

January 2026

## Upcoming Chamber Events For 2026

**Friday, March 27.** Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry 2026 Annual Awards Banquet at Veteran's Memorial Building. This year's theme is Welcome To The Wild West.

**Wednesday, April 22.** Fun China Luncheon at Harlan Golf & Country Club.

**Friday, June 12.** Shelby County Chamber Annual Golf Outing. This event will be held at the Harlan Golf & Country Club.

We will keep everyone updated on our events calendar, in our monthly newsletter, The Business Voice, our weekly Did You Know emails, and of course on our Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry & Shelby County Information and Ideas Facebook Pages.



## Citizen Of The Year Nominations

The Chamber is now accepting Nominations for the 2025 Citizen of the Year. Nominees must be residents of Shelby County for at least one year, and have achieved excellence in service and volunteerism to the Shelby County Community. To submit a nominee, please write a letter describing why your nominee should be selected. You can mail the letter to the Chamber office, 1901 Hawkeye Avenue, Ste. 101 or by [email](mailto:email). Submissions are due by **Friday, February 27.**

*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*



# 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](mailto:email).



### 2026 Legislative Coffee Series

**February 21, 10 am.** Hosted and sponsored by Shelby County Farm Bureau, 908 6th Street, Harlan

**March 21, 10 am.** Hosted and sponsored by Milk & Honey, 919 7th Street, 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.

# 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.



## Crest Services

# Celebrating 20 Years In The Harlan Community

### Member Spotlight: Crest Services – Celebrating 20 Years in the Harlan Community

For more than **50 years**, Crest Services, a division of **American Baptist Homes of the Midwest**, has been dedicated to supporting individuals with intellectual disabilities, brain injuries, and mental health needs through high-quality **Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)**. Founded with a commitment to independence, dignity, and person-centered care, Crest Services has grown to become a trusted provider across Iowa and southern Minnesota.

This year, Crest Services proudly celebrates its **20th anniversary in the Harlan community**. Since opening its first residential program here in 2006–2007, Crest Services has continued to grow, evolve, and strengthen its roots in Shelby County. What began as a small program serving individuals on the **ID Waiver** has expanded over the years to include supports for those on the **Brain Injury (BI) Waiver and Habilitation (HAB) Waiver**, ensuring a broad spectrum of individuals can access the stable, community-based services they need.

At the heart of Crest Services is its focus on the **HCBS person-centered model**, which emphasizes choice, autonomy, and meaningful community involvement. Staff work closely with each individual to help them define and reach their personal goals, whether that's learning new skills, building relationships, finding local activities to enjoy, or becoming more independent in everyday life.

Today, Crest Services operates in **six Iowa communities**, including Des Moines, Chariton, Mason City, Cedar Rapids, Ottumwa, and of course, **Harlan**. Additionally, Crest continues to provide services throughout **southern Minnesota**. Each location is anchored by teams who are trained in areas such as brain injury supports, mental health, de-escalation, PBS, trauma-informed care, and more, ensuring safe, supportive environments where individuals can thrive.

As Crest Services marks two decades in Harlan, the team extends heartfelt appreciation to the community, local partners, case managers, and families who have welcomed and supported their mission over the years. The organization looks forward to many more years of partnership, growth, and service in Shelby County and beyond.

**Crest Services remain deeply committed to empowering individuals, strengthening community connections, and helping every person they serve live a meaningful, self-directed life.**

For more information about services, openings, or collaboration opportunities, visit [www.crestservices.org](http://www.crestservices.org) or contact the local program office in Harlan.

# Membership

## Welcome New SCCCi Members

Wesco Industries. Joined December 3, 2025

IMS Exteriors. Joined December 22, 2025

Lofted Boutique, LLC. Joined January 20, 2026

Variety Distributors. Joined January 21, 2026

## SCCCI Membership Renewals

**The Chamber wishes to thank the following members  
who renewed their membership in  
December 2025 & January 2026**

Alzheimer's Association Iowa Chapter \* Bill Savings Advocate \* Carstens  
1880 Farmstead, Inc. Cyclone Lanes \* Hansen House Harlan  
Harlan Newspapers \* Kirk Petersen Certified Appraisal Service  
Leah Marie Photography, LLC. LightBox System \* Market Street Gifts  
Osborn Auction, LLC. \* R & S Waste Disposal, LLC. \* REM Iowa  
Scouting America – Mid-American Council  
Shelby County Fair Corporation Sunset Scoops \* United Bank of Iowa

**2025-2026  
Board of Directors**

**President**  
Janet Buman  
SCSB

**Vice President**  
Darin Turner  
Hy-Vee

**Treasurer**  
Gervas Mgonja  
City of Harlan

**Past President**  
Jahde Osborn  
CiShirts/Courtside  
Marketing

**Board Member**  
Steve Ineson  
Four Seasons Travel

**Board Member**  
Cali Klein  
Elm Crest Senior Living  
Community

**Board Member**  
Mike Kolbe  
Shelby County Board  
of Supervisors

**Board Member**  
Jeff Sundholm  
Myrtue Medical Center

**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.**

**Chamber Team**  
Carol McHugh  
Administrative Assistant



## 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](#).

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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](#).

# Ambassador Visits & Ribbon Cuttings



Ribbon Cutting for Cyclone Corner at the HCHS.

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Photo Courtesy of the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry



Ambassador Visit at Taylor Quik Pik, Harlan.

Celebrating Virginia's retirement.  
Friday, December 9, 2025.

Photo Courtesy of the Harlan Newspapers



Ribbon Cutting, for new business, The Rusty Rubbish, Harlan

Friday, December 19, 2025.

Photo Courtesy of the Harlan Newspapers

# Ambassador Visits & Ribbon Cuttings



Ribbon Cutting, for the new HC Elementary School Playground  
Thursday, January 8, 2026.

Photo Courtesy of the Harlan Newspapers



Open House/Ribbon Cutting, for the new MMC Harlan Clinic and to welcome new CEO, Kile Magner. Friday, January 9, 2026

Photo Courtesy of the Harlan Newspapers



## Club Level Members

### Platinum Plus Club Members

**City of Harlan**

**Harlan Industrial Foundation**

**Harlan Municipal Utilities**

**Myrtue Medical Center**

**Shelby County**

**SCSB**

### Platinum Club Members

**Conductix-Wampfler**

**Monogram Prepared Meats, LLC**

### Gold Club Members

**The Agency Insurance   Essentia Protein Solutions   FMCTC**

**Farmers Trust & Savings Bank**

**Midstates Bank**

### Silver Club Members

**Elm Crest Senior Living Community   Panama Transfer**

**Markham Family Dental Associates, Inc.**

### Bronze Club Members

**Community 1st Credit Union   Cyclone Lanes**

**Fareway Stores, Inc.   Farm Service Cooperative**

**Harlan Community School District   Harlan Golf & Country Club**

**The Harlan Newspapers   Hy-Vee   Keast Auto Center**

**KNOD Radio Station   Molded Products**

**Nishnabotna Valley REC   Pauley Jones Funeral Home**

**Pitts Family & Sports Chiropractic Center, PC**

**Rae Banks Enterprises, LLC - DBA Scooters Coffee   Subway**

## Event Info

### February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Super Sale, Bauer's Shoe Store	7 Super Sale, Bauer's Shoe Store  Take Your Child to the Library Day, HCL  Galentine's Day Style Show Mimosas and More, Milk & Honey  Adult Board Game Night EHPL
8	9 EHPL Children's Program, Danish Woven Hearts w/Museum of Danish America	10 Library & Lunch Book Club, HCL  Chair One Fitness LIPL	11 Marne Elk Horn Senior Safety Video Series Coffee, Avoca Public Library  EHPL Kimballton Kaffee, Kimballton Townhall  5 O'Clock Somewhere Book Club, HCL	12 Board/Card Game Night, Farmhand Brewing Co  HCL Boards & Brew Gozman's Westside	13 February Paint & Sip, Milk & Honey Food Drive, Milk & Honey  Blind Date with a Book, LIPL  Family Fun Night HCL	14 Chair One Fitness LIPL  Valentine's Day 4 Course Meal, Milk & Honey  Teen Programming EHPL
15 Defiance Volunteer Fire & Rescue Chicken Dinner, St. Peter's Hall	16 President's Day Chamber Office Closed  Children's Valentine's Day Party, EHPL	17 Grief Class MMC  Chair One Fitness LIPL  EHPL Local History Trivia, The Pub, Elk Horn	18 Marne Elk Horn Senior Safety Video Series Coffee, Walnut Public Library  Classic Movie Morning, HCL	19 Forest Friends LIPL  Family Fun Night HCL	20 Community Jam Milk & Honey	21 Legislative Coffee Shelby Co Farm Bureau  Chair One Fitness LIPL  Young Adult Coffee and Silent Book Club EHPL
22 Shelby Co Trails Junk Draft & Trash To Treasure For Trails Fundraiser, Bent Rim Panama	23 Sharing the Love with Salem, EHPL	24 MMC Blood Analysis Screening MMC Lab Department Harlan  Grief Class MMC  Chair One Fitness LIPL  BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) Club, LIPL	25 MMC Blood Analysis Screening MMC Lab Department Harlan  Elk Horn Community Coffee & Craft, EHPL  Books & Banter Book Club, HCL	26 MMC Blood Analysis Screening MMC Lab Department Harlan  Author Program, Debra Hines, HCL  Board/Card Game Night, Farmhand Brewing Co	27 MMC Blood Analysis Screening MMC Lab Department Harlan  Movie & Book Discussion, EHPL  Simpson's Trivia, Milk & Honey	28 Junk Journal Workshop, LIPL  Chair One Fitness LIPL

### March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	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	7 Chair One Fitness LIPL  Adult Board Game Night EHPL
8	9	10 Library & Lunch Book Club, HCL  Grief Class MMC  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	14 Chair One Fitness LIPL  Teen Programming EHPL
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day  Grief Class MMC  Chair One Fitness LIPL	18 MMC Blood Analysis Screening Avoca Medical Clinic	19 Forest Friends LIPL	20	21 Chair One Fitness LIPL  Legislative Coffee Milk & Honey, Harlan
22	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	27 Movie & Book Discussion, EHPL  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				