



# ATCHISON COUNTY

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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## #CELEBRATEAC

ACDC'S ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 5:30-7:30 PM

VELMA HOUTS BUILDING, ROCK PORT

5:30P - MINGLE & MEET NEW BUSINESSES

6:00P - COMPLIMENTARY MEAL BY CHEF PAUL PRESENTS

6:30P - HIGHLIGHTING AC PRIDE POINTS

RSVP: [ACDC@ATCHISONCOUNTY.ORG](mailto:ACDC@ATCHISONCOUNTY.ORG) OR 660-744-6562



PUT YOUR MONEY  
WHERE YOUR HOUSE IS



Ready for our annual prompt to **visit your local stores** \*BEFORE\* heading out of town or online for Christmas gifts? Here it is...

#ThinkACFirst #ShopAC  
#YouCanDolt  
#WeBelieveInYou

Now flip to the back page for some specific opportunities this fall to support our amazing local businesses and artisans!



*We celebrate this Veterans Day for a very few minutes, a few seconds of silence and then this country's life goes on. But I think it most appropriate that we recall on this occasion, and on every other moment when we are faced with great responsibilities, the contribution and the sacrifice which so many men and their families have made in order to permit this country to now occupy its present position of responsibility and freedom, and in order to permit us to gather here together.* -Pres. John F. Kennedy, 1961

## 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 essence of optimism is that it takes no account of the present, but it is a source of inspiration, of vitality and hope where others have resigned.**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



**The vitality of thought is an adventure. Ideas won't keep. Something must be done about them.**

Alfred North Whitehead

## "So...what do you guys actually DO?"

In case you're new here, or if it's been a while since you've attended an ACDC meeting or read about us in the paper, we'd like to share a little with you about who we are and what we do!



- **We help existing businesses.** Our Business Improvement Grant (which has assisted with 157 different projects for a total of \$163,268 to date!) helps those in the trenches do what they do a little better. Our annual #ShopAC event and dynamic Facebook group remind AC residents what AC has to offer!
- **We encourage new businesses.** By connecting with groups like Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation and maintaining relationships with regional and state department representatives, we are able to provide direction and help find answers in the early stages of a business's life cycle, when everything can feel completely overwhelming.
- **We are cheerleaders for AC.** We actively engage in countywide marketing and tourism efforts through our website, visitor guide, our Facebook page, and events like Great Northwest Day at the Capitol.
- **We support impactful work of nonprofits.** Through our Community Enrichment Program, we've helped our nutrition centers, fire departments, golf courses, infrastructure, community revitalization and cleanup efforts, our technical institute, and more. We also provide staff support to community wide nonprofits like Tarkio Renewal and Restore Rock Port.
- **We love our kids.** Because we believe in recruiting from within, we work strategically through our career development programs to show our emerging workforce (aka our amazing youth!) the opportunities that exist here at home. We also award scholarships to graduating seniors who intend to live in AC.
- **We practice traditional economic development.** Whether responding to leads about potential industries, staying connected to statewide organizations like Missouri Partnership or Missouri Economic Development Council, or developing incentive programs, we help position our county to be attractive to new businesses.
- **We advocate for our county.** We represent AC on legislative issues when needed and actively participate in regional groups like Northwest Missouri Roundtable of Economic Developers to identify and develop solutions for economic and community development issues specific to our corner of the world.
- **We look forward.** Whether we are administering grant programs for local businesses, connecting youth to their home, encouraging community beautification, or reminding our citizens to support their local everything, we are always looking to ways to sustain and grow this place we love so much.

## ACDC Youth+Career Programs: Fall 2022

Through our Youth+Career programs, we connect young people with business owners and employers in their communities.

### CAREER

### LIFE

Our end goals are these:

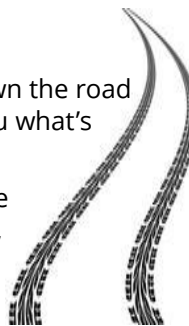
- ✧ graduating seniors know that a wide variety of possibilities are available to them in AC.
- ✧ businesses have multiple opportunities to interact with students, who will be assets to our business community in the coming years.

We are grateful to both our schools and our businesses, who recognize the value of these connections and work with us to make these programs happen!

### Careers on Wheels, September 29

**AC Freshmen**, this event is for you. As you look a few years down the road into your future, you see multiple choices. Our job is to 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 29 (rain date: Sept. 30), we'll see you at the Rock Port City Park.



### Youth Professionalism Workshop, November 10

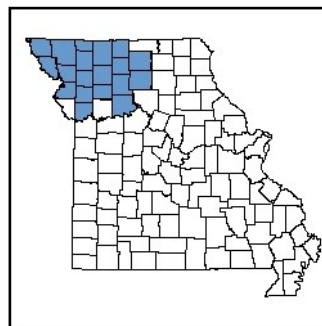
**Attention AC Juniors**, your future will be here before you know it! What's next? Straight to work? Career/tech training? Undergraduate education? Regardless of your next step, we have an opportunity for you.

At our workshop at the Tarkio Activity Center, you will gain some tips and tricks on how to be (and maybe 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.

## Leadership Northwest Missouri

**Leadership Northwest Missouri is a program for community leaders interested in learning more about our region and enhancing their leadership skills.** LNW participants from across our corner of Missouri meet in various locations throughout the region one day each month for six months. At the end of six months, LNW graduates will have received high-quality leadership training and an incredible number of connections and friendships.

ACDC sponsors a LNW attendee from Atchison County each year. Please contact us for info on this program and to learn more about this scholarship opportunity. Completed **Class of 2023** applications must be delivered or postmarked by **November 1, 2022**. To apply, visit [leadershipnorthwestmissouri.org](http://leadershipnorthwestmissouri.org)



**LEADERSHIP**  
NORTHWEST  
**MISSOURI**

### Thoughts from your ACDC Director...

I wear my #ACisAwesome hat all the time, but sometimes it's most visible when I'm outside the county, where I'm often asked, "what's going on in Atchison County?"

You know how I've answered that question lately? There are people in my county who are actively bettering this place, creating beautiful events, spearheading revitalization and beautification and improvement projects, searching intently for funding. These people are contributing not only to the preservation of our county, but to its vitality. I keep thinking about that word, vitality. It means:

- lively, animated, exuberant character;
- the peculiarity distinguishing the living from the nonliving;
- capacity for survival or for the continuation of a meaningful or purposeful existence;
- power to live or grow.

I know I talk about volunteerism more than one might expect from someone in my role, but NOTHING enhances the vitality (i.e., that thing that makes you want to live somewhere!) of a community like the effort and dedication of purposeful, passionate leaders and volunteers. I'm genuinely blessed and inspired by our people who are Doing the Things with everything they have.

So anyway. That's what's going on in AC these days...

~Monica

## ACDC Board &amp; Staff

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## Upcoming Events

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| Sept 24: Tarkio Friendship Day  | Nov 5: AC Holiday Makers Market (Tarkio Community Bldg)                 |
| Sept 29: Careers on Wheels-Freshmen (RP City Park; rain date Sept 30) | Nov 6: Staten Family Singers (Rotary Theatre)                           |
| Oct 1: Quilt Show (AC Memorial Bldg)                                  | Nov 10: Youth Professionalism Workshop-Juniors (Tarkio Activity Center) |
| Oct 9: Jason Riley (Rotary Theatre)                                   | Nov 17: #ShopAC   |

ACDC will be closed in observance of the following holidays:  
Columbus Day (October 10) • Veterans Day (November 11) • Thanksgiving (November 24-25)

## AC Holiday Makers Market: Saturday, November 5



Atchison County Artisans is hosting its first annual Holiday Makers Market at the Tarkio Community Building on Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Shop for Christmas gifts made by local artisans, including woodworking, wood burning, stained glass, crochet, sublimated and vinyl crafts, pottery, baked goods, and so much more!

AC Artisans invites local makers to sign up now. Participating vendors must sell goods that are homemade, homegrown, or value added (an item that has been altered in some way to add to its value). There is no fee to participate, but vendors must provide their own tables, chairs and display. To sign up, please visit <https://forms.gle/vCCJLsZMjpECAjzt9>.

For more info, please visit the Facebook event page (<https://www.facebook.com/events/393335432936741>) or call/text Sandy Thompson at 660-253-7272.

## #ShopAC: Thursday, November 17

Mark your calendars, shoppers and AC supporters, for our annual, purposeful, countywide opportunity to Think AC First. **On Thursday, November 17, 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!

Our county has so much to offer, including businesses that work hard to serve you. Please make time to support our AC businesses during this event! Follow us on Facebook/Instagram (@atchisoncountydevelopment) and read Atchison County Mail for details later this fall.

