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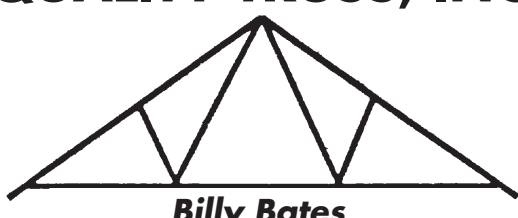
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**JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>** - Express Employment will be taking applications in **Monticello at the Workforce Center from 9 A.M. to 12 Noon** and in **McGehee at UAM from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.**

**JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>** - Express Employment will be taking applications in **Dumas at the Workforce Office from 8 A.M. to 10 A.M.** and in **McGehee at UAM from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.**

**JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>** - Express Employment will be taking applications in **Monticello at the Workforce Center from 9 A.M. to 12 Noon** and in **McGehee at UAM from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.**

**JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>** - Express Employment will be taking applications in **McGehee at UAM from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.**

**JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>** - Express Employment will be taking applications in **McGehee at UAM from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.**

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Hope Place in Monticello is in need of newborn and size 3 to 6 diapers. We are open to receive donations Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. TFN f

CASA of the 10th Judicial District is seeking volunteer advocates and board members. To find out how you can help a child in need, please contact (870) 367-9449. TFN

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Ongoing**

New Life Assembly of God is offering Living Free classes to any members of the community who may be dealing with any life controlling issues such as drugs, alcohol, co-dependency, gambling, etc. These classes are also available to those who have experience toxic and abusive relationships, grief, neglect, violence, or other trauma. This nine week session will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, September 11. This class is free, but seats are limited. To register call (870) 224-2288 or email NLivingfree@gmail.com Child care will be provided.

Monticello Elementary School is looking for volunteer Classroom Grandparents for the 2023-2024 school year. Volunteer and training hours are paid, along with mileage reimbursements. pay will not affect any benefits you receive. To join, call Andrea at 870-367-4813 or 870-367-4818.

Save the Children is offering Head Start and Early Head Start services to low income families with children getting ready to start Kindergarten. To apply in Monticello, call 870-224-8045 or visit 175 Henley Dr.

Each Wednesday, barring a catastrophe, the city of Monticello is accepting recyclable items at the Transfer Station within the following guidelines: 1) Cardboard—must be flattened. Not accepted are cereal boxes, drink can boxes or egg cartons; 2) Plastic bottles—lids must be removed and the bottles must be bagged. Only No. 1 and No. 2 bottles are accepted (the number is located on the bottom of the bottle). No wide-mouthed bottles can be accepted; 3) Newspapers—bagged or boxed; 4) Aluminum cans—must be bagged. No tin cans or pet food cans can be accepted; and 5) Shredded office paper—must be bagged. To

have recycled items picked up, contact City Hall at 870-367-4400. Note: Electronics (E-Waste) are accepted at the city transfer station, 1466 Old Warren Road, but are not eligible for pick up. The city reminds all citizens to not mix household trash with recyclable items. The city does not accept glass or any item not listed above at this time.

The Drew County Quorum Court meets the second Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Monticello District Court, 107 East Jackson Avenue in Monticello. The public is encouraged to attend.

The Monticello City Council meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. in City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

Show support for local schools by purchasing a school mascot yard sign for only \$20. All three (University of Arkansas at Monticello Boll Weevils, Drew Central Pirates and Monticello Billies) may be purchased for \$50. For more information, contact the Monticello-Drew County Chamber of Commerce at 870-367-6741 or stop by the chamber office at 335 East Gaines Street.

The Monticello Winner's Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, located at 836 N. Hyatt St. in Monticello at 12 noon on Tuesdays and Fridays and at 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays. The meetings are open. There are no dues or fees.

To all concerned that have family or cemetery plots in the Andrews Chapel Cemetery, please send any updated contact information to: Andrews Chapel Cemetery Association, C/O Cindy Ferrell, Secretary/Treasurer, 2968 Barkada Road, Wilmar, AR 71675.

Anyone interested in joining the VFW Auxiliary is asked to contact Wanda or Melvin Veasey, VFW Commander, at melvinj.veasey@yahoo.com or 870-723-4993.

Any relative of a veteran who served overseas in a foreign war is eligible for membership. Any past members who are still interested in the Auxiliary are also asked to contact Wanda or Melvin if they are still interested in being a member.

The Drew County Democratic Party will host its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month, with the exception of June and July. The meeting will be in the Wilmar Community Center located at 2506 Hwy 278 West. The venue is set up for social distancing. All interested persons and members are invited to attend. For more information contact

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The Diamonds of Arkansas Girl Scouts Troop is inviting any girls who are interested to join. For more information contact Amber Garrett at 501-247-1013 or Shanee Peacock at 951-375-6736. You can also contact them at Girlscoutar1162@gmail.com. Parents and caregivers are invited too. Get more information at www.girlscoutdiamonds.org till interested in being a member.

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## Melvin Rauls focuses on honesty, integrity

By: Kristie Nall  
graphics3@monticellonews.net

Melvin Rauls, owner of Rauls Landscaping, Housepainting and Yardwork, has been around awhile. His business started out in 1996 in the Pine Bluff area, but he's since moved to the Monticello area (around 2000). The business has two employees, Melvin and Aaron Rauls.

Mr. Rauls' business philosophy is short but sweet: "A job done is a job well done."

He attributes his company's success to 'staying with it.' When life is sour or when life gives Mr. Rauls lemons he 'makes lemonade.'

Melvin says that the greatest obstacle he's had to overcome to make his business a success is not giving up and staying focused when money is low or business is slow.

Mr. Rauls hopes to see his business grow in the future. In the next year, five years or ten years, he wants to go from a small



Photo by Annette Buzzell/Advance

**HERE TO SERVE YOU** Melvin Rauls and wife Tracy are pictured above.

business to a large business covering the whole state. Melvin has a bit of advice for someone interested in starting their own business. He says, "Don't give up. Keep the business dream alive."

We asked why customers should do business with Rauls

Landscaping, Housepainting and Yardwork, to which he said, "Honesty, integrity, compatible business rates and customer satisfaction."

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