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CHAMBER

chat

JULY | 2026



NEXT CHAMBER BOARD MEETING

July 14th, 2026 in the Depot
Train Room @ 12:00PM

*We value your input! Our meetings are open for any
Chamber member to attend.*



**Flora
Chamber**
OF COMMERCE

**FOUND IN
EVERY ISSUE!**

How to Reach Us!



Online

www.florachamber.com



Phone

618-662-5646



Email

florachamberofcommerce@gmail.com



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and stay informed!

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Seminars & Grants!

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Chamber Event



Caffeinate & Collaborate

**Join us for our monthly
networking event!**

Come and connect with
other professionals, share
what you do, and build
meaningful relationships.

**Pastries and drinks provided
by Eagle Station**

Date: Wednesday August 5th
Time: 8am - 9am
Location: Eagle Station



A 10x10 grid of dots. A 5x5 square region in the top-left corner is highlighted in light blue. The dots are arranged in a regular grid pattern.

Director
Mandy Hargis



Director
Barb Schafer



Director
Charity Fuehne

Director
Mike Stanford

- ✓ Stay informed on upcoming events & initiatives
- ✓ Share your ideas and have a voice
- ✓ Connect with local leaders & business owners
- ✓ Discover ways to get more involved

Your Chamber works for YOU—come see how you can make an impact in our community! 🏡 ✨



Register Today



618-662-5646 | 223 West Railroad Street Flora, IL 62839

Member News

S.U.R.E.

Substance Use Resource & Education

SYMPOSIUM 2026

Gain knowledge and resources surrounding substance use prevention and education.

Tuesday, August 11th, 2026
9:00am-4:00pm

Day of registration begins at 8:30am.
Oil Belt Christian Service Camp
Flora, Illinois

Lunch will be provided for the first 200 registrants.

Featuring:

- Expert Speakers
- “Hidden in Plain Sight” room experience
- Resources from local agencies
- Networking opportunities

CEUs are currently pending and will be updated soon.



Register here by Friday,
August 7th, 2026



tinyurl.com/SURE2026



ADULT DENTAL CLINIC

MONDAY,
AUGUST 24TH, 2026
8:30 A.M. - 4 P.M.

SERVICES OFFERED:

- DENTAL CLEANINGS
- FLUORIDE VARNISHES
- SDF TREATMENT
- INTRAORAL IMAGING

TO QUALIFY, YOU MUST:

- BE A RESIDENT OF CLAY COUNTY OR RECEIVE WIC SERVICES THROUGH CCHD
- BE 20 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
- HAVE MEDICAID OR NO INSURANCE
- BE INCOME ELIGIBLE
- HAVE NOT SEEN THE DENTIST IN THE LAST YEAR



CALL TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!



PAPERWORK WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED IN PERSON OR OVER THE PHONE PRIOR TO YOUR APPOINTMENT.

CALL 618-662-4406 AND ASK FOR APRIL

Clay County
Health Department

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Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance.
Contact Michelle Brooks, 618-562-3744. 320 East North Avenue, Noble IL., 62868.



Lender Forum

July 14th, 2026

9:00am - 12:00pm for Lenders

OCC Banquet Room

305 North West Street, Olney, IL 62450-1099

To Register or ask questions, contact Charlie White at
cwhite@firstwomens.bank

Presenters will include SBA staff, 504 corporations, SBDC representatives, Illinois Advantage representatives, State Treasurers Office, and microlenders.

Topics: SOP changes, Updated Lender Match info, and upcoming SBA initiatives and training opportunities



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Member News



Illinois SBDC at IECC

Funding Opportunities for Businesses

JULY 14TH, 2026

1:00pm - 3:00pm

OCC Banquet Room

AFTER THE LENDER FORUM



Speakers

- Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission
- Mark Lambird - TIF & Enterprise Zone Fund
- Advantage Illinois
- SBA - Trust Bank

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Taking Appointments for **MILES OF SMILES**

CLAY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
CONFERENCE ROOM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH, 2026

9 A.M.- 3 P.M.

CALL 618-662-4406 AND
ASK FOR APRIL TO SCHEDULE
AN APPOINTMENT



Clay County
Health Department

AGES 3 -20 YEARS OLD
INSURANCE WILL BE BILLED, IF APPLICABLE

NO COST TO YOU

*DENTAL VARNISHES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE UNDER THREE THROUGH
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES.*

YOUR HEALTH.
YOUR ROAD.
YOUR SAY.

Clay County
Health Department

Clay County Health Department
and Health for Generations Coalition needs you in the driver's seat.
Please take 15 minutes to complete our
Community Health Assessment Survey
to help us pave a healthier road for all of Clay County!



Thank you!

Photo taken in
Hoosier Township, Clay County
by Kari Murphy

Member News



THE GREAT AMERICAN Sing Along

FRIDAY, JULY 3RD

SING ALONG KICKS OFF AT 7!
COME EARLY!

★ BAR IS OPEN ★
FROM
11AM TIL 10PM!

WOOD FIRE PIZZA ★
LUNCH COMBOS

COLD BREWS

LIBERTY LEMONADE



HOSTED BY CLAY COUNTY FARM BUREAU YOUNG LEADERS

FRIDAY **JULY 24** | **7PM**

(Gates open @ 5:30 pm)

2026 CLAY COUNTY FAIR
CHARLEY BROWN PARK • FLORA, IL



RODEO TICKETS

Kids 5 & Under are FREE
\$12 pre-sale* | \$15 at the door

** Pre-sold tickets will be available up until the day of the Rodeo and will be available at COUNTRY Financial-Lisa Cash's office in Flora, Clay County Farm Bureau in Louisville, or from any CCFB Young Leader Member.*

Featuring Bull Riding, Barrel Racing, Rodeo Clown, Mutton Busting, and Behind the Bit Drill Team.

Mutton Busting Sign Up 5:30-6:45; Riders must have a helmet to ride. Open to children 8 years and younger AND 80 pounds or under. \$10 PER RIDER

Don't forget to stop by the 4H BBQ at the REA Building from 4-7pm before you head to the Rodeo!

2026 CLAY COUNTY FARM BUREAU

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PICNIC All M, A, & PM members welcome!

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH
REABUILDING | CHARLEY BROWN PARK | FLORA

3:00-4:00 PM Registration	6:00-7:00 PM Entertainment By Laila Smith
4:00-5:00 PM Bingo	
5:00-6:00 PM Meal catered by Salt and Strings	7:00-7:30 PM Door Prizes, Awarding of CCFB Foundation Scholarships, acknowledgment of Clay County COUNTRY agents with gift & THANK YOU

RSVP BY JULY 6TH
Call the office at 618-665-3300.

HOMEMADE ICE CREAM:
*Compliments of Country Financial
Lisa Cash, & Lisa Erbacher*

COUNTRY FINANCIAL



Member News

FREE PARENT & CAREGIVER LEARNING SESSION!

Attachment: *Bonding With Your Child*

Learn why connection matters, what gets in the way, and how to create stronger bonds with your child. All persons who play a caregiving role in a child's life are welcome to join!

A meal will be provided

Tuesday July 28th
5-6pm

**Clay County
Health Department**
601 E. 12th St.
Flora, IL 62839

RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

Call or Text
Sadie Ruholl
Family Resource
Advocate
217-240-2763



Clay County
Health Department



LOW COST SPAY & NEUTER CLINIC FOR CLAY CO. CATS The 2nd Tuesday of each month.



Details on our Facebook Page

Wags and Wash Pet Grooming



421 W North Ave
Flora IL

618-662-3837

INVISIBLE VICTIMS:

Drug-Endangered Children and
Human Trafficking Training



This FREE training explores the connection between Drug Endangered Children and Familial Child Sex Trafficking, highlighting how caregiver substance misuse increases children's risk of harm and exploitation. Participants will learn to recognize risk factors and grooming indicators, and apply trauma-informed, multidisciplinary strategies for early identification, intervention, and referral.



SPEAKER:
LIESL WINGERT, BS, MHA
PROGRAM COORDINATOR - EAST REGION,
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF
MEDICINE'S CENTER FOR RURAL HEALTH
AND SOCIAL SERVICE DEVELOPMENT

**CLAY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2026
9 A.M.-NOON**

PLEASE CALL 618-662-4406 AND ASK FOR APRIL TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT.

Member News



**ENTER TO WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD!
SHOW US YOUR FUN IN THE SUN
WITH YOUR 99.3FM CLAY COUNTY
COUNTRY 10TH ANNIVERSARY
SUMMER STRAW SUN HAT!**

*Send us your photo wearing our 99.3FM Clay County
Country 10th Anniversary Summer Straw Sun Hat
to enter to WIN a \$50 gift card to YOUR choice of
ANY of our 33 HAT SPONSORS!*

*Send photo to info@wnoi.com or tag WNOI/CCC on your
Facebook picture post before September 30 2026!*

**Winner will be announced by random drawing on October 1, 2026!
*Look for THE WNOI SWAG-N-WAGON at area fairs & festivals
this summer for your 99.3FM Clay County Country
10th Anniversary Summer Straw Sun Hat & MORE!*



WNOI 2026 COUNTY FAIR PLAN

1. Wayne County Fair July 6-11
2. Clay County Fair July 24-31
3. Richland County Fair July 17-25
4. Effingham County Fair Aug 1-Aug 8
5. Marion County Fair Aug 1-Aug 8

Your business receives
12:30 commercials on Mix-FM 103.9
12:30 commercials on Clay County Country 99.3FM
during your choice of fair week!

\$174 PER FAIR!

*****BUY 3 FAIRS & GET 1 FREE!*****

***Look for The WNOI SWAG-N-WAGON for your
FREE 99.3FM Clay County Country 10TH Anniversary Summer
Straw Sun Hat & WNOI Sunglasses & Can-Koozies!**

****PLUS all WNOI Radio Advertisers receive shared Facebook Posts
on both of WNOI's Facebook Pages that
REACH 1,000's EVERYDAY!**

Your Signature

Today's Date

Business Name

Accepted for WNOI

*This station does not discriminate in the sale of advertising time, and will accept no advertising which is placed with an intent to discriminate on the basis of race, gender, or ethnicity. Advertiser hereby certifies that it is not buying broadcasting air time under this advertising sales contract for a discriminatory purpose, including but not limited to decisions not to place advertising on particular stations on the basis of race, gender, national origin,

H & R Communications, Inc. - P.O. Box 368 - Flora, IL 62839
Phone: 618-662-8331 Fax: 618-662-2407 wnoi.com wnoi@frontier.com

FARMER'S MARKET



Saturday
August 29, 2026
1:00pm-4:00pm

YOU ARE INVITED!

LOOKING FOR VENDORS
CONTACT CHELSEY @ TSC
or email str2871@tractorsupply.com

1451 NORTH STATE ROAD
Flora, IL 62839
618-662-2974





ALL AMERICAN

BOY & GIRL CONTEST



JULY 4TH



10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON



AGES 3–7



CHARLEY BROWN PARK



— Sign Up For —

ALL AMERICAN BOY & GIRL CONTEST

★ SIGN-UPS BEGIN MONDAY, JUNE 15 ★

 LISA ERBACHER – COUNTRY FINANCIAL OFFICE
847 E. NORTH AVENUE, UNIT A
FLORA, ILLINOIS

★ PARTICIPANTS MUST BE RESIDENTS OF CLAY COUNTY ★

*Come celebrate Independence Day
and show your All-American spirit!*

2026

CLAY COUNTY LIVESTOCK AUCTION

WEDNESDAY JULY 29TH

6:30 PM | CLAY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Come out and support our local 4-H members!



33rd Annual Clay County 4-H BBQ



Friday July 24, 2026
Clay County Fairgrounds
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Salt & Strings Pork Chop Meal

\$12

- Pork Chop
- Green Beans
- Cheesy Potatoes
- Homemade Dessert
- Drink

Hot Dog Meal

\$5

- Hot Dog
- Chips
- Homemade Dessert
- Drink

Tickets can be purchased from Clay County 4-H members, club leaders, at the Clay County Extension Office, or at the fairgrounds night of.

Clay County 4-H Fair

July 23-29, 2026

Thur- 23
General Project, Food, & Cloverbud Show
4:30-5:30 pm Check-in
5:00 pm Judging Begins

Fri-24
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
4-H BBQ

Sat-25
8:00 am- 4-H poultry & Rabbit Check-in
9:00 am- 4-H Poultry Show
To follow: 4-H & Jr Rabbit Show
3:00 pm -ALL livestock on the grounds
3:00pm- Mandatory Livestock Meeting & General project award recognition
To Follow: Livestock Weigh-in

Sun-26
2:00 pm- 4-H & Jr. Horse Show

Mon-27
8:00 AM- 4-H Beef Show
5:00 PM- Mini Livestock Show

Tue-28
8:00 AM- 4-H Swine Show
1:00 PM 4-H Sheep Show
2:30 PM 4-H Goat Show
5:00 PM Master Showmanship

Wed-29
6:30 PM- Livestock Auction

Member News

CLAY COUNTY

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 601 E. 12TH ST.
FLORA, IL

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

THURSDAY, JULY 2ND
4:00PM

A welcoming space for caregivers to learn and reinforce positive self-care, give and receive encouragement, and enjoy support and understanding from others in similar situations

For more information
Contact: Michelle Barber Caregiver Advisor
217-342-4526



CLAY COUNTY

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 601 E. 12TH ST.
FLORA, IL

THURSDAY, JULY 2ND
3:00PM

Free, confidential, and open to the public. A safe space where members share experiences about parenting, learn to cope with what they cannot change and figure out how to change the things they can.



For more information
Contact: Michelle Barber Caregiver Advisor
217-342-4526

Celebrating America and our freedom!

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YEARS



4TH OF JULY
INDEPENDENCE DAY

JASON SMITH (618) 213-2800
jasmith@ifsbrokerage.com



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AGENCY, INC.

Member News



SPECIAL CRUISE RATES!

2026 Cruises

- 7/27 4 Night Bahamas
- 9/12 7 Night Canada & New England
- 10/17 7 Night Venice to Athens
- 12/13 7 Night Eastern Caribbean

2027 Cruises

- 1/17 7 Night Western Caribbean
- 1/29 7 Night Mexican Riviera (West coast)
- 2/7 7 Night Western Caribbean
- 5/15 8 Night Southern Caribbean
- 6/28 4 Night Bahamas
- 7/24 7 Night Iceland Intensive
- 9/6 7 Night Southbound Alaska
 - Northern Lights viewing potential add on
- 10/3 7 Night Eastern Caribbean

CALL US TO BOOK TODAY!

Cory
314-971-4995

Debbie
314-971-4994

Karen
770-616-0146




Clay County Health Department Blood Drive

Conference Room

601 E 12th St
Flora, IL 62839

Friday, July 10, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org.

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit
RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information.



Come give blood June 29-July 12 for a classic American
Red Cross x Looney Tunes T-shirt, ltd. qty!

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Flora Chamber of Commerce - Flora Oddfellows Blood Drive

Sponsored by Flora OddFellows Lodge #151

231 E North Ave
Flora, IL 62839

Friday, July 24, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass!
Visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information.

Give blood July 13 to 31 for a Fandango Movie Reward
by email to see a movie on us! rcblood.org/July

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Member News



THATS A WRAP
REALTY

FROM LISTED TO SOLD, THATS A WRAP!

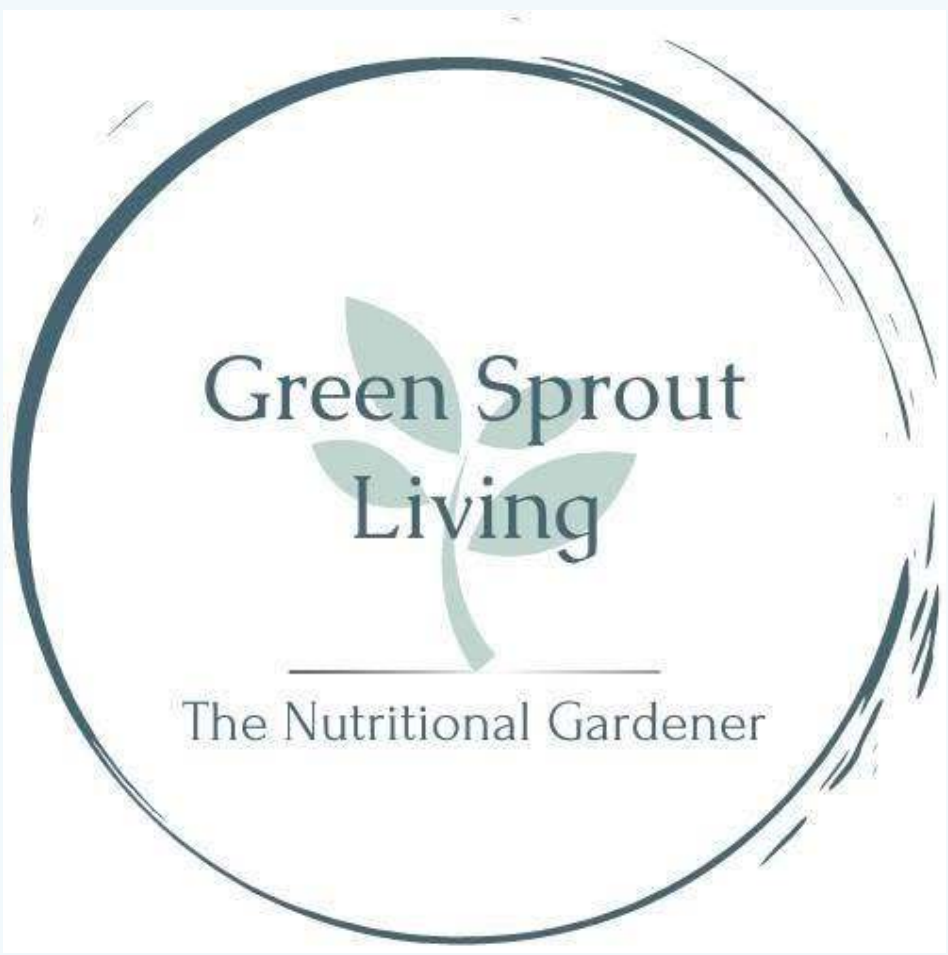
511 W. VIRGINIA AVE
EFFINGHAM IL 62401

217-888-TAWR

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Designated Managing Broker

4 LOCATIONS

EFFINGHAM 511 W. VIRGINIA AVE EFFINGHAM IL 62401	FLORA 103 E NORTH AVE FLORA IL 62839	VANDALIA 1442 N 8TH ST STE A VANDALIA IL 62471	NEWTON COMING SOON
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Welcome



*POE'S HOME
IMPROVEMENT &
LAWNCARE*

Welcome
NEW
CHAMBER
MEMBER



CHRISTMAS
in July

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH

at the
FLORA COMMUNITY MARKET

FROM 8 A.M. TO 12 P.M.

INFLATABLES

CRAFTS

FUN THINGS TO DO!

FOOD TRUCKS ON SITE!

MR. AND MRS. CLAUS
will be visiting!

216 N MAIN ST.
FLORA, IL 62839

SUPPORT LOCAL. SHOP LOCAL.
HAVE FUN!



4TH OF JULY

FOOD TRUCKS, INFLATABLES, LIVE MUSIC, & 800 SHOT FINALE FIREWORKS SHOW

JULY 4TH, 2026

All American Boy & Girl Contest By: LISA ERBACHER; COUNTRY FINANCIAL

HOT DOG & PORK BURGER TOURISM FUNDRAISER DURING CONTEST

Music By THE REWINDS 6PM - DUSK

Food Trucks POED SMOKED BBQ, THE FAIR LADY, KRAZY SWEET TREATS

More info 618-662-5646
Florachamberofcommerce@gmail.com



**Drop into our website and
submit job postings!
We'll help promote them!**

Thank you for your continued support!

FLORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

223 W. RAILROAD ST.
FLORA, IL 62839

618-662-5646 PHONE/FAX

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FLORACHAMBEROFCOMMERCE@GMAIL.COM

OFFICE HOURS:
TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & FRIDAYS
8 AM TO 5 PM (CLOSED FOR LUNCH)



THE MEMBERS CREED

I BELONG TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BECAUSE: I REALIZE
IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH; IT IS THE BEST MEDIUM FOR
SERVING MY COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE; I BELIEVE IN THE FUTURE
GROWTH AND PROGRESS OF MY CITY; IT'S ONLY QUALIFICATION
FOR MEMBERSHIP IS GOOD CITIZENSHIP; I WANT TO WORK WITH
MY FELLOW TOWNSMEN FOR THE COMMON INTEREST OF ALL; I
WANT TO BENEFIT FROM THEIR CONCERTED PLANNING, COUNSEL,
AND ACTION; IT IS A CLEARING HOUSE FOR BUSINESS INFORMATION,
BUSINESS SERVICE, AND COMMUNITY EFFORT; MEMBERSHIP
PAYS A HIGH RATE OF INTEREST IN SERVICE, PERSONAL
CONTACTS, COMMUNITY BETTERMENT AND CIVIC PRIDE;
EXPERIENCE AND THE RECORDS OF THE PAST HAVE CONCLUSIVELY
DEMONSTRATED ITS USEFULNESS AND JUSTIFIED EXISTENCE, NOT
ONLY IN THIS COMMUNITY BUT IN PRACTICALLY EVERY OTHER PART OF
THE WORLD.

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