



# ATCHISON COUNTY

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 by upgrading their infrastructure, enhancing facades and parking areas, purchasing new equipment, and more. Created to encourage growth and development of local businesses, the business improvement grant has been worth the investment!

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## 2020 Business Improvement Grant Program

### Numbers to date...

- 130 different projects
- Over \$115,000 in county tax dollars reimbursed to businesses
- AT LEAST \$240,000 spent locally

In 2020, 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 designated for this year's program has been allotted.

Grant information is available on ACDC's website ([www.atchisoncounty.org/grant](http://www.atchisoncounty.org/grant)) or you can contact the office (660-744-6562; [acdc@atchisoncounty.org](mailto: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 11** RP Country Club

**Tarkio: March 18** AC Nutrition Center

**Fairfax: March 25** Community Room



**Please RSVP** ([acdc@atchisoncounty.org](mailto:acdc@atchisoncounty.org) or 660-744-6562)  
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.***

## ACDC Membership - Thank You!

THANK YOU to the nearly 110 of you who have sent in your 2020 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!



*Like tiny seeds  
with potent  
power to  
push through  
tough ground  
and become  
mighty trees,  
we hold  
innate  
reserves of  
unimaginable  
strength.  
We are  
resilient.*

Catherine  
DeVrye

## Great Northwest Day 2020 Recap



More than 300 northwest Missouri residents gathered in Jefferson City in early February to showcase our 19-county region and share our collective concerns at Great Northwest Day at the Capitol.

Throughout the event, attendees heard from Governor Parson, broadband providers in our region (including AC's own Michael Goins), MU Extension's Sarah Low (Rural Entrepreneurship), and Department of Higher Education Commissioner Zora Mulligan.

The Tuesday evening luau event, designed to educate attendees about northwest Missouri, gave legislators from across Missouri and staff from dozens of departments the opportunity to learn about communities of the Great Northwest.

Atchison County's booth (winner of the 2020 Booth Contest!) showed that despite the Flood of 2019, we are "Staying Alive" with all kinds of good things happening! Atchison County attendees were Crystal Woodring, Ashlee Driskell, Carol Clark, Susette Taylor, Tim Taylor, Michael Goins, Sheridan Mires, Kevin Dechant, Duane Klute, Hugh Wallace, Larry Lauman, Craig Heits and Monica Bailey.



Rep. Allen Andrews, Carol Clark (ACDC), Ashlee Driskell (CH-F), Crystal Woodring (NMLC), Sen. Dan Hegeman, Monica Bailey (ACDC), Sheridan Mires (Tarkio Tech), Atchison County Clerk Susette Taylor

## Job Shadowing for AC Juniors & Seniors

ACDC is on a mission to show kids (and their parents!) that it is possible to make a GOOD life here. We often hear that "there aren't any jobs here," but that all depends on the type of jobs you envision and your top priority in life (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 Thursday, April 2
- AC Seniors will work with a business that aligns with their post-secondary plans to job shadow in April.

We are grateful to those of you who will be hosting our 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...

As I write this, I am surrounded by boxes and empty shelves. Raise your hand if you love moving! Anyone? No? The chaos of moving is wholly unfun for those of us who enjoy knowing things like the location of our pens. However, it does provide the unique opportunity to examine the contents of one's life.

One of the benefits of GNW Day is the annual opportunity to examine the "contents" of our county. Who are we? What have we survived and how are we succeeding? Our theme/message this year was that in spite of recent / potential flooding, we are "staying alive" in all kinds of ways.

Our kids are taking on community beautification projects, our local tech school is up and running and working diligently to grow, new businesses have opened, and existing businesses are expanding into bigger locations.

It's evident to me that external forces can't overpower the most important contents of our county: the resilient, proud, hard-working people who call this place home.

~Monica

## Youth Community Beautification Grant: #MakeACBeautiful

Six #MakeACBeautiful grant projects are in the works and will be completed this summer. In case you want to start planning for next year, here are the details!

### Dates and deadlines for the 2020-2021 grant cycle:

Grant guidelines and info available: **April 1, 2020**  
 APPLICATIONS DUE: **August 31, 2020**  
 Grant award winners will be notified: **September 2020 - ACDC Annual Meeting**  
 Projects must be completed by: **July 31, 2020**

## Tarkio Tech Scholarship

ACDC has long supported graduating high school seniors with scholarships for traditional post-graduate education. Several years ago, we added a career/trade scholarship for seniors. However, we recognize that non-traditional students in our county may also want to establish or further their careers by pursuing additional education. How fortunate we are to have several diploma and certificate options available right here in Atchison County!

### TARKIO TECH



ACDC is now offering a **\$500 Tarkio Tech scholarship** for individuals who are pursuing a diploma or certificate program and intend to live in AC. In 2020, we will award four \$500 scholarships (\$2,000 total), with applications to be considered/awarded in the order they are received on a first come first-served basis.

If you have questions or would like an application, please contact us at [acdc@atchisoncounty.org](mailto:acdc@atchisoncounty.org) or 660-744-6562.



## ACDC Board & Staff

### Directors:

- \* Lori Seymour, President
- \* Craig Corken, Vice President
- \* Bob Alldredge, Treasurer
- \* Eryn Stepp, Secretary
- \* W.C. Farmer
- \* Lydia Hurst
- \* Roger A. Martin
- \* Jeff Meyer
- \* Scott Melvin

### Staff:

- \* Monica M. Bailey, Executive Director
- \* Carol Clark, Administrative Assistant

## Upcoming Events

March 14: CH-F Celebrity Waiter Dinner  
March 20: AC Battle of the Books  
(Tarkio Resource Center)  
March 24: Women in Agriculture:  
Atchison County (Velma Houts)

ACDC will be closed on the following holidays:

- ◆ Friday, April 10: Good Friday
- ◆ Friday, May 8: Truman Day
- ◆ Monday, May 25: Memorial Day

## Coming up in our next newsletter: Summer Fun in AC

If you're hosting a community event this summer, contact us with details and we'll be glad to include it in our list 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.



## Have a rental available?

During the construction of the Outlaw Wind Project, we'll have hundreds of workers in the area. If we do not have your rental on our list, please contact so we can be sure our visitors know what's available for lodging in our county!



Floods may come and  
floods may go.

Regardless...  
we persevere.  
We pull ourselves up.  
We help our neighbors.  
We risk and create and grow.  
We support our  
businesses and schools.  
No matter what comes  
our way...we persevere.  
We are stayin' alive!

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

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## We've moved... 120 feet north!

Please note our new office address:  
**321 S. Main St.,** Rock Port

Though we're often out and about, attending meetings and visiting, we try to keep regular office hours of 9am-3pm Monday-Friday.

You can visit us (and find tons of information!) online anytime ([www.atchisoncounty.org](http://www.atchisoncounty.org)). We are also very responsive via email ([acdc@atchisoncounty.org](mailto:acdc@atchisoncounty.org)) and phone (660-744-6562). Let us know how we can help!

