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**February  
2022**

**Luncheon**

**February 9th**

**Member Cost: \$15**

*Networking: 11:45 am*

*Luncheon: 12 -1:00 pm*

*RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 8th*

**SPEAKER**

**Fred Spannaus  
Decatur Chapter  
SHRM President**

**TOPIC**

**Hiring in a Difficult Environment**

**LOCATION**

**Mt. Zion Fletcher Park  
Recreation Center**

**CATERED**

**Subway**

**EXHIBITOR**

**Neuhoff Media Decatur**



**Mark Your Calendar**

**Luncheon  
March 9, 2022  
The Power of  
Positive**

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



**February *NEWS* from  
Chamber President  
Dan McNeely**

My name is Dan McNeely of Dimond Bros Insurance. I am your president of the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce. We welcome you to help and get involved with our great Chamber.

The breakfast held on January 25, 2022 went very well. We had 11 people in attendance, and we hope to do another one soon. Stay Tuned!

- Exciting News! We have a New Membership category: Individual Membership.
- Make sure to check for the College Scholarship Application in this newsletter and on our website at <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/about-the-chamber/college-bound-scholarship-application/>. Scholarship applications are due March 18th!
- Voting on the 2022-2024 MZCC Board of Directors slate will be at the March luncheon; the slate is in this newsletter issue.

**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 Mt. Zion Expo & Taste March 12, 2022 – Get your booth.
- Independence Day 50/50 Raffle Tickets go on sale March 1st!

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)**

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

**Hours:** Working Remotely  
Make Appointment

# 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

**President:** Dan McNeely

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Aaron Osman

**Treasurer:** Danielle Diskey

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Cody Buckley

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Carolyn Ridenour, Advisor

## February Luncheon

### Hiring in a Difficult Environment



Come to the February 9, 2022 luncheon and learn how the impact of the pandemic has affected the problem of a shortage of employees and how to navigate the hiring process in these difficult times. Fred Spannaus will be our speaker. His topic is "Hiring in a Difficult Environment".

Mr. Spannaus is the president of the Decatur Chapter of the Society of Human Resource Management. Fred has presented seminars on various topics throughout the United States. He is author of [The Occasional Interviewer](#), a guidebook for pre-employment interviews that is used nationally.

Our luncheon on February 9th 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. Social distancing, hand sanitizing, and face masks are requested. Only 3-4 chairs per round table will be used.

Send your RSVP's to [mtzionchamber@gmail.com](mailto:mtzionchamber@gmail.com) by Tuesday, February 8th. Another way to RSVP is to submit your reservation on our website and optionally pay in advance at <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/events/meetings/reservations>. 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



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AIRPORT

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—Decatur Airport. Skip the drive! Be home sooner by flying from your local airport. Save money! Most fares start at \$69 one-way and there is always free parking at Decatur Airport. Board fast! Arrive just an hour before flight time, and you'll be through security and on your way. Easy Booking! Visit [United.com](http://United.com) or use the United App to book your tickets. Fly Local. Fly DEC.

# Welcome New Member



Hospice care is about living! When a patient is diagnosed with a life limiting illness, the patient and family may become overwhelmed with planning, emotions, questions, and fear. The Traditions Health hospice team provides support and guidance to patients and their families to address each of these needs throughout their end of life journey. They walk with the patient and their loved ones each step of the way, providing the education and care they need to have the best quality of life possible. Traditions Health is located at 332 West Marion Avenue, Suite N1, Forsyth, IL; contact them at 217-875-4395.

## New Membership Type

At the last Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, the Board approved a new type of membership. Besides the regular membership, which is for businesses and organizations, they approved the Individual Membership member type. If you know any community members who want to be more involved with their community, have them fill out the Individual Membership Application; see details on the application form. Please share the information with the community. The Business or Organization membership is \$175 annually each January; the Individual Membership is \$100 annually each January. The applications are in Join Us at <https://www.mtzionchamber.org>.

## 2022-2024 Board Slate

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce, President Dan McNeely appointed a Nominating Committee which has submitted the following list of eligible candidates to fill five (5) two-year vacancies that will exist at the close of May 31, 2022. Only one vote is allowed per membership and the member must be in good standing at the time of election. The election will be held at the March 9, 2022 luncheon at the Mt. Zion Fletcher Park Recreation Center.

Here are the five names that have been nominated for the term of June 1, 2022—May 31, 2024 Board of Directors:

***Zach Anderson —BRE Law (first two-year term)***

***Ashley Batchelder —Mt. Zion District Library (first two-year term)***

***Jodi Lockwood --Vieweg Real Estate (first two-year term)***

***Kim Rhodes – Physicians Choice Wellness (first two-year term)***

***Jay Woodrum —Peerless Cleaning & Restoration (first two-year term)***

You can nominate more candidates from the floor and have them added to the ballot at the March 9th luncheon.

## 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.



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217-864-2526

mtzionilchamber@gmail.com

## Individual Membership Application

The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce welcomes any individual who is retired or a community member not representing, owning, or employed by any business or organization to join as an Individual Membership member; they are individuals who are interested in being involved in the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce, the community, and its events and may join the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce for \$100 annually. Individual membership members may serve on committees, be an Ambassador, or serve on the Board. Individual Membership shall have limited privileges; they may not be:

- A Member Spotlight
- An Exhibitor
- Listed nor advertise in the membership directory
- May not advertise in the newsletter, with our e-blasts, or on social media

Please complete the information below:

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable for \$100 to: Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce.

Mail application and check to: Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 84, Mt. Zion, IL 62549.

Optionally, you may also fill out your membership application and pay on our website at:

<https://www.mtzionchamber.org>; click on Join Us on the menu bar.

Please mark your areas of interest as an Individual Membership member (check all that apply):

- ☐ Luncheons (second Wednesday monthly)
- ☐ Breakfasts (occasionally scheduled)
- ☐ Ambassador
- ☐ Board Member
- ☐ Volunteer and/or serve on committees at events i.e. Expo, Prayer Breakfast, fundraisers, etc.

If the Individual Membership member becomes employed with a business or organization they wish to have represented in our Chamber or wish to have full member benefits, they must pay the full business membership at \$175 annually.

# 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 **February 11, 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**



**Expo and Taste**

**March 12, 2022**

**Gold or Silver Sponsorship Packages Due February 11, 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: \$475/Early \$425</i></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

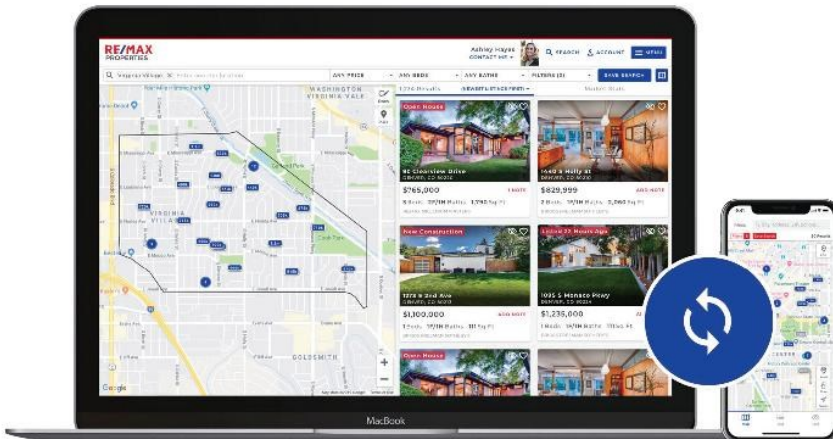
Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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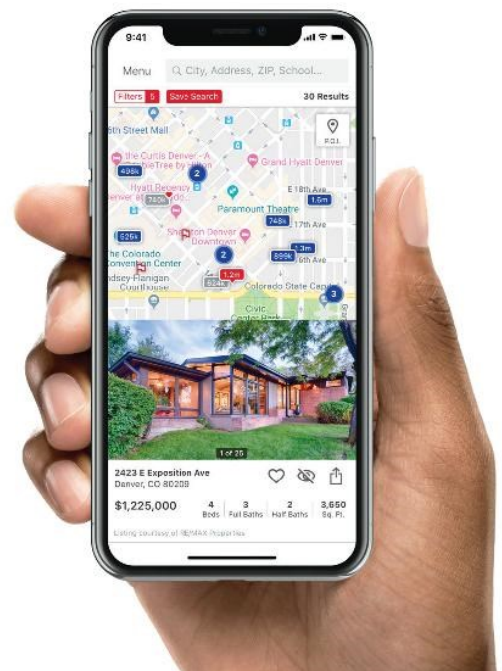


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### ACTIVE LISTINGS

Address	Details	Price	MLS #
270 E Mueller Ct (LOT)	Secured gated subdivision/.65 acres/Near Lake Decatur	Mid \$20's	6202274
740 W Olive St	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 2 bdr/1 bth/newer hot water heater	\$24k	6217431
1030 S Jasper St	<b>NEW LISTING!</b> 2 bdr/ 1 bth/new roof,electrical,plumbing/1 car garage	Mid \$30's	6217434
1840 Buckhead Lane(LOT)	Ready to build/most utilities already in place	Mid \$40's	6214823
1435 W Macon St	<b>REDUCED PRICE!</b> 3 bdr/1.5 bth/WEST END/wood fireplace	Upper \$60's	6216377
2530 Lake Reunion Pkwy	(LOT) Residential building site/Mt Zion Schools	Lower \$90's	6215079
265 N Country Club Rd	<b>REDUCED PRICE!</b> 3 bdr/1 bth/RANCH/.65 acres	Lower \$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	4 bdr/1.5 bth/Farmhouse/1.19 acres/1200 sq ft building	Mid \$170's	6216907
3183 Greenlake Dr	<b>REDUCED PRICE!</b> 4 bdr/2.5 bth/Near Lake Decatur/2-2 car garages	Mid \$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	4 bdr/3 bth/Pella windows/granite countertops/.46 acres	Mid \$270's	6217097
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

1540 N Woodford St	<b>REDUCED PRICE!</b> 2 bdr/1 bth/ RANCH/enclosed front porch	\$14k	6215986
305 W South St Bethany	3 bdr/1 bth/Okaw Valley Schools/4 Car Garage	Upper \$80's	6216730
437 W Elwin Rd Macon	<b>REDUCED PRICE!</b> 3 bdr/3 bth/ 14.09 acres/pond/2 pole barns/2 lots	\$309k	6217004

### Pending Listings

917 S 44th Street	3bdr/1bth/bungalow/full basement/1/2-acre corner lot/hardwood floors	Low \$40's	6195809
3444 N Taylor Ave	<b>CONTRACT within 33 days!</b>	Upper \$60's	6216759
1865 E Cantrell St	<b>CONTRACT within 9 days!</b>	Upper \$70's	6217107
328 S Madison Cerro Gordo	<b>CONTRACT within 5 days!!</b>	Mid \$80's	6217076
9 Ohio Dr	<b>CONTRACT within 4 days!</b>	Upper \$90's	6216992
180 N Illini Rd Oakley	<b>CONTRACT same day listed!!!!</b>	Lower \$190's	6216863
310 E Elwin Rd	4 bdr/3.5bth/14 acres/Pond/7 stall Barn/Stable/Meridian SD	Upper \$790's	6212920



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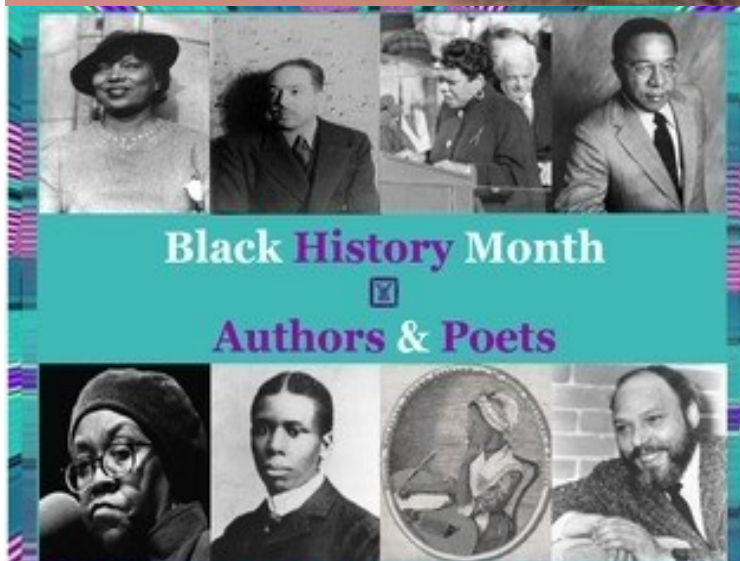


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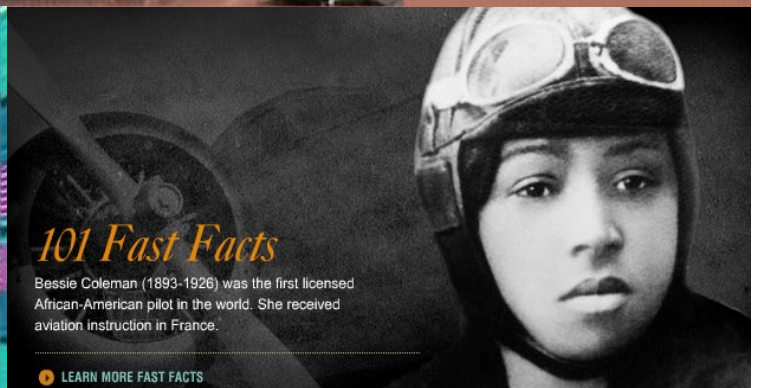
# February



Black History Month



Authors & Poets



## 101 Fast Facts

Bessie Coleman (1893-1926) was the first licensed African-American pilot in the world. She received aviation instruction in France.

LEARN MORE FAST FACTS

Visit <https://www.african-american-cultural.org>



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