

What's New



[Thibodeaux's, A New Cajun Restaurant Coming Soon To Former Original Patti Space in North Lafayette,](#)
A new locally owned Cajun restaurant, called Thibodeaux's, is coming soon to 505 Pont des Mouton Road in Lafayette, Louisiana, in the now-former Original Patti space.



[Bun's, A Baton Rouge-based Burger, Wing & Cheesesteak Spot Coming Soon…](#)
new fast-casual restaurant called Bun's is coming soon to the former Morain's Coffee location at 2424 Ambassador Caffery Parkway in Lafayette, LA.



[Inside the Newly Opened Park Lane at the Former Café Vermilionville on Pinhook Road.](#)
Park Lane, a locally owned formalwear boutique specializing in evening wear and special occasion styling, has opened its new location inside the former Café […]



[Zeus Mediterranean Kitchen Coming Soon to Former Pizza Hut on Pinhook Road in Lafayette, LA](#).
Zeus Mediterranean Kitchen is coming soon to the former Pizza Hut restaurant at 1821 W. Pinhook Road in Lafayette, Louisiana.



[Sushi restaurant to open in old Drago's space. Here's what we know.]
The former Drago’s restaurant site that recently changed hands will house a sushi restaurant.

Member Mentions



[Louisiana: Small Towns, Swamps & Southern Soul - Destination Special]

From the jazz clubs and Mardi Gras parades of New Orleans to the swamps, dance halls and small towns of Acadiana, […]



[Miko’s Donuts Anniversary, Antoni’s Eat Fit Options and More].
September Acadiana Bites: Miko's Donuts, Antoni's Italian Café, Bagels Lafayette, Lou's Bakery and more.

[Culture Is Medicine]
Why music, movement, creativity, connection, and belonging deserve a place in the conversation about health and longevity



[Buck & Johnny’s Zydeco Breakfast]
What an experience: An amazing 8 a.m. breakfast with lively music and dancing!



[Evangeline and Longfellow: Remembered in Louisiana]
In Louisiana's Iberia Parish, a state park helps keep a story and tradition alive



[What I learned about Louisiana by cooking gumbo: ‘It represents who we are – a fusion of different cultures’]
In a bowl of gumbo you’re experiencing the rich culture and history of the communities that make up Louisiana, […]

LCVC & Industry News

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If you're interested, please let me know! I'd be happy to help connect you with the DTN team. Otherwise, the DTN team will be reaching out to partners about the program in the coming weeks!

Become a Community Partner of St. Joseph Diner

We have a responsibility to one another.

Restaurants

St. Joseph Diner is committed to feeding our neighbors with dignity, compassion, and consistency—365 days a year. We invite you to join us as Community Partners by donating food, paper products, or other essential supplies that help keep our doors open and meals on the table.





We look forward to partnering with you!

Hotels

Catholic Charities of Acadiana invites you to become Community Partners by donating new, unused hygiene products to support our Emergency Shelter Programs and Stella Maris Hygiene Center.

Your hotel's generosity can turn unused or surplus amenities into meaningful support for our neighbors experiencing hardship. Together, we can ensure that everyone who comes through our doors has access to the basic necessities they deserve.



We look forward to partnering with you!

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America250: Help Us Reach 250 Stories

As part of the national **America250** celebration, Lafayette Consolidated Government is collecting **250 stories of pride and service** from across Lafayette Parish. As a partner in this effort, **Parish Proud is helping highlight acts of environmental stewardship** that keep our community vibrant and resilient from plantings to litter pickups to beautification efforts.







So far, we have captured nearly 100 stories, including efforts by **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc, UL Lafayette's The Office of Residential Life,** and **Girl Scout Troop 832 -** but we need your help to reach 250!

Have a story to share? Submit your story here and help celebrate the people behind the work!

Want to get involved? Fill out our interest form here to join future projects.

Together, let's show what Parish Proud looks like.

Board Member Spotlight

John R. O'Meara, CCM

Pepa (Grandpa) to my Grandchildren

I retired from the Petroleum Club of Lafayette in August of 2019 after 14 years as the General Manager. I have been involved in many different aspects of entertainment in South Louisiana. I began my career in hospitality at 15 in Baton Rouge as a busboy at Sherwood Forest Country Club. Over the next 4 years I learned fast, out of need. I acted as the Interim General Manager at 16 and 17 for as long as 5 months at a time in between managers.

In 1973, I accepted a position as Assistant Manager at the Executive Club of Pensacola. In year 4 of my 7 years, I became General Manager. I received a call to interview at City Club of Lafayette, although I was not looking for a job, as I was happy in Pensacola. I interviewed and accepted the position in July of 1981 and spent 12 years as General Manager working for the owners, The Moody Company.

Kevin Moody and I began dabbling in live events at the Heymann Center specifically targeted at school groups. Then I branched out into Live Broadway and many other live acts throughout the south.

In 1993 I resigned from the City Club to form the Theatre League of Louisiana. I presented touring Broadway shows in cities from Beaumont to Shreveport to Mobile and New Orleans, always featuring the Lafayette Broadway series at the Heymann Center. I later sold it to an associate from Chicago in 2013.

Other hats that I have worn include: catered for NASCAR TABASCO car 3 years, Promoted Liberty Card as a fundraiser in over 123 schools in 6 parishes over 5 years, raising over 3 million dollars for area schools, catered New Orleans Open Sponsors Tent for 5 Years at the English Turn Country Club.

I remain active with the Carmelite Men's Guild, am a past state and local Louisiana Restaurant Association Board Member, and a past local and national committee member with Club Managers Association of America.

And as I opened with, I am a driver, sitter, cheerleader, runner, and chef to 5 beautiful grandchildren, 2 in Scott, 2 in Houston and our one little angel in Heaven.

My wife Sheryl, of 52 years, and I are enjoying the joys of all our grandchildren entail. I look forward to serving my final term as an LCVC Board Member, helping to bring our community unique and plentiful events that continue to highlight our great culture.



Join us at the Adult 21+ Rooftop Experience at the Burdin Riehl Parking Garage!

Enjoy a festive evening under the lights with live music by Valerie and Kevin, followed by the Acadiana Symphony Orchestra's Brass Quartet and String Quartet! We'll also have delicious food provided by The Petroleum Club and drinks provided by Schilling.

It's the perfect opportunity to gather with friends, enjoy great music, and kick off the Christmas season!

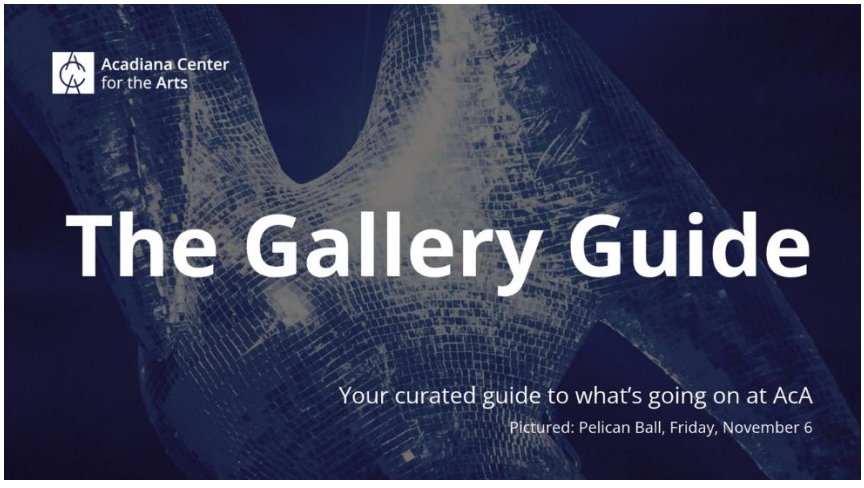
Worried about the weather? In the event of extreme weather, we'll move the party down one floor and have heaters to keep everyone warm!

Tickets are just $50! Grab yours today and join us for a fun night in the Oil Center!

We hope to see you there!

[Purchase Tickets Here]

Acadiana Center for the Arts



Convention and Sports

Notable Closed Sales in October:

- 2026 USSSA Softball-Toys for Tots
- 2027 American All Star LA State Competition
- LTA 2026 40 & Over Combo State Championship
- Alpha Phi Alpha 2027 State Conference
- Louisiana Airport Managers Associates

Notable Leads Generated in October:

- LTA 2026 40 & Over Combo State Championship
- Skills USA LA State Leadership and Skills Conference
- 2029 NJCAA Beach Volleyball Championship
- 2030 NJCAA Beach Volleyball Championship

Notable Sales Activities in October:

- Danielle attended “Small Market Meetings” in El Paso where she had 25 appointments, received 5 RFP’s, and secured 14 potential leads for future bookings.
- Danielle attended and exhibited in the Mississippi Society of Association Executives Annual Conference and Tradeshow in Biloxi, MS. She was able to connect with 40 Association Executives from Mississippi and identified 10 potential convention clients for Lafayette.
- Our largest city-wide event, Elementary and Jr. Beta, just completed contracts for 4 more years at the Cajundome Convention Center, booking 2029-2032. The hotel / housing lead was distributed to all properties via the LCVC Extranet.
- Danielle was a guest speaker for the UL Hospitality Department’s Tourism Marketing class where she discussed the role of the LCVC and impact of tourism on the Lafayette Parish community.
- Carl has been working with the Broussard Sport Complex on a bid package to bring a U.S. Senior Pickleball Championship to Broussard in early Fall of 2027. These events draw 350-450 senior players from around the country.
- Carl has been working with the Cajundome Convention Center on a bid package to bring USA Powerlifting to Lafayette Parish June 25-July 03 of 2028. This event would draw 300 – 500 competitors to Lafayette Parish during “need time”.

Travel Trade

Irene Breaux represented Lafayette Travel at the Cajun & Creole Village during NOLA Funk Fest 2026, sharing Lafayette's rich Cajun and Creole culture, heritage, music, and unique experiences with festival attendees while promoting Lafayette as a must-visit Louisiana destination.

Lafayette Travel has been named a 2026–2027 Travel South USA Global Champion Destination for its continued commitment to growing international visitation to the area and the Southern United States. We will be accepting our award at Travel South International Showcase in December.

Eugenie Mitchell attended a tour operator consumer and travel agent trade show with Joker Reisen who focuses on Belgian travelers who are actively planning a trip to the USA. Each year, an average of 1,300 visitors attend the Joker Reisbeurs USA & Canada, giving a unique opportunity to inspire travelers and boost sales. In addition, she did a training for attendees on Lafayette, attended a travel agent event and met with local tour operators in the market.

Eugenie Mitchell attended Brand USA Travel Week UK & Europe. She had 41 scheduled appointments resulting in 19 prospecting accounts with new interest in Lafayette and 13 itinerary features and bookings. She also hosted a Spirit of Louisiana client event for 20 top tour operators who are based in the Netherlands and Belgium in conjunction with New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Lake Charles.

We also hosted Brand USA Italian Tour Operator FAM tour for 10 tour operators with strong interest in building tours to Louisiana and Lafayette.

Eugenie Mitchell hosted a travel agent travel with TravelPack, one of the top UK tour companies with 25 travel agents in attendance. This was part of a “Deep South” focus training series. The other destinations featured in future trainings include Nashville, New Orleans, Mississippi, and Alabama. The goal is to educate the travel agents to increase product knowledge when planning the Deep South, specifically Lafayette Parish, so that we have more inclusions.

Travel Trade Bookings:

- Country Travel Discoveries 100 rooms
- Croswell Tours 54 rooms
- US Tours 50 rooms
- Women Traveling Together 40 rooms
- Sunrise Tours 34 rooms
- Travel AM 50 rooms

Communications

Earned Media Mentions

Vermilionville: A Look at Life on the Bayou

Blog Round-Up

Why Lafayette Is the Heart of Cajun Cuisine

BBQ in Lafayette: A Guide to the Best Barbecue Spots

Sports Bars in Lafayette

What's New in Lafayette

Scenic Motorcycle Routes in Lafayette

A Guide to French Cuisine in Lafayette