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WELCOME

Welcome to the third edition of EconNews. Spring arrived and was marked by the Cardinals first home opener of the season. The Blues are Stanley Cup winners and summer is on our doorstep

It's customary at the end of a year to reflect on the past and hope the new year brings a renewed sense of life. When you experience a loss, as we have, you spend time reflecting on the joy and good a person brings to your life and you realize how short and precious life can be.

The best way we know how to honor Mr. Dews is to continue with his vision and dedication to family and community. This issue of EconNews is dedicated to Mr. Dews and all who serve their community with a kind and loving spirit.

The articles in this newsletter were written by staff of the EDC. Enjoy this edition of the EconNews.

IN MEMORY

David Dews, Executive Director

It is with great sadness that we share news of David Dews, Executive Director passing. With David's leadership and dedication, he turned the organization toward a renewed focus in economic development for Jefferson County. This newsletter was just one of many achievements David made possible. He believed in the value of economic growth and delivered our message to all four corners of the county.

David E. Dews was born May 22, 1959 in Rolla, MO. A son to Clark and Bonnie (nee Williams) Dews. He died at his De Soto home on March 18, 2019 at the age of 59. David was the city manager of De Soto from 1999 to 2017 and was currently serving as executive director of the Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Dews also served for seven months on the De Soto Board of Education in 2016 and 2017 to fill a vacancy.



He was honorary chairman and spoke as a cancer survivor at the Festus Relay for Life in 2014.

Mr. Dews held bachelor's degrees in business administration, civil engineering, and chemistry. He was a member of the Missouri Economic Development Council, the Jefferson County Growth Association, the Highway 21 Task Force (serving as its chairman since 2015) and the Safety-First Coalition. He was past president of De Soto Rotary Club, De Soto Chamber of Commerce and the De Soto Community Foundation and was chairman of the Hwy. 21 Task Force. He also was on the EDC board from 1999 to 2017 and was its chairman for 14 years before he stepped down after he was named the executive director.

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK LUNCHEON >>>

On May 15, 2019, The Economic Development Corporation hosted our 2nd Annual Small Business Luncheon.

“Powering the American Dream”

The SBA works to ignite change and spark action so small businesses can confidently start, grow, expand, or recover.

Our guest speakers this year was Ms. Maureen E. Brinkley, District Director, St. Louis District Office, U.S. Small Business Administration and Mr. Thomas A. Daiber, Lead Lender Relations Specialist, St Louis District Office, U.S. Small Business Administration. We also had a special appearance by Tom Salisbury, SBA Regional Administrator.



Mr. Thomas Salisbury



Ms. Maureen Brinkley



Mr. Thomas Daiber

MEET THE SBA TEAM

It is our pleasure to introduce the team members in our SBA Loan Department. Whether you have a dream of starting your own business or you have an existing business ready to grow and expand. Our dedicated staff of trained professionals are here to assist you during each stage of your business.



Janice Luchan
Loan Officer



Debbie Klein
Closing Loan Officer

In the Spotlight

Taytro's Bar & Bistro

Taytro's Bar & Bistro was established in March of 2009 by husband and wife team Steve and Lynn Tetrault.

Taytro's Bar & Bistro opened in 2009 as a family owned and run restaurant. The theme of the restaurant is Louisiana style food or Cajun. Steve Tetrault spent time in New Orleans where he developed a passion for cooking. He brought the love and passion of New Orleans to the Midwest.

Steve and Lynn rented the original location, which was small, but allowed them time to grow a very dedicated fan base. When they felt the time was right to expand, they only had to look behind them to find their permanent home.



With their new location, they have ample space for live music, catering events, private parties and soon to offer cooking classes.

In addition to Taytro's Bar & Bistro, in 2013, Steve and Lynn acquired Petit Patee Restaurant and Bar, located in Festus.

They continue the family owned and run tradition with the help of their two children Leigh and Luke who are very dedicated to their family business.

If you are looking for traditional Louisiana style food, and a fun night out with the family, make sure to visit them.



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