

# 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](http://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 1<sup>ST</sup>!**



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 our 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](http://www.cefseoc.org), or we do have this flier and applications on the Chamber resource wall, located at the B&O Depot -1st Floor.

**CENTRAL ILLINOIS  
PUBLIC TRANSIT**

**1-855-755-CIPT(2478)**

# ● ● ● Clay County Health Dept.

## Clay County Health Department



Would you,  
Could you,  
Come to play?

Please come join us,  
this special day!

### Agencies Wanted!

If you are a local agency who is looking for a great way to promote your services, you don't want to miss out on this event!

### Trick or Treat Street Seussibration

Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Charley Brown Park REA Building

3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Call 618-662-4406 and ask for April to reserve your booth today! Please reserve by October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



This event is sponsored by the Clay Co. Health Department HFI/PI, that are funded by DHS and ISBE.



# The Curly Tail

## THE Curly Tail

### Appetizers

- Crab Cakes** \$10  
Wild crab cakes made with crab
- Street Corn Dip** \$8  
Wild corn sauce made with chili cheese
- Battered Cauliflower** \$11  
Tasty & popular
- Breaded Fried Pickles** \$9
- Corn Nuggets** \$10
- Fried Cheese Fries** \$10
- Crab Cakes - 60** \$18
- Cheese Curds** \$8
- Egg Nugs - 100** \$7

### Nachos & Stuff

- NEW! House Burger Nachos** \$10  
Cheese, smoked sausage, jalapenos, nacho cheese sauce, topped with jalapenos or a dust of tortilla chips
- NEW! Portobello** \$9  
Steak, Vito covered with cheese, pulled pork, BBQ sauce, blue and topped pickles
- NEW! Onion & Bacon** \$9  
Bacon fried onion rings with a smother of chili sauce
- NEW! Insider Stubby Fish Bites** \$8  
Five sized pieces of our famous fish served with corn fish dip
- NEW! Real Red Nachos** \$10  
Chips of choice, beanitos, jalapenos, mushrooms, tomato peppers & jalapeno cheese with guacamole & corn of choice
- Texas Tenders** \$11.95  
Juicy tenderloin with white sauce, cheese, baked bread, wrapped in cheese
- Hot Milk Mustard** \$10  
Tenderloin, cheese sauce, pulled pork, BBQ sauce, jalapeno sauce, lettuce, tomato, onion, jalapeno
- Hot Kid Salad** \$8  
Tenderloin, BBQ & cheese, pulled pork, BBQ sauce, jalapeno & onion
- Hot Cheesy Pork Trio** \$9  
Tenderloin, mustard cheese and pulled pork topped with BBQ sauce & corn of choice
- Hot Hot Pork Sandwich** \$10
- Wings (3oz - 10 or 20oz)** \$11.95

### Baskets

- Cheese with French onion ring. Chicken free base available for \$1
- Curly Tail Basket** \$11  
1/2 B-urger with pulled pork, cheese, BBQ sauce or onion ring
- Breakfast Basket** \$14  
1/2 B-urger, biscuit, potatoes, bread & juice
- Friday Cheesebun** \$8
- Chicken Strip** \$11.95
- Breaded or Grilled Tenderloin** \$8
- Fish Tenderloin** 2 per \$18.99 3 per \$23
- Breakfast Sandwich Basket** \$9
- Cheeseburger Basket** \$12.95  
(Double Cheese) Hamburger \$1.50
- Fresh Burger Basket** \$10  
1/2 B-urger, onion ring and sides choose with our fresh sauce
- Hotdog Burger** \$10  
1/2 B-urger, pepper jack cheese, bacon, onion ring and BBQ sauce on a potato bun
- Delectable Chicken Basket** \$12  
American style and pepper jack cheese stuffed with bread on Texas Toast
- Jalapeno Pepper Burger** \$11  
1/2 B-urger topped with jalapeno, cheese & our house made cream cheese jalapeno spread
- Strip Club Burger** \$11  
1/2 B-urger, 2 chicken tenders, pickles, lettuce, pepper jack cheese & buffalo ranch sauce
- Hot Albert Basket** \$12  
Pulled pork, Vito, onion, hot cheese sauce and BBQ sauce
- Apple Slicer Dinner** \$8  
Pulled pork, onion, apple sauce & grilled pineapple on Texas Toast
- Are You Chicken the Best?** \$8  
Pulled pork, onion, chicken, ranch and hot sauce
- NEW! Swiss Congerall Fry** \$11  
Grilled Swiss cheese, onion, tomato, jalapeno, pulled pork, onion
- NEW! Grilling Pig** \$11  
Grilled pig with breaded tenderloin, pepper jack cheese, grilled onion & burger on a soft bun
- NEW! Bye Felicia** \$10  
Two slices of burger with pulled cheese & french fries for loaded top bun

### Salads

- Smokehouse Brisket Salad** \$10  
Beef smoked brisket on a bed of lettuce, beans, corn, onion, peppers, cheese, tomato and tortilla chips with our signature dressing
- Side Salad** \$3  
Lettuce, cheese, tomatoes
- Chef Salad** \$8  
Lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, boiled eggs, onion ring
- Crabby or Grilled Chicken Salad** \$9  
Crabby or grilled chicken, lettuce, cheese, tomato
- Whiskey Chicken Salad** \$10  
Bread chicken drizzled in our new whiskey glaze sauce, onion, cheese, tomato & onion
- NEW! Caribbean Salad** \$11  
Grilled shrimp or grilled chicken, beans, grilled pineapple, lettuce, onion & Avocado salsa cheese

### Sides

- Fries** \$1
- Coleslaw** \$1
- Baked Beans** \$1
- Potato Salad** \$1
- Onion Rings** \$1
- Corn On The Cob** \$1
- Macaroni & Cheese** \$1
- Stuck Fries** \$1.99
- Sweet Potato Fries** \$1.99
- Curly Fries** \$1.99
- Handmade Casserole** \$1

### Wraps

- Grilled or Crabby Chicken Back Wraps** \$6 or \$11  
Your choice of chicken wrapped in a tortilla shell, paired with lettuce, cheese and ranch or our Bang Bang sauce
- NEW! Queso & Chili** \$9  
Grilled chicken, shredded cheese, available spread, tomato, onion, lettuce, ranch or a special sauce
- NEW! Wrap it Before You Top It** \$10  
Choose your choice of chicken, pepper jack cheese, avocado and onion, French onion, tomato & lettuce or a Grilled Potato wrap
- NEW! Wrap It Only** \$10  
To see the menu for the NEW! Wraps visit our website

### Short Ones Menu

- Agave & Onion Wings** \$4
- I Don't Know** \$4  
2 Pk. Chicken \$1.50
- I Don't Care** \$4  
2 Pk. Chicken \$1.50
- Can Not Handle** \$4  
2 Pk. Chicken \$1.50
- I Don't Want That** \$4  
Killed Chicken Sandwich
- I Wanna Go Home** \$4  
Hot Wings
- You're Not The Boss of Me** \$10  
Onion Rings
- Can We Be In The Party?** \$4  
Grilled Chicken Sandwich
- I Don't Want Anything** \$10  
Rubbed & BBQ of Choice
- Whatever** \$10  
Yesterday's French fries from the dumpster

### Ribs, Brisket, etc.

- Pulled Pork** \$15.95 (10oz) \$20.95 (20oz)  
Our slow cooked, pulled pork
- Grilled Brisket** \$19  
Our tender, juicy brisket, seasoned and drizzled with our house made sauce & sides
- Hot Hot Ribs** \$11.95 (10oz) \$16.95 (20oz)  
Hot hot ribs with our house made sauce, pulled pork, onion, tomato, onion, jalapeno
- Curly Tail Baked Pork** \$11.95 (10oz) \$16.95 (20oz)  
Baked pork with cheese sauce, pulled pork, onion, tomato, onion, jalapeno
- Hot & Winesap, Side A Cowling** \$10  
Two large and two small sides of hot food, served with fries, cheese & onion ring
- Smoked Sausage** \$11  
Our slow cooked sausage with BBQ sauce & onion
- NEW! Mother Thank You** \$10  
Chips, sauce, jalapenos, onion rings, cheese, jalapeno, tomato & onion with hot house blue sauce. The price is \$1.99
- NEW! Any Sides You Want** \$11  
1 Pulled Pork, one of our sides, jalapeno, onion, and hot house
- NEW! Sausage Party** \$11  
Our slow cooked sausage, pulled pork, onion, tomato, onion, jalapeno, and hot house

### Beverages

- Coke, Sweet Tea or Lemonade** \$1
- Softie** \$1.99

NEW!  
Menu

The Curly Tail



618-662-2900

Tasty  
Delicious  
YUM!

# Training Opportunities, Seminars, & Grants



*Michelle Brooks  
SBDC*



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## HOW TO START A SMALL BUSINESS IN ILLINOIS

**JULY 18, 2024**

**FLORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
223 WEST RAILROAD ST.  
FLORA, IL 62839

**1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

Michelle Brooks  
presenting

Sign up at <https://ilsbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/39325>



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, 62858.  
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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



# 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.

## IMEC

### SAFE + SOUND



Safe + Sound is a year-round campaign to encourage every workplace to have a safety and health program

#### Safety & Health in Eastern Illinois

August 6, 2024 Olney Central College, 305 N West Street, Olney, Illinois

Registration here: <https://www.imec.org/event/safe-and-sound-safety-health-in-eastern-illinois-08624/>

**\$75 Per Seat Conference Includes  
Full Day Conference with Breakfast, Lunch and Networking**

<b>8:30am – 9:00am</b> <b>REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST, NETWORKING</b>	
<b>9:00am – 10:15am</b> <b>WELCOME &amp; OSHA UPDATE FOR SOUTHERN ILLINOIS</b> <i>Dustin Miller, OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist</i>	
<b>10:30am – 11:45am</b> <b>LEADING WITH SAFETY</b> <i>Jeremy Gaddy, Sherwin-Williams</i>	<b>10:30am – 11:45am</b> <b>MENTAL HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE</b> <i>Carrie Dagg, IL Eastern Community Colleges &amp; Wayne County Coroner</i>
<b>11:45am – 12:45pm</b> <b>LUNCH &amp; NETWORKING</b>	
<b>12:45pm – 2:00pm</b> <b>ERGONOMICS IN WAREHOUSING AND DISTRIBUTION – OSHA PERSPECTIVE</b> <i>Mark Knezovich, OSHA Industrial Hygienist</i>	
<b>2:15pm – 3:30pm</b> <b>ENERGY BASED HAZARD RECOGNITION</b> <i>Nick Martin &amp; Chad Tislow, Marathon Petroleum Co</i>	<b>2:15pm – 3:30pm</b> <b>TECHNOLOGY UPDATE</b> <i>Lauren Van De Mark, Flex-Line Automation Inc.</i>
<b>3:30pm – 4:00pm</b> <b>CLOSING REMARKS, EVALUATION, NETWORKING, TECHNOLOGY DEMO CONTINUED</b>	



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# Community Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
July 15	9:00-11:00 am	Clay Co. Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry	1101 Austin Ave, Flora
July 16	6:00 pm	Clay County Bicentennial Meeting	Clay County Courthouse
July 17	12:00-1:00 pm	Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser	Flora Rehab & Healthcare
July 18	1:00- 3:00 pm	How to Start a Small Business Class	Flora Depot - Train Room
July 19 th-25th		CLAY COUNTY FAIR	Clay County Fairgrounds
July 19th -21st		COUNTY LINE SOD BUSTERS - PRARIE DAYS	Bible Grove
July 19	10:00 am - 11:00 am	Mommy & Me Story Hour	Flora Public Library
July 20	7:30 am	Meet the Providers (Clay Co. Hospital)	Common Grounds Coffee
July 20	8:00 am -12:00 pm	Farmer's Market	Flora Public Library Park
July 20	9:00 am -1:00 pm	Clay County Cruisers Car Show	Clay County Fairgrounds
July 22	9:00-11:00 am	Clay Co. Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry	1101 Austin Ave, Flora
July 25	ALL DAY	Miracle Treat Day	Flora Dairy Queen
July 27	8:00 am -12:00 pm	Farmer's Market	Flora Public Library Park
July 27	8:00am	NASA Illinois Tri-State Summer Regional	The Gym
July 29	9:00-11:00 am	Clay Co. Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry	1101 Austin Ave, Flora
July 29	1:00 pm	Ribbon Cutting for Freedom Brokers	829 W North Ave
July 31	1:00pm-5:00pm	Blood Drive	Clay County Health Dept.



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

**Deadline for all July Newsletter submissions will be Monday June 24th!**



# Chamber Member - Help Wanted

Business	Description	Notes
Clay County Hospital	Full Time Nights CNA Medical Office Assistant (Flora Clinic) Environmental Services Sanitation Lead - 2nd Shift	apply at claycountyhospital.org/jobs
Hella	Machine Operator/Assembler Warehouse Worker	Apply in person
NextGen Wireless	Wireless Zone Consultant	Apply in person
Tractor Supply	Team Member	Apply in person
Midtown Packaged Liquors	Shelf Stocker	Apply in person
Leymone Hardcastle	Staff Accountant	Send resumes to P.O. Box 67, Flora, IL 62839
Blair's Processing	PT Skinning/Butchering Dept.	Apply in Person
Flora Bank & Trust	FT Bank Teller	Application available at bank, or send resume to: HR Officer, Flora Bank & Trust, 1478 N. Worthy St., Flora, IL 62839

For a complete list of Chamber Members that are hiring, please visit our website at [florachamber.com](http://florachamber.com)

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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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