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**The Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission partners with the city of Monticello to promote unity, honor King legacy ahead of the Independence Day holiday**

**The Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission announces Unity in the Community Event in Monticello**

**Economic empowerment, community service at the forefront of 2022 Monticello Unity in the Community Festival hosted by the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission**

**Legendary Rhythm and Blues singers, pioneering hip-hop artist scheduled to perform live at event promoting unity, service, and Dr. King’s Beloved Community**

**LITTLE ROCK**-The mission of the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, a division of the Arkansas Department of Education, is to promote and preserve the life and legacy of Dr. King in our state; and to promote the principles of nonviolence and equality among all citizens. Our community outreach projects are designed to promote education, an appreciation for history, and to encourage youth to engage in positive leadership development and roles within their communities.

**The Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission invites the public to attend the 2022 Monticello “Unity in the Community Festival,” Friday, July 1, 2022, 12:00 PM, McCloy Park, 178 Henley Drive, Monticello, Arkansas 71655.** The goal of the festival is to mobilize, inform, and uplift everyday multigenerational citizens in a safe space to achieve new levels of economic empowerment, personal development, wealth creation, civic engagement, and community leadership. The Unity in the Community Festival will also promote unity, education, community service, arts, family, culture, and promoting the “Beloved Community” Dr. King mentioned his writings.

The event will be free and open to the public and will include free food at designated food vendors, community vendor showcase, live entertainment, kids' zone, and a homebuyers' workshop.

Highlights will include a special appearance and address from legendary R&B singer Eddie Levert, concerts by Steven Russell, former lead singer of TROOP, and Doug E Fresh, pioneering hip-hop artist. The Commission will also host "Human Beat Box" and "Teach Me How to Dougie" contests for the youth and the community.

"Dr. King once said, "the aftermath of nonviolence is the creation of the beloved community, says DuShun Scarbrough, Executive Director. In keeping with this vision, the Monticello Unity in the Community Festival will allow residents to come together to create unity, promote community service, and honor the legacy of Dr. King by providing workshops on financial literacy and home ownership. The "Unity in the Community Festival" honors the collaboration, passion and compassionate spirit that has served to raise up small communities. It is also important to host these events in the underserved, smaller towns across the state particularly the Delta. It has been great working with the city and the mayor with this project, I look forward to a continued partnership as we host this wonder celebration before the Independence Day holiday."

*The Unity in the Community Festival is an outdoor event. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.*

Program Partners: City of Monticello, Victory Over Violence, Union Bank, Power 92 Jams, The Praise Network, KOKY

For more information and to schedule interviews, contact the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission at 888-290-KING

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**FRI, JULY  
1, 2022**

**12:00 PM-  
5:00 PM**

# UNITY IN THE *Community*

FESTIVAL IN MONTICELLO, ARKANSAS

COME OUT AND JOIN US FOR THIS FREE EVENT

MCCLOY PARK, 178 HENLEY DRIVE, MONTICELLO, ARKANSAS 71655

'Youth Empowerment' 'Free Food' 'Free Admission' 'Live Music' 'Vendors

'Kids Zones' 'Home Ownership Workshops

The festival will mobilize, inform, and uplift the largest gathering of everyday multi-generational citizens in a safe space to achieve new levels of community, personal development, wealth creation, civic engagement & community leadership.

Also featuring "Beat Box" and "Teach Me How to Dougie" Contests

For more information contact DuShun Scarbrough 888-290-KING







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# UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

**MONTICELLO MCGLOY PARK**

1 JULY, 2022  
12 PM - 5 PM



**FEATURING**

**STEVEN RUSSELL, TROOP // EDDIE LEVERT // DOUG E FRESH**

FREE EVENT KIDS ZONE BEAT BOX CONTEST DOUGIE CONTEST  
LIVE MUSIC BRING LAWN CHAIRS HOME OWNERSHIP WORKSHOPS



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