

NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



2023 MT. ZION VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce is honoring veterans for their service at their Veterans Day Breakfast on Friday, November 10, 2023. The program will include keynote speaker Illinois State Representative Dan Caulkins, who retired as a US Army Major.

The Veterans Day Breakfast will be held inside at the Mt. Zion Fletcher Park Recreation Building, 323 Fletcher Park Boulevard, Mt. Zion, IL 62549 from 7:00 am. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. A complimentary continental breakfast will be served after the program. RSVPs are requested but not required. RSVP at www.mtzionchamber.org/events or call 217-864-2526.

The program also includes: Macon County Honor Guard, Mt. Zion High School Mixed Quartet, and a Roll Call of Services. See [page 7](#).



President's Message

Shelly Coslow

Hello,

First off, I would like to thank everyone for attending the 11th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast. Thank you to our speaker, Sarah Butts for sharing her story, and her education on kidney donation, and to HSHS St. Mary's Hospital for being our Gold Sponsor. Also, I would like to thank all sponsors, our local pastors, and all of the volunteers for their involvement in making this possible. We had a great turn out. What a great way to bring the community together in prayer.

The month of November brings lots of great things. Veteran's day is approaching to focus on celebrating our Veterans. Please see the additional information on [page 6](#) regarding the MZCC

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UPCOMING

NOVEMBER 8th LUNCHEON

12:00-1:00

LOCATION

Charro Mexican Restaurant

PROGRAM

"Domestic Violence and
the Workplace"

Member cost \$15

RSVP by Tuesday, Nov. 7th

NOVEMBER 3rd RIBBON CUTTING

11:30 a.m.

NSU & Decatur Computer

NOVEMBER 7th COMPLETE RCC SURVEY

NOVEMBER 10th VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

7 a.m.

DECEMBER 7th TSA Bell Ringing

3-8 p.m.

Inside Kroger by Airport

DECEMBER 13th CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Mt. Zion Convention Center
12 noon



November Luncheon



Our luncheon is November 8, 2023, at the Charro Mexican Restaurant at 2350 S. Mt. Zion Road, Decatur, IL 62521, which is in front of the AMC Theatre on Hwy. 121. The luncheon is \$15.

Joyce Kirkland will be our speaker. Joyce is the Domestic Violence Program Director at Dove, Inc. Her topic will be Domestic Violence in the Workplace. Joyce will explain why domestic violence is a workplace issue, not just a personal issue and what companies can do to create a safe and respectful work environment.

Come enjoy our speaker and Charro's delicious fajita bar for lunch. We will be meeting in the large area of the restaurant—not the side room. Bring your business cards and network. If you have any information flyers you want to put on the luncheon tables before the luncheon begins, please do so but be sure to pick up any remaining flyers at the end of the luncheon.

Please send your RSVP's to mtzionchamber@gmail.com by Tuesday, November 7th. 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. If after you have submitted a RSVP something comes up that you cannot attend, please let me know by Tuesday, November 7th as well.

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Veteran's Day Breakfast.

November also brings the start of holiday shopping, which means a busy time for local businesses. Let's remember Small Business Saturday, November 25th this year. Make sure and help celebrate our local businesses this year and shop local.

Keeping those dollars local keeps our community thriving. Keep in mind local businesses this year when you are making out those shopping lists. And then when you go out to shop, stop for lunch or dinner and our wonderful restaurants.

Keep Mt. Zion Thriving during this holiday season.

Sincerely,
Shelly Coslow
President

2024 MT. ZION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Expo and Taste
March 16, 2024

Gold or Silver Sponsorship Packages Due February 16, 2024
Early Bird Sponsorships & Booth Payment Due February 1, 2024

	Gold Sponsorship \$1000	Silver Sponsorship \$500	Booth Space \$100/Day (10' x 10')
Booth Space	10' x 10' (10' x 10')	10' x 10' (10' x 10')	10' x 10' (10' x 10')
Sponsor Recognition	Expo and Taste Expo and Taste	Expo and Taste Expo and Taste	Expo and Taste Expo and Taste
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Early Bird Pricing (\$100/Day)	\$900	\$500	\$1000 (includes \$250 non-refundable)

Booth Space & Sponsorship Packages Due February 16, 2024
Early Bird Sponsorships & Booth Payment Due February 1, 2024
Email: mtzionchamber@gmail.com

2024 Mt. Zion Expo & Taste

Our 2024 Expo & Taste Sponsorship Packages for the 2024 Expo & Taste on Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. See [page 8](#). The due date to order and pay for an Early Bird Price is February 2, 2024. I can invoice you. The committee has been working on putting on a great Expo & Taste with interactions with attendees, stage shows, and food. It is the Saturday of St. Patrick's Day weekend and two weeks before Easter. You won't want to miss this fun 2024 Expo & Taste! Email mtzionchamber@gmail.com. The Expo contract and the Taste contract are included in this newsletter. See pages [9 & 10](#).



Basic Office Technology Certificate Survey

Be sure to participate in a couple minute survey for Richland Community College for their new Basic Office Technology Certificate. They need your feedback from approval from the State of Illinois. Go to: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sv/xw3DI9z/BasicOTCertificate> to complete the survey. There are two questions; please answer both by November 7, 2023. Optionally, you can send me an email at mtzionilchamber@gmail.com and tell me why you support or don't support the certificate.



Thriving Times Magazine

To be included in our premier edition of Thriving Times Magazine, email me at mtzionilchamber@gmail.com to place your order. You get a free article with the purchase of an ad. Your article can go into more information about your business or organization. Thriving Times 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, the Village of Mt. Zion, and at MZCC events. I will email you the form.

Thank You

2023 Mt. Zion Community Prayer Breakfast

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Thank you to all the sponsors and volunteers of the October 18, 2023 Mt. Zion Community Prayer Breakfast. The Churches of Mt. Zion were: Antioch Christian Church, First Baptist Church of Mt. Zion, Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Mt. Zion Christian Church, Passion Community Church, and Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church.

Thank you to our speaker Sarah Butts for her message about kidney donation and SHARE YOUR SPARE with our community.



Thank you for the wonderful music provided by Rich Hansen's Mt. Zion High School Mixed Quartet and The Back Porch Trio..



Welcome New Members

Jimmy Rade



Jimmy Rade is a realtor with Brinkoetter Realtors—Doolin Group located at 1610 E. Pershing Rd., Decatur. Together the Doolin Group has the knowledge and resources to help you buy and sell in the residential or commercial market. Jimmy was born and raised in Mt. Zion. He can be reached at (309)431-0875 or jimmy@doolingroup.com.



Randy Zilz is the Decatur Branch Manager with TWM Engineering & Geospatial Services provide civil and structural engineering, land surveying, and geospatial services to both private and public sector clients throughout the Midwest and Southeast. They are located at 2905 N. Main St., Suite A, Decatur, IL 62526. Visit twm-inc.com or call 217-619-7382.



Jean Parker is a Hospice Care Consultant with Gentiva Hospice is located at 2815 Old Jacksonville Rd., Springfield, IL. Gentiva Hospice provide an extraordinary team of clinicians and caregivers caring for people across the country. Their services include: personal care, palliative care, and hospice care. Jean can be reached at (217)413-1658 or visit gentivahs.com.



Adam Kraft, owner of Kraft Concrete Inc., is located at 1010 S. Henderson St. in Mt. Zion. Kraft Concrete Inc. is a paving contractor. Contact Adam for pole barns, driveways, parking lots, curbing, sidewalks, patios, basements, garages, porches, and decorative concrete. Visit his Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/adam62549>. Call 217-864-1067.

Visit our website:

www.mtzionchamber.org



NSU & Decatur Computers Ribbon Cutting

Friday, November 3, 2023
11:30 a.m.



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COMPUTERS

RIBBON Cutting

Friday, November 3rd at 11:30

3090 North Main St, STE A, Decatur, IL 62526

Join us to celebrate our new location! Refreshments will be provided.

www.nsumsp.com



3090 North Main Street, Suite A
Decatur, IL 62526

Come celebrate their new location.

Map: <https://www.mtzionchamber.org/businesses/network-solutions-unlimited/>



PRESENTS:



VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST



Honoring All Who Served



FRIDAY

NOV 10, 2023

7:00 AM

DOORS OPEN AT 6:45 AM

**FLETCHER PARK RECREATION CENTER
400 S. HENDERSON ST.
MT. ZION, IL 62549**

Program:

Macon County Honor Guard
Mt. Zion High School Mixed Quartet
Illinois State Representative Dan Caulkins
Roll Call of Services



RSVPs Requested by Nov. 7th

**WWW.MTZIONCHAMBER.ORG/EVENTS
OR CALL 217.864.2526**



COMPLIMENTARY COFFEE, WATER, DONUTS
AND BAKED GOODS WILL BE SERVED
FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM

Coffee Sponsor The Salvation Army



Expo and Taste

March 16, 2024

Gold or Silver Sponsorship Packages Due February 16, 2024
Early Bird Sponsorships & Booths Payment Due [February 2, 2024](#)

	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. 2, 2024	\$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 2024 EXPO Contract

Show Date: March 16, 2024 | 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Mt. Zion Convention Center

Set Up Date: March 15, 2024 | 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. 2, 2024.

After Feb. 2, 2024 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 Feb. 16, 2024.

(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. 2, 2024 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 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All exhibitors are to be set up by 5:00 p.m.

- Exhibitors will park the day of the Expo to the immediate north & east of the Convention Center on March 16, 2024.
- Exhibitors will **NOT** remove their display before 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, 2024.
- 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 February 16, 2024.
- 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 2024 membership dues is due January 1, 2024.
- 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. 16, 2024, 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



2024 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 16, 2024.

Setup is Saturday, March 16th 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: mtzionilchamber@gmail.com by **Feb. 16, 2024.**

BOOTH RESERVATION

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____



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Address	Status	Details	Price	MLS #
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227 1st St (Illioopolis)	NEW	4 bdr/1.5 bth/Victorian/greenhouse/SV Schools	Lower \$160's	6229791
700 & 726 E Cerro Gordo	COMMERCIAL	2 bdr/7 bth/22920 sq ft/3 floors/freight elevator	Upper \$190's	6225030
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2409 W Center St		UNDER CONTRACT IN 46 DAYS!!	Upper \$60's	6229250
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3320 E Fitzgerald Rd		UNDER CONTRACT IN 20 DAYS!!	\$219k	6229695
PENDING LISTINGS				
1756 W Decatur St		UNDER CONTRACT IN 2 DAYS!	\$33K	6229716
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1818 E Whitmer St		UNDER CONTRACT IN 3 DAYS!!	\$69K	6229477
6362 Autumn Ridge		4 bdr/3 bth/ over 5700 sq ft	\$324k	6226181
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