



Hello SEPTEMBER

Welcome, September! Ready for
crisp air, warm drinks, and new
beginnings.



Flora Chamber of
Commerce



CHAMBER

chat

SEPTEMBER | 2026



NEXT CHAMBER BOARD MEETING
September 8th, 2026 in the Depot
Train Room @ 12:00PM

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

How to Reach Us!



Online

www.florachamber.com



Phone

618-662-5646



Email

florachamberofcommerce@gmail.com



Follow us on these social media platforms
and stay informed!



**Flora
Chamber**
OF COMMERCE

**FOUND IN
EVERY ISSUE!**

- 1** Chamber News
- 2** Member News
- 3** Member Job Postings
- 4** Training Opportunities,
Seminars & Grants!

ESTABLISHED IN 1939

PH: 618-662-5646

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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 The An-So Agency

Date: Wednesday October 7th

Time: 8am - 9am

Location: An-So Agency



Chamber Event

JOIN US FOR ILLINOIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK



Chamber Members Who Accept Chamber Bucks:

- Two Glitzy Girlz
- Rustic Treasurers
- Eckleberry Barber
- Green Sprout Living
- Beautiful Strandz
- Curfew
- Poed Smoked BBQ
- Arriel Starr Photography
- Starrlight Studio
- Country Closet
- Flora Dairy Queen
- Angelas Village Florist
- Eagle Station
- Precision Eyecare Center Flora
- Samantha Bennet Hair Artistry
- Tower Devolpment and Rentals
- Anonymous Flippers
- Flora Battery and Alternator
- Pip & Kate
- Poes Home Improvement
- Rodeway Inn
- 808 Scrap Metal Recycling
- Yates Lawn & Landscaping
- Flower Ginny
- RG Outdoors
- Cisne Rehabilitation & Healthcare center
- VFW
- The Mustard Seed
- The Country Lamb
- Salt & Strings Butchery
- Ali's Beauty Barn
- Mr. Fix-All Flora

**Want your business listed? Contact Flora
Chamber of Commerce - 618-662-5646**

The Chamber is
interested in knowing
if you'd be willing to
offer member to
member benfits!

Please Reach out to
Arriel for more
information!

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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
9.8.26



TIME
Noon
(12PM)



LOCATION
Depot -
Train Room



NOT A CHAMBER MEMBER?
JOIN TODAY

Chamber Event



Join Our AI Workshop

A practical workshop for beginners, creators, and professionals. Food Provided by Magical Moments Catering



Speaker
Chris Forde



Date:
September 16th, 2026



Time:
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM



Venue:
Flora Depot
223 West Railroad St. Flora



\$15 For Non-Chamber Members

Free for Chamber Members

After Hours Social

Networking with the Flora Chamber of Commerce at Storm Brewing for Illinois Chamber of Commerce week.

September 17th
5pm-7pm
Storm Brewing





FLORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS



HALLOWEEN PARADE!



Come join the spookiest parade in town!

October 31 | 7:00 PM
Downtown Flora

Dress in your best costume. Collect sweet treats along the way





YOU ARE INVITED TO

Fall Into Flora



DOWNTOWN SHOPS | VENDORS | GAMES | AND MORE

NOVEMBER 6 5:00PM - 9:00PM	NOVEMBER 7 9:00AM - 1:00PM
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FLORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 618-662-5646	ALSO KNOWN AS MOONLIGHT MADNESS
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Member News

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

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

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



WNOI CRAZY CHRISTMAS RADIO AUCTION



Saturday, November 7th, 2026, 8 a.m.

Listen to 103.9FM, 99.3FM, Wabash Ch 97,
WNOI/Clay County Country Apps
or click "LISTEN LIVE" on wnoi.com



CALL 618-662-8331 to BID!
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Member News

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NOW HIRING: PRN PHYSICAL THERAPIST

We're seeking a compassionate and skilled PRN Physical Therapist who is committed to delivering exceptional patient care across a variety of settings. This is a great opportunity for a therapist looking for flexibility while making a meaningful impact in the lives of patients.

\$43.71
Starting Hourly Wage

\$150
Weekend On-Call Pay Per Day

\$150
Weekend Call-Back Pay Per Eval

Apply today: <https://claycountyhospital.org/job/physical-therapist/>

For more info email: amy.allen@claycountyhospital.org



The 2022 data for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that the agricultural sector is still the most dangerous in America with 417 fatalities. Fall harvest time can be one of the busiest and most dangerous seasons of the year for the agriculture industry. For this reason, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety and Health Week. This annual promotion initiated by the National Safety Council has been proclaimed as such by each sitting U.S. President since Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944. National Farm Safety and Health Week is led by the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS), the agricultural partner of the National Safety Council.

The sponsorship includes 28 - :10 mentions on both stations (56 total) September 21-25.

TOTAL INVESTMENT=\$112.00

Accepted for business

Accepted for station

Business name

Today's date

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, or ancestry.

Tag Info (15 words or less):

BLOOD IS MEDICINE

FIGHT

CHILDHOOD CANCER

Sherwin Williams-Minwax Co Blood Drive

Thursday, September 24
Noon-3:00 pm
Donate on ImpactLife Donor Bus
14 Industrial Pkwy, Flora IL

To schedule, scan the QR code, email Kari Warren at kari.a.warren@sherwin.com, or call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401.

Group Code: 71394
Please eat/hydrate well prior to donating & bring Photo ID

Successful donors will get choice: EGift Card, donation to charity or Bonus Points to use in Donor Rewards Store

This blood drive is open to the public

Member News



FALL

MINI SESSION

The session encompasses 30 minutes, provides high quality digital images, and includes a print release.

BOOK NOW

Arriel Starr Photography

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.

CHILDCARE 101

IN THE IECC DISTRICT

Join Project CHILD's childcare expert and Clay County native, Courtney Hatcher, for an informative presentation on the childcare shortages affecting the IECC District.

JOIN US AS WE DISCUSS:

- The need for childcare in the IECC district
- How childcare impacts workplace and growth of a community
- Benefits of being a licensed childcare provider
- Learn how to be a small business owner

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026
10:00 a.m.
Terry L. Bruce West Richland Center
320 East North Avenue
Noble, IL. 62868

Join us in person or via Zoom!
Register at
<https://iecc.edu/iecc/community/illinois-sbdc-iecc/events>

RSVP or for more information,
Call Michelle Brooks at (618) 393-3554



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American Red Cross



Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.
Help save lives.

Give blood.

Clay County Health Department Blood Drive

Conference Room

601 E 12th St
Flora, IL 62839

**Friday, September 25, 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.

Fall into the habit of donating! Get a \$15 e-gift card
when you come to give blood Sept. 21-Oct. 18.

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Member News

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FLORA TOURISM PRESENTS:

FORD TOWN FUNFEST

FRIDAY SEPT. 18TH AND SATURDAY SEPT. 19TH



Join us Friday for:

Music by Just for Spite Unplugged Inflatables, Games, and more!

Cruise in from 5-8 by the Clay County Cruisers Dash Plaques to first 100 registrants, all makes and models welcome

Join us Saturday for:

Food Trucks, Chilli Cook Off & Microbrews, and more! Car Show from 9-1 by the Clay County Cruisers, Dash Plaques to first 100 registrants. Registration closes at noon \$20.00 Entry Fee

LOCATION

**LIBRARY PARK
TO DOWNTOWN**

CONTACT US

618-662-5646 (General Info)
618-676-4005 (Car Show Info)
618-676-7732 (Car Show Info)

VISIT
FLORA
TOURISM





StaffQuick
JOB EXPLOSION!
Over
50 Openings!

SCHEDULE NOW! 618-662-8400
921 East North Avenue
Flora, IL. 62839

The advertisement features a light beige background with a dynamic, comic-book style explosion effect. Black lines radiate from the center, creating a sense of movement and urgency. The text is bold and green, with the company name 'StaffQuick' in a mix of black and green. The phrase 'JOB EXPLOSION!' is in all caps, and 'Over 50 Openings!' is also in all caps. A black button with white text 'SCHEDULE NOW!' is positioned to the left of the contact information. The contact information includes a phone number and a physical address.

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

Thank you for your continued support!

FLORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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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
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