



April 2024 News!



Our speaker this month is Rachel Kagay. She is a Gallup Certified Strengths Coach, Speaker, and Facilitator. Rachel is involved with Maximize NWMO and their six week program " Introduction to Community Excellence: Reaching Common Goals Faster."

Bring a note-pad and please join us for this great discussion on April 17th, at noon, by registering at the link below.

Lunch & Learn Registration

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



Dr. Sean Siebert to speak at Annual Conference

We are very excited to announce Dr. Sean Siebert will be our keynote speaker at our fall conference on October 21st. Sean Siebert is the creator of Invent Yourself LLC. Sean is an excellent, sought-after motivational speaker. His books have a 5-star rating and inspire those going through grief, mental health issues, addictions, and life changes, to get on their feet and keep moving forward. Dr. Siebert has worked with music legends, Fortune 500 Corporations, entrepreneurs, non-profit organizations, and institutions with award-winning results. In addition, he has worked with schools across the state of Missouri and was awarded the National Association of Development Organization Innovation Award for his work.

It just takes one spark of hope to help a community begin to thrive. We hope to see everyone at our conference this fall! The location will be Farm Bureau, 701 S. Country Club Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65109.



Please consider donating to our Better Together Silent Auction this fall. Gift cards and tickets can be easily mailed. Contact Kim at kimathiawrightmcb@gmail.com for more information.

**We would like to thank our conference
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Please contact Darlamcb8@gmail.com if you would be interested in sponsoring any part of our 2024 fall conference.



A Message from our AWARDS Chair

There will be awards given out at the fall conference. Good Luck to you all!

A community must have at least three projects of any combination to enter their community for the Gene Speichinger Community of

the Year Award, but the J.C.Smith Youth Group of the Year Award requires only two youth projects.

Each section in the MAP Tool lists categories that will also get awards, such as:

- **People:** Best Youth Led Project, Most Community Involvement, and Best Use of Volunteers
 - **Plans of Action:** Best Planning Process and Most Engaged Community
 - **Financial Resources, Infrastructure, and Assets:** Best Project on a Budget, Most Creative Funding Effort, and Best Use of Community Assets
 - **Quality of Life:** Most Heartfelt Project, Most Unique Community Activity, Community Event: Good Neighbor Day (week of Sept. 28th)
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April 17th

Lunch & Learn: Rachel Kagay, Maximize NWMO

May 15th

Lunch & Learn: Sarah Gehring, FCS Financial

June 30th

Participation Forms Due:

- MCB Permission Slip
- Community Entry
- Youth Group Entry

July 31st

Project Summary Outlines:

- Community Projects
- Youth Group Projects

Leadership Nominations Due

- Adult
- Youth

(MAP)Grant Requests Due

October 21st

Fall Conference, Jefferson City

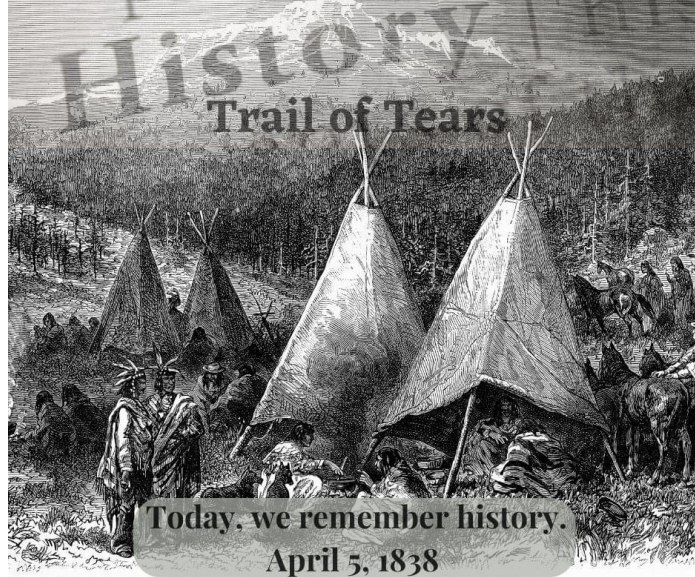


Steelville

Steelville has focused on collaborating with several organizations in their community to take on some BIG projects. Community Betterment members there have been sharing information they learned at our 2023 fall conference from speakers Lisa Overholser, Karon Hatchett, and Jacob Stotler.

It's exciting to see what the Steelville Trail of Tears Remembrance Committee has accomplished just since last February. Community Betterment members have also been working with the Steelville Parks Panel to keep a one room schoolhouse on the National Register of Historic Places.

Let's applaud Steelville Community Betterment for their hard work and dedication.



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What community doesn't need a little extra money these days?
Do you have a project that could use some help in the financial area? Complete our (MAP) Grant Application

and
let MCB help your community or group. We believe in
you and want to help Missouri thrive.

Grant Application

MCB's "MAP TOOL"



MCB's MAP Tool will be mailed out soon. These booklets will help you decide which section and category your project fits in the best. Please remember the project year is always January 1st to December 31st of the previous year.

We would like to encourage you to start organizing your documentation of the work done on projects you decide to submit. Also, be sure to peek at the Community Awards Scoring sheet the judges will be using. It will be available on the website soon!

For more information contact Elaine Campbell at decamcoinc@yahoo.com.



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Resource Corner

Did you know Missouri State Parks has several grants to offer? Check the link below for more information. There might be a grant that could help with that outdoor recreational project you have been considering for your community.

State Park Grants

Missouri Main Street also has two workshops scheduled soon in Jefferson City. Here is a link to their Community Empowerment Grant workshops.

Missouri Main Street



Better Together Fund

Missouri Community Betterment also wants to express our sincere gratitude to Orscheln Management for their recent donation to our Better Together Fund. This fund will help ensure the long-term sustainability of MCB and its support for communities in the coming years. Use our QR code or the link below if you too would like to donate.

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