

# HELLO June

a new month means new  
opportunities and new  
beginnings



CHAMBER

chat

JUNE | 2026



#### NEXT CHAMBER BOARD MEETING

June 16th, 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](http://www.florachamber.com)



*Phone*

618-662-5646



*Email*

[florachamberofcommerce@gmail.com](mailto:florachamberofcommerce@gmail.com)



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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 Flora Bank & Trust**

Date: Wednesday June 3rd  
Time: 8am - 9am  
Location: Flora Bank & Trust



# Chamber Event

*Board of Directors*

|                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <br>President<br>Doug Leak      | <br>Vice President<br>Michael Gill | <br>Treasurer<br>Chris Thompson | <br>Director<br>Mandy Hargis   |
| <br>Director<br>Joe Harris      | <br>Director<br>Stephen Smith      | <br>Director<br>Jason Smith     | <br>Director<br>Barb Schafer   |
| <br>Director<br>Greg Schafer    | <br>Director<br>William Poe        | <br>Director<br>Julia Williams  | <br>Director<br>Charity Fuehne |
| <br>Director<br>Mike Stanford |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                   |

*Why attend the board meeting?*

- ✓ 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! 📁🌟



## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

**DATE**   
6.16.26

**TIME**   
Noon  
(12PM)

**LOCATION**   
Depot -  
Train Room

**NOT A CHAMBER MEMBER?**  
**JOIN TODAY**



## Breakfast Bites & Business Insights Finance

Profit & Loss Statements and Balance Sheets  
Breakfast provided by: Magical Moments Catering

29th July 2026 | 08:30 AM

Register Today



SBDC



Trust Bank  
Debora Mitchell  
Chief Risk Officer at the  
Trust Bank



Flora Chamber of  
Commerce

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

# Member News

FLORA ROTARY PRESENTS

## FIRST ANNUAL ROTARY PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

KING/QUEEN OF THE COURT

**JUNE 19-20, 2026**

FLORA PICKLEBALL COURTS  
1006 W. NORTH AVE.  
FLORA, IL 62863

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19**

SENIOR 55+  
ANY GENDER COMBINATION  
4:30-6:30 PM

YOUTH 18 & UNDER  
ANY GENDER COMBINATION  
6:30-8:30 PM

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20**

- MEN'S DOUBLES INTERMEDIATE | 8:00-10:00 AM
- MEN'S DOUBLES ADVANCED | 10:00-12:00 PM
- WOMEN'S DOUBLES INTERMEDIATE | 12:00 PM-2:00 PM
- WOMEN'S DOUBLES ADVANCED | 2:00-4:00 PM
- MIXED DOUBLES INTERMEDIATE | 4:00-6:00 PM
- MIXED DOUBLES ADVANCED | 8:00-8:00 PM

**\$30 PER PERSON**

**MAX 12 TEAMS PER DIVISION**

**EACH TEAM PLAYS 6 GAMES**

**DIVISION WINNERS RECEIVE ENTRY FEE BACK**

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:  
JUNE 12, 2026**

Rotary  
Flora, IL

## TODD HERENDEEN & THE FTD BAND

★ JUNE 5 ★

★ FLORA, ILLINOIS ELKS LODGE ★

120 N Main St, Flora, IL 62839

• Doors open at 5pm  
• Advanced seating available

Tickets \$20 at the door  
Food available for purchase

**Show is at 7pm.**

Questions call Elks and ask for Cory at 618-662-4313.  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.**

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.

AMERICA'S  
**SBDC**  
ILLINOIS  
AT ILLINOIS EASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGES

**SBA**  
U.S. Small Business  
Administration

## Lender Forum

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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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**JOIN THE GREAT INVESTIGATION**

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JUNE 14TH-17TH. 6:00 - 8:30 PM**

**FLORA CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

**FAMILY NIGHT ESCAPE ROOM**  
JUNE 7TH 6-8:30 PM

**PRE-REGISTER AS A FAMILY!**

**DISCOVER GOD'S PURPOSE FOR OUR LIVES!**

A cartoon illustration of a detective wearing a green trench coat, a matching fedora, and sunglasses. He is holding a magnifying glass and looking at it. Next to him is an open brown suitcase. Inside the suitcase, there is a sign that says 'FAMILY NIGHT ESCAPE ROOM' and 'JUNE 7TH 6-8:30 PM'. There are also some papers and a small book with question marks inside the suitcase. The background is a bright yellow with radiating lines.

**STORM BREWING**

# SUDS & STUDS

**A GUY'S DAY AT THE BREWERY**

**★ JUNE 20TH ★**  
**11 AM - 3 PM**

**LIVE MUSIC BY**  
**LANDEN BILLINGTON**  
**12-3 PM**

**VENDORS**  
WITH ALL THE  
MANLY GOODS!

**GREAT BEER**  
BUILT FOR  
GOOD TIMES!

**GOOD FOOD**  
PIZZA, FRIED  
BOLOGNA, AND  
ALL THE FIXINGS!

A promotional poster for a brewery event. At the top, there's a logo for 'STORM BREWING' featuring a stylized storm cloud and lightning. Below that, the text 'SUDS & STUDS' is written in large, bold, white letters. Underneath, it says 'A GUY'S DAY AT THE BREWERY'. The event details are listed: '★ JUNE 20TH ★', '11 AM - 3 PM', and 'LIVE MUSIC BY LANDEN BILLINGTON 12-3 PM'. At the bottom, there are three icons: a wrench and screwdriver, a glass of beer, and a slice of pizza, each with a corresponding text block: 'VENDORS WITH ALL THE MANLY GOODS!', 'GREAT BEER BUILT FOR GOOD TIMES!', and 'GOOD FOOD PIZZA, FRIED BOLOGNA, AND ALL THE FIXINGS!'. The background of the poster shows a brewery interior with large metal brewing tanks and a glass of beer in the foreground.

# Member News

Secure Processors has a new website that we invite all our local businesses to check out! We think it is pretty spiffy! 😊

You can find it at:

[secureprocessors.org](https://secureprocessors.org)



Southeastern Illinois Manufacturing Roundtable:

## Unlocking Growth Potential: Regional Solutions Forum

Thursday, June 18

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Followed by a Facility Tour

Hella Electronics, Flora, Illinois

In Partnership with



Join us at this hands-on, solution-oriented meeting created for manufacturers seeking real-world strategies to build and retain a strong workforce. You'll hear directly from state leaders and regional partners who will break down available resources and offer insights you can apply immediately.



### Keynote: Bridging the Gaps

Are you aware of all the resources available? We will kick off by highlighting state-level tools and incentives - from grants to exporting/importing support - that help manufacturers compete and expand. Attendees will gain a clearer picture of where opportunities exist and how to leverage them to support long-term workforce and organizational success.

- Alyson Grady, Deputy Director, Office of Regional Economic Development, Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity



### Panels:

#### Spotlight on Workforce Resources Available

Highlighting regional programs, training providers, and supports that help manufacturers access a skilled workforce.

- Sarah Hartwick, Senior Vice President & Corporate Board Secretary, Illinois Manufacturers' Association



# Member News



## Clay Electric Coop Blood Drive

### Board Room

7784 Old Hwy 50  
Flora, IL 62839

**Monday, June 1, 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](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit  
[RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) for more information.



Make summer shine for patients in need. Come to give  
blood June 1-28 for a \$15 e-gift card!

## Give Blood.

1-800-RED CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

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



**Clip and Tip Strays**

Details on our Facebook Page



## Wags and Wash Pet Grooming

421 W North Ave  
Flora IL

**618-662-3837**



## Flora Church of the Nazarene Blood Drive

### Gym

Route 50 and Parsons Lane  
Flora, IL 62839

**Thursday, June 11, 2026  
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit  
[RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org).

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit  
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# Member News

## Curfew

BEYOND THE BELL IS CLOSED ON  
FRIDAYS DURING THE SUMMER

WE WILL BE OPEN ON FRIDAYS TO  
SUPPORT OUR WORKING FAMILIES!!

FRIDAYS STARTING JUNE 5th

**\$15 DAYTIME HOURS 7:30am-5pm**

**\*Please pack a lunch and snack**

**\$10 REGULAR EVENING HOURS**

**4pm until 11:30pm**



**Free Estimate - Mention Nora**

## **INTRODUCING THE NEW & IMPROVED WNOI.COM!!!**

**\*\*\*Our homepage averages over 2 million weekly impressions!\*\*\***

Check Local News, Weather, Sports, Obituaries, Community Event Calendar,  
Radio Auction Items & STREAM 103.9 MixFM & 99.3FM FROM ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD!

**You're invited to be an EXCLUSIVE SPONSOR of one of the above pages (on a first come-first serve basis)! You'll receive a banner ad linked to your website!**

In addition to your popular website advertising, you'll also receive

**1 - :30 radio commercials EVERYDAY on 103.9 WNOI-FM!**

**The total investment for this marketing plan is  
EXCLUSIVE PAGE LEADERBOARD BANNER AD LINKED 728X90 OR  
ROTATING SQUARE BANNER AD LINKED (ON ALL PAGES) 300X250 = \$250/month  
(6- month minimum contract required)**

**\*\*\*PLUS ALL REGULAR WNOI ADVERTISERS RECEIVE SHARED FACEBOOK POSTS ONTO WNOI/CCC FACEBOOK PAGES REACHING 1000'S EVERYDAY AS  
A FREE ADDED BONUS!!!**

Accepted for business

Today's date

Business name

Accepted for station

\*This station does not discriminate in the sale of advertising time, and will accept no advertising which is placed with an intent to discriminate U - DODIE DICKEY, 618-599-1107 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, or ancestry.

Member News



# Member News

# Welcome



**BEVERLY WEIDNER  
WELLNESS COACHING  
LLC**



**Welcome  
NEW  
CHAMBER  
MEMBER**



**808 SCRAP METAL  
RECYCLING**

**Welcome  
NEW  
CHAMBER  
MEMBER**



**RODEWAY INN**



**Welcome  
NEW  
CHAMBER  
MEMBER**



**CLAY COUNTY  
CEO**



**Welcome  
NEW  
CHAMBER  
MEMBER**



## CALLING LOCAL ENTERTAINERS!

Flora Community Market is now scheduling family-friendly entertainment for the 2026 season!

### We're looking for:

- Musicians (acoustic, instrumental, vocalists)
- Sound healing & meditation facilitators
- Yoga or movement instructors
- Storytellers & educators
- Kids activities & hands-on demonstrations
- Local performers, artists & creatives

📅 Market Season: Saturdays | May 23 – October 24

🕒 Time: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

📍 Location: Flora Park (Gazebo Area)

♥ Share your gifts with the community, promote your offerings, and help create a welcoming, vibrant market experience.

♥ This is a volunteer-only community-based market. While there will be no compensation, this is a beautiful opportunity for local exposure and connection.

### Interested in participating?

Fill out the form by clicking the link above.

*Supporting local. Creating community.  
Celebrating connection.*



Visit Flora, IL  
eat - play - shop - stay

# 4<sup>TH</sup> 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

GREEN COMBIN.

Images: A green tractor, a boat, a band performing on stage, a colorful inflatable slide, and a pink castle.

## Job Postings



**WE ARE HIRING!**

**FORVIA**  
HELLA

**OPEN POSITIONS:**

- Head of Logistics
  - oversee end-to-end material flow—from supplier coordination and inbound logistics to production support, warehousing, and outbound distribution.
- Quality Methods Specialist
  - develop, implement, and improve quality standards, tools, and methodologies to ensure reliable, defect-free production.
- Shopfloor Software Specialist
  - implement, support, and optimize digital systems that drive real-time visibility and efficient operations on the production floor.
- Quality Specialist QPE
  - ensuring product and process excellence through effective quality planning, problem-solving, and continuous improvement

**SEND YOUR RESUME TO:**  
staci.houston@forvia.com  
or apply at [www.hella.com](http://www.hella.com)

**STOP IN AT :**  
1101 Vincennes Ave  
Flora, IL

DRIVE ACCOUNTABILITY TEAMWORK AGILITY RESPECT OPEN MINDFULNESS

**WE ARE HIRING**

**OPEN POSITIONS**

- WAREHOUSE WORKERS
- MACHINE OPERATORS
- MANUFACTURING TECHNICIANS

**JOIN OUR TEAM**

**FORVIA**  
HELLA

**APPLY TODAY**

**1101 Vincennes Ave, Flora, IL**  
or send resumes to  
**[staci.houston@forvia.com](mailto:staci.houston@forvia.com)**

A yellow megaphone with a black outline, pointing towards the left.

**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

EMAIL:  
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.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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