



MARDI GRAS

IN MONROE-WEST MONROE

2 KREWES, 2 PARADES,
2 WEEKENDS OF FUN!

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KREWE DE RIVIERE

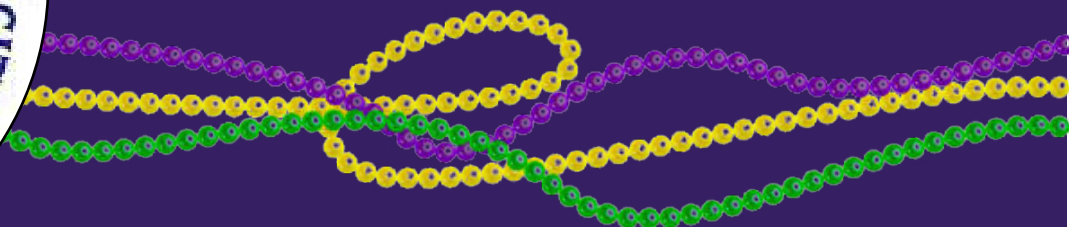
Inclusion and community were top of mind when community members were in talks of creating a second Krewe. In 2019, the Krewe de Riviere was founded on the principles of inclusion and being community based. Since their establishment in 2019, these principles are still top of mind for the Krewe.

The Krewe de Riviere has a place for everyone. In fact, with the creation of the Krewe came the start of two dance groups! The 318 Swampers is a dance troupe for ages 21 and up. This group likes to have fun and let loose - they're full of Carnival spirit! The Louisiana LunaChicks is an all-inclusive women's dance team. Their mission is to serve the community while empowering each other to be the best version of themselves. As you can tell, this Krewe is all about our community.

After a successful first roll in 2020, the Krewe de Riviere was faced with challenges - one of those challenges being a pandemic. The Krewe knew that the show must go on and community members needed joy during this time. Instead of a typical parade in 2021, the Krewe thought outside the lines and created the "Parade the Park" event. Community members paraded through Kiroli Park, enjoyed entertainment by the 318 Swampers, Louisiana LunaChicks, local bands, and indulged in local eats all while following safety protocols.

The parade rolled through the streets of Monroe-West Monroe again in 2022 with live performances, eccentric floats, and quirky throws! This year attendees can expect to see live musical performances from local bands, The Roots of Music, a youth band from New Orleans, the 318 Swampers, and the Louisiana LunaChicks.

Inclusion, community, and a true Mardi Gras spirit have guided the Krewe de Riviere since 2019 and will continue for years to come!





KING RIVIERE
DEJANEIRO DAVIS



QUEEN RIVIERE
SANDY KOLB BATES

Each year the Krewe de Riviere allows for community members to nominate and vote for King and Queen. They want to celebrate and honor those in our community that give back and represent all that makes Ouachita Parish so special. This year, two educators have been selected as King and Queen. Both Dejanerio and Sandy give back to our youth each day and are truly making a difference in our community.



GRAND MARSHAL
GRACIE REICHMAN, MISS LOUISIANA

The Krewe De Riviere has chosen Miss Louisiana 2022, Gracie Reichman to represent them as their grand marshal. Gracie is a junior Kinesiology & Health Sciences Major at Louisiana Tech University. She plans to obtain a Doctorate in Physical Therapy with Advanced Certification in Sports Physical Therapy. Gracie was Miss Louisiana's Outstanding

Teen 2018. She travels the state promoting her social impact initiative, "Think Twice, Be Nice" encouraging positive mindsets and self-worth.

RIVIERE PARADE DAY SCHEDULE

February 4

10:00 AM

CHILDREN'S AND PET PARADE

Location: Monroe RiverMarket

Lineup begins at 9:30 AM

11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

MARDI GRAS MADNESS

Location: Monroe RiverMarket

5:00 PM

MARDI GRAS PARADE- ROLLING ON THE RIVER

Location: Monroe-West Monroe



KREWE OF JANUS

Forty years ago, the Krewe of Janus was founded by a group determined to bring fun and the carnival spirit to Northeast Louisiana. Forty years later, and they are still doing just that.

The group was then called the Twin Cities' Jaycees, and they were no stranger to giving back to the community. In 1989, the Krewe of Janus became an independent organization focusing on the Carnival spirit, community service, and fellowship. Today, three original charter members are still active members, showing just how special the Krewe is.

From extravagant costumes and unique throws to live music and stunning floats, the Krewe of Janus parade is something to look forward to each year. Since 1984, the parade has grown to include local marching bands, over 30 floats, and an estimated 1.5 million throws!

To commemorate forty years, the Krewe of Janus will have a limited amount of signature throws. The signature throw will be decorated hats - from top hats and fedoras to ball caps and visors! Keep your eyes open because these beauties will steal the show along with their Krewe of Janus emblem.

With forty years, comes forty great themes! Lucky for us, we will get to see a variety of all the past themes. That's right, you may see Janus Goes to Vegas, Wild Wild West, Janus Goes to the Movies, and even an appearance of the 70's and 80's.

For the Krewe of Janus, it's become a family affair. In fact, today there's a kid and teen float allowing for young ones to develop their passion and love for the Carnival season early. Each year you'll see the streets of Monroe-West Monroe lined up with families. This event has truly become a family-friendly event that people look forward to each year.

The Krewe of Janus has been spreading cheer in the Twin Cities for forty years and has plans to keep spreading cheer for another forty!





KING JANUS XL LEE SAWYER QUEEN JANUS XL SUZETTE SAWYER

Each year, the Krewe of Janus membership votes on King and Queen. They select members that embody the carnival spirit and give back to our area. It is rare that a married couple is honored as King and Queen in the same year! Lee and Suzette Sawyer are one of the

rare couples serving alongside each other. They will participate in over 75 appearances during their reign including visits to local elementary schools, nursing homes, and all Mardi Gras festivities.



GRAND MARSHAL KASEE SKETOE



GRAND MARSHAL KARSON OLIVER

The Krewe of Janus knew they wanted their grand marshals to represent the great things and people in our community, so it was an easy decision to have Kasee Sketoe and Karson Oliver as the 2023 Grand Marshalls. Kasee and Karson represented West Monroe, LA during the International Powerlifting Federation Championship in Istanbul, Turkey this past summer. They both brought home gold and will lead the Krewe of Janus parade this Carnival season!

JANUS PARADE DAY SCHEDULE

February 11

10:00 AM

KREWE OF JANUS CHILDREN'S MARDI GRAS PARADE

Location: Pecanland Mall

Registration begins at 9:00 AM

11:00 AM- 7:00 PM

DOWNTOWN WEST MONROE MARDI GRAS FESTIVITIES

Location: Alley Park & Trenton Street

1:00 PM

KREWE OF PAWS MARDI GRAS PET PARADE

Location: Antique Alley

Line up begins at 11:00 AM

2:30 PM

JESTER JOG 5K

Location: Alley Park in Downtown
West Monroe

3:00-6:00 PM

DOWNTOWN MONROE MARDI GRAS BASH

Location: 511 Walnut Street, Monroe

6:00 PM

KREWE OF JANUS MARDI GRAS PARADE

Location: Monroe-West Monroe

FOODS OF MARDI GRAS

Mardi Gras isn't just a parade. It's a Louisiana tradition that even makes its way to our plates. Try a few of these Mardi Gras inspired bites in Monroe-West Monroe.

Butter

Mega Mardi Gras Macaron,
Kingly Cream Puff

Bake318

King cake macarons, king cake
bars, traditional French style
king cakes

Caster and Chicory

King Cakes whole and by the
slice, Café au lait, beignets

Corner Coffeehouse

Tubbs king cake whole or by the
slice

The Coffee Bean

Mini King Cakes

Daily Harvest

King cakes

Jac's Craft Smokehouse

King Cake Latte

Magic Grill, West Monroe

King Cake Burgers

The Platter

Mardi gras sugar cookies, mardi
gras macarons, mardi gras cake
balls, traditional and pull apart
king cakes

Trio's

Pralines and cream martini

