



# ATCHISON COUNTY

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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## ACDC GRANTS AVAILABLE

One of the ways we “initiate, stimulate and facilitate” opportunity in Atchison County is providing grant funds to amazing local businesses that are investing in themselves and organizations and individuals that are working to improve our community. Read on for details of each program, and contact us at [acdc@atchisoncounty.org](mailto:acdc@atchisoncounty.org) or 660-744-6562 if you want more information!



### Business Improvement Grant

Hopefully this flagship grant program is one you are familiar with! We created this in 2013 in an effort to encourage our businesses in a tangible way. Funded at either \$1,000 or \$2,500, depending on project size, this matching reimbursed grant can be used for a multitude of business improvements. **\$13,000** remains of the \$20,000 designated for 2026. If you're a business with a project in mind, give us a call. This is one of our favorite ways to help!



### Youth Beautification Grant (#MakeACBeautiful!)

Over the years, this \$500 grant has been used by groups of young people to clean up local parks, establish murals, upgrade ballfields, redo picnic tables, landscape, and more. If you are 17 or younger and have an idea on beautifying your corner of the county, grab a few pals and come visit with us about how you could utilize one of these grants to help make your idea happen! **\$1,500** is available.



### Community Cleanup & Beautification Grant

Another community beautification grant, this one is designed to be carried out and orchestrated by volunteers who see a need and want to address it! A relatively new grant in our lineup, this has been used to help purchase a flagpole at a ballfield, a pergola in a public garden area, and plant trees. Keep your eyes open for opportunities to beautify or restore your neighborhood, and let us help you tackle those projects. **\$1,500** is available (\$25-\$500/grant).



### Nonprofit Support Grant

We love supporting nonprofit organizations doing wonderful things in our community. **\$10,000** is allotted to this grant fund each year (max. \$2,500 per grant), and though there has been considerable interest in 2026, all funds are available! Reach out to us if your nonprofit has a project coming up that will add or help retain jobs, add or retain a needed service, increase tourism, or improve local recreation opportunities.

*We also have a small grant available for new businesses that are adding needed services/products, preserving or significantly improving property, or adding jobs. Contact us with questions!*

## Thank you, 2026 Members (part 2)!

If you keep up with ACDC, you know that we spend your sales tax dollars working to create a better future for this place we are blessed to call home. We create and administer programs designed to help both new and existing businesses prosper (grants! [#ShopAC!](#)), connect our emerging workforce (our amazing youth!) with local career opportunities, and celebrate all the ways [#ACisAwesome](#).

We invite you to join us in our efforts through ACDC membership, which enhances the economic and community development work we do on many fronts.

Community enrichment projects supported by membership dollars include sponsorship of the Battle of the Books program, scholarships for graduating Seniors and Tarkio Tech students, improvement projects around the county, and scholarships for Leadership Northwest Missouri.

See below for the second batch of individuals, small businesses and corporations who have blessed us with their membership this year!

- Atchison County Mail
- Perry's Liquor Store
- Rock Port Senior Center Associates
- Kay Rosenbohm
- Carol Clark
- Brett & Shelby Hurst
- Jacob Erdman Agency LLC / Shelter Insurance
- Simmons Service LLC
- Tarkio R-I School
- Jane Thompson
- True 2 U Autobody & Repair LLC
- Ginny Vernon
- Bank Midwest
- Rock Creek Seeds, LLC
- Sybert's Body Shop
- Tarkio Chamber of Commerce
- Double M Towing & Repair LLC
- Ron Frede
- R3 Tree Service
- City of Rock Port
- Golden Salon & Boutique, LLC
- Karen LaHue
- Pleasant View
- Bressler's Academy of Martial Arts
- Hometown Comfort Crew, LLC
- The Gym
- Lori Seymour
- First Presbyterian Church-Fairfax
- Kent & Barb Fisher
- Kent Fisher Insurance, LLC
- Paul Tiemeyer
- Atchison County Veterinary Clinic, Inc.
- Farmers State Bank
- Just In Time Promotions, LLC
- Just In Time Rentals, LLC
- Atchison County Farm Bureau
- Tarkio Nutrition Center
- Burlap & Bows LLC
- Creekside Autowash LLC
- Sam & Afton Hannah
- Keeping Track of Time, LLC
- Stoner Drug
- A Perfect 10 Salon
- Lane & Aimee Seymour
- Designs by Jayne
- Nate & Rochelle Long
- Spiegel Farms/Spiegel Jones Construction
- The Gas Spot
- KG Buds Designs by Jay
- Jones Law Office
- Rock Port R-II Schools
- Hope N Reigns Counseling LLC.
- Ruffled Feathers Salon, LLC.



## Save the Dates: ACDC Annual Meeting & opportunities to #ShopAC!

Our Annual Meeting will be held at the Fairfax School, on Wednesday, Sept. 30. Everyone is welcome to join us as we recognize good things happening in AC!



# #ShopAC

PUT YOUR MONEY  
WHERE YOUR HOUSE IS



Want an excuse to support local businesses in person? Our annual countywide **#ShopAC** event happens on the Thursday before Thanksgiving (**Nov. 19** this year). If you are a brick and mortar business that hasn't participated before and would like to this year, please contact us! We'd love to include you as a stop on our passport.

Love our local artisans? The **5th Annual Atchison County Makers Market** will be held at Rock Port Elementary School's multipurpose room this year on Saturday, **Nov. 7**, from 10am-3pm. (Want to participate as a vendor? Contact Sandy at 660-253-7272 or Mary at 660-253-0546).

Want your Facebook scrolling to be a little more productive? Join our **#ShopAC group** (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/shopac>) to keep up with sales and specials offered by our amazing businesses!

## 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 they love (extra fun for us if that wonderful life could happen here in AC!). ACDC offers a \$1,000 award in two categories, for a total of two scholarships per school: career/technical training (Jacoby, Rainy, and Tate) and 4-year degree programs (Dylan, Quin, and Tayden). ACDC is proud to honor this year's scholarship recipients, and we congratulate all our applicants on their hard work and achievements during their formational years in AC.



**Jacoby Driskell**, Rock Port, daughter of Kyle & Carrie Driskell, is pursuing a Psychology transfer degree at Iowa Western enroute to a 4-year university. *"Everyone shows up to support each other, everyone wants to make the town better."*



**Tayden Cook**, Rock Port, son of Troy & Andrea Cook, plans to earn an A.A. in Business Administration from Southwestern Community College. *"All my life I have been blessed by this community. This county has given me a rock solid foundation and childhood."*



**Tate Johnson**, Fairfax, son of Ashley Grossman & Brett Johnson, plans to attend Northwest Missouri State University to study Applied Health (Exercise) Science. *"We get the best of everything because we are among community members that want to instill such positive qualities in the young generations as they grow up. We are very fortunate to grow up in an area where there is so much support for one another."*



**Dylan Lair**, Rock Port, son of Trystan & Maggie Lair, plans to earn an A.A.S. in John Deere Technology at Southeast Community College. *"I believe growing up in AC is the most special thing in the world. I have decided to...stay close to home because I just can't see myself living anywhere else."*



**Rainy Nordhausen**, Tarkio, son of Lanette & Clint Hogue, plans to pursue a degree in Elementary Education at Northwest Missouri State University. *"All the career days and job shadowing...helped me decide on what I want to do after I graduate high school. I am planning on coming back to AC and teaching."*



**Quin Staten**, Tarkio, son of Mark & Lori Staten, plans to pursue a Commercial Turf & Grounds A.A.S. degree at State Technical College of Missouri. *"Growing up in AC is an experience I wouldn't trade for anything, largely because of the remarkable people who define our community. As a young business owner, I have seen firsthand how welcoming our residents are toward local entrepreneurs."*

Did you know that the **Mission of ACDC** is to **initiate, stimulate and facilitate opportunity** in Atchison County through economic and community development?

Have ideas for how we can do more of this? Let us know!

ACDC Board & Staff

**Directors:**

- \* Lori Seymour, President
- \* Mary Ann Hull, Vice President
- \* Craig Corken, Treasurer
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- \* Roger A. Martin
- \* Jeff Meyer
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- \* Stephanie True, Bookkeeper/ Receptionist

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

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# SUMMER FUN IN AC!

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June:

- \* **6-7: Outdoor Flea Market.** All American Campground, RP.
- \* **15-19: AC Traveling Day Camp.** Good News Church, Tarkio
- \* **19-20: Tarkio PRCA Rodeo.** Parade Saturday.
- \* **TBD: Doug Summa Memorial Car Show.** Doug Summa Park, Tarkio.
- \* **19-21, 26-28: Descendants.** Musical at Liberty Theatre, RP.
- \* **21: Father's Day Tournament.** Tarkio Golf Club.
- \* **22-25: Countywide Summer Reading Program.** AC Library - Tarkio Branch.

### July:

- \* **3: 9-9-9 Tournament.** RP Golf & Country Club.
- \* **3-4: Rock Port 4th of July Celebration.** RP City Park.
- \* **11: Tarkio Airshow,** Gould Peterson Memorial Airport.
- \* **11: Dueling Pianos (CH-F).** Tarkio Community Building.
- \* **11: NWMO Sportsman's Club Triathlon.** RP Golf & Country Club.
- \* **11-12: 2-Day 2-Person 2-Format Tournament.** Tarkio Golf Club.
- \* **13-18: Atchison County Fair.** Fairgrounds, Rock Port. Parade Saturday.
- \* **17-18: Westboro Wildcat Days.** Softball Tournament.
- \* **13-17: Newsies Jr. Liberty Theatre Workshop (2nd-9th gr).** Performances July 17-18.
- \* **18-19 Annual Ryder Cup.** Tarkio Golf Club / RP Golf & Country Club / MC GC.
- \* **29: Back to School Fair.** Tarkio Community Building.

### August:

- \* **1: Books & Breezes Kite Festival.** Tarkio Airport.
- \* **1: Muddy River Rumble Tractor Pull.** Fairgrounds, Rock Port.
- \* **8: 27 Hole 2-Man Scramble.** RP Golf & Country Club.
- \* **21-22: Fairfax Fair.** Parade Saturday.
- \* **25: Graves-Chapple Research Farm Field Day**
- \* **28-29: CH-F CommuniTEE Golf Benefit.** Tarkio Golf Club.

## FARMERS MARKET

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

## RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

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

**Bowling: River Rock Lanes**

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

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

**Pools: Rock Port / Tarkio**

For additional details or information on more events, find and follow any of the above groups and organizations (golf courses, bowling alley, pools, library, theatre, etc.), on Facebook! If we can help connect you in any way, let us know.

*We'll keep an updated list of summer fun on our FB page - let us know if we should add anything!*



*ACDC will be closed in observance of the following holidays:*

**Juneteenth (June 19) • Independence Day (July 3) • Labor Day (September 7)**

Sometimes during regular business hours of 9am-3pm (M-F), we have to be out for meetings or visits. If you stop by the office during those hours and happen to miss us, the sign on our front window will say when we'll return. Like many businesses and organizations, however, we're 'open' and available far more than the posted office hours indicate! Contacting us via email ([acdc@atchisoncounty.org](mailto:acdc@atchisoncounty.org)) is the fastest way to get a response anytime, but phone messages and Facebook/Instagram messages are also responded to promptly.