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Linda Harper, Editor

**May
2021**

Luncheon

May 12th

Member Cost: \$15

*Networking: 11:15 am
Luncheon: 11:40 a.m.-1:00 pm
RSVP by Tuesday, May 11th*

LOCATION

**Mt. Zion Fletcher Park
Recreation Center**

SPEAKER & TOPIC

**Drew Early
COVID-19 Local
Response & Vaccination
Efforts**

EXHIBITOR

**Mt. Zion United
Methodist Church**



Mark Your Calendar

Webinar

**May 19, 2021
"Using Technology Tools to
Effectively Market
Your Business"**

Luncheon

**June 9, 2021
"Decatur Park
District Update"**

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

Hours: Working Remotely
Make Appointment



May *NEWS* from Chamber President Carolyn Ridenour

The word for this month is "Achievement"! It just popped in my mind while preparing to write my last Chamber newsletter.

So much has been achieved by the officers and board members this past fiscal year. Granted we had COVID setbacks, but we were able to think of new ways to keep ourselves out in front of the membership and community. We found new ways to recognize our teachers and first responders. Our lunch meetings were in part via Zoom and others were in-person. We had to adjust our food menus so they would meet the current mandates. We even offered some new speakers/topics that weren't done before.

The Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet recognized the achievements of many on a Thursday evening on April 22nd. Congratulations to Del's Popcorn of Mt. Zion for 2020 Outstanding Business of the Year. Mike & Trudy Jacobs have been a supporter of the Chamber and the community. You will see them sell their products during the Business EXPO & Taste and provide the speaker gift. They were voted #1 Best Place to Work and offer job skillsets for special education students. The 2020 Volunteer of the Year award went to Emily Phillips. She has always been very willing and eager to help when help was needed these past couple of years. We also awarded a total of \$3,000 in scholarships to three well-deserving high school senior students. They are Jonathan Oliger, Marin Stenger and Chloe Moyer.

Just a couple of reminders: If you have an event or products or services to showcase prepare a flyer and have it go out when the monthly newsletter does gets published. It is only \$25.00. If you have an opening in your firm or business submit it to the Job page on the website for free. And the monthly Member Spotlight is looking for businesses that want to be promoted on radio, website, Facebook and newsletter for Free! Fill the form out on the website so you can be added to the list.

The Chambers fiscal year runs from June 1 – May 31st. So that means our board will be changing effective June 1st. I have to say the year went by quickly! I'd like to recognize the current officers and board members (2020-2021):

President – Carolyn Ridenour
Vice President – Dan McNeely
Secretary – Maria Dent
Treasurer – Corey McKenzie
Cody Buckley
Wendy Kernan, Advisor

Jay Woodrum
Trudy Jacobs
Laura Jones
Aaron Osman
Dianne Shaw

As the end of May comes, my term will end as your Chamber President. I have enjoyed the 2 years as a board member, 1 year as Vice President and this year as President. I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you! It has been very rewarding while meeting so many people. I encourage everyone to get involved with the Chamber. It doesn't take a lot of time, and it isn't hard to do. Just be willing to work together and remember your purpose is to provide services to

2021 Calendar of Events

Mt. Zion Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show - June 27, 2021

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July 50/50 - July 4, 2021

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser - July 22, 2021

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

2020-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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May Luncheon



Our luncheon is May 12, 2021 at the Mt. Zion 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.

Drew Early, President and CEO of Decatur Memorial Hospital, will be our speaker. He will speak to us on the topic "COVID-19 Local Response & Vaccination Efforts". Learn about the many impacts the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the medical industry, specifically at Decatur Memorial Hospital. Mr. Early will speak about local vaccination efforts and partnerships dedicated to the vaccine rollout. President Early has a master's degree in Health Services Administration and a bachelor's degree in Health Care Systems Administration.

We will be doing temperature checks at the door, using social distancing and hand sanitizer. Please wear a face mask. 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.

Send your RSVP's to mtzionilchamber@gmail.com by Tuesday, May 11th. 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.

Sponsors Needed

We are looking for sponsors for our Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show, which will be at the Fletcher Park Recreation Center at 12 noon on Sunday, June 27, 2021. Nelson's Catering will be catering the luncheon; Shop on Main will be furnishing the clothing for the fashion show. The sponsorship is \$200. See [page 10](#) for details. Please let me know by Friday, May 14th if you want to be a sponsor by emailing mtzionilchamber@gmail.com.

President's message continued from Page 1:

our members.. While my term ends, my desire to meet new people and network among like-minded people will continue. So I leave you with two of my favorite quotes about Achievement.

Wishing You All the Best,
Carolyn Ridenour

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure." – Colin Powell

"Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions." – Albert Einstein

Del's Popcorn of Mt. Zion 2020 Outstanding Business of the Year

Congratulations to Del's Popcorn of Mt. Zion the 2020 Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Business of the Year.

Trudy and Mike Jacobs are the owners of Del's Popcorn of Mt. Zion. Del's Popcorn has been part of the Mt. Zion community since 2002, but the business itself began as far back as 1934 as a tiny confectionery in Decatur. They are a small business with a large presence in the community. Del's Popcorn of Mt. Zion is always willing to work with local charities, school, and library groups to support activities and events. They offer 4 Life Skill students from Special Education to work inside the store. They were recently voted #1 Reader's Choice for Best Place to Work.

Lori Riggen accepted the award for Mike & Trudy Jacobs who were not able to attend. Pictured from left to right are: Emily Carnahan, Lori Riggen, Carolyn Ridenour, Elijah Riggen, and Jennifer Davis.



2020 Volunteer of the Year



Emily Phillips with Neuhoff Media of Decatur LLC won the 2020 Volunteer of the Year award. She has served as one of our Ambassadors for the last two years. She has always volunteered to go the extra mile and help wherever she was needed passing out agendas, working the registration table, boxing fundraiser dinners, and many other volunteer tasks. Emily also won a door prize of a bottle of wine.

2021 College Scholarship Winners



Pictured from left to right with President Carolyn Ridenour are: Jonathan Oliger, Marin Stenger and Chloe Moyer.

Thank You to Our Sponsors of the Annual Report & Awards Banquet



Thank you to Coz's Restaurant for the great food and meeting room and to Larry Mazzotti for playing music before and during dinner.

Online Auction Sponsor



Grand Door Prize Winner



Rachel Schultz with DECU won prize from the Hampton Inn by Wyndham.





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. You can count on the Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham to elevate their health and safety protocols! They provide guests with a hot buffet breakfast daily and a free dinner every Wednesday. Meeting spaces are available for family get togethers, meetings, showers or any family or business event. The Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham is located at 2370 Mt. Zion Road in Decatur. Call 217-864-9311.



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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 Ct	NEW LISTING! 3 bdr/1 bth/1 car detached garage/very well maintained	Upper \$50's	6210007
126 E Kellar Lane	NEW LISTING! 3 bdr/2 bth/CAPE COD/1200 sq ft/deck/fenced in yard	Upper 60's	6210868
730 E Cerro Gordo St	RETAIL/APARTMENTS/3 floors/11,140 sq feet/elevator	Upper \$70's	6209788
4045 Cambridge Dr	NEW LISTING! 3 bdr/1 bth/RANCH/ North Decatur/Amish Oak cabinets	Upper \$90's	6210890
2141 S Richmond Rd	3bdr/2 bth/ RANCH/Completely Remodeled/New Roof	Lower \$110's	6207585
187 N Kenwood Argenta	NEW LISTING! 3 bdr/2 bth/ 2-2 car garages/A/O Schools/1400 sq ft	Upper \$110's	6210859
1760 Moundford Ct	3 bdr/1full,2-1/2bths/1152 sq ft man cave/fenced yard	Lower \$140's	6206899
770 E Eldorado St	NEW COMMERCIAL LISTING! Auto Repair business opportunity/4 OH Doors	Upper \$220's	6210809
35 Lake Pointe	3bdr/1.5 bth/RANCH/Lake Decatur views/2 Lots-1.15 acres	Upper \$380's	6209801
7002 W Cantrell St	5 bdr/3.5bth/10 acres~pond,beach,fishingdock/4128 sq ft	Upper \$470's	6206337

Active/Under Contract Listings

43 Ridgedale Dr	NEW LISTING!	Contract within 14 days!	Upper \$90's	6210695
235 W Oak Lane	NEW LISTING!	Contract within 9 days!	Mid \$110's	6210784
1805 Oakcrest Ave	NEW LISTING!	Contract within 2 days!	Upper \$120's	6210936
4636 Glenwood Dr	NEW LISTING!	Contract within 7 days!	Upper \$170's	6210840
6915 Angela Dr	NEW LISTING!	Contract within 2 days!	Upper \$270's	6210922

Pending Listings

1820 N Van Dyke St	2 bdr/2 bth/New metal roof/hardwood floors/newer windows	\$15K	6207058
2116 N Edward St	NEW LISTING! Contract within 7 days!	Upper \$30's	6210528
917 S 44 th Street	3bdr/1bth/bungalow/full basement/1/2-acre corner lot/hardwood floors	Low \$40's	6195809
511 9 th Street-Illiopolis	3 bdr/1 bth/ Ranch/Sangamon Valley School District/Corner lot	Low \$40's	6210213
5550 E Twin Bridge Rd	NEW LISTING! Contract within 3 days!	Low \$50's	6210494
2202 N Church Rd	NEW LISTING! Contract within 2 days!	Low \$50's	6210449
3176 N MacArthur Rd	4 bdr/2.5 bth/2066 sq ft/ranch/2.5 car attached garage	Low \$80's	6206001
803 Sarah Dr	4 bdr/2 bth/ NORTH/fenced yard/updated bathrooms	Lower \$110's	6207095
1528 S 44 th Street	3 bdr/2 bth/Cape Cod/completely remodeled/3 car garage	Lower \$120's	6210435



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MZCC Tools for Success Webinar:

Navigating the New Normal

Using Technology Tools to Effectively Market Your Business

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 19, 2021

RSVP mtzionilchamber@gmail.com by May 17th for this Zoom webinar. Cost \$15.



Ryan Weckerly
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Marketing is more than just surface level, it's data and creating a strategy that reflects your business in order to reach your intended audience. When done right, marketing can translate to a stronger brand as well as more profit for your business.

Ryan Weckerly will discuss how the right technology tools, combined with human interaction to develop more powerful leads, profitable sale, and long-term relationships for your brand.

Attendees will learn how these takeaways will help you effectively market your business:

- Dynamic web content
- Strong SEO
- Lead scoring and nurturing
- Lead destination tracking
- A vital SRM
- Behavioral based automated e-mails
- Performance analytics

As president of MorningStar Media Group, he has built an extensive clientele base. Ryan has seen clients through crisis and economic downturns by creating strategic campaigns that stand the test of time. Ryan holds a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications with an emphasis in Media Science and Consumer Behaviors from Southern Illinois University, and he didn't stop there. Continuing education is an important part of Ryan's career. He frequently attends web development and marketing seminars to stay on top of ever-evolving trends, and does continual studies on search engine optimization. While Ryan seeks out any chance to gain the latest knowledge, he also a selected member of the Forbes Agency Council, where he regularly publishes his insights and best practices on marketing strategy and communications. You can also find Ryan on the national speaking circuit covering social media, internet marketing, and website development.



**Sponsorship Deadline:
May 14, 2021**



MZCC Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show

12 p.m. Sunday, June 27, 2021

Fletcher Park Recreation Center
323 Fletcher Park Boulevard
Mt. Zion, IL 62549

Sponsorship Cost \$200

- **Logo on communication to all members about luncheon/fashion show**
 - **Logo on tickets and newsletter insert**
- **Week before luncheon your business ad will be posted on our Facebook page**
 - **E-blast of your business ad to the membership**

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E-mail mtzionilchamber@gmail.com



**Luncheon Catered by Nelson's Catering
Fashion Show Presented by Shop On Main**

Ticket prices and availability will be advertised soon. Facemasks, social distancing, and capacity guidelines will be observed.