

FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER



February 17, 2023 Expo Early Bird Due Date

The Early-Bird prices for sponsorships and booths have been extended to February 17th. Showcase your business at the annual Expo & Taste on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Information about booths and sponsorships are in this newsletter or the PDFs can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/events>. The Early Bird Price price for a booth is \$200 for members. The Early-Bird price for a Gold Sponsorship is \$600 or for a Silver Sponsorship is \$350.

This year's Expo is a week before Easter so we have a lot of Easter-related activities for the kids. We will be introducing the Golden Ticket Expo Game for a chance for adults to win \$250; each expo exhibitor will have a limited number of golden tickets to give to the adults they have a conversation with about their business or organization..



President's Message

Jay Woodrum

We have hit the ground running into 2023 and some of the great things with have coming up are our 2023 EXPO & Taste and our Annual Report & Awards Banquet, which both have some exciting new twists from previous years.

The 2023 EXPO & Taste is scheduled for April 1st at the Mt. Zion Convention Center. This a great opportunity we host every year to allow businesses to showcase their business to the community. BUT WAIT... THERES MORE!!! Some new attractions we're bringing to the expo this year include a Mobile Blood Drive, Mt. Zion Police and Fire Department vehicles for the kids to check out, Fashion Shows, Easter Coloring Contest and an Easter Egg Hunt & Photos with the Easter Bunny, plus more! You don't want to miss out on this great community event where you can show your support of local businesses and have fun with the kids.

The next big event we have coming up is our Annual Report & Awards Banquet on April 20th. Entertainment this year will be Howl at the Moon Dueling Pianos, which will entertain us throughout the entire evening of events. We are also adding multiple new awards this year in order to recognize all of the great businesses, organizations, and individuals throughout our chamber community. Of course, we will still have our Out-

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 8th LUNCHEON

12:00-1:00 Luncheon
Doherty's Pub & Pins
Meeting Room

PROGRAM

Travis Schmid
Employee Benefits

EXHIBITOR

Randall Residence
of Decatur

Member cost \$15
RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 7th

FEBRUARY 17th

Early-Bird New Due Date
for Sponsorships & Booths

MARCH 8th LUNCHEON

"Back to Our Roots"
Evan Hall, President
Macon County Fair Board

MARCH 17th

Regular Priced Booths, Taste
Contracts, and Scholarship
Applications Due



FEBRUARY LUNCHEON



The February 8, 2023 luncheon will be in Doherty's Pub & Pins' meeting room located at 242 E. William St. in Decatur. Travis Schmid with Dansig Insurance will speak about Employee Benefits for employers with less than 50 employees.

The cost of our luncheon on February 8th is \$15. The luncheon starts at 12 noon; registration is from 11:30 – 12 noon. You can start going through the buffet line at 11:45 a.m. Doherty's buffet will have soup, half sandwich, chips, and your choice of water, tea, or lemonade.

Please send your RSVP to mtzionchamber@gmail.com by Tuesday, February 7th to submit your reservation at <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/events/meetings/>. If you are paying in advance on the website be sure to send me your 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.

The Any Queen 50/50 raffle is up to \$69.50.

2022-2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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standing Business of the Year Award and Volunteer of the Year Award, but the new awards include New Business of the Year for businesses new to the chamber, Non-Profit of the Year, The President's Award of Excellence, and the NExT Awards which is recognition of young professionals throughout our Chamber businesses. Nominations for these awards are now open and can be completed on our website under the "About" tab or click <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/2022-mt-zion-chamber-award-nominations/>.

As things are shaping up and already looking to be a great year for the Chamber, we hope you feel the same about your businesses. Please always remember that the Chamber is here for you. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,
Jay Woodrum, President

2023-2025 Board Slate

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce, President Jay Woodrum 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, 2023. 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 8, 2023 luncheon at Coz's Restaurant.

Here are the five names that have been nominated for the term of June 1, 2023—May 31, 2025 Board of Directors; *indicates incumbents (second consecutive two-year term):

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Allie Braden*	Traditions Health
Shelly Coslow	Decatur Earthmover Credit Union (first two-year term)
Danielle Diskey*	Decatur Family YMCA
Chad Hatayama	ApexNetwork Physical Therapy (first two-year term)
Kayla Marsh	Hickory Point Bank & Trust (first two-year term)

You can nominate more candidates from the floor and have them added to the ballot at the March 8th luncheon.

2023 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, it is available on our website at <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/about-the-chamber/college-bound-scholarship-application/>. The application, official transcripts, and other required documents need to be received by March 17, 2023. The scholarships are presented at our Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet on the evening of April 20, 2023.

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce

2023 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 17, 2023

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 17, 2023.
- 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- College/Technical School _____
Secondary Anticipated Enrollment Date _____
Data 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.



2022 ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce is honored to celebrate our chamber members each year for their outstanding business practices and commitment to our community. This year, we have added new awards giving us a total of 6 award categories: Outstanding Business of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, New Business of the Year, Non-Profit of the Year, The President's Award of Excellence, and the NExT Awards.

Any employee of a MZCC Business or Organization is eligible to submit a nomination. Nominations must be for a Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Business or Organization; for individual awards like the NExT Award, the nomination must be for an employee of a Mt. Zion Chamber Business or Organization; our online Directory at [https:// www.mtzionchamber.org/directory](https://www.mtzionchamber.org/directory) has a complete list of our member businesses.

Complete each form below to cast your nomination. Please complete the Reason(s) blank; if you need more room, you may attach another page for each nomination's reason(s). Nominating of one's self or one's own business is not permitted. Nominations that have nothing in the Reason(s) portion, will not be considered. Whether you fill out one or more nominations below, you must fill out the section called ***Nominator's Section*** on page 2. Also see the ***Instructions for Nomination Submission Section*** at the bottom of page 2.

Outstanding Business of the Year

The Outstanding Business of the Year Award is awarded to the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce business that has the most positive economic impact and/or support for the community. This business should also show established or potential longevity in the community, and continual support/service to the chamber.

Business Nomination _____

Reason(s) _____

New Business of the Year

The New Business of the Year Award is in recognition of a business that has joined the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce within the last 12 months and has had a positive economic impact and/or supports the community.

Business Nomination _____

Reason(s) _____

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Non-Profit of the Year

The Non-Profit of the Year Award recognizes a Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce non-profit organization that has had great impact on the community over the last 12 months.

Business Nomination _____

Reason(s) _____

The NExT Awards

Young professional individual (under 40) from Mt. Zion Chamber Businesses that display leadership, creative business practices, and/or are making significant contributions and commitment to their community.

Nomination of Individual (full name) _____

Reason(s) _____

**Volunteer of the Year & President's Award of Excellence is not nominated but selected by the Chamber.*

Nominator Section

Nominated by (print): _____

Nominated by (signature): _____ Date: _____

Your Company's Name (print): _____

Your Company Email Address: _____

Instructions for Nomination Submission Section

- Optionally, you can complete online nominations at <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/about/awards/>
- Or complete this form, print and sign you name and business represented
- Scan and 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 3, 2023

The Chamber will review all nominations and select the winners. The winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet on April 20, 2023.

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



MT. ZION CHAMBER 2023 EXPO & TASTE

- ♦ EXPO Sponsorships Early Bird pricing due **February 17, 2023**; after 2/17/23 due date reg. pricing is due March 17, 2023.
- ♦ EXPO Booth contracts are available with “Early Bird” discount pricing until February 17, 2023; after 2/17/23 due date regular pricing is due March 17, 2023.
- ♦ TASTE contracts due March 17th.
- ♦ STAGE SHOW performances or demonstrations available: bands, fashion shows, dancers, tumblers, cheerleaders, martial arts, etc.
- ♦ Call 217-864-2526 today or email mtzionilchamber@gmail.com.

*Contracts are attached to this newsletter and
on our website at:*

<https://www.mtzionchamber.org/events>



Expo and Taste

April 1, 2023

Gold or Silver Sponsorship Packages Due February 28, 2023
Early Bird Sponsorships & Booths Payment Due February 17, 2023

	Gold Sponsorship \$650	Silver Sponsorship \$400	Booth Space \$250/Early \$200 Non Member: \$425/Early \$375
Booth space	Two 8x8 booths Electricity included	8/8 booth Electricity available \$25	8/8 booth Electricity available \$25
Sponsor Promotion	Designated as Gold Sponsor at Event	Designated as Silver Sponsor at Event	
Sponsor publicity	Sponsor name announced at Event	Sponsor name announced at Event	
Sponsor Inclusion	Sponsor name and logo on all Expo communications.	Sponsor name and logo on Expo communications.	
Sponsor inclusion in Pre-Expo event advertisement	Sponsor logo on Expo flyer & newspaper ad. Sponsor logo on all Expo email and social media messages. Email blast your ad & on Chamber Facebook page.	Sponsor name on Expo flyer Email blast your ad	
Early Bird Pricing If registered and paid before Feb. 17, 2023	\$600	\$350	\$200 member \$375 non member

Business Name & Contact Name: _____

Gold: _____ Silver: _____ How Many Booths: _____ Electricity: _____

Email: mtzionilchamber@gmail.com

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



Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce 2023 EXPO Contract

Show Date: April 1, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Mt. Zion Convention Center

Set Up Date: March 31, 2023 | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Booth Space: 8' x 8'

Fee: Early Bird Non-Member \$375 or Early Bird Member \$200 per booth space, if registered by Feb. 17, 2023.

After Feb. 17, 2023 booth space will be allocated on a first-come first-serve basis at

Non-Member Price of \$425 or Member Price \$250 Registration Form & Payment Due by March 17, 2023.

(Non-member price for both Early Bird and non-Early Bird includes a free membership.)

- All Early Bird booth contracts and checks must be received by Feb. 17, 2023 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 for setup on Friday, March 31, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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 April 1, 2023.
 - Exhibitors will **NOT** remove their display before 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, 2023.
 - 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 17, 2023.
 - 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; the 2023 membership dues is due January 1, 2023.
- 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 \$375 or \$200 Member per booth price.

After Feb. 17, 2023, price for Non-Member \$425 or Member \$250 per

booth.

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



2023 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, April 1, 2023.

Setup is Saturday, April 1st from 9 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

- NO CHARGE for Taste Booth for Chamber members – Booth size 8 x 8
- Serve time: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Each booth provides a minimum of 200 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 \$8
- **Vendors will be reimbursed \$1.00 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 by **March 17, 2023.**

BOOTH RESERVATION

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____



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ACTIVE LISTINGS

Address	Details	Price	MLS #
90 Webster Ct	4 bdr/1 bth/Handyman special	\$19k	6220876
1613 E Prairie Ave	REDUCED PRICE! 2 bdr/1 bth/investment property/1 car garage	\$23k	6222566
270 E Mueller Ct	LAND/LOT Gated subdivision/.65 acres	Upper \$20's	6223435
724 W Prairie Ave	REDUCED PRICE! 3 bdr/1 bth/historic West End home/ As is!	Lower \$30's	6222568
1840 Buckhead Ln	LAND/LOT Gated subdivision/.82 acres/cleared	Upper \$30's	6222659
355 E Mueller Ct	LAND/LOT Gated subdivision/overlooks Lake Decatur/utilities in place	Lower \$40's	6222750
365 E Mueller Ct	LAND/LOT Gated subdivision/.42 acres/overlooks Lake Decatur	Mid \$40's	6222748
2038 E Cleveland Ave	NEW LISTING! 2 Bdr/1 bth/remodeled interior/gas fireplace/1.6 car garage	Upper \$40's	6225571
1245 E Willard Ave	NEW LISTING! 2 bdr/1 bth/2.5 car detached garage/remodeled interior	Upper \$40's	6225703
1627 W Harrison Ave	REDUCED PRICE! 3 bdr/1.5 bth/2.5 car garage/fenced yard Home Park	Upper \$60's	6225256
131 Isabella Dr	3 bdr/1 bth RANCH South Shores/1.5 car garage/new HVAC	Upper \$80's	6225242
462 W William St	COMMERCIAL LISTING -Downtown Decatur/2525 sq ft/multi-office space	Upper \$120's	6225720
820 S McKinney Ln	REDUCED PRICE! 3 bdr/3 bth/indoor - inground pool/hot tub/.95 acres	Lower \$170's	6223224
296 N Dunn (Macon)	NEW LISTING! 4 bdr/2.5 bth/2 story/Over 2600 sq ft/above ground pool	Upper \$190's	6225473
700 & 726 E Cerro Gordo	COMMERCIAL LISTING -2 bdr/7 bth/22920 sq ft/3 floors/freight elevator	\$224k	6225030
5605 Elliott Ct	NEW LISTING! 3 bdr/2.5 bth/ LOG HOME/2.15 acres/outbuilding	Upper \$280's	6225698
10906 Hibbard Rd Macon	NEW LISTING! 3bdr/2 bth/RANCH/1.5 acres/2 story outbuilding	Upper \$290's	6225301

Active/Under Contract Listings

104 Graceland Ct	UNDER CONTRACT IN ONLY 22 DAYS!!	Mid \$60's	6225515
345 S Bell St Mt Zion	UNDER CONTRACT IN ONLY 1 DAY!	Upper \$120's	6225875



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