

QUARTERLY UPDATE

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MCAC would like to thank Troy Leith, Chris Sykes, and Jamie Armstrong for serving on our employer panel during the 1/29 Economic Outlook Conference.



Save the Dates:

SBDC Business Resiliency
Bootcamp on March 1st in
Chanute. Click here to register:

[SBDC Business Resiliency
Bootcamp](#)

2024 Youth Entrepreneurship
Challenge on Friday, March 1st
at ICC FAB Lab. Sponsorship
Opportunities are available.
Click here to learn more:
[2024 Montgomery County Youth
Entrepreneurship Challenge](#)

Quarterly Board Meeting

5:30pm on March 21st @ Caney
Golf Club, 1567 County Road 2000;
registration opening soon.

Training Resources for our MCAC Board Members

MCAC has invested in training resources that can be used by our voting board members and ex officio members through September 2024. A username and password is required to access the training videos, so please contact MCAC to obtain the login credentials. Just one more benefit of partnering with MCAC and serving on our board!



Next Move Group
We Are Jobs

Economic Development
Board Training Videos



Next Move Group
We Are Jobs

Elected Officials
Training Videos



Next Move Group
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Economic Development
Staff Training Videos



Next Move Group
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Chamber of Commerce
Board Training Videos

01/06

Montgomery County Action Council
The Economic Development Agency
for Montgomery County



Talent Attraction

MCAC recently kicked off our county-wide talent attraction campaign* designed to encourage skilled individuals to relocate to Montgomery County. The targeted marketing is geared toward young professionals and former Montgomery County residents.

Phase 1 of the campaign included surveying local young professionals about why they love Montgomery County. Their feedback impacts the community features we will promote in the marketing campaign and helps our community identify opportunities for growth.

We started filming in January and will roll out our first social media ad in late February with content through June. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn.

Certified Sites Update:



Our county currently has 3 sites that have been deemed *shovel ready* by Kansas Department of Commerce: one at Cherryvale Industrial Park and two at Independence Industrial Park near the airport. We've secured our first tenant at Independence Industrial Park -NW, Nordic Turbine Service.

Learn more about them here:

<https://nordicturbineservice.com>



Talent Attraction

Phase 2

Phase 2 of the campaign consists of a flexible recruitment and retention employee incentive program MCAC created to supplement the existing incentive programs currently available in our community.

These funds can be used to match employer-sponsored incentive programs such as tuition reimbursement, employee retention bonuses, down payment assistant programs, and more.

Funding is limited* and will be available on a first come, first served basis. Interested parties will sign up online beginning in early spring.

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**Funding made possible through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant.*



Coffeyville Regional Medical Center seeking donations for new Primary Care Clinic

In 2024, Coffeyville Regional Medical Center will begin construction of a 12,000- square foot primary care facility to be located immediately south of the CRMC main campus on 4th Street in Coffeyville. The CRMC Primary Care Clinic, Pediatrics and Women's Health offices currently located at the north entrance of Coffeyville Regional Medical Center will be relocated to the new building.

The total project cost is \$8.1 million.

The Build for the Future campaign will have several revenue streams, including:

- \$4 million through a Congressionally-directed grant.
- \$400,00 from the CRMC Foundation via its Bill Read Memorial Fund.
- \$165,000 through Kansas Income Tax Credits.

An additional boost to the "Build for the Future" campaign has come from the sons of retired pediatrician Chan S. Han. Han retired from CRMC in 2014. The three sons (Yong, Sam and Yun) have chosen to invest in their hometown by contributing \$1 for every \$2 that is donated to the CRMC Foundation's Build for the Future campaign. Through the Build with the Brothers Challenge, the Han brothers will contribute up to \$100,000. The Build with the Brothers Challenge ends March 31, 2024.

If you would like to take part in the Hans' Build with the Brothers Challenge by making a donation to the Build for the Future campaign, contact Amy Taylor, CRMC Foundation director, at (620) 252-1659, or visit www.crmcinc.org/buildfuture/.

BREAKING **NEWS** LIVE

Cherryvale Chamber of Commerce is launching a Young Professionals program - ages 21-45!

Looking to be a part of a community that values growth and development? This is for you! We already have people signing up!

If you are interested in joining this young professionals group, please message our page and someone will reach out to you soon!



Call 620-205-9808 or email chambercherryvale@gmail.com for more information!

Cherryvale News

The Cherryvale Chamber of Commerce is growing its membership and recently welcomed Off-We-Go Nutrition, B&B Auto Repair, The Pretty Penguin Boutique, and Charger Up Energy as new Chamber members.

Be sure to stop by and visit these businesses when you're in town!

Caney Highlights

- In early January, the cities of Caney and Coffeyville reached an agreement for Coffeyville to provide water services for the city of Caney. It is expected to take 18 to 24 months to construct the water lines to Caney, with an estimated project cost of \$8 million. The project is expected to begin later this year.
- **Creative Health Pharmacy** is expanding and looking to grow their team! They're looking for a dedicated Pharmacist to join their two Kansas locations in Caney and Sedan. They're also seeking a Pharmacy Technician for their Sedan location. Visit creativehealthpharmacy.com to learn more.

Creative Health
PHARMACY

Welcome to our newest MCAC members!



The following members joined MCAC in the last quarter:

- Cornerstone Warehousing, LLC
- First Step Builders
- MTI Commercial Construction
- Dickey's Barbecue Pit
- Fab Creative Services, LLC

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EDGEWOOD DRIVE

Coffeyville Updates

Housing

The Edgewood Drive housing development unveiled the first set of homes for sale

Charging Stations

Visit Coffeyville & Cherokee Nation installed two charging station picnic tables for the community!

Tourism also received a state grant for a large digital advertising campaign

New Businesses

- Wendy's
- Pete's Corporation
- Brooke Dahna, Bill White Real Estate
- Brandon Dahna, Farmers Union Midwest Agency



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Thanks to our chamber and city partners for sharing content to include in the MCAC quarterly newsletter.

Congratulations



Mr. Jim Kelly

Jim Kelly named Chamber Member of the Year.

Congratulations to former Interim Director and long-time MCAC supporter Jim Kelly on receiving the 2023 Independence Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year Award at their Annual Chamber Meeting last month. Jim Kelly demonstrates outstanding service, volunteerism, and genuine community spirit and has enriched the lives of so many! This award was not just a recognition of accomplishments, but a celebration of a man who continues to leave his mark on our community! Please join us in congratulating Mr. Jim Kelly!

photo courtesy of Get Independence

Independence News

Congratulations to Hali Schultheiss, owner of Brio Med Spa & Wellness on receiving a \$100,000 Historic Economic Asset Lifeline (HEAL) grant from Kansas Department of Commerce.

Brio partnered with Independence Chamber of Commerce as their grant application sponsor, and the funding announcement was made in January. We are so proud of Hali, a local young professional and a MCAC SBDC client. You can follow Hali and Brio's expansion journey on their Facebook page and website.



Brio Med Spa & Wellness

Is your business interested in grant funding? You can learn more about various funding opportunities offered through the Kansas Department of Commerce. Check out their grants calendar to learn more:

Grants Calendar

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Do you have updates or important information to share with our MCAC members? Reach out to Melissa Johnson, Executive Director, to be featured in our next publication: director@actioncouncil.com; 620-331-3830 x 1001.