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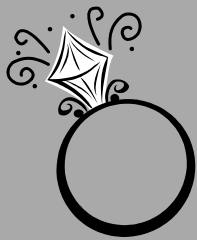
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Congratulations

*Casey and Liz on
their engagement*

Also -

*Joey and Julie on
their engagement*

Batesburg-Leesville Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On November 1, 2007, Midlands Technical College and the town of Batesburg-Leesville and other town officials came together for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to open the new Education Center. The 8,025 sq ft, \$1.35 million facility is located on the corner of College and Main



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The facility in Batesburg-Leesville allows the college to honor its mission to provide accessible, affordable, high quality post-secondary education that prepares a diverse student population to enter the job market.



Previously, the closest Midlands Technical College campus was the MTC Airport Campus 25 miles from town. A college presence in Batesburg-Leesville translates into financial viability and workforce development for the community.

Featured Employee: Frank Ayers

Frank has been with Monterey since November 6, 2006. Originally from Chicago, we believe Frank has adjusted to us Southerners fairly well. We still occasionally have to make sure he says car and not "ca." We still have to explain to him exactly what we mean when we say "y'all." Other than that he is well on his way of becoming a true Southern Gentleman. One of a kind!!! Frank is employed as one of



our much valued Estimators. He is very detailed in his work and does a fine job.

When he is not working, Frank enjoys spending time with his four grandchildren and two daughters. He also enjoys playing golf.

Next time "y'all" see Frank, let him know how glad we are to have him here with us at Monterey!!!



Am I a Fireman Yet??

In Phoenix Arizona a mother stared down at her 6 year old son who was dying of terminal leukemia.

Although her heart was filled with sadness she also had a strong feeling of determination. Like any parent, she wanted her son to grow up to fulfill all of his dreams. Now that was no longer possible. The leukemia would see to that but she still wanted her sons dream to come true.

She took her son's hand and asked, "Billy, did you ever think about what you wanted to be once you grew up? Did you ever dream and wish what you would do with your life?" "Mommy I always wanted to be a fireman when I grew up." Mom smiled back and said, "Lets see if we can make your wish come true."

Later that day she went to her local fire department in Phoenix, Arizona, where she met Fireman Bob, who had a heart as big as Phoenix. She explained her son's final wish and asked if it might be possible to give her son a ride around the block on a fire engine.

Fireman Bob said, "Look we can do better than that. If you'll have your son ready at seven o'clock Wednesday morning, we'll make him an honorary Fireman for the whole day. He can come down to the fire station, eat with us, go out on all the fire calls. The whole nine yards! And if you'll give us his sizes, we'll get a real fire uniform for him with a real fire hat, not a toy. One with the emblem of the Phoenix Fire Department on it and a yellow sticker like we wear and rubber boots.

They're all manufactured right here in Phonanix, so we can get them fast."

Three days later Fireman Bob picked up Billy, dressed him in his uniform and escorted him from his hospital bed to the waiting hook and ladder truck. Billy got to sit on the back of the truck and help steer it back to the fire station.

He was in Heaven!! There were three fire calls in phoenix that day and Billy got to go out on all three calls. He rode in the different fire engines, the paramedic's van and even the fire chief's car.

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A Day in the Mud!!!!

It was a busy Saturday morning on September 22, 2007, at McCrady Army National Guard Training Facility in Eastover, South Carolina. Folks from all over the state and beyond gathered for the event that brought them together. Some did stretches others tried their hand at pull ups. Others headed for the tent that housed orange slices, bananas and Gatorade. Some visited with other teams and with each other. While others went to sign up for the race and get branded with their team number.

It was a gathering amongst the brave, the fit and then not so fit. But all had the determination to succeed and pull together as a team. So it was with the Monterey Horny Toads. All met at the tent that Billy (Superintendent) and his wife Liz had placed for all of the Toads to meet.

They were divided in teams. Missy, Mickey, Casey, Eddie and Andrew on one team. Then there was Georgette, her husband Travis, Jerald, Billy and his son William on the other team. All prepared for the 4.2 miles of running, climbing, sliding and crawling. Some, such as Georgette and her husband did stretches together while

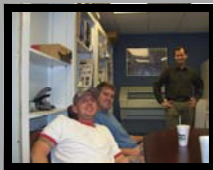
waiting at the start line, danced to one of Elvis's song that played over the loud speakers. Others did deep knee bends and loosened up their muscles as they waited their turn at the start line.

Monteray has participated in this event for the last two years. Every year this event is held at the McCrady Training Facility on Fort Jackson located near Columbia, South Carolina. The event benefits the Greater Marine Corps Foundation of South Carolina which is a non-profit organization. The funds raised at this event is used for community outreach programs such as scholarships for high school students in the area and financial assistance to the families of Marines that were killed or injured in combat.

We are happy to report that both Teams of the Monterey Horny Toads completed the course. All were extremely muddy.



OSHA TRAINING FOR MONTERAY EMPLOYEES



On October 5th some of Monterey employee's participated in an OSHA training Course given by Barry Loudermilk. It was an all day class which covered many of the do's and don'ts of Safety in the construction industries.

The class covered Hand and Power Tools, Fall Protection, Personal Protective Equipment, Electrical, Scaffolds, Stairways & Ladders, Motor Vehicles/

Equipment. The employees that attended were, Missy Cox, Georgette Nicholson, Gil Smoak, Billy Threatt, Andrew Lemmon, Casey Scott, Timothy Simons. All passed the test and will receive their OSHA Card.

Great Job to all who attended!!!



Relic Room Grand Opening

The Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum opened a new wing with an exhibit of artifacts from World War I. The Grand Opening was on November 9, 2007. It was a grand event with many in attendance to participate in the Ribbon Cutting ceremony. The renovations consisted of approximately 5,000 square feet which included the gift shop, reception area, offices and storage space within the Columbia Mills Building. The renovations consisted of a new HVAC system, lighting, World War I Trench, new display cases and a beautiful reception



desk built by Renaissance Designs. The new wing was built in the old cistern area of the mill. You can still see the watermarks on the walls. It gives an authentic feel to the display. Monterey Construction was the Contractor for this project and would like to thank CDA Architects who is located here in Columbia,

South Carolina and also Jose Suarez of the Budget and Control Board for the opportunity to work with them on this project.



Your Blue Print for the Future

Recently Monterey Construction was invited to attend the, "Your Blue Print for the Future." Which was held at Midlands Technical College at the Airport Campus in Columbia, South Carolina. Cat McCue, Marketing Coordinator and Georgette Nicholson, Project Coordinator represented us at the event.

During the event approximately 200 students, parents and teachers from local high



schools had the opportunity to discuss firsthand the many career opportunities in the construction field. They learned about the educational requirements, salaries, and skill requirements as well as other valuable information relating to the construction field.

We had the pleasure of meeting many interesting students and teachers. It was an honor to participate in this event.

ATTITUDES The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than success,

than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company, a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string, we have, and that is our attitude....I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our ATTITUDES.

Author of "Attitude" Chuck Swindoll

He was also videotaped for the local news program.

Having his dream come true, with all the love and attention that was lavished upon him so deeply touched Billy that he lived three months longer than any doctor thought possible. One night all of his vital signs began to drop dramatically and the head nurse, who believed in the hospice concept-that no one should die alone, began to call the family members to the hospital.

Then she remembered the day Billy had spent as a Fireman, so she called the Fire Chief and asked if it would be possible to send a fireman in uniform to the hospital to be with Billy as he made his transition.

The chief replied, "We can do better than that. We'll be there in five minutes. Will you please do me a favor? When you hear the sirens screaming and see the lights flashing, will you announce over the PA System that there is not a fire? It's the department coming to see one of its finest members one more time. And will you open the window to his room?"

About five minutes later a hook and ladder truck arrived at the hospital and extended its ladder up to Billy's third floor open window and 16 firefighters climbed up the ladder into Billy's room. With his mother's permission, they hugged him and held him and told him how much they loved him.

With his dying breath, Billy looked up at the fire chief and said, "Chief, am I really a fireman now?"

"Billy, you are, and the Head Chief, Jesus, is holding your hand," the Chief said.

With those words, Billy smiled and said, "I know, He's been holding my hand all day, and the angels have been singing..."

He closed his eyes one last time.

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