

Community Corner

Candy Cane Lane

170 Highway 151 North, Calhoun

Candy Cane Lane is a drive-through Christmas light display located in Calhoun, La featuring over one million lights on a mile-long wooded road. For entrance to the park, take exit 103 off of I-20.

Dates: 12/21/2017 - 01/01/2018

Hours: 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Cost: Family vehicle-\$20; Commercial vehicle (vans) - \$40; no trailers

Phone: 318-801-0670

Christmas Tree Recycling

Area residents are encouraged to recycle their live Christmas Trees from December 26 to January 6. Please remove all ornaments and tinsel prior to drop-off.

Live trees may be dropped off at the West Monroe Farmer's Market or the North Parking Lot of the Monroe Civic Center.

Both Monroe and West Monroe will chip the Christmas Trees to be used in flower beds in beautification efforts in both cities.

First Full Moon of 2018 Celebration

Date: January 1, 2018

Time: 5-6:30 p.m.

The first full moon of the year is going to be on the first day of the year.

Rangers will have scopes set up on the pier to view it as well as a bonfire and smores.

Moonrise is at 5:15 p.m.

Wellness Center's Resolution Run

Date: Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017

Events include a kid's fun run; a four mile walk/run; and an eight-mile run. Coffee and fruit will be available pre-race. Post race: awards, door prizes and a traditional New Year's lunch of black eyed peas and cabbage for good luck and prosperity.

Registration: www.active.com.

Send your community item to news@ouachitacitizen.com.

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Something Special with Martha Jane Anderson

"Because of God's unbelievable gift of His only Son, Jesus, the Christ child, we have peace that is beyond understanding even when we hurt; in believing in Him, we have joy that cannot be taken away. We can have His kind of love that lasts always. We have nothing to fear and everything in which to have hope, today, tomorrow, and always." Adapted from a card from Tinker and Charles Van Zile...

It is not too late to enjoy Mike and Dianne Cage's fabulous lighted oak tree at 119 Glenmar at North Second Street and the multi-colored lights on the great oak on Park Avenue.

Beautifully decorated to the nines are: Cynthia Bailey on Pargoud, the Wendell Mannings old fashioned country home on Joe White Road, the Dr. Daven Spires on Marie Place, Marion and Tommy Zentner's magnificent Riverside Drive family home, Jenifer Johnson Walker's on Riverside, Dix and Jan Johnston's on Deborah, Arabella and James Moore's on Country Club, and Linda and Sam Trinca's traditional classic home on Park Avenue!

It is fantastic to hear about children doing well. Congratulations to Allie Watson, Karen and Brooks' daughter who is now Dr. Watson, dentist. Kudos to Jessica Johnston who belongs to Dr. Jan, the dentist, and Dix, the good Samaritan, who works on keeping us focused on God's forgiving grace. Jessica too is a new dentist going in with her mom. Bella Moore hosted perhaps the best ever Baby Shower for Analeise Reeves Thomas. Bella's new home is the classic white with fabulous yet minimalistic decor. Ainsley Anderson Herlevic has started her new business, Plush Design, Decor, Event and Wedding Planning.

Dianne and Mike Cage's family and very close friends enjoyed a top of the list Party at their River House that was originally built by Hughes Abell! Just fabulous! Alpha and John Spence hosted the Potpourri Book Club Christmas Party and Alpha "pulled out all the stops to make it tops!" John served the best milk punch in town!

Our good friend and cancer survivor, Amy Norris, shared these words with us:

"Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid or discouraged; for it is the Lord our God who goes with us; He will not fail us or forsake us."

Martha Jane



ABOVE: Divas celebrating their close friendships at Genu-sa's: IV Tanguis, Ellen Huey, Linda Taylor, Annetta Hill, Sharon West Brown, Evelyn Hahn and Kathy Schendle.

LEFT: Ananda Reeves and Analeise Thomas celebrating at the gorgeous baby shower for Austin Adair.



ABOVE: Blonde Hannah Harris celebrating and ice skating with New York friends!



ABOVE: Close friends Sam and Patsy Butler, Justin and Catherine Mitchell



ABOVE: Dianne Walters and precious granddaughter, Daisy Walters.



ABOVE: Deidre and Michael Henry who are outstanding committed leaders in our community!



ABOVE: Evyn Caples and Annie Stinson celebrating college break in Aspen! Evyn was just accepted to LSU Dental School and Annie, almost ready to graduate from LSU Nursing!



ABOVE: Anna Catherine, Sarah Grace, and Mary Claire, all beautiful granddaughters of Gretchen and Freddie Hamel!



ABOVE: Great-grandsons of the Putnams and the Andersons: Reid and Paxton.



ABOVE: Heather, Rick, Jack, and Brady Aulds Guillot at First West!



ABOVE: Keely Childress, Sara Brewer, Denise Hull and Leigh Ann Goff at the fabulous Christmas party at the Goffs'.



ABOVE: Talented singer at LSU is Margaret Ann Zentner, who is Scott and Maggy's daughter and Jean Zentner's granddaughter.

FREE PAP SMEAR & CLINICAL BREAST EXAM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th, 2018

8:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON

1162 Oliver Road, Suite 7
Monroe, LA

Location: Oncology Associates of Monroe in the old Montgomery Wards Store in the Twin City Shopping Center.

Call to schedule an appointment!

For more information or to schedule your appointment, call:

(318) 966-1953

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ABOVE: Robert and Michele Brown hosting wine and cheese for bridge friends.

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