



# AROUND THE NORTHWEST

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FEATURING  
**GREYLAN JAMES**  
WITH SPECIAL GUESTS:  
Charlie Bacon,  
Sam Gibson &  
Travis Mullenix

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2023  
BLACK SILO WINERY  
TRENTON, MO**

Leadership Northwest  
*Music Jam*  
PRESENTED BY  
WRIGHT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL &  
HEDRICK MEDICAL CENTER

— SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT —

## HISTORY:

In December 1999, community leaders from Northwest Missouri came together at Conception Abbey to brainstorm about regional issues. One of the issues that came out of this forum was the need for leadership development on a regional scale. The group concluded that while there are many outstanding local leadership development programs in our communities and an excellent statewide program, there are no programs that address leadership development at the regional level.



Leadership Northwest Missouri Class of 2001

# CLASS OF 2023

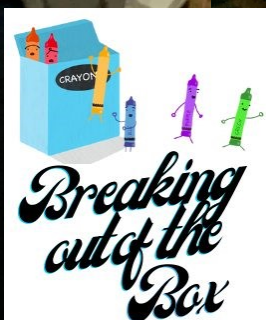
## Breaking Out of the Box



**Congratulations April Wood!**

# CLASS OF 2023

## Breaking Out of the Box



# GRADUATION

## Class of 2023



Back Row: John Nab, Cole Soptic, Lee Ann Blazer, Carrie Watkins, DeAnn Davison, Kameron Woodring, Adam Summers, Jenna Keyes, Chad Howerton

Middle Row: Lisa Colson, Melissa Williamson, Kerry Savage, RaCail King, Ian Myers, Brooke Vette, Alexander Murray

Front Row: Shawna Dye, Kelsi Meyer, Jeffrey Martin, Becky Vandevender, April Wood, Sarah Williamson

Not Pictured: Laura Almquist, Machele Skinner

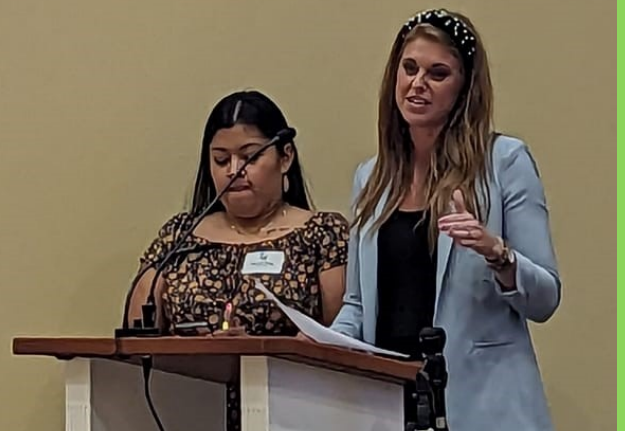


# GRADUATION

Class of 2023



Thank you RaCail King & Kelsi Meyer  
for sharing your class experiences  
with the group!



# GRADUATION

**Thank You!**



Deborah Borchers, past board treasurer, thanking the 2023 sponsors!



Thank you for your service on the LNWMO board!

Left to Right: Randy Mendenhall, Deborah Borchers, & Courtney Jimenez



Thank you to the Graduation Planning Committee!

Marsha Martin, Matt Barry, Amy Ford, Brittany Higgins, Joni Oaks, Scott Sharp, Marissa Spillman, & Ashton Vandivert—Class of 2022

# CITIZENSHIP AWARD

## Carrie Watkins

During the short time in her position as Community Engagement Director for Voices of Courage Child Advocacy Center, Carrie Watkins has worked to bring teams together to benefit children and families all over Northwest Missouri.

Carrie's role is to coordinate team investigative efforts in cases of child abuse and neglect. In order to accomplish this for our 9-county coverage area, she has had to build relationships with individuals from law enforcement, Children's Division, prosecutor's offices, juvenile offices and medical personnel. That does NOT mean just 9 teams—that means more than 15 law enforcement agencies, 3 Children's Division teams, 9 prosecutor's offices and 3 Juvenile Offices.

Her ultimate goal is to make sure each team functions to the best of its ability so that the child abuse cases can have best outcomes for kids. Carrie is making a big difference in kids' lives both in her role as a Forensic Interviewer as well as her role as our Multi-Disciplinary Team Coordinator.

There are just some people who set up, volunteer, speak up and get things done. Carrie is one of those people. In an office situation, that translates into leadership. She leads by example, is a doer and a helper and we look forward to working with her every day at Voices of Courage.



# LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

## Deb Powers



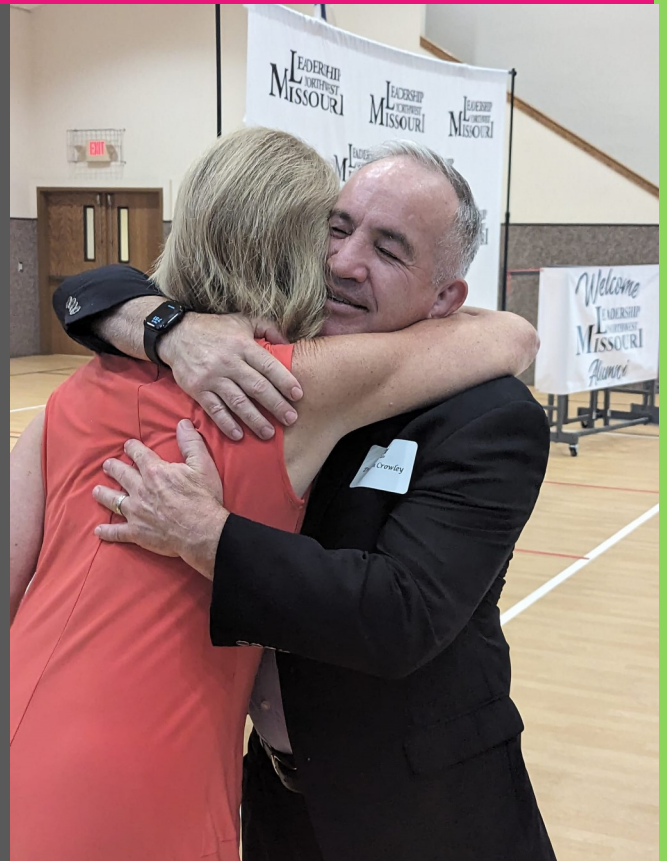
Deb Powers, current LNWMO Executive Director, will be retiring at the end of 2023. She was part of the very first Leadership Northwest Missouri class, Class of 2001. Deb has served as Executive Director for a combined 14 years (2004-2008 & 2015-2023). It is our pleasure to congratulate Deb on her retirement and award her the Lifetime Achievement Award!

"Deb has been the heart of this organization for many years. Without her passion, dedication and steady hand on the reins of this organization, the experience would be lackluster."

-Courtney Jimenez, Class of 2020 & 2022-2023 Board President

"We are indebted to you, for your tireless dedication, passion, and commitment to our organization, communities and regions."

-Dr. Tim Crowley



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Music Jam

CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT! 🎵 Rising Country Music artist and hit songwriter, Greylan James, will be headlining this year's Leadership Northwest Music Jam presented by Wright Memorial Hospital and Hedrick Medical Center. The fundraising event will return for the third year in a row at Black Silo Winery in Trenton, MO on Saturday, September 2nd during THS Alumni weekend. 🎵 Trenton local natives and THS alumni, Charlie Bacon, Sam Gibson, and Travis Mullenix are slotted as the special guests opening the show. Leadership Northwest Music Jam is a fundraising event for the Leadership Northwest Missouri (LNWMO) program and tickets are on sale now!

For tickets and more info, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/>



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Tickets on  
Sale Now! <<<

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*Music Jam*  
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HEDRICK MEDICAL CENTER

All proceeds benefit the Leadership Northwest Missouri Program

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Music Jam Sponsors

### Premier Platinum Sponsor

Hedrick Medical Center  
Wright Memorial Hospital

### Platinum Sponsor

Black Silo Winery  
Essig Family McDonald's of Trenton  
HK Tax and Accounting, LLC  
K4C Cottages  
Missouri Sound and Technology  
North Central Missouri College  
Northwest Missouri State University Nursing Program  
Regional Radio

### Gold Sponsor

BTC Bank  
Carroll County Memorial Hospital  
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Farmers Bank of Northern Missouri  
Stevens Excavating & Plumbing  
Trenton Coca-Cola Bottling, LLC



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Music Jam Sponsors

### Silver Sponsor

AgChem  
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Dave's Body Shop  
Dillon Harp-State Farm Agent  
Dynamic Tax & Accounting  
Landes Farms  
Main Street Mercantile  
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No Creek Properties, LLC  
Northwest Health Services  
Ron Dougan Agency  
Southern Bank  
Trenton Hy-Vee

### Bronze Sponsor

Century 21 Team Elite  
Farmers State Bank  
Landes Oil, Inc.  
LNWMO Class of 2001  
Main Street Trenton-TDIA  
Pettijohn Ford of Trenton  
Trenton Abstract & Title Company

*Thank You*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Class of 2023 Project—Golf Tournament



**LEADERSHIP NORTHWEST MISSOURI**

# **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**BENEFITING:**  
**VOICES OF COURAGE**  
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

- 2-PERSON SCRAMBLE.
- \$60 PER GOLFER.
- BUY UP'S AVAILABLE AT CHECK-IN.

**SEPT. 9, 2023**  
**9 A.M.**

**REGISTER NOW**  
<http://bit.ly/LNWMOGOLF>

**Tarkio Golf Club, Inc.**  
1106 Park St., Tarkio, MO

**LEADERSHIP NORTHWEST MISSOURI**

**voices of courage**  
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

### Goals

- \*Create awareness for LNWMO
- \*Create awareness for Voices of Courage
- \*Raise \$3,000+ for Voices of Courage



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Fill Your Cup

### JOIN US @ the 2023 'Fill Your Cup' Seminar!

Thursday, October 5, 2023 9:30am-2:00pm

Registration begins at 9:00am

\$25/person

NCMC—Savannah Campus

601 N US Hwy 71

Savannah, MO 64485

Recharge,  
Re-engage,  
& Recruit  
Here!



# MEET THE BOARD

## Board Members

- Jennifer Jarvis—President
- Melissa Birdsell—Secretary
- Lesley Delaney—Treasurer
- Dr. Kristen Alley
- Matt Barry
- Marcus Casady
- Marcie Cutsinger
- Heather Nicholas
- Kasi Norris
- Cole Soptic
- Jackie Spainhower
- Carrie Watkins
- Kendra Pickering—Incoming Executive Director
- Deb Powers—Executive Director



## Upcoming Meetings

- September 14th via Zoom
- October 12th via Zoom
- November 9th @ TBD
- December 14th via Zoom



# BOARD SPOTLIGHT

## Melissa Birdsell



Melissa joined the LNWMO board in 2022 as an alumni from the Class of 2017 and is the current board secretary. She works as the Executive Director for the Voices of Courage Child Advocacy Center. As a board member she hopes to be able to reconnect with people and concepts provided by LNWMO. Melissa says, "Once you graduate, it can be easy to get back to work and concentrate less on things you learn through the year you spend with Tim and everyone else." In her spare time she enjoys studying why serial killers become who they are, spending time with her grandchildren, and participating in her book club that meets once a month.

# RECENT EVENTS

## Take the LEAP

Leadership Northwest Missouri hosted the second annual Take the LEAP event for high school students on June 2, 2023 at the East Hills Library in St. Joseph, MO. This event was designed to foster leadership in high school students through the mission and values exemplified by Leadership Northwest Missouri!



### Special thank you to:

The sponsors: Clean Freak Auto Spa, E.L. Crawford, Missouri Western State University, North Central Missouri College, and Strategic Services

The speakers: Heather Nicholas (Mosaic), Jason Sarsany (Edward Jones), and Dr. Tim Crowley

# STAY CONNECTED

LNWMO

Keep in touch via Facebook @

Leadership Northwest Missouri

Leadership Northwest Missouri Alumni

Leadership Northwest Missouri Community Events Page

Where are LNWMO Alumni now? We would love to hear about any promotions, job changes, awards, or exciting news!

*click here*  




## Committee Updates:

The fundraising, alumni, and marketing committees are currently looking for alumni

members. Please send an e-mail to [leadershipnorthwestmissouri@gmail.com](mailto:leadershipnorthwestmissouri@gmail.com) if you would like to participate in a committee!

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

## ALUMNI

Leadership Northwest Missouri functions on donations, sponsorships, and volunteerism.

Please consider joining a committee and/or donating to LNWMO!



**Huge shout out to the Music Jam Committee (Shane Lynch, Jenna Stevens, Marcia Cox, Ashley Putnam, and Tammy Sparks) for their hard work on the Music Jam!**

**Apply NOW  
to join the  
Class of 2024**



# SPONSORS

## Become a Sponsor

### LEADERSHIP NORTHWEST MISSOURI SPONSORSHIP LEVELS



**Platinum Level**  
\$1500 and up

- Featured on LNWMO website and Facebook page
- Invitation to attend a class session and share business information
- VIP seating at the annual LNWMO graduation ceremony (complimentary)
- Opportunity to feature job openings with alumni leaders
- Business feature post on Facebook page
- Featured in 2023 class press release
- Banner displayed at events



**Gold Level**  
\$1,000-1,499

- Featured on LNWMO website and Facebook page
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- Invitation to attend the annual LNWMO graduation ceremony (complimentary)
- Opportunity to feature job openings with alumni leaders
- Business feature post on Facebook page



**Silver Level**  
\$500-999

- Featured on LNWMO website and Facebook page
- Invitation to attend a class session and share business information
- Invitation to attend the annual LNWMO graduation ceremony (complimentary)



**Bronze Level**  
\$100-499

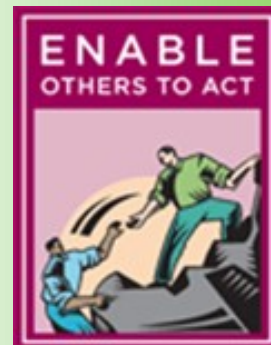
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SPONSOR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE VITAL TO OUR MISSION

### Enable Others to Act

Leaders foster collaboration and build spirited teams.

They actively involve others. Leaders understand that mutual respect is what sustains extraordinary efforts; they strive to create an atmosphere of trust and human dignity. They strengthen others, making each person feel capable and powerful.



# SPONSORS

## PLATINUM

BTC Bank

## GOLD

Farmers Bank of Northern Missouri

US Bank

## SILVER

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

Carroll County Memorial Hospital

Farmers State Bank

Hedrick Medical Center/Wright Memorial Hospital

Mosaic Health System

North Central Missouri College

Northwest Missouri State University

## BRONZE

Commerce Bank, St. Joseph

Nodaway Valley Bank

St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce



## Affiliate Sponsor

Community Foundation of  
Northwest Missouri

# CHARITABLE GIFTS

## Leadership Northwest Missouri Receives Charitable Gift

Leadership Northwest Missouri is grateful to have recently received a charitable gift from the Norma J. and William J. Kenney Charitable Trust, U.S. Bank, N.A. Trustee, in the amount of \$2,000.

These funds will be used to purchase much needed technology for Leadership Northwest Missouri which will greatly assist with sustaining our mission to build, strengthen and inspire leaders through training and networking experiences. With the upcoming graduation of the Class of 2023, alumni numbering 484 have benefited from Leadership Northwest Missouri. Effective leadership is vital to the future prosperity of Northwest Missouri and charitable donations enable us to present a high-quality program to a new group of regional leaders each year.

Leadership Northwest Missouri is registered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

<https://leadershipnorthwestmissouri.org>

Courtney Jimenez, Assistant Vice President/Trust Officer, U.S. Bank Private Wealth Management, presented a check to the Leadership Northwest Missouri Board of Directors.



## Leadership Northwest Missouri Receives Charitable Gift

Leadership Northwest Missouri is grateful to have recently received a charitable gift from the Leah Spratt Charitable Trust, Commerce Trust Company, Trustee, in the amount of \$1,000.