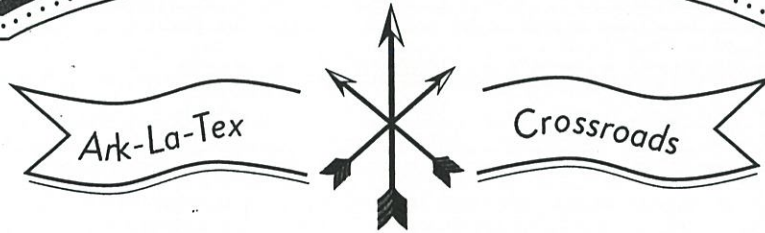


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Shreveport CULINARY CROSSROADS

Shreveport's Other Side

While tender brisket, fried chicken, and grits abound, Shreveport's d restaurants. Over the Red River in Bossier City, Kuan Lin's **Lucky P** worth the trip. Authentic Chinese dishes, and others with a pan-Asi honors from both *Wine Spectator* and *Wine Enthusiast*. Must-try dis Prawns, and the Imperial Steak. The atmosphere is relaxed and invit hand to help diners navigate the food and drink menus.



1 Dine at **Lucky Palace** in Bossier City. "My dear friend Kuan Lim has been setting the bar for the service industry since I moved back 17 years ago. He is the most gracious host I have ever met in this industry with



Chef Jason Brady

Eatery and Drinkery, Southern Fork Catering.

incredible wine knowledge and a menu to match. Order (dinner) and whatever wine he is recommending that night," **Chef Jason Brady, affiliated with Wine Country, Zocolo Neighborhood**

1000 THINGS TO DO & SEE IN NWLA BEFORE YOU DIE

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From lunch at a small north Caddo restaurant where you eat alongside planters in from the field to a walk in a downtown cemetery or ziplining over alligators in Greenwood, there is plenty to do and see in northwest Louisiana.

We discovered many treasures when we dug for things to do, places to go, stops to eat and sights to see for this article.

There are thousands — well, perhaps only hundreds — of area sights, so we had to hunker down and cull to feature small as well as major items. Our quest led us to the unfamiliar and places best recognized. Some were off-the-beaten-path and others we found right in our backyard. In addition, we wanted our list to feature some activities and locations in small towns as well as those in Shreveport-Bossier City.

We asked public officials such as Shreveport Mayor Ollie Tyler and Bossier City Mayor Lo Walker and local celebrities like Bill Joyce to weigh in. A host of well-known community faces who roam the area as business people and community volunteers also offered recommendations.

And, of course, we had to enlist the help of our local experts — the Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau and the Minden-Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Although we had fun compiling this list of places to see and things to do, we expect a few of you will disagree with our choices and omissions. Write us at news@shreveporttimes.com to vent, but be sure include your own suggestions of favorite places. They could be featured in a future publication.

Bossier City restaurant is a James Beard semifinalist

Foundation names Lucky Palace for wine selection

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A gem of the Bossier City dining scene has been announced as a James Beard Foundation Awards Restaurant and Chef semifinalist.

Lucky Palace has been recognized in Outstanding Wine Program, an award category presented by Robert Mondavi Winery.

Lucky Palace, located at 750 Diamond Jacks Blvd., is a gourmet Chinese restaurant with an extensive wine collection with more than 250 selections, according to the restaurant's website.

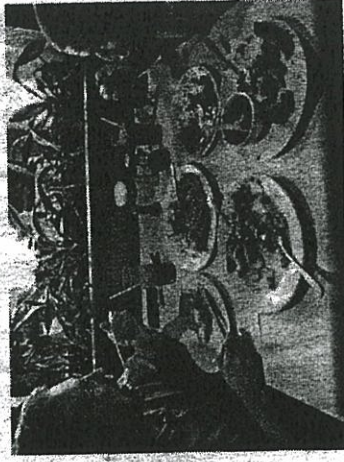
The restaurant is owned by Kuan Lim.

More than 20,000 chefs and dining destinations nationwide were submitted as nominees online. The semifinalists were selected by the foundation's special committee of industry professionals.

There are 21 awards categories for the awards. The top five finalists in each

category will be announced March 14. The 28th annual James Beard Foundation Awards Gala will be May 7 in Chicago.

The James Beard Awards recognizes "culinary professionals for excellence and achievement in their fields and furthers the Foundation's mission to celebrate, nurture, and honor chefs and other leaders making America's food culture more delicious, diverse, and sustainable for everyone," according to the foundation's website.



Dave Chesak, left, of Shreveport, and Chris Scott eat lunch at Lucky Palace in Bossier City. FILE PHOTO

