

# QUARTERLY UPDATE

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## Annual Meeting Highlights

### Congratulations to this year's awardees!

- Woods Lumber
- Newton's True Value
- Taylor News
- Jim Kelly



July 2024

**Montgomery County Action Council**  
*The Economic Development Agency  
for Montgomery County*

## Save the Dates:

**Quarterly Meet and Greet**  
5:00pm on August 29 @ the  
Independence Gun Club &  
Sporting Heritage Center,  
212 North Penn. Avenue

**Quarterly Board Meeting**  
5:30pm on September 19 @  
the Cherryvale Community  
Center, 712 S Liberty St  
*Registration coming soon.*

## Don't Snooze and Lose!



Next Move Group  
*We Are Jobs*

Economic Development  
Board Training Videos



Next Move Group  
*We Are Jobs*

Elected Officials  
Training Videos



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Economic Development  
Staff Training Videos



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Chamber of Commerce  
Board Training Videos

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Training resources from the Next Move Group are only available until **September 30, 2024!** Contact MCAC to obtain the login credentials.

# First Employee Retention Incentive

Congratulations to American Homes Realty for being the first employer to utilize MCAC's employee retention incentive! Shawna Cron serves as an administrative assistant at American Homes Realty and will receive the incentive match annually for five years.

This is part of MCAC's county-wide talent attraction campaign\* designed to encourage skilled individuals to live and work in Montgomery County.

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



## Breaking Ground

In June, the Coffeyville Regional Medical Center broke ground for their new primary care clinic. The clinic will provide room for more patients and help create more job opportunities in the area.



Also in June, ABC-Coffeyville Christian Preschool and Childcare broke ground on the state's first 24-hour childcare center. The facility will be located at 1401 W 10th, Coffeyville, KS.

## Staff Updates

- Melissa Johnson completed the Heartland Economic Development Course through the University of North Iowa and the International Economic Development Council.
- Maren Lagaly joined the team as Communications & Special Projects Coordinator.

# New Member Spotlights:



## SEK Solar

Based in Chanute, the company was started by Daniel Zywietz and Jennifer May Zywietz after they returned to SEK from Dubai, where Daniel ran the Middle East's largest off-grid utility company and solar rooftop installer for 12 years. SEK Solar takes care of the design, permitting, installation and commissioning of the solar panels. They also assist customers with filing grant applications for a nominal fee.

If you would like to learn more and speak with SEK Solar about their offerings, please contact [Daniel Zywietz](mailto:Daniel.Zywietz@seksolar.com) or visit [seksolar.com](http://seksolar.com).



## Cherryvale Museum

The Cherryvale Museum has relocated to 322 East Main Street. The move to the historical 1903 building was completed at the beginning of May.

In the first six weeks of being open the museum had visitors from 13 states and two foreign countries. The states range from Washington State on the West Coast to Georgia on the East Coast, from Minnesota on the Northern Border and Texas, Arizona on the Southern Border. Due to the KU site dig at the Bender property in May, they hosted TV stations from Kansas City, Joplin, Wichita and Tulsa.





# SBDC Spotlight: Cherryvale Laundry

Sharon White and her husband Reuben Marth found a house online that looked like a great place to enjoy their retirement. By December 2022, they had made their move from Canyon Lake, TX to Cherryvale, KS.

The couple wanted to earn some retirement income while being involved in the community. Looking around, Sharon noticed there was no local laundromat in Cherryvale. And so, Cherryvale Laundry was born.

After purchasing the building (formerly Willards), Sharon and Reuben updated the interior. The laundry has 7 washing machines and 6 dryers. Customers can bring their own supplies or purchase them on site. In addition, they offer wash, dry, fold services, as well as snacks and drinks on site.

## Small Business Energy Workshop

In July, MCAC co-hosted a workshop about how to take advantage of free services available through the Kansas Energy Program. This program can help small businesses complete a free energy assessment, obtain assistance in preparing USDA REAP grant applications, and impact your company's bottom line with energy-efficient upgrades.

***Do you have updates or important information to share with our MCAC members?***

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