

**January
2021**

***Lunch 'n Learn
January 13th***

Topic:

CEO Program

Presented by:
**Midland Institute for
Entrepreneurship**

Member Cost: *free*

Time: 12:00 -1:00 pm
RSVP by Tues., Jan. 12th

Exhibitor:

Synergy HomeCare



Mark Your Calendar

**February 10, 2021
Cybersecurity**

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce
1400 Mt. Zion Parkway
Mt. Zion, IL 62549
217-864-2526
Hours: Working Remotely



**January *NEWS* from
Chamber President
Carolyn Ridenour**

New Year and a New Perspective

What does that mean? January is always a time to reflect on the past year and plan for the now new year. We can all agree that 2020 was NOT the year for the faint of heart. It was challenging to be a business owner or manager, to be an essential worker, to be a senior in high school and so much more. The list is long. The challenges that each were faced with were not any harder, then the next persons. Everyone was learning at the same time and trying to figure out how to solve those issues.

So, where is the reflection of the good? Here is the part that if you skipped past this paragraph you will miss the point of this article. It gave everyone a chance to refocus. It took out the busy in our lives. It slowed us down and made us physically stop! To stop the crazy deadlines, the impossible expectations of being the "perfect" parent, spouse or child. Everyone was no better than the other. This pandemic hit everyone regardless of who you are or think you are. It literally made us all realize we are all one people looking and needing the same things and that included toilet paper! I mean, who knew? 2020 also taught all of us that life wasn't that bad after all and when people came together things got solved.

What is next? This New Year, 2021 is the year that we have all been looking forward to. It will be a great time to start fresh, to get another chance at getting life back to the old normal. But, to be realistic, I think we will be establishing a new way of learning, a new way of conducting our businesses, a new way of marketing and communicating to our customers and a new way of further developing true family time...a new normal! Last year, truly re-enforced the importance of family members, friendships and outside interests. It drew attention to organizations like the Mt. Zion Chamber and how it plays an important role for our members and community.

The Board and myself have been busy making plans for events and lunch meetings. Some events may get pushed back or postponed while others may have a different twist to them so they meet pandemic guidelines. We would really like to hear from you if you have some ideas to share with us.

We're offering high school scholarships to our dedicated seniors. We want to give them the opportunity to invest these funds into their education. Please help us in promoting it by letting your staff become aware of them. The scholarship application is on [Page 4](#) in this newsletter. Contact mtzionchamber@gmail.com for a PDF of it to be sent to you.

One of the gifts our families received was this Christmas ornament! Everyone laughed at it and said they thought it summed up the year accurately.

For 2021, let's all Review, Re-Focus and Re-Ignite!

All The Best,

Carolyn Ridenour, MZCC President



2021 Calendar of Events

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet - April 22, 2021

Mt. Zion Community Prayer Breakfast - May 19, 2021

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Expo & Taste - September 11, 2021

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January Lunch 'n Learn



Please RSVP for our **free** January Lunch 'n Learn on Zoom on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 from 12-1 p.m. Chris Egleston's Lunch 'n Learn topic is "CEO Program." Chris is with the Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship. You will discover how the "Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities" Program instills an entrepreneurial mindset through the creation and launch of real businesses, and inspires students to become the community's future business and thought leaders. The program continues to grow with 58 local CEO Programs in 7 states involving nearly 300 high schools.

Send your RSVP's to mtzionilchamber@gmail.com by Tuesday, January 12th; then a link to the Zoom Lunch 'n Learn will be sent to you the morning of Wednesday, January 13th. You can either just call in to participate or you can click on the link to Join the meeting on your computer or smartphone (install the Zoom app).

Optionally to make it more like our luncheons, order a carryout lunch from a local restaurant and eat it before, during, or after our Lunch 'n Learn.

2021 MZCC College Scholarship

Each year the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce awards college scholarships. 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 by emailing me at mtzionilchamber@gmail.com. The application, official transcripts, and other required documents need to be received by March 15, 2021. The scholarships are presented at our Annual Awards Banquet in April.

FREE Member Spotlight

This is a great member benefit! Don't miss out! Be sure your business or organization is the next Member Spotlight. We promote one Member Spotlight per month. The MZCC pays for the radio spots you get. Fill out or have your Marketing Department fill out and submit the Member Spotlight form that is in this newsletter and either mail it to P.O. Box 84, Mt. Zion, IL 62549 or email it to mtzionilchamber@gmail.com. The applications submitted are used in the order that they are received. In addition to the free radio ads, the script from your radio ad is posted on our website at mtzionchamber.org and on our Facebook page at [mtzchamber](https://www.facebook.com/mtzchamber). Starting in January, the Member Spotlight will also be posted on Twitter and Instagram.



Member Spotlight



The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce loves the Mt. Zion Community Children's Fund and would like you to know more about them. The Mt. Zion Community Children's Fund assists children in the community so they have what they need for a successful school experience. Formerly the Mt. Zion Community Children's Christmas Fund, they changed their mission to assist children all year long. To learn more or donate to the fund, please contact Kim at 217-454-3328 or donations can be made at Prairie State Bank in Mt. Zion.

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce

2021 College Scholarship Application

\$3,000 Total to be Awarded

Submit to either our mailing address or to our email:

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 84 Mt. Zion, IL 62549
mtzioinilchamber@gmail.com

Applications due no later than March 15, 2021

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 an associate or baccalaureate degree in a business-related field or other major.
- 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 15, 2021.
- 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

Last Name _____ First _____ M.I. _____

Data

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 mtzioinilchamber@gmail.com.



MT. ZION
CHAMBER
of Commerce

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Now Available! The Chamber has purchased commercials to run the third week of every other month on WSOY 1340 AM/103.3 FM. The member spotlight will feature an active Chamber members' business. It is FREE to participate and is on a First Come, First Serve basis.

Plus, the same information will be placed in the Chamber newsletter, Chamber website and Facebook page.

Please fill out the form below and return it to Linda Harper.
Email your logo in a .jpg file to: mtzionilchamber@gmail.com

Business Name: _____

Owner/Manager Name/Title: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Website: _____ Year Founded: _____ Chamber Member Since: _____

Email: _____

As someone doing business in Mt. Zion, how does the chamber help you? _____

What motivates you? _____

Share an interesting fact or information about your business. _____

Special Notes/Specials, Grand Opening, etc. _____

Any advice to share with new business owners? _____

**Please wait after the meeting to have your photo taken for the newsletter and Facebook
(The business logo can be used instead)**



Mt Zion Community Children's Fund

Mission:

Provide assistance to meet the needs of Mt Zion students throughout the year

- Work with social workers and other school employees to identify needs
- Provided coats, shoes, clothes, hygiene products, winter essentials
- Will assist @ 100 students in 2020
- Key Club is shopping for Christmas gifts

Contact Information:

Mt Zion Community Children's Fund

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

ACTIVE LISTINGS

Address	Details	Price	MLS #
439 E Center St	NEW PRICE! Investment property/2 units/newer roof	\$12K	6206829
Lot 2 Greenhill Rd	1.446 acres residential building lot/fully treed	\$15K	6184287
270 E Mueller Ct (LOT)	Secured gated subdivision/.65 acres/Near Lake Decatur	Mid \$20's	6202274
512 E Maywood	3 bdr/1 bth/full basement/very well maintained	Upper \$50's	6204362
1625 E Barrington	3 bdr/1.5bth/1.5 attach garage/deck/shed	Mid \$70's	6206853
2440 W Florian Ct	3 bdr/2.5bths/hardwood floors/fireplace/1 car attached	Mid \$80's	6206127
605 W Macon St.	Multi-family/7 units/newer roof & water heater/sold as-is	Upper \$70's	6201500
3858 N Northbrook Dr	3 bdr/2 bth/carpet, paint, water heater & dishwasher 2019	Low \$110's	6204254
803 Sarah Dr	NEW LISTING! 4 bdr/2 bth/ NORTH/fenced yard/updated bathrooms	Upper \$110's	6207095
986 W Karen Dr	NEW LISTING! 3 bdr/2.5 bth/NORTH Decatur/deck/fenced yard/2 car gar	Upper \$120's	6206982
1760 Moundford Ct	NEW LISTING! 3 bdr/1full,2-1/2bths/1152 sq ft man cave/fenced yard	Upper \$140's	6206899
3270 Fields Ct	3 bdr/3 bth/.53 acres/gorgeous inside/outside oasis	\$209K	6206279
8730 Hunters Crossing	NEW LISTING! Dalton City/4 bdr/2.5 bth/gas fireplace/Mt Zion schools	Lower \$250's	6207136
1122 Wedgewood Ct	5 bdr/3.5bth/NEW ROOF/Warrensburg schools/3 car gar	Upper \$270's	6202210
7002 W Cantrell St	5 bdr/3.5bth/10 acres~pond,beach,fishingdock/4128 sq ft	Upper \$470's	6206337
4045 Meadow Park Dr	6 bdr/7 bth/hardwood floors/in-ground pool/pool house	Low \$630's	6201676

Active/Under Contract Listings

3176 N MacArthur Rd	4 bdr/2.5 bth/2066 sq ft/ranch/2.5 car attached garage	Low \$90's	6206001
231 E State Hwy 105	Cerro Gordo/5 bdr/1bth/3.44 acres/4800 sq ft pole barn	Low \$170's	6205676

Pending Listings

917 S 44th Street	3bdr/1bth/bungalow/full basement/1/2-acre corner lot/hardwood floors	Low \$40's	6195809
2229 Oaklawn Dr	3 bdr/1.5bth/new roof 2018/fenced yard/992 sq ft	Upper \$50's	6206511
5727 Kentland Dr	3 bdr/2.5 bth/Cape Cod/Mt Zion Schools/Fenced yard	Upper \$110's	6206374



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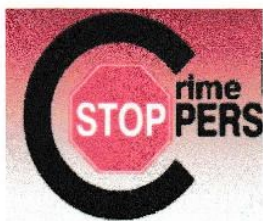
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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE MACON COUNTY SAFER!

Dear Macon County Business:

Decatur and Macon County Area Crimestoppers unites the public, local media and law enforcement in the fight against crime! We are a nonprofit organization consisting of a volunteer board and local Law Enforcement Coordinators. Our primary activity is paying cash for tips leading to arrests for felony crimes committed in Macon County. So far this year, we've paid out \$7,600 on 23 tips for crimes ranging from credit card theft to attempted murder.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were unable to hold our traditional spring and fall fundraisers, so your support matters more than ever. Crime Stoppers is a registered not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization, so every dollar you donate is tax deductible!

We are dedicated to making Macon County a safer place to live and do business. Will you help us? Simply send a donation to:

Decatur and Macon County Area Crimestoppers
PO Box 34
Decatur, IL 62523

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Crime Stoppers Board of Directors:

Karin Betzer, President	Bill Valentine, Vice-President	Kelly Bacuita, Treasurer
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Cases Solved Since Inception 1984

Total Cases Solved & Defendants Arrested	2154
Recovered Stolen Property	\$ 390,698
Narcotic Wholesale Value	\$ 620,397
Total \$ Amount Recovered	\$ 98,981
Number Rewards Paid	1913
\$ Amount of Rewards Paid	\$ 383,661