



# ATCHISON COUNTY

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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## LOCAL GRANTS AVAILABLE

### ACDC's Business Improvement Grant Program

Since 2013, ACDC's Business Improvement (BI) grant has leveraged sales tax dollars to assist AC businesses as they invest in themselves by upgrading infrastructure, enhancing facades and parking areas, purchasing specialized equipment, and more. The BI Grant process has been streamlined to a single application that includes both grant options:

- The **Basic**, a 50/50 reimbursable matching grant (\$1,000 max on a \$2,000+ project)
- The **2.0**, a 1/3-2/3 reimbursable matching grant (\$2,500 max on \$7,500+ project)

Out of the \$20,000 allotted to the 2022 program, \$9,000 is still available. Applications are currently being accepted VIA MAIL ONLY. Requests are considered in the order they are received and will be awarded until all designated funds have been allotted. Contact us or visit our website for an application packet.



### ACDC's Youth Community Beautification Grant



ACDC's Youth Beautification Grant is open! Teams of at least 3 youth (5th-11th grade) may apply for a \$500 (minimum) grant for a project that will beautify an area not on school grounds. ACDC will fund a project in each school district area in AC, for a total of 3 grants. Project examples might include landscaping, art, recreation, or general cleanup. See below for details on the upcoming grant cycle.

#### Dates and deadlines for the 2022-2023 grant cycle:

APPLICATIONS DUE: **September 7, 2022**

Grant award winners will be notified: **September 14, 2022**

### Tarkio Renewal's Property Improvement Grant

This 50/50 matching grant program, which reimburses up to \$1,000 per project, was created to encourage and help with visible property improvement in Tarkio. Over \$6,000 remains in the 2022 fund. Projects must be approved prior to beginning work, and grant application packets are available at the Tarkio Avalanche or through ACDC 660-744-6562 or [acdc@atchisoncounty.org](mailto:acdc@atchisoncounty.org).

**THE WORLD NEEDS DREAMERS  
AND THE WORLD NEEDS DOERS.  
BUT ABOVE ALL, THE WORLD  
NEEDS DREAMERS WHO DO.**

Sarah Ban Breathnach

## The Mission of ACDC...

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

## Job Shadowing 2022: THANK YOU, BUSINESSES!

Each spring, ACDC compiles a list of businesses that are willing to host an AC Junior for our countywide job shadowing event. One of the main components of our career development programming, job shadowing is a way to get students out of their school (and community, in some cases) to interact with adults who show them what is possible right here in our county.

Thank you to the many businesses that were willing to participate on Wednesday, March 30. We are grateful to the 28 businesses that hosted 43 Juniors this year:

Advanced Pork, AC Courthouse (Judge), AC Library, AC Road & Bridge, AC Sheriff's Office, AC Veterinary Clinic, Atchison-Holt Ambulance District, Atchison-Holt Electric Coop, Community Hospital-Fairfax, Ella&Grey, Erickson Farms, Fairfax Elementary School, Gavilon Grain, Hidden Beauty, Hy-Vee, Kelly's Welding, Krutz Farms, Meyerkorth Aviation, Midwest Chic Boutique, Minter Funeral Chapels, Mo Valley Ag, Northwest Missouri Living Center, Rock Port Oil & Tire, Rock Port School, Rogers Pharmacy, True 2 U Autobody & Repair, and The Walnut Shop.

We appreciate how supportive our business community is of our programs, and, more importantly, our young people.



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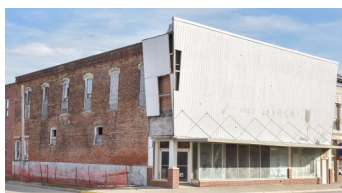
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You are  
what you  
do, not  
what you say  
you'll do.

Carl Jung

## Update on Rock Port Main Street Revitalization Project



Restore Rock Port has raised 75% of the funds required to remove the old Greenley's/Jack and Jill building at 301 S. Main Street. The goal of this project is to provide a clean slate and fresh start for this corner lot. Several entities have already expressed interest in developing the lot.

To give a tax-deductible donation to this project, leave a check at Citizens Bank & Trust in Rock Port; mail your donation to PO Box 243, Rock Port, MO 64482; or give online at <https://givebutter.com/supportrestorerockport>. You can also donate at Food Country by adding a dollar at check out - every little bit helps!

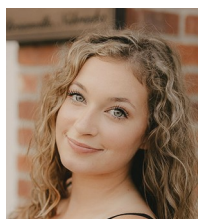
To stay apprised of what's happening with this and future projects, please find Restore Rock Port on Facebook or visit <https://restorerp.org>.





## 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 (Macie, Kaitlyn, Jesse) and 4-year degree programs (Sophia, Olivia, Aubrey). 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 AC.



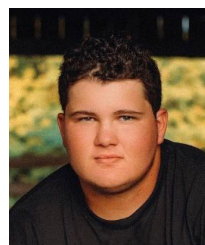
**Macie Hale**, Rock Port, daughter of Cassie Lewis & Trevor Hale, plans to earn an Accounting Technician Diploma from Iowa Western Community College. "Starting businesses in small towns, like in AC, is crucial because they thrive off of small businesses. I will play a big part because I will bring business to town to give citizens the opportunity to get what they need locally."

**Kaitlyn Hall**, Tarkio, daughter of Connie Hall & Brian Hall, plans to pursue an Associates Degree in Nursing through North Central Missouri College, followed by the accelerated BS-Nursing program. "I will use my education to help other members of this community...I hope that after I graduate I can come back and work at the Fairfax Hospital."



**Sophia Martin**, Tarkio, daughter of Casey and Jackie Martin, plans to obtain a Bachelors degree in Journalism from University of Missouri-Columbia. "Delivering messages in the Atchison County Mail or via social media can change the future."

**Olivia Morris**, Fairfax, daughter of Billy & Kelly Morris, plans to attend Missouri Western State University to earn a Bachelors Degree in Nursing. "I want to come back to Atchison County [to work at CH-F] because I want to give back to the community that has helped and supported me throughout my life."



**Jesse Navin**, Tarkio, son of Jim & Michelle Navin, plans to either attend a welding program or pursue a heavy equipment certification. "The most important thing I could do to contribute to the future of AC would be to get my qualifications and come back and work in that profession, bringing commerce and new talent to the area."

**Aubrey Watkins**, Rock Port, daughter of Jason & Sarah Watkins, plans to earn a Bachelors Degree in Biological Sciences with a Minor in Spanish, followed by an occupational therapy graduate program. "Growing up in a small town has had so many benefits that cities tend to lack. I am eternally grateful for the supportive community I get to live in."



### Thoughts from your ACDC Director...

Lately I've been considering all the doers around here:

- the people who start businesses, even if it's risky, even if it's beyond hard, even if they'll be judged by the non-doers
- those who lead local organizations, who do more work behind the scenes than anyone will ever know
- the people who champion neighbors, kids, and businesses, and put their money and support and social media activity where their mouth is
- individuals who put their name on a ballot of any kind, who are willing to serve in a thankless and sometimes maligned capacity
- those who mentor, transport, guide, challenge, and care for other people's kids
- the people who do more than the bare minimum at their paycheck job, going above and beyond to make things happen
- the people who coach youth sports, who encourage kids of all talent levels to be better and to work as a team

I'm proud to have grown up in a place where there are doers. I'm glad to see people in their 20s and 30s diving into community projects and working passionately to celebrate or improve their home. I am inspired by veteran volunteers who don't know how NOT to step forward.

God bless this place and the people who DO THE THINGS so that it continues to be an awesome place to live and work and raise families. We'd be nowhere without you!

~Monica

## ACDC Board &amp; Staff

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

**SUMMER FUN IN AC!**

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS****June:**

- \* **10-11: Tarkio Rodeo.** Opening Ceremonies Fri., Mutton Bustin' Fri-Sat, parade Sat.
- \* **11: Doug Summa Memorial Car Show.** Niedermeyer Park, Tarkio.
- \* **17-19, 24-26: Freaky Friday.** Musical at Liberty Theatre.
- \* **20: Father's Day Tournament.** Tarkio Golf Club.
- \* **25-26: Patsy Cline Revisited.** Rotary Theatre at Tarkio Tech.

**July:**

- \* **4: Rock Port 4th of July Celebration.** Fireworks, volleyball, games. City Park.
- \* **9: Wingnuts Flying Circus Air Show.** Tarkio Airport.
- \* **15-17: Westboro Wildcat Days.** Softball tournament.
- \* **16: Outdoor Triathlon.** NW Missouri Sportsman's Club, RP.
- \* **18-23: Atchison County Fair.** Fairgrounds, Rock Port. Sat: Parade.
- \* **23-24: Annual Ryder Cup.** Tarkio Golf Club.
- \* **26: Back to School Fair.** Community Services office, Tarkio.
- \* **25-29: The Little Mermaid Jr. Liberty Theatre Workshop (2nd-9th grade).** Performances June 29-30.
- \* **25-29: Mule Barn Theatre Guild Youth Physical Theatre Workshop,** Rotary Theatre.

**August:**

- \* **12-13: CH-F Golf Benefit Classic.** Mound City.
- \* **19-20: Fairfax Fair.** Parade Saturday.
- \* **23: Graves-Chapple Research Farm Field Day**

**FARMERS MARKETS**

**Fairfax:** Broadway & Main; every Friday; 7am-Noon

**Rock Port:** Main St; June 4, July 2, August 5; 8am-1pm

**RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**Bowling:** River Rock Lanes

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

**Parks:** Fairfax / Rock Port / Tarkio / Watson / Westboro

**Pools:** Rock Port / Tarkio

**Get Outside:** MO Dept of Conservation

<https://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>



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

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**Shop Local...Shop Small...#ShopAC!**

We are grateful to each and every one of you who intentionally #ShopAC!

- Save the Date for our annual #ShopAC event on November 17, held annually on the Thursday before Thanksgiving.
- On Facebook, please join the #ShopAC group. This is a dedicated space for our local businesses to share specials, changes in hours, or anything else that they want you to know! If you are a business and want to participate here, call/email/message us.



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