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Classic restaurant uses locally produced ingredients

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In Lafayette, there is a song known as the "Cajun National Anthem." "Jolie Blonde" refers to a lovely blonde woman who left the song's narrator for someone else, leaving him heartbroken and forlorn. Lafayette artist George Rodrigue used this fictional woman in many of his early paintings and Cajun musicians continue to sing of her legend.

Hanging over one of Lafayette's most beautiful bars is a copy of Rodrigue's "Jolie Blonde," within a restaurant honoring the woman who caused so much pain. Jolie's Louisiana Bistro contains many of Rodrigue's classic artwork, plus art of the culinary kind. Executive Chef Manny Augello dishes up classic Creole cuisine featuring Louisiana foods harvested by local farmers and food artisans. In addition to serving up fabulous food, it's one of the best farm-to-table examples in Cajun Country.

I was fortunate to be on hand one day for a demonstration of his charcuterie spread, a collection of local meats, cheeses and breads. Augello offered hogs head cheese, goat prosciutto, a cured leg of goat, paté, peasant bread, cracklin' butter, specialty pickles and so much more.

The restaurant also features specialty dinners such as the recent tomato and microbrew dinner, pairing various tomato dishes (with locally grown tomato varieties) with small-batch beers. Jolie's also offers Pig Head Dinners by reservation, where parties of two to eight people may enjoy a five-course dinner featuring "Pig Head Prepared 5 Ways" paired with microbrews on Thursday through Saturday nights for \$50.

Jolie's is also a fabulous place to meet people, relax and enjoy their Jolie martinis at their beautiful bar, highlighted, of course, by Jolie Blonde.

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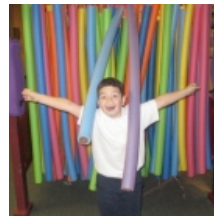
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