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ACDC'S ANNUAL MEETING • WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12, 6-8PM
VELMA HOUTS BUILDING, ROCK PORT

6P - MINGLE & MEET NEW BUSINESSES

6:30P - COMPLIMENTARY MEAL BY HOLY SMOKES BBQ
AND DESSERT BY DUSTY TRAIL

7P-AC PRIDE POINTS: NEW/EXPANDING BUSINESSES,
NOTABLE PROJECTS, AC GRAD STORIES, ACDC UPDATE

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Atchison County: Certified Work Ready Community

In May, 2018, Atchison County was designated as a Certified Work Ready Community (CWRC). In honor of this achievement, a ceremony was held at the Atchison County Courthouse on August 9. Certification is based on local individuals earning a National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) and employers recognizing the NCRC during their hiring process. The NCRC is a portable, industry-recognized credential that identifies an individual's skills in workplace documents, applied math and graphic literacy.

Earning a CWRC designation is one way to show that Atchison County employers are committed to hiring the best and brightest, and that Atchison County is proactive in the creation of a dynamic workforce.

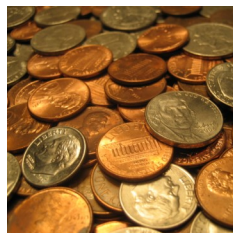
Three Atchison County employers have signed on in support of CWRC: Community Hospital-Fairfax, Midwest Data, and Atchison County. Business that are interested in being a part of this program or individuals who would like to obtain an NCRC can contact Monica at ACDC or go directly to the website (<https://www.workreadycommunities.org/MO/005>).



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.



Every time you spend money, you're casting a vote for the kind of world you want.

Anna Lappe



Statewide Initiatives: Economic + Workforce Development

Several statewide organizations (Hawthorn Foundation, Missouri Department of Economic Development, the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Missouri Development Finance Board) are partnering on two initiatives that will transform Missouri into a top state for economic and workforce development.



Best in Midwest will transform the Department of Economic Development into the top economic development agency in the Midwest. This initiative will create a new strategy for economic development. It will focus on helping businesses grow and create jobs and helping workers access training and acquire skills to find employment. Addressing this need will require DED to review its programs and structure, ensuring alignment with businesses' needs.

Talent for Tomorrow will fundamentally reset Missouri's approach to meeting the state's workforce needs, across K-12, higher education, and into the labor market. The final product will include an assessment of the current workforce and how well it matches needs, deep dives into target economic sectors, economic scenario analysis, identification of pilot projects, and recommendations for an overall workforce strategy.

To learn more about these initiatives, visit <https://www.bestinmidwest.com/>

Leadership Northwest Missouri

Leadership Northwest Missouri (LNWMO) is a program for community leaders interested in learning more about our region and enhancing leadership skills. Participants representing 19 counties meet one day a month for six months throughout the region for high-quality leadership training and excellent networking opportunities. Please contact ACDC (or any of the LNW alumni) for information on this program, including scholarship opportunities. Completed **Class of 2019** applications must be delivered or postmarked by **November 1, 2018**. To apply, visit leadershipnorthwestmissouri.org



ACDC Youth+Career Programs: Fall 2018

CAREER

LIFE

ACDC focuses most diligently on a couple of things: helping our businesses continue and grow, and communicating to our youth the abundant opportunities available to them here in AC. These two objectives come together in our Youth+Career programs, where we connect young people with business leaders in their communities. We want

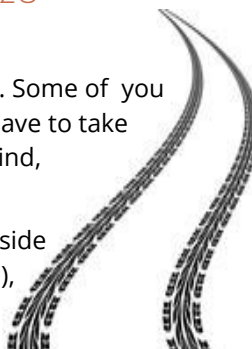
youth to know what possibilities exist for them here, and we want businesses to interact with individuals who can become tremendous assets to them in the coming years. We are grateful to both our schools and our business community, who value these programs and work with us to make them happen!

Careers on Wheels, September 28

If you're an AC Freshman, this is the event for you.

Some of you have already been considering your career path. Some of you may be realizing that you have less than 4 years before you have to take a step in some direction - straight to work, training of some kind, college? We want to help show you what's available HERE.

At this event, we'll show you career possibilities that exist outside of an office ("on wheels"). On September 28 (rain date: Oct. 5), we'll see you at the Rock Port City Park.



Career Pathways; what's available in AC?

AC Sophomores, we're coming to see you at your schools!

On October 17, you'll travel to St. Joseph with your schools to attend My Success, where you'll see examples of regional careers available in the following career pathways: Arts and Communications; Business, Management, Marketing and Technology; Engineering, Manufacturing and Industrial Technology; Health Sciences; Human Services; and Science, Natural Resources, and Agri-Sciences. Soon after, Monica Bailey and a community business leader or two will come visit with you to talk about what careers in those areas are available in AC.

Dear Universe:

I Missed the
"How to be
an Adult 101"
Classes.

Send help.
And my Mom.

Youth Professionalism Workshop, November 19

← AC Juniors, don't let this be you.

Spend the Monday of Thanksgiving week with us. Learn some tips and tools on how to be (and how not to be!) a respectable, professional adult, and how to have a respectable, professional future from some outstanding community leaders who have (mostly :) figured this out.

It will be worth your time, we promise. Thanks in advance for giving us your thoughtful attention.

Thoughts from your ACDC Director...

Our newsletter is one way we communicate to you how we're investing our (your!) resources. I've read Anna Lappe's quote (p. 2) several times, but it resonated with me as I considered what we're up to these days. (I may have even referenced it before; my apologies if this sentiment is a rerun!)

Here's an interesting exercise, if you feel like chewing on that quote a bit. Replace the word "money" with the following:

- * energy
- * time

Think about how you spend these finite resources in your life.

Now replace "world" with these words:

- * county
- * community

We want Atchison County to be a place people love to call home. Every moment we spend listening to people, building programs that can help businesses start and grow, sharing opportunities with youth, and celebrating all the ways #ACisAwesome is how we cast our vote.

How about you? Are you using your resources (time, energy, money, talents, gifts) to "vote" for the kind of county you want?

~Monica

ACDC Board & Staff

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Want to learn more about what we do or suggest how we can do better? Talk to us!

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Upcoming Events

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| Sept 8: Tarkio Friendship Day (Ball Field) | Sept 28: Careers on Wheels - AC Freshmen (rain date: Oct 13) |
| Sept 8: Westboro Fall Festival (City Park) | Oct 27: Quilt Show & Vendor Market (RPHS) |
| Sept 12: ACDC's Annual Meeting (Velma Houts building) | Nov 6: Election Day |
| Sept 15: Old Fashioned Saturday Night (downtown RP) | Nov 16: #ShopAC |
| | Nov 20: Youth Professionalism Workshop - AC Juniors (Tarkio Resource Center) |

ACDC will be closed in observation of the following holidays:

Columbus Day (October 9) • Veterans Day (November 11) • Thanksgiving (November 23-24)

A GRATEFUL NATION THANKS YOU, VETERANS.
You are our superheroes.



#ShopAC: Thursday, November 15



Mark your calendars, shoppers and AC supporters!

We're working with local businesses on our annual, purposeful, countywide opportunity to Think AC First.

On Thursday, November 15, participating AC merchants will stay open till 8 p.m.

Drawings, treats, deals, visits with neighbors and friends - just a few perks of our #ShopAC event!

"Be honest about who you are supporting with your spending. If the goal is for money to flow back into the local economy, we must commit to choosing wisely. Driving an hour out of town, shopping at a chain store or online do nothing for the community in which we live." (Live Local USA) Our county has so much to offer, including businesses that work hard to serve you. Please take advantage of our #ShopAC event. Get into the gift-giving spirit and support AC businesses! Follow us on Facebook/Instagram (@atchisoncountydevelopment) and read Atchison County Mail for details later this fall.



Photo: @StreetsvilleBIA

Ready for your annual reminder to check your local stores BEFORE heading out of town or online for Christmas gifts? Here it is...

#ThinkACFirst
#ShopAC
#YouCanDolt
#WeBelieveInYou



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