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Linda Harper, Editor

November 2021

Luncheon

November 10th

Member Cost: \$15

Networking: 11:45 am

Luncheon: 12 -1:00 pm

RSVP by Tuesday, Nov. 9th

LOCATION

**Mt. Zion Fletcher
Park Recreation Center**

SPEAKERS:

**Scott Perry, Emily Phillips,
Carolyn Ridenour, &
Jes Younghouse**

TOPIC:

Marketing Panel

EXHIBITOR:

Dimond Bros. Insurance



Mark Your Calendar

**November 8, 2021
4:30-6:30 p.m. Ribbon Cutting
& Business After Hours
Decatur Orthopedic Center**

**November 9, 2021
11 a.m. Ribbon Cutting
Baby Face HD Ultrasound**

**Luncheon
December 8, 2021
Christmas Program**

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

Hours: Working Remotely
Make Appointment



November *NEWS* from Chamber President Dan McNeely

Hi, my name is Dan McNeely from Dimond Bros Insurance. I am our Chamber President for the 2021-22 Chamber year.

We had a wonderful 9th Mt. Zion Community Prayer Breakfast on October 20, 2021. We had a great speaker, Becky Anderson, who inspired over 200 people that were in attendance. Please continue to pray for her 6-year-old daughter, Shoni.

Thank you to HSHS St. Mary's Hospital for being our main sponsor. We look forward to continuing this partnership with them in 2022. Thank you to all the sponsors of the prayer breakfast that helped make this a wonderful event. Thank you to all the local churches, volunteers, and Mt Zion.

Please attend the Ribbon Cuttings and Business After Hours on November 8th & 9th.

We look forward to everyone joining us on November 10th for Chamber Luncheon. We are in need of Volunteers for all our events; and we are, also, in need of people who want to be Ambassadors. The Ambassador program is vital in running the Chamber and we need this group to grow.

Thanks, and I hope everyone has a great holiday season.

Dan McNeely
President

Visit our website:
www.mtzionchamber.org

2021-22 Calendar of Events

Decatur Orthopedic Center Ribbon Cutting & Business After Hours --November 8, 2021--4:30-6:30

Baby Face HD Ultrasound Ribbon Cutting --November 9, 2021--11 a.m.

Mt. Zion Expo & Taste -- March 12, 2022

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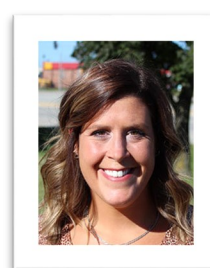
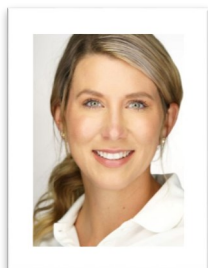
Aaron Osman

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November Luncheon

MARKETING PANEL



The November 10, 2021 luncheon will be at the Mt. Zion Fletcher Park Recreation Center; the cost is \$15 unless you are a prepaid luncheon member. This month's luncheon will be catered by Hickory River Smokehouse. Remember our luncheons start a little later and are not as long. Our luncheon will start at 11:45 a.m. with registration and networking; we will eat at noon. After you check in at the Registration Desk, go through the buffet and get your food and beverage. The luncheon will end at 1 p.m.

We will have a Marketing Panel. The panel members will be: Scott Perry--Herald & Review Local News Editor, Emily Phillips--Neuhoff Media Decatur Senior Account Executive, Carolyn Ridenour--Creative Media Services, Inc. owner, and Jes Younghouse--Decatur Earthmover Credit Union Director of Marketing. The panel will be moderated and asked a set of questions that affect all sizes of businesses regarding reaching your target customers through various media effectively. Questions like:

- Who is your ideal customer?
- How can you reach your ideal customer?
- and more questions...

It will be a very open, casual conversation-style presentation with time for Q & A from the luncheon members attending.

Please send your RSVP's by November 9th to mtzionlchamber@gmail.com. You can also RSVP and/or pay at www.mtzionchamber.org/events/meetings/reservations.

Welcome Our New Member!



Passion Community Church and Pastor Shane Davis are located at 4225 Camp Warren Lane, Decatur, IL in the Long Creek area. Passion Community Church's Sunday service is at 10 a.m. in the Worship Center. Their Passion Kidz is on Sunday during the church service and is for children 6 weeks old through 5th grade. Pulse is a weekly student gathering for 6th grade through 12 grade students. More information is available at <http://www.passioncc.com> or call 217-864-3300.

Thank You to Our Sponsors 2021 Mt. Zion Community Prayer Breakfast

Thank you to HSH St. Mary's Hospital, speaker, Becky Anderson, head table representatives, Mt. Zion Churches, Macon County Honor Guard, pianists--Lyn Sly and Zach Garrett, singers--Rich Hansen's Mt. Zion High School Mixed Acapella Choir & Zach Garrett, MTZ High School Medics Club, member volunteers, businesses & organizations who bought a table, and all who attended.

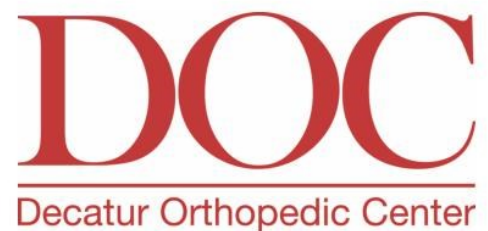


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Celebrate with Us!

Please join Decatur Orthopedic Center for a Ribbon Cutting, Business After Hours, and Open House ceremony to celebrate our expanded facility and services.

Monday, November 8th
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Decatur Orthopedic Center
104 Ashland Avenue
Mt. Zion, IL 62549

Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

For more information,
CALL 217-864-2665



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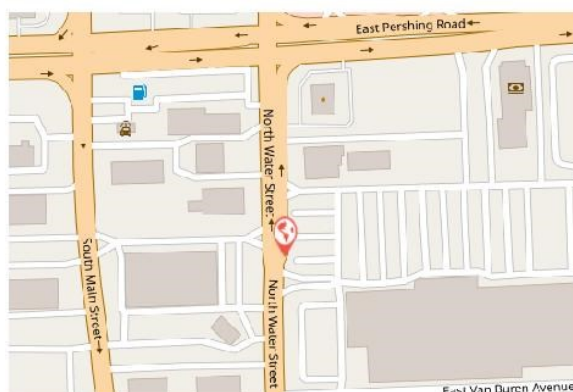
Dr. Edward E. Elliott
Foot & Ankle Surgeon



Ribbon Cutting
Tuesday, November 9, 2021
11:00 a.m.



Baby Face HD Ultrasound
2950 N. Water Street, Suite 130
Decatur, IL 62526
217-855-0875
babyfacehdultrasound.com





Member Spotlight



Prairie State Bank & Trust

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—Prairie State Bank & Trust. Their products and services will meet your growing needs and they are committed to community banking. Prairie State Bank & Trust strives to improve lives through exceptional service, innovative ideas and flexible loan and deposit structuring to not only meet, but exceed your expectations. Visit the Mt. Zion branch located at 340 West Main Street today. Member FDIC. An Equal Housing Lender.



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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
1540 N Woodford St	2 bdr/1 bth/ RANCH/enclosed front porch/2 car garage	Mid \$20's	6215986
1840 Buckhead Lane(LOT)	Ready to build/most utilities already in place	Mid \$40's	6214823
1456 W Forest Ave	REDUCED PRICE! 2 bdr/1 bth/wood fireplace/2 car tandem garage	Upper \$50's	6215711
7 Meadow Terrace Dr	3 bdr/1 bth/Ranch/Wood Fireplace/Replacement windows	Lower \$70's	6214487
2530 Lake Reunion Pkwy	(LOT) Residential building site/Mt Zion Schools	Upper \$90's	6215079
3345 N Woodford St	COMMERCIAL LISTING! Turn-key SPA business includes all equipment	Lower \$110's	6212730
7002 W Cantrell St (LOT)	Approx 13.5 acres (12 acres tillable, 1 acre timber)	\$150k	6215402
3183 Greenlake Dr	NEW LISTING! 4 bdr/2.5 bth/Bi-Level/Near Lake Decatur/2-2 car garages	Lower \$180's	6215960
686 Cove Ct	NEW LISTING! 3 bdr/2 bth/LAKE DECATUR PROPERTY/2.5 car garage	Lower \$220's	6216088
770 E Eldorado St	COMMERCIAL LISTING! Auto Repair business opportunity/4 OH Doors	Upper \$220's	6210809
858 W Green St	COMMERCIAL LISTING! - Biggen's Bar & Billards/Pool Tables/Open Bar	Upper \$250's	6190609
1625 Hunters Pt Ct Mt Zion	REDUCED PRICE! 4 bdr/3 bth/built in 2020/finished basement/Mt Zion schools	Upper \$330's	6214614
260 E Wood St	COMMERCIAL LISTING! Over 12,400 sq ft space/2 Levels/Parking	Upper \$340's	6212544
7002 W Cantrell St	5 bdr/4 bth/15 acres/pond/green house/beach w/dock	Upper \$450's	6215446
333 E Macon St	COMMERCIAL LISTING! 4 parcels/retail/office space/storage/warehouse	Upper \$490's	6214957
310 E Elwin Rd	4 bdr/3.5bth/14 acres/Pond/7 stall Barn/Stable/Meridian SD	Upper \$790's	6212920

Active/Under Contract Listings

2452 N Maple Ave	3 bdr/2 bth RANCH/2 car garage/fenced in yard	Mid \$60's	6216064
2673 S Forrest Green Dr	4 bdr/2 bth RANCH/7 skylights/2 lots/wood fireplace	Upper \$170's	6215808

Pending Listings

917 S 44th Street	3bdr/1bth/bungalow/full basement/1/2-acre corner lot/hardwood floors	Low \$40's	6195809
1120 N Oakcrest Ave	REDUCED PRICE! 2 bdr/1 bth/ RANCH/Fenced Yard/2 Car Garage	Upper \$40's	6215567
569 S Monroe	2 bdr/1.5 bth/Ranch/Gas fireplace/12x20 patio	Upper \$60's	6214482
2730 W Hunt St	Contract within 5 days!	Upper \$80's	6215051
320 Spitler Park Dr Mt Zion	Contract within 17 days!	Mid \$110's	6215630
4045 Meadow Park Dr	6bdr/7 bth/in ground pool/pool house/Mt Zion Schools	Upper \$590's	6210002



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VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION



SPEECHES - VIDEO PRESENTATION- MUSIC

WEDNESDAY, NOV 10, 2021
CELEBRATION BEGINS AT 8:45 AM
MT. ZION HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Please RSVP with the High School office at 217-864-2363 or at
hansen@mtzschoools.org

(Parking will be available on the east side of the school, please
arrive no later than 8:30 am)

MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED



Please Join Us For Our 9th Annual

Holiday Craft Fair

Presented by: The Village of Mt. Zion

*Join us for our annual
Holiday Craft Show as we fill the Mt.
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talented vendors!!*

FREE ADMISSION!!

Friday, November 12th: 7 pm to 9 pm
Saturday, November 13th: 9 am to 3 pm

Mt. Zion Convention Center

1400 Mt. Zion Parkway | Mt. Zion, IL



Get Involved!

Illinois Department of Central Management Services Disparity Study

The Illinois Department of Central Management (“CMS”) is conducting a disparity study of its Business Enterprise Program (“BEP”) for Minority- and Woman-Owned Business Enterprises (“MWBEs”). The Study is examining whether MWBEs have equal access to contracting opportunities. If your firm currently works with or has tried to bid on contracts for CMS as a prime contractor, subcontractor, or supplier, Colette Holt & Associates (“CHA”) would like to hear from you as part of the study’s anecdotal data collection. Opportunities to participate include:

- An electronic survey scheduled for release late Fall 2021
- Small group business owner sessions tentatively scheduled for early Winter 2021/2022.
- Written comments that can be emailed to CMS-study@mbelaw.com throughout the study process.

Your participation in CMS’s disparity study is important. The anecdotal information collected will help assess CMS’ contracting activities and the impact of the current BEP program. This includes examining anecdotal evidence of race or gender-based discrimination when seeking contracts, and in the overall Illinois economy.

CHA is partnering with two local community engagement firms, Sandi Llano & Associates and Synergetic Solutions, to provide outreach support and to assist with anecdotal data collection. Additional information can be found on the dedicated study website, <https://cms.disparity-study.com>.

State of Illinois Central Management Services Disparity Study Frequently Asked Questions



Colette Holt & Associates (CHA) is conducting a disparity study for the State of Illinois Management Services ("CMS" of its Business Enterprise Program ("BEP"). CMS seeks to ensure that minority-owned business enterprises and woman-owned business enterprises ("collectively, BEP firms") have equal access to State contracting opportunities and that CMS's current BEP program remains legally defensible and administratively successful.

What is a "Disparity Study"?

A disparity study involves compilation of evidence to determine whether CMS has a strong basis for implementing race- and gender-conscious contracting remedies for its locally funded contracts, and narrowly tailoring its BEP program. This includes statistical evidence of disparities, if any, between the availability of M/WBEs and their utilization on CMS contracts and related subcontracts and throughout the Illinois economy as a whole.

The study will further examine factors necessary for entrepreneurial success, such as access to business capital, bonding, networks, suppliers and other resources. The study also will gather anecdotal evidence of any continuing effects of past or present race and sex discrimination, and the impact of the current BEP program. Finally, the study will review CMS' current BEP program and activities and make recommendations for future initiatives and enhancements, including data collection to assist CMS in setting its project-specific and overall goals.

Who is conducting the study?

Colette Holt & Associates (CHA), a nationally recognized expert team on disparity studies and M/WBE programs, in conjunction with local partners Synergetic Solutions, Inc., Sandi Llano & Associates, Inc, and L.Binder Inc.

How can business owners and other interested parties be involved?

The participation of business owners and other interested parties such as trade associations, advocacy groups, community organizations, etc. is critical to the study's outcomes in three important ways. The study team will contact businesses to

confirm information on specific contracts and/or to receive additional contract information that is currently not available to CMS. Second, an electronic survey will be sent to interested parties to collect additional anecdotal information. Finally,

CHA will also conduct interviews with business owners and stakeholders to collect information regarding discriminatory barriers and the BEP program.

How will the public informational webinar and business owner/ stakeholder interviews be conducted and how do I participate?

CHA will host a public information webinar to introduce the study methodology and process. A bit later in the process, CHA will administer an online survey for business owners. CHA will also host small group business owner/stakeholder interviews.

Participants who are unable to attend the webinar or the interviews but who would like to provide input to the disparity study are encouraged to return the survey and to submit written statements at the study email: cms-study@mwbelaw.com.

When will the study be completed?

The study is anticipated to be completed Spring/ Summer 2022.

Where can I find additional information?

For additional information, visit the study website at cms.disparity-study.com.

Who do I contact with questions?

You may contact the Study team via cms-study@mwbelaw.com or 855-692-3529.

Or you may contact:

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Happy Thanksgiving!

