

# 1ST QUARTER 2026 ECONOMIC UPDATES

## PROMOTING ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

### SPEARS MANUFACTURING, SW



BEFORE

Great progress happening at the Spears Manufacturing Plant in Caney! The next step is expanding the rail spur. The rail spur is a big county investment that will allow for direct imports and exports of goods.



AFTER

- **\$22 Million Project**
- **Rail Spur Expansion**
- **181 New Jobs**

## Local Small Businesses Successes

SBDC & MCAC are deeply committed to supporting our local small businesses and spent some time highlighting them this quarter. Our purpose is to help existing and aspiring Kansas business owners achieve their goals in a complex local, regional, and global marketplace. We work to understand your business and its opportunities by forging relationships with your team that facilitate trust, cooperation, and ultimately meet your definition of success.

### Discount Delights, Nordic Turbine Services, & El Charro



# WE ARE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHING OUR NEW TALENT ATTRACTION PROGRAM

## What you need to know!

- Up to a \$1,000 recruitment bonus **MATCH** from MCAC
- Available to **NEW** or **RETURNING** Montgomery County residents
- Accepting **NEW** employment in Montgomery County
- Employer must also offer a bonus.
- Employer must be a MCAC member.

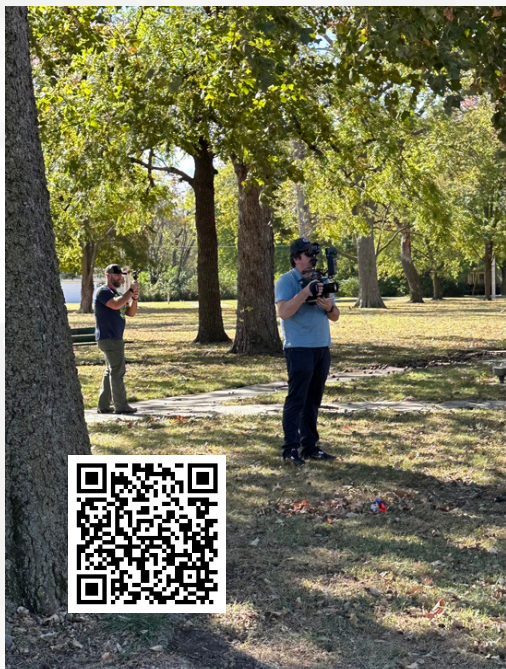


**\$400,000+** directly into the pockets of Montgomery County workers & counting



## ABC - Coffeyville's Christian Preschool & Childcare Ribbon Cutting

## Montgomery County On the Big Screen



A 30-second commercial featuring Montgomery County will air on Fox Business on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Also keep an eye out for us on Viewpoint with Dennis Quaid on public television this summer. Scan the QR Code for a sneak peek!

# ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL

## SEK in Topeka



Lots of SEK City Leaders made their way to Topeka this quarter. Participating in Legislative Luncheons & Dinners, KEDA Legislative Day & SEK Day on the Hill.

SEK Day on the Hill was very valuable for Montgomery County. 14 out of 42 SEK community leaders that participated were from Montgomery County. This grand showing of Montgomery County passion afforded us an opportunity that originally was not going to be offered to us—a community showcase known as a FAM tour.

### WHAT IS A FAM TOUR?

- A targeted, curated **community showcase** designed to influence professionals who advise companies on where to locate or expand operations (site selectors, tax consultants)
- Think of it as a **strategic, in-person due-diligence experience**
- A FAM Tour moves a community from “data on a spreadsheet” to **“a place I can confidently recommend to my client.”**
- MCAC is **partnering with** our **community leaders** to identify points of interest to feature during the **SEK tour**.

## CELEBRATING NEW MCAC MEMBERS!



Can you Hack It  
with **PACETT?**  
Devon Packett Personal Training

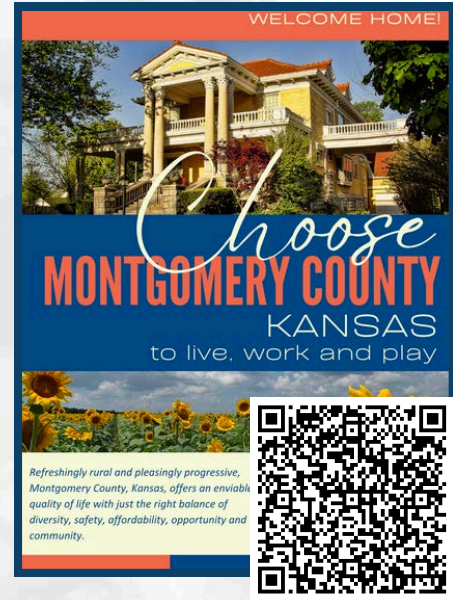
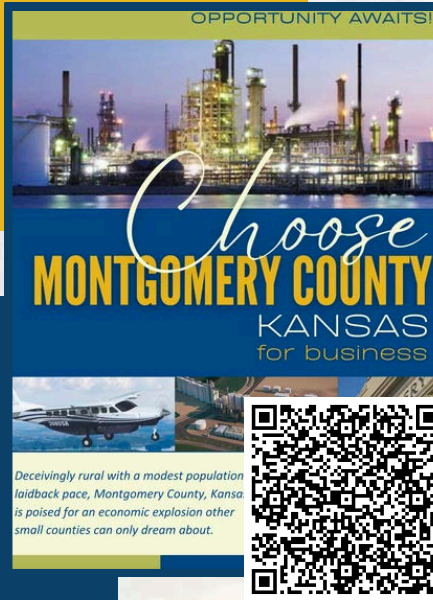


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# Marketing Montgomery County

New guides promoting our county for business and workforce! Check out the digital versions or request a print copy from our office.



**SAVE THE DATE**



**Lunch and Learn-**  
May 6<sup>th</sup> - Independence  
Memorial Hall

**MCAC Annual Meeting-**  
July 16<sup>th</sup> - Coffeyville  
CONTACT US IF YOU WISH TO SERVE ON THE AWARDS COMMITTEE.

**Taste of Montgomery County-** Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> -  
Cherryvale  
REACH OUT TO US FOR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.



& look out for more MCAC updates in your local newspaper!



vice mayor Dean Hayse with the 2025 Rob Gill Community Spirit Award Thursday evening's Montgomery County Action Council annual meeting her closing remarks before handing the award over, Passauer stated "What he's swinging a hammer, guiding a policy, or inspiring others, Dean leads with humility, energy and a deep love for this community." Congratulations, V Mayor Hayse. | Courtesy Photo

## Montgomery County Action Council doles out community awards at annual meeting

■ Indy Vice-Mayor awarded Rob Gill Community Spirit Award

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The Montgomery County Action Council (MCAC) held its annual meeting Thursday evening at the Caney Golf Club.