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DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Business Improvement Grant - Funds Available Now!

Since 2013, ACDC's Business Improvement grant has assisted businesses across Atchison County as they invested in themselves to upgrade their infrastructure, enhance facades and parking areas, purchase new equipment, and more. Created to encourage growth and development of local businesses, the business improvement grant has been worth the investment!



- **118 different projects**
- **Over \$107,000 in county tax dollars reimbursed to businesses**
- **AT LEAST \$220,000 spent locally**

In 2018, ACDC is offering the Basic grant, which is a matching grant that will reimburse 50% of the cost of eligible improvements, up to a maximum of \$1,000. Applications are accepted now, VIA MAIL ONLY. Requests will be considered in the order they are received and will be awarded throughout the year until the \$10,000 that was designated for this year's program has been allotted.

Grant information is available on ACDC's website (www.atchisoncounty.org/grant) or you can contact the office (660-744-6562; acdc@atchisoncounty.org) and request to have it mailed or emailed to you.

Community Business Lunches

Each spring, ACDC hosts complimentary lunches around the county that provide updates on current projects.

Please join us

at any of the following locations!

Wednesdays, Noon-1 pm:

Rock Port: March 7 RP Country Club

Tarkio: March 14 AC Nutrition Center

Fairfax: March 21 Community Room



Please RSVP to ACDC (660-744-6562 or acdc@atchisoncounty.org) to let us know which lunch(es!) you plan to attend!

About ACDC

ACDC was organized in the 1970s as a volunteer board. Since 1995, ACDC's board and full-time staff have worked to improve the business climate in Atchison County. Today, ACDC staff provides support to community organizations and collaborates with county, regional and state groups to better our county.

The Mission of ACDC: to initiate, stimulate and facilitate opportunity in Atchison County through economic and community development.



The chief beauty about time is that you cannot waste it in advance. The next year, the next day, the next hour are lying ready for you, as perfect, as unspoiled, as if you had never wasted or misapplied a single moment in all your life. You can turn over a new leaf every hour if you choose.
Arnold Bennett



ACDC Membership - Thank You!

THANK YOU to the nearly 90 of you who have sent in your 2018 membership dues. We are able to carry out much of what we do because we are funded by a 1/4-cent sales tax, but your membership dues enable us to stretch those dollars even further. Your support helps us to

- ✓ assist AC youth in their pursuit of education that will enable them to be productive here,
- ✓ provide high school students with opportunities to connect with our local employers,
- ✓ assist businesses through our grant program and other resources,
- ✓ encourage our citizens to celebrate what we have, and
- ✓ support worthwhile community efforts.

Your membership support is an encouragement to us. We appreciate your partnership!

Great Northwest Day 2018 Recap



More than 300 northwest Missouri residents gathered in Jefferson City February 6-7 to showcase our region at Great Northwest Day at the Capitol 2018. Nineteen counties came together to share concerns on regional issues, including rural broadband, 911 funding, transportation/infrastructure, and education.

Throughout the event, attendees learned about the economic impact of tourism in Missouri (MO Dept. of Tourism), a statewide rural resource website (MO Dept. of Economic Development), and prevailing wage legislation. Northwest Missouri native, author and American Countryside radio host Andrew McCrea provided the keynote speech on day two of the event.

The Tuesday evening Mardi Gras event, designed to educate attendees about northwest Missouri, hosted 9 Senators and 88 Representatives from across Missouri

and over 100 staffers and state office staff from over 25 departments.

Atchison County's booth showcased several pride points, including our robust wind industry (Rock Creek Wind Farm), 14 new businesses in 2017 (including MDT Woodworks and Dusty Trail), and national recognition (Rock Port Elementary and CH-F's Senior Life Solutions). Attending from Atchison County were Crystal Woodring, Carol Clark, WC Farmer, Curt Livengood, Kevin Dechant, Duane Klute, Craig Heits, Larry Lauman and Monica Bailey.



WC Farmer, Sen. Dan Hegeman, Carol Clark, Monica Bailey, Crystal Woodring, and Rep. Allen Andrews.

Job Shadowing for AC Juniors & Seniors

ACDC is on a never-ending quest to show kids (and their parents!) that it is possible to make a GOOD life here. Time and time again we hear, "there aren't any jobs here." That all depends on what type of jobs you envision, and what your top priority is (place vs. vocation). If we look at the 300+ businesses in the county, we see everything from companies that employ over 50 people to sole proprietorships. We have positions that require a high school education and positions that require advanced degrees. We have many successful businesses, where the owner will be retiring in the near future, leaving tremendous opportunity in his or her wake. A bright future exists here, and at ACDC, we work diligently to prove it.

Each spring we offer opportunities for AC students to explore careers in the county. Working closely with our high school counselors and businesses, we strive to best match students with job shadowing experiences that will benefit them as they consider their future plans.

- AC Juniors will have the opportunity to choose from a list of local careers and will spend time at a business on Wednesday, March 28.
- AC Seniors will work with a business that aligns with their post-secondary plans to job shadow in April.

A huge thank you to those of you who will be hosting our amazing students and giving them your time, attention and guidance. Thank you most of all for showing them that Atchison County is a place where they can be successful in all aspects of their lives.



Thoughts from your ACDC Director...

Our youth programs focus primarily on career exploration, but we also want them to understand their role in creating or sustaining vibrant, attractive towns. Adults are often involved in their communities because either their parents modeled leadership and volunteerism, or they experienced it themselves early on.

ACDC's new #MakeACBeautiful grant program is one way for us to plant seeds of community involvement. It is our hope that, given the opportunity, the invitation, and some funding, youth will become aware of their community, see areas for improvement, and (most importantly) experience what it is like to make an impact in their corner of the world.

AC Adults - please actively support our kids on these kinds of projects. When you do, you will become one of the reasons they grow up believing that #ACisAwesome!

~Monica

New Grant for AC Youth: #MakeACBeautiful

In order to engage young people and create an opportunity for them to make a visual impact in AC, we have created a community beautification grant just for them!

Grant projects will:

- * Be planned / completed by youth. **Ages 10-17 yrs old (5th-11th grade) may apply.**
- * Connect youth with their peers and create an opportunity for leadership. **Each team will have a minimum of 3 students, one of whom will be designated Lead.**
- * Connect youth with adults. **Each group will have an adult partner (parent, teacher, any community leader).**
- * Beautify an area not on school grounds. **Project examples include: landscaping (cleanup of a lot, planting flowers/trees); art (mural on a building, paintings on crosswalks); something new (recreation, additional park features, landmark).**

Funding:

- * ACDC will fund a project in each school district area in AC, for **a total of 3 grants.**
- * **A minimum of \$500** will be awarded per grant project.
- * **Must use local stores/services** unless the local option is 25% more expensive.

Dates & Deadlines:

Grant guidelines and info available:

APPLICATIONS DUE:

Grant award winners will be notified by:

Projects must be completed by:

April 1, 2018

September 1, 2018

October 1, 2018

July 30, 2019

ACDC Board & Staff

Directors:

- * Lori Seymour, Pres.
- * Craig Corken, V. Pres.
- * Bob Alldredge, Treas.
- * Eryn Stepp, Sec.
- * W.C. Farmer
- * Lydia Hurst
- * Roger A. Martin
- * Jeff Meyer
- * Scott Melvin

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Suggestions?
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Upcoming Events

- March 23: AC Battle of the Books (Tarkio Resource Center)
- March 24: CH-F's Celebrity Waiter Dinner
- March 27: Women in Ag (see below)
- April 9: Tarkio Community Betterment Banquet (Tarkio Comm Bldg)

ACDC will be closed on the following holidays:

- ◆ Friday, March 30: Good Friday
- ◆ Tuesday, May 8: Truman Day
- ◆ Monday, May 28: Memorial Day

For more events, please visit our calendar at atchisoncounty.org/events!

Event Highlight...

Women in Ag Event: Tuesday, March 27, Velma Houts Building



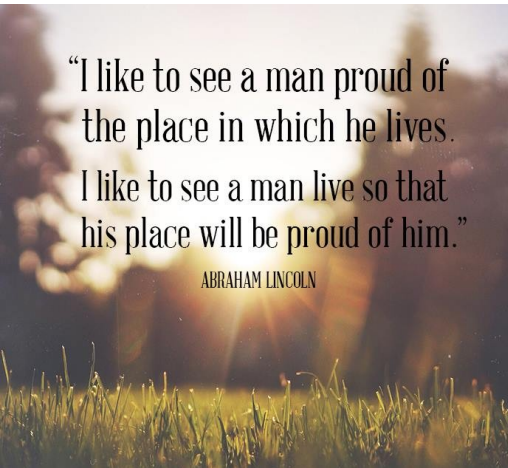
- 5:00 Registration & Visit with Local Vendors
- 6:00 "Smart Snacks for Busy People" (Sarah Wood, MU Ext. registered dietitian)
- 6:45 Flower Planters (Hurst Greenery)
- 7:30 "Healthy Meals-in-the-field and On-the go" (Sarah Wood)

\$5 tickets can be purchased in advance at the AC USDA Service Center (RP), Flower Mill (T), Farmers State Bank (F) and EM's Emporium (RP)

Hosted by Atchison County FSA, SWCD, NRCS and MU Extension

Coming up in our next newsletter: Summer Fun in AC

If you're hosting a community event this summer, please contact us with details so we can include it in our promotion of AC events. Our next newsletter will include dates for the Doug Summa Memorial Car Show, Tarkio Rodeo, Westboro Wildcat Days, Atchison County Fair and Parade, Fairfax Fair, Fourth of July festivities and more.

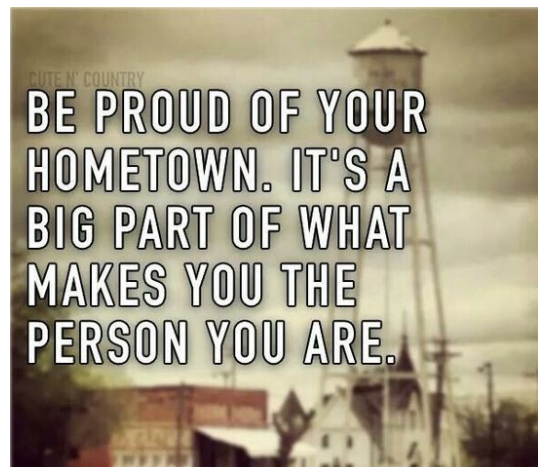


- * When you see someone exemplifying why you love this place, give him or her a shout out on social media.
- * Be the guy that calls attention to effort, involvement, and excellence.

Good begets good. When you celebrate the big and small ways #ACisAwesome, you inspire others to do the same.

Are you proud of your home? SHARE IT!

- * Write a Google or Facebook review when you have a good experience with an AC business, and tell your friends.
- * Next time you're having coffee or chatting with pals, talk about something in town that's going well.



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