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MO-KAN COMPLETES LATHROP'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Lathrop Comprehensive City Plan



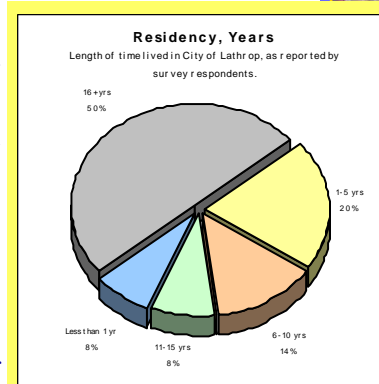
Mo-Kan Regional Council re-

cently completed a city-wide comprehensive plan for the City of Lathrop. The year-long process started in August 2005 with a stakeholder meeting that took place in Lathrop. This Town Hall Meeting introduced the concept of comprehensive planning and designated

achieve the vision. Mo-Kan staff created both community and business-wide surveys that asked residents their thoughts on how the community should shape future growth.



In addition, utilizing Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Mo-Kan developed several maps of Lathrop and the surrounding areas and completed two traffic studies. The final plan was presented to a citizen group on July 20 at the Lathrop Community Building.



Graphs such as this were used in the development of Lathrop's Comprehensive Plan.

A city comprehensive plan is a document designed to guide municipal development, help a community effectively plan for future population growth, allows a community to gauge its strengths and weaknesses, and identifies the goals of the community by examining key areas. For more information on city planning contact Tom Bliss.



THE MAN BEHIND THE MILK BY MATT SHATTO

Most people refer to Leroy Shatto as a dairy farmer or as the person who owns Shatto Milk Company. To most he is known for producing the freshest and best tasting milk in the region. To me, he is known as Dad, and is idolized due to his commitment to his family, love for others, dedication to what he believes in and old fashion values.

and occasional late nights in the field. In retrospect, that lifestyle was far from normal. I always took for granted the fact my dad worked 12-14 hour days, 7 days a week, yet always made time to coach my summer baseball teams and do whatever it took to ensure I was taken care of.

Growing up, not much was said about the fact we lived across the road from our family dairy farm. Dad got up everyday about 4 a.m. and returned to the house about 6:30 each evening. To me it was normal, his long days, hard work

Not until high school did I see how different my dad's responsibilities were compared to most. 80-85 hour work weeks, with lowering milk prices, yielding nothing more than the opportunity to break even. Actually,

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CITY OF CAMERON AWARDED DED FUNDS

The Missouri Department of Economic Development approved a \$750,000 industrial infrastructure grant through the Community Development Block Grant program to the city of Cameron for public infrastructure improvements including the construction of a road. This infrastructure improvement will not only aid Case New Holland America, LLC but all of the businesses in the industrial development.

CNH operates several manufacturing plants throughout Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America, Australia and North America. The proposed Cameron facility will be the company's first presence in Missouri.

Funds will be released to Cameron as certain requirements set forth by the program are met. The CDBG program provides economic development grants and loan funds to cities with a population under 50,000 and counties under 200,000 to assist in the location, expansion or retention of a business.

Mo-Kan Regional Council assisted with the application and completed the Environmental Review for this grant.

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NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR JOINS STAFF



Mo-Kan Regional Council has a new addition to its staff. Jackie Wilson has been hired to fill the position of Community Development Director for the Council as of July 17th.

Jackie comes to Mo-Kan with over four years of experience from the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments in Maryville, Mo. While in Maryville she managed transportation planning, the Northwest Missouri Regional Solid Waste Management District, and natural hazard mitigation planning. Other duties included grant writing, public relations and workforce development.

Jackie possesses a Bachelor of Arts degree from Iowa State University and is currently working on her Masters of

Public Administration degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

“After working for the Northwest Regional Council for four years, I feel I have learned the daily routine of a planning commission. I look forward to using the skills I have learned and finding new and innovative ways to help the communities in Mo-Kan’s service region,” said Wilson. While at Mo-Kan, she will serve as the transportation planner and Homeland Security coordinator, as well as assist with grant writing and public relations.

Jackie is originally from Bedford, Iowa and will be relocating to the Mo-Kan region with her five-year-old son, Evan George.

Wilson’s appointment follows that of Tye Parsons who accepted the Executive Director position at the Northwest Missouri Regional Council.

MO-KAN TO FACILITATE HOMELAND SECURITY PLANNING



The Missouri Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced a new structure for the application, rating, and disbursement of homeland security funds to local emergency responders. In the past, all grant applications from across the state were made directly to DHS, who then scored and approved requests. The sheer volume of applications received, however, produced a significant administrative burden on the department, and greatly reduced the efficiency of the process.

In response, the DHS has partnered with the Missouri Association of Councils of Government (MACOG) to facilitate a new process for awarding homeland security grant dollars on a regional basis. It is believed that this new structure will not only improve the efficiency of the granting process, but also move homeland security decisions to the local level, thereby making the best use of limited public funds.

The DHS is currently in the process of establishing nine Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committees (RHSOCs). The RHSOCs will be responsible for receiving, scoring, and disbursing homeland security grant funds. The committees, which are geographically designated using the Missouri Highway Patrol Troop regions, will consist of 13 voting members, with one member representing each of the following disciplines:

- Director of Emergency Management
- Police Chief
- Sheriff
- Fire Chief
- County Health
- Homeland Security Response Team
- City or County Public Works
- Mayor or City Administrator
- County Commissioner
- Private Industry/Public Utility
- 911 Coordinator
- Volunteer Group

The Missouri Regional Planning Commissions (RPC) are serving as the administrative agents in this process,

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there was not one year in the 90’s that he turned a profit. My dad was working harder than anyone I knew, for nothing more than to try to hold onto the small hope that our family dairy could one day survive in the new world of international trade, corporate conglomerates and multinational investor groups.

Unable to continue exerting so much effort for so little, my parents were faced with a decision in 2002 that would change their lives forever. My dad would have to either give up on the family dairy farm of more than 100 years and start a new career, or try something new to offset the falling milk prices and attempt to save the dairy. Realizing family farms have always been, and shall continue to be, the fundamental fabric of the overarching American culture, my parents took the chance and decided to attempt to save our small family dairy farm.

After months of uncertainty and sleepless nights, my dad, with the help of many friends, family and business types, built an on-site bot-

tling facility next to our family dairy barn. This bottling facility is now where he oversees the processing of the milk that comes from his nearly 150 cows. My dad has rekindled our family dairy and turned it back into a vibrant business. A business that has not only saved our family farm, but has also served as a beacon of hope for struggling farmers across the country.

The success that my dad has found in his new business venture is not what prompts me to write this article; rather, it is the vehicle that has provided me the audience to share some outstanding traits about a remarkable man that I am fortunate enough to call Dad. It is much simpler than profits and trend charts; it has to do with his care for this community, his love for his family, and most of all his determination to maintain the way of life that has been shared with more than three generations of our family.

Today, Shatto Milk Company, a local family dairy farm, is home to nearly 150 cows that provide the freshest and best tasting dairy products to more than 60 stores in the



Leroy Shatto holds a resolution passed by the State Senate recognizing the success of his business.

Kansas City and St. Joseph areas. Due to my dad’s dedication to operating a transparent dairy, our family farm hosts more than 30,000 visitors for tours and special events throughout a given year.

It is easy and appropriate to say that the success of Shatto Milk Company has come not only due to my dad’s hard work and dedication, but also because of the countless number of people that have helped along the way. Thus, I would like to thank everyone that has had a part in helping my parents save our local family dairy farm. Specifically, I would like to say thank you to John Perrino and Mo-Kan for the opportunity to share some thoughts about my dad and Shatto Milk Company. Not to mention their assistance in getting my dad to a place where he could make his dream of saving our family dairy a reality.

If you would like to learn more about Shatto Milk Company, please visit our website at www.shattomilkcompany.com.

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CDBG ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

- Amazonia, MO—Waste Water System.....Final draw
- Andrew County, MO—ADA Elevator.....Project closeout
- Cosby, MO—Waste Water System.....Obtaining easement
- Plattsburg, MO—Downtown Revitalization.....Streets & sidewalks
- Cameron, MO—Industrial Infrastructure.....Funding approval



A ribbon cutting was held on May 25th for the new elevator in the Andrew County Courthouse.