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# 2024 OZARK PRESS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION



**Thursday, October 17, 2024**  
**The Ferguson Building**  
**121 East Main Street (4-Way Stop, Downtown)**  
**Willow Springs, MO 65793**

**9:00 a.m. - 9:25 a.m. — Registration with continental breakfast (featuring St. George's Donuts).**

**9:25 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. — Welcome by Amanda Mendez, president, Ozark Press Association, and owner, Howell County News.**

**9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. — Missouri Press Association update with MPA Executive Director Mark Maassen.**

**9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. — “Maximizing Legal Revenue In Your Newspaper,” presented by Dan Wehmer, Webster County Citizen.**

**10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. — “To Endorse Or Not To Endorse,” forum on political endorsements led by moderator Steve Pokin of the Springfield Daily Citizen; panelists include Kyle Troutman, Cassville Democrat, Amanda Mendez and Dan Wehmer.**

**11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. — Lunch by Leslie's Catering Company. (Includes Full Meal, Drink & Dessert)**

**12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. — Dan Curry, MPA Legal Hotline Attorney, presents “Understanding AI” in roundtable discussion. (Attendees are urged to bring questions.)**

**1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. — “Covering Non-Traditional Sports,” presented by Ron Schott, Wright County Journal, and Kyle Troutman.**

**1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. — “Newspapers As The Community Safe Haven,” presented by Jackie Rehwald, Springfield Daily Citizen.**

**2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. — “Facilitating Community Forums,” presented by Amanda Mendez and Kyle Troutman.**

**2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. — “So You Think You Have A Bright Idea?” Moderator: Jordan Troutman. Critic: Dan Wehmer.**

**3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. — Business meeting and election of officers.**

**3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. — “Historical Walking Tour: Downtown Willow Springs” given by Lou Wehmer, author and Howell County News columnist.**