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The Origin Bank RiverMarket Introduces Handmade & Healthy with a Sweet Twist

MONROE, LA- 14 May 2018- The Origin Bank RiverMarket hosts Handmade & Healthy with coffee and tea tastings on May 19, 2018 from 10am to 4pm.

The day will feature a combination of both handmade & healthy shopping options with coffee and tea tastings. Join the Origin Bank RiverMarket for an experience unlike any other in Northeast Louisiana!

Items for purchase include handmade jewelry, homemade lip balms, essential oils, plants, herbs, bell peppers, summer seedlings, handmade soaps, boutique clothing, local photography, local arts and crafts, home décor, birdhouses and more.

With a ticket you can enjoy coffee tastings from Boona Bean, Castor & Chicory, Dreux Coffee, Elevate Coffee, Immersed, Miss Kay's Sweets & Eat and Organo. Participants will be competing for Best Coffee, Best Tea, Best Cold Brew and People's Choice Award.

Ticketholders will have the opportunity to sample the best brews from each of the participants and then have the opportunity to vote for their favorite one. Voting opens at 10am and closes at 3pm.

Tickets for this event are \$10 when purchased online at coffeeandtea2018.eventzilla.net. If additional tickets are available, they can be purchased at the event for \$20. Tickets can be purchased and claimed from the white information tent located in the parking space 22 in front of the clock tower.

This event that is known for bringing together coffee and tea lovers from all over Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi is teaming up with Love Your Community to celebrate the work of non-profit organizations in the area.

Love Your Community is an organization designed to promote community pride in Ouachita Parish and surrounding parishes in Northeast Louisiana. Over 20 non-profit organizations will be joining us to help educate community members on ways to get involved.

Join us for a variety of live music options at this event. Sunny 98.3 from Lagniappe Media will be present during their remote from 10am to 12pm. Marcus Ardoin & Da Zydeco Legendz will play from 12pm to 2pm. Party Starters will be out from 2pm to 4pm as our onsite DJ.

Food truck row is back in action for another fun day offering a variety of flavorful meals for you to enjoy lunch. Bayou Rue n Que, Bluebird Pies, Cajun Will's Corndog, CC's Coffee House, Etouffée Lady, Hot Diggity Dog, Kona Ice, Krayolla Snacks and Miss Kay's Sweets & Eats will be on-site with snacks and meals available for purchase.

Sponsors for this event are Bear's Towing, Choice Brands Inc., City of Monroe, Duck Commander, Johnny's Pizza House, Lagniappe Media, Marcus Ardoin & Da Zydeco Legendz, M&K House, Monroe Chamber of Commerce, Monroe Civic Center, Monroe-West Monroe CVB, Origin Bank, Ouachita Green, Sonic Drive In, Spa Bella, Spherion Staffing and Thrifty Nickel.

"We are happy to provide an opportunity for non-profit and service organizations to educate the public on what they do, and how we can all help. Make plans to come out and enjoy the food, music, shopping and tastings," describes Myra Gatling-Akers, RiverMarket Director.

The Origin Bank RiverMarket is a dog friendly location and bike racks are accessible.

Parking is available at the north end of the RiverMarket and at many nearby locations including the Police Annex lot, Ouachita Grand Plaza, Bry Park, and behind the Courthouse.

The event is rain or shine.

If you want to be a vendor and sell your merchandise, contact the RiverMarket Coordinator at 318.807.1735 or River.Market@ci.Monroe.La.US

For additional information and updates about the RiverMarket like us on Facebook at [Downtown RiverMarket](#) and [Downtown Monroe](#), Instagram [@downtown_monroe](#), or our event page at www.downtownrivermarket.com

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