The Business Voice



July 2025

2025-2026 Annual All Members Meeting

On Tuesday, July 15, 2025, the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry held its annual membership meeting for 2025 – 2026 at the C.G. Therkildsen Center in Harlan.

FY26 Board Officer Elections for Vice President and Treasurer.

a. Nominations and vote for each office. President Jahde Osborn asked for nominations for Vice President. Board Member Darin Turner said that he would take this position. Gervas Mgonja was asked by Board President Jahde Osborn if he would continue to serve as Treasurer for FY 26. Mgonja agreed, approved by the Board of Directors.

The following are the 2025 – 2026 Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry's Board of Directors: Janet Buman, President; Darin Turner, Vice President; Gervas Mgonja, Treasurer; Jahde Osborn, Past President; Steve Ineson, Board Member; Cali Klein, Board Member; Mike Kolbe, Board Member; and Jeff Sundholm. Board Member.

The Chamber staff presented the FY25 Review and FY26 Focus for the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

FY25 Accomplishments: Economic Development – People Attraction. What Shelby County has to offer? New job opportunities and the Harlan Community School District. Valline mentioned that we need to take into consideration that 52% of people plan to move every five years.

FY25 Accomplishments: Economic Development – Member Support and Development. The Chamber staff will focus on adding new members and schedule more ambassador visits and ribbon cuttings.

FY25 Accomplishments - Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Membership Growth. The Chamber added five new members in the past fiscal year. We currently have 160 members. Website. There were 393,681 Member views through the Chamber's website and internet search engine in FY25. There were 39,068 Marketing Landing Pages views in FY25.

FY26 New Opportunities. Social Media. The Chamber will expand our social media campaign, targeting on times and days. Weekly feature of our current club members, focusing on the unique services they provide. Membership. Add Seasonal Memberships and additional club member levels. Work on additional membership benefits. Rotating Banner Ads on the Events page of our website. We will work with Chamber Nation to accomplish this task. Events. Will work on adding two additional family-friendly events.

Social Media Updates. Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry Facebook Page. As of July 15, 73,800 views. Shelby County Information and Ideas Facebook Page. As of July 15, 59,000 views. Both pages continue to grow.



2025-2026 Shelby County Chamber Board of Directors

Front Row (left to right): Gervas Mgonja - Board Treasurer; Cali Klein - Board Member; Jahde Osborn - Past Board President; Janet Buman - Board President.

Back Row (left to right): Darin Turner - Board Vice President; Mike Kolbe - Board Member; Jeff Sundholm - Board Member; Steve Ineson - Board Member.

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 <u>the Chamber office</u>.

Club Level Members

Platinum Plus Club Members

City of Harlan Harlan Municipal Utilities **Shelby County**

Harlan Industrial Foundation Myrtue Medical Center **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 Timber Ridge Roof & Exteriors Smitty Bee Honey, Inc. Subway

Ambassador Visits & Ribbon Cuttings



Ribbon Cutting, Friday, June 27. Sunset Scoops, 1014 6th Street, Harlan.

Photo Courtesy of The Harlan Newspapers



Ambassador Visit, Friday, July 11 Shelby County Fair Corporation, 314 4th Street, Harlan



Ribbon Cutting, Friday, July 18. Concerned, Inc., 2513 Southwest Avenue, Harlan.
Photo Courtesy of the Shelby Co. Chamber



Ribbon Cutting, Friday, July 25. Hygge Inn & Suites, 4037 Main Street, Elk Horn Photo Courtesy of the Shelby Co. Chamber



Ambassador Visit, Friday, July 25. Harlan Community Library, 718 Court Street, Harlan Photo Courtesy of the Shelby Co. Chamber



Ambassador Visit, Tuesday, July 29. Elk Horn Public Library, 2027 Washington Street, Elk Horn Photo Courtesy of the Shelby Co. Chamber



Send Us Your Events

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry is gathering event information for 2025. We post Shelby County and surrounding area events on our <u>website calendar</u> 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.

Membership

SCCCI Membership Renewals

The Chamber wishes to thank the following members who renewed their membership in July 2025

8 Ball Aviation Club * Patriot's Choice Contracting* Professional Vision Care * SCSB

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.

2025-2026 Board of Directors

President

Janet Buman

Vice President
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Hy-Vee

Treasurer
Gervas Mgonja
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Cali Klein
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Community

Board Member
Mike Kolbe
Shelby County Board
of Supervisors

Board Member

Jeff Sundholm

Myrtue Medical Center

Chamber Team

Todd Valline
Executive Director

<u>Carol McHugh</u> Administrative Assistant

Event Info

August 2025										
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
					1 Kids Market, Milk & Honey, Harlan SCCO August Share Sale, the entire month	2 Scouting America Free Outdoor Family Fun Day, Prairie Rose State Park				
3	4 Pioneer Park Playground Under Construction Until Further Notice HCL Annual Book Sale, Thru Aug 29 Monday Matinee EHPL Mobile Food Pantry Vets Building, Harlan	5 HCL Roving Readers Walking Club, Pioneer Park Harlan Theatre Summer Kids' Movie National Night Out Vet's Parking Lot Harlan	6 Harlan Theatre Summer Kids' Movie Storytime- Productions, EHPL	7 Candy Land Concoctions, LIPL Family Fun Night HCL	8 Ambassador Visit Clayton Bretey, Bill Savings Advocate, Chamber Conference Room Storytime in the Prairie, Museum of Danish America, Elk Horn Game Day, Shelby Comm Club A Bite of Egypt, Milk & Honey	9 Yoga in the Prairie Museum of Danish America, Elk Horn				
10	11 HCL Intergenerational Storytime at Elm Crest Monday Matinee EHPL	12 HCL Roving Readers Walking Club, Pioneer Park SPARK! Museum of Danish America Elk Horn Library & Lunch, HCL	13 5 O'Clock Somewhere Book Club, HDL	14 Coffee, Cards, & Chit Chat, Lied Irwin Public Library	15 Community Jam Milk & Honey	16 Moped Safety Class, IWCC Shelby Co Center, Harlan				
17 Carstens 1880 Farmstead Annual Meeting & Ice Cream Social, Shelby	18 Monday Matinee EHPL	19 HCL Roving Readers Walking Club, Pioneer Park	20 Classic Morning Movie, Harlan Comm Library SCCCI BOD Meeting, Chamber Conference Room	21 Brown Bag Lunch MoDA, Elk Horn Uno Night, LIPL Roar into Harlan Downtown Square Harlan	22 Blood Mobile, Elk Horn Lutheran Church Uno Night, LIPL Milk & Honey Farm Dinner, TBD	23 Uno Night, LIPL				
24	25 Blood Drive, MMC Auble Room	26 HCL Roving Readers Walking Club, Pioneer Park	27 Books & Banter Book Club, HCL	28	29 Barons By Austin					
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September 2025										
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
	1 Labor Day Chamber office closed	2	3	4	5 Sip & Shop, Milk & Honey, Harlan	6 Carstens Farm Days Shelby				
7 Carstens Farm Days Shelby	8	9 Library & Lunch HCL SPARK! Museum of Danish America Elk Horn	10 5 O'Clock Somewhere Book Club, HDL	11	12 Game Day, Shelby Comm Club Paint & Sip, Milk & Honey, Harlan	13 Ribbon Cutting EIK Horn Legion Post #322 Military Mural				
14	15	16	17 Classic Morning Movie, Harlan Comm Library SCCCI BOD Meeting, Chamber Conference Room	18 Brown Bag Lunch MoDA, Elk Horn	19	20				
21	22 Autumal Equinox Rosh Hashanah Begins	23	24 Rosh Hashanah Ends Books & Banter Book Club, HCL	25 Herbal Education HCL	26 HCL Silent Book Club, Milk & Honey	27				
28	29	30								