

CHAMBER

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NOVEMBER | 2025



NEXT CHAMBER BOARD MEETING

November 18th, 2025 in the Depot
Train Room

*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



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and stay informed!



Flora Chamber OF COMMERCE

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CHAMBER SCARECROW CONTEST



Scarecrow Contest

Congrats winners!!



We have our winners!

Congratulations to:
Mix-FM WNOI 103.9 Peoples Choice & Rosewood Estates as
Mayor Spicer's Choice

Thank you to all of our participants for this years Chamber Scarecrow Contest! We look forward to seeing all the amazing entries again in 2026!



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WE ARE LOOKING FOR PART-TIME EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What is a Chamber of Commerce?



The definition of the Chamber of Commerce can be described as a non-profit organization that leads the business community's efforts to support and enhance the local community. They promote local businesses & organizations and sponsor their own community events to give back to the community, support local efforts, and raise funds to support the day-to-day operations of the Chamber itself.

Pay: \$15 an hour

Hours: 24 Hours a week w/ occasional weekends depending on upcoming events. Hours are flexible.

Submit your resume via email to: florachamberofcommerce@gmail.com

Key Responsibilities

- Day-to-day operation of the Chamber (calls, email, newsletter, social media graphics, etc.)
- Maintain a great relationship with current members and recruit new members to join the Chamber
- Process membership applications, renewals and payments
- Help members promote events, sales, and milestones
- Plan, coordinate, and execute Chamber events (banquets, ribbon cuttings, workshops, etc.)



Member News

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Say Hello to Rachel Hernandez

Rachel is the Robinson Branch Manager and has been with the Bank for 12 years. She has been a Teller and Personal Banker, and enjoys her role as Branch Manager. Rachel enjoys helping her customers resolve any problems they may be having, and hopefully make their day a little brighter. She enjoys her role as Branch Manager and feels blessed with wonderful coworkers.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

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- GIVEAWAYS
- LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

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Join CEFS CENTRAL ILLINOIS PUBLIC TRANSIT as we celebrate:

NATIONAL RURAL MOBILITY WEEK!

What is Mobility Week?

Mobility Week is a statewide (or national!) celebration of all things mobility—from walking and biking to transit, volunteer transportation, shared rides, and beyond. November 2-8, 2025.

Each participating state or region hosts events and promotions to:

- Raise awareness of mobility options
- Educate the public about accessible transportation
- Build partnerships and community support
- Promote equity, sustainability, and healthy lifestyles

Source: <https://associationofmobilitymanagers.com/mobility-week/>

**On Friday November 7th ALL in county
rides will be FREE of charge!**




Watch our **FACEBOOK** page for
Special Events, Announcements & Giveaway.



Need a ride?
Call our Dispatch office
@1-855-755-2478

Member News



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HIT A DEER

During October, November and December anyone who hits a deer and has their car repaired at Probst Auto Body will receive a **\$10 gift certificate** to Blair's Slaughtering & Processing in Louisville.


At the end of those 3 months, 1 winner will be drawn for a Grand Prize of a **\$500 gift certificate** to Blair's Slaughtering & Processing.

WIN A COW

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Probst Auto Body, Inc. has partnered with Blair's Slaughtering & Processing, Inc in Louisville to bring their "Hit a Deer, Win a Cow" promo to Clay County!

Hitting a deer is pretty inconvenient, costly, and stressful, but Probst Auto Body will walk you through the process and get you and your car back on the road in no time!



Magical Moments

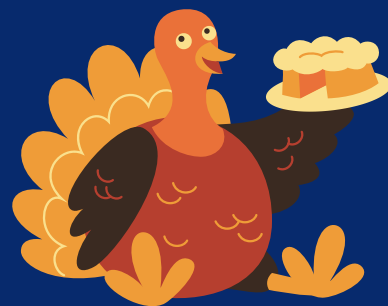
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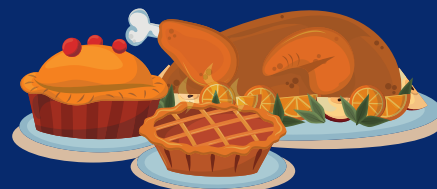
*Venue Planning,
Decorating And Catering!*

*For More Information
Contact Mary Or Madge*

Phone: 618-339-2008 or 618-508-3799
Email: magicalmoments012@gmail.com



Whether it's a large work party, small office party, Friendsgiving, family holiday parties... you name it, Magical Moments has you covered!!





Flora First Church of God
1121 Rider Street, Flora

Friendship Connection

The mission of the Friendship Connection program of Clay County is to connect people to programs that build self-esteem, self-worth, and self-image. Currently, FC offers the following programs: Employment Readiness (Bridge Classes), Celebrate Recovers, literacy, life coaching, a High School Diploma, Emotional Intelligence, and Family Reunification. Through Friendship Connection, you will find people willing to become your friends for life! In addition we connect individuals with resources within the community.



Call us for more info
618-662-4177

Current Schedule and Programs Being Offered

Illinois High School Diploma (GED Test)

The GED's four exams are designed to measure high school-level skills and knowledge.

Offered: Tuesday 9:00am - 12:00pm
5:00pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday 9:00am - 12:00pm
5:00pm - 8:00 pm

English As A Second Language

The curriculum we provide, online resources, and in-class materials are standards-aligned with the Illinois Community College Board to further support the learners' opportunities for College and Career Readiness.

Offered: Wednesdays & Friday - 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Narcotics Anonymous

NA is a program of complete abstinence for recovering and active drug users. Members attend weekly (anonymous) meetings to help one another maintain sobriety.

Offered: Wednesday - 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain, or addiction of any kind. Celebrate recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our life.

Offered: Thursdays 6:00-6:30pm (Meal)
6:30-7:30pm Large Group (Worship)
7:30 - 8:45pm Men and Women Small Group
7:30-8:30pm Step Study

TeleLab

FCCC offers TeleLab services at our location. This includes but not limited to the following:

- probation appointments
- counseling appointments
- medical appointments
- school appointments

Crochet Club

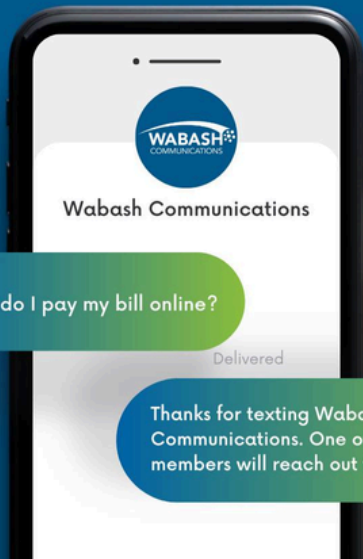
Come and learn how to crochet a baby blanket. These blankets are given free of charge to newborns within our community.

Offered: Fridays 8:30-10:00am

This is just a short list of programs offered, for more information, please contact Pastor Mike Davis.

Member News

TEXT US!
(618) 665 - 3311



Did you know that if you have a question or need an answer quickly about your account, you can text us from our website or by texting (618) 665-3311? This chat option is available Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. After hour and holiday messages will be responded to on the next business day.



Food Drive

The Flora Public Library in cooperation with the Clay County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry will once again be sponsoring the "Food for Thought" food drive this year.

Non-perishable food items may be dropped off at the library during regular operating hours.

 **November 1st-December 20th**

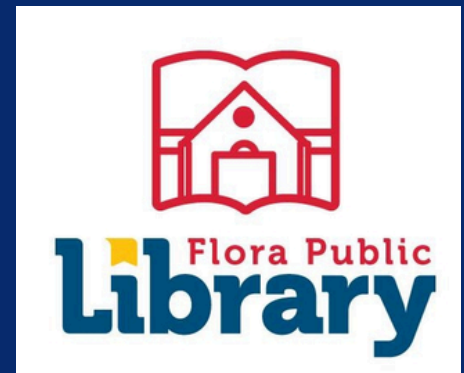
 **Monday - Thursday 1 pm to 8 pm**

Friday 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday 10 am to 3 pm

For more information please call the library at 662-6553.

Donated items will help the local Food Pantry serve those in need during the holiday season. The Food Pantry has been serving around 600 families per month so your donation will make a difference. Please help us make the holidays an even happier time for those in need by providing Food for Thought.



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Member News

* SAVE THE DATE *

JOIN US FOR
Christmas
OPEN HOUSE

NOVEMBER 7TH + 8TH
STORE HOURS

FRIDAY
9AM-8PM
EXTENDED HOURS FRIDAY

SATURDAY
9AM-2PM

MORE INFORMATION
COMING SOON!

The Mustard Seed
Home Decor • Florals • Events

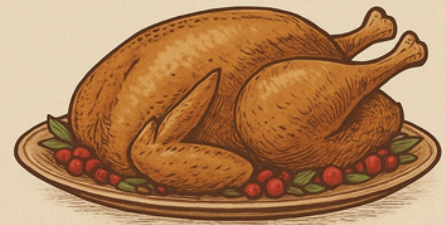
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FLORA FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

TURKEY DINNER

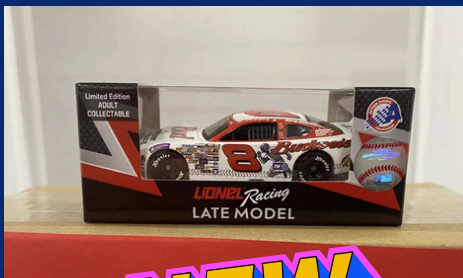
NOVEMBER 15

11 AM - 1 PM



TICKETS \$15

Tickets can be purchased at the church
office or from any church member



NEW ARRIVALS

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behind the Jack Flash truck stop

Member News



We want to assure everyone that WIC remains open and operational in Illinois, and there are no planned program changes going into November. WIC families should continue to attend appointments and use their WIC benefits. We will post any changes here. Please feel free to call us at 618-662-4406 should you have any questions.



Is it your turn to host Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner this year, but just don't have the room to fit everyone? The Flora Depot has you covered! Our upstairs community room offers enough tables and chairs to comfortably seat 125 people! Have some elderly relatives - don't worry! To get to our 2nd floor, we have a convenient elevator to use - and handicap accessible bathrooms!

Call the Chamber office at 618-662-5646 to inquire about date availability and pricing!

Member News

SHARE A
SLICE OF LIFE.

Give blood.



3rd Annual Giving Thanks Blood Drive

Oil Belt Christian Service Camp

Gym/Lobby
555 Park Rd.
Flora, IL 62839

**Tuesday, November 25, 2025
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.



Give blood Nov. 17-Dec. 7 for an exclusive pair of Red Cross x PAC-MAN socks, while supplies last!

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HOPE begins with you.

Flora High School Blood Drive

Sponsored by the Flora HS Student Council

GYM
600 South Locust
Flora, IL 62839

**Friday, November 14, 2025
8:30 a.m. to 2:00 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.

By donating at this blood drive, you are helping one or more graduating seniors earn a scholarship!

Come to give blood Oct. 20-Nov. 16 for a \$10 e-gift card
+ chance at \$5K prize! redblood.org/harvest

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Flora Chamber of Commerce - Flora Oddfellows Blood Drive

Sponsored by Flora OddFellows Lodge #151

Meeting Room
231 E North Ave
Flora, IL 62839

**Wednesday, November 26, 2025
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.

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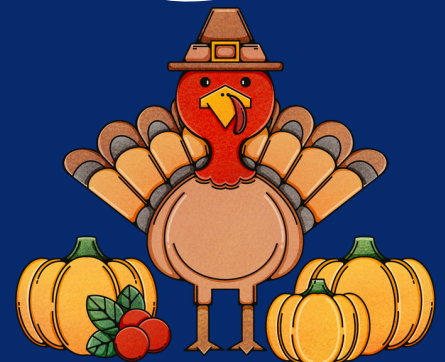


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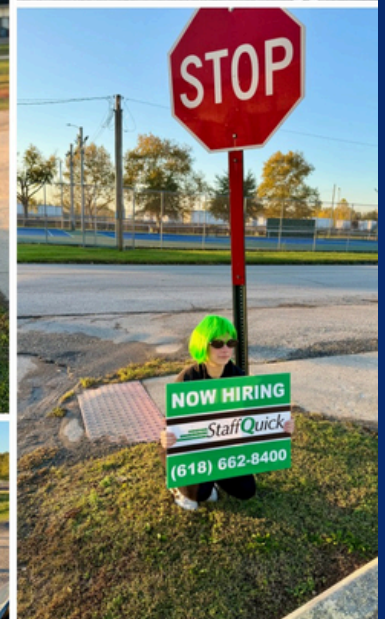
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Member News



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IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH; IT IS THE BEST MEDIUM FOR
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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,
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