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February *NEWS* from Chamber President Wendy Kernan

The Mt. Zion Chamber has a couple great events coming up, so make sure to mark your calendar. The first one is our February 12th luncheon. This year we are taking the lunch and learns to a different level on top of the networking opportunities they provide, so make sure this is on your calendar.

I know several companies are in the process of their annual reviews so we will have a HR representative go over how to legally and effectively give disciplinary action as well as answer any questions or concerns on HR changes or topics you have. There is an art in assisting employees to understand that a performance problem or opportunity for improvement exists so hopefully this will guide you in having those conversations whether now or in the future.

In March, we have deemed Marketing your Business Month. We have the business expo; this event brings hundreds of people from the surrounding area to Mt. Zion not only to taste what our restaurants have to offer but to walk through and talk to all our local businesses. The game card we have created ensures the people coming through will stop at your booth. If you are a new business or have not participated in the event before seriously give this some thought; it is a great marketing opportunity. The lunch and learn for March will be a speaker from DCC on how to market your business and yourself.

I wanted to make sure I took the time to highlight these events so as members you can stay involved and see how your chamber is promoting business and providing the tools you need to help you and your business succeed. Attendance at the events has been declining and I want to make sure we can continue to meet your needs. So, if there is anything, we can do or any topic that will help strengthen your business please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or Linda. I also want to mention Linda has set hours in the office to make her more available so feel free to stop by. You can check out the hours on the side of the newsletter.

I hope to see you all in the coming months.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you and your business.

Sincerely,

Wendy J Kernan

Mt Zion Chamber President

February 2020 Events

Luncheon

February 12th

Member Cost: \$15

Networking: 11:15 am

Luncheon: 11:45 a.m.-1:00 pm

RSVP by Monday Feb. 10th

LOCATION:
Mt. Zion Fletcher Park
Recreation Center

SPEAKER & TOPIC:
Lexi Hannah
**How to Give Disciplinary
Action Legally and Effectively**

CATERED BY:
Warren Catering

EXHIBITOR:
Renew Total Body Wellness



Mark your Calendar

March 11th

Speaker & Topic:

Jennifer Sedowsky
**Marketing Your Business
and Yourself**

Exhibitor:
Randall Residence

March 14th

Mt. Zion Expo & Taste

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce
1400 Mt. Zion Parkway
Mt. Zion, IL 62549
217-864-2526

Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday
9:00-11:00 a.m.

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2020 Membership Stickers

You can pick up your 2020 membership stickers at any of the luncheons or come by during Linda Harper's office hours (see hours on bottom right of first page). Only one sticker per business or organization.



February Luncheon

Come to the February 12, 2020 luncheon at the Fletcher Park Recreation Center in Mt. Zion. The cost is \$15 each unless you have ordered prepaid luncheons for all of 2020. Doors open at 11:15 a.m.; the luncheon starts at 11:45 a.m.

Lexi Hannah with Town and Country Bank will be presenting the topic "How to Give Disciplinary Action Legally and Effectively". She will also answer questions about the Update on New HR Laws.

Our luncheon will be catered by Warren Catering. Send in your RSVP by Monday, February 10th by emailing mtzionilchamber@gmail.com. Hope to see you there! *We extended the deadline for Prepaid Luncheons; tell me if you want prepaid luncheons for all of 2020 by 2/10/2020.*

2020 Calendar of Events

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Business Expo & Taste - March 14, 2020

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet - April 16, 2020

2020 Expo & Taste

The Mt. Zion Chamber Expo and Taste will be Saturday, March 14, 2020. We hope you all will participate in this coming year's Expo & Taste. This event is held in the beautiful Mt. Zion Convention Center. It is very well attended each year by about 2,000 attendees. You will be invoiced for each level of participation; there is no charge for being in the Taste. Here are the deadlines:

Booth Contract Friday, February 28, 2020

Taste Contract Friday, February 28, 2020

Spaces fill up quickly so get your spot soon.

If you need a Booth contract or Taste contract sent to you, email mtzionilchamber@gmail.com.

Credit Card Processing

The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce is now accepting credit card payments as an optional method of payment. There is a \$2.50 service charge per transaction. Call Linda Harper at 217-864-2526 to make payments for dues, sponsorships, expo booths, annual meeting & banquet tickets, pork chop dinner tickets, prayer breakfast tickets, etc. We will have a credit card reader starting at next week's luncheon. When the new website is released, there will be credit card payments available.

MZCC College Scholarships

Each year the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce awards college scholarships. This year's scholarships will total \$3,500. If you have a high school graduate this year, share the scholarship application in this newsletter. If you need a PDF of it, let me know. The application, official transcripts, and other required documents need to be received by March 2, 2020. The scholarships are presented at our Annual Meeting & Banquet on April. 16th.

February 28, 2020 Deadline for regular priced booths; Early Bird pricing ended January 31, 2020.



Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce 2020 EXPO Contract

Show Date: March 14, 2020 | 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
MTZ Convention Center

Set Up Date: March 13, 2020 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Booth Space: 8' x 8'

Fee: Early Bird Non-Member \$350 or Early Bird Member \$200 per booth space, if registered by January 31, 2020.
After January 31, 2020 booth space will be allocated on a first-come first-serve basis at
Non-Member Price of \$400 or Member Price \$250.

1. All contracts and checks must be received by January 31, 2020 to retain a discounted booth space.
2. All exhibitors must restrict their exhibit to the business registered with the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce. All multiple businesses that are Chamber members, must register each business they wish to exhibit.
3. Doors will be open Friday, March 13th at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for set up.
All exhibitors are to be set up by 4:00 p.m.
4. Exhibitors will unload in the front and park to the immediate north & east of the Convention Center on March 13th & 14th.
5. Exhibitors will **NOT** remove their display before 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 14th.
6. Exhibitors will **NOT** sell any illegal items.
7. Exhibitors will remove all trash, paper, boxes, tape, etc. from their space.
8. Exhibitors will cooperate with all requests of show personnel.
9. Exhibitors **MUST** keep display within confines of their space and not go into the aisles.
10. The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce or the Mt. Zion Convention Center will not be held liable for any losses, damages or injuries sustained by exhibitors in any manner whatsoever.
11. No refunds or credits for cancellations for any reason after January 31, 2020.
12. Exhibitors will be supplied (1) table, (2) chairs, table cloth, pipe and drape on three sides.
You must supply extension cords and display accessories. Wall booth spaces are for booths that need electrical outlets.
Electrical Booth space will be available to those who pay the \$25.00 fee.
13. Door prizes can be announced during the Expo. It is suggested that you arrange for door prize and sign-ups and/or drawings at your booth.
14. All Chamber exhibitors must be a member in good standing at the time of the Expo.
15. For questions or special requests, please call the Chamber @ 864-2526.
16. Make checks payable to: Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce. Mail to: P.O. Box 84, Mt. Zion, IL 62549.

Return The Bottom Half With Your Payment

Business Name (Please Print) _____

Contact Person (Please Print) _____

Phone _____

Electricity: Yes _____ No _____ (110v)

Note: There is an added \$25 charge for booth electricity. (\$25.00)

Booth: Business _____ Taste _____ Electricity _____

Early Bird Non-Member \$350 or \$200 Member per booth price.

After January 31, 2020, price for Non-Member \$400 or Member \$250 per booth.

Mail to:

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 84

Mt. Zion, IL 62549



2020 TASTE Contract

Do not miss this opportunity to serve one of your delicious entrees to the crowd of local residents attending the EXPO & TASTE on Saturday, March 14, 2020.

Setup is Saturday, March 14th from 9 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

- NO CHARGE for Booth – size 8x8
- Serve time: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Each booth provides a minimum of 200 single food servings for one ticket
- Each booth provides necessary serving items (extension cords, napkins, plates, forks, etc.)
- 3,000 food tickets will be for sale day of the event
- Tickets will be sold at the Mt. Zion Chamber Booth in packs of 5 tickets for \$7
- **Vendors will be reimbursed \$.75 for each ticket turned in by 2:30 p.m.**

If you would like to be part of the TASTE, please complete the attached reservation and return by mail: PO BOX 84, Mt. Zion, IL or email: mtzionchamber@gmail.com by **February 28, 2020**

BOOTH RESERVATION

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____



Member Spotlight



Richland Community College 

The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce loves its member businesses and wants you to learn more about them by bringing you this month's Member Spotlight—Richland Community College. There is something for everyone at Richland Community College. Their Success Coaches will help you find the right path and get you registered. Not sure how to pay for college? Their Financial Aid and Scholarship Team can talk to you. Richland Community College—this month's Mt. Zion Chamber Member Spotlight. Find out more at www.richland.edu.

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce

2020 College Scholarship Application

\$3,500 Total to be Awarded

Submit to:

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 84 Mt. Zion, IL 62549

Applications due no later than March 2, 2020

Criteria

- Must be in the current graduating class from Mt. Zion High School or if attending another high school must be the child of dues-paying Mt. Zion Chamber member. If home-schooled must provide proof of eligibility.
- Must provide acceptance letter from a post-secondary institution to pursue and associate or baccalaureate degree in a business-related field.
- Must enroll as a full-time college student (minimum of 12 credit hours per semester).
- Must submit completed application, official high school transcripts, and other required documents to the Chamber by March 2, 2020.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (weighted scale) by the end of 7th semester.
- Must demonstrate service to the Macon County community.

Student Data

Last Name _____ First _____ M.I. _____
Street Address _____
City State Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Post-Secondary Data

College/Technical School _____
Anticipated Enrollment Date _____
Declared Major _____

Description of Service

-Describe the service you have performed (include extra-curricular activities, church community service, work experience, etc.) Please attach a separate page.

Essay

Describe the benefits of affiliations such as the Chamber of Commerce in promoting business and business professionals. Please submit separate page and keep to a minimum of 250 words.

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors reserves the right to choose recipient(s) at its discretion,

and at times may choose to withhold the awarding of scholarships.

For more information: Call 217-864-2526 or email mtzionilchamber@gmail.com.



**Nomination for
Outstanding Business of the Year Award
2019**

Let the Chamber of Commerce Board members know who the Business of the Year is and why this Business is a candidate to be nominated.

Criteria to keep in mind: Service to the community, a positive economic impact on the community, attendance & service to the chamber and longevity in the community.

Any member whose dues are current can send in a nomination. Employees/contractors of a paid membership cannot nominate a business; only the main member contact listed in the newest Membership Directory can nominate. Please, only one nomination per membership. An email is being sent to the main member contact.

Nominations can be sent by email (mtzionilchamber@gmail.com) or mailed (P.O. Box 84, Mt. Zion, IL 62549) **no later than April 1, 2020.**

The nominating member must sign their name and the business they represent. The Board members will vote and the winner will be announced at our Annual Meeting & Banquet on April 16, 2020 held at the Mt. Zion Convention Center.

Business Nomination: _____

Reason:

Nominated by: _____ Date: _____

Your Business Name: _____

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For more information about our properties, call Jim 217-433-1144

Address	Details	Price	MLS #
Lot 2 Greenhill Rd	1.446 acres residential building lot/fully treed	Under \$20's	6184287
506 W Macon St.	Investors! West end 2-story converted to upper-lower apartments	Under \$20's	6190770
24 South Dr.	NEW LISTING! 2bdr/1bth/formal dining room/updated roof and furnace	Upper \$30's	6198273
2410 S 34th St.	NEW LISTING! 2bdr/1.5bth/Condo w/in-ground pool/2 stories/open loft	Upper \$30's	6198349
2424 Finch Dr.	NEW LISTING! 2bdr/1bth/2car garage/half acre/two decks!	Mid \$40's	6198330
525 S. 23rd St.	3bdr/2bth/1.5car garage/hardwood floors/HWA Gold Wrnty	Mid \$40's	6197701
917 S 44th St.	3bdr/1bth/nearly half acre corner lot/hardwood floors/needs TLC	Mid \$40's	6195809
3997 Camelot Dr.	NEW PRICE! 2bdr/1bth/1car gar/1-story CONDO /fireplace/A-O schls.	Mid \$40's	6185129
117 Ridgeway Dr.	2bdr/1bth/ranch/hardwood floors/walk-out basement/fenced yard	Upper \$50's	6192706
29 Wyoming Dr.	NEW PRICE! 3bdr/1bth/RANCH/2car garage/ ranch/full bsmnt	Upper \$50's	6190275
2355 S File Dr.	NEW PRICE! 3bdr/2bth/half ac/large deck, pool/fenced yard/newer roof	Upper \$60's	6196157
34 Medial Dr.	2bdr/1bth/RANCH/hardwood floors/4-car detached garage/deck	Low \$70's	6194430
1544 E Barrington Ave	NEW LISTING! 3bdr/1.5bth/RANCH/new carpet/2-car attached gar	Upper \$70's	6198913
130 N Rt 128, Dalton City	NEW LISTING! 3 bdr/1bth/24x30 garage/.97 acre yard/woodflrs/Mt Z schls	Mid \$70's	6198290
2315 W Forest Ave.	NEW PRICE! 3bdr./1bth/2.5cargarage/West End/hardwood floors	Low \$80's	6198299
1311 W Macon St.	6bdr/2bth/classic west end farm house style/near Millikin University	Low \$90's	6192946
2065 Friel Ct.	NEW PRICE! 3bdr/1.5bth/2car garage/unique floor plan/newer roof	Mid \$90's	6197184
226 Highland Dr.	NEW LISTING! 2bdr/1.5bth/2.5car garage/1/2 acre fenced lot/fireplace	Upper \$90's	6198400
2366 S Lost Bridge Rd.	3bdr/2bth/2car garage/hardwood floors/updated HVAC	Mid \$110's	6194620
2174 Ravina Park Ct.	NEW PRICE! 5bdr/3bth/2,800+ SF/2-Story/lg. rooms/scnd patio/cul de sac	Upper \$110's	6185206
404 N Summit Ave.	NEW PRICE! 3bdr/2bth/1car(2car tandem) garage/beautiful woodwork	Upper \$110's	6197345
904 E. Marlin Dr.	3bdr/3bth/2car garage/ COMPLETE REMODEL /finished bsmnt	Upper \$140's	6197352
786 Spyglass Blvd, Forsyth	NEW PRICE! 3bdr/3.5bth/2car gar./Custom kit./M-F Schls/updated roof	Mid \$230's	6198134
515 Greenbrier Ln, Forsyth	NEW PRICE! 5bdr/3.5bth/3car gar./hrdwd flrs/gorgeous kit./fenced yard	Mid \$330's	6195782
17940 Lakeview Dr, Weldon	NEW LISTING! 3bdr/3bth/4.5 car gar./5.75 acres/hardwood floors	Upper \$340's	6198559
10953 Cabin Rd, Oakley	NEW PRICE! 4bdr/2bth/walk out ranch/guest house/5.5 car garages/22 ac	Upper \$540's	6193784
4045 Meadow Park Dr	6bdr/6F&2H bath/4car garage/in-ground pool & pool house/one acre	Upper \$690's	6182827



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Macon County Sheriff's Office

ALERT. LOCKDOWN. INFORM.
COUNTER. EVACUATE.



FREE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST.

Business owners, school administrators, ministers, and more should attend to better understand what to do in the event of an active shooter situation and be able to implement A.L.I.C.E.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:30am - 9:30am

Millikin University

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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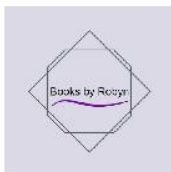


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Free Spring 2020 Workshops!

Marketing Partners



Upcoming Workshops

2/11/2020 Active Shooter Training & Preparedness

Lt Jeff Scheibly - Macon County Sheriff's Department

7:30 - 9:30 AM Millikin University

Learn what to do in the event of an active shooter situation and able to implement the 5 elements of A.L.I.C.E.

2/13/2020 Quickbooks Online Setup & Efficiencies

Dr. Christina Esposito - Align Life Systems

8:30 AM - 10 AM Network Solutions Unlimited

2/19/2020 Financial Statements 101

Nikki Garry - Your Money Matters, LLC

10 AM - 12 PM Millikin University

2/25/2020 Starting Your Business in Illinois

Don Elmore - Small Business Development Center at Champaign EDC

8:30 AM - 10 AM Decatur Economic Development Center

3/4/2020 Commercial Lending & Credit Score

Spencer Goff - Sage Financial Group

10 AM - 12 PM Springfield SBA Office

3/5/2020 How to DIY Your Small Business Website

Kelly Gagnon - Grit HQ

12:30 PM - 2 PM Decatur Public Library

3/14/2020 Simple Steps for Starting your Business

John White - SCORE Decatur

10 AM - 12 PM Mt. Zion Convention Center

3/18/2020 Commercial Lending & Credit Score

Spencer Goff - Sage Financial Group

10 AM - 12 PM Decatur Public Library

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