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1625 Martin Dr.
Stunning views inside and out. Ceiling to floor windows in the living area to enjoy the 2 acres of woods. The living area features cathedral ceiling with exposed wooden beams. Each bedroom gets their own private bath. Full length windows in the bedrooms to enjoy the outdoors at anytime. Eat-in kitchen with a 40" stove. Extra water station in the kitchen for coffee bar. There is also 2.3 acres of common land. Do not pass up this one of a kind private wooded home. Mt. Zion Schools. \$179,900. Call Trisha.

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3648 Whistling Meadows Ln
Great building location in MZ schools! Off of Camp Warren Rd. \$22,500. Call Phil.

3049 East Cherry Drive, Decatur
3 BR, totally remodeled, near lake, 2 full baths, 1/2 acre corner lot, mostly fenced, covered porch, full finished basement. Call April. \$124,900.

635 Woodland Drive, Mt. Zion
Situated in the heart of MZ, 3 bdr, 2 bath property with spacious yard, new siding and windows, totally remodeled inside and out! Lots of room for a dream garage or man cave! Contact Realtor for details! \$112,900 Call Paula.

1015 N. State Hwy. 121, Mt. Zion
Commercial Property. REDUCED! Fantastic commercial opportunity in the heart of MZ, 3800 sq. ft. retail/showroom/??? all one level. Additionally 1.9 acres of land plus over 10,000 sq. ft. of warehouse. 200 ft. of road frontage. \$295,000. Call Paula.

LAKE VIEW LOT only \$24,900! Mountain Harbour gated community in South Shores. Call Paula.

Wise and Otherwise

By Kent A Stock

WISH YOU WERE HERE!

I think we've all received postcards and maybe we've sent a few ourselves with those words – wish you were here. Well, I'm not falling for it! No you don't wish we were there what you want to tell everyone is really HA HA I'm here and you are stuck at work, stuck in the cold or stuck wherever "not on vacation" or whichever case it may be.

It is like our snowbird friends who constantly remind us that the weather is very warm where they are and that they walked on the beach today and they ate ice cream and they ran around naked in the yard. Okay, scratch that last one as that might only be my friends. Just kidding!

Yes cavorting in warmer climes while we are here waiting for the temperature to get enough above freezing so we can wash sixteen layers of salt off our vehicles. While you are riding rollercoasters, we are in training for Disney on Ice up here by slip, sliding around on actual frozen surfaces.

Millions of us live in the north and we have made peace with the winter weather, well, all weather really. I like the change of seasons and I don't mind winter too much. I like the snow, if you don't have to travel, I like the cold, as long as it is not windy and I know there will be a thaw, eventually.

I think the thing I like least about the winter is the changing of clothes. When it is bitter cold you have to put your layers on. You go outside, do your thing and you have to take them off. I can't drive with a big heavy coat on so off comes the coat. I still get warm so off comes the sweatshirt. I get really hot and off comes...next thing you know I'm running around naked in the yard. Just kidding, again!

Of course, all those different changes of clothes and footwear have to go somewhere and all good northerners have a coat rack or a closet just for that purpose. This is why when guests come over the coats and all winter clothing accessories have to go on the washer/dryer or in a bedroom; there is no room left where they should go.

As for the coat rack, whether it is on the wall or standing, it is to hold an impressive array of coats, hats, gloves, scarves, dog leashes, keys, snow suits, shopping bags and who knows what else. Getting all these accessories on and off is like playing a winter clothing version of Jenga. Because if all the stuff hung up on there or in there falls on you it might take hours to locate you.

All you'd hear from underneath the pile of Under Armor, ski poles, scarves, grammy knitted, boots, mittens, and hoodies would be "wish you were here!" Enjoy winter everyone, only seventy some odd days until spring!

Mt. Zion Lions Club - Community Calendars and Pancake Day!

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The Mt. Zion Lions Club will be having its' annual Pancake Day at the Presbyterian Church Annex @ 345 Main Street in Mt. Zion on March 2, 2019. The event will open @ 6:00 AM and we will serve until Noon. We will be serving all you can eat pancakes and sausage with drink (milk, chocolate milk, orange drink & coffee) for \$6.00 [Children 10 and under are free]. Proceeds will benefit Lions activities including assisting the vision & hearing impaired among other humanitarian causes. We hope to see you there.

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