



Our Taste of Montgomery County Fundraiser was a tremendous success!! We hosted around 160 attendees on Thursday, Sept 18th for a beautiful evening at Lakeside Cedar Lodge in Cherryvale complete with 10 food vendors, games, and a live auction. We raised approximately 15k to replenish our Talent Attraction Fund. Thank you to everyone involved!

Congratulations to our sample category winners!

CHOTEAU CREEK WINERY

HOGGY STYLE BBQ

MUFFIN TOPS BAKERY



BEST BEVERAGE



BEST SAVORY



BEST SWEET

Celebrating Growth Across Montgomery County!!

Ribbon Cuttings



VSE AVIATION,
INDEPENDENCE



KANSASWORKS,
INDEPENDENCE



QUALITY TOYOTA,
INDEPENDENCE

FORGE GRANT RECIPIENTS



G&W of Neodesha



El Charro of Coffeyville



Joe's Italian of
Independence

PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY'S FORGE GRANT PROGRAM (NOW CLOSED) OFFERED FUNDING AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO HELP SOUTHEAST KANSAS ENTREPRENEURS AND SMALL BUSINESSES GROW AND INNOVATE. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS CAN ACCESS UP TO \$5,000 FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR \$2,500 FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES, FOCUSING ON KEY INDUSTRIES LIKE MANUFACTURING, AGRICULTURE, AND LOGISTICS.

A Few More Ribbon Cuttings



MAIN STREET NUTRITION,
INDEPENDENCE



LABETTE HEALTH,
INDEPENDENCE



KSTATE EXTENSION OFFICE,
INDEPENDENCE

TALENT ATTRACTION CAMPAIGN



- Signed incentive agreements: **65!!**
- ARPA grant funds **LEFT TO GIVE: \$34,183**

Recent agreements signed from Advanced Physical Therapy, Standard Motor Products, and Coffeyville Regional Medical Center.



Our Talent Attraction Program focuses on recruiting and retaining skilled professionals in Montgomery County. The recent momentum demonstrates the program’s effectiveness, especially in incentivizing highly competitive positions—such as medical professionals—to build their careers and stay in our community.

City Partners with Rural ReDevelopment Group to Transform Former Mercy Hospital

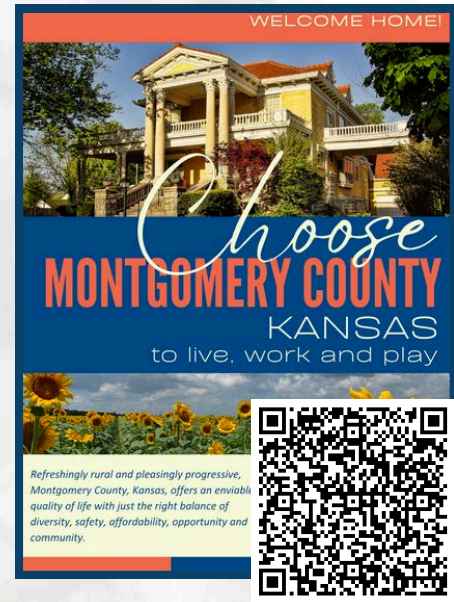
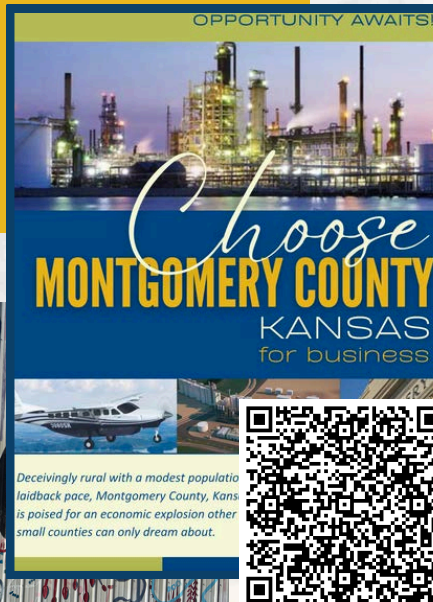


“The City of Independence has taken another major step forward in addressing community housing needs and economic development after City Commission approval Thursday of an agreement with DeSoto, Kansas-based Rural ReDevelopment Group, LLC (RRG) to transfer ownership of the former Mercy Hospital property.

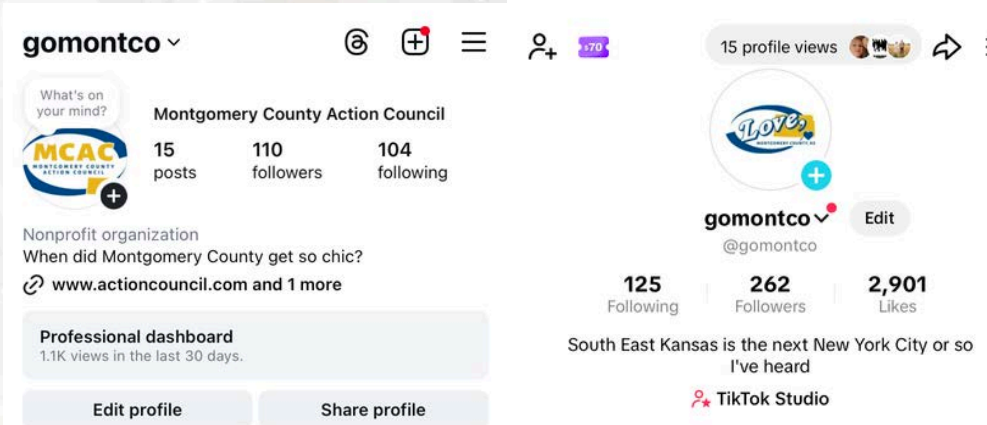
The project will redevelop the existing structure at 811 W. Laurel into a mixed-use complex of commercial and residential units, directly advancing the Commission’s established goals to expand quality housing opportunities and encourage private investment in Independence.”

Marketing Montgomery County

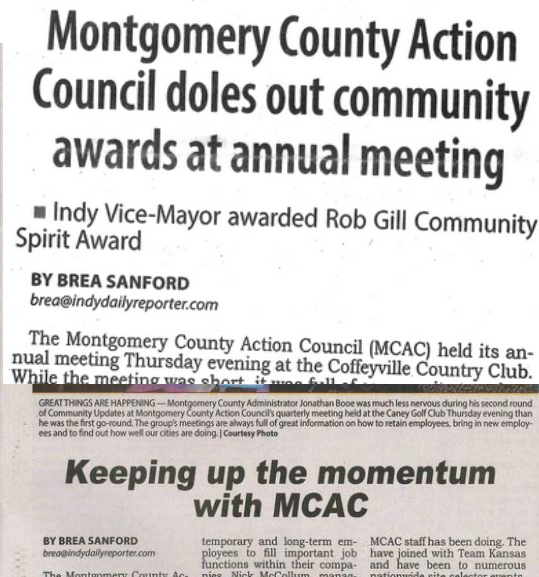
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4th Quarter: Nov. 20

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