

GUEST COLUMN

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From: Mayor James E. "Jamie" Mayo

Have Your Choice of Weekend Activities in Monroe

If you are looking for something to do, then you will not be disappointed this weekend. There are plenty of activities taking places across Monroe. Please note the following, add what you like to your schedule, and spread the word to others who may be looking for something fun to do!

The Miss Louisiana's Outstanding Teen Pageant will be held April 7 & 8 at the University of Louisiana at Monroe's Brown Auditorium. Miss Monroe's Outstanding Teen Meghan Woods, a junior at Ouachita Christian School, will be among the 24 contestants vying for the crown. Visit the Miss Louisiana Organization website <https://www.misslouisiana.com/teen-contestants> for ticket information.

The Origin Bank Downtown RiverMarket, located along the shore of the beautiful Ouachita River in downtown Monroe, will be hosting the 2nd Annual Coffee & Tea Festival from 10 am until 4 pm Saturday, April 7. Advanced tickets can be purchased online at coffeandtea2018@eventzilla.net OR at the event. You can taste and vote for your favorite flavors, or just purchase coffee and tea from several local businesses. In addition to that, you can enjoy great food and shop for arts & crafts, and more.

The 2018 Great American Cleanup is from 8 am until 1 pm on Saturday, April 7. We want you to join the thousands of people across the country who will go out to pick up litter and do beautification projects within their city, town or village. The Monroe rally point location is the Louisiana Purchase Gardens & Zoo. You can register your church, team, organization or as an individual by going to www.ouachitagreen.org OR you can do so in person at the zoo.

This is just a sample of many things taking place this weekend. Find your opportunity to have a wonderful time in Monroe and northeast Louisiana. By working together, we are making a difference!