

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Thriving Times

We are working on our new publication, Thriving Times. It will be an 8.5" x 11" magazine-style publication. Thriving Times will be distributed to the membership, general public, local realtors, hotels, Mt. Zion District Library, and the Village of Mt. Zion.

Please plan on being included in our premier edition of Thriving Times. Email me at mtzionil-chamber@gmail.com or cridenour@cmsdecatur.com to place your order. The order forms are on [pages 8 & 9](#).

You get a free article with the purchase of an ad. Your article can go into more information about your business or organization. Also, some other information included in Thriving Times will be:

- Outstanding Business of the Year
- Points of interest in the area
- First Responders
- Categorical listing of member phone numbers



President's Message

Shelly Coslow

Hello,

Well, summer is winding down and Fall is approaching. Children are back in school, we are starting to see mums out and for sale, and the pumpkin spice scents are starting to be in full force. However, we do have some summer days left.

The 2023-2024 Thriving Times magazine is in the process. We are very excited to be able to provide this magazine to the community showcasing the great businesses and opportunities in the community.

The September Luncheon is the annual special luncheon that focuses on networking and conversations. We take this month to get to know our membership better and get feedback on what members need from the Chamber. We listen.

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UPCOMING

SEPTEMBER 13th LUNCHEON

12:00-1:00

LOCATION

Mt. Zion Fletcher Park Pavilion
(If bad weather,
In the Recreation Bldg.)

PROGRAM

Networking, Share Ideas, &
Get to Know Each Other

EXHIBITOR

DOVE, Inc.

Member cost \$15
RSVP by Tuesday, Sept. 12th

SEPTEMBER 12TH RIBBON CUTTING & LUNCH

11:30
The Glenwood
Supportive Living —Mt. Zion

OCTOBER 11th LUNCHEON

12-1 p.m.
"Mental Health and
the Workplace"



September Luncheon



Our luncheon is September 13, 2023 at the Mt. Zion Fletcher Park Pavilion.

This luncheon will be a picnic-style luncheon; if the weather is too hot or rainy, we will meet inside the Fletcher Park Recreation Center. We will have the big bi-folded Mt. Zion Chamber sign outside either the pavilion or the recreation center to let you know where it will be. I will also let you know the day before when I mail out the agenda if it will be in the pavilion or inside the recreation center.

Let's have some fun and enjoy a more relaxed picnic-style luncheon. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m.; the luncheon starts at noon. We will network, tell each other about our businesses, and share ideas for the Chamber. Our luncheon costs \$15 unless you have a prepaid lunch. Subway will be our caterer.

Please send your RSVP's to mtzionchamber@gmail.com by Tuesday, September 12th. You can also RSVP at www.mtzionchamber.org/events/meetings/reservations. If you have a prepaid luncheon, you still need to RSVP for each month's luncheon so that we have an accurate count of members attending.

The Any Queen raffle prize will start out at \$133 at the beginning of this luncheon.

2023-2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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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—Dansig Insurance. Are you looking for an insurance company that can provide you with the best coverage for your needs? Dansig Insurance is located at 111 E. Decatur St., Decatur. They offer a wide range of insurance products, including home, auto, life, and health insurance; and they're committed to providing you with the best customer service possible. Contact Dansig Insurance at 217-423-3311.



Ribbon Cutting & Lunch

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

11:30 a.m.



1635 Baltimore Avenue

Mt. Zion, IL 62549

Come celebrate their new ownership. We are invited to lunch after the ribbon cutting.

If staying for lunch, please email your RSVP by Thursday, September 7th to mtzionilchamber@gmail.com.



President's Message continued from [page 1](#):

Each year we strive to implement new programs and make annual programs better. This year, we started back up the Teacher Appreciation Event this month. And we are also in progress of an event to celebrate our Veterans in November. So great things are continuing to happen with the Chamber.

The Mt. Zion Chamber Annual Community Prayer Breakfast, in partnership with HSHS St. Mary's, is coming up next month with our speaker Sarah Butts. Sarah will be telling her family's story and their mission to educate our community on the desperate need for organ/Kidney donation, "SHARE your SPARE".

Sincerely,
Shelly Coslow - President

A promotional poster for the Mt. Zion Community Prayer Breakfast. The poster has a dark blue background with white and light blue text and graphics. At the top left, it says "MT. ZION COMMUNITY Prayer Breakfast" with a sunburst graphic. To the right, it says "MT. ZION CHAMBER of Commerce" with the chamber logo. Below that, it says "GOLD SPONSOR" and "HSHS St. Mary's Hospital" with the hospital logo. In the center, it lists the date "WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023", time "7:00 - 8:00 AM", location "MT. ZION CONVENTION CENTER", and ticket information "ADVANCE ONLY TICKETS \$13 EACH". On the left, there is a calendar icon. Below the ticket information, it says "SPEAKER SARAH BUTTS" in a white box. At the bottom left is a QR code. On the right is a circular portrait of Sarah Butts, a woman with blonde hair, smiling.

2023 MT. ZION COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

This is the 11th Annual Mt. Zion Community Prayer Breakfast at the Mt. Zion Convention Center from 7-8 a.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. Please be a sponsor of this year's Prayer Breakfast with Sarah Butts as our speaker.



Sarah is the mother of 3 (Meg, Scottie, & Nicholas) and wife to the late Decatur Police Officer Tommy Butts. Tommy was fighting a kidney virus. During his fight, he was in need of a kidney donation. He never got it. Sarah will be telling her family's story and their mission to educate our community on the desperate need for organ/Kidney donation, "SHARE your SPARE".

There are three levels of sponsorships available for this year's Prayer Breakfast. HSHS St. Mary's Hospital is our Gold Sponsor. The Silver Sponsors so far are: Evergreen Senior Living, Land of Lincoln Credit Union, Mt. Zion Churches, Neuhoff Media Decatur LLC, and Synergy HomeCare. The Bronze Sponsors so far are: Decatur Dental, Hickory Point Bank & Trust, and Refreshment Services Pepsi. Each level of sponsorship contains various number of tickets included in the sponsorship package as well as different amount and kind of advertising, promotions, and mentions (see [page 7](#)). Email mtzionilchamber@gmail.com which sponsorship package you would like by September 8, 2023. You will be invoiced. Add your business or organization to the list of sponsors.

You can order a table of 6 for \$70; each business or organization that orders a table or is getting a table with their sponsorship, gets a table sign. You can also order individual tickets for \$13 each. You will be invoiced and your tickets will be delivered to you. If you are getting a Bronze Sponsorship that gets 4 tickets, you can buy two additional tickets to get a table sign.

Tables can only be ordered by emailing mtzionilchamber@gmail.com. Tickets can be ordered by emailing mtzioinilchamber@gmail.com or online at <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/events>. If ordering from our Events page, click the payment link to complete your order. You can also get tickets from any Board member or Ambassador. The following ticket outlets in Mt. Zion are available to the public to purchase tickets:

Busey Bank, Del's Popcorn of Mt. Zion, First Baptist Church, Prairie State Bank & Trust, Scott State Bank, and the Village of Mt. Zion.



Mt. Zion Community Annual Prayer Breakfast October 18, 2023

Sponsorship Due Date: September 8, 2023

	Gold Sponsorship \$2,000	Silver Sponsorship \$1,000	Bronze Sponsorship \$500
Tickets to Prayer Breakfast	Two Tables of 6 with name Prominently placed as Gold Sponsor	One Table of 6 with name Prominently placed as Silver Sponsor	4 Tickets
Sponsor Promotion at Prayer Breakfast	Time for your Representative to Speak during program Promotional display banner at event prior to and following event Sponsor name announced at Breakfast	Sponsor name announced at Breakfast	Sponsor name announced at Breakfast
Sponsor Inclusion in Prayer Breakfast Program	Sponsor name and logo on program	Sponsor name and logo on program	Sponsor name listed on program
Sponsor Inclusion in Pre-Event Advertising	Sponsor name and logo on Prayer Breakfast flyers, and ads Sponsor mention in all radio spots Sponsor and logo on Prayer Breakfast Facebook boost	Sponsor name and logo on Prayer Breakfast flyers Sponsor logo on Prayer Breakfast banners	
Sponsor Inclusion in Chamber Media	Sponsor name and logo in Chamber newsletter and website Free business/organization ad in Chamber newsletter the month of Prayer Breakfast Free e-mail blast of business/organization ad the month of Prayer Breakfast	Sponsor name in Chamber newsletter and website Free e-mail blast of business/organization ad the month after Prayer Breakfast	Sponsor name in Chamber newsletter Free business/organization ad in Chamber newsletter the month after Prayer Breakfast



2023 Mt. Zion Chamber Thriving Times Magazine

The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that a full-color printed magazine called "Thriving Times" will be published semiannually. This new publication will give all members more opportunities to promote themselves as active members in our communities.

Inside the publication will be the categorical listings of all members in good standing at no charge. Thriving Times will have information about the Chamber, area attractions and will also give each member an opportunity to advertise AND enjoy an editorial space at no additional charge! Please fill out the form about your business products/services based on the ad size you wish to purchase.

Design – Creative Media Services, Inc. (CMS) will coordinate the advertising and design services.

Distribution – Each member will have copies including at the Community Prayer Breakfast, EXPO & Taste, Chamber and Village offices, Mt. Zion District Library, and at every Chamber event or meeting.

Directory Specs – 8.5" x 11" • Full Color

For the Advertiser – To include your ad & FREE story in the 2023 Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Thriving Times magazine, **ad copy and contracts are all due to CMS by: Tuesday, September 5, 2023.** Invoices including all services will be sent out by the Chamber and are payable upon receipt.

Advertising Sizes/Dimensions/Rates

1/8 Page – 3.625" x 2.3194" – \$350 (Includes 1/8 page story FREE)

1/4 Page – 3.625" x 4.875" – \$550 (Includes 1/4 page story FREE)

1/2 Page – 7.5" x 4.875" – \$750 (Includes 1/2 page story FREE)

Full Page – 7.5" x 10" – \$950 (Includes 1/2 page story FREE)

Inside Front and Inside Back Cover – 11.25" x 8.625" – \$1,250 (Includes 1/2 page story FREE)

Back Cover – 11.25" x 8.625" – \$1,450 (Includes 1/2 page story FREE)

When supplying a print-ready ad, keep in mind that it should be sized to fit the exact dimensions of the ad size you have purchased. Accepted file types include ai, eps, pdf, jpg, and tif. If it is a raster-based file, please make sure that its resolution is at least 300 ppi at its full dimensions.

If needed Creative Media Services can provide basic design at the following rates. The fee will be added to the invoice from the Chamber. *(If submitted ads do not meet design criteria, Creative Media Services (CMS) will contact you about required services).*

1/8 page – \$35 1/4 page – \$55 1/2 page – \$75 Full – \$125

☐ I'd like to place an ad (Size: _____) and receive my FREE story in the Thriving Times magazine.

I will provide the ad or CMS will design the ad at an additional fee and will be added to the total amount due and payable to Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce. Please fill out the form below based on ad size purchased for the FREE story.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Address

Phone

Email

Thriving Times FREE Story Form based on ad size purchased.

You can also email this information to: Carolyn Ridenour – cridenour@cmsdecatur.com

Please check your ad size:

☐ 1/8 ☐ 1/4 ☐ 1/2 ☐ Full

Logo (circle one): Yes No

Name of Business: _____ Date Business Started: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Phone: _____ Website: _____

Slogan or Motto: _____

If you checked 1/8 or 1/4:

List top 6 Services/Products:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Add: Photo of the building or image that supports the information.

If you checked 1/2 or Full:

Along each bullet point – add a description or more detailed information about each service.

Thank you for your support! This is a new idea and we hope you will support it and the Chamber.

TO PLACE YOUR AD CONTACT

Creative Media Services, Inc.
Carolyn Ridenour – (217) 521-3265 | (217) 864-4835
cridenour@cmsdecatur.com

OR

Linda Harper – (217) 864-2526
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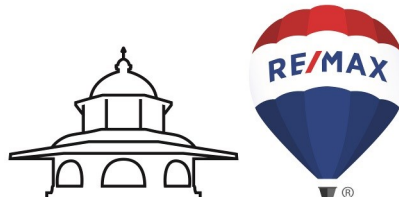


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ACTIVE LISTINGS

Address	Details	Price	MLS #
5571 W Lindale Dr	NEW LISTING! 4 bdr/2 bth/comer lot/.52 acres/Sangamon Valley Schools	Mid \$120's	6228024
731 E Bill Wall (Niantic)	REDUCED PRICE! 3 bdr/2 bth/1414 sq ft/RANCH/Sangamon Valley Schools	Upper \$130's	6227776
700 & 726 E Cerro Gordo	COMMERCIAL LISTING -2 bdr/7 bth/22920 sq ft/3 floors/freight elevator	Upper \$190's	6225030
5115 Swashbuckler Ct.	NEW LISTING! 4 bdr/3 bths/Lake Decatur views/3 car garage	Mid \$340's	6228745
1890 Spittler Dr	REDUCED PRICE!! 4 bdr/5.5 baths/8053 sq ft/Lake Decatur Dock/.68 acres	Upper \$790's	6228373

Active/Under Contract Listings

107 W Goltra (Blue Mound)	UNDER CONTRACT IN 48 DAYS!!	\$107k	6228220
13 Diane Rd	UNDER CONTRACT IN 7 DAYS!!	\$140K	6228953
6016 Durbin Rd (Boody)	UNDER CONTRACT IN 15 DAYS!!	\$154K	6228801

Pending Listings

2160 N Charles St	UNDER CONTRACT IN 1 DAY!	\$28K	6228928
636 W Cushing St	UNDER CONTRACT IN 5 DAYS!	\$44K	6228729
2960 Wasson Way	UNDER CONTRACT IN 43 DAYS!!	\$80's	6226419
941 Miles St (Illioopolis)	UNDER CONTRACT IN 56 DAYS!!	\$80's	6228349
2258 W Oaklawn Dr	UNDER CONTRACT IN 2 DAYS!!	\$124K	6228593
2897 Grove Ct	UNDER CONTRACT IN 3 DAYS!!	\$140's	6228447
2678 S 35th St	UNDER CONTRACT IN 36 DAYS!!	\$149K	6227810
6362 Autumn Ridge Ct	4 bdr/3 bth/Birchwood Estates RANCH/1.63 acres	\$360's	6226181



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