



# ATCHISON COUNTY

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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ACDC offers a number of workforce programs that connect students with opportunities in their county, such as the Youth Professionalism Workshop, job shadowing days, and Careers on Wheels. In addition to local career awareness and education, we also know that leadership and volunteerism must be cultivated. When young people create something tangible and see that their work has made an impact in their backyard, it matters. Those experiences show them that they can make a difference in their community.

To that end, we have created #MakeACBeautiful, a grant program just for youth. A grant of at least \$500 will be awarded to a beautification project in each of the three school district areas.

Applications will be due August 31, 2018, with winners announced shortly thereafter. Projects must be completed by July 31, 2019. Please contact us via email ([acdc@atchisoncounty.org](mailto:acdc@atchisoncounty.org)) or on social media, and we'll send an application packet your way!

### Grant projects will:

- Be planned and carried out by youth. **Youth 10-17 yrs old (5th-11th grade) may apply.**
- Connect youth with their peers and create an opportunity for leadership. **Each team will have at least 3 students; one will be designated Lead student.**
- Connect youth with adults. **Each group will have an adult partner (community leader/parent/teacher).**
- Beautify an area **not** on school grounds. **Project examples might include:**  
Landscaping (cleanup of a rundown lot, planting flowers or trees)  
Art (mural on the side of a building, paintings on crosswalks)  
Something new (recreation, additional park features, landmark)

What you do makes a difference, and  
you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.

Jane Goodall

## The Mission of ACDC...

*to initiate, stimulate and facilitate opportunity in Atchison County through economic and community development.*



"May the foundation of our new constitution, be justice, Truth and Righteousness. Like the wise Mans house may it be founded upon those Rocks and then neither storms or tempests will overthrow it."

From  
Abigail Adams,  
to John.  
Boston  
July 13, 1776



## Job Shadowing 2018 THANK YOU, BUSINESSES!

One of ACDC's long range economic development strategies is connecting students with adults that choose to live in Atchison County. For students (our future workforce), these interactions create both a stronger sense of place and a connection to adults that can help them establish careers here.

For businesses, these contacts can lead to valuable employees. This year, ACDC coordinated the Junior job shadowing experience (photos in this article), and Seniors initiated contact with businesses themselves (with assistance from their awesome counselors).

**THANK YOU** to everyone that hosted Juniors (and others that offered): A Perfect 10, Advanced Pork, AC Mail, AC Sheriff's Office, AC Veterinary Clinic, Atch-Holt Ambulance District, Burke & Sons, Comm. Hospital-Fairfax, Ella&Grey, Fairfax School, Flower Mill, Fuzzy's Harvesting Repair, Hurst Greenery, Little Jays Preschool, Livengood & Assoc., MDT Woodworks, Meek & Sons, Meyerkorth Aviation, Midwest Data, MWD Smart Store, Minter Funeral Chapel, Murf's Auto Supply, Rock Creek Wind Farm/Vestas, Rogers Pharmacy, True 2 You Autobody & Repair, and The Walnut Shop.



## Atchison County: Certified Work Ready Community



Atchison County, in cooperation with Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments, recently achieved ACT's Certified Work Ready Community designation. This state-coordinated initiative aligns workforce training programs with economic development needs of communities, helps hiring managers match applicants to jobs based on skill level, and can strengthen the workforce. From a recruitment perspective, this designation underscores Atchison County's commitment to workforce development.

As a part of this certification process, several AC businesses have committed to recognizing ACT's National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) during the hiring process, which measures workplace skills such as math, reading, and locating information. Participating employers include Atchison County, Community Hospital-Fairfax and Midwest Data Center.

## Business Improvement Grant Update

As of May 1, ALL FUNDS for the 2018 Business Improvement Grant have been awarded. Congratulations to this year's awardees. Stay tuned for 2019 grant program details!



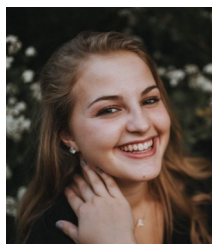
## ACDC Scholarship Recipients

ACDC's scholarship program assists Atchison County graduates with any post-secondary training and education programs that can help them create a life here. ACDC offers a \$1,000 award in two categories, for a total of two scholarships per school: career/technical training (Keevan, Lauren, Gretchen) and 4-year degree programs (Catyn, Isabella, Tacy). ACDC is proud to honor this year's scholarship recipients, and we congratulate all our applicants on their hard work and achievements during their education in Atchison County.



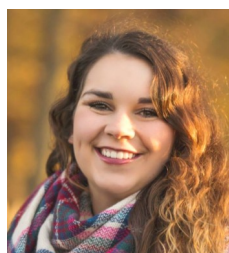
**Keevan Baker**, Fairfax, son of Randy Lee Baker and Kerry Baker, plans to major in HVAC Tech at Iowa Western Community College. "My education path will take one year to finish, which will make it faster for me to start helping others. I want to do as much as possible in my community after college."

**Catyn Chamberlain**, Rock Port, daughter of Chris Chamberlain and Lesli Fila, plans to major in Psychology at Northwest Missouri State University, in order to become a Child Life Specialist. "This profession will give me the opportunity to contribute to Atchison County by helping the community and the citizens when they are going through a hard time."



**Isabella Hurst**, Tarkio, daughter of Brooks and Lydia Hurst, plans to major in Animal Science at University of Missouri-Columbia and become a veterinarian. "I want to move back to Atchison County and hopefully work under Dr. Walter. Helping animals is also helping their owners, and that is so rewarding."

**Tacy Mitchell**, Fairfax, daughter of Tony and Lisa Mitchell, plans to major in Occupational Therapy at Missouri State University and eventually work at Community Hospital-Fairfax. "Atchison County is filled with extraordinary people who accomplish so much because of the sense of community that every individual has."



**Lauren Quimby**, Westboro, daughter of James and Trisha Quimby, plans to major in Nursing at NCMC and work at Community Hospital-Fairfax. "I want to make the community a better place by giving patients the compassion and care that they deserve. Working in a rural community is so fulfilling because you are giving back to the people that you know and love."

**Gretchen Tharp**, Rock Port, daughter of Brian and Shannon Tharp, plans to pursue an AA at North Central Community College and then a degree in Speech/Language Pathology at UM-Kansas City. "I want to help provide rehabilitation services to people in and around our local community. I love working with the elderly in the field of health care and rehabilitation services."



## Thoughts from your ACDC Director...

### A Day in the Life of an AC Mom

- 6:35 "Mom! Moooooom! Aren't I going to get any breakfast!?" (Here we go.)
- 7:55 Drop maniac off at Summer School. (Hallelujah chorus! Yay for all the school people!) Coffee, work stuff, coffee.
- Noon Pick up happy kid. Lunch.
- 1:00 Take kid to Mammaw's. (Yay Mammaws!) Work stuff.
- 3:30 Pick up maniac, PUMPED for his t-ball game, announces every 15 minutes that it's time to go. (Game starts at 7.) Multitask work.
- 5:15 Dinner. Listen to how he is going to win the game. (Try not to roll eyes since most of the time he smacktalks more than he catches the ball.) Remind him to focus, listen, do his best, have fun. (Yay for coaches who keep teaching despite all the things.)
- 6:40 Search for parking place at ball field. (872 parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles teachers, and friends are already there. Awesome.)
- 7:00 Watch him spit water in the dugout, start a cheer for his pal at bat, goof around in the outfield, hit the ball twice, take an excellent defensive stance. Listen to everyone cheer for every kid. (Love this place and these people!)
- 8:15 Order ice cream at Dairy Diner. (Perfect timing; 7 other vehicles just showed up.)
- 8:45 Drive past cars lining both sides of RP Main Street. (Yay for live theatre in our little corner of the world!)
- 9:15 Content, clean maniac jumps into his bed. (Thank you God for picking me for this job. And also, thank you for bedtime.)

~Monica



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## SUMMER FUN IN AC!

If you want something to do this summer, look no further than your own backyard!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

## June:

- \* **8-9: Tarkio Rodeo.** Opening Ceremonies Fri, Mutton Bustin' Fri-Sat, parade Sat.
- \* **9: Doug Summa Memorial Car Show.** Niedermeyer Park, Tarkio.
- \* **8-17: Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*.** Liberty Theatre, Rock Port.
- \* **22-24: Tarkio College Homecoming Weekend.** <http://tarkioalumni.org>
- \* **23: Doug Summa Memorial Park 5K & Kids Fun Run.** Tarkio. Pre-register at City Hall.
- \* **23: Fairfax Market on Main,** 9a-4p.
- \* **30: Memorial Youth Golf Classic.** RP Country Club.

## July:

- \* **4: Rock Port 4th of July Fireworks.** City Park.
- \* **9-14: Missoula Children's Theatre, "Knights of the Round Table,"** Tarkio School.
- \* **16-22: Atchison County Fair,** Fairgrounds, Rock Port. Sat: Parade, Family Fun Day, Tractor Cruise.
- \* **20-22: Westboro Wildcat Days.** Softball tournament, dance Saturday night.

## August:

- \* **4: Outdoor Triathlon.** NW Missouri Sportsman's Club, Rock Port.
- \* **9: Back to School Fair.** Tarkio Comm. Bldg.
- \* **10-12: Fairfax Fair,** Parade Saturday.
- \* **24-25: CH-F Golf Benefit Classic,** Rock Port.
- \* **28: Graves-Chapple Research Farm Field Day**

## RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

**Bowling:** River Rock Lanes

**Get Outside:** Visit MO Dept of Conservation  
<https://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places> (search Atchison Co.)

**Golf Courses:** Rock Port Country Club / Tarkio Golf Club

**Parks:** Fairfax / Rock Port / Tarkio (Doug Summa Memorial Park, Niedermeyer Park) / Watson / Westboro

**Ball Fields:** Fairfax / Rock Port / Tarkio

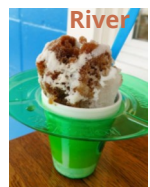
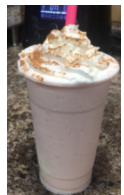
**Pools:** Rock Port Pool / Tarkio Pool

For locations and additional details, visit  
[atchisoncounty.org/recreation](http://atchisoncounty.org/recreation)

ACDC's  
Summertime Sweet Treats  
BUCKET LIST!

#ShopAC never tasted so good.

- ☐ **Banana split;** Dairy Diner (F)
- ☐ **Big Bopper ice cream sandwich;** The Wood's Shed (RP)
- ☐ **Brown sugar bourbon handcrafted ice cream;** Dusty Trail (RP)
- ☐ **Bubble gum Goodrich ice cream;** Subway (T)
- ☐ **Cherry slushie;** Casey's (T)
- ☐ **Cookies & Cream f'real milkshake;** Torrey Pines (T)
- ☐ **Cotton Candy Dippin Dots;** Trails End (RP)
- ☐ **Cupcake shake;** EM's Emporium (RP)
- ☐ **Dr. Pepper;** Pizza Hut (T)
- ☐ **Lemonade;** Mule Barn Café (T)
- ☐ **Magnum ice cream bar;** Dominator Fuels (RP)
- ☐ **Mudslide (Hawaiian style);** Tropical Sno Midwest (RP)
- ☐ **Oreo McFlurry;** McDonalds (RP)
- ☐ **Oreo mud pie;** River Rock Lanes (RP)
- ☐ **Strawberry sundae;** KJ's Café (Westboro)
- ☐ **Strawberry pie;** Daybreak Café (F)
- ☐ **Twist ice cream cone;** Casey's (RP)



## Instructions for your bucket list adventure:

- \* Pace yourself, people. It's a marathon, not a sprint.
- \* Swim laps in the pool between treats.
- \* Tag us ([#ACisAwesome](#)) in pics of your excellent AC summertime treats, and while you're at it, follow us on Instagram ([@atchisoncountydevelopment](#))!