

2ND QUARTER 2026 ECONOMIC UPDATES

CREATING AND RETAINING JOBS



Montgomery County hosted the Southeast Kansas Familiarization tour which brought in 25 site selectors from all around the country. Our efforts focused on marketing Montgomery County and its available sites for future development. This experience allows Montgomery County to turn from a hypothetical dot on a map to a real place they have experienced and can confidently recommend.

PROMOTING ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

Montgomery County Action Council welcomed approximately 90 community members to our Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony on July 16th at the Coffeyville Country Club, where attendees gathered for dinner, networking, and an evening celebrating leadership and service throughout Montgomery County.

*Kelly Passauer
presenting **April
Nutt** with the **Curtis
Lavine
Entrepreneurship
Award***

*Michael Hall
presenting **Lew
Forman** with the
**Rob Gill
Community
Spirit Award***

*Melissa Johnson
presenting **Colby
Matthews of VSE
Aviation** with the **Perl
Schmid Golden
Shovel Award***

*Jim Kelly
presenting **Tim
Emert** with the **Jim
Kelly Lifetime
Service Award***



EXPANDING THE TAX BASE



On May 6, Montgomery County Action Council (MCAC) co-hosted the State of the Workforce Lunch & Learn with the Independence Area Chamber of Commerce at Independence Memorial Hall. Community members gathered to hear Deb Schiebler, Executive Director of KansasWorks-ONE, discuss the wide range of workforce resources available throughout Montgomery County. She highlighted services such as apprenticeship programs, recruitment assistance, and occupational skills training designed to support both employers and job seekers.

CELEBRATING NEW MCAC MEMBERS!



Local Small Businesses Successes



SBDC & MCAC are deeply committed to supporting our local small businesses and spent some time highlighting them this quarter. Our mission 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.



Cherryvale's Laundry & Their SBDC Story

MAY 26 2026

SBDC May Highlight: Cherryvale's Laundry
The Kansas Small Business Development Center



Penn Avenue Fitness & Their SBDC Story

JUN 12 2026

Building Strength Through Community: Penn Avenue
Fitness Celebrates Growth with Support from the



MuffinTops Bakery & Their SBDC Story

JUL 7 2026

A Dream Bakery Becomes a Reality When Tercia
Gustin opened MuffinTops Bakery in Independence.

ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL



YOUNG FUN PROFESSIONALS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

MCAC's initiative to build community has evolved from Young Professionals to Fun Professionals, reflecting the multigenerational interest it has inspired. Monthly Sunday pickleball events continue to draw the strongest participation, creating meaningful connections. Strong communities are naturally multigenerational, supporting quality of life, workforce retention, population growth, and economic vitality. OPEN INVITE!

SUNDAY NIGHT PICKLEBALL, ONCE A MONTH. FOLLOW MCAC ON FACEBOOK FOR DATES. SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP TO GET TEXT UPDATES!



COFFEYVILLE CHAMBER'S WOMEN IN BUSINESS CONFERENCE IN APRIL



SPONSORED COFFEYVILLE'S BUSINESS OVER BREAKFAST IN JUNE



CANEY CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS ON VETERANS GRAVES



CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE TRAINING- PARTNERED WITH SOUTH CENTRAL CHILDCARE CIRCLE, APRIL 4TH



DELIVERING RETENTION PROGRAM CHECKS IN COFFEYVILLE

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

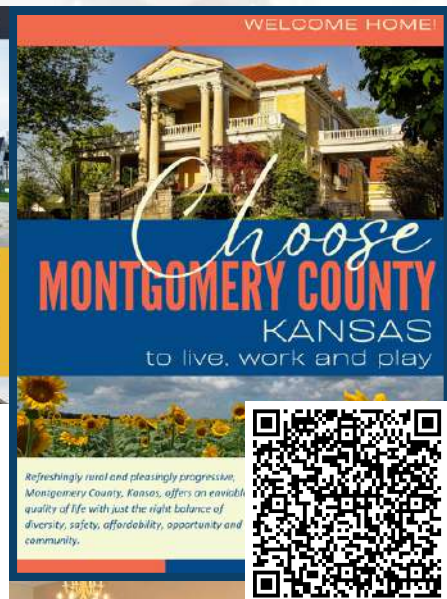


Taste of Montgomery County- Sept. 17th- Cherryvale

SCAN QR CODE FOR SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES --->



4th Quarter Meeting- November 19th- Independence



TASTE OF Montgomery County

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH 5:30-8:30 AT LAKESIDE CEDAR LODGE, CHERRYVALE!

COME CELEBRATE MONTGOMERY COUNTY WITH FOOD, DRINKS, RAFFLES, AND GAMES! ALL FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

BUY TICKETS TODAY!



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GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING — Montgomery County Administrator Jonathan Booe was much less nervous during his second round of Community Updates at Montgomery County Action Council's quarterly meeting held at the Caney Golf Club Thursday evening than he was the first go-round. The group's meetings are always full of great information on how to retain employees, bring in new employees and to find out how well our cities are doing. | Courtesy Photo

Keeping up the momentum with MCAC

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The Montgomery County Action Council and its members met for their quarterly meeting Thursday evening at Caney's

temporary and long-term employees to fill important job functions within their companies. Nick McCollum, manager at Derailed Commodity had the crowd in stitches as he told about the genius of a company

MCAC staff has been doing. They have joined with Team Kansas and have been to numerous nationwide site selector events, regional and national networking opportunities and have been to a number of collabora-