

HELLO *June*

a new month means new
opportunities and new
beginnings



CHAMBER

chat

JUNE | 2026



NEXT CHAMBER BOARD MEETING

June 16th, 2026 in the Depot
Train Room @ 12:00PM

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



**Flora
Chamber**
OF COMMERCE

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EVERY ISSUE!**

How to Reach Us!



Online

www.florachamber.com



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618-662-5646



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florachamberofcommerce@gmail.com



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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 Flora Bank & Trust**

Date: Wednesday June 3rd
Time: 8am - 9am
Location: Flora Bank & Trust



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Flora
Chamber of Commerce



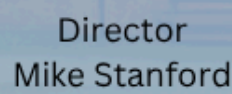
Director
Mandy Hargis



Director
Barb Schafer



Director
Charity Fuehne



- ✓ 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! 📁✨

DATE 6.16.26

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TIME

Noon
(12PM)



LOCATION

Depot -
Train Room



NOT A CHAMBER MEMBER?

JOIN TODAY

A close-up photograph of a financial document titled "Loss Statement". A black pen lies diagonally across the left side of the page. A pair of red-rimmed glasses rests on the right side. The document features a table with columns for "Prior Period" and "Current Period (1 of 3)". The table contains several rows of data, including "Sales", "Service 1", "Service 2", "Service 3", and "Service 4". The "Prior Period" column shows values like 100, 200, 300, 400, and 500, while the "Current Period" column shows values like 100, 200, 300, 400, and 500. The document also includes a section for "Loss Statement" with a "Loss" column and a "Total" row. The overall image has a warm, orange-toned background.

29th July 2026 | 08:30 AM



**Flora Chamber of
Commerce**

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Member News

FLORA ROTARY PRESENTS FIRST ANNUAL ROTARY PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

KING/QUEEN OF THE COURT

JUNE 19-20, 2026

FLORA PICKLEBALL COURTS
1006 W. NORTH AVE.
FLORA, IL 62863



FRIDAY, JUNE 19

SENIOR 55+
ANY GENDER COMBINATION
4:30-6:30 PM

YOUTH 18 & UNDER
ANY GENDER COMBINATION
6:30-8:30 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

- MEN'S DOUBLES INTERMEDIATE | 8:00-10:00 AM
- MEN'S DOUBLES ADVANCED | 10:00-12:00 PM
- WOMEN'S DOUBLES INTERMEDIATE | 12:00 PM-2:00 PM
- WOMEN'S DOUBLES ADVANCED | 2:00-4:00 PM
- MIXED DOUBLES INTERMEDIATE | 4:00-6:00 PM
- MIXED DOUBLES ADVANCED | 6:00-8:00 PM



\$30
PER PERSON



MAX 12 TEAMS
PER DIVISION



EACH TEAM
PLAYS 6 GAMES



DIVISION WINNERS
RECEIVE ENTRY
FEE BACK



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER
REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
JUNE 12, 2026



TODD HERENDEEN & THE FTD BAND JUNE 5

FLORA, ILLINOIS ELKS LODGE

120 N Main St, Flora, IL 62839



- Doors open at 5pm
- Advanced seating available
- Tickets \$20 at the door
- Food available for purchase

Show is at 7pm.

Questions call Elks and ask for Cory at 618-662-4313.
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.

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.



Lender Forum

July 14th, 2026

9:00am - 12:00pm for Lenders

OCC Banquet Room

305 North West Street, Olney, IL 62450-1099

To Register or ask questions, contact Charlie White at
cwhite@firstwomens.bank

Presenters will include SBA staff, 504 corporations, SBDC representatives, Illinois Advantage representatives, State Treasurers Office, and microlenders.

Topics: SOP changes, Updated Lender Match info, and upcoming SBA initiatives and training opportunities

Member News



Illinois SBDC at IECC

Funding Opportunities for Businesses

JULY 14TH, 2026

1:00pm - 3:00pm

OCC Banquet Room

AFTER THE LENDER FORUM



Speakers

- Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission
- Mark Lambird - TIF & Enterprise Zone Fund
- Advantage Illinois
- SBA - Trust Bank

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JOIN THE GREAT INVESTIGATION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 14TH-17TH. 6:00 - 8:30 PM

FLORA CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

FAMILY NIGHT ESCAPE ROOM
JUNE 7TH 6-8:30 PM

PRE-REGISTER AS A FAMILY!

DISCOVER GOD'S PURPOSE FOR OUR LIVES!

A colorful illustration for a Vacation Bible School event. It features a detective character wearing a green trench coat, a fedora, and sunglasses, holding a magnifying glass. Next to the detective is an open brown suitcase with a sign that reads 'FAMILY NIGHT ESCAPE ROOM' and 'JUNE 7TH 6-8:30 PM'. A key is shown flying out of the suitcase. The background is a bright yellow with radiating lines.

STORM BREWING

SUDS & STUDS

A GUY'S DAY AT THE BREWERY

★ JUNE 20TH ★
11 AM - 3 PM

LIVE MUSIC BY LANDEN BILLINGTON
12-3 PM

VENDORS WITH ALL THE MANLY GOODS!

GREAT BEER BUILT FOR GOOD TIMES!

GOOD FOOD PIZZA, FRIED BOLOGNA, AND ALL THE FIXINGS!

An advertisement for a brewery event. It features a large glass of beer with a 'STORM BREWING' label, a wrench, and a guitar. The background is dark with industrial brewery equipment visible. The text is in a bold, stylized font.

Member News

Secure Processors has a new website that we invite all our local businesses to check out! We think it is pretty spiffy! 😊

You can find it at:

secureprocessors.org



ILLINOIS
MANUFACTURERS'
ASSOCIATION

YOU ARE INVITED

BOLDLY MOVING MAKERS FORWARD

Southeastern Illinois Manufacturing Roundtable:

Unlocking Growth Potential:
Regional Solutions Forum

Thursday, June 18

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Followed by a Facility Tour

Hella Electronics, Flora, Illinois

In Partnership with



Join us at this hands-on, solution-oriented meeting created for manufacturers seeking real-world strategies to build and retain a strong workforce. You'll hear directly from state leaders and regional partners who will break down available resources and offer insights you can apply immediately.



Keynote: Bridging the Gaps

Are you aware of all the resources available? We will kick off by highlighting state-level tools and incentives - from grants to exporting/importing support - that help manufacturers compete and expand. Attendees will gain a clearer picture of where opportunities exist and how to leverage them to support long-term workforce and organizational success.

- Alyson Grady, Deputy Director, Office of Regional Economic Development, Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity



Panels:

Spotlight on Workforce Resources Available

Highlighting regional programs, training providers, and supports that help manufacturers access a skilled workforce.

- Sarah Hartwick, Senior Vice President & Corporate Board Secretary, Illinois Manufacturers' Association

AGES: 11-17 **REGISTRATION AVAILABLE NOW**

TEEN REACH
SUMMER 2026

JUNE 1ST - AUGUST 13TH, 2026
MONDAY - THURSDAY
7:30AM - 5:00PM

Scan Me

Oh My Stars!

Come Celebrate America's 250th Birthday With Us!

The Sew Nifty Sisterhood
Quilt Guild

Quilt Show

North Clay Elementary
School
(South Building)
550 US-45
Louisville, IL 62858

June 19th - 5 - 7 p.m.
June 20th - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Boutique - Vendors - Food Trucks -
Quilt Raffle

Plus!

SCAVENGER HUNT & SILENT AUCTION!
Don't miss the fun - great prizes & treasures!

Win this Quilt!
Raffle Tickets may be purchased
at the door or from any
guild member prior to the show.

Admission
\$5 Adults
Children 12
and under FREE!

Member News



Clay Electric Coop Blood Drive

Board Room

7784 Old Hwy 50
Flora, IL 62839

**Monday, June 1, 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.



Make summer shine for patients in need. Come to give
blood June 1-28 for a \$15 e-gift card!

Give Blood.

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

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LOW COST SPAY & NEUTER CLINIC FOR CLAY CO. CATS The 2nd Tuesday of each month.



Details on our Facebook Page



Wags and Wash Pet Grooming

421 W North Ave
Flora IL

618-662-3837



Flora Church of the Nazarene Blood Drive

Gym

Route 50 and Parsons Lane
Flora, IL 62839

**Thursday, June 11, 2026
12:00 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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RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information.



Make summer shine for patients in need. Come to give
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Member News

Curfew

BEYOND THE BELL IS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS DURING THE SUMMER

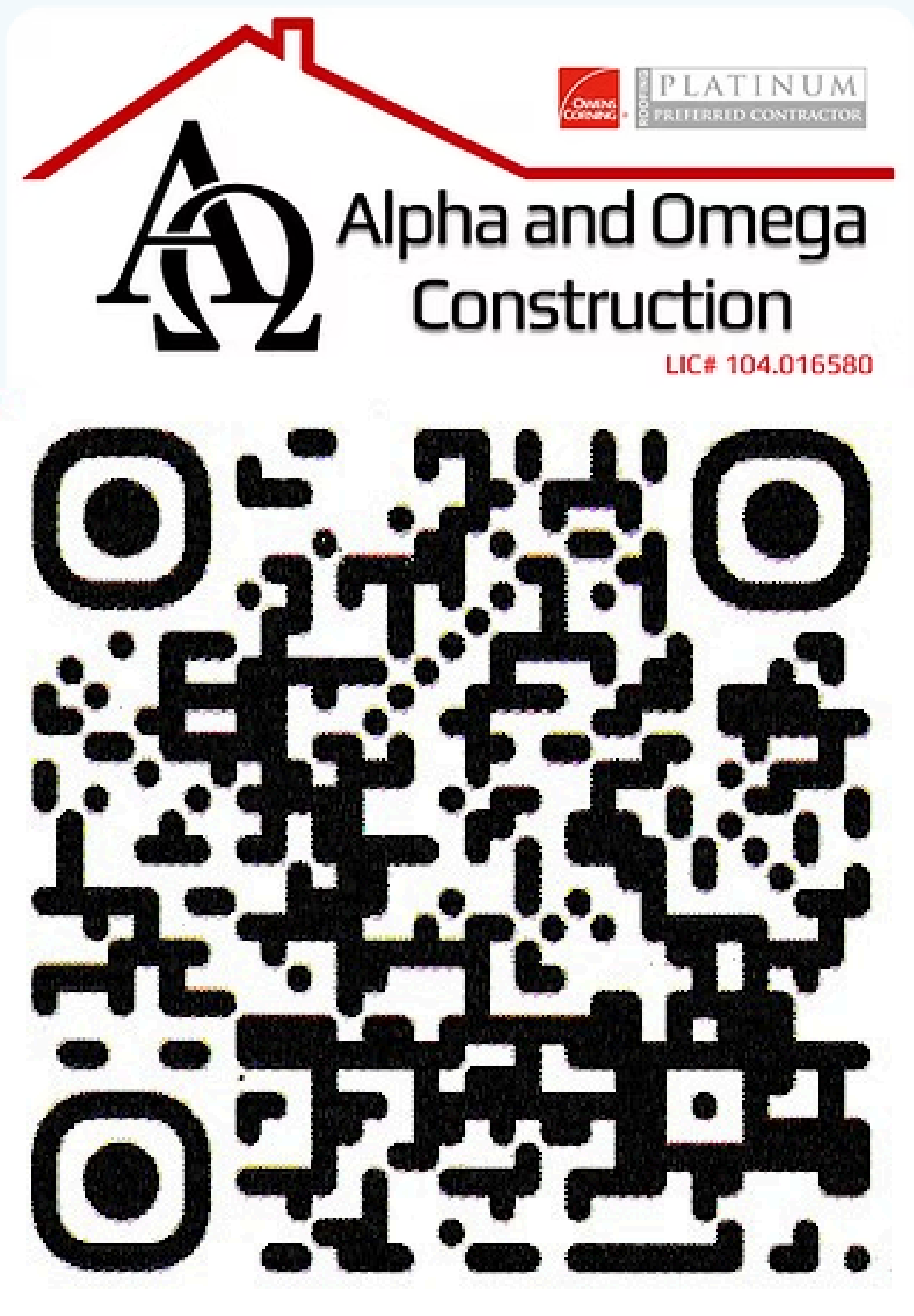
WE WILL BE OPEN ON FRIDAYS TO SUPPORT OUR WORKING FAMILIES!!

FRIDAYS STARTING JUNE 5th

\$15 DAYTIME HOURS 7:30am-5pm

*Please pack a lunch and snack

\$10 REGULAR EVENING HOURS
4pm until 11:30pm



Free Estimate - Mention Nora

INTRODUCING THE NEW & IMPROVED
WNOI.COM!!!

Our homepage averages over 2 million weekly impressions!

Check Local News, Weather, Sports, Obituaries, Community Event Calendar,
Radio Auction Items & STREAM 103.9 MixFM & 99.3FM FROM ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD!

You're invited to be an EXCLUSIVE SPONSOR of one of the above pages (on a first come-first serve basis)! You'll receive a banner ad linked to your website!

In addition to your popular website advertising, you'll also receive

1 - :30 radio commercials EVERYDAY on 103.9 WNOI-FM!

The total investment for this marketing plan is
EXCLUSIVE PAGE LEADERBOARD BANNER AD LINKED 728X90 OR
ROTATING SQUARE BANNER AD LINKED (ON ALL PAGES) 300X250 = \$250/month
(6- month minimum contract required)

***PLUS ALL REGULAR WNOI ADVERTISERS RECEIVE SHARED FACEBOOK POSTS ONTO WNOI/CCC FACEBOOK PAGES REACHING 1000'S EVERYDAY AS
A FREE ADDED BONUS!!!

Accepted for business

Today's date

Business name

Accepted for station

*This station does not discriminate in the sale of advertising time, and will accept no advertising which is placed with an intent to discriminate U - DODIE DICKEY, 618-599-1107 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.

Member News



Member News

Welcome

**BEVERLY WEIDNER
WELLNESS COACHING
LLC**

Welcome
NEW CHAMBER
MEMBER

**808 SCRAP METAL
RECYCLING**

Welcome
NEW CHAMBER
MEMBER

RODEWAY INN

Welcome
NEW CHAMBER
MEMBER

**CLAY COUNTY
CEO**

Welcome
NEW CHAMBER
MEMBER



CALLING LOCAL ENTERTAINERS!

Flora Community Market is now scheduling family-friendly entertainment for the 2026 season!

We're looking for:

- Musicians (acoustic, instrumental, vocalists)
- Sound healing & meditation facilitators
- Yoga or movement instructors
- Storytellers & educators
- Kids activities & hands-on demonstrations
- Local performers, artists & creatives

 **Market Season:** Saturdays | May 23 – October 24

 **Time:** 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

 **Location:** Flora Park (Gazebo Area)

♥ Share your gifts with the community, promote your offerings, and help create a welcoming, vibrant market experience.

♥ This is a volunteer-only community-based market. While there will be no compensation, this is a beautiful opportunity for local exposure and connection.

Interested in participating?
Fill out the form by clicking the link above.

*Supporting local. Creating community.
Celebrating connection.*



Visit Flora, IL
eat ~ play ~ shop ~ stay

4TH OF JULY

**FOOD TRUCKS,
INFLATABLES, LIVE MUSIC,
& 800 SHOT FINALE
FIREWORKS SHOW**

JULY 4TH, 2026

All American Boy & Girl Contest By: LISA ERBACHER; COUNTRY FINANCIAL

HOT DOG & PORK BURGER TOURISM FUNDRAISER DURING CONTEST

Music By THE REWINDS 6PM - DUSK

Food Trucks POED SMOKED BBQ, THE FAIR LADY, KRAZY SWEET TREATS

More info 618-662-5646
Florachamberofcommerce@gmail.com



Job Postings



WE ARE HIRING!

OPEN POSITIONS:

- Head of Logistics
 - oversee end-to-end material flow—from supplier coordination and inbound logistics to production support, warehousing, and outbound distribution.
- Quality Methods Specialist
 - develop, implement, and improve quality standards, tools, and methodologies to ensure reliable, defect-free production.
- Shopfloor Software Specialist
 - implement, support, and optimize digital systems that drive real-time visibility and efficient operations on the production floor.
- Quality Specialist QPE
 - ensuring product and process excellence through effective quality planning, problem-solving, and continuous improvement

SEND YOUR RESUME TO:
staci.houston@forvia.com
or apply at www.hella.com

STOP IN AT :
1101 Vincennes Ave
Flora, IL

DRIVE

ACCOUNTABILITY

TEAMWORK

AGILITY

RESPECT

OPEN-MINDEDNESS

WE ARE HIRING

OPEN POSITIONS

- WAREHOUSE WORKERS
- MACHINE OPERATORS
- MANUFACTURING TECHNICIANS

JOIN OUR TEAM

FORVIA

APPLY TODAY

1101 Vincennes Ave, Flora, IL

or send resumes to
staci.houston@forvia.com

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

Thank you for your continued support!

FLORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

223 W. RAILROAD ST.
FLORA, IL 62839

618-662-5646 PHONE/FAX

EMAIL:

FLORACHAMBEROFCOMMERCE@GMAIL.COM

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
THE WORLD.

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