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MCEDC Quarterly Update - Fall 2025



Persons left to right: Jenny Backer, Roger Michelson, Kevin Kolbet

HOME BASE IOWA

Mitchell County Economic Development and Kolbet Realtors had the pleasure of presenting our Veteran Roger Michelson with the Home Base Iowa Grant.

This grant offers \$1,000 to U.S. Military Veterans on honorable discharge status who are looking to relocate to Mitchell County. To learn more about the program or application process, contact the MCEDC.

Thank you for your service Roger!



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Job Fair!

It was the season for Job Fairs in Mitchell County! Fox River will be closing their doors later this fall. They partnered with Iowa Workforce Development in September to host a job fair at their site.



The MCEDC also hosted a Job Fair in partner with Iowa Workforce Development and the Osage Chamber of Commerce. This was held at the Osage Community High school in early August.



Childcare Solutions Fund Update

In our recent efforts to raise funds for the program, the Mitchell County Board of Supervisors has offered a 1:1 dollar match, up to \$200,000. This means that any new pledges received going forward will be matched by the county! To learn more about the program or how you can contribute, contact the MCEDC office.

Welcome to The MCEDC

The MCEDC is happy to welcome our newest board members Nathan Kinter and Paige Bartels! Nathan is a representative of the City of Riceville and Paige is a representative of the Riceville EDC. We are happy to have them join us to help improve the development of our communities.

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