

QUARTERLY UPDATE

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Looking Back on 2024

There was a large turnout for the MCAC Quarterly Meeting on November 21 at the Independence Country Club. The meeting was sponsored by FirstOak Bank and featured a keynote from Matthew Godinez, Assistant Secretary for Quality Places and Kansas Department of Commerce. The meeting also included robust community updates from Montgomery County, Caney, Cherryvale, Coffeyville and Independence. We are grateful to all who attended and to all individuals and businesses who collaborate with us all year long to promote a thriving Montgomery County.



December 2024

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

Save the date



Join us at an upcoming

LISTENING SESSION
Local Consult Project Scoring



Kansas Department of Transportation Listening Tour

Tuesday, December 10
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Pittsburg State Overman
Student Center – 302 East
Cleveland Avenue, Pittsburg, KS

Montgomery County Economic Outlook Conference

Wednesday, January 29
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Coffeyville Community College
Spencer Rounds Theatre –
400 W 11th St, Coffeyville, KS
REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

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Talent Recruitment & Retention Updates

Our program focuses on recruiting and retaining talent in Montgomery County with a "Live, Work, Play" philosophy. Through targeted marketing and offering financial incentives, we aim to keep local talent in the area and combat the effects of brain drain, particularly among younger professionals.

Campaign Update (as of December 3, 2024):

- Signed Incentive Agreements: 48
- Incentive Dollars Designated: \$107,810.37
- Area Employers Participating: 10

MCAC is able match employer-sponsored bonuses* up to 10% of an employee's annual salary (with a maximum of \$5,000 per employee). Interested in partnering with us to provide bonuses for your team? Contact our office today to learn more!



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Quality Toyota participated in our workforce recruitment and retention campaign to provide a retention bonus for their employee, Rechie!

Celebrating Growth Across Montgomery County

There were ribbon cuttings galore this quarter across the county!

Since our last quarterly newsletter, there have been over 13 ribbon cutting or grand opening events in the area, with just a few images featured here.



Speaking Engagements

We had the opportunity to speak with the Leadership Independence and Coffeyville classes and sponsored the November Coffeyville Business Over Breakfast.



Small Business Client Spotlight

MCAC partners with Pittsburg State to be the hybrid location for the Small Business Development Center in our county. We are able to help clients with a variety of services such as developing a business plan, cash flow projects, gap financing and more.

Located in Downtown Independence, Gink-N-Out offers custom apparel, uniforms, and exclusive pop culture merch. Plus, enjoy their video game lounge for a fun break. Shop, game, and geek out all in one place!



Did you know Montgomery Co. Leads State in Certified Sites?

We have **FOUR** certified Sites, which is more than any other county in the state! A 5th location (Coffeyville Industrial Park) is pending state certification; Caney site is currently under phase 1 environmental review. Certified sites are shovel ready and primed for development.



Cherryvale Industrial Park
65.56 Acres



Independence Industrial Park - SW
217.8 Acres



Independence Industrial Park - NW
225.98 Acres



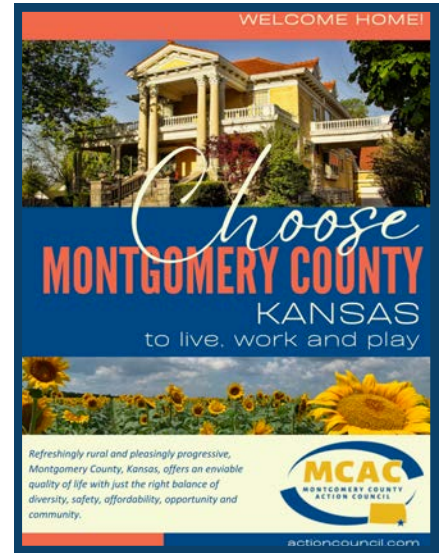
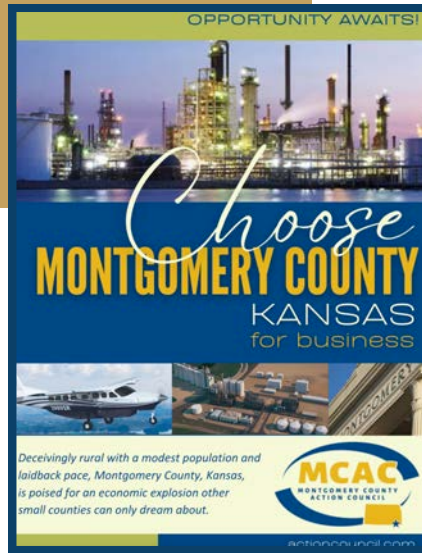
Independence Industrial Park - S
129.48 Acres

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.

Next Move Group Training Resources

We're excited to offer an exclusive resource for MCAC members: The Movement by The Next Move Group!



This comprehensive training program is designed to support not only individual professionals, but also board members of Economic Development Organizations (EDOs) and Chambers of Commerce, as well as elected officials. With a focus on building leadership skills, fostering strategic thinking, and enhancing economic development knowledge, The Movement provides tailored training that empowers community leaders to drive meaningful growth and innovation.

Contact us if you are interested in taking advantage of this unique benefit available only to MCAC members and we will send you the credentials to log in and start learning!

2025 MCAC Quarterly Meetings



1st Quarter: March 20 in Caney
2nd Quarter: June 26 in Coffeyville
3rd Quarter: Sept. 18 in Independence
4th Quarter: Nov. 20 in Cherryvale

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