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# CHAMBER NEWS



## Chamber Fall Events



### 5th Annual Amateur Doubles Disc Golf Tournament

The Flora Chamber of Commerce is excited to host their 5th Annual Amateur Doubles Disc Golf Tournament at the Flora Rotary Disc Golf Course in Charley Brown Memorial Park in Flora, IL. We would like to thank all the local businesses who are sponsoring the event as well as the Flora Rotary Club and the City of Flora for making a very nice course.

**Registration Information:** This will be a trophy only event with winners for all three divisions getting a 3d printed trophy. The players pack and other free event activities will be worth at least the cost of registration. Each registered player will receive a players pack. The disc will be from the Chuckin' Aces DGC stock and will be your choice between 5 different molds and 3 different stamps. The Chamber stamped drawstring bag will only be available to players who register more than 2 weeks in advance since we will need time to order and have them shipped.

Temp hole 6B (down the sledding hill) will be a separate \$50 CTP sponsored by Flora Bank & Trust. All baskets will be located at the short pin position so there should be 8 - 14 ace opportunities depending on your throwing distance. Ace on temp hole 6B and win both pots! If no aces are hit then a 50/50 CTP contest will be held after winners are announced.

Choose your division for registration using the following standards for the BEST PLAYER on your team.

There must be at least 3 teams in any division to qualify for a trophy. Registrations will be on the honor system and will not be checked:

**NOVICE** - PDGA rating of under 850 with at least 1 rated round in the last year or no PDGA number having played disc golf regularly for less than 2 years. The NOVICE group will play the White tee pads.

**ADVANCED** - PDGA rating of 850 or greater with at least 1 rated round in the last year or no PDGA number having played disc golf regularly for more than 2 years. The ADVANCED group will play the Blue tee pads.

**MIXED** - The mixed division must consist of two players of different genders. There are no PDGA rating or disc golf experience limits. The MIXED group will play a mixture of White and Blue.

### Tournament Info:

42 holes played - 2 rounds of 21 - - Standard scramble "best disc" rules.

Discs surrounded by water, on or across roads, and on top of buildings will be OB. Exact rules will be available in the caddy guide that will be emailed the week of the event.

### Extra Items On-Site:

Food will be available on-site and an optional meal (pork burger, chips, and drink) will be provided free with player registration. Non-players can have the same lunch for just \$5. Online registrants can choose whether or not they would like the meal.

FREE Disc Golf Clinic will be held after lunch for anyone interested in learning about the sport. The basics of throwing and putting will be covered. Practice baskets and discs will be available to use.

**Player Pack Contents (\$40 value): 1- Disc from Chuckin' Aces DGC stock -- 1- Custom stamped mini -- 1- Drawstring bag -- 1- Pork burger, chips, and drink -- Plus automatic entry into the Ace Pot, Cash CTP, and Long Putt prizes.**



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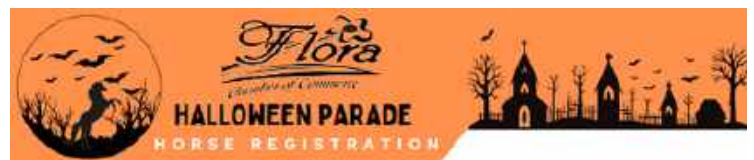
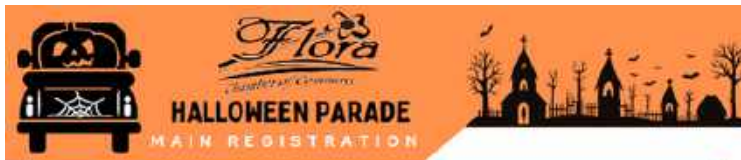


# HALLOWEEN PARADE

Applications are open for the spooktacular Flora Chamber of Commerce Halloween Parade! Forms can be found online at: [www.florachamber.com](http://www.florachamber.com), on our Facebook page, or can be picked up at the Chamber office inside the Flora Depot!

Get ready to haunt downtown Flora on Oct. 26th, 2024 at 7 PM!  
\*\*\* Rain Date: October 27th, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Bring your creativity to life and pick your own theme! Whether you're part of a marching band, creating a spooky float, or donning your most creative costume, there's a place for everyone in our Halloween parade!



**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Contact Person for your Parade Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
CELL Number of Contact Person for your Parade Unit \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY INFORMATION**

Type of Entry:  Float/Trailer  Individual vehicle(s)  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(If not listed below in the category section)

Will your entry have:  Music  Sound Effects  Live Animals - Please refer to the back side of this form for the "Release, Indemnification, and waiver of Liability" form.

**FREE** Entry Category:  Band  Queen  Marching Masqueraders  
 Church  Non-Business  Organizations/Civic  
 Tractors  Classic/Antique Cars  Sixs, Motorcycle, ATV

**\*\$10 fee will be charged if not registered by the deadline!**

**PAID** Entry Category:  Political Unit - \$50  Business Unit (Under 50 Employees) - \$25\*  
 Industry Truck (\$0 or more employees) - \$25\*

**\*FREE if member of the Flora Chamber of Commerce**

**PARADE INFORMATION**

You must have a **Registration Number Card** in order to be judged in the parade, and have a place in the lineup. You will be placed in line per the staging director instructions based on arrival to area and whether there is music in your entry.

You must register no later than 4 pm on Friday, October 20th at the Flora Chamber of Commerce office at 223 W. Railroad St. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Staging area will be given the day you register - parade numbers will be given the day of the parade when you check in. Location of Staging Area based on type of entry, not type of category.

Please be respectful of your staging area, and leave it in the same condition it was in when you arrived, including picking up any decorations, candy, trash, or anything left by any participating animals. Please do not leave cars parked in staging areas.

For public safety, you also agree to not throw candy or any items from any vehicle or float. If caught throwing anything from the vehicles, you understand that you can be disqualified from judging. You also agree that the driver of the vehicle will stay in the vehicle during parade route.

**THE FLORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OR THE CITY OF FLORA ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS OR INJURIES INCURRED BY PARADE PARTICIPANTS, TO SELF OR EQUIPMENT.**

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(must be signed by a parent or guardian if participant is under the age of 18)

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:** Parade card# \_\_\_\_\_ Staging area \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_  
Horse Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ CELL Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Contact Person for your Parade Unit \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY INFORMATION**

Will your entry have:  Music  Sound Effects

Entry Category:  Mule & Rider  Horse & Rider  Youth Rider (17 and under)

**PARADE INFORMATION**

Deadline to register for parade will be no later than Friday, October 25th at 4pm.

Registration can be done at Flora Chamber of Commerce office at 223 W. Railroad St. (in The Flora Depot building) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**\*\*Horse and riders will need to be at Priceless 10A no later than 6pm, ready to LEAVE with the police escort at 6:15. If you miss the escort you cannot ride in the parade. This is for you and your horse's safety. You will be escorted as a group down to the old GGI (now Ed Lewis) grass area.\*\***

Horses will be judged as a horse entry in the parade. You will receive your parade number at the old GGI staging area from your staging volunteer as they check you in.

Please be respectful of your staging area, and leave it in the same condition it was in when you arrived, including picking up any decorations, candy, trash, or anything left by any participating animals.

You also agree to not throw candy or any items from any animal, vehicle or float.

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Parent or Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(must be signed by a parent or guardian if participant is under the age of 18)

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:** Parade card# \_\_\_\_\_





**OCTOBER 2024!!**



**Scarecrow Contest**  
Start picking out your theme!

Registration will open Oct. 1st! Have your displays up by Oct. 16th.

Judging will be Oct. 17-24th.

Winner's will be announced Oct. 25th!

Winner's will receive a Chamber Scarecrow Contest Winner yard sign to be placed in their yard/business from Oct. 28th- Nov. 1st - just in time to show off for Flora's Tick or Treat night!



Freedom Brokers, based in Marion Illinois, has opened a new location in Flora, at 829 W. North Ave.

On Monday July 29th, the Chamber performed a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, welcoming the new business to Flora. The Independent Agents managing the new branch are Greg & Barb Schafer.

Both are no strangers to Flora, having worked for 20+ years for the US Postal Service, coaching school games, driving the school bus, and mowing in Flora and the surrounding area.  
Back in June, Barb joined the Chamber as a new Director.

*Welcome*  
*August New*  
*Member*



1511 E Main St Salem, IL 62881  
Mon-Thur 10-5, Fri 8-4  
618-548-5768  
[www.securityalarm.com](http://www.securityalarm.com)



Security Alarm, located in Salem, is the the largest security company in Southern Illinois. Family owned, this business started more than 40 years ago, and is still going strong!

Security Alarm provides security installation at your home, farm, business, or any other building.

Fire alarm, access control, video surveillance, burglar alarm, home automation; the list goes on and on. If its security system related, chances are they can take care of you.

Call them today at 618-548-5768 and ask Security Alarm how they can help you with all your security needs!!

## IMPORTANT CHAMBER MEMBER INFO



### NEXT BOARD MEETING

September 10th, 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



# TOURISM NEWS



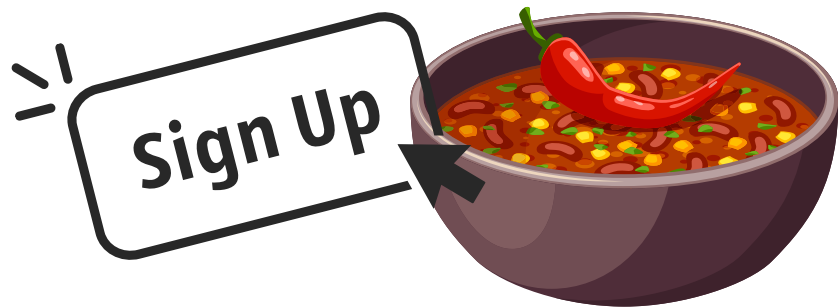
Message Us for Details & Register Today!! Limited Spots!

## Chili COOK OFF

@FLORA TOURISM FORD TOWN FUN FEST!

Sat., Sept 21st  
12pm - 5pm

- CONTESTANTS BRING INGREDIENTS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND COOK ON SITE (PROPANE FUELED BURNERS ONLY)
- FESTIVAL GOERS WILL SAMPLE YOUR CHILI AND VOTE FOR THEIR FAVORITE! (SAMPLE CUPS & SPOONS WILL BE PROVIDED)
- WINNERS WILL SCORE THE TRAVELING TROPHY AND HAVE THEIR NAMES ON NEXT YEAR'S FESTIVAL TEES AS CHAMPIONS!



If you or your business or organization would like to join our chili cook-off we'd love to have you! Please note: This is not a "bring your crock pot" type of chili contest. It is a cook off which means large amounts of chili are made on site for all the festival goers to sample!! For more details please message us on our Facebook Page - "Visit Flora, IL- Flora Tourism"!

Join us as we commemorate Ford Town USA an event that put FLORA on the map!

In September 1960, hundreds of cars were brought to town by the Ford Motor Company to promote the brand to America. Every citizen with a valid driver's license (and one that wasn't) was given a brand new car to drive for one week. The event made national headlines, and has never been repeated.




FLORA TOURISM PRESENTS...

## 2024 FORD TOWN FUN FEST

FLORA, IL

SEPTEMBER 20-21

### EVENT LINEUP

Friday, Sept. 20th	Saturday, Sept. 21st
<p><b>5:00pm</b> Clay County Cruisers Car Cruise In Begins</p> <p><b>5:00pm</b> Family Night Hot Dog Cookout (Grilled Hot dog, chips, drink - \$5)</p> <p><b>8:00pm</b> Cruise In Ends &amp; FREE Family Movie Night in the Park Begins!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Popcorn and Crystal Luttrell cookies also for sale!</li> <li>• Bring blankets, lawnchairs and get comfy!</li> </ul>	<p><b>9:00am</b> • Clay County Cruisers Car Show • DJ Music • Craft Vendors &amp; Food Trucks Open</p> <p><b>12:00pm</b> • Craftbrew/Wine Fest Opens • Chili Cookoff Sampling Begins</p> <p><b>1:00pm</b> • Live Music by "The Benefits" • Extreme Inflatables/Rock Wall &amp; Zip Line Opens - \$30 unlimited access, all ages!</p> <p><b>3:00pm</b> • Car Show Awards • Craft Beer Judging Begins</p>
	<p><b>4:00PM</b> • Craftbrew Winner Announced • Chili Sampling Ends • Live Music by "Just for Spite"</p> <p><b>4:30pm</b> • Chili Winner Announced</p> <p><b>7:00pm</b> • Live Music by "American Pie"</p> <p><b>7:00pm</b> • Extreme Activities Conclude</p>





# Fur a Good Paws • • •



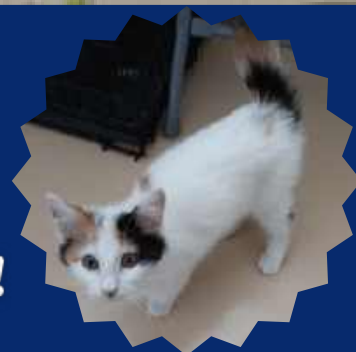
## Meet Grace

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 Katie!

Katie is an 8-10 week old calico kitten. She is very sweet and friendly and will be ready for adoption soon she will be up to date on shots spayed and microchipped before adoption



## Meet Rainn

Rainn is a male shepard terrier mix and is 2 yrs old. He is in excellent health and is completely up to date on shots. Rainn has a wonderful personality and is good with other pets , kids, and people !



## Meet Bingo

This handsome pup is 7 months old and needs a home where he can run. He is outside right now but smart and trainable. Owner says he's a mix of bulldog and retriever. He gets along with other animals but does think it's funny to chase cats.



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



**We Need a New Home!**

To adopt or inquire,  
please contact:

# Member News



Flora Rotary will be hosting its 10th annual Shadows of Elmwood Cemetery Tour on Friday, September 13th and Saturday, September 14th. This year, Rotary is featuring "The Best Of" presenting favorite skits from the past 9 years the tour has been performed. The skits were chosen by votes at last year's event and through Facebook.

Come to the historic Flora Depot in Flora, to purchase your ticket and take a hayride through Elmwood Cemetery to see skits about local Flora residents and the events in their lives. This is a historical look at the founding of Flora and the people that made it what it is, including laughs, tears, and a few scandals along the way.

Ticket sales will start just before 5 pm with the first wagon leaving at 5 each night. Tickets are sold until 9 pm and the wagons will go until the last patron has gone through. Tickets are \$8 each unless you purchase a Benefactor Ticket at \$25 and go to the front of the line to get on the next available wagon.

We will have ride assist tickets for those unable to ride on the hay wagons. If you are physically unable to ride the wagon, we will have spots available on golf carts that will follow the wagon through the cemetery. Ticket prices are \$8 each and reserved for those who are in need and on a first come first served basis.

While you wait at the Depot there will be additional skits to keep you entertained and there will be concessions available.



Flora Rotary Club

Friday + Saturday  
September 13 + 14  
5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

SHADOWS OF ELMWOOD



# WNOI



## WNOI Mix-FM ALL SPORTS PACKAGE

WNOI Mix-FM is the voice of HIGH SCHOOL sports & we're excited to offer you an affordable 12-month sports plan for 2024-25! It includes ALL Flora High School BOYS Football & Basketball games & GIRLS Home Basketball games broadcasted on 103.9

MIX-FM, wnoi.com,

the WNOI App & Wabash Channel 540!

PLUS...ANY POST-SEASON F-BALL/B-BALL GAMES at NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE!

As a FHS ALL SPORTS SPONSOR, you'll receive the following...

2+ -:30 Commercials in each broadcast!

PLUS numerous promotional announcements for every event!

**PLUS 30 - :30 Commercials to air each month!**

(On your choice of MIX-FM 103.9 &/or CLAY COUNTY COUNTRY 99.3)

.....12 MONTHS = \$255.00 per month.....

\*\*\*Your Facebook Posts will be shared on our Facebook Pages REACHING 1000's EVERYDAY as a **FREE ADDED BONUS!**

Accepted for business

Accepted for station

Name of business

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.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING FHS SPORTS ON WNOI!**

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



## ENTER TO WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD! HOW FAR WILL YOU TRAVEL IN A WNOI MIXFM T-SHIRT THIS SUMMER?

Send us a photo wearing our WNOI 103.9 MixFM T-Shirt during your adventures this summer to enter to

win a \$50 gift card to your choice of any shirt sponsor!

Send photo to [info@wnoi.com](mailto:info@wnoi.com) or tag WNOI/CCC on your Facebook picture post **before September 30-2024!**

**THE PHOTO TAKEN FARTHEST FROM WNOI STUDIOS IN FLORA WINS!**

*\*Winner will be announced on October 2, 2024!*

**\*Look for your WNOI 103.9 MixFM T-Shirt at area fairs & festivals this summer & then remember to pack it!**



## ENTER TO WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD FOR YOUR CREATIVE USE OF OUR CLAY COUNTY COUNTRY 4FT YARD STICK!

### How do you use your 4ft yard stick?

Hang artwork? Measure snow? As a kid's wall growth chart  
Sewing a quilt? Stake a tomato plant?

Send a photo of how you use your CCC 4ft Yard Stick to enter to win a \$50 gift card to your choice of stick sponsor to [info@wnoi.com](mailto:info@wnoi.com) or tag WNOI/CCC on your Facebook photo post **before September 30-2024!**

*\*Winner will be drawn at random on October 2, 2024.*

**Look for your Clay County Country 4ft Yard Stick at area fairs & festivals this summer & show us your most creative use!**



## 2024 FALL FESTIVALS

- Cisne Reunion August 7-11
- Xenia Fireman's Fish Fry August 24
- Geff Frontier Day August 24
- Clay City Fall Festival September 13-14
- Fairfield Fun Fest-September 18-21
- Flora Ford Town Fun Fest Sept 20-21
- Appleknocker September 28
- Mt. Erie Fall Festival October 4-5
- Louisville Fall Harvest Fest Oct 25-26

We'll also air promotional announcements throughout each week, mentioning our sponsors.

As one of our sponsors

**Your business receives**

12x-:30 sec. commercials on Mix-FM 103.9

12x-:30 sec. commercials on Clay County Country 99.3 during the week of the event!

**\$168 PER FESTIVAL! BUY 3 FESTIVALS & GET 1 FREE!!!**

**BUY 8 FESTIVALS FOR \$1,008!!!**

Your Signature

Today's Date

Business Name

Accepted for WNOI

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## Clay County Health Dept.



### CLAY COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SHARPS DISPOSAL

Residential Sharps Drop-Box Located at:  
Clay County Health Department  
601 E. 12th St, Flora, IL 62839

Available: Monday through Friday 8am - 5pm

In addition to hosting a sharps drop-box, the Clay County Health Department is also offering free quart-sized sharps collection containers. Interested Clay County residents may stop by the Health Department to pick up a free container. Once full, sealed containers may be returned and disposed of in the drop-box.



#### SHARPS DISPOSAL GUIDELINES:

- Acceptable sharps include:
  - Needles
  - Syringes
  - Lancets
- Non-medical sharps, such as razors or knives, will not be accepted.
- LOOSE SHARPS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** All sharps must be in a hard, sealed container for disposal.

Have any questions about sharps or proper waste disposal? Please call (618) 662-4406 and ask for Environmental Health.

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# Thank you Cat Osterholtz!!!



## Wags and Wash Pet Grooming

421 W North Ave. Flora IL 62839

Call- Text or PM for Appointment

618-662-3837



The microchip pet scanner is now available 24/7 at Wags and Wash - 421 W North Ave. There are directions on how to use it and if a number is found what website to go to. This is a free community service to help get lost pets home faster, to help the shelter and to anyone who would like to check their pets microchip and number information.

*~Cat, your local certified pet groomer*



# ● ● ● Clay County Health Dept.

Would you,  
Could you,  
Come to play?  
Please come join us,  
This special day!



**Trick or Treat Street  
Seuss-ibration**

Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Charley Brown Park  
REA Building  
Flora, IL  
3:30-6:00 p.m.

**FREE,  
FUN,  
FAMILY EVENT!**

*Clay County  
Health Department*

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

# EXPLORE -A- TRUCK



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

SEE • TOUCH • EXPLORE • HONK

**OCT  
15TH  
TUESDAY**

**FREE FOR ALL AGES  
4PM-6PM**

EMERGENCY VEHICLES  
CONSTRUCTION TRUCKS AND MORE

CHRIST'S CHURCH, 200 N OLIVE RD, FLORA, IL

TO RESERVE A SPOT OR IF YOU HAVE  
QUESTIONS, CALL APRIL AT 618-662-4406

# Tot Time

**Open to the Public  
(ages 0-3)**

Join us as we celebrate  
**Grandparents' Day!**

Parents, grandparents,  
caregivers...All are  
welcome!

We have toys, crafts, and  
fun!




**Monday, September 30th, 2024**  
10 a.m. - 11 p.m.  
**Faith Lutheran Church**  
600 W 12<sup>th</sup> St.  
Flora, IL 62839

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



# Member News



September 16<sup>th</sup>  
and  
September 23<sup>rd</sup>  
9a.m.-3p.m.

**ADULT  
DENTAL  
CLINICS**

*Clay County Health Department*

To qualify, you **MUST BE:**  
Resident of Clay County or receive WIC services through Clay County Health Department  
Age 20 or over  
Medicaid or Uninsured  
Income Eligible  
Have not had a dental exam in the past year




*Services Offered:*  
Fluoride Treatments  
Dental Cleanings  
SDF Treatment

*Call to schedule your appointment today!*  
Paperwork will need to be completed prior to your visit by phone or in person.  
Clay County Health Department: (618) 662-4406  
Ask for April

*Brought to you by:*

Clay County Health Department

This service is paid in full or in part by IDPH and IPHCA funding.

**FALL OPEN HOUSE**  
at **The Country Lamb**  
4178 N State Rd., Flora, IL 62839  
**Sept 13-15 and Sept 19-22**  
two weekends 10-5, Sun. 1-5  
in the Big Red Farmhouse



*Enjoy fall in the country. Fall signs, painted pumpkin art, linens, florals, gourmet foods, coffees, and more. Refreshments served, register for door prizes.*

(618)662-5412 Like us on facebook  
[www.thecountrylamb.com](http://www.thecountrylamb.com)



**Fundraiser for  
CATS**

**Clip and Tip Strays**  
Wednesday  
September 4th  
3:00pm- 7:00pm  
at Wags and Wash!

Nail clipping \$10-\$12  
Ear cleaning \$5  
Paw pad trim \$5

**Bake Sale and Feline  
Adoption Event  
By Clay Co. Shelter**



**Two Glitzy Girlz Formal  
Dress Consignment Sale!**

101 W North Ave Flora, IL 62839

September 3rd-6th 10am-5pm  
September 7th 10am-4pm

Dress Drop off  
August 27th-30th 10am-5pm  
August 31st 10am-4pm

Consignment Prices  
\$5 per dress or \$25 for 5 or more  
\$2 per shoe  
Jewelry Free to consign.



# Flora Bank & Trust

Flora Bank & Trust

## Is your business required to file a BOI report?

On January 1, 2024, the Corporate Transparency Act went into effect requiring many small businesses to file a Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) report with FinCEN.



### What is BOI or Beneficial Ownership Information?

A beneficial owner is the individuals who ultimately own or control a business. The Corporate Transparency Act is intended to provide law enforcement with BOI for the purpose of detecting, preventing and punishing terrorism, money laundering and other misconduct transacted through business entities.

### What is my deadline to file a report?

If your business is a "reporting company", the report must be filed with FinCEN by January 1, 2025. If you fail to report a qualifying business, The Corporate Transparency Act includes penalties for non-compliance.

Filing is free and can be done online at: <https://fincen.gov/boi>

### Is MY business required to report?

Flora Bank & Trust is partnering with Wolters Kluwer to offer BizFiling BOI solutions. Scan the QR code or visit the website listed below for access to their free quiz to help you determine your reporting status. If you need help filing, you can use the paid BizFiling solution for an optimized, mobile-friendly experience with access to BOI expert help.



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## **State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Technical Assistance (TA) Grant Program - Loan TA Program – application deadline September 3**

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Office of Minority Economic Empowerment (OMEE) is excited to announce the launch of the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Technical Assistance (TA) Loan TA Program. We are seeking proposals from qualified technical assistance providers to support businesses owned by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals (SEDI) and very small businesses (VSBs) participating in or seeking assistance from SSBCI-funded programs.

This initiative aims to provide statewide support to eligible beneficiaries of the SSBCI Technical Assistance (TA) Grant Program. The Loan TA Program will assist small businesses in applying for SSBCI funding and other government small business programs. We prioritize services that promote equitable economic opportunities by enhancing businesses' awareness, readiness, and capability to acquire capital, foster entrepreneurial growth, and improve financial and business management skills.

Eligible Applicants include:

- Legal, Accounting, or Financial advisory Non-Profit or For-Profit entities.
- Collaborative application submissions from eligible entities may include business support organizations, economic development organizations, for-profit or non-profit professional entities, or community development financial institutions. Applicants are strongly encouraged to partner with other federally funded technical assistance providers, such as the Illinois Small Business Development Centers, funded in part by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), for the provision of a portion of resources to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided.

Potential applicants must be able to administer the three (3) TA services – legal, accounting, and financial advisory services, and any wraparound services – to eligible beneficiaries, either directly or through a coalition of contractual partners.

Award Information

- DCEO intends to award six (6) grants eligible applicants within defined geographic regions across the state.
- Each award is intended for one of the six specified service regions detailed on pages 4 – 5 of the NOFO.

Applicants may apply for multiple service regions but must submit separate applications for each. Total amount of funding expected to be awarded through this NOFO is \$4,200,000. Awards will range up to \$700,000.

Application and Submission Information

Applications, along with supporting documentation, must be submitted by completing the SSBCI Technical Assistance Grant Program Submission Form by Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

**If you are interested in this grant, and need help finding the form, please contact the Chamber office and we will forward you the link to the online form.**



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# Community Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
September 1	1:00 pm	Gym Bob's Jamboree	Gym Bob's - Bible Grove
September 1	6:00 pm	Night of Praise	New Beginnings Church
September 2	6:30 pm	Village of Iola Monthly Mtng.	Iola Village Hall
September 2	7:00 pm	Village of Sailor Springs Monthly Mtng.	SS Village Office
September 3	9:00 am-11:00 am	Clay Co. Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry	1101 Austin Ave, Flora
September 4	9:00am-4:00pm	Lifeline Health Screening	Flora Depot
September 4	3:00-7:00 pm	C.A.T.S. Fundraiser	Wags & Wash - Flora
September 4	7:00 pm	Bible Grove Twsp. Monthly Mtng.	Township Building
September 5	6:00 pm	Village of Louisville Monthly Mtng.	Louisville Twsp. Bldg.
September 6	7:00-8:30 pm	Grief Share Group	Louisville 1st Baptist Church
September 7	8:00 am -12:00 pm	Farmers Market	Flora Public Library
September 8	9:00 am-2:00 pm	Benefit Cookout (Legion Riders)	Flora Walmart
September 8	12:00 - 3:00 pm	Every Quilt Tells a Story	Clay Co. Courthouse
September 9	10:00-11:00 am	Tot Time	Flora 1st Lutheran Church
September 10	6:00 pm	Clay Co. Board Monthly Mtng.	Clay Co. Courthouse
September 12	10:00 am	Alzheimer's Caregiver Meeting	Clay Co. Health Dept.
September 13		Blood Drive	Ingraham Com. Bldg.
September 14	8:00 am -12:00 pm	Farmers Market	Flora Public Library
September 15	10:30 am	Fortress Concert	Mills Park (Clay City)
September 16	9:00 am-11:00 am	Clay Co. Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry	1101 Austin Ave, Flora
September 16	9:00 - 3:00 pm	Adult Dental Clinic	Clay Co. Health Dept.
September 17		All American Circus	Clay Co. Fairgrounds
September 17	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Seasoned Circle	Clay County Hospital
September 18	6:00-7:00 pm	Diabetic Support Group	Clay County Hospital
September 20	5:00 pm	Ford Town FUNFEST	Downtown Flora
September 20	6:00 pm	FHS All 70's Class Reunion	Flora Moose Lodge
September 21	9:00 am	Ford Town USA	Downtown Flora
September 21	5:00 pm	FHS All 70's Class Reunion & Memorial	Flora Moose Lodge
September 21	8:00 am -12:00 pm	Farmers Market	Flora Public Library
September 23	9:00-11:00 am	Clay Co. Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry	1101 Austin Ave, Flora
September 23	9:00 - 3:00 pm	Adult Dental Clinic	Clay Co. Health Dept
September 27	1:00pm-5:00 pm	Blood Drive	Clay Co. Health Dept
September 28	8:00 am -12:00 pm	Farmers Market	Flora Public Library
September 28	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Farmers Market	Tractor Supply
September 29	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Chicken Dinner Fundraiser	Clay County Hospital
September 30	9:00-11:00 am	Clay Co. Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry	1101 Austin Ave, Flora

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 October Newsletter submissions will be Monday Sept. 23rd!**



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Clay County Health Dept.	Full Time Solution Strategist	apply online at <a href="http://www.healthdept.org">www.healthdept.org</a>
AKRA Builders (T-Town)	Building Construction Supervisor	apply with resume & app at <a href="http://www.akrabuilders.com">www.akrabuilders.com</a>
U of I Extension (Effingham Office)	Office Support Assistant	apply online at <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/osaeffingham2">https://go.illinois.edu/osaeffingham2</a>

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