



Northwest Missouri Press Association's 127th Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 8, 2017

Andrew County Museum | 202 E. Duncan Drive | Savannah, MO

Schedule of events

- > **9 to 9:30 a.m.** – Registration and fellowship.
- > **9:30 to 10:45 a.m.** – “Regional Vitality: Our Future Depends on It” – This featured program focuses on what is required to sustain the region’s smaller communities on which newspapers depend for readers and advertisers.

The Community Foundation of Northwest Missouri will present results of a study of population and economic trends, and the implications for the region. Speakers will be **Mary Hinde**, foundation CEO, and **Lowell Kruse**, foundation board member and former president and CEO of Heartland Health.

Lowell Kruse also will discuss Communities of Excellence 2026, a national initiative getting under way to create successful models for pursuing community improvements, including economic growth. The five sites in the first round include Maryville and Brookfield-Marceline in Missouri.

- > **11 to 11:45 a.m.** – “Regional Vitality: Find It on Main Street” – Learn about the work of two grassroots organizations in Northwest Missouri focused on encouraging and supporting entrepreneurs.

One presenter is **Keli Morris**, enterprise facilitator for Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation, a nonprofit offering business coaching through 60 trained volunteers in six counties: Andrew, Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth.

The second presenter is **Stephanie Williams**, business facilitator for North Central Missouri Business Facilitation, also a nonprofit, supporting business development through 40 trained volunteers in six additional counties: Caldwell, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Grundy and Harrison.

- > **11:45 a.m. to noon** – “Andrew County Museum and Historical Society” – Executive Director **Jan Glenn** speaks on how a model community museum was founded and thrives.

- > **Noon to 1:30 p.m.** – Annual luncheon, including presentation of the Craig Watkins Friend of Northwest Press Award, the Merrill Chilcote Award and the James C. Kirkpatrick Award. The luncheon speaker is **Richard Fordyce** of Harrison County, a former director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture and a longtime proponent of rural revitalization.

- > **1:45 to 2:45 p.m.** – Missouri Press Association updates from Mark Maassen, MPA executive director; **Melody Bezenek**, Missouri Press Foundation director; and **Jean Maneke**, MPA counsel and Legal Hotline attorney.

- > **2:45 to 4 p.m.** – Roundtable discussions of News and Advertising topics.

- > **4 to 4:30 p.m.** – Business meeting, including election of 2017 officers and board.

2017 Annual Meeting Registration

Northwest Missouri Press Association requests a \$25 membership fee per newspaper.

Additional donations are welcomed. All funds beyond expenses of the meeting will go towards the scholarship fund.

- > **ALL PROGRAMS PLUS LUNCHEON \$20 per person**

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Registration needed by Friday, June 2, for planning purposes