

# NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 15th, 2021



## BBBS NEWS & UPDATES



Shane Vallot with the Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns has an important message for both the Littles in our program & the youth in Acadiana! Follow our [FaceBook](#) page to see more messages from the Ragin' Cajuns!

# YOU ARE INVITED!



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## BIG DRAFT CELEBRATION



COLDWELL BANKER  
TRAHAN REAL ESTATE GROUP

Friday, April 30th, 2021  
Bayou Teche Brewing  
5:00pm - 9:00pm CST



The Big Draft Celebration is FREE & open to the public! Join us for music by Cameron Nelson, games, a raffle and more! This is an outdoor venue with plenty of space between tables. Masks & social distancing will be required. To receive a complimentary beer & a Big Draft Pint Glass, pre-register online.

### WANT TO BE VIP?

Become a Mentor: Attend a Virtual Info Session and schedule an interview to receive a VIP Invite to the Big Draft Celebration! VIP Invites include 2 free beers, pizza & a Big Draft Pint Glass.

### BIG DRAFT RAFFLE TICKETS

Purchase a raffle ticket for your chance to win a private tour of Bayou Teche Brewing and a pizza party at the Cajun Saucer for up to 10 people for only \$10! All proceeds benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana.

To pre-register for the Big Draft Celebration or purchase Raffle Tickets go to:

[www.acadianabigs.com/bigdraft](http://www.acadianabigs.com/bigdraft)

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# RUMMAGE FOR A REASON

7 AM–1 PM | SATURDAY, 04.17.21  
BASSET FURNITURE | 501 ACADIANA MALL CIRCLE

Come out and support 16 local nonprofits at our multi agency rummage sale, Rummage for a Reason. Each nonprofit will be selling garage sale items and all money raised by each nonprofit stays with that agency. Items for sale include large and small furniture, home and kitchen items, books, toys, home décor and more.

Free Covid-19 vaccines will be available from Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center, Mymzy with Red Hat Productions will be out doing free face painting, Pottery Alley will be on hand making a fun clay craft with the kids and food trucks will be available.

**SOLA**  
GIVING DAY



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**SAVE THE DATE**

**MAY 6  
2021**

[www.solagivingday.org/BBBSA](http://www.solagivingday.org/BBBSA)

Help us reach our \$20,000 goal by creating a [FUNdraiser Page HERE.](#)

Set a goal and encourage your network of family, friends and colleagues to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana by donating to your page. Share your unique fundraising URL via email, text or social media. BONUS: we have secured matching funds of \$6,000. So anything you raise, will be doubled!



# ACTIVITY IDEAS

## ARTS IN THE PARC

### ARTS IN THE PARC

An outdoor movement class series presented by Basin Arts and Downtown Lafayette in Parc International.

Weekly yoga and community dance classes offered on a PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN basis.

[SEE THE FULL SCHEDULE HERE!](#)

### DOWNTOWN ALIVE!

With Sweet Cecilia on April 16th! Inspired by NPR's Tiny Desk Concerts, each DTA! virtual show will highlight Downtown venues and homegrown, world-renowned artists while providing an intimate opportunity to celebrate live, local music.

[MORE DETAILS HERE](#)

### HOMEGROWN POP-UP MARKET

2nd Sunday and 3rd Saturday Evening Market, at the McComb-Veazey Community House, 419 12th St, Lafayette, LA 70501

[VIEW THE EVENT PAGE HERE](#)

### VIRTUAL FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL

April 1–30: FEASTival International - a month of Festival food

April 10: FIL Artwork Reveal at Artwalk

April 16-18 & April 23-25: Virtual Marché Shopping Trips

April 23 – 25: Virtual Festival International

April 24: Virtual 5K - Run from anywhere in the world!

[LEARN HOW TO PARTICIPATE HERE](#)



# COMMUNITY RESOURCES



## TEEN INTERNET SAFETY FREE CLASS

Baton Rouge Children's  
Advocacy Center

This engaging online class will educate middle & high school students (grades 6th – 12th) on how to recognize unsafe online situations, what steps should be followed if ever confronted with an unsafe online situation, and how to report it.

### Please consider these important FACTS:

- 92% of all teens in the U.S. report using the internet daily; - The number of online predators & have significantly increased since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis (by more than 100,000);
- 1 out of 5 teens are solicited sexually while using the internet;
- 72% of teens 'friend' strangers on social media;
- 8 out of 10 teens admit giving out personal information to strangers online;
- 1 in 5 girls are cyberbullied;
- 1 in 10 boys are cyberbullied;
- Strangers solicit & groom teens through chat rooms & multi-player online games than all other resources combined.

Internet use continues to increase, as does online abuse. It is important that we teach our children the personal & online safety skills needed to navigate this ever increasing virtual world, so please join us for this free opportunity to learn how to Speak Up Be Safe while Online.

[Register in advance for this FREE class HERE](#)



# COMMUNITY RESOURCES



## FREE JUNIOR GOLF SUMMER CAMP

When you teach your children how to golf, you'll also be teaching them lessons about life. Not only will they learn patience and good manners, but they'll also need to learn about concentration and discipline if they wish to improve. By teaching your kids how to golf, you're introducing them to a sport they may be able to play for the rest of their lives. A great benefit of teaching your child how to golf is the opportunity to do something fun.

**Our #1 priority is the wellbeing of all our campers!**  
We closely monitor each camper for possible heat exhaustion/stroke and dehydration. We offer multiple water breaks in clubhouse.

### COVID-19 Policy

Masks required indoors/Masks optional outdoors  
Increased spacing for social distancing, hand sanitizing

Jay & Lionel Hebert Memorial Golf Course  
1121 Mudd Ave., Lafayette, LA 70501 | (337) 291-5557

## ENROLLING NOW

June 7th - June 10th  
9 AM - 12 PM

Sponsored by Generations  
Sports Management

To register, call Chris  
Arceneaux at  
(337) 291-5557. Limited  
number of players per camp!  
Register fast!

- Ages 5-18
- Teaching the basic fundamentals (grip, stance, posture, swing)
- On-course golf instruction
- All campers bring snacks, sunscreen, big water bottle, light colored hat



# COMMUNITY RESOURCES



**ACADIANA  
-SERVES-**



## ACADIANA SERVES FREE JUNIOR TENNIS SUMMER CAMP

**FREE**

**ENROLLING NOW**

SPONSORED BY LAFAYETTE LADIES TENNIS LEAGUE

► **DATE/TIME:** MAY 31st- JUNE 3rd/ 9AM TO 12PM

Our summer camp will cover all aspects and skills of the tennis game in a fun and rewarding environment.

- Each camper will receive a t-shirt
- Ages 5-18
- Technique development to build fundamentals
- On court tennis instruction and match play
- Fun, tennis-specific fitness, games, and relays
- Fun Activities: Water balloon fights, Capture the flag, Popsicle Parties, Team Games
- All campers bring snacks, sunscreen, big water bottle, light colored hat, tennis racket

### OUR #1 PRIORITY IS WELL BEING OF ALL OUR CAMPERS!

We closely monitor each camper for possible heat exhaustion/stroke and dehydration. We offer multiple water breaks in shaded area.

### COVID-19 POLICY

Masks indoors required/Masks outdoors optional  
Increased spacing for social distancing/ Hand sanitizing

► **LOCATION:** Beaver Park, 500 Fisher Rd, Lafayette, LA 70508

**REGISTER at [acadianaserves.com](https://www.acadianaserves.com) under the  
SUMMER CAMP 2021 tab.**

**Limited number of players per camp! Register fast!**



# FOR BIGS ONLY



NATIONAL CONVERSATIONS:  
RACE, RELATIONSHIPS AND RESOURCES



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## Creating Thriving Relationships in a Time of Crisis

Join youth development advocate and researcher, Roberto Rivera, as he leads a discussion tailored for our volunteer Bigs that combines storytelling and strategies to engage our youth, their gifts, and build upon the community of cultural wealth and shared experiences.

If your volunteer Bigs need advice and strategies to be better equipped to hold critical conversations with their Littles, this is the session you want them to attend.

During this session Bigs will: Develop skills to building transformative relationships (Bigs, youth, and community), gain practical understanding and tools to assess the strengths and assets of Littles and families, and be inspired in how these relationships have transformed the lives of individuals and communities.



**Thursday,  
April 15th**

7:30PM - 8:30PM EST



**Register Now!**

<https://bit.ly/3eCo4E3>

## FEATURING

### Roberto Rivera

Youth Development Advocate and Researcher





Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or requests!



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