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Upcoming Events

Registration is now open for our 26th Annual Flora Chamber Golf Scramble that will be held on June 14th, 2024 at the Clay County Country Club! Gather up your golfing buddies - team of 4 is just \$225 or \$55 per person!



June 14, 2024 Lunch: Noon / Tee-Time: 1PM

Gold Sponsorship - \$400

Hole sponsorship highlighting your business on a 2x3 sign, mention on all promotional material including radio, fliers, and Facebook. You can also display your own promotional material onsite the day of scramble. PLUS \$100 off team registration. (Due by May 31st)

Silver Sponsorship - \$200

Hole sponsorship highlighting your business on a 2x3 sign, mention on all promotional material including radio, fliers, and Facebook. (Due by May 31st)

Bronze Sponsorship - \$100

Hole sponsorship highlighting your business on a 2x3 sign (Due by June 5th)

Team Registration - - \$55 per Person / \$220 per Team

(Price includes skins game - prize will be split 50/50 between winner & Chamber)

Business Name: _____

Sponsorship Choice: Gold Silver Bronze

Team Member Names: _____

- Mulligan \$20
- Yellow Tee Box \$20
- Extra Flags \$20
- 4 Ft String \$20
- Discounted Pack (includes all four) \$60

Please return this form along with your choice of sponsorship and payment. Make checks payable to Flora Chamber of Commerce. Please mail to: Flora Chamber of Commerce, 223 West Railroad Street, Flora, IL 62839. For more information email florachamberofcommerce@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



*4th of July
Celebration*

July 4, 2024

*Charley Brown
Park*



**Thank you to our
current Golf
Scramble sponsors!**



Edward Jones
Heather Blank

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR EVENTS, PLEASE GO TO
FLORACHAMBER.COM**

CHAMBER NEWS

April New Members



IMPORTANT CHAMBER MEMBER INFO



NEXT BOARD MEETING

May 14th, 2024 in the Depot Train Room

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

If you happen to notice that the chamber FB page isn't getting your business or organizations posts shared, just drop us an email or a phone call! Facebook uses complicated algorithms that can hide many of the posts from our members' pages that we have liked, and we don't want to miss you! Just give us a holler and we can reset that goofy algorithm so we see your posts! Thank you!!

Anna Rounds, Executive Director

CHAMBER NEWS

Ribbon Cutting

Clay County Hospital Pharmacy Ribbon Cutting was held on April 23, at the new facility inside the Medical Clinic in Flora.

The pharmacy is staffed by Cole Honeyman, Retail Pharmacy Manager; Shelby Potts, Katelyn Atteberry and Ryne Clark, all Certified Pharmacy Technicians. The Director of Pharmacy for the hospital is Jason Harris.

The pharmacy is accessible through the clinic waiting room, through an external entrance, and a drive-through.




CLAY COUNTY HOSPITAL
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HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY	9AM-6PM
TUESDAY	9AM-6PM
WEDNESDAY	9AM-6PM
THURSDAY	9AM-6PM
FRIDAY	9AM-6PM
SATURDAY	9AM-1PM

NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

*You do NOT have to see a CCH provider to have your meds filled at the CCH Pharmacy. Just let your provider know your current pharmacy of choice is "CCH Pharmacy" and they can switch your medications. Give us a call if you have any troubles doing so!

ACCEPTING OVER 45 MAJOR INSURANCES!

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- ~ Illinois Managed Medicaid Programs
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- ~ Express Scripts
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- ~ RxAdvance
- ~ And so many more!

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LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE CCH CLINIC!



WELCOME TO THE
Clay County Hospital's
Grand Opening
OF THE CCH PHARMACY!!

Meet The Staff!

 Cole Honeyman, Pharmacist Manager	 Katelyn Atteberry, Staff Pharmacist
 Shelby Potts, Certified Pharmacy Tech	 Ryne Clark, Certified Pharmacy Tech

Fur a Good Paws



Meet Grace

Grace needs a good country home where she can run and play. She likes attention and playing but especially treats. She is a big dog and really needs more room and freedom.



Meet Zeus

Zeus is currently under treatment for some inflammation in his esophagus. Once he is fully healed, he will be up for adoption. IF you would like to donate to help cover his medical expenses, please reach out to Fur-a-Good Paws. They would greatly appreciate the donations, as his treatments, and vet bills are pretty costly.



Meet Dixie

Dixie needs a loving home with no kids or other dogs. A quiet house and a person who cares for her is all she wants. While she was in foster care she enjoyed walks and sitting by her foster mom and a treat once in a while. If you have been a little lonely and need to get out and get some exercise this is your girl! She is 5 yrs old, house broke and will be a lot of company.



To adopt or inquire, please contact:



FUR A GOOD PAWS
104 NORTH STANFORD
FLORA, IL 62839
618-662-PAWS (7297)



We Need a New Home!

Project Child



Join us for an incredible training session with Jeff Johnson – a notable advocate for young children! Jeff's philosophy centers on promoting play, defending childhood, and empowering caregivers. You'll enjoy 6.5 hours of enriching training, complete with a continental breakfast and lunch served from the Frosty Mug, along with some fun prizes! If you're curious about who Jeff Johnson is, now's your chance to find out! His sessions are a treat – guaranteed to leave you feeling energized and passionate about early childhood education. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn and grow! Call or message us today to register – we can't wait to see you there!

JEFF JOHNSON
Explorations Early Learning

 Promoting Play

 Defending Childhood

 Empowering Caregivers

Register Today!

Sat. May 4th - 618-244-2210

Project **CHILD** 

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JULY 19-26



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618-662-2900

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● ● ● Flora Depot



You're invited to a
Life Line Screening event!

Where: Flora Depot
 223 W. Railroad St.
When: Thursday, May 16th

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Screenings.**

Trusted by over 10 million customers.

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

Who should attend:
Anyone over the age of 40

Special Member Pricing for \$159

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Plus a **FREE** Hypertension Screening

4 ways to book your appointment...

Call 888-814-0466 and use promo code HSCA001

Visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCSA](https://www.llsa.social/hscsa)

Text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

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Our double pane, low-e glass with argon gas will help you save on energy bills while our glass breakage warranty gives you peace of mind. Plus, enjoy a free window diagnostics to get started on your project. Professional installation included

Let's talk about windows and ways to save on energy bills. Schedule your free consultation with the Window Source today!

Upcoming Blood Drives



DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

Clay Electric Coop Blood Drive

Clay Electric Cooperative Board Room

7784 Old Hwy 50
Flora, IL 62839

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024
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
Bring a photo ID or your blood donor card, or two other forms of ID.

Eat a healthy meal and drink an extra 16 oz. of water and fluids before the donation.



Build the blood supply: Come give 5/20 to 6/9 for an exclusive Tetris and Red Cross shirt, ltd. qty.



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

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DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

Clay County Health Department Blood Drive

Clay County Health Department

Conference Room
601 E 12th St
Flora, IL 62839

**Friday, May 31, 2024
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.

Eat a healthy meal and drink an extra 16 oz. of water and fluids before the donation.



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GIVE BLOOD.**



**WHEN YOU
GIVE BLOOD
MAY 1-31
YOU GET**
THIS SHIRT
OR
A DONATION TO
BEST FRIENDS
ANIMAL SOCIETY
OR
A GIFT CARD

Clay County Hospital

Thursday, May 9 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Medical Building-Conference Infusions Room

911 Stacey Burk Drive

Appointments preferred.

To schedule an appointment, scan QR code
call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401
or go to bloodcenter.org/group, grp #10974



CEFS ● ● ●



Are you a Christian, Clay, Fayette, Moultrie, Montgomery or Shelby Resident and a Senior or Disabled?

STARTING ON MAY 1, 2024 RIDERS WILL NEED TO PRESENT A **REDUCED FARE ID CARD** ALONG WITH **PHOTO ID** TO RIDE UNDER THE REDUCED FARE PROGRAM.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE REDUCED FARE CARD ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.CEFSEOC.ORG. OR YOU CAN REQUEST ONE FROM OUR DISPATCH OFFICE.

THE REDUCED FARE PROGRAM ALLOWS SENIORS TO RIDE FOR A SUGGESTED DONATION AND THE DISABLED TO QUALIFY FOR \$15 MONTHLY PASSES.

MAKE SURE TO GET YOUR APPLICATION SUBMITTED BEFORE MAY 1ST!



Q: Have the qualifications for a discount changed?

A: No, general qualifications have not changed. Riders will need to obtain and show ID Card.

Q: When can I expect to receive my Reduced Fare ID card?

A: Cards will be sent with-in 7-10 business days after approval.

Q: What does suggested donation fare mean?

A: Riders donate to the system at their discretion and ability to do so. Public transit services rely on revenue to operate and enhance services. Therefore, donations are important to the transit system. However, riders will not be turned away for an inability to donate.

We will do our best to make this transition as easy as possible. If you need further assistance please call are Administration office at 217-342-2193 Ext: 161 or 165.

**CEFS Central Illinois
Public Transit (CIPT)**



Applications can be found online at www.cefseoc.org, or we do have this flier and applications on the Chamber resource wall, located at the B&O Depot -1st Floor.

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1-855-755-CIPT(2478)

Training Opportunities, Seminars, & Grants

MEET THE ILLINOIS SBDC AT IECC

Michelle Brooks, SBDC Director and Advisor



Michelle Brooks
SBDC

About Me

My name is Michelle Brooks. I own HV's Food & Spirits in Olney and I have my realtors license. My hope is to help our communities grow their economy and local businesses so that everyone thrives here. Please contact me for advice about your business or starting one.

Contact Info

Here are all the ways you can contact me:

- brooksm1@iecc.edu
- (618) 562-3744 - preferred
- (618) 393-3554



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My Schedule Around the District*

- The **2nd Wednesday** of every month is in **Mount Carmel** at the WVC Library from 1pm to 4pm.
- The **2nd Thursday** of every month is in **Robinson** at the Chamber of Commerce from 1pm to 4pm.
- The **3rd Wednesday** of every month is at **Lawrenceville** at the First Mid Bank and Trust from 2pm to 4pm.
- The **3rd Thursday** of every month is in **Flora** at the Chamber of Commerce from 1pm to 4pm.
- The **4th Wednesday** of every month is in **Albion** at the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission from 1pm to 4pm.
- The **4th Thursday** of every month is in **Newton** at the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce from 1pm to 4pm.

*subject to change without notice

Just like the Chamber of Commerce, SBDC wants nothing but the best for our businesses. As an added benefit to our members, we have partnered with SBDC to bring them once a month to the Chamber office, for a pop up one-on-one service just for you.

- ✨ Valuable resources and expert support tailored to your business needs
- 🔥 Assistance in strengthening existing businesses and formulating effective succession plans
- 🚀 Guidance in launching new businesses and conquering uncharted territory
- 🔑 Personalized advice, resources, and support at absolutely no cost to you

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ANNIVERSARY

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CANNABIS IN THE WORKPLACE

FEATURING **BRIAN WACKER**

MAY 23RD STARTING AT 10:30AM

AT THE TERRY L. BRUCE WEST RICHLAND
CENTER, NOBLE ILLINOIS

JOIN US IN-PERSON OR ONLINE ALONG
WITH BRIAN WACKER, A ST. LOUIS-BASED
ATTORNEY AS WE DISCUSS THE LEGALITIES
OF CANNABIS USE IN THE WORKPLACE.



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MAY 6, 2024
BOB BOYLES HALL
\$71 + BOOK COST

TO REGISTER:



Training Opportunities, Seminars, & Grants

STATE GRANT OPPORTUNITY



Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) launched \$30 million in funding for the Rebuild Illinois Downtowns and Main Streets Capital (RDMS, \$20 million) and Research in Illinois to Spur Economic Recovery (RISE, \$10 million) programs to revitalize commercial corridors and downtown areas throughout the state and accelerate local economic recovery initiatives. Grantees will be selected through a competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) process.

The Rebuild Illinois Downtowns and Main Streets Capital program (RDMS) will provide grants for construction, repair and modernization of public infrastructure and amenities to boost jobs, improve quality of life and stimulate economic activity for communities that have experienced disinvestment. The goal of this program is to drive investment in infrastructure and public amenities that will invite more people back into Main Street districts and local city centers. The second round of RDMS funding builds upon \$106 million in RDMS grants provided in 2022, the state's largest Rebuild Illinois investment focused on community revitalization.

Projects eligible for RDMS grants must be located in a commercial center or downtown area and may include, but are not limited to roadways, parking and public way improvements, investments in parks and venues or plazas for public use, sustainability upgrades, structural repairs, and mixed-use or transit-oriented development.

Through the RISE Implementation Program, the State is allocating funding toward economic development projects or initiatives identified in plans produced with support from RISE Local and Regional Planning grants to accelerate economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible projects may include capital and non-capital projects such as water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure, investment in affordable housing, local workforce development programming, retrofitting or renovating facilities and buildings, investment in site readiness for business development, and tourism promotion programming.

Qualified entities for both programs include EDOs, local units of government and private for-profit and non-profit businesses. RDMS projects must be located in a commercial corridor or downtown area, and RISE projects must be aligned with a RISE Planning grant recovery plan.

Applicants must demonstrate consistency with applicable local or regional economic development plans and provide letters of support from elected officials and other community stakeholders. Successful applicants will demonstrate that their project will address barriers to economic growth and/or stimulate economic growth and recovery. Eligible entities are limited to one submission.

Through a competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), qualified entities can apply for grants, with awards ranging from \$250,000 to \$2 million, with a minimum 25% match required for local units of government and 50% match for all other applicants. Applications will be accepted until July 22, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Community Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
May 1	11:30 am	Elk's Lodge Children's Orthopedic Clinic	Clay Co. Medical Clinic - Flora
May 2	6:00 pm	National Day of Prayer	Flora City Hall
May 5	1:00 pm	Gym Bob Jamboree Show	Gym Bob's - Bible Grove
May 5	2:00 pm	Cinco De Mayo Celebration	The Village Bar - Xenia
May 6	9:00-11:00 am	Clay Co. Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry	1101 Austin Ave, Flora
May 6	4:30 pm	Flora City Council Meeting	Flora City Hall
May 9	1:00-5:00 pm	Blood Drive	Clay County Hospital
May 9	6:30 pm	"Strange But True" Civil War Stories	Flora Elementary School
May 11	9:30 am	Benefit Ride	Flora American Legion
May 12	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Flora Legion Riders Benefit Cookout	Flora Walmart
May 13	9:00-11:00 am	Clay Co. Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry	1101 Austin Ave, Flora
May 15	6:00 pm	Diabetic Support Group Monthly Meeting	Clay County Health Department
May 16	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Lifeline Health Screening	Flora Depot - Community Room
May 18	9:30 am	Benefit Ride	Flora American Legion
May 18	6:00 pm	Art Exhibition	Starrlight Studios - Flora
May 20	9:00-11:00 am	Clay Co. Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry	1101 Austin Ave, Flora
May 20	4:30 pm	Flora City Council Meeting	Flora City Hall
May 21	10:00 am	Alzheimer's Caregiver Support	Clay County Health Department
May 21	2:00-3:00 pm	Seasoned Circle	Clay County Hospital
May 22	1:00-5:00 pm	Blood Drive	Clay Electric Cooperative
May 25	10:00 am	St. Louis Shriners Donation Auction	Charley Brown Park
May 27	9:00-11:00 am	Clay Co. Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry	1101 Austin Ave, Flora
May 31	1:00-5:00 pm	Blood Drive	Clay County Health Department



BLACK & TAN DAYS
MAY 1ST - MAY 5TH
CLAY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Flora Farmer's Market

Every Saturday starting May 4th - Sept. 28th
8am - Noon

Flora Library Park

Flora City-Wide Yard Sales

May 17th & 18th, 2024

To add your community event to our community calendar, please look at our pinned posts on our Facebook page and comment under that month's community calendar post!

Deadline for all June Newsletter submissions will be Friday May 24th!

Chamber Member - Help Wanted

Business	Description	Notes
Clay County Hospital	Full Time Nights CNA Retail Pharmacist	apply at claycountyhospital.org/jobs
City of Flora	City Treasurer	Send resume & cover letter to- City of Flora Attn: Mayor 131 E. 2nd St. Flora, IL 62839
Hella	Machine Operator/Assembler Technician (Manufacturing, Robotics)	Apply in person
NextGen Wireless	Wireless Zone Consultant	Apply in person
Tractor Supply	Team Member	Apply in person
Car Corral	Powersports Assembly Tech Service Writer/Parts Sales	Apply in person
Grandma's Kitchen	Evening Cook	Apply in person

For a complete list of Chamber Members that are hiring, please visit our website at florachamber.com

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OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
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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