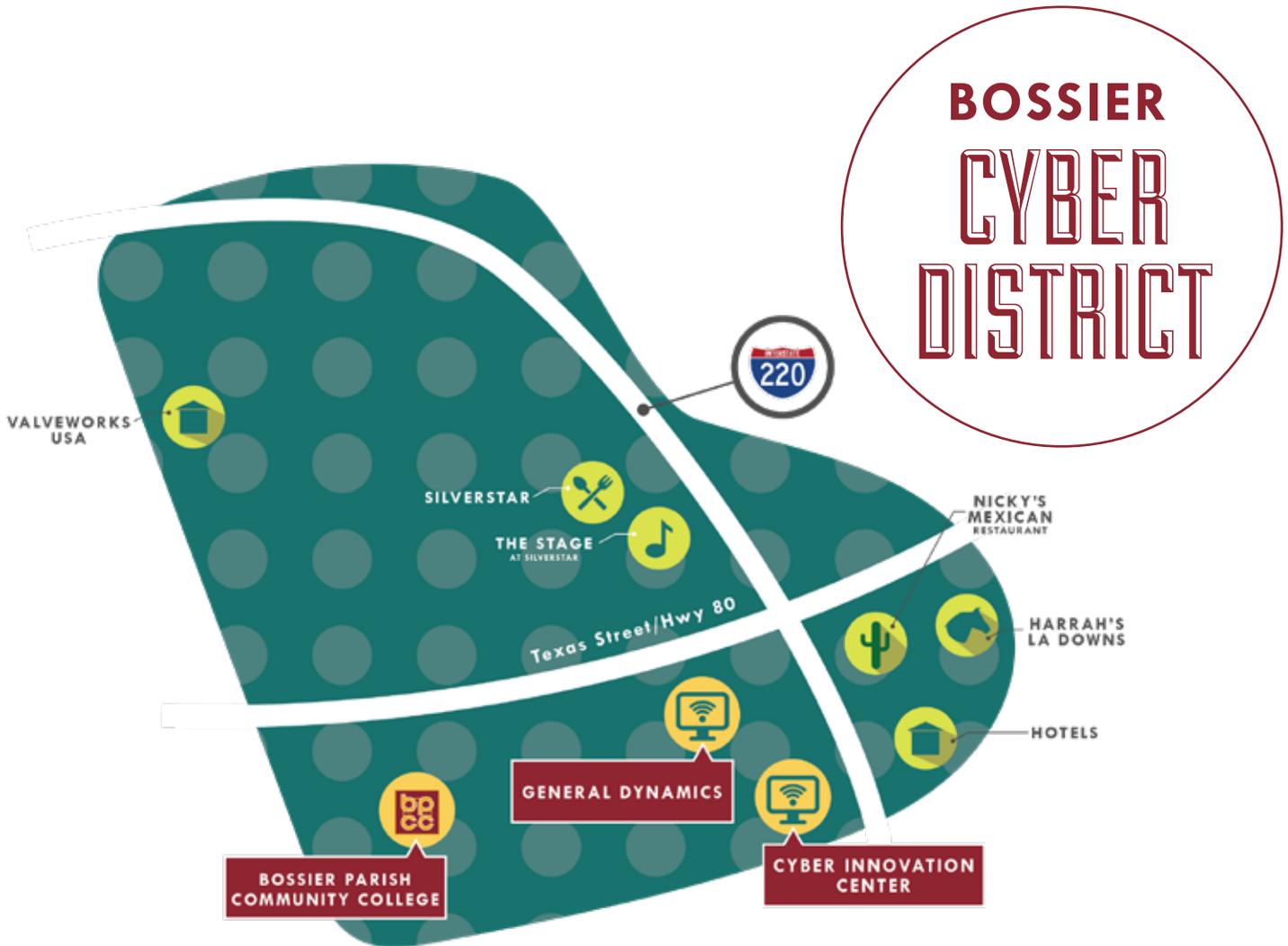




ALLISON JUDGE, #MILLENNIALPRO

"I live and work in Bossier because of how naturally opportunities have developed. For example, when I graduate I am lucky to get the opportunity to work at General Dynamics Information Technology, where innovative methodologies and thinking are used locally to build custom solutions for the government and companies.

No need to move when the tech companies are moving to Shreveport/Bossier!"





FLYING HEART BREWING & PUB

Renowned for a cool, funky patio, Flying Heart is putting their money where their mouth is by expanding the front patio to allow for more guests and to maintain the open air vibe while protecting



visitors from the elements. And indoors they have expanded to add another 12 taps and additional bar seating. They have also partnered with Wooden Spoon Pizza to have food

inside the brewery and their decision to brew non-alcoholic root beer changes the dynamic where patrons AND their families can attend the brewery.

Location: 700 Barksdale Blvd., Bossier City



LOUISIANA BOARDWALK

Great shopping & food!

ASHLEY DAVIS, MARKETING MANAGER



"Louisiana Boardwalk Outlets continues to draw customers locally and regionally as we continue to grow business and grow new ideas and experiences for our customers."

"Our intention is to make it fun so that they keep them coming back."

GROWING BUSINESS IN BOSSIER

Business is booming in Bossier and one of the newest businesses providing entertainment and experiences for locals is BeauJax Craffthouse and Rougaroux Bar. BeauJax joins established eatery L'Italiano as well as Flying Heart Brewing & Pub and Retro 521 in Bossier City's East Bank District. The casual dining, Cajun-themed restaurant features a large bar offering beer, specialty cocktails and adult shake options with live music, and indoor and patio seating. The adjoining 21-and-up bar and game room features pool tables, darts and video poker.

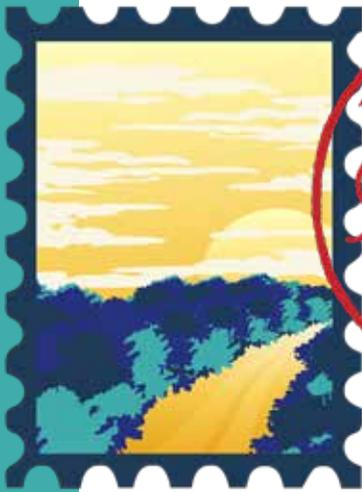


BOSSIER EAST BANK DISTRICT

"This area here is poised to be a good time – open container was a cool idea, to have a drink and go down the street to take part in an event. There's never before been an area in Bossier or Shreveport that's dedicated to local businesses. I don't have to worry about competing with chains next door."

BEAU HAYS, BEAUJAX CO-OWNER





RED RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Tucked away in south Bossier is a literal oasis for outdoor enthusiasts. The Red River National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters lies in the Red River Valley, is rich in plant life and offers a safe haven for waterfowl and songbirds. The property was acquired in 2002 and its Headquarters and Education Center opened in early 2012. Visitors can observe various birds, reptiles and amphibians, and even white-tailed deer. More enthusiastic nature lovers can fish, take a hiking trail, pick pecans and plums, or engage with some of the center's exhibits. You can access the refuge at 150 Eagle Bend Point in Bossier City, just off the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway.

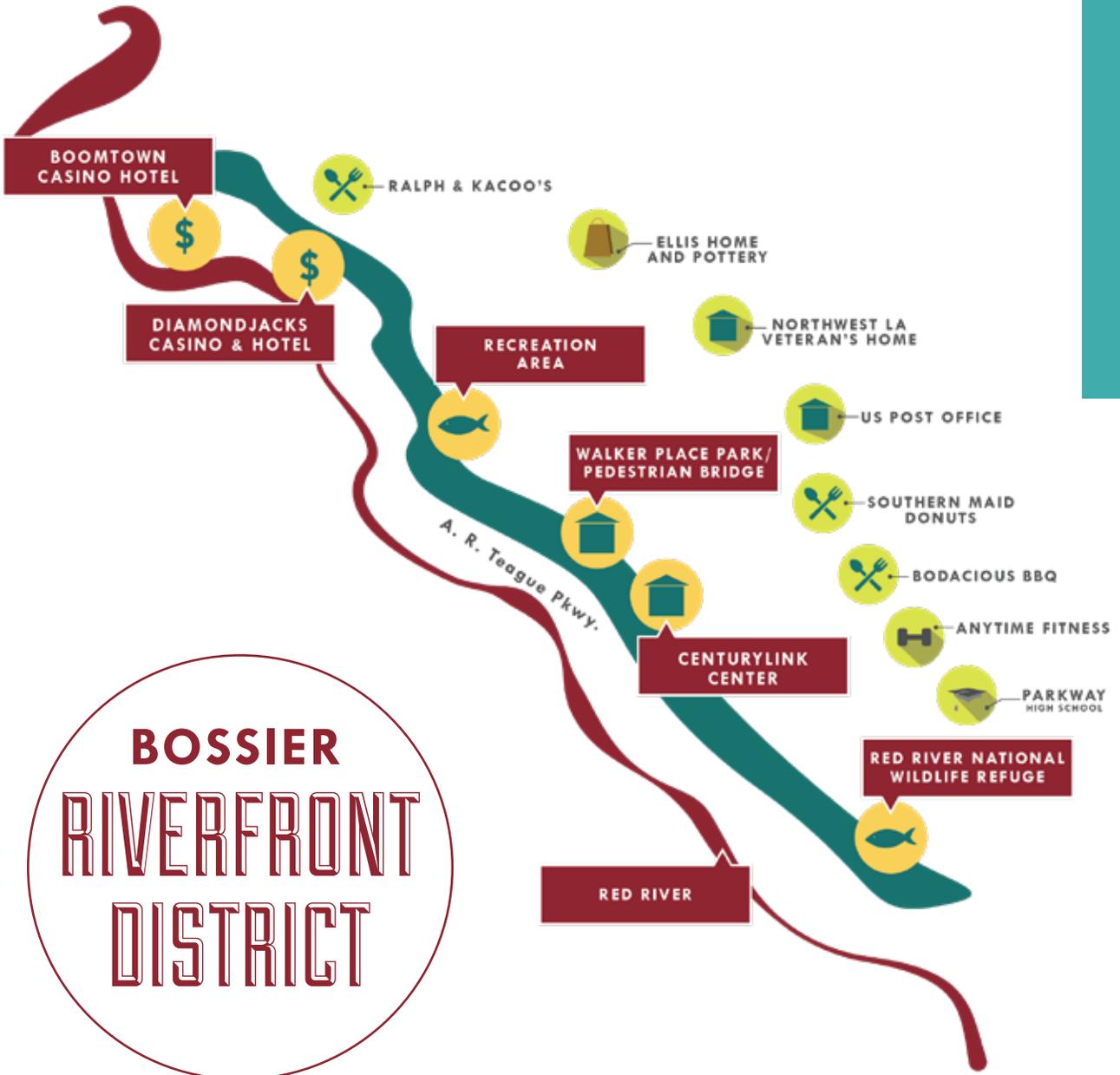
CENTURYLINK CENTER

"I do what I do because the roar of a crowd of 14,000-plus people all sharing in the same moment is electrifying. It never fails, as soon as one concert is over, I am counting down the days until the next one!"

Director of Sales and Marketing



KOURTNEY WASHINGTON, #MILLENNIALPRO



**BOSSIER
RIVERFRONT
DISTRICT**



CHARNAE MCDONALD, #PEOPLEOFBOSSIER

"My favorite thing about Bossier is Arthur Ray Teague Parkway. I spend a majority of my drive-time on it to and from work. It connects me to the highway, the Boardwalk, our casinos and I love lacing up my shoes to run alongside the river.

BE BOSSIER!"



CARLOTTA ASKEW-BROWN
Senior Urban and Regional
Planner for the Bossier City-Parish
Metropolitan Planning Commission

METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

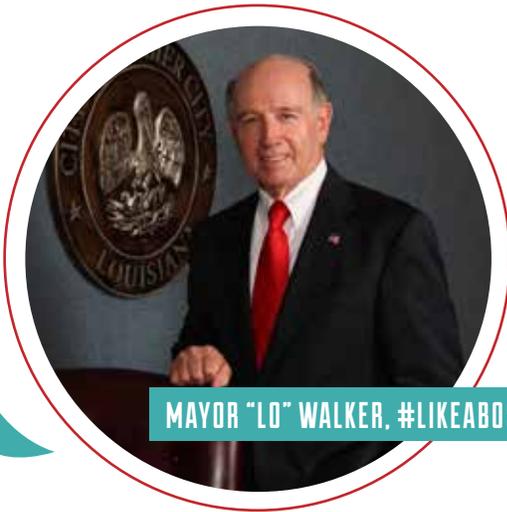
“My favorite thing about Bossier is the progressiveness. Bossier City officials recognize the need to innovate and have aggressively pushed forward to make sure that Bossier is multi-generational and is place that families can live, work, play and eventually retire. I love that Bossier is a place where everybody knows everybody, where people wave at cars passing by, where crawfish time is the best time and where neighbors come together to watch the sunset dip below the horizon.”



BOSSIER FARMERS MARKET

*T*he Bossier City Farmers Market has been around for several years and is open every year on Saturdays starting in April through November from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is held behind the Pierre Bossier Mall off of E. Texas Street in the rear parking lot. Not only is it free to go to, but they always have a variety of local vendors selling fresh produce, salsa, baked goods, handmade arts and crafts and so much more! There is a little bit of everything for anyone, and it’s a great way to support small local businesses.

Bossier City Mayor Lorenz "Lo" Walker gives three reasons for the city's growth: "I think public safety – it's extremely important people feel safe in the city. The city has a reputation for being progressive, straightforward and honest. Thirdly, I think our school system is very important...That's where we have a big leg up on a lot of communities."



MAYOR "LO" WALKER. #LIKEABOSS

BOSSIER MUNICIPAL DISTRICT





CHRISTUS BOSSIER EMERGENCY MICRO-HOSPITAL

Opened in February 2018, the micro-hospital is the first of its kind in the state of Louisiana. The new hospital includes an emergency department, six short-stay inpatient beds, advanced imaging and diagnostic laboratory services, outpatient imaging and lab services. This new facility is a recognition of where healthcare is moving.



ISAAC PALMER, CEO. #LIKEABOSS

"We see a lot of people moving to Bossier as a place to live. We knew we wanted to be where the people are heading."

WILLIS-KNIGHTON BOSSIER

While Willis-Knighton Bossier has a hospital for emergency and general care as well as a wellness center, quick care and medical office buildings, among their employees they also boast a talented Bossier artist in Lori McHughes.

When McHughes isn't working full-time as a medical assistant at Willis-Knighton Bossier, she is spending time painting and creating pieces for her "Color My Garden Silly" art business.

"Most of everything I create is meant to be outside somewhere to bring some color to your yard," said McHughes. "Color is good for the soul."

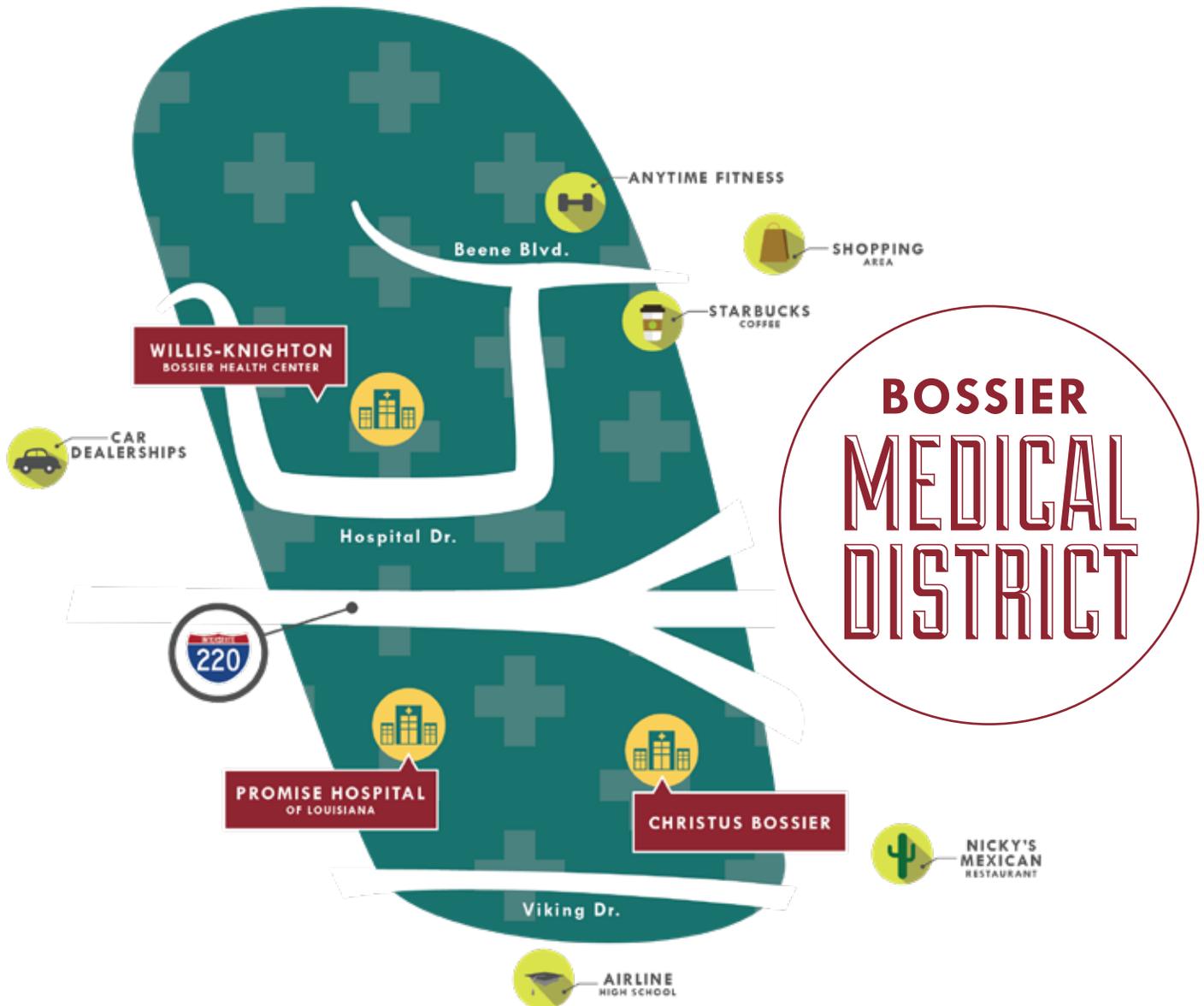




HEALTHCARE HUB

Northwest Louisiana serves as a medical hub for the northern half of the state, east Texas and southern Arkansas.

Collectively, this local industry employs approximately 25,000 professionals, positioning the industry as one of the region's top economic drivers.





BASE CULTURE

Bossier City knows how to throw a good time for their military members and their families, as well as their families stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base. Since 1932 when the base was first established, Barksdale residents have been two-steppin', chowing down on spicy crawfish, and taking long walks along the Red River.

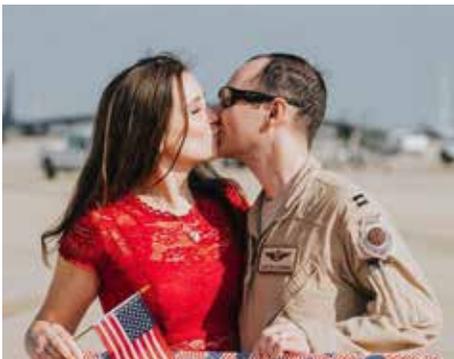
Find out more at bebossier.com/base-culture.

VISIT THE POWER MUSEUM

The Barksdale Global Power Museum is home to one of the best collections of historic military aircraft and artifacts ranging from World War I to the modern age of aerial bombardment. In a sense, the museum and adjoining airpark is something of a "time machine" in that visiting the museum takes one back to the early days of the United States Army Air Corps, long before words like "shock and awe" became part of the military jargon for aerial bombardment.

"We are definitely a local gem for the Barksdale community, the local community of Shreveport and Bossier, which are intertwined in so many ways." says Amy Russell, Director for the Barksdale Global Power Museum, which is one of only 12 official U.S. Air Force Field Museums in the country. "We love to bring people here to tell them a little bit of our history because our history is truly the American story. It's not just the Air Force story, it's your story, too."



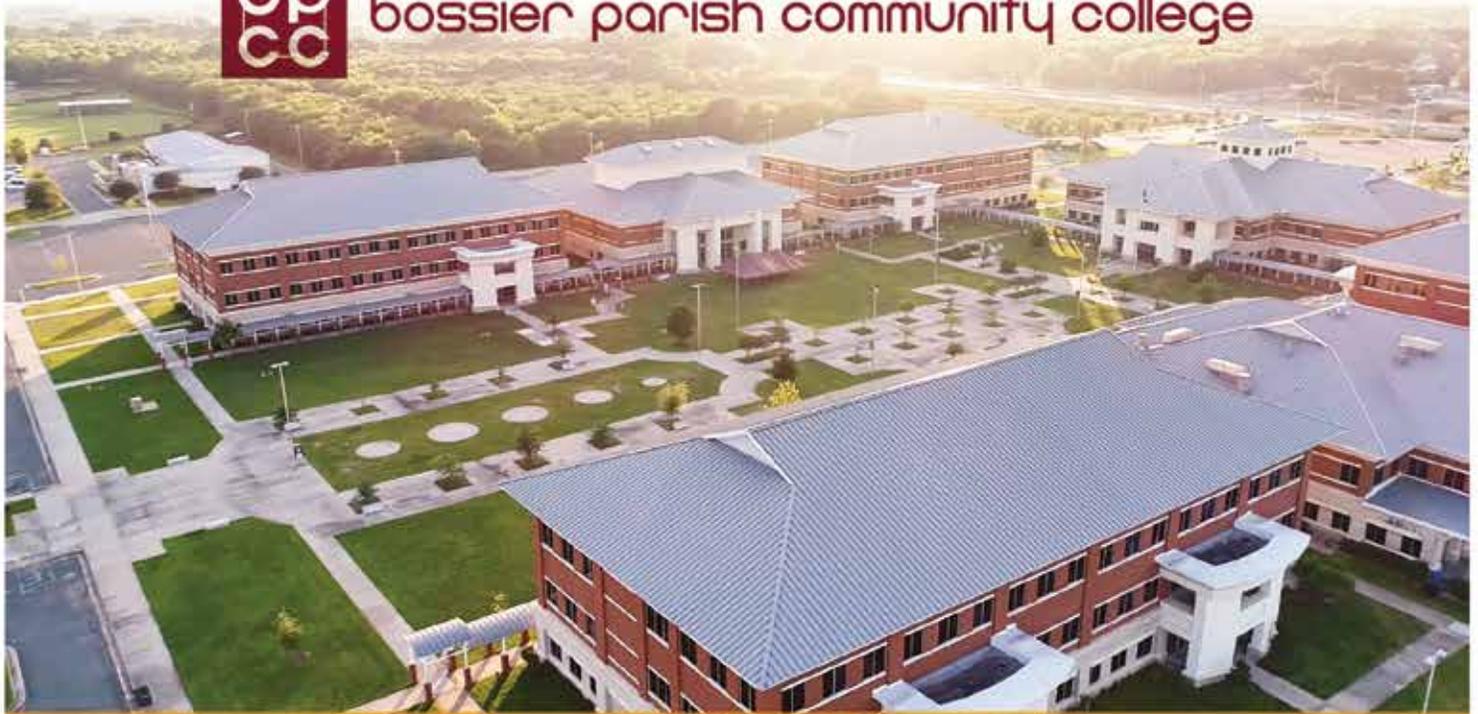


TRUE HOSPITALITY

The South is known for being warm and welcoming. That's just how Crystal Lohman, a military spouse, describes her transition to Haughton. The Lohmans were inundated with housing resources and referrals as well as with open hearts and homes from people in the community.



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Programmer Analyst

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Advanced Manufacturing

+ *Mechatronics*

Automation + Controls

Engineering Graphics

Medical Assistant

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Oil + Gas Technology

Production Technology

Process Technology

Paramedic

Pharmacy Technician

Physical Therapist Assistant

Respiratory Therapy

Systems Administration

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Performing Arts

Music

Musical Theatre

Theatre

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Engineering

General Science

Allied Health option

Natural Sciences option

Health Care Management

Professional Practice

Health Studies

Nursing

Traditional option

LPN to RN option

Teaching (grades 1-5)

LOUISIANA TRANSFER ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Business concentration

Fine Arts concentration

Humanities concentration

Mass Communication

concentration

Social Sciences concentration

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Biological Sciences

concentration

Physical Sciences concentration

BPCC also offers Certificates of Technical Studies (CTS), Technical Competency Areas, and Technical Diplomas.

FALL 2018 CLASSES BEGIN
THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

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ONLINE REGISTRATION | NOW - AUGUST 8
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