

February 2026

2026 Annual Awards Banquet

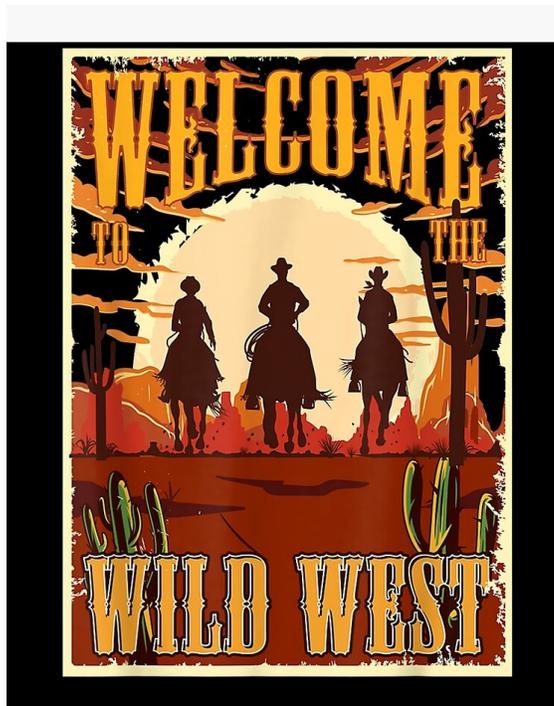
The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry is hosting its 2026 Annual Awards Banquet on Friday, March 27, at Veteran's Memorial Building. This year's theme, "Welcome to the Wild West!" Our banquet is open to all Shelby County residents and businesses.

Doors open at 5 pm, networking and cash bar at 5:30 pm. At 6 pm, our meal will be served buffet style (provided by Main Street Market Catering). After dinner we will have our live auction (provided by Osborn Auction, LLC), followed by game night and then our awards ceremony. During this time, the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry will unveil award winners from the following categories: 2025 Citizen/Volunteer of the Year, 2025 Non-Profit of the Year, 2025 New Chamber Member of the Year, and 2025 Business of the Year.

Cost to attend this year's Chamber annual banquet is \$40 per person. This year, we are having open seating. Reservations can be made for groups of eight or more. **RSVPs are required**. Call the Chamber office at 712-755-2114 or [email Carol](mailto:Carol) by **Monday, March 16**.

If you have not already liked our Chamber Facebook page, please do so.

We appreciate all your support for the Chamber and look forward to seeing you at the banquet.



We Need Your Help!

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry will be hosting its 2026 Annual Banquet on Friday, March 27 at Veteran's Memorial Building. To make this event fun and exciting we need your help.

Please consider supporting our event by donating gift certificates, merchandise, admission passes, or services for our basket give-a-way – "Winner Takes It All!" In exchange, you will receive some excellent community exposure and advertising.

We will gladly pick up your donation, or it can be dropped off at our office during regular business hours. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Chamber office at 712-755-2114.

Thank you in advance for considering our request and for supporting your Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry.





WE ARE HIRING

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry is searching for a dynamic leader to drive economic growth and support local businesses in Shelby County, Iowa

APPLY NOW



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1901 Hawkeye Avenue Suite 101
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We're Hiring: Executive Director

The **Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry** is seeking a dynamic, forward-thinking leader to champion economic growth and support the businesses that power Shelby County, Iowa.

This role serves as the chief executive and primary economic development leader — providing strategic vision, managing daily operations, and building strong public-private partnerships that move our community forward.

If you have experience in economic development, strong leadership skills, and a passion for helping rural communities thrive, we'd love to connect with you.

Salary Range: \$70,000–\$85,000 (based on experience). Competitive benefits package included

[Apply today](#) and help shape the future of Shelby County!

Something New for 2026

Something New For 2026 – Member Spotlights – We want to know about you!

This year it's about our Chamber members. It's your chance to talk about your business.

Tell us about your history, your success, your future, new staff, changes, and how great you really are.

The story will be featured in our monthly newsletter, The Business Voice and on our Facebook pages, Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Shelby County Information and Ideas.

Please let us know if you are interested [today!](#) We welcome you to change the questions to best suit your business, the questions below are a general outline, please consider answering at least 5-6 questions. Pictures are encouraged!

Questions to consider:

- Give us some background on yourself/your business.
- How many years have you been in business?
- What's an interesting fact about your business most people don't know?
- What is one thing you're most proud of so far?
- Do you have a personal or professional motto?
- Who are the people in the background of your organization?
- Do you have any advice for new business owners?
- What brought you to the area?
- What keeps you here?
- What are your business's goals?
- How can people keep up to date on what's happening at your organization?
- Anything else you want the community to know about your business?
- How does being in this community affect your business?

Member Spotlights are available to members to provide further brand awareness and visibility for your business in Shelby County.

Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry Growth Assistance Program (GAP) Revolving Loan Fund Program Summary

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCCI) Growth Assistance Program (GAP) Revolving Loan Fund provides supplemental financing to small and medium-sized businesses located in, or to be located in Shelby County, Iowa. Eligible projects must either create or retain jobs.

Program funds may be used for most aspects of start-up or expansion projects, and, in some cases, may include needed working capital. Funds cannot be used to refinance existing debt or subsidize payments on existing debt.

The primary consideration for financial participation with GAP is the creation and retention of jobs. To qualify for loan assistance, a minimum of three (3) full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs is required. These jobs must be either newly created jobs or jobs to be retained and must be maintained during the length of any loan assistance and cannot come at the expense, or in lieu of, other jobs that the borrower is currently providing.

Because the Program is funded with a combination of local, state, and federal funds, borrowers must comply with all local, state, and federal requirements. The application form was designed to adhere to state financial assistance programs and may be easily amended to apply for state financial assistance.

For more information, please contact the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry, 712-755-2114 or via [email](#).



2026 Legislative Coffee Series

March 21, 10 am. Hosted and sponsored by the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry, 1901 Hawkeye Avenue, Harlan.

April 18, 10 am. To be determined.

SCCCI Mission Statement: To create a climate of opportunity for business growth, economic development, and a high standard of living throughout Shelby County.

Membership

SCCCI Membership Renewals

**The Chamber wishes to thank the following members
who renewed their membership in
February 2026**

Dr. Jay's/Harlan Eye Care * Hamilton Financial Services
Harlan Golf & Country Club * HyVee * Main Street Market
Pitts Family & Sports Chiropractic, P.C.
Rae Banks Enterprises, LLC - DBA Scooters Coffee
Smitty Bee Honey, Inc.

**All Chamber Membership Renewals
Are Sent Electronically Through
Our Website 30 - 60 Days Prior
To Their Due Date.
You Can Also Renew Your
Membership Online Via Our Website.**



Send Us Your Events

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry is gathering event information for 2026. We post Shelby County and surrounding area events on our [website calendar](#) for free. This information is also used in our weekly "Did You Know" emails and on our Facebook page. We can help to be sure locals and tourists can find you. Contact the Chamber office at 712-755-2114 or [email us](#).

**2025-2026
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Celebrate Your Business - Host An Ambassador Visit, Groundbreaking Ceremony, Open House, Or Ribbon Cutting

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry is always ready to help its members celebrate their success with an ambassador visit, groundbreaking ceremony, open house, or ribbon cutting. Whether you are a new or existing member the Chamber and its members will join you marking your momentous occasions. It gives the owner or manager a chance to say a few words to those gathered and the opportunity to talk about what their business does.

Whatever you choose, your event will be posted on our online event's calendar, in our weekly Did You Know email, that goes out every Friday, listed in our monthly Business Voice newsletter, and posted on the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Shelby County Information and Ideas Facebook pages.

Then there's the great photo opportunity. A photo will be taken and emailed to you to share on your social media. The photo will also appear in the Harlan Newspapers, the Chamber's monthly newsletter, and on Facebook.

Helpful tips: Invite friends, family, and customers. Provide snacks and refreshments for your attendees. Most important is "showcasing" your business as this is your day. Last but not least - Have Fun!

To schedule your ambassador visit, groundbreaking ceremony, open house, or ribbon cutting with the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry, call us at 712-755-2114 or email the [Chamber office](#).



Sunday, March 8 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

Tuesday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 20 - Spring Begins/Vernal Equinox

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

Save the Date

The 2026 Fun China Luncheon

*Wednesday, April 22nd, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Harlan Golf & County Club Ballroom*

*We are looking for businesses and
individuals to decorate tables.*

*If you are interested in decorating a table,
please contact the Shelby County Chamber
of Commerce & Industry at 712-755-2114*



Event Info

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Portsmouth Fire Dept Annual Breakfast, St. Mary's Hall	2 Kids Movie Day HCL	3 MMC Blood Analysis Screening MMC Lab Department Harlan Grief Class MMC Chair One Fitness LIPL	4 MMC Blood Analysis Screening MMC Lab Department Harlan	5 MMC Blood Analysis Screening MMC Lab Department Harlan	6 MMC Blood Analysis Screening MMC Lab Department Harlan Adult Prom Night Milk & Honey HCL Book & Beyond Trivia Night Fundraiser, HCL Fish Fry, St. Michael's Knights of Columbus St. Michael's Rosman Center	7 Chair One Fitness LIPL Shelby's 2026 Annual Soup Cookoff, Shelby Fire Station Adult Board Game Night EHPL
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins	9	10 Library & Lunch Book Club, HCL Grief Class MMC SPARK! MoDA Elk Horn Chair One Fitness LIPL	11 EHPL Kimballton Kaffee, Kimballton Townhall 5 O'Clock Somewhere Book Club, HCL	12 MMC Blood Analysis Screening Irwin Comm Building Storm Spotter Training, Panama Fire Dept.	13 Irish Music Night Milk & Honey Fish Fry, St. Michael's Knights of Columbus St. Michael's Rosman Center	14 Chair One Fitness LIPL Teen Programming EHPL
15	16 Friends of the Library, EHPL	17 St. Patrick's Day Grief Class MMC Chair One Fitness LIPL	18 MMC Blood Analysis Screening Avoca Medical Clinic	19 Forest Friends LIPL Brown Bag Program MoDA	20 Spring Beings Fish Fry St. Michael's Knights of Columbus St. Michael's Rosman Center Fish Fry, St. Joseph's Hall, Earling	21 Chair One Fitness LIPL Legislative Coffee Chamber Atrium
22 Palm Sunday	23 Medication Manager Class, IWCC Shelby Center Through March 25	24 Grief Class MMC Chair One Fitness LIPL	25 Elk Horn Community Coffee & Craft, EHPL	26 Iowa Author Event HCL	27 Movie & Book Discussion, EHPL Fish Fry, St. Michael's Knights of Columbus St. Michael's Rosman Center Shelby Co Chamber Annual Awards Banquet, Vet's Memorial Building	28 Chair One Fitness LIPL Junk Journal Workshop, LIPL
29	30	31 Chair One Fitness LIPL				

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 April Fool's Day	2 EHPL Hans Christian Andersen Dinner, Kimballton Town Hall	3 Good Friday Chamber Office Closed	4
5 Easter	6	7	8	9	10	11 Teen Programming, EHPL
12	13	14 SPARK! MoDA Elk Horn	15	16 Forest Friends LIPL	17	18
19	20 Friends of the Library, EHPL	21	22 Fun China Luncheon, HGCC	23	24 Movie & Book Discussion, EHPL	25 Junk Journal Workshop, LIPL
26 Victor Borge Legacy Award Recital MoDA	27	28	29	30		