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July 2020 Events *Luncheon & Awards*

July 8th

Member Cost: \$15

Networking: 11:15 am

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

RSVP by Monday, July 6th

LOCATION:

**Fletcher Park Pavilion in
Mt. Zion**

SPEAKER:

Sonya Jones

TOPIC:

**Overachieving During and
After the Pandemic**

CATERER:

Krave

EXHIBITOR:

Gateway Foundation



Mark Your Calendar

**July 23, 2020
Drive-up Pork Chop
Dinner Sale**

**August 12, 2020
Luncheon: Mt. Zion School
District Update**

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

Hours: Working Remotely



July *NEWS* from Chamber President Carolyn Ridenour

Happy 244th Birthday America!

We all know July 4th is Independence Day. Delegates from 13 colonies signed the Declaration of Independence indicating their desire to be independent from British rule. What does that mean to us today? It is the ability to enjoy our freedoms within the boundaries of the law. To work hard for the betterment of our families and the communities we live in, to become an active citizen, and work for an employer or even start a new business.

This year, we may not be able to celebrate our independence traditionally, but we can take a moment and thank our employers and businesses; that we support them and the American dream. Businesses are the backbone of our society so that we can continue enjoying the freedom of choice. With COVID-19, it has been an uphill battle for all of us but with faith, perseverance and support, our business climate will return.

Your Chamber will continue to be here to provide assistance and support. Please, let us know if you need help, and we will do our best to connect you to the appropriate business member whenever possible.

We are also celebrating our first Chamber luncheon since March. The July 8th meeting is in the Pavilion at Fletcher Park. Make your lunch reservations by Monday, July 6th because we are limited to 50 people. In an effort of staying safe, the Chamber will practice social distancing and each person will be scanned before entering the meeting area. If the weather is an issue, the meeting will be moved indoors into the Recreation Center.

During our July luncheon we will announce the 2019 Outstanding Business of the Year and Volunteer of the Year! How exciting! It may not be the traditional way, but we will recognize them in a "New" way! So, we really need you to attend this meeting so we can celebrate these great accomplishments.

So, put your party hat on and attend this July meeting. There is a lot to catch up on so the Chamber board members and myself look forward to celebrating our independence together!

All The Best!

Carolyn
Chamber President

2020 Calendar of Events

Drive-Up Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser - July 23, 2020

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July Luncheon & Awards



Face-to-face luncheons are back starting July 8th with temperature checks, social distancing, hand sanitizers. Please wear a face mask, and please be seated at no more than 4 at each table.

In addition to our regular luncheon, we are combining the Annual Meeting/Awards with this luncheon this year. The Annual Report for the fiscal year 2019-2020 will be given, and the 2019 Outstanding Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year and the Volunteer of the Year will be awarded.

RSVPs are limited to 50 attendees at this point as the State of Illinois has reopened to Phase 4. Please send me your RSVP for the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce luncheon that will be held Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at the Fletcher Park Pavilion (inside the Recreation Building the same date if it is rainy or too hot) The luncheon is \$15. Registration and networking are from 11:15-11:45 a.m.; the luncheon begins at 11:45 a.m.

Our speaker will be Sonya Jones, Season 16 Finalist of NBC's The Biggest Loser and Julie Tucker-Ponder, LCSW and Certified Addictions Therapist. They topic they will speak about is Overachieving During and After the Pandemic. In this unprecedented time, it's important to stay focused on your goals and stay on the tasks at hand. Join Sonya and Julie as they talk about managing stress, not feeling isolated during a period of isolation and using your time to focus on the important things in life. Let the 2020 pandemic be one of your most successful times of growing personally and in your business.

Come and enjoy our box lunch from Krave that will include a turkey club sandwich, pasta salad, chips, brownie, and a drink. Let me know by Monday, July 6th if you plan on attending the July 8th luncheon by replying to this email or email me at mtzionilchamber@gmail.com. You can submit your reservation on our website and optionally pay in advance. Here is the link: <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/events/meetings/reservations/>. If you are paying in advance, be sure to also fill in the RSVP information with all the names of those attending from your business or organization. Optionally, of course, you can still have me invoice you or pay at the door.

I will email the agenda the day before the luncheon to the membership distribution list and the attendees list will be emailed to all the luncheon attendees after the luncheon. Also, if the speaker would normally have had a handout, I will email that out to all the luncheon attendees after the luncheon.

The Any Queen 50/50 raffle and drawing will resume at this luncheon as well. It is up to \$311.00 now.

Mt. Zion Annual Meeting & Awards Combined with Luncheon

This year's face-to-face Annual Banquet been changed. It will be combined with the July luncheon this year.

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, we have had to make changes to how we give our awards this year. We are now in Phase 4 of the Illinois Reopening Plan, so we can have face-to-face events now of 50 or less. Please attend the July 8th luncheon and help us celebrate the announcement and award of the Outstanding Business of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. See details about the luncheon on Page 2.

2020 Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to our 2020 College Scholarship Winners! In the past we would have awarded their certificates and checks at the Awards Banquet; this year we had to mail them to them. Thank you for applying. The Awards Committee did a great job selecting the recipients.



Kate Jeffers, Okaw-Valley High School, \$1,500.



Michelle Roberts, Mt. Zion High School, \$1,000



Alaina Wolter, Mt. Zion High School, \$1,000

Drive-Up Pork Chop Dinner July 23, 2020

MT. ZION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 1987-2020

DRIVE-UP PORK CHOP DINNER

Thursday, July 23 | Pickup 4:30-6:30

First Baptist Church of Mt. Zion, Parking Lot
720 W. Main St. Mt. Zion



Includes 1" Thick 8oz. Pork Chop,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Green Beans, Roll & Butter

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\$10

Please support our Drive-Up Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser. See the flyer on [Page 5](#) of this newsletter. Post it and share it. You can purchase tickets on our website with your credit or debit card at <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/events/> or from Village of Mt. Zion or any of the Mt. Zion bank branches listed on the flyer. You can also contact any Board member or Ambassador. **It's easy:** Buy your ticket in advance, and just drive-up to the First Baptist Church in Mt. Zion on July 23rd to pick up your dinners curbside. It is a delicious meal and you help your local Chamber of Commerce.

Need Volunteers for Drive-Up Pork Chop Carryout

We need a few more volunteers on Thursday, July 23, 2020 from 5-7 p.m. to help with the Drive-Up Pork Chop Dinner at First Baptist Church in Mt. Zion located at 720 W. Main St. Volunteers will be using social distancing and will wear a mask; they will help put the boxes of food together and some carryout the food to the cars as they pull up and collect their pre-purchased tickets. Please email me at mtzionchamber@gmail.com if you can help. Many hands make light work.



Member Spotlight



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—Mt. Zion District Library located at 115 W. Main Street in Mt. Zion. The Mt. Zion Library district serves the Village of Mt. Zion, Long Creek, and Dalton City and anyone that wants to use the library; it has been serving the community since 1971. Visit mtzion.lib.il.us for current hours, resources, news and more. The Mt. Zion Library is your place to read, learn, explore, make connections and dream big. Whether you want to borrow the latest best seller, check out a Kindle, use a computer or need research help or checkout a WiFi hotspot, visit the Mt. Zion District Library.



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Buy by July 16th



Pork Chop Drive-up Dinner to Go !

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Pick up 4:30-6:30 pm

First Baptist Church of Mt. Zion Parking Lot

720 W. Main Street, Mt. Zion

Only \$10

**Make checks payable to the
Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce**

Order online at: <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/events/>

(Type in URL address and scroll down past lunches; then click on the word Here to order and pay for your tickets.)

**Includes 1" Thick 8 oz. Pork Chop, Green Beans,
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Roll & Butter**

**Tickets can be purchased at the
following Mt. Zion businesses: Village of Mt. Zion,
Town & Country Bank, Scott State Bank,
Prairie State Bank or by calling 864-2526.**

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ACTIVE LISTINGS

Address	Details	Price	MLS #
Lot 2 Greenhill Rd	1.446 acres residential building lot/fully treed	\$15K	6184287
864 W Forest Ave	Brick bungalow/3 bedrooms w/ large walk in closets	Mid \$20's	6201594
270 E Mueller Ct (LOT)	NEW LISTING! Secured gated subdivision/.65 acres/Near Lake Decatur	Mid \$20's	6202274
24 South Dr.	2bdr/1bth/formal dining room/updated roof and furnace	Mid \$30's	6198273
202 S Crowder (Bethany)	NEW LISTING! 3 bdr/1bth/corner lot/newer flooring/Okay Valley Schools	Mid \$50's	6202010
1576 W Decatur St.	LOWER PRICE! 3bdr/1 1/2 bth/1.5 story West Decatur/Beautiful kitchen	Upper \$60's	6199032
1530 W Wood St	4 bdr/3 bth 2 story BRICK home/West Decatur/fireplace	Upper \$60's	6199452
285 E Broadway Argenta	LOWER PRICE! 3bdr/1 bth/RANCH/Eat-in kitchen/HVAC 2019/Roof 2018	Low \$70's	6199046
1569 W Sunset Ave	NEW LISTING! Brick 2 story/3 bdr/1.5 bth/new paint 2020/2 fireplaces	Low \$80's	6201683
605 W Macon St.	Multi-family/7 units/newer roof & water heater/sold as-is	Mid \$80's	6201500
1235 W Semor Dr	NEW LISTING! 3 bdr/1bth/over 1000 sq ft/hardwood floors/fenced yard	Upper \$80's	6202239
404 N Summit Ave.	LOWER PRICE! 3bdr/2bth/1car(2car tandem) garage/beautiful woodwork	Upper \$100's	6197345
4700 E Bentonville Rd	LOWER PRICE! 4bdr/3bth/2 car garage/replacement windows	Upper \$110's	6199279
1124 S 44th St	NEW LISTING! 2 bdr/2bth/custom built kitchen/over 2 acres/3 car garage	Mid \$140's	6202096
250 Southmoreland Pl	NEW LISTING! 3 bdr/3bth/over 3000 sq ft/RANCH/over 1.5 acres yard oasis	Upper \$150's	6202191
17940 Lakeview Dr, Weldon	LOWER PRICE! 3bdr/3bth/4.5 car gar./5.75 acres/hardwood floors	Upper \$320's	6198559
4045 Meadow Park Dr	NEW LISTING! 6 bdr/7 bth/hardwood floors/in-ground pool/pool house	Upper \$650's	6201676

Active/Under Contract Listings

1530 W Wood Street	4bdr/3bth/2story brick/West Decatur neighborhood/gas fireplace	Upper \$60's	6199452
81 Glenview Drive	3bdr/1bth/ranch/South Shores neighborhood/many home updates 2020	Low \$70's	6201133
515 Park Drive Mt Zion	3bdr/1bth/ranch/Mt Zion schools/fenced yard/wood fireplace	Upper \$90's	6200818
23 Nolen Drive	3bdr/1 3/4bth/ranch/near Decatur Airport/hardwood flooring/fenced yard	Mid \$110's	6201631
2174 Ravina Park Ct	5bdr/3bth/2 story home/walk-in closets/cul de sac/screened back porch	Mid \$110's	6185206

Pending Listings

917 S 44th Street	3bdr/1bth/bungalow/full basement/1/2 acre corner lot/hardwood floors	Low \$40's	6195809
2440 W Florian Court	3bdr/2.5bth/hardwood floors/walk-in closet/walk-out basement	Upper \$80's	6184267
226 Highland Drive Forsyth	2bdr/1bth/ranch/Marion-Forsyth schools/breezeway/stone gas fireplace	Upper \$80's	6198400
3585 E Fitzgerald Rd	3bdr/2bth/ranch/Mt Zion schools/complete kitchen update/new flooring	Upper \$100's	6201647



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It's Important: The census helps distribute billions of federal dollars across the country for hospitals, emergency services, housing, schools, roads and much more. Community leaders and businesses use it to make decisions, including where to create new jobs.

Go to 2020census.gov or call **844.330.2020** now to be counted.



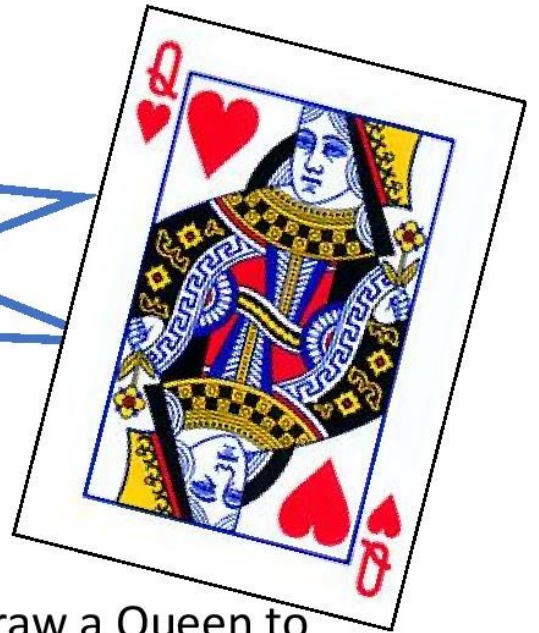
Happy 4th of July!



Any Queen 50/50

50/50 Pool at start of July 8th Luncheon

\$311.00



Buy a raffle ticket for a chance to draw a Queen to win pool:

\$1 = 1 ticket

\$5 = 6 tickets

\$10 = 15 tickets

\$15 = 22 tickets

One ticket will be drawn toward the end of the luncheon. The person with the winning number will then pick one card from a deck of cards. If the person draws a Queen, they win the pool that has accumulated including that day's pot. If that person did not draw a Queen, the pool rolls over and accumulates until the next month's drawing.

SAVE THE DATE



Join us for a Mt. Zion Community blood drive!

**All presenting donors
get a voucher for a
\$10 gift card!**
*(You choose Amazon, Subway,
Target & more!)*

Mt. Zion Community
Tuesday, July 28, 2020
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Mt. Zion Convention Center
Room B
1400 Mt. Zion Parkway, Mt Zion

To schedule an appointment, call the Blood Center at 217-241-7550 or online [here](#). Appointments are required to ensure social distancing.

Help support your local blood supply. CICBC is the sole supplier of blood products to HSHS St. Mary's & DMH!

Will you give?

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