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**January  
2022**

**Luncheon**

**January 12th**

**Member Cost: \$15**

*Networking: 11:45 am*

*Luncheon: 12 -1:00 pm*

*RSVP by Tuesday, Jan. 11th*

**SPEAKER**

**Dominic Santomassimo  
Decatur Family YMCA**

**LOCATION**

**Mt. Zion Fletcher Park  
Recreation Center**

**CATERED**

**Wildflour**

**EXHIBITOR**

**Central Cremation Center**



**Mark Your Calendar**

**Expo Sponsorships Due  
January 14, 2022**

**Breakfast  
January 25, 2022**

**Luncheon  
February 9, 2022  
Hiring in Our  
Difficult Environment**

**Early Bird Expo  
Booth Contract Due  
February 11, 2022**

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

**Hours:** Working Remotely  
Make Appointment

**January *NEWS* from  
Chamber President  
Dan McNeely**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Hi, my name is Dan McNeely from Dimond Bros Insurance. I am our Chamber President. We welcome you to help and get involved with our great Chamber.

Ways to get involved:

- Volunteering for the Board
- Volunteering for the Ambassador Program
- Volunteering for Shifts at Fundraisers and Events

Events coming up:

- Attend the luncheon on January 12th
- Participate and/or attend in the Expo on March 12th 2022--Get your booth!
- July 4th 50/50 Raffle Tickets go on sale March 1st!

New benefits added recently:

- NEW EVENT -- Breakfast on January 25th at Four Star Family Restaurant
- Easier way of paying for your QuickBooks invoices with credit/debit card or bank transfer
- Shorter luncheons (keeping them to an hour)

Thanks for being a member. We encourage you to recruit members to keep our Chamber growing.

Dan McNeely  
President

**Visit our website:  
[www.mtzionchamber.org](http://www.mtzionchamber.org)**

# 2022 Calendar of Events

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

Mt. Zion Chamber Awards & Annual Meeting -- April 21, 2022

## 2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## January Luncheon

### Decatur Family YMCA: More Than a Gym



Come to the January 12, 2022 luncheon and learn how the YMCA transforms lives in Decatur and Macon County through programs and services that support youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.



Dominic Santomassimo will be our speaker. He began his role as CEO of Decatur Family YMCA in February of 2021. Originally from Southwest Indiana, Dominic brings more than 20 years of experience at YMCA's across the country to this position.

Our luncheon on January 12th is at the Mt. Zion Fletcher Park Recreation Center. The luncheon costs \$15 and starts at 12 noon.; registration is from 11:45 – 12 noon. After you register, start going through the buffet line.

Send your RSVP's to [mtzionchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionchamber@gmail.com) by Tuesday, January 11th. Another way to RSVP is to submit your reservation on our website and optionally pay in advance at <https://www.mtzionchamber.org>. 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.



## 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—George A. Mueller Beer Co. Did you know George A. Mueller Beer Co. was founded right here in Decatur in 1869 and is the oldest family-owned beer distributor in America? They've sold a large variety of products over the years, but today they focus on a portfolio of beer, soda, water, energy drinks and juices. To learn more visit George A. Mueller Beer Co. on Facebook.

# TSA Bell Ringing December 2, 2021



# Christmas Luncheon December 8, 2021



# Early Bird Breakfast Networking

NEW  
EVENT



The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce listened to our membership! Some members at the September 8, 2021 luncheon said they would like to have an occasional breakfast meeting so that those members who cannot always come to our luncheons once their workday begins have an opportunity to network and share information with other chamber members before they go to work.

We will hold our first breakfast on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at the Four Star Family Restaurant at 1100 N. State Highway 121 in Mt. Zion from 7:30-8:30 a.m. We will meet in the separate dining room on the north side of the restaurant. Everyone will order what they want and pay for their individual bills.

You still need to send me your RSVP to [mtzionilchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionilchamber@gmail.com) so that we know how many will be attending. Please RSVP by Monday, January 24th.

The breakfast will give you another opportunity to network with other Chamber members in addition to our luncheons on the second Wednesday of every month. The breakfasts will not take the place of our monthly luncheons. The breakfasts will not have a speaker--just conversation and sharing of ideas and opportunities. Bring your business cards.

We are looking at holding 3-4 per year depending on how well the breakfasts are attended.

We hope to see you on January 25th.

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## 2022 MZCC College Scholarships

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. Your graduating high school senior either needs to be a Mt. Zion High School student; or if attending another high school, they must be the child of a Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce dues-paying member. The scholarship applicant does not have to be a business major. If you need a PDF of the application, let me know. The application, official transcripts, and other required documents need to be received by March 18, 2022. The scholarships are presented at our Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet on the evening of April 21, 2022.



# Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce

## 2022 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 18, 2022

#### Criteria

- Must be in the current graduating class from Mt. Zion High School; or if attending another high school, must be the child of a 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 18, 2022.
- 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.

<b>Student Data</b>	Last Name _____ First _____ M.I. _____
	Street Address _____
	City State Zip _____
	Phone _____ Email _____
<b>Post-Secondary Data</b>	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.

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*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**

## **2022 EXPO & TASTE**

*Kick-off to our year-long  
35th Anniversary Celebration*

**MARCH 12, 2022**

- ♦ EXPO sponsorships due January 14, 2022.
- ♦ EXPO contracts are available with “Early Bird” discount pricing until February 11, 2022.
- ♦ TASTE contracts due February 25th; they are limited so reserve your booth today!
- ♦ STAGE SHOW performances or demonstrations available: bands, fashion shows, dancers, tumblers, cheerleaders, martial arts, etc.
- ♦ Sponsors and exhibitors will receive an invitation to the VIP Party the night before on March 11th.
- ♦ Volunteers are needed for: Hospitality, Set up, and Clean-up.

**1987-2022**

**35th Anniversary**



# Mt. Zion Chamber Benefits

- ◆ Free Member Spotlight Advertising
- ◆ Referrals to Potential Customers
- ◆ Member-to-Member Networking
- ◆ Business Education/Speakers
- ◆ Ribbon Cuttings
- ◆ Monthly Luncheons
- ◆ Monthly Newsletter
- ◆ Increased Community Visibility
- ◆ Chamber Directory Listings
- ◆ Free Website Presence on our Online Directory
- ◆ Invitations to Chamber Events
- ◆ Inexpensive \$25 Advertising in Newsletter or E-mail Blasts
- ◆ Business After Hours
- ◆ Luncheon Exhibitor
- ◆ Business Expo
- ◆ Sponsorship Opportunities





**Expo and Taste**  
**March 12, 2022**

**Gold or Silver Sponsorship Packages Due January 14, 2022**  
**Early Bird Booth Payment Due February 11, 2022**

	<b>Gold Sponsorship \$650</b>	<b>Silver Sponsorship \$400</b>	<b>Booth Space \$300/Early \$250 <i>Non Member:</i> \$475/Early \$425</b>
<b>Booth space</b>	Double (8X16) booth Electricity included	8X8 booth Electricity available \$25	8X8 booth Electricity available \$25
<b>Sponsor Promotion</b>	Designated as Gold Sponsor at Event	Designated as Silver Sponsor at Event	
<b>Sponsor publicity</b>	Sponsor name announced at Event	Sponsor name announced at Event	
<b>Sponsor Inclusion</b>	Sponsor name and logo on all Expo communications and large banner.	Sponsor name and logo on Expo communications and large banner.	
<b>Sponsor inclusion in Pre-Expo event advertisement</b>	Sponsor logo on Expo flyer & newspaper ad. Sponsor logo on all Expo email and social media messages.	Sponsor name on Expo flyer	
<b>Early Bird Pricing</b>			If registered and paid before Feb. 11, 2022

Business Name & Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gold: \_\_\_\_\_ Silver: \_\_\_\_\_ How Many Booths: \_\_\_\_\_ Electricity: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: [mtzionilchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionilchamber@gmail.com)

Mail Payment to: P.O. 84, Mt. Zion, IL 62549



## Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce 2022 EXPO Contract

Show Date: March 12, 2022 | 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Mt. Zion Convention Center

Set Up Date: March 11, 2022 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Booth Space: 8' x 8'

**Fee: Early Bird Non-Member \$425 or Early Bird Member \$250 per booth space, if registered by Feb. 11, 2022.**

**After Feb. 11, 2022 booth space will be allocated on a first-come first-serve basis at**

**Non-Member Price of \$475 or Member Price \$300 Registration Form & Payment Due by March 4, 2022.**

- All Early Bird booth contracts and checks must be received by Feb. 11, 2022 to retain a discounted booth space.
- All exhibitors must restrict their exhibit to the business registered with the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce. All multiple businesses that are Chamber members, must register each business they wish to exhibit.
- Doors will be open Friday, March 11th at 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for set up.  
**All exhibitors are to be set up by 5:00 p.m.**
- Exhibitors will unload in the front and park to the immediate north & east of the Convention Center on March 11th & 12th.
- Exhibitors will **NOT** remove their display before 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 12th.
- Exhibitors will **NOT** sell any illegal items.
- Exhibitors will remove all trash, paper, boxes, tape, etc. from their space.
- Exhibitors will cooperate with all requests of show personnel.
- Exhibitors **MUST** keep display within confines of their space and not go into the aisles.
- The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce or the Mt. Zion Convention Center will not be held liable for any losses, damages or injuries sustained by exhibitors in any manner whatsoever.
- No refunds or credits for cancellations for any reason after March 4, 2022.
- Exhibitors will be supplied (1) table, (2) chairs, table cloth, pipe and drape on three sides.  
You must supply extension cords and display accessories. Wall booth spaces are for booths that need electrical outlets.  
**Electrical Booth space will be available to those who pay the \$25.00 fee.**
- Door prizes can be announced during the Expo. It is suggested that you arrange for door prize and sign-ups and/or drawings at your booth.
- All Chamber exhibitors must be a member in good standing at the time of the Expo with dues paid in full.
- For questions or special requests, please call the Chamber at 217-864-2526.
- Make checks payable to: Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce. Mail to: P.O. Box 84, Mt. Zion, IL 62549.

## Return The Bottom Half With Your Payment

Business Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Electricity: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (110v)

Note: **There is an added \$25 charge for booth electricity. (\$25.00)**

Booth: Business \_\_\_\_\_ Taste \_\_\_\_\_ Electricity \_\_\_\_\_

Early Bird Non-Member \$425 or \$250 Member per booth price.

After Feb. 11, 2022, price for Non-Member \$400 or Member \$250 per booth.

Mail to:

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 84

Mt. Zion, IL 62549



## 2022 TASTE Contract

Do not miss this opportunity to serve one of your delicious entrees to the crowd of local residents attending the EXPO & TASTE on Saturday, March 12, 2022.

Setup is Saturday, March 12th from 9 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

- NO CHARGE for Taste Booth – size 8x8
- Serve time: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Each booth provides a minimum of 100 single food servings for one ticket
- Each booth provides necessary serving items (extension cords, napkins, plates, forks, etc.)
- Taste tickets will be for sale the day of the event at the Mt. Zion Chamber Booth only in packs of 5 tickets for \$7
- **Vendors will be reimbursed \$.75 for each ticket turned in by 2:00 p.m.**

If you would like to be part of the TASTE, please complete the attached reservation and return by mail: PO BOX 84, Mt. Zion, IL or email: [mtzionchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionchamber@gmail.com) by **Feb. 25, 2022.**

### BOOTH RESERVATION

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

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

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





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### ACTIVE LISTINGS

Address	Details	Price	MLS #
1540 N Woodford St	2 bdr/1 bth/ RANCH/enclosed front porch/2 car garage	\$19k	6215986
270 E Mueller Ct (LOT)	Secured gated subdivision/.65 acres/Near Lake Decatur	Mid \$20's	6202274
1840 Buckhead Lane (LOT)	Ready to build/most utilities already in place	Mid \$40's	6214823
1435 W Macon St	3 bdr/1.5 bth/WEST END/wood fireplace/screened front porch	Upper \$60's	6216377
1865 E Cantrell St	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 3 bdr/1.5 bth/gas fireplace/1.5 car garage/.27 acres	Upper \$70's	6217107
305 W South St Bethany	3 bdr/1 bth/Okaw Valley Schools/4 Car Garage	Upper \$80's	6216730
2530 Lake Reunion Pkwy	(LOT) Residential building site/Mt Zion Schools	Upper \$90's	6215079
265 N Country Club Rd	3 bdr/1 bth/RANCH/replacement windows/.65 acres	Upper \$90's	6216827
3345 N Woodford St	<b>COMMERCIAL LISTING!</b> Turn-key SPA business includes all equipment	Lower \$100's	6217114
7002 W Cantrell St (LOT)	Approx 13.5 acres (12 acres tillable, 1 acre timber)	\$150k	6215402
2930 S Franklin St Rd	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 4 bdr/1.5 bth/Farmhouse/1.19 acres/1200 sq ft building	Mid \$170's	6216907
3183 Greenlake Dr	4 bdr/2.5 bth/Bi-Level/Near Lake Decatur/2-2 car garages	Upper \$170's	6215960
686 Cove Ct	3 bdr/2 bth/LAKE DECATUR PROPERTY/2.5 car garage	Lower \$220's	6216088
770 E Eldorado St	<b>COMMERCIAL LISTING!</b> Auto Repair business opportunity/4 OH Doors	Upper \$220's	6210809
858 W Green St	<b>COMMERCIAL LISTING!</b> - Biggen's Bar & Billards/Pool Tables/Open Bar	Upper \$250's	6190609
2265 S Franzy Dr	4 bdr/3 bth/cathedral ceilings/3 rear decks/skylights	Upper \$250's	6216809
1740 Burning Tree Dr	<b>NEW LISTING!!</b> 4 bdr/3 bth/Pella windows/granite countertops/.46 acres	Mid \$270's	6217097
437 W Elwin Rd Macon	<b>NEW LISTING!!</b> 3 bdr/3 bth/ 14.09 acres/pond/2 pole barns/2 lots	Upper \$310's	6217004
260 E Wood St	<b>COMMERCIAL LISTING!</b> Over 12,400 sq ft space/2 Levels/Parking	Upper \$340's	6212544
333 E Macon St	<b>COMMERCIAL LISTING!</b> 4 parcels/retail/office space/storage/warehouse	Upper \$490's	6214957

### Active/Under Contract Listings

3444 N Taylor Ave	<b>CONTRACT within 33 days!</b>	Upper \$60's	6216759
328 S Madison Cerro Gordo	<b>CONTRACT within 5 days!!</b>	Mid \$80's	6217076
310 E Elwin Rd	4 bdr/3.5bth/14 acres/Pond/7 stall Barn/Stable/Meridian SD	Upper \$790's	6212920

### Pending Listings

917 S 44th Street	3bdr/1bth/bungalow/full basement/1/2-acre corner lot/hardwood floors	Low \$40's	6195809
233 E Dunbar St Blue Mound	<b>CONTRACT within 23 days!</b>	Lower \$50's	6216825
7910 W Fourth St Haristown	<b>CONTRACT within 4 days!</b>	Mid \$80's	6216810
9 Ohio Dr	<b>CONTRACT within 4 days!</b>	Upper \$90's	6216992
635 Mintler Drive Mt Zion	<b>CONTRACT within 9 days!</b>	Upper \$130's	6216602
4671 N MacArthur Road	<b>CONTRACT within 2 Days!</b>	Upper \$140's	6216485
180 N Illini Rd Oakley	<b>CONTRACT same day listed!!!!</b>	Lower \$190's	6216863



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