



1ST QUARTER 2025 ECONOMIC UPDATES

CREATING AND RETAINING JOBS

\$3,000 to Jacob Hale of Derailed
Commodity



Our talent attraction program focuses on recruiting and retaining talent in Montgomery County.

Talent Campaign Update (as of March 24, 2025)

- Signed incentive agreements: **50!!**
- ARPA grant funds **LEFT TO GIVE:**
\$96,000

\$4,000 to Wyatt Starnes of
Coffeyville Chamber



EXPANDING THE TAX BASE

MCAC's LOCAL SHOVEL-READY SITE PAYS OFF BIG TIME



A shovel-ready site is one that has all the necessary approvals, permits, and infrastructure in place, allowing construction to begin immediately once funding is secured. One of MCAC's main initiatives is to cultivate shovel ready sites making it easy for businesses to choose Montgomery County.

“Project Delta,” located in Cherryvale, is predicted to offer 18 to 20 jobs with average salaries of \$70,000 per year, which would mean about a \$1.3 million boost to the local tax base,” says Michael Hall, Cherryvale City Administrator.

PROMOTING ECONOMIC DIVERSITY

Celebrating Growth Across Montgomery County!!

RIBBON CUTTINGS!



Crazy Cooky Candles of Coffeyville



Break-N-Run Billiards of Coffeyville

FORGE GRANT RECIPIENTS

Over \$20,000 awarded to small businesses throughout the county.



Dan Thorenson, Nordic Turbine Services of Independence



Mike Conway, Brother's Railroad Inn of Independence

Howard's Electric, LLC provides electrical services in Montgomery County. As their business grew, they needed a larger and more centrally located facility. They purchased a property near Sycamore, KS, but faced financial concerns about increased property taxes. The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) connected them to the County Appraiser for the Neighborhood Revitalization Incentive Program, reducing their property taxes for 10 years. SBDC also helped secure financing and promoted their business and old property listing.

Small Business Client Spotlight



Wylie Blann, Tammy Hader, Lyle Maxwell

ENHANCING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL



SEK Day on the Hill: MCAC showed up along with other SEK community representatives to advocate for changes that would allow a higher quality of life for more people. They discussed the topics of affordable housing and childcare programs.

ABC Christian Childcare and Education Center will be one of the first childcare facility in Kansas to offer 24-hour childcare. An exciting and telling milestone for our community and its support for working families.



CELEBRATING NEW MCAC MEMBERS!



Edward Jones

SAM HILGER

**Kansas
Farm Bureau®**
The Voice of Agriculture®

ANNA LAWLESS



IMPERIAL
MARKETS VENDING FOODSERVICE COFFEE



Additionally, they have partnered with the Delaware Tribe to offer subsidized childcare to any child of a Native American card carrying parent. Visit abccoffeyville.com for more info.

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



A sponsorship opportunity exclusive to MCAC members. Interested? Keep an eye out for more details.

CONTACT INFO@ACTIONCOUNCIL.COM FOR MORE INFO

LAKESIDE CEDAR LODGE IN CHERRYVALE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

OPPORTUNITY AWAITS!

Choose
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
KANSAS
for business

Deceivingly rural with a modest population laidback pace, Montgomery County, Kansas is poised for an economic explosion other small counties can only dream about.

WELCOME HOME!

Choose
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
KANSAS
to live, work and play

Refreshingly rural and pleasingly progressive, Montgomery County, Kansas, offers an enviable quality of life with just the right balance of diversity, safety, affordability, opportunity and community.



SAVE THE DATE



2nd Quarter: June 26- Location TBA

3rd Quarter: Sept. 18 in Cherryvale

4th Quarter: Nov. 20- Location TBA

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

Independence

YESTERDAY. TODAY. TOMORROW

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 Golf Club. President Joe Long called the meeting to order and led those present in the flag salute before moving on to ask for approval of the Consent Agenda. Without changes, the Consent Agenda was approved.

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 that has been an Independence staple for more than 50 years. Derailed started out as a showroom for railroad salvage from trains that had been derailed. As the times changed, the business evolved and now has an

MCAC staff has been doing. The 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 collaborative events with key state leaders. The Team Kansas initiative helps bring in new investors to site-ready sites across the state to entice them into move to the area. MCAC also co-hosted the Kansas Economic Outlook