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**Cypress Bayou**  
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Visit the completely transformed Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel! Indulge yourself at new restaurants Cafe Delphine and Mabel's Kitchen, and see how we have improved guest favorites Loco Mexican Grill & Catina, Fresh, and Mr. Lester's Steakhouse. As soon as you walk through the doors you'll notice an upgraded gaming floor and interior of the casino, as well as a new High Limit Gaming Area. Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel is the premier destination for those looking to take a getaway trip, hold a meeting or convention, or to enjoy great food and live entertainment.

**Tribal Organization •**  
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana

**Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel**  
832 Martin Luther King Road  
Charenton, LA 70523



## **Located in South Louisiana**

- 30 minutes from New Iberia, LA off HWY 90
- 45 minutes from Lafayette, LA off HWY 90
- 65 minutes from Houma, LA off HWY 90
- 103 minutes from Baton Rouge, LA from I-10 off HWY 90
- 111 minutes from New Orleans, LA off HWY 90

## **Gaming**

Open 24 hours daily.

Over 320,000 square-foot facility with 65,000 square feet of gaming.

Must be 21 years old to enter casino gaming floor and entertainment venues.

Over 1,000 slot machines in all denominations, ranging from 1¢ to \$100, including in-house and wide-area progressives.

33 gaming tables and 6 live action poker tables - including Craps, Blackjack, Double Deck Blackjack, Roulette, Fortune Pai Gow, Mini-Baccarat, Mississippi Stud, 3-Card Poker with 6-Card Bonus and 4-Card Poker.

## **Entertainment**

The Pavilion - concerts and live entertainment; 19,700 square feet, seating over 2,000.

## **Restaurants**

Twenty-four hour dining on property with five fabulous restaurants with flavors to suit every palate ranging from sophisticated steak dinners to made-to-order subs and Mexican.

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Our state-of-the-art hotel offers guests deluxe accommodations that include eight executive suites, two chairman suites, 55 standard double rooms and 37 king rooms. Guests will find 10 handicapped rooms with four of those for hearing and sight impaired, and two for hearing impaired. The hearing-impaired system has state-of-the-art features. The three-story hotel is designed with many other state-of-the-art features not found in any other hotel around.

Guests enter to a lobby featuring large sculptural element depicting water and cypress trees – sacred to the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana. The design brings together elements of land and water to form a cohesive connection to the tribe and the hotel. The facility includes a fitness center, an executive boardroom and a business center.

Guests can call 1-800-924-0032 for rates and more information.



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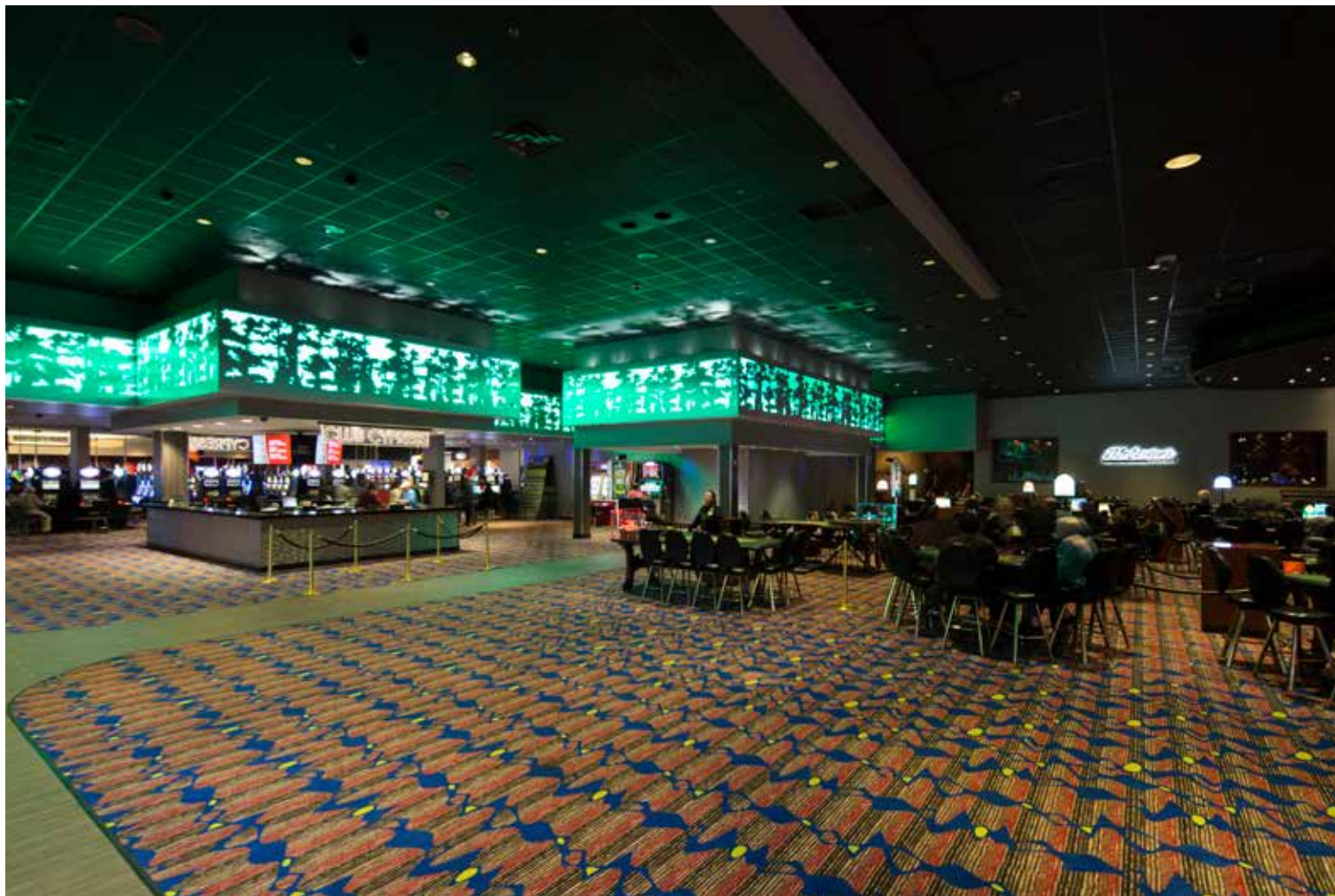


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### The story behind the namesake of Mabel's Kitchen

Mabel Darden Vilcan was the cook at the Chitimacha School for many years. She took pride in feeding many generations of tribal children and she touched many lives in this contributing role in the community. She was preceded as cook by her second cousin Jane Vilcan and was succeeded by her daughters "Pat" Vilcan and Ethel Vilcan Persilver, all who are fondly remembered for their contributions as well. Aunt Mabel, as she was referred to by most, was a talented cook and baker. She was also known for her caring nature, generosity, kindness, wit and wisdom. To show her love and appreciation Mabel would bake things as gifts; her cinnamon rolls, a community favorite, were often made to share with family, fellow tribal members, friends and tribal leaders.

The Chitimacha School or Chitimacha Day School, where Aunt Mabel spent her career, was an important institution and the center of our community. It was the first school for Chitimacha people, where they could freely go to get an education locally. This one-room schoolhouse, later with improvements and additional buildings, served the community from 1934 to 1978. The school was critical in educating our tribal members because it wasn't until the late 1950s that tribal members from the reservation were allowed to attend public schools. Aunt Mabel often substituted in the cafeteria of the new school, now called the Chitimacha Tribal School, which opened in 1978 and continues to serve the Tribe today. Many tribal members have fond memories of our humble Old School and many of them include Aunt Mabel and her good food.

At Mabel's you will find great dining options ranging from from hamburgers, to sandwiches, to salads and much more. All of this in an inviting atmosphere, filled with friendly faces and Louisiana influenced artwork.

# Mabel's KITCHEN



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## **The story behind the namesake of Bizzute's Gift Shop**

"Bizzute" was the nickname of Emile Stouff. Bizzute, or Uncle Biz, as he was called was a Tribal Chief, carpenter, basket maker, craftsman, and storyteller. He and his wife Faye operated a craft shop on the reservation where visitors went for years to buy tribally made goods and to learn the history of the Chitimacha Tribe.



Step inside Bizzute's and you'll find souvenirs, gifts and items to enhance your visit to Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel.





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## CAFE DELPHINE



### The story behind the namesake of Café Delphine

Delphine Darden Stouff was a tribal member and medicine woman known for her snakebite cure. She was the last fluent speaker of the Chitimacha language. She was one of the participants who was recorded for hours giving language information (legends and stories) to people sent here to study and preserve the language in the 1930s. These important recordings are the basis for the Chitimacha language revitalization program today. Delphine was also a basket weaver.

Step into the all-new Cafe Delphine, offering an array of dishes, at a lower price, suitable for any palate. With its beautiful new décor and warm and friendly staff, the menu features award-winning gumbo and soups, steak, seafood, and poultry dishes, fresh baked breads and spectacular desserts that will leave your sweet tooth craving more. This addition to Cypress Bayou's restaurant lineup incorporates your favorite dishes from the former Café Bayou along with new menu items you are sure to love.





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## Mr Lester's

STEAKHOUSE

### The story behind the namesake of Mr. Lester's Steakhouse

Lester Darden was the oldest Tribal member at the time that Cypress Bayou Casino opened. In accordance with the tradition of Tribe's honoring their elders, Mr. Lesters was chosen as the name for the new steakhouse. He was a WWI veteran, served in Tribal Government, helped draft an early version of our Constitution and was a well-respected man in the Tribe.

Craving something a little meatier? Mr. Lester's Steakhouse, the undisputed number one steakhouse in the South, Mr. Lester's Steakhouse is THE place for celebrations, special occasions, and the perfect date. Mr. Lester's serves up a truly remarkable experience, fabulous steaks and is a place that families can celebrate special occasions, holidays, or just unwind after a busy week.





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Loco Mexican Grill & Cantina boasts a distinctive décor that is a blend of stone, brick and stucco walls, reminiscent of ancient architecture found in Spain. Guests can now dine in the open patio area to experience the thrill of the casino floor while enjoying the delectable dishes and the signature LOCOritas.

The menu features a variety of items ranging from classic appetizers to those with a twist, such as tableside guacamole, as well as traditional Mexican favorites. Highlighting the menu are grilled selections fired over a mesquite-wood grill, lending a distinctive flavor to meats and seafood. Try the signature LOCOrita or Mexican Mudd Cake for an extra special treat!

**LOCO**  
MEXICAN GRILL + CANTINA

