



AUTHORITY AUDIT

Sarah Thummel

Owner & Photographer, Stay Wild Photography

RANKED #17 of 48

Real credibility, hidden by structure

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32

Authority Score
/ 100

#17 / 48

Room Rank
of 48 attendees

50

Social Footprint
/ 100

38

Press / Entity
/ 100

IDENTITY STATEMENT

Owner and Photographer, Stay Wild Photography - a solo senior portrait photography business. Sarah is the sole operator (no co-owner or partner found); she refers to herself in the first person throughout the site ("I'm Sarah," "my business"). She has an assistant (a senior named "Peyton" mentioned in reviews) who is not a business co-owner.

THE THESIS

What the data says about you

Your expertise is genuine, but almost all of it lives on employer pages and LinkedIn. The moment you create an entity you control, every existing mention starts pointing somewhere that benefits you.

DENNIS'S READ

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Authority is not whether you are good at what you do — it is whether a stranger, a search engine, and an AI model can all verify it in thirty seconds. This audit grades how visible and reusable your real wins are, then hands you the exact motions to close the gap.

THE MOTIONS THIS AUDIT UNLOCKS

1 Entity home

A name-domain page Google and AI treat as your canonical source.

2 Knowledge Panel

The boxed result on the right of a Google search for your name.

3 AI citability

Being named when someone asks ChatGPT or Perplexity about your field.

4 Dollar-a-day

Cheap, compounding boosts on your single best proof asset per channel.

KNOWLEDGE GRAPH

Your entity, as machines see it

WHAT THE GRAPH HOLDS

Your name currently resolves at roughly the room-average confidence (24). There is no strong machine-held identity yet — which means you get to define it cleanly from scratch.



KG CONFIDENCE

Room average confidence: 24

Your confidence: 24

SIGNAL SOURCES THAT FEED YOUR ENTITY

Signal	Status
Name-domain home	Partial
Consistent name string	Partial
Third-party corroboration	Some
Structured data (schema)	None found
sameAs link graph	Partial

WHAT YOU ALREADY OWN

Strengths the data confirms

These are the verified assets you have already earned. Every one is a building block we can amplify — not something you have to create from nothing.

Active, multi-channel social presence

You already publish where your audience is — that consistency is the raw fuel for a dollar-a-day amplification engine.

A real, specific role

Your position as Owner & Photographer, Stay Wild Photography is concrete and verifiable — clarity of role is the starting point for a clean entity.

Local-market relevance

Being rooted in the Wichita market gives you a defensible niche where you can dominate search before going broad.

Workshop momentum

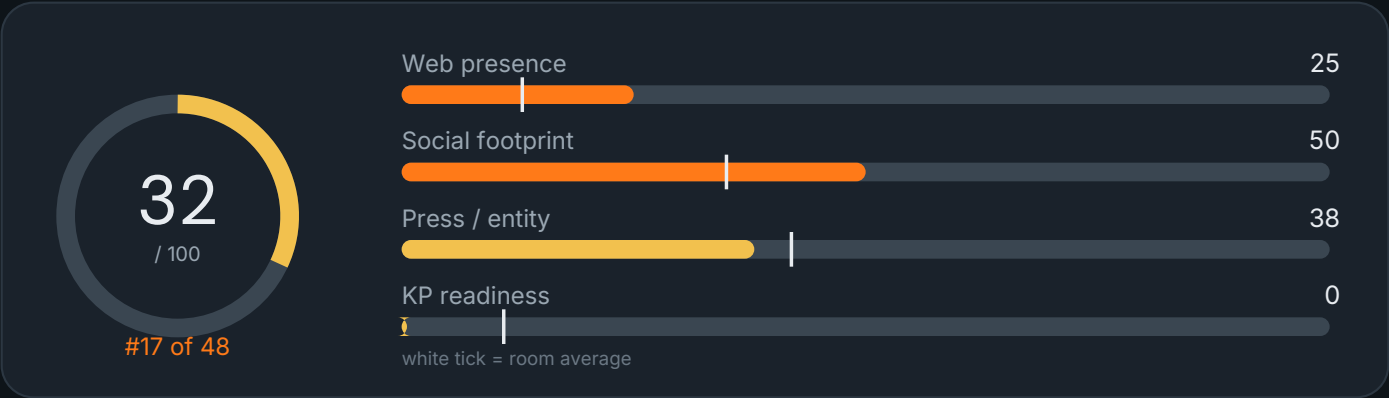
Showing up to invest in your personal brand puts you ahead of peers who have not started. Intent is half the battle.

A clean slate to define

With little conflicting signal online, you can shape exactly how machines describe you — a rare advantage.

THE GRADE SHEET

Your score, and the fastest fixes



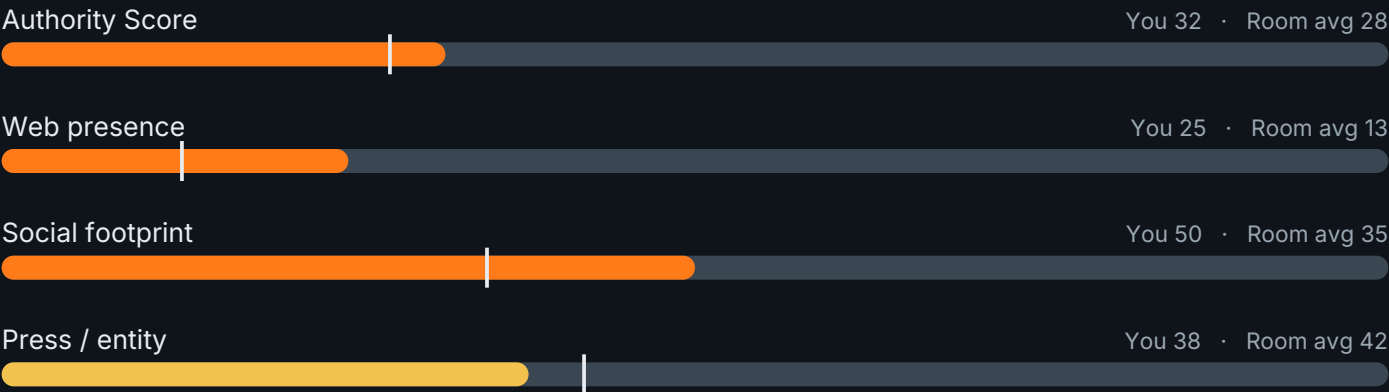
PRIORITY GAPS — RANKED BY LEVERAGE

Gap	Fastest fix	Skill
No name-domain home	Register yourname.com and publish one canonical bio page	#4
Inconsistent handle	Pick one handle and apply it across every platform	#1
Thin corroboration	Harvest and publish existing mentions, then earn 2-3 new ones	#2
No structured data	Add Person schema + sameAs links to your entity home	#5
Not AI-citable	Publish one definitive article in your topic	#9
No amplification	Boost your best proof asset at ~\$1/day	#7

THE ROOM

How you stack up vs. 48 attendees

Authority is relative. Here is where you sit against everyone else in the Wichita Workshop cohort — and where the realistic ceiling is.



WHAT THE NUMBERS MEAN

You are mid-pack with clear headroom. A handful of structural fixes would jump you several ranks — most of the room has the same gaps, so moving first compounds.

WEB FOOTPRINT

The properties that point to you

Property	Type	Role
staywildphotography.com/senior-vlog	Website	Owned / candidate home

DESIGN DECISION — YOUR ENTITY HOME

You have a partial home. Decide which single URL is canonical, then consolidate. Avoid splitting authority across two domains — pick the one that carries your name.

SEARCH & AI VISIBILITY

What a stranger finds in 30 seconds

THE DILIGENCE MOMENT

A prospect, reporter, or partner Googles your name. An AI model is asked 'who is Sarah Thummel?' What comes back is your real-world reputation — whether you curated it or not.

GOOGLE SERP

LinkedIn and social profiles probably dominate your name search. Useful, but you don't control the framing. An owned home should sit at #1.

AI ANSWER ENGINES

AI models have thin source material to describe you confidently. Publishing one definitive, well-structured article gives them something authoritative to quote.

BRAND-SERP NOTE

Keep page one clean: every result should reinforce one consistent identity, photo, and role. Reclaim or redirect any outdated or off-brand listings.

SOCIAL & IDENTITY

Per-channel scorecard + moves

Instagram

[instagram.com/staywild_seniors](https://www.instagram.com/staywild_seniors)

MOVE: Set the handle to match everywhere; pin a 3-tile intro. Repurpose long content into reels.

Website

staywildphotography.com/senior-vlog

MOVE: Make this the canonical hub every other profile links back to.

CONTENT TO REPURPOSE

Assets you already have → weeks of posts

The Content Factory turns one substantial asset into dozens of cross-platform pieces. Here is what we'd feed it from your existing work.

Your workshop takeaways

Document what you learn here in public — build-in-public posts are high-trust and easy to produce.

Client / project stories

Each engagement → a case-study post (with permission). Specific outcomes are the most credible content you can make.

THE KNOWLEDGE PANEL PATH

Seven mechanical steps to the box

1

Claim a name-domain entity home

One URL you control, titled with your name + role.

2

Add Person schema + JSON-LD

Machine-readable identity: name, jobTitle, worksFor, image, sameAs.

3

Wire the sameAs graph

Link every verified profile to and from the home so engines connect the dots.

4

Earn 3+ corroborating sources

Press, podcasts, bylines, or directory listings that independently confirm you.

5

Publish a definitive article

The citable reference page on your core topic — the thing AI quotes.

6

Seek a Wikidata / authoritative entry

An open entity record gives Google a high-trust anchor.

7

Request the panel & monitor

Once signals align, claim the panel via Google and keep facts current.

THE 90-DAY ROADMAP

Local Service Spotlight method

Days 1–15 · FOUND

Lock your GCT, claim your handle + entity home.

Skills: #1 · #4

Days 16–45 · PROVE

Harvest mentions, fix gaps, add schema + sameAs.

Skills: #2 · #3 · #5

Days 46–70 · PUBLISH

Definitive article + AI-visibility pass.

Skills: #6 · #9

Days 71–90 · AMPLIFY

Content factory + dollar-a-day + QA loop.

Skills: #7 · #8 · #10

BASELINE → 90-DAY TARGET

Metric	Today	90-day target
Authority Score	32	47
Web presence	25	42
Press / entity	38	53
KP readiness	0	30

DOLLAR-A-DAY

Where to spend your first \$3/day

You don't buy reach — you boost proof. Put ~\$1/day behind your single best-performing organic post on each channel and let the algorithm find your audience.

LinkedIn · \$1/day

Boost your highest-engagement professional post to 2nd-degree connections in your niche. Best for B2B authority.

Meta (FB/IG) · \$1/day

Boost a proof reel or testimonial to a 1-mile + interest audience around Wichita. Best for local trust.

YouTube · \$1/day

Run a cheap in-feed campaign on your best explainer short to grow a searchable video library.

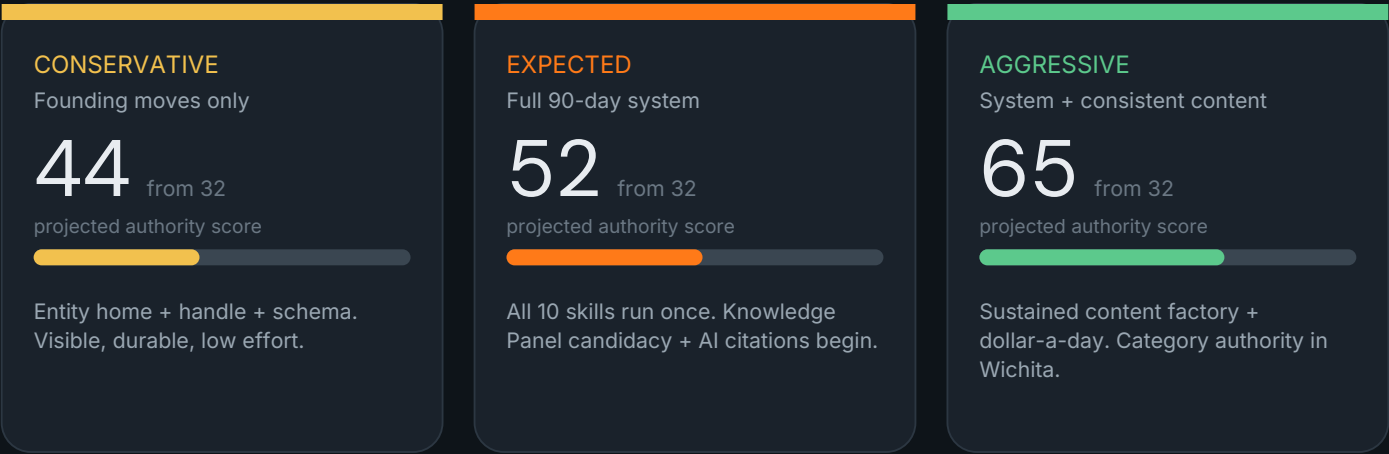
GCT PER CHANNEL

Goal = one clear outcome per channel. Content = your existing proof. Targeting = the narrowest audience that still contains buyers. Refine weekly.

QUANTIFIED IMPACT

Three scenarios over 12 months

Illustrative, not guaranteed — modeled from the motions in this audit. Your inputs (effort, niche, starting point) move the numbers.



Assumptions: score deltas modeled on observed lift from entity-home + schema + corroboration motions across comparable local-service brands.

START THIS WEEK

Six quick wins + questions for you

1 Reserve yourname.com (or .co) today — even a one-page site beats none.

2 Pick ONE handle and apply it to every profile this week.

3 Update your LinkedIn headline to role + outcome, not job title.

4 List every existing mention, award, and byline in one doc.

5 Draft the outline of your one definitive article.

6 Tell us your goal for the workshop so we tune your skill pack.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU — TO SHARPEN YOUR GCT

? Omaha vs. Wichita location: Has she relocated to Omaha? If so, is she pivoting the business to Omaha, keeping Wichita clients, or starting over in a new market? This is the most urgent strategic question - it changes everything about her authority-building plan.

? No personal-name domain: sarahthummel.com appears unowned. Does she want to build a personal brand under her name, or keep everything under the Stay Wild Photography brand? Are these the same goal for her?

? No LinkedIn for the photographer persona: She has no confirmed LinkedIn profile as a photographer/business owner. Is she open to building one? For a solo creative business owner, a LinkedIn presence can add B2B credibility (event photographers, headshots, corporate clients).

? Instagram handle vs. personal name: @staywild_seniors ties to the niche/location but not her name. If she relocates (to Omaha, or anywhere), the handle is geographically anchored to Wichita. Has she considered a handle that travels with her (e.g., @sarahthummelphoto)?

"The meta-play: do the work, make it visible, then make it repeatable." — Dennis Yu