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Linda Harper, Editor

**March
2022**

Luncheon

March 9th

Member Cost: \$15

Networking: 11:45 am

Luncheon: 12 -1:00 pm

RSVP by Tuesday, Mar. 8th

SPEAKER

**Mike Hulvey
Neuhoff Communications**

TOPIC

The Power of Positive

LOCATION

**Mt. Zion Fletcher Park
Recreation Center**

CATERED

Las Margaritas

EXHIBITOR

Geo. A. Mueller Beer Co.



Mark Your Calendar

**Expo Booth Contract Due
March 4, 2022**

**Mt. Zion Expo & Taste
March 12 2022
9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Luncheon
April 13, 2022
Julie Bilbrey**



March *NEWS* from Chamber President Dan McNeely

Hello! I hope everyone is ready for Spring! My name is Dan McNeely; I am your Chamber President.

Exciting things coming up in the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce:

- March 4th last chance to reserve a booth for the March 12th Expo--applications due
- Independence Day 50/50 raffle tickets available March 4th from any Board member
- Board election at the March 9th luncheon:
 - Zach Anderson
 - Ashley Batchelder
 - Jodi Lockwood
 - Kim Rhodes
 - Jay Woodrum
- College Scholarship applications due March 18th
- Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Business of the Year nomination form due April 1st <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/about-the-chamber/history-of-the-chamber/outstanding-business-of-the-year/>
- Congratulate our Ambassadors for agreeing to help our Chamber:
 - Shelly Coslow—Decatur Earthmover Credit Union
 - Kayla Marsh--Hickory Point Bank & Trust
 - Athena Moyer—Town and Country Bank
 - Andrea Robinson—Evergreen Senior Living
 - Abigail Svobda—Busey Bank
 - Molly Tenuto--Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church

Please stay tuned to the announcement of our next breakfast!

Thanks for being a member.

Dan McNeely
President

Visit our website:
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

Independence Day 50/50 Drawing -- July 3, 2022

2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Dan McNeely

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Trudy Jacobs

Secretary: Laura Jones

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March Luncheon

The Power of Positive



Join us at the March 9, 2022 luncheon at the Mt. Zion Fletcher Park Recreation Center.

Mike Hulvey is the Chief Operating Office for Neuhoff Communications. He has a unique story to share that will uplift, inspire and motivate. You will leave knowing that anyone can March Forth and Be Positive. Everyone has a choice to make, it's an opportunity to either look for the negative or celebrate the positive.

Our luncheon on March 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. Our caterer is Las Margaritas.

Send your RSVP's to mtzionchamber@gmail.com by Tuesday, March 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



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—Central Cremation Center. They offer the most affordable and convenient arrangements in all of Central Illinois. They offer 4 different service packages to meet the wishes of your loved one. With special discounts of cremation cost of \$995 and \$795 for Veterans and First Responders. Central Cremation Center is committed to service beyond expectation before, during, and after the service. They guarantee 100% satisfaction. Visit Central Cremation Center on Weaver Road in Forsyth or centralcremationcenter.com.

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. The application, official transcripts, and other required documents need to be received by March 18, 2022.

If you have a high school graduate this year, share the scholarship application in this newsletter; you can also download it from our website at [Scholarship Application](#). 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 scholarships are presented at our Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet on the evening of April 21, 2022.

2021 Outstanding Business of the Year



It is time to nominate the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce **2021 Outstanding Business of the Year** by completing the nomination form in this newsletter or at [MZCC Outstanding Business of the Year Form](#). All nominations must be received by **April 1, 2022**. This year's winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at the Mt. Zion Convention Center. Criteria to keep in mind: Service to the community, a positive economic impact on the community, attendance & service to the chamber and longevity in the community. The nomination form is on [page 9](#). See [page 10](#) for a list of previous MZCC Outstanding Business of the Year winners.



Auction Items Needed

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Everyone can join in.....



This year for the Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet we are going to have an Auction Fundraiser. Get creative and have some fun by donating a “themed” basket, a gift card, or an item to help us raise money for future charitable giving. Drop off your Auction items at Mt. Zion District Library by **March 25th**. See [page 8](#) for more information.



MT. ZION

CHAMBER

of Commerce

Taste
Tickets
5 for \$7

Stage
Shows

2022 MT. ZION EXPO & TASTE

Free Admission

Mt. Zion Convention Center

Saturday, March 12, 2022

Expo
9:30 - 2:00

Taste
11:00 - 1:00

Stage Show
11:00 - 1:00

Visit Business & Organization Booths

Play the Scott State Bank Expo Game for Chance to Win \$250

Enjoy the music from Pizzazz Band on the stage as you eat your food from the Taste of Mt. Zion. Have some fun taking your pictures at the Selfie Booth. Attend workshops:

- What is the Mt. Zion CEO course at the Mt. Zion High School?
- My Home Options: Should I refinance, renovate, or purchase? What Program fits my needs?

TASTE

Del's Popcorn of Mt. Zion, El Corral Mexican Restaurant,
Subway, The Kitchen of Doris Yoder, and Wildflour

EXPO SPONSORS



Due March 4th



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

Due March 18th

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 7th 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	College/Technical School _____
Data	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.

Due March 25th



2022 Online Auction



Leading up to our banquet in April 2022, we will be having an Online Auction. We are requesting items, baskets, or gift cards be donated for the Online Auction by March 25, 2022. The monies raised go toward our charitable giving and college scholarships.

Online Auction items can be dropped off at the March 9th or April 13th Mt. Zion Chamber luncheons or to Ashley Batchelder at the Mt. Zion District Library by March 25, 2022 by 10 a.m. Let me know when you have dropped off an item at the library by emailing me at mtzionilchamber@gmail.com.

After all the items have been photographed and uploaded to the online auction website, I will send out a link to our online auction to the membership.

Get creative and have some fun donating a "themed" basket or an item to help us raise money for future charitable giving. Here are some items from previous years:

- Backyard BBQ
- BBQ Time Basket
- Date Night Package
- Free Room
- Gift card
- Gift Card and Product
- Kindle Fire
- Kittie Cat Basket
- Necklace
- Pamper Yourself Basket
- Party Basket
- Product or Service from your company
- Reader's Delight Basket
- Rejuvenation Basket
- Relaxation Package
- Spring time Package
- Sweet Treats
- Tastefully Simple
- Wine and Garden Basket
- Wine Basket
- Wreath
- Yogi Bear Picnic Basket

2022 Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Online Auction Donation

We need your help with a donation of some items and/or basket for our Online Auction for our Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet. Please email mtzionilchamber@gmail.com and let us know what your company or organization can donate this year and provide all the information below or fill-in the Online Auction information below, print this out, and turn it in when you drop off your item:

Business or Organization Donating Item: _____

Title of Auction Item: _____

Description: _____

Value: _____

Thank you for your help.

Due April 1st



P.O. Box 84 - Mt. Zion, IL 62549 – (217) 864-2526 – mtzionilchamber@gmail.com

2021 Outstanding Business of the Year Nomination Form

For over 25 years this award is given to a business that has been an outstanding contributor to not just the Chamber but also to our community. Their involvement and commitment is second to none. The membership votes every year in helping to select the current year's award-winning company. On page 2, there is a complete list of previous award winners.

Criteria:

- Positive economic impact and/or supports the community
- Offers support via volunteerism
- Longevity in the community
- Attendance & service to the Chamber
- Good standing with the Chamber

Member Eligibility

- Any member with current paid membership (see www.mtzionchamber.org/directory/)
- Employees/contractors of a paid membership cannot nominate a business
- One nomination per membership

Business Nomination _____

Reason(s) _____

Nominated by: _____ Date: _____

Your Business Name (print & sign):

Instructions for Nomination Submission:

- Complete form online at <https://www.mtzionchamber.org>.
- Or complete this form, print and sign your name and business represented
- Email to: mtzionilchamber@gmail.com
- Or mail to:
Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 84, Mt. Zion, IL 62549
- Deadline to submit is: April 1, 2022

The Outstanding Business of the Year Committee will review nominations and vote. The winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet. Any questions, please call 217-864-2526.

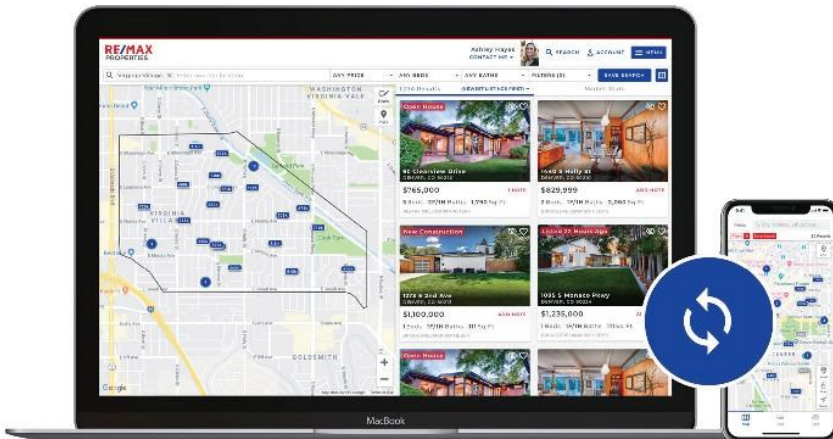


Past MZCC Outstanding Business Award Recipients

1993	S.A. Lewis Construction, Inc.	2007	Heritage Manor
1994	Mt. Zion State Bank	2008	Royal Twirling Academy
1995	Mt. Zion School District	2009	Main Hanger Restaurant
1996	The Mt. Zion Region News	2010	Antioch Christian Church
1997	Family Care	2011	S.A. Lewis Construction, Inc.
1998	The First Bank of Mt. Zion	2012	Advanced Disposal
1999	Buchanan Enterprise	2013	Sav-Mor Pharmacy
2000	Green Valley Manufacturing, Inc.	2014	Scott State Bank
2001	Pink of Perfection Cleaning Services	2015	Whitacre-McNamara Insurance
2002	WXFM Radio Station	2016	Mt. Zion District Library
2003	Kenney's Ace Hardware	2017	HSHS St. Mary's Hospital
2004	Gold's Gym	2018	Vieweg Real Estate
2005	Mary Belle's Restaurant	2019	Land of Lincoln Credit Union
2006	Unique Boutique Salon & Spa	2020	Del's Popcorn of Mt. Zion

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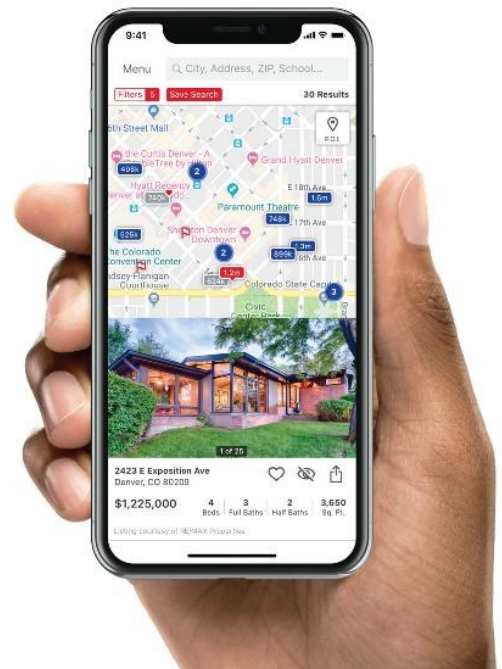


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ACTIVE LISTINGS

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	REDUCED PRICE! 2 bdr/1 bth/newer hot water heater	\$19k	6217431
1030 S Jasper St	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
2455 W Florian Ct	NEW LISTING! 3 bdr/2.5 bth/.28 acres/2 car garage	Mid \$70's	6217833
2530 Lake Reunion Pkwy	(LOT) Residential building site/Mt Zion Schools	Lower \$90's	6215079
265 N Country Club Rd	REDUCED PRICE! 3 bdr/1 bth/RANCH/.65 acres	Lower \$90's	6216827
3345 N Woodford St	COMMERCIAL LISTING! Turn-key SPA business includes all equipment	Lower \$100's	6217114
1337 W Taft Ave	NEW LISTING! 3 bdr/1.5 bth/.24 acres/completely remodeled	\$109k	6217847
7002 W Cantrell St (LOT)	Approx 13.5 acres (12 acres tillable, 1 acre timber)	\$150k	6215402
2930 S Franklin St Rd	REDUCED PRICE! 4 bdr/1.5 bth/Farmhouse/1.19 acres/1200 sq ft building	Upper \$160's	6216907
686 Cove Ct	REDUCED PRICE! 3 bdr/2 bth/LAKE DECATUR PROPERTY/2.5 car garage	\$219k	6216088
770 E Eldorado St	COMMERCIAL LISTING! Auto Repair business opportunity/4 OH Doors	Upper \$220's	6210809
1740 Burning Tree Dr	REDUCED PRICE! 4 bdr/3 bth/Pella windows/granite countertops/.46 acres	Mid \$260's	6217097
260 E Wood St	COMMERCIAL LISTING! Over 12,400 sq ft space/2 Levels/Parking	Upper \$340's	6212544
333 E Macon St	COMMERCIAL LISTING! 4 parcels/retail/office space/storage/warehouse	Upper \$490's	6214957

Active/Under Contract Listings

1435 W Macon St	REDUCED PRICE! 3 bdr/1.5 bth/WEST END/wood fireplace	Upper \$60's	6216377
1737 Burning Tree Dr	CONTRACT within 4 days!	Upper \$170's	6217720
2265 S Franzy Dr	4 bdr/3 bth/cathedral ceilings/3 rear decks/skylights	Upper \$250's	6216809

Pending Listings

917 S 44 th Street	3bdr/1bth/bungalow/full basement/1/2-acre corner lot/hardwood floors	Low \$40's	6195809
305 W South St Bethany	3 bdr/1 bth/Okaw Valley Schools/4 Car Garage	Upper \$80's	6216730
3183 Greenlake Dr	REDUCED PRICE! 4 bdr/2.5 bth/Near Lake Decatur/2-2 car garages	Mid \$170's	6215960



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