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**February  
2021**

***Luncheon***

**February 10th**

**Member Cost: \$15**

*Networking: 11:15 am*

*Luncheon: 11:40 a.m.-1:00 pm*

*RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 9th*

**LOCATION:**

**Mt. Zion Fletcher Park  
Recreation Center**

**SPEAKER & TOPIC:**

**Frank Saulsbery  
Cybersecurity**

**Exhibitor:**

**Land of Lincoln  
Credit Union**



***Mark Your Calendar***

***Luncheon***

**March 10, 2021**

**Human Resource  
Changes**



## February *NEWS* from Chamber President Carolyn Ridenour

February...the month of Love. No, I won't get all mushy in this newsletter (I will save that for my husband); but on the other hand, I have no issues with showing appreciation to business people.

While we are all busy working within our business, it is always a good idea to look beyond the phone and/or computer! The Chamber gives you that opportunity to contact a fellow member and ask for advice. I've done it numerous times and felt relieved when I could help them in return. This is a form of networking that can't be found anywhere! The Chamber is the perfect and safe place to do it. Chances are most of us have pulled some very long hours trying to solve something when all we needed to do was call. This is a part of a Chamber membership that goes beyond meetings and events.

Speaking of meetings...we are meeting in person this month at Fletcher Park! Frank Saulsbery with Decatur Computers, Inc. will talk about Cybersecurity. Follow this link for details and to make reservations online <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/events/meetings/>.

College Bound Scholarships are available, in fact, a total of \$3,000 in scholarships will be awarded to qualified, current graduating high school students in our school district or an active Chamber members' out-of-district student. Applications and required documents must be postmarked by March 15, 2021.

Do you have a job opening at your business? As a member we will post the job opening(s) for FREE. Yes, free. We wish to help you find the best candidates. Just post them and your business logo on <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/jobs-2/submit-a-job-posting/>.

Just what is going on with the Business EXPO & Taste? Due to COVID restrictions the Board has elected to re-schedule it to September 11, 2021. We are hoping the attendance restrictions will be lifted so we can have it this fall. So Mark your Calendars!!

Looking for Valentine's Day Ideas? Support our local member businesses!

See the Valentine Special details from us to you at the end of this newsletter. If you would like to promote your Valentine's Days specials, products or services we would love to place them on the Chamber website Happenings/Events page and our Facebook page. Email us at [mtzionchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionchamber@gmail.com) with your information by February 5<sup>th</sup> and we will help promote your specials!

All the Best,

Carolyn Ridenour, MZCC President

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**Hours:** Working Remotely

# 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

## 2020-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President:** Carolyn Ridenour

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## February Luncheon



We are back to having in-person, face-to-face luncheons starting on February 10, 2021 due to being back in Phase 4 Guidelines. Come to the February 10, 2021 luncheon at the Fletcher Park Recreation Center. The luncheon costs \$15 and starts at 11:40 a.m.; registration and networking is from 11:15 - 11:40 a.m. We will be doing temperature checks at the door, using social distancing and hand sanitizer. Please wear a face mask.

Frank Saulsbery with Decatur Computers, Inc. will be our speaker about Cybersecurity. Can your organization afford a cyber breach? The FBI reported in 2018 that 95% of all cybercrime cases could have been avoided. Frank will share with us valuable tips that will enhance your security.

Send your RSVP's to [mtzionilchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionilchamber@gmail.com) by Tuesday, February 9th. Another way to RSVP is to submit your reservation on our website and optionally pay in advance at <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/events/meetings/>. If you are paying in advance on the website be sure to also fill in the RSVP information with all the names of those attending from your business or organization. Optionally you can still be invoiced or pay at the door. **The Board is honoring 6 prepaid luncheons in 2021 as we had 6 face-to-face luncheons in 2020.**

The maximum attendance is 50. Please do not seat more than 4 per table and observe 6 foot social distancing and mask wearing when not eating. We are not placing any literature on the tables to keep everyone safe.

The Any Queen 50/50 raffle is up to \$353.50 at the beginning of the February 10th luncheon. The agenda will be emailed to the membership the day before the luncheon, and the attendee's list will be emailed to all the luncheon attendees after the luncheon.

**New Easy Form**

## Member Spotlight

**Free**

The Member Spotlight Committee has updated the Member Spotlight form that is on [page 5](#) of this newsletter or you can download it on our website at <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/events/member-spotlight/>. The updated form is simplified and easier to fill out.

Be sure your business or organization is the next Member Spotlight. We promote one paid member per month in the Member Spotlight. The MZCC pays for the radio spots you get. 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](http://mtzionchamber.org) and on our Facebook page at [mtzchamber](https://www.facebook.com/mtzchamber).

If your business or organization has not been a Member Spotlight, please submit the form to [mtzionilchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionilchamber@gmail.com).



## 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. The Decatur Earthmover Credit Union is a full-service financial institution serving Central Illinois. At Earthmover their philosophy is to not only help the communities they serve, but to help all individuals achieve their financial goals. They truly love the "people helping people" philosophy. Decatur Earthmover Credit Union serves over 14 counties in Central Illinois. Earthmover also has a full-service Mortgage Lending Department with various options including FHS, VA, USDA mortgage products, home equity products, and coming soon, an in-house mortgage option. Visit [DECU.COM](http://DECU.COM) today to learn more!*

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

## FREE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT PACKAGE

**NOW AVAILABLE!** The FREE Member Spotlight Package features one active member each month on a first come, first serve basis. This package includes:

- :30 radio commercials on WSOY 1340 AM/103.3 FM
- Copy of :30 commercial in the monthly newsletter
- A 1-2 minute video commercial on the Chamber Facebook page & website

Lots of promotion at **ZERO** cost to you!

Please fill out the form, attach your logo & email to: Linda Harper [mtzionchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionchamber@gmail.com)  
Jay Woodrum, from Peerless Cleaners, will contact you about video production.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Month Preferred: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Manager Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Founded: \_\_\_\_\_ Chamber Member Since: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Slogan/Tagline \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about your business or organization's history, products and/or services. \_\_\_\_\_

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How has the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce helped you and/or your business? \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR LOGO WHEN SUBMITTING THIS FORM.**





# HOW TO BUY A HOME NOW

Let our experience be your guide.

Newsflash: The real estate market still has a pulse. And with such low-interest rates, it's quite a strong one. So, how are homebuyers buying—now? Here are some tips to set your sights back on that dream home:



## RE/MAX Executives Plus

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## Consult

with your RE/MAX® agent to put an experienced professional into play.

## Download

the RE/MAX app to search for properties updated in real-time.

## Organize

your finances to determine a budget and get pre-qualified or -approved.

## Virtualize

the home buying process with digital tours and video conferences.

## Invest

in safety supplies (booties, masks, hand sanitizer) for individual home showings.







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

### ACTIVE LISTINGS

Address	Details	Price	MLS #
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
2452 S Marquette Ct	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 3 bdr/ 1 bth/RANCH/MT Zion schools/fenced yard/patio	Upper \$80's	6207694
3176 N MacArthur Rd	4 bdr/2.5 bth/2066 sq ft/ranch/2.5 car attached garage	Low \$90's	6206001
56 N Country Club Rd	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 3 bdr/1 bth/RANCH/circular drive/2 car attached garage	\$107K	6207478
803 Sarah Dr	4 bdr/2 bth/ NORTH/fenced yard/updated bathrooms	Upper \$110's	6207095
2141 S Richmond Rd	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 3bdr/2 bth/ RANCH/Completely Remodeled/New Roof	Upper \$110's	6207585
1760 Moundford Ct	3 bdr/1full,2-1/2bths/1152 sq ft man cave/fenced yard	Upper \$140's	6206899
4414 Havenwood Dr	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 3 bdr/2.5 bth/wooded/3 decks/cathedral ceilings/fireplace	Upper \$150's	6207505
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

### Active/Under Contract Listings

3654 N Moundford Ave	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 3 bdr/1 bth/NORTH RANCH/Deck/Fenced-in yard/1288 sq ft	Low \$80's	6207463
2102 Clearmont Ave	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 3 bdr/ 1.5 bth/RANCH/Home Park/newer roof/fireplace	\$103K	6207608
3858 N Northbrook Dr	3 bdr/2 bth/carpet, paint, water heater & dishwasher 2019	Low \$110's	6204254
231 E State Hwy 105	Cerro Gordo/5 bdr/1bth/3.44 acres/4800 sq ft pole barn	Low \$170's	6205676
8730 Hunters Crossing	Dalton City/4 bdr/2.5 bth/gas fireplace/Mt Zion schools	Lower \$250's	6207136

### Pending Listings

917 S 44th Street	3bdr/1bth/bungalow/full basement/1/2-acre corner lot/hardwood floors	Low \$40's	6195809
605 W Macon St.	Multi-family/7 units/newer roof & water heater/sold as-is	Upper \$70's	6201500
3270 Fields Ct	3 bdr/3 bth/.53 acres/gorgeous inside/outside oasis	\$209K	6206279



### The RE/MAX App Has It All:

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  - View Neighborhoods with balloon view!
  - Get turn-by-turn driving directions!
  - Connect with your agent Jim Cleveland
- Enter the link in your browser's search bar to be directed to your app store!

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# SPECIAL FOR MZCC MEMBERS

Send me your Valentine specials, and we will post them on our website and FB page for **FREE** by the week of February 8th. We have 648 Page Likes on our MZCC Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mtzchamber](http://www.facebook.com/mtzchamber).

Just email me at [mtzionilchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionilchamber@gmail.com) your business name, address, and a description of no more than two specials on your products or services (no flyers or graphics). If you wish to participate, please send this information to me by this Friday, February 5th.



**FREE Valentine Special Posting  
on MZCC Website and  
Facebook Page  
Send 1-2 Specials  
by Friday  
Feb. 5**



**Feb  
6**

**9AM-11AM**



# **FOOD DRIVE**

**YOU CAN HELP FIGHT HUNGER!**

**Please help us by donating!**

Please help us by donating non-perishable food items to help benefit those in the Mt. Zion School District!

**Drive Thru drop off in front of Jody's Place between 9am-11am**

Mt. Zion Food Pantry | 1220 W. Main Street | Mt. Zion, IL 62549