

Spirit of Christmas Tour judging to take place Dec. 7-11

The Clinton Courier

This year, for the eighth year, *The Clinton Courier* is sponsoring the Spirit of Christmas Tour for the community. Designed to encourage businesses and homeowners to decorate for the holidays, the Tour was initially created to replace a former awards program the City used to sponsor recognized homes throughout town that were particularly festive or well-lit with holiday displays.

In prior years, the Tour has included close to one hundred homes, businesses and subdivisions. Citizens can nominate themselves and their own house or business; a neighbor whose seasonal efforts stand out; or simply a place that they think other people would enjoy seeing during the holiday time.

Previous years of the Tour have been



a great success, said *Courier* publisher Clay Mansell.

"We love to encourage city-wide participation in all kinds of events; and it is especially fun to get folks fired up about the holidays, stringing up lights and putting out decorations for everyone to enjoy. We anticipate a record number of entries this year."

Nominations can be made to office@TheClintonCourier.net or by calling 601-990-9511. All decorations should be in place and lit by the time judging begins on December 7.

Judging will be completed between December 7-11. The December 18 edition of *The Clinton Courier* will include the addresses of homes that make the tour, and homes and businesses on the tour will be acknowledged with a yard sign.

Quisenberry Library to sparkle this season with holiday trees

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A few years ago, the Quisenberry Library added another holiday must-see to Clintonians' traditions, when they, with the help of local businesses and organizations, set up a winter wonderland of decorated Christmas trees at the library on Northside Drive.

The array of decorated Christmas trees will open on December 10, with trees scattered throughout the building. Organizers expect that the library will sparkle with close to fifty decorated trees, big and small.

The trees are all decorated to showcase the unique personalities and interests of the groups they represent. Previous years have seen trees decorated by local restaurants, hotels, clubs and community organizations, small businesses and medical clinics. Most trees are creatively decorated rather than with traditional ornaments, creating an entertaining forest to explore for both young and old visitors alike.

"Our Christmas Wonderland has attracted



Photo by Doris Bynum

out-of-town visitors in past years to see the trees," said Branch Librarian Susan Delmas. "We encourage everyone to visit the library during these special weeks."

Local children are invited to a special children's Christmas party on December 18 at 4 p.m.

Because the trees remain in place during the entire month of December, families are encouraged to visit during regular library hours for photos or just to view the winter wonderland. Current library hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

For additional information about the activities or the decorated trees at Quisenberry Library, contact Susan Delmas at 601-924-5684.

All businesses and organizations are welcome to participate in the avenue of trees, with more information available by calling Coleen Camp, committee chairman, at 601-720-1536. The trees are to be decorated in the library by December 8.

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