**Welcome To Acadia Parish**

Cajun Prairie Country . . .

We invite you to a real Cajun experience in the heart of Cajun Prairie Country. LEARN our history and folklore; VISIT our elegant architecture of Crowley's huge historic district & cajun gift shops. Visit the Historic Rice Theatre, tour Mouton Accordions & Cajun Gifts where accordions are custom made and demonstrated, tour and Crystal Rice Plantation with its Blue Rose Museum, collection of vintage antique cars, and Aqua-Culture tour on crawfish & rice. You can also catch a glimpse of wildlife as they migrate along a recognized fly-way from there summer home and bird watching in some of the most beautiful surroundings imaginable. All this and more here in Crowley, the Rice Capital of the World. Also known as Tree City U.S.A.

The amazing European-style castle in Mermentau, the tiny pilgrim's chapel in the German settlement called Roberts Cove. Hundley's Agriculture Museum with antique farm equipment and a remarkable collection of toy farm implements right off our Zydeco Cajun Prairie Scenic Byway.

The charm of the Frog Murals and Tree Frogs in Rayne. The Frog Capital of the World, and Louisiana City of Murals; with its St. Joseph's Cemetery graves facing North & South which is listed in "Ripley's Believe It or Not".

Mural of Tee-Mamou Mardi Gras in Iota, tour Bon Cajun Instruments Shop were Bon Tee Cajun Accordions are custom made. The Le Parc de Vieux Depot and Cajun Gifts Shop in Church Point, home of the Buggy Capital of the World. Visit Charlene Richard's grave for prayer and meditation. (A proposed Cajun Saint in nearby Richard)

CELEBRATE with us at our fairs and festivals. ENJOY the taste you long for that begins right here in Acadia Parish-Louisiana, the Heart of Cajun Prairie Country. That remarkable Cajun cooking is at its very best in any of our local restaurants. The flavor of our spices... Like Boudin, Cracklins, Gumbo, and other fine Cajun Foods. And by all means, you must dance the 'Cajun two-step' or tap your feet to the unique beat of the Zydeco music!

After a day of touring, RELAX in one of our fine motels or unforgettable Bed & Breakfast or at an RV campground. All are centrally located and within minutes of all major parish attractions.

Once you experience Acadia Parish, you are sure to return!

Sincerely,

Gwen Hanks
Executive Director

**ACADIA PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION**
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Regions of the Parish

Church Point, Louisiana
Buggy Capital of the World
Cajun Music Capital of the World
Located at the intersection of LA Hwy 35 & 95
102 Church St., Church Point, LA, 70527
(337) 684-3030
The name Church Point was derived from the original name of the settlement, Plaquemine Brulee and the location of the first chapel. Jesuit missionaries serving the chapel referred to the site as “La Chapelle de la Pointe de Plaquemine Brulee”, or Church at the Point. The name was eventually anglicized to Church Point. Many of the old timers still refer to the town as “Pointe de L’Eglise.” Church Point’s claim of the “Buggy Capital of the World” was secured in the 1920's when so many people traveled miles to attend services here. This designation is celebrated today in the Annual Buggy Festival.

Crowley, Louisiana
Rice Capital of The World
Tree City U.S.A.
Located off I-10 Exits 80 & 82
Acadia Parish Tourist Office
(337) 783-2108
“Gateway to Acadiana Heartland.” If you are looking for unique, authentic attractions, Crowley is the place to visit. Come and stay a while. Experience for yourself fun and excitement as you discover hidden treasures in our “Little Town That Was Wanted!” Crowley’s birthdate is January 4, 1887. She was conceived in the mind of one W.W. Duson and was carved deliberately out of 174 acres in the heart of the prairie country of Southwestern Louisiana. Today, one can see evidence of the rapid growth this little town once experienced. Unlike typical turn of the century districts in the region, Crowley’s Historic District is significant in the area of architecture as the largest, most complete, architecturally pretentious and visually impressive example of a late nineteenth to early twentieth century town in a seven parish area. Crowley is the only historic town in the region in which the residential area and the commercial area are both well preserved and impressive. No other city offers such a variety of style.

Estherwood, Louisiana
Village of Estherwood
Located 6 miles west of Crowley on Hwy 90 (Old Spanish Trail)
The Village of Estherwood, Louisiana is located approximately 6 miles west of Crowley. Like other towns created by the coming of the train, Estherwood was named by, and probably for a railroad official or member of his family. Estherwood got its name. One is that the word Estherwood is a combination of two names, the result of a compromise made to end a controversy over whether to name the place Wood, for a Dr. Wood, or Esther, for the wife of the section foreman of the railroad. Another version explains the “wood” part as follows: the station was a re-fueling point for the early wood-burning engines, and the name was derived from the large quantities of wood which were stored near the station. Before the railroad came through the place was known as Coulee Trieve, so named for an early settler, Jean Baptiste Trieve who had built a cabin on the coulee about 1816. A mysterious and sinister figure, Trieve was believed to have been a pirate. One of the early civic leaders of Estherwood was Jacob Kollitz, who established a place of business near the site of the old pirate’s cabin in 1891. When the Village was incorporated in 1901, Kollitz was one of the aldermen. The village had a population of 300. The Kollitz home is still in existence, and is presently owned by Ms. Marilyn LeLeux. Another Estherwood landmark is the Hoyt home, which was built in 1899 by Edward T. Hoyt, better known as “Jasmine Lawn”. Although this home has had several owners since the Hoyt's, it is now in the ownership of Edward and Paula Gonzalez. The Estherwood Manor has been added to the Historical Registry. It is a beautiful two-story residence situated on N. Leblanc St. in Estherwood and is presently owned by Steven O and Laura Smith. This small community has had its share of contributions in keeping up with the times. We are large enough to provide for our families the necessary education, but small enough for all of us to look out for our fellow neighbors.

Iota, Louisiana
Tee-Mamou Mardi Gras
I-10 Exit #76 take LA 1120 North, 6 miles to LA 98- Left 1 1/2 miles.
Mural of Tee-Mamou Mardi Gras (scene on old Bourgeois General Store build 1914), Home of the Tee Mamou-China Mardi Gras Folklife Festival. Mineral springs made Iota the home of Pointe-aux-Loups, an early health spa. Pointe aux-Loups, “Wolf Point,” is one of the oldest place names in Acadia Parish area. It was once a well-known summer resort because of the medicinal springs there.

Mermentau, Louisiana
Village of Mermentau
Located 14 miles west of Crowley on Hwy 90 (Old Spanish Trail)
104 7th Street, Mermentau, LA, 70556
(337) 824-8666, Fax (337) 824-6973
In the last quarter of the 18th century, there was an Attakapas chief by the name of Nementou. On April 16, 1784, he sold land on Bayou Plaquemine Brule’s to Antoine Blanc. Nementou is later mentioned as the chief of a village on the river of the same name. Eventually, through a clerical error, Nementou became Mementou and this was then corrupted into Mermentau through confusion with the French word mer, which means “sea.” The Mermentau area was once reputedly a refuge for smugglers, outlaws, slave runners, and pirates. It was a crossing point for brave travelers on the Old Spanish Trail, but had such a bad reputation that until well after the Louisiana Purchase no one would go to the area to find out how many people lived there. Mermentau over came this legend and achieved legal village status on November 11, 1899. The Village of Mermentau celebrated their centennial during the month of November on the 5 and 6 of 1999.

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Morse, Louisiana
Morse Recreation Festival
Village of Morse
Located on Hwy 91, 4 miles south of Midland
P.O. Box 236, Morse, LA, 70559
(337) 783-7555, Fax: (337) 788-7555
When the railroad was extended southward from Midland into Vermilion Parish in 1896, a station was created at Morse, about four miles south of Midland. It was built to serve settlers who had bought land from W.W. Duson and was named for a railroad official. A post office, known as Lorna, was established on April 30, 1899. The name of the village was changed to Morse on July 1, 1900. It was named for S.F.B. Morse, a Southern Pacific official. Morse was incorporated as a village on March 27, 1906. Alcee Henry was the first mayor.

Rayne, Louisiana
The Frog Capital of The World
Louisiana City of Murals
Located right off I-10 Exit #87
1023 The Boulevard, Rayne, LA, 70578
(337) 334-2332
Explore the past. Enjoy the present. Rayne was not built in a day. It goes back to the 1800’s when the railroad came to town. We were first called Pouppeville, but changed our name to honor the engineer who laid the tracks – Rayne. Today, folks know us for our frogs, but it all started when a trio of Parisians, Jaques Weill and his brothers, began a profitable export business, shipping our hoppy residents to restaurants across the country. And then there’s St. Joseph’s Cemetery, listed in Ripley’s Believe It or Not! As the only known U.S. cemetery facing north-south. But this is only the beginning, and to learn more, you just got to come visit. Open your eyes to the beauty that surrounds you. In Rayne, Louisiana, art is everywhere. It is inescapable. Murals leap out at every turn, created by masters of the art form and citizens with an eye for capturing the uniqueness of the area. The Bernard-Bertrand Museum, a home with its own colorful history, is now home to wonderful works by area artists. Step by step down Louisiana Avenue, stroll into the pages of a Louisiana history book. Your eye is drawn to architectural details that take you back in time. And antique shops are for browsing and buying or reliving a bit of the past. Historic charm, mesmerizing murals, Antique attractions, Old Louisiana come to life. Welcome to Rayne, Louisiana, City of friends and frogs. Where the simple things leave the biggest impression. And simply strolling through the streets is one of the most pleasant experiences you can have. For a day or two, there’s just so much to do – in Rayne!

ACCOMODATIONS

Crowley Inn
211 N. Cherokee Dr., Crowley, LA 70526
(Exit 80 on to Service Road) Crowley, LA 70527
59 Rooms. Restaurant. Free motor coach parking, group rates, pool, eighteen-wheeler truck parking. The Crowley Inn is located two miles from downtown Crowley. (337) 788-0970

Best Western of Crowley
9571 Egan Hwy., Crowley, LA 70526
(Exit 80 on to Service Road) Crowley, LA 70527
46 Rooms. Free motor coach parking, pool, group rates. Best Western of Crowley is located two miles from downtown Crowley. (337) 783-2378

BED AND BREAKFASTS

Bob Woods Recycling Facility (Log Cabin B&B)
740 South Main, Church Point, LA, 70525
English and French spoken. 2 private log cabins, full kitchen, no smoking, no pets, children accepted. The cabins are made from 100% recycled lumber. Every piece of wood that comes into our possession has a unique characteristic and our carpenters focus on these unique characteristics and bring them out in the form of furniture, and cabins. Truly a walk into time. Hours: M-F 8AM to 5PM, Sat 8AM to 12PM-Noon. D/VC/V Contact: Robert & Dot Thibodeaux (337) 684-2942 Day, (337) 684-2942 Night, Toll Free 1-888-620-8733.

La Maison de Marie Bed & Breakfast
24303 Crowley-Eunice Hwy, Crowley, LA 70526
Come enjoy a memorable stay in the heart of Acadiana Cajun country, true Southern hospitality, country charm, nature and tranquility in a beautiful natural setting of majestic tall trees, native flowers. Tour our grounds or just enjoy the view from our spacious decks. 2 bedrooms with private baths, a sitting room with a sleeper couch. Can accommodate up to 6 or 7 family members. Outstanding Handicap accommodations. All entrances have ramp approaches. Covered parking, laundry, T.V., phone, continental breakfast. No smoking. Daily 8AM - 8PM. (337) 783-3661 www.bnbtravel.com/1088.htm

The Seal Guesthouse
123 Scale Lane, Eunice, LA 70535 (North of Crowley)
The Seal Guesthouse offers a wide variety of accommodations from suites to 2 and 3 bedroom cottages all with queen size beds, Victorian antiques, hardwood floors, old fashioned wrap-around porches, 60 acres of huge trees, creeks, ponds and a turn of the century old grocery store which is used for receptions, reunions, rehearsal dinners, parties, etc. The old store was actually robbed by Bonnie and Clyde during their reign of terror in North Central LA. Perfect choice for overnight visitors, long term stays, intimate weddings, receptions and reunions. Located 2 miles south of Eunice on Hwy 13 or just 18 miles North of Interstate 10 at Crowley, LA. It is the perfect location to relax and enjoy Cajun

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and Zydeco music, food and some of the friendliest people on earth.
MC/V. (337) 457-3753, Fax: (337) 457-3753

The Carriage House
220 East Third St, Crowley, LA 70526
The Carriage House Bed & Breakfast is located in the heart of the Historic District of Crowley. The 1902 home is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The English Tudor style two story carriage home features a continental breakfast has 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, upstairs screened porch, patio, full kitchen, and living area. All rooms non-smoking. No pets! With in walking distance of downtown shops
Contact: Kenneth & Stephanie Keigley (337) 783-1744

La Maison Pointe aux Loups
2165 Eunice-Iota Hwy, Iota, LA, 70543
Welcome to Pointe Aux Loups Bed & Breakfast. Step back in time in a century-old authentic Acadian (Cajun) house. Allow yourself to relax and enjoy a time gone by. Sip coffee while sitting on a cypress swing on the front porch. Sleep in authentic Antique iron beds. Eat a meal at an antique cypress table. Whether you are traveling or just want a weekend get-away, Pointe Aux Loups provides a perfect destination. All rooms non-smoking. Located 3 miles north of Iota on Hwy 91. Hours vary by season. Web: www.skybusiness.com/Pointe_Aux_Loups
Contact: Gibson Miller (337) 779-2485

Maison Daboval
305 East Louisiana Avenue, Rayne, LA, 70578
Froglegs for breakfast? Anything is possible in this historic 1892 home. 5 rooms with private baths and full Cajun breakfast. In walking distance to antique shops and restaurants. Owners speak French. Experienced tour guide. MC/V. www.acadiana-net.com/maisondaboval/ index.html. (337) 334-3489, Fax: (337) 334-3488

Maison D'Mémoire B&B Cottages
8450 Roberts Cove Road, Rayne, LA 70578
Recapture the precious memories of the past in our quaint, private guesthouses. Jacuzzi suites available. A full breakfast is delivered to your door to enjoy in the privacy of your suite. The little extras are what make our accommodations extraordinary! MC/V. www.maisondmemoire.com (337) 334-2477, Fax: (337) 334-4809

ATTRACTIONS

Le Parc du Vieux Depot
102 Church St., Church Point, LA 70527
Site of the Railroad Depot and loading platform. Seasonal-Cajun Music Jam session. (337) 684-2379 for schedule of events.

Le Vieux Moulin Fine Arts & Cajun Gift Shop
Downtown, Church Point, LA 70527
1st Friday of the month, Acadia Jam Session

Le Vieux Presbytere (Parsonage Home)
Corner of Lejeune & S Rogers St, Church Point, LA 70527
This building was the old Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Rectory. The Diocese of Lafayette donated this priest's home to the Town of Church Point. The 1887 structure, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is being restored to its original form. This is one of the last structures in south Louisiana to use folkcraft of mud wall construction which is known as bousillage. LeVieux Presbytere is located on the corner of Rue Iry Lejeune and South Rogers Street. For more information contact the Church Point Area Chamber of Commerce at (337) 684-3030 or Mayor Roger Boudreaux's office at (337) 684-5692.

Saddle Tramp Riding Club
Downtown, Church Point, LA 70527
Home of the Courir de Mardi Gras

Crystal Rice Plantation
6428 Airport Rd., Crowley, LA 70526
“One step into the past and two steps into the future”... No other words can describe the memorable experience awaiting you at the Crystal Rice Plantation. The diversity of this unique Acadia Parish plantation will surely be long remembered. Crystal Rice Plantation features a restored

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1848 Acadian-style cottage. The home is built of Louisiana cypress, hadmade brick and a mixture of mud and moss. As a memorial to the late Sol Wright who developed a revolutionary variety of seed rice called the "Blue Rose" in 1912, the museum is so named. It also features the Wright Automobile Museum, which houses several luxury Mercedes Benz, a LaSalle series 50 and a "Panzer wagon" sports car. The last stop on the tour is an Aqua-Culture Tour which shows how two different crops, crawfish and rice, are grown on the same land at the same time. This tour takes you through the seeding, harvesting and processing of this delicious crustacean. See it all 5 miles south of Crowley on Hwy 13. Mon - Fri 9AM - 4PM, Sat - Sun by appointment only.

E-Mail: crystal-rice@compuserve.com
(337) 783-6417, Fax: (337) 788-0123

Historic Rice Theatre
323 North Parker Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
The Historic Rice Theatre is the home of foot-stomping, finger-snapping, toe-tapping, hand-clapping Cajun, Gospel and Country Music nights. Join locals and visitors from around the world as they dance in their seats or on our new dance floor. Hours vary by season.

E-Mail: ricecity@bellsouth.net (337) 788-4103, Fax: (337) 788-2110.
Special events are also scheduled:

Branson Style Country Music Show held every 3rd Saturday of every month (excluding October) General Admission Fee. Tickets may be purchased at City Hall - 426 N. Ave F. Crowley, LA. For more information please call (337) 788-4103. Doors open 5:45PM Show starts 7:00PM Reserved seating for groups of 20 of more available.

Cajun Music Night held every last Saturday of every month.
Two full hours of music and fun! Come dance with us or just sit and enjoy! General Admission Fee. Tickets may be purchased at City Hall. For more information please call (337) 788-4103. Doors open 5:45PM. Show starts 7:00PM. Reserved seating for groups of 20 of more available.

Hundley Agricultural Museum & Farm Tours
1109 Robert's Cove Rd., Crowley, LA 70526
Take a nostalgic walk through the past as you view the farming tools of our fathers and grandfathers. The equipment of yesterday was simple and, quite often, handmade. You will marvel at the ingenuity of the former generations and at how many of the basic concepts they recognized are still used today. Tour the antique farm equipment and toy tractor collection. Appointments only. (337) 788-0546

LSU - Rice Experiment Station
1373 Caffey Rd., Rayne, LA 70578 (Off of Hwy 90 East)
Dr. Joe Musick, Director. Tours of Rice Fields and Soybean, Film on Rice production, Serving the agriculture industry in Acadia. State of Art technology and research.

The Gallery
220 North Parkerson Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
You'll find the most original creation - including paintings, handcrafted jewelry, Cajun crafts, needlework, ceramics, woodcrafts and much much more. Unique treasures for you home and garden by area artists. Sponsored by Crowley Art Association. Mon - Fri 10 - 4, (337) 783-3747

Modern Music
413 N. Parkerson Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
Admission Free, Appointment for Groups, Full line of Cajun tapes and records. The oldest recording studio in the State of Louisiana. (337) 783-1601 Contact Mark Miller.

Mouton Accordions & Cajun Gifts
23466 Crowley-Eunice Hwy, Crowley, LA 70526
Located 5 miles North of Crowley Open Mon - Sat. 9AM - 5PM
Accordion building and demonstrations, Christmas and Mardi Gras articles, variety of Cajun gifts, musical instruments, supplies locally hand-crafted items. All Tourist Welcome!

Contact Greg or Theresa Mouton E-MAIL: Acryzcajun@aol.com
(337) 783-2246, Fax: (337) 783-2246

Sibley Airboat Services
112 W. 6th Street, Crowley, LA 70526
Come feel the thrill! Whether you want a leisurely cruise or the experience of a lifetime, we can help. At Sibley Airboat Services we are not having fun unless you are. We invite you to come see our scenic waterways cajun style. Skimming across the water with the wind in your hair in our airboat is an experience all in its own. 1 to 3 passengers per ride.
Give us a call to feel the rush. Our hours are from 8:00AM until 7:00PM Sunday through Saturday. Hours vary by season.
Contact: Beau D. Sibley (337) 277-3530 or Beeper: (337) 784-2676

Wortman Pottery (Studio and Showroom)
1769 Potters Rd., Duson, LA 70529
Visit our pottery studio and showroom on a working rice farm and take home a piece of Cajun Country. The studio is located 8 miles west of Lafayette off US Hwy 90 between Rayne and Duson. Look for our signs one mile west of Duson. Stoneware and porcelain functional pottery designed to enrich daily life. Established in 1977. MC/VC

Tues - Sat 10 - 6. Sun 1 - 6 E-Mail: wortpotters@juno.com
(337) 873-8584, Fax: (337) 873-3011

Bon Cajun Instruments / Larry Miller
886 McMillan Ave, Iota, LA 70543
Bon Cajun is Larry and Jackie Miller in their workshops making Cajun Musical instruments and Mardi Gras costumes. The melodeons, better known as Cajun accordions are single row button diatonic accordions with 4 stops. The hand-made instruments are from a wide variety of
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woods. Larry has been making accordions for the past 21 years. Jackie makes the country Prairie Cajun Mardi Gras costumes, and decorated screen masks with tall cone capuchons (hats) along with cloth suits to match. Bon Cajun also builds the old style Cajun musical triangles from the horse drawn hay rake tines and the Cajun style spoons in a handle for playing Cajun Music. There are also added stainless steel vest-worn Zydeco Frattor (scrubboard) which is primarily used for Zydeco music. Tour groups or individuals, call for appointment. WEB: www.leebenoit/ boncajan. E-Mail: boncajan@akool.com D/MC/V. (337) 779-2456, Fax: (337) 779-3080

Le Petit Chateau Deluxe Castle
Castle Cove RD, Mermentau, LA 70556
French architecture and beautiful setting give one a sense of being in France right here in Louisiana. Castle grounds are filled with native trees, shrubs, and various flowering plants. Landscape construction started in 1955. Later construction of the Chateau started in 1962 and continues to flourish. Tours Tuesday to Saturday 10:00AM - 3:00PM Appointment only. Admission Fee. Contact Philip Desormeaux, (337) 783-3641.

Gravesite of Charlene Marie Richard
Proposed Cajun Saint
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Richard, LA
Charlene Marie Richard was born January 13, 1947. After being diagnosed with acute lymphatic leukemia, she died on August 11, 1959, at the age of 12. During her confinement in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Lafayette, LA, Charlene would offer her prayers and suffering to God each day for the benefit of others.

Bernard-Bertrand Museum
1023 The Boulevard, Rayne, LA 70578
The home was built by Rayne's first mayor, Joseph Damonville Bernard on land he purchased for $60, five months after the town was laid out. In 1917, E.J. Bertrand purchased the Bernard home on March 6, 1918 for a price of $1,400. The home features an early Acadian designed triple fireplace, which provides heat for the front entrance hall, living room and adjoining bedroom.
(337) 334-8347, FAX: (337) 334-6607

St. Joseph's Cemetery
401 S. Adams St., Rayne, LA 70578
The cemetery dates back to 1872. St. Joseph's Cemetery, listed in Ripley's Believe It or Not! as the only know U.S. cemetery facing north-south. But this is the only beginning, and to learn more, you've just got to come visit.
(337) 334-2193, Fax: (337) 334-2199

FaIRS AND FESTIVALS

Church Point Buggy Festival
837 E. Ebey Street, Church Point, LA, 70525
Held the first weekend in June (Thursday and Friday night and all day Saturday and Sunday), the Buggy Festival includes a Sunday parade in which many townspeople ride in buggies or other horse-drawn vehicles. At the festival site in the town park, Cajun musicians perform continuously on the festival stage, and Cajun cuisine is on sale throughout the weekend. There are also other events, including a trail ride, a Cajun French accordion contest, Queens contest, and a French speaking contest.
Contact: T.C. Cary (337) 684-2739

Courir de Mardi Gras
1036 East Ebey Street, Church Point, LA 70525
(337) 684-2739, FAX: (337) 684-2739
Courir de Mardi Gras, held Sunday prior to Fat Tuesday. Run starts at 8:00 A.M. ends downtown for a parade at 1:30 p.m. All events start and end at Saddle Tramp Club east Ebey St, Colorful costumed horseback riders, wagons, buggies, live music on the courir. Chase the chickens, catch the greased pig, spectacular events. Traditional gumbo, boudin, and beverages available. Date: Sunday, March 4, 2000.
Contact: Joey Richard (337) 684-2026 or (337) 684-2739.

International Rice Festival
559 N. Ave. F, Crowley, LA 70526
The International Rice Festival is one of Louisiana's oldest and largest agricultural festivals. Since the inauguration of the first festival on October 5, 1937, over seven million people have attended the annual affair. Our celebration serves to call attention to the importance of rice as food and emphasize its place in the world's economic picture. The festival takes place in the downtown area of Crowley and is one of the few festivals held on Friday and Saturday. It is generally held the third weekend of October. Special events include the Livestock show, Rice Cooking Contest, Rice Eating Contest, and the Rice Grading Contest. Other events include a Farmers Banquet and Queens Ball. The Festival features entertainment continuously from early morning till midnight. Some of the events staged include the Jr. King and Queen Contest, French Accordion, Fiddler, and Harmonica Contests frog jumping, and of course, musical entertainment. Also in conjunction with the Festival, is an Arts and Crafts exhibit, which is held adjacent to the Festival grounds. There are two parades, Friday (Children's Day), which is the children's parade, and Saturday, the Grand Parade. The International Rice Festival continues to be Louisiana's largest and most exciting festival, as is signified by the large attendance.
Contact Bill Williams (337) 783-3067, Fax: (337) 783-3064

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Tee Mamou Iota Mardi Gras Festival
116 Duson Ave, Iota, LA 70543
Old time family oriented Mardi Gras festival on Mardi Gras day in downtown Iota, LA. 100 plus in number, will arrive at the festival at about 2:00 P.M., colorful and spirited; singing their 400+ year old European chant in French, all wearing hand-made screen masks, hand-made capuchons (hats) and costumes! The last remaining Cajun group so dressed! Louisiana Folkcraft demonstrations including cajun cooking, quilting, and costume making. A large variety of Prairie Cajun Food served such as Boudin, Gumbo, Fried Alligator, and Boiled Crawfish. For more information call Iota city hall at (337) 779-2597.

Morse Recreational Festival
232 S. Jules Ave., Morse, LA 70559
The main goal of the Morse Recreational Festival is to raise money which will in turn allow for the buying of land, building and upkeep of a recreational park for youth. The festival is held every July. It is a small town festival with live music, street dances, arts and craft booths, cajun food booths, and carnival rides. There is a grand parade which is held on the Saturday afternoon of events. For more information call Morse Town Hall. (337) 783-7555, Fax: (337) 783-7555

Festival RAY • LA • NE
509 S. Cunningham St, Rayne, LA 70578-6331
Festival RAY • LA • NE, held the 3rd weekend in May, is an international experience with musical performances highlighting cajun, swamp pop and blues. We also have African, Mexican, German and Japanese music and performers. Tasty cuisine from around the world. Queen RAY • LA • NE reigns over the festivities that offer interactive entertainment. There are fun contests and dazzling displays and exhibits. Let Calypso the island iguana take you on a tour of many nations at the festival grounds next to the Rayne Civic Center. 1-10 – Exit 87.
E-Mail: wikit@msn.com WEB: aggressiveconcepts.qpg.com
(337) 234-1666, Fax: (337) 232-2279

Rayne Frog Festival
Gossen Memorial Park, Rayne, LA 70578
One of Louisiana’s top ten festivals, drawing over 75,000 people to Rayne every Labor Day weekend. Held at the Frog Festival grounds in Gossen Memorial Park next to the Rayne civic center, just off I-10. Continuous entertainment with 14 bands on two platforms, offering Cajun, Zydeco, swamp pop, rock & roll, and country music. Great food, including Cajun specialties, seafood, burgers, frog legs, and much more. Special attractions include carnival rides, arts and crafts show (next door in civic center), Queens contests, youth accordion and fiddle contest, frog racing and jumping contests, petting zoo, Cajun folklife tent, grand parade, free parking, and a giant tent for shade. Admission Fee.
WEB: HTTP://www.rayne.org/chamberhtml
E-MAIL: raynechamber@earthlink.net.
(337) 334-2332, Fax: (337) 3348341

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Robert’s Cove Germanfest
German Heritage of Louisiana
7166 Robert’s Cove Rd., Rayne, LA 70578
St. Leo Church grounds, Hwy. 98 approx. 3 miles NW of I-10, Rayne.
Robert’s Cove Germanfest is unique in that this cultural event takes place in a small community whose roots are of German origin and is situated in the middle of “Cajun Country”. The two-day event provides activities for all ages. The central theme is expressed with native foods and drinks – sausage, bread, potatoes, sauerkraut and sugar cookies which are available. Admission Fee. The Germanfest is held on Sat & Sun the 1st weekend in October. For more information: (337) 334-8354, Fax: (337) 334-5950 E-mail: germanfest@aol.com WEB: http://members.aol.com/germanfest/

CHARTERING & SIGHTSEEING SERVICES

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P. O. Box 304, Mermentau, LA 70556
We have three 47 passenger buses with air conditioning, reclining seats, VCR monitors and a restroom on board.
(337) 824-9833, Fax: (337) 824-5540

Church Point Tours
837 East Ebey, Church Point, LA 70525
Contact Teasie Cary for itinerary planning, customized tours, and special events. (337) 684-2739

Acadia Tours with Alice
521 E. 3rd Street, Crowley, LA, 70526
Come and enjoy visiting with us. Tour with Alice and meet Real people as we visit a Cajun Accordion Craftsman; enjoy a Country Dinner with a Farmer who raises Rice and Crawfish. Experience Victorian elegance in homes, theater and churches as we tour the Crowley Historic District. Pretend you are Royalty as you visit a Castle (Authentic French Chateau) along a winding river. Say hello to some Alligators; visit our German Community. Cajun, German and Anglican cultures, food and music blend for a most interesting and enjoyable visit to ACADIA Parish in the heart of Cajun Country. Mon - Fri (8 - 5) Sat (9 - 3) Sun (1 - 3). Small and large groups. Visa/MC. French available; call for reservations. Acadia Tours, with Alice; 521 E. 3rd St., Crowley, LA 70526, (337) 783-5640, 1-800-652-8004, Fax: (337) 783-4419

Crystal Rice Plantation
P.O. Box 1425 Crowley, LA 70527-1425
Tours of South Louisiana and Cajun Country, specializing in agriculture tours. Refreshments, souvenirs, itinerary-packages. Experience Acadiana chank-a-chank music and local humor. Contact: Paulette Adam, Certified Travel Counselor, crpadam@cs.com (337) 783-6417, Fax: (337) 783-0123

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RESTAURANTS & CATERING

Church Point Café & Youth Center
9210 Church Point Hwy 35 South, Church Point, 70525
The 1st Friday of each month is our Church Point Community Christian Fellowship Supper. The Fellowship includes Christian music, air hockey, pool, pinball, foosball, and basketball. The meals including main dish, drink, and dessert are under $11. All meals are cajun cooked and proceeds go to the support of our community youth center. All other Friday nights include a youth meeting, short order, restaurant, and hangout. Lots of fun and games. Adult supervision is provided! Each Sunday we invite all youth to come and have hotdogs, nachos, cheese sticks, and a drink for $2. The 1st Sunday of each month pizza is provided free for youth attending church services. Hangout, fun and games are from 12:00PM - 4:00PM (337) 684-3020, Fax: (337) 684-3082.

Downtown Café
205 S. David Street, Church Point, LA 70525
Meeting Room Day or Night, Wedding Reception and Parties of all occasion, Music for Parties, Cajun cuisine and home style cooking is the main attraction here. Open M - S 8:00AM - 9:00PM. Contact: Andy Simon or Marie Guidry (337) 684-6456.

Sunny’s Fried Chicken
111 East Ebey, Church Point, LA 70525
(337) 684-5051

Bamboo Inn
1823 N. Parkerson Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
Mon - Sat, 11 - 2 5 - 9. MC/V. (337) 783-6144
Oriental Lunch and Dinner Buffet.

Boudin King Cajun Way Family Restaurant
1805 North Parkerson Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
We have a come as you are atmosphere. Friendly employees who are ready to serve you the freshest great tasting boudin, gumbo, red beans and rice, po’boys and seafood dinners. We also have salads topped with fresh boiled shrimp. We also sell souvenirs such as cookbooks, T-shirts and caps. Mon - Thurs 10:00AM - 9:30PM, Fri - Sat 10 - 10. AE. (337) 788-2929

Fezzo’s Seafood & Steakhouse
2111 N Cherokee Dr,
Crowley, LA 70526
Serving an authentic Cajun-cookin menu. Specializing in steaks and seafood. Also serving home-cooked lunch specials and breakfast and lunch buffet. AE/D/MC/V Hours: Su - Th 6:00AM - 9:00PM F & S 6:00AM - 10:00PM (337) 783-5515, Fax: (337) 783-6466

Golden D’Lite
528 S. Eastern Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
Fried chicken, hamburgers and plate lunches. Mon - Thurs 10 - 9, Fri - Sat 10 - 10, Sun 10 - 2 (337) 783-0170

Happy Garden Chinese Restaurant
207 E. 5th Street, Crowley, LA 70526
Chinese buffet, also a menu with a selection of various Chinese dishes. Hours: M - TH 11AM - 2PM, 5PM - 9PM; F & S 11AM - 9:30PM; Sun 11AM - 2PM AE/D/MC/V (337) 783-2564

Mr. Gatti’s Pizza, Inc.
2218 N. Parkerson Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
Lunch and Dinner Buffet, Game Room, Meeting and Party Rooms Available. Sun - Thurs 11:00AM - 10:00PM, Fri - Sat 11:00AM - 11:00PM MC/V (337) 783-0754, Fax: (337) 783-0751

P.J.’s Grill
2106 N. Parkerson Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
A selection of hamburgers, baked potatoes, po’boys, dinners, and sandwiches. Sun - Thurs 6:30 - 10:00, Fri - Sat 6:30 - 11:00 (337) 788-4090

Rice Palace Cajun Restaurant
2015 North Cherokee Dr., Crowley, LA 70526
Cajun Restaurant specializing in seafood and a Cajun menu. Famous chicken and sausage gumbo. Acadia’s favorite local dishes. Noon buffet daily. Seafood buffet Friday and Saturday nights. Casual dress. Reservation not required. Exit 80 Travel Plaza - Fuel service center, truck diesel island and convenience store. Las Vegas style video poker casino - 50 video poker machines. Open 24 hours a day. 7 days a week. AE/D/MC/V CB/DC. E-Mail: ricepalace@aol.com. (337) 783-3001, Fax (337) 783-8696

Tootie’s Seafood and Steaks
2307 North Parkerson Ave., Crowley, LA 70526

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**DownTown Café**
414 N Parkerson, Crowley, LA 70526
Downtown Café offers a full menu of Cajun Specialties and a Light or Hungry Man's Lunch Express Line daily. Come enjoy southern hospitality and cajun cooking while you shop for local Jams, Jellies, Spices, and Gift items. Hours: M - F 7:00AM - 2:00PM and Special Occasions. MC/V (337) 783-3663, Fax: (337) 785-2507

**Cajun Connection Restaurant**
I-10 Exit 72,191 Bocage Rd, Egan, LA
Lunch and Dinner featuring seafood, steaks, and cajun specialties.
Open M - S, 11:00AM - 9:00PM M - Th, 10:00PM F & S. (337) 783-6783

**D.I.'s Cajun Restaurant**
Located on Highway 97 on the outskirts of Iota
Lunch daily 10:30AM - 1:30PM M-F, Evenings T-S 5:00PM - 10:00PM,
Live Cajun Music T & Th - S, 7:00 - 10:00PM, Cajun Jam Session W, 7:00 - 10:00PM, Meeting room available, Large seating in dance area, Cajun Specialties-Seafood-Steaks, Group Rates. Mardi Gras performances nightly 5 nights prior to Mardi Gras Day. Open Sunday and Monday nights extra for the season. Contact: Daniel & Sherry Fruge, (337) 432-5141

**C'est Bon Restaurant**
1400 Railroad Ave (Hwy 90), Mermentau LA 70556
Serving Cajun plate lunches daily. Seafood dinners and short orders also available. Specializing in boiled crawfish, boiled crabs and boiled shrimp. (Only available in season.) Our dress is casual. No reservations needed. We have reasonable prices. Mon - Tues 5:30AM - 2:00PM, Wed - Fri 5:30AM - 9:00PM, Sat 8:00AM - 9:00PM. MC/V.
(337) 824-8015, Fax: (337) 824-7770

**Mee Mee's Café**
330 S. Jackson Ave. (Hwy. 91), Morse, LA 70559
Open M - Su 7:00AM - 2:00AM, Lunch served M - F, D.J. every Friday night, Live Jam Session on Mardi Gras night. (337) 783-8000

**Chef Roy's Frog City Cafe**
1131 Church Point Hwy., Rayne, LA 70578 (North of I-10)
Acadia's Finest Cajun Restaurant - Creole - Soul - French - Mexican specialties. Chef Roy Lyons, C.E.C. is world traveled, representing Louisiana and U.S.A. Through his travels, he promotes Cajun food, culture, music, and folk life. As Corporate Chef, he has opened restaurants and catering establishments in 30 states, Canada, France, Belgium, and Mexico. We have restaurant, banquet, and wedding facilities as well as a full service lounge and catering services. A drive through B-B-Q and Boiled seafood hut available when in season. Try What Acadia's Finest Has To Offer! AE/D/MC/V. (337) 334-7913, Fax: (337) 334-7935

**Circus Foods/Subway**
1419 The Blvd., Rayne, LA 70578
Mon - Sun 5AM - 11PM. AE/D/MC/V. (318) 334-7828 Fax (337) 334-7827

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**Crawfish Hut**
702 West Branch St., Rayne, LA 70578.
Hours vary by season. (337) 334-3787

**Frog City Travel Plaza**
1418 North Polk Street, Rayne, LA 70578 (I-10 & LA 35)
Frog City Travel Plaza is your one-stop shop for gasoline, diesel, gifts, ice cream, pizza, audio books, souvenirs, etc. Get fine Cajun cuisine in our spacious restaurant or conference (banquet) room. Replenish your supplies from our convenience store. RV dump on site. View the beautiful murals. Open 24 hours daily. AE/D/MC/V/CB/DC/CITGO.
Phone: (337) 334-3764, Fax: (337) 334-7729

**Galaxy Chinese Restaurant**
406 N. Adams Ave., Rayne, LA 70578
Daily lunch and dinner jumbo buffet. Sun-Mon 11AM - 2:30PM, Tues-Sat 5PM - 9:30PM. AE/D/MC/V. Phone: (337) 334-2472, Fax: (337) 334-2473

**Sweet P's Catering**
308 E. Perrodin, Rayne, LA 70578
Off site 48ft self contained kitchen trailer, off site catering,
Cajun*Barbecue*Boiled, Weddings, Company parties, any size group - large or small. Full service caterer. Menu designed to meet your specific needs. Contact: Kevin Prejean (337) 334-4883

**SHOPPING**

**Golden Touch Jewelers**
222 North Main Street, Church Point, LA 70525
Jewelry. Gifts. Crystal. Mon - Fri 8:30 - 5:00 Sat 8:30 - 12:00.
D/MC/V. (337) 684-5371, Fax: (337) 684-6956

**Le Vieux Moulin**
402 Canal Street, Church Point, LA 70525
"A Journey in Time" "Un Voyage dans le Temps" The gift shop that has something for the one who has everything. Handmade Cajun jewelry, handmade quilts, flower arrangements, Cajun statues, collectable walking canes, and antiques. Hours: M - F 9AM - 5:30PM, Sat 9AM - 1:00PM.
(318) 684-1200 or (318) 684-5706

**Roger Services of Acadiana, LLC**
9265 Grand Prairie Hwy., Church Point, LA 70525
Hwy. 98 between Mire & Vatican
Centrally located and easily accessible to surrounding areas to include Crowley, Rayne, Eunice, Church Point, Opelousas, Lafayette, Scott, Carencro and Ville Platte. Gift Baskets, "We do it all: your imagination is the only limit! All Occasion, Cajun, Fruit, Wine, and Cheese, Bath, Sports, Over the Hill, Budget basket, gift baskets for conventions and meetings, friends, and relatives, bosses and colleagues, sweethearts and beaus. Natural Bath Products, we make our own. Handmade Herbal Soaps, Bath Salts and Bath Tea Bags, Bath Massage Oils. Balloon Bouquets, We Ship and Deliver, Major Credit Cards Accepted, Business and
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Bier's Pharmacy Inc.
410 North Parkerson Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
Mon - Fri: 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM Sat: 8:30 AM - 2:45 PM. AE/D/MC/V.
(337) 783-3023, Fax: (318) 788-1549

Brandt's Jewelry and Gifts
502 North Parkerson Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
Located on Fifth and Parkerson in the big pink building of Carol's Furniture. Brandt's has served Acadiana for 47 years with the lowest prices on our best quality jewelry and gifts. Our expert master craftsman is in our store to serve your repair and design needs. We give great service and always free estimates. No job is too small or too large. Compare our discount prices, quality and service and you will see. We are right around the corner in downtown Crowley. It will be a pleasure to see you.
Mon - Fri: 9 - 5. D/MC/V. (337) 783-3124

Bits & Pieces
217 North Parkerson, Crowley, LA 70526
A unique blend of antique charm, from the kitchen to the formal living room and just about everything in between. Enjoy a pleasant atmosphere and local hospitality while you browse over Fitz & Floyd, Old World Christmas, table runners, linens, candles, and much more. We also offer bridal accessories and registry. Hours: M - F: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Sat: 9:30 AM - 1:00 AM. AE/D/MC/V. (337) 783-8452

Carroll's Furniture
502 North Parkerson Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
Mon - Fri: 9 - 5. AE/MC/V. Phone: (337) 783-4232 Fax: (337) 785-2507

Crowley Rent-All Center Inc.
715 North Parkerson Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
We rent and sell small contractor equipment and supplies, homeowner equipment and supplies, party and wedding equipment and supplies, medical equipment and supplies and medical uniforms (sell only).
We do deliver and would appreciate your business! AE/D/MC/V.
Mon - Fri: 7 - 5. Phone: (337) 783-2601, Fax: (337) 783-2643

Dixie True Value Hardware
Home of GRAND OPERA HOUSE
505 North Parkerson Ave, Crowley, LA 70526
Gifts for all occasions, from bridal showers to toy and pantry gatherings. Gifts and Hardware for every activity and event.
(337) 783-3736, Fax: (337) 783-3738

Family Shoe Store of Crowley Inc.
225 N. Parkerson, P.O. Box 129, Crowley, LA, 70527-0129
All name brand shoes for the entire family; NIKE, S.A.S., Eastland, Dexter, and Redwing. Large selection of hand-sewn children's clothing. Hand bags, hosiery, & socks. Also walk-in high-top leather shoes for the little one.
Hours: M - Sat: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. MC & Visa (337) 783-3971

Gail's Gifts
127 North Ave. E., Crowley, LA 70526
Hwy 90 and Ave. E. We sell anything from fine bisque porcelain birds and crystal vases to Louisiana souvenirs. Just 7 minutes off I-10.
Mon - Fri: 7:30 - 5:00. Sat: 8 - 12. AE/D/MC/V. (337) 788-1117

Harmon Greenhouse Nursery
1020 Jasmine Rd., Crowley, LA 70526
Plants. Pots and planters. All soil for sale. Trees. 3 greenhouses.
Mon - Sat: 9 - 5, Sun: 1 - 5. AE/D/MC/V. (337) 788-3293

Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio & Hair Care Center
222 N. Parkerson Ave, Crowley, LA, 70526
Beauty comes in many shades. Merle Norman covers them all. One is perfect for you! Vita bath products, candles, make-up bags, jewelry and accessories are sold. We carry Matrix, Paul Mitchell, Joico, and Aerogel hair care products. Merle Norman make-up also sold. Nails: manicures, acrylic and fiberglass; pedicures. Hair: Hi-lites, perms, straighteners, colors, and waxing. Come pamper yourself with a make-over, manicure, pedicure, and new hair style with us! AE/D/MC/V. Hours: M - F: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Sat: 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM. (337) 783-5800, Fax: (337) 783-5800

Ms. Charlotte's
224 North Parkerson, Crowley, LA 70526
Jewelry, gifts and more. Mon - Fri: 9 - 5:30 Sat: 10 - 4 (In December Sun 1 - 5 until Christmas). AE/D/MC/V. (337) 783-6741 Fax: (337) 783-6702

South Crowley Variety
528 S. Eastern Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
Owner: Norma Weekly Manager: Sherry Weekly. We have ceramics, concrete statues, and religious items. We also have a washateria, drugstore and Golden D’Lite Fried Chicken Restaurant. Come as you are.
Mon - Fri: 9 - 5 Sat: 9 - 2. AE/D/MC/V. (337) 783-0166

Rice City Liquor
630 North Parkerson, Crowley, LA 70526
Rice City Liquor was opened in the forties when liquor was sold only in the package stores. In the sixties we added homemade tamales made fresh daily. Some of the other specialties homemade chicken salad and meat pies. The homemade chicken salad can be purchased in a container or by the sandwich. The meat pies should be ordered ahead to allow time for cooking. We also make up gift baskets. If we don’t have a particular item, we will be happy to order it for you if time allows. Mon - Fri: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM Sat: 9 - 1.
(337) 783-9856

STAGE
1508 North Parkerson Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
Clothes, shoes, perfume/cologne, and accessories for the whole family.
Mon - Sat: 10 - 9 Sun: 12 - 6. D/MC/V. www.stage.com (337) 783-2122

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The Gift Box
1317 N. Parkerson Ave, Crowley, LA 70526
A must see Victorian style shop. We are a unique shopping experience. We handle the following Yankee Candles, Aromatique Home and Bath Fragrances, Gourmet Coffee, Seraphim Gold Wing Dealer and much more. Come have a cup of coffee and browse with us. D/MC/V.
Mon - Fri 8:30 - 5:30, Sat 9:30 - 5:00. (337) 788-3249 Fax: (337) 788-3002

Wilco Jewelers
820 North Parkerson Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
Jewelry. Mon - Fri 9:30AM - 5:30PM, Sat 9:30AM - 4:00PM.
D/MC/V. (337) 788-3123

Winn-Dixie Marketplace
2004 N. Parkerson, Crowley, LA 70526
We have unlimited opportunities for our customers. We offer a fresh fruit bar for anyone that is looking forward to a healthy sweet treat. We have a sit down Deli-Café that has delicious hot entrees. If you’re looking for a lighter meal we offer a Create-Your-Own salad bar. We also have a specialty meat department with all sorts of great marinated meats. Our seafood department has all of the freshest seafood around. Our bakery has many sinful delights that will certainly tempt your taste buds. Stop by and visit with all of our friendly associates. Open 24 hours a day. D/MC/V.
(337) 785-0010, Fax: (337) 785-2419

Walmart
729 Odd Fellows Rd, Crowley, LA 70526
24-Hour Supercenter, Bakery, Optometrist, Pharmacy, 1-Hour Photo Lab, Tire & Lube Express, Vision Center, Hair Salon. Manager: Toney Roberts
(318) 783-6387

Miller’s Family Pharmacy and Gift Boutique
114 Pointe Aux Loupe, Iota, LA 70543
Mon - Fri 8-6, Sat 8-3, AE/D/MC/V. (337) 779-2214 Fax: (337) 779-2215

Koury’s Jewelry & Gifts
113 N. Adams Ave, Rayne, LA, 70578
(337) 334-5126, Hours M - S, 9 - 5 Great gift items and accessories

Jubilee Rayne Antiques
107 E. Louisiana Ave, Rayne, LA, 70578
(318) 334-9543 Opened weekends only.

LeBlanc Saddlery and Western Wear
Hwy 90 West, Rayne, LA 70578
LeBlanc’s has been in business since 1919 and has a full line of western apparel, boots and saddles. Mon - Fri 8:30 - 6, Sat 8:30 - 4
AE/D/MC/V. (318) 334-2144 Fax: (318) 334-5785

Lois’ Country Cottage
200 North Polk, Rayne, LA 70578
Flea market. Antiques, collectibles, gifts and used furniture. Mon - Sat 9 - 5, Sun 1 - 5. (318) 334-1542

Meche’s Family Drug Store
913 The Blvd, Rayne, LA 70578
(318) 334-3399. Gift items available.

Madie Lisa’s Ltd.
Located on The Blvd,
Rayne, LA, 70578
Women and Children Boutique.
Specializing in Clothes, Jewelry, Shoes, Handbags, Dance Wear, and Unique Bath Products. Hours: M - S 10:00AM - 5:30PM. (318) 334-0404

Railroad Crossing Antique Market
401 E Texas Ave, Rayne, LA, 70578
(318) 334-1500 Open F, S & SU, 9 - 5

Rayne Food Center
702 S. Adams Ave., Rayne, LA 70578
For all of your Cajun food needs. Next to one of Rayne’s finest murals. Pleasing you is our business. Mon - Sun 6 - 9 AE/D/MC/V.
E-Mail: dltrahan@wix.com (318) 334-4233 Fax: (318) 334-5434

Rayne Religious and Gift Shop
408 S. Adams Ave., Rayne, LA 70578
Mon - Fri 9 - 5, Sat 9 - 12. (318) 334-7322

Sadies Flower Shop
206 N. Adams Ave, Rayne, LA, 70578
Flower arrangements and gift items.
(318) 334-2504, Hours: M - F 9 - 5, SA 9 - 12 noon

Spinners Wheel
414 S Adams, Ave, Rayne, LA 70578
Women and Men apparel available.
(318) 334-9838

Worthmore’s 5-10-25 Cent Store
100 W. LA Ave, Rayne, LA 70578
Everything and anything you want, we have it! Established in 1936, Worthmore’s is truly a step into the past with all its nick-knacks and memorabilia. Hours: M - SA 8:00AM - 5:00PM, Closed Sundays.
(318) 334-3763

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Cajun Lube Express/Cafe
9515 Church Point Hwy., Church Point, LA 70525.
We service cars, trucks, vans, tractors-trailers, and RV’s. Cafe is open
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for breakfast and lunch. Lunch plates available Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Short orders Monday-Saturday. Owned and Operated by Earl and Carolyn Bertrand. Mon - Sat 6 AM - 9PM. Sun 7AM - 8PM. AE/D/MC/V/CD/DC. (337) 684-9994, Fax: (337) 684-0094

Acadia Animal Clinic
7433 South Hwy 13, Crowley, LA 70526
Large and small Animals seen including cattle, horses, and livestock. Kennel, boarding, and grooming services available. MC/V Contact: Dr. Jeffery Artall Hours: M - F 8AM - 5PM, Sat 8AM - 12PM. Closed Sundays. After hour emergencies call (337) 785-8860. (337) 783-7642, Fax: (337) 783-7642

Acadia Cooperative Extension Service
157 Cherokee Drive, Crowley, LA 70526
E-Mail: Acadia@agctr.lsu.edu Web: www.agctr.lsu.edu/wwwac (337) 788-8821, Fax: (337) 788-8816

Acadia Online
310 N. Parkerson Ave, Crowley, LA 70526
Your Local Internet Connection. Personal dialup accounts unlimited Internet access. Local Access Number, 8:1 User/Modem Ratio 24/7 Toll Free Technical Support. T1 Internet access available in office - $5.00 per hour. Hours: M - F 8:00AM - 5:00PM. Call: (337) 785-2665

Bruce's I-10 Wrecker Service Inc.
1414 West 2nd St, Crowley, LA 70526
24 hour towing. Rollback carrier available. Anytime - Anywhere. AE/D/MC/V. (337) 783-4491 Fax: (337) 785-9222

Casanova Optical and Hearing Aid Center
418 North Parkerson Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
Maxine delahunssaye / Gene Casanova. Designer frames, lenses, tints and sunglasses. Custom made hearing aids and molds. Battery sales. All make repairs on hearing aids and glasses. Mon - Fri 9:30 - 4:30 (closed from 12-1). MC/V. (337) 783-4983 after hours (337) 783-0022

Crowley Therapeutic Massage Center
106 East Hutchinson Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
Contact: Jenny Dronet, L.M.T., LA license #0067
Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals Member.
*By appointment only* Please call a few days in advance to schedule your appointment. Hours: M&TH 9 - 5, T&W 9 - 7, F 9 - 12. (337) 783-9168

Crowley Veterinary Hospital
19131 Crowley-Eunice Hwy, Crowley, LA 70526
(1/4 mile North of I-10) Crowley Veterinary Hospital, Boarding Kennels, All pets exercised twice daily in large exercise yard. Hours: M - F, 8 - 5, and Sat. 9 - 12. AE/D/MC/V. (337) 788-0614, Fax: (337) 788-2833

Healthworks' Gym
157 Oddfellows Road, Crowley, LA 70526
"The gym where it works to stay healthy." Full facility health club with cardio kick classes, interval/circuit aerobic class, protein snack shop with fresh juices and snacks, weight equipment, cardio equipment, tanning beds, massage therapy, hot tubs/spas, line dance instruction. $5 per visit - no registration fee for one time visitors. Mon 5AM - 8PM, Tue 8 - 8, Wed 5AM - 8PM, Thurs 8 - 8, Fri 5AM - 6PM, Sat 8:30AM - 1PM, Sun 2PM - 6PM. MC/V. (337) 783-0451

Leleux's Appliance and Air Conditioning
125 E. 4th St., Crowley, LA 70526
Mon - Fri 8 - 5, Sat 8 - 12. D/MC/V. (337) 783-0233

Manuel Tire Company
821 North Parkerson, Crowley, LA 70526
Complete tire and automotive services. Mon - Fri 7:30AM - 5PM. AE/D/MC/V. (337) 783-4404, Fax: (337) 783-7336

Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio & Hair Care Center
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Beauty comes in many shades. Merle Norman covers them all. One is perfect for you! Vita bath products, candles, make-up bags, jewelry and accessories are sold. We care Matrix, Paul Mitchell, Joico, and Aeragel hair care products. Merle Norman make-up also sold. Nails: manicures, acrylic and fiberglass; pedicures. Hair: Hi-lites, perms, straighteners, colors, and waxing. Come pamper yourself with a make-over, manicure, pedicure, & new hair style with us! AE/D/MC/V. Hours: M - F 9:30AM - 5:00PM, Sat. 9:30AM - 2:00AM. (337) 783-5800, Fax: (337) 783-5800

Park Avenue Cleaners
701 N. Parkerson Ave., Crowley, LA, 70526
Professional dry cleaning, laundry, and alteration services. Same day service available. All work guaranteed. Hours: M - F 7:00AM - 5:30 PM., Sat 8:00AM - 12:00 noon. (337) 783-7814, Fax: (337) 783-7810

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511 N. Parkerson Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
A full service travel agency. Mon - Fri 9 - 5. AE/C/MC/V. (337) 788-1307 Fax: (337) 783-9617

Pop-A-Lock
P. O. Box 605, Crowley, LA 70527
Car door unlocking. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (337) 783-3550 Fax: (337) 785-1692

Teche Electric Supply, Inc.
325 North Parkerson Ave., Crowley, LA 70526
Electric equipment and supplies. Complete line of residential, commercial, and industrial electrical supplies. Mon - Fri 7AM - 5PM. MC/V. (337) 788-0481, Fax: (337) 788-0483
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**Dupe’s Bait Shop**  
138 River Landing Ave., Mermentau, LA 70556  
We sell fishing bait including shiners, crickets, worms, shrimp, shad and squid. Open 7 days a week 5:00AM - 7:30PM. (337) 824-7799.

**Acadia Animal Medical Center**  
284 Llama Road, Rayne, LA, 70578  
Large and small animals seen including exotic animals. Grooming, kennel, and boarding services available. MC/V Hours: M - F 8AM - 5:15PM, Sat 8AM - 12PM, Closed Sundays. Contact: Dr. James J. Rumore  
(337) 334-9631, Fax: (337) 334-8537

**Cajun Fitness Health & Aerobic Center**  
1225 Church Point Hwy, Rayne LA, 70578  
Swimming pool available. (337) 334-7060

**Frog City Travel Plaza**  
1418 North Polk Street, Rayne, LA 70578 (I-10 & LA 35)  
Frog City Travel Plaza is your one stop for gasoline, diesel, gifts, audio books, souvenirs, etc. RV dump, on site. Accommodates buses and all trucks. Large extra clean restrooms and facilities. Open 24-hours daily. AE/VC/M/C/B/DC/CITGO. (337) 334-7674, Fax: (337) 334-7729

**North Plaza Exxon**  
I-10 Hwy. 35, Rayne, LA 70578  
We are a service station that sells gas 24 hours a day. We also fix flats and change oil from 8 - 5. We also sell tires and batteries. AE/D/MC/V.  
(337) 334-7233, Fax: (337) 334-7788

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**ATM LOCATIONS**

**Farmers State Bank & Trust Co.**  
110 West Plaquemine St., Church Point, LA, 70525  
24-Hour ATM Service at 250 South Main Branch Location, three cash dispensing machines located throughout the Church Point area. Visa/_MC cash advance, travelers checks, money orders, Open on Saturdays 8:00AM - 12:00 Noon. (337) 684-3301, Fax: (337) 684-6267

**Bank of Commerce & Trust Company Inc.**  
Main Office, P.O. Box 246, 326 N Ave G Crowley LA 70526.  
Seven locations provide 24-Hour automated teller machine services at: 326 N Ave G., Crowley, 300 N. Adams Ave., Rayne, American Legion Hospital, 1305 E. Hwy 90, Crowley, Northpark Branch, 1415 N. Parkerson, Crowley, Tiger Market & Gifts, 9107 Cameron St, Duson, 207 Duson St, Iota, & 1051 W. Maple Ave, Eunice. MC/Visa cash advances, travelers checks, money orders, certified checks. (337) 783-2201, Fax: (337) 783-5029.

**FirstBank National Association - Crowley**  
128 N. Parkerson-Main Office and  
1941 N. Parkerson, Crowley, LA 70526  
24-Hour ATM Service at both locations, Traveler’s Checks, cash advances on Visa/Master Card, Wire Transfers. (337) 783-4014, Fax: (337) 783-9159.

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**Evangeline Bank & Trust Company**  
425 N. Avenue G, Crowley, LA 70526  
24-Hour ATMs located at 425 N. Ave G. and 2600 N. Parkerson. Deposit and Loan services, Internet Banking, Wire Services, Traveler’s checks, U.S. Savings Bonds. AE/D/MC/V/DC.  
Email: EBCTR@Bellsouth.net  
Web: www.TheRealBank.com  
(337) 783-0412, Fax: (337) 788-3483

**Rayne State Bank & Trust Company**  
Banking, Pure and Simple!  
200 South Adams Avenue, Rayne, LA, 70578  
24-Hour Cirrus and Plus ATM. Locations: 200 S. Adams, Rayne, 410 W. University, Lafayette, 410 Kaliste Saloom, Lafayette, 4200 N. University, Carencro, and 498 Toby Mouton Rd., Duson. Visa cash advances, Travelers Checks, Certified Checks. Open on Saturdays 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon.  
E-Mail: custser@acadiana-net.com, Web: www.bankonnet.com  
(337) 334-3191, Fax: (337) 334-3297

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**BANQUET HALLS & FACILITIES**

**Multipurpose Facility**  
South Cherokee Drive, Crowley, LA 70526  
Seasonal events and activities including rodeos, youth 4-H and FFA livestock shows, calf roping, cutting horse, barrel racing, team roping, and tractor pulls. For more information of calendar events call Acadia Parish Tourist Commission office at 1-877-783-2109  
Web: www.acadiatourism.org

**Point-aux-Lioux Springs Ballroom**  
153 Old Springs Lane, Iota, LA, 70543  
Point-aux-Lioux Springs Ballroom is a historic building located two miles west of Iota on Hwy 98. The building was built in 1930 and was a pumping station for rice irrigation in Acadia Parish. It has been renovated into a ballroom for social gatherings with in-house catering of all sorts, offering hors d’oeuvres and cajun cuisine. Hours vary by Season. Contact: Debra Hebert. Call (337) 779-3510 for appointments to visit and for booking information.  
Web: wolvespoint@centuryinternet.net

**The Warehouse**  
205 E Louisiana Ave, Rayne, LA 70578  
Old historic warehouse renovated. Great for banquets and receptions.  
(337) 334-7741

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**GOLF COURSES**

**Bayou Bend Golf and Health Club**  
427 W. Hoyt Ave., Crowley, LA 70526  
Hours vary by season. (337) 783-3214

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History of Acadia Parish

The first settlement of what is now Acadia Parish was made by the exiled Acadians who were induced by the Spanish Government to come to this area with gifts of large tracts of land, cattle, and agricultural implements. Life was simple, their homes were constructed of mud mixed with moss, their food was plain, and there was little trade. They engaged in stock raising, and later raised corn and cotton.

Acadia Parish was part of St. Landry Parish. In those days of poor transportation, people found it a real hardship to travel by horseback, canoe, or prigoe to distant Opelousas, the parish seat. In 1886, the Rayne newspaper, The Rayne Signal, proposed a division of the old parish with the creation of a new one. The proposal was soon supported by many prominent men throughout the area, and in an election, the people voted in its favor, almost two to one. Thus was born Acadia Parish on October 2, 1886. The name Acadia was suggested by a priest from Rayne, Father Anthoiz.

A burning question was the location of the new courthouse. Rayne was the commercial center, and many thought that it deserved the honor. The Southwest Louisiana Land Development Company offered five thousand dollars ($5,000) and land for the new building if the parish seat were located at Crowley. After much discussion, the voters went to the polls on March 1, 1887. Victory went to Crowley, the police jury held its first meeting April 12, 1887, they considered plans for erecting the courthouse. The first decision was to build a frame structure costing six hundred dollars, but later it was decided that a brick building costing ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) would be erected. The new courthouse was ready for use in 1888.

About that time, Crowley was a small village with only one store. The town had been founded by the Duson Brothers. W.W. Duson was a merchant in Rayne who later opened a real estate office and also became the owner of the Rayne Signal. He had a great dream of developing the land, and used his newspaper to advertise it as "The garden spot of the World." He decided to build a town on the prairie between Rayne and the Mermentau River. He purchased one hundred and seventy-four (174) acres, which he bought at about forty-five cents (.45) an acre. He then convinced his brother, C.C. Duson to help him with the enterprise as a partner.

One mile away from the Duson land was a railroad switch which was known as Crowley's switch. It was named after Pat Crowley, a railroad man. The Duson Brothers got Mr. Crowley to use his influence with the railroad to move the switch to their land with the understanding that their town would be named after him. The Dusons advertised their land, and the railroad ran excursions to show people from far and wide the attractive features of the new development. Many came and many stayed to make up Crowley's first families. The Dusons gave land to erect churches, and they took the lead in many community projects. They were also leaders in the development of irrigation of the land and rice farming.

David Abbott and his three sons discovered how rice could be raised on the higher portions of the land, and how water could be taken from...
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the bayous by buckets for irrigation purposes J.F. Shoemaker of Crowley was one of the early farmers to experiment with the growing of rice. Solomon Wright, who came from Indiana, carried on experiments which led to the development of the Blue Rose variety, noted for its good yield as well as the fact that it mills well. The Rice Experiment Station east of Crowley has done much to the further advancement of rice cultivation. The first rice mill in Acadia Parish was built by Squire Pickett in 1893. Today there are many rice mills in the area supplying thousands of barrels of rice a year.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company built the Rayne station 1880. Rayne was incorporated as a town in 1884. The Rayne Milling and Manufacturing Company, Rayne’s first rice mill, began operation in 1888. The first Rice Festival was held in Crowley in September, 1927. Sol Wright was the first king and his daughter was the first queen.

In 1946 the festival was enlarged into the International Rice Festival, with entries and exhibits from some rice producing countries of the world.

Since the turn of the century, farmers of Acadia Parish have realized a sizable income from such crops as cotton, eggs, soybeans, crawfish, sugar cane, and frog farming.

In recent years, the discovery of oil has brought people to Acadia Parish from many places. The Jennings Oil Company, the Jennings Heywood Oil Company, and the Crowley Oil and Mineral Company were among the first in this area. Gas pipeline companies employ many Acadia Parish residents.

Acadia Parish enjoys a modified subtropical climate throughout the year, enhancing the allure of the area’s recreational and cultural activities. The parish is part of Acadiana and offers residents and visitors; museums, theaters, historical attractions, famous Cajun restaurants, and numerous community playing fields and courts, as well as a local country club.

Those who enjoy outdoor sports will be pleased with the variety of recreational opportunities such camping, swimming, fishing, hunting and boating. There are eight parish libraries and many festivals that take place each year for the pleasure of all.

Our citizens enjoy a quality of life that makes us unique. Let us prove to you why so many visitors want to stay in the area for many days, week, and months.

Take your time and review the many points of interest our parish offers and the many year round fairs and festivals. Travel our scenic byway and experience the Cajun Prairie Culture through the heart land of Acadiana. Enjoy the unique diversity of Cajun and Zydeco French music. While traveling on the byway be sure to pick up some authentic gumbo or boudin.
Come Visit Us!

We invite you to a real Cajun experience in the heart of Cajun Prairie Country.

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