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ACDC's 2022 Business Improvement Grant Program

Since 2013, ACDC's Business Improvement Grant has assisted with 148 different business improvement projects throughout our county. ACDC designed this program to encourage growth and development of existing Atchison County businesses, but we've also seen an infusion of over \$304,000 back into our local economy in the form of goods and services from Atchison County vendors. Since 2013, grant recipients have invested in themselves and leveraged nearly \$148,000 in ACDC grants (county sales tax dollars) to complete \$805,000 worth of much needed improvements.

In 2022, ACDC will once again offer funds through this reimbursed matching grant program on projects that will improve aesthetics, safety and/or function of existing businesses. Two grants are available.

- **BASIC:** grant will equal up to 50% of the cost of eligible improvements, maximum \$1,000. (If total project cost is \$1,200: ACDC's reimbursed grant is \$600 + business pays \$600. If total project cost is \$2,200: ACDC's grant is \$1,000 + business pays \$1,200.)
- **2.0:** grant will equal up to one-third of the cost of eligible improvements, maximum of \$2,500. (If total project cost is \$7,500+: ACDC's reimbursed grant is \$2,500 + business pays \$5,000+.)

ACDC could award up to \$20,000 in grants for the 2022 grant cycle, depending upon number of applications and project selection. All application paperwork (including eligibility requirements) will be available by January 3, 2022.

We will accept applications via mail only (P.O. Box 243, Rock Port, MO 64482) beginning February 1. Eligible projects must be approved prior to beginning work. Completed applications (including vendor bids and project estimates) will be considered in the order they are received (according to postmark). Applications will be accepted until all funds have been awarded. Contact ACDC for more information.

**Atchison County
Development
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**2022
Business
Improvement
Grant Program**

Attention Tarkio Property Owners: Tarkio Renewal has a grant for you!

In 2019, Tarkio Renewal established a grant program designed to encourage and assist with visible property improvement in Tarkio, with an overall goal of improving the aesthetic value of the community. In 2022, the Property Improvement Grant program will focus solely on exterior painting projects.

The Property Improvement Grant is a 50/50 matching grant program, which reimburses up to \$1,000 per project. Projects must be approved prior to beginning work. TR's grant applications will be available by January 3 (stop by the Avalanche or contact ACDC) and can be mailed to Tarkio Renewal (c/o ACDC, P.O. Box 243, Rock Port, MO 64482) after February 1. Applications will be date stamped upon receipt and considered at TR's regular monthly meetings.

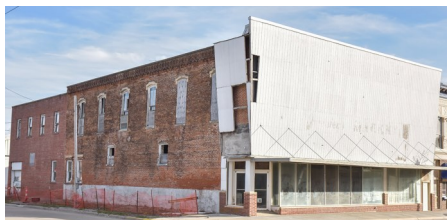
The Mission of ACDC:

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

Opportunity to Give: Restore Rock Port

Restore Rock Port (RRP) is a local 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose is to restore the aesthetics and character of the Rock Port community through rehabilitation projects. The goal is not to own property but provide the means to bring these places back to life. Members also hope to leverage volunteer assistance on clean-up projects throughout the Rock Port community, both business and residential.

RRP has a property that is a good starting point – the former Greenley's/Jack and Jill market located at 301 S. Main. RRP would prefer to rehabilitate buildings and extend their life and use. However, due to the condition of the building and the danger it poses to the community, the best option is to tear it down in order to provide a clean slate and fresh start for the lot.



In December, RRP received a generous donation which allowed them to acquire the building. They anticipate the cost of this project to be around \$45,000. This is where you can help! RRP is seeking financial support to help complete this project. Since RRP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, all donations are tax deductible.

For more information on how or where to give, please visit their website at www.RestoreRP.org or find them on Facebook.



ACDC Scholarship Applications: due FEBRUARY 28, 2022

ACDC's annual scholarship program was created to help outstanding AC graduates fund post-secondary education and training that can enable them to live, work and create a life here. ACDC offers a \$1,000 award to one student from each high school in each of the following categories, for a total of two scholarships per school:

- community college or technical training program
- 4-year undergraduate degree

Applications are available in each high school counselor's office and are due to ACDC by 3pm on Monday, February 28.

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2021-2022 Youth Community Beautification Grant Projects

At our Annual Meeting in September, the following groups were awarded \$500 #MakeACBeautiful grants for the 2021-2022 school year:

- **Fairfax 6th Grade Guidance Class:** paint a mural in downtown Fairfax at 101 East Main Street.
- **Tarkio FCCLA:** paint a mural on the side of 1887 Bar & Grill in downtown Tarkio.



ACDC created the Youth Beautification Grant Program to engage young people in the beautification of Atchison County. Projects are planned and carried out by groups of at least 3 young people aged 10-17 and must beautify an area not located on school grounds. While this program is structured around the school year, it is not restricted to any specific school or community group. ACDC intends to fund a project in each school district area in AC each year and encourages groups to begin thinking about projects that can be carried out during the 2022-2023 school year.

ACDC's Fall Youth Career Programs: recap!

Aside from growing and creating businesses in our county, the effort we focus on most diligently is developing our emerging workforce. Our youth career programs are designed around two core beliefs:

- We believe that when students connect with local adults who have successfully created a life here and care about young people, those students see that a bright future is POSSIBLE here in Atchison County.
- We believe that when employers interact with students, they increase their chances of finding quality employees who are invested in this county.



Youth Professionalism Workshop - Juniors

On November 22 we hosted our annual Youth Professionalism Workshop. At this event, we assemble local employers and leaders who share their wisdom with AC Juniors through many topics. This year we added a new panel of recent AC grads, who shared their experience in making the choice to live and work in their home county. Special thanks to our outstanding high school counselors (Tracy Cooper, Shauna Farmer, and Marisa Hedlund) and the following individuals who gave their time and wisdom to the students:

- Every Day is an Interview: Kent Fisher (Kent Fisher Insurance)
- How to/How NOT to Interview: Lisa Clement & Leslie Graves (retired teachers)
- Major Employers: Ann Schlueter (Community Hospital-Fairfax), Doug Garrison (Advanced Pork Systems), Michael Goins (Midwest Data)
- Workplace Communication & Customer Service: W.C. Farmer (Atchison County Mail), Lydia Hurst (Flower Mill)
- Entrepreneurial Toolbox: Keli Morris (Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation)
- Creating a Successful Business in AC: Dana Tracy (MDT Market/MDT Woodworks)
- Cottage Manufacturing: Representative Allen Andrews
- Recent AC Grads: Austin Alitz (Meyerkorth Aviation), Christina Hall (CH-F), Bella Hurst (Flower Mill/Buttercup), Brady Minter (Minter Funeral Chapel), Brooklynn Morris (CH-F)



Careers on Wheels - Freshmen

Careers on Wheels was held October 15. This "speed interview" event gives AC Freshmen the chance to learn about many AC careers that are performed outside of a building or office ("on wheels"). THANK YOU to the following businesses and organizations that participated in this fun, interactive morning:

- Atchison County Sheriff's Office
- Atchison-Holt Ambulance District
- Atchison-Holt Electric Coop
- Community Home Health and Restorative Care
- Double M Towing
- Dow Construction
- Rock Creek Wind Farm (Enel/Vestas)
- Groovy's Grub
- Midwest Data
- Minter Funeral Chapel
- MO Department of Conservation
- Mo Valley Ag
- Rock Port Police Department



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Great Northwest Day at the Capitol 2022

Great Northwest Day, an annual, cooperative event, is organized by the 19 counties that comprise the "Great Northwest." This is a unique regional effort that promotes our region in Jefferson City and pursues legislation that is beneficial to our citizens.

Great Northwest Day includes introductions on the House and Senate floors and a regional lunch, followed by an evening event with State legislators, department heads and elected officials, which showcases community booths that promote local projects and attributes.

Each year ACDC staff and AC citizens travel to the Capitol to join other regional leaders in educating legislators on what is happening in our corner of the state. If you want to learn more about Great Northwest Day 2022 (scheduled for **February 1-2**), visit www.greatnorthwestday.com or contact Atchison County Coordinator Monica Bailey at 660-744-6562 or director@atchisoncounty.org.



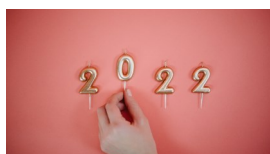
#ShopAC: RECAP + Facebook Group



ACDC coordinates one of Atchison County's most-anticipated shopping events every year: #ShopAC! Nearly 30 businesses participated on November 18, staying open till 8 that night. Around 200 passports were returned this year, which were then entered into drawings. Congratulations to these shoppers who won gift certificates to AC stores of their choice: Renee Craven, Crystal Herron, Afton Schomburg, Barb Taylor, and Pepe Wright.

A HUGE THANK YOU to the following businesses for participating this year: 1887 Bar & Grill, Alma's Herbs, CH-F Auxiliary Gift Shop, Do it Best Hardware, Ella&Grey, Flower Mill, Food Country, Groovy's Cuts & Tees, Groovy's Grub, Hidden Beauty, Hy-Vee, Jumpstart Nutrition, Katie's Jewelry Box, KG Buds, MDT Woodworks, Midwest Chic Boutique, Quilted Farm, Quilters Boutique, Rock Port Oil & Tire, Stoner Drug, Tarkio Avalanche Screen Printing & Signs, Torrey Pines (Tarkio & Fairfax), A Touch of Glass, Trail's End, The Walnut Shop, and Wynn Dixie Glass.

Though our main shop local event only happens once a year, ACDC hosts a Facebook group dedicated to the ongoing promotion of deals and specials happening at AC stores, which can be found at www.facebook.com/groups/shopac/. Please join this group and continue your purposeful (and much appreciated!) patronization of our amazing businesses. Your support makes all the difference in the world to the people behind those storefronts, counters, and social media pages. Keep it up, friends!



"What the New Year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year."

Vern McLellan

