

MPA 2015 Hall of Fame Inductee:

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Darryl Wilkinson has been president of Gallatin Publishing Company since 1982. A 1972 graduate of Odessa High School, he is editor and publisher of The Gallatin North Missourian, the oldest business in continuous operation in Daviess County, established in 1864. Wilkinson and his wife, Elizabeth, were a journalism team on projects even before they married and worked together on the campus newspaper at Northwest Missouri State University. They worked at newspapers in Ida Grove, Iowa, and Grant City, Mo., before moving to Gallatin in 1978. During the years the Wilkinsons have owned and operated Gallatin Publishing Company, gross sales and business operations have multiplied. Internet website construction and hosting were added to printing operations during the 1990s. The company currently hosts and maintains more than 100 commercial internet websites and operates the dominant real estate and auctions website serving North Missouri and Southern Iowa under the domains of NorthwestMissouri.com, ShoMeMore.com and GPCink.com.

Business expansion occurred in 2008 when a six-unit News King press was purchased from the University of Missouri and relocated at Gallatin. The publishing company moved away from the town square into a 12,000 sq.ft. manufacturing facility to offer full-color newsprint printing to its customers. Gallatin Publishing Company owns and operates four newsprint periodicals of its own while providing printing services to a dozen neighboring weekly and daily newspapers and advertising shoppers at locations throughout Northwest Missouri. The company employs 28 full and part-time employees at its printing plant and offices in Gallatin and at its sales office in Chillicothe. A 1976 graduate of Northwest Missouri State University, Wilkinson served as president of the Northwest Missouri Press Association in 1985 and has served on the Missouri Press Association Board of Directors.

He was president of the Gallatin Industrial Development Corporation, leading to the construction of Gallatin Area Business Park, helping to attract a major employer, Continental Grain Company, in pork production to North Missouri. He was named Missouri Volunteer of the Year in 1994 by the Southern Industrial Development Council for helping initiate and create jobs through Gallatin Industrial Development Corporation. The Wilkinsons are active in many community and church affairs. They have four children and seven grandchildren.