

**March 2026**

## 2026 Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry's Annual Awards Banquet Winners



**2025 New Business of the Year Award**  
**WESCO Industries, Clay Adams, CEO**  
Photo Courtesy of HMU YouTube Video



**2025 Business of the Year Award**  
**Milk & Honey**  
**Daniel Rosmann & Ellen Walsh-Rosmann**  
**Owners**  
Photo Courtesy of The Harlan Newspapers



**2025 Non-Profit of the Year Award**  
**Rosman Glendale Shelby County Golf Course**  
**Dave Brammann, Vice President**  
Photo Courtesy of HMU YouTube Video



**2025 Citizen/Volunteer of the Year Award**  
**Deb Nowatzke**  
Photo Courtesy of The Harlan Newspapers

## More Banquet Photos



**The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry Staff & Board of Directors**  
**Front Row: Mike Kolbe, Board Member; Cali Klein, Board Member, Gervas Mgonja, Board Treasurer.**  
**Back Row: Paul Plumb, the new Executive Director; Janet Buman, Board President;**  
**Carol McHugh, Administrative Assistant; Jahde Osborn, Board Past President;**  
**Jeff Sundholm, Board Member; and Darin Turner, Board Vice President.**  
**Not pictured: Steve Ineson, Board Member**  
**Photo Courtesy of The Harlan Newspapers**



**Board President, Janet Buman &**  
**Administrative Assistant, Carol McHugh**  
**Photo Courtesy of Janet Buman**



**The New Executive Director, Paul Plumb**  
**Photo Courtesy of The Harlan Newspapers**



The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry Staff and Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who attended our Annual Awards Banquet at Veteran's Memorial Building held on Friday, March 27, 2026.

And a special thanks to:

Our Club Level and Chamber Members for your continued support each and every year.

The businesses and individuals who donated items for our Live Auction: Brent Scheve, CiShirts/ Courtside Marketing, David & Sheri Tyrrel, Elm Crest Senior Living Community, Farmers Trust & Savings Bank - Earling (Do It Best Hardware, Troy's Bar & Grill, & Westphalia Klub Haus), Farmhand Brewing Company, Farm Sweet Farm, Four Seasons Travel, Gervas Mgonja, Harlan Hy-Vee, Hinline Home Furnishings, Keast Auto, Lonely Oak Distillery, Monogram Prepared Meats, Myrtue Medical Center, Panama Transfer (Norma Jean's), Schaben Insurance, Shelby County Physical Therapy, and SCSB.

The businesses and individuals who donated items for our Winner Takes It All Basket: Anonymous Donors, Conductix-Wampfler, Farm Service Cooperative, Harlan Community School District, Harlan Newspapers, Harlan Pizza Hut, Harlan Theatre, Hero's Attic, Milk & Honey, Museum of Danish America, Shelby County ISU Extension & Outreach, Sunset Scoops, and Variety Distributors.

Veteran's Memorial Building for the use of their auditorium, Main Street Market for the wonderful meal, The Harlan Newspapers for the photos of the award winners, Leah Marie Photography for the photos throughout the evening, HMU/Jonathan North for taping the awards ceremony, and Osborn Auction, LLC for making our live auction a great success. We are looking forward to next year's banquet in 2027.



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**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.



## Member Spotlight: Bill Savings Advocate

We're thrilled to shine a light on **Bill Savings Advocate** right here in Harlan, Iowa – the business that's helping local companies **stop cash leaks** and **pocket real savings** without any upfront risk. If you're tired of overpaid taxes, creeping vendor bills, or healthcare costs eating your margins, we've got your back. Let's dive into what makes us tick!

**How long have you been helping businesses save?** We've been laser-focused on uncovering hidden efficiencies for almost 4 years, partnering with business owners and advisors just like you to turn overhead into opportunity.

**What's an interesting fact most people don't know?** We don't just cut costs – we **create new income streams** through things like payroll programs that pay YOU or wellness plans that generate profit. It's not magic; it's smart strategy most folks overlook!

**One thing we're most proud of?** Building relationships with businesses and their advisors. Having the ability to save significant amounts of money that stays within a community.

**Our motto?** "We only win when you do." No savings? No bill. Simple as that".

**Who's the team behind the scenes?** **Clayton Bretey**, plus a tight-knit crew of **laser-focused specialist teams** – tax pros, healthcare experts, tech negotiators, and more. We're like your extended profit recovery squad, working quietly to free up time and money.

**Advice for new business owners?** Don't let "small" leaks become big problems. Watch your taxes, vendors, and tech stack early – those 3-5% overcharges compound fast. And always ask: "Can we work on a contingency basis?" (Hint: We do!)

**What brought us to Harlan?** Clayton moved to Harlan when he married Harlan-local Marian Greer-Stokes (now Marian Bretey). He loves SW Iowa having grown up in Denison, and reared his 5 children near Atlantic.

**What keeps us here?** Clayton loves the Harlan community and the relationships he is building here.

**Our big goals?** To live out the "Giver's Gain" mantra.

**Stay in the loop?** Follow us at [billsavingsadvocate.com](http://billsavingsadvocate.com), and **Book some time for chat** at [tidycal.com/bretey](http://tidycal.com/bretey)

**Anything else for the Harlan community?** If cash feels tight from rising costs or missed opportunities, **you're not alone** – but you don't have to stay stuck. We handle the heavy lifting on taxes, healthcare, payroll, vendors, and tech, so you focus on growth. No risk, real results. Let's chat!

**Ready to stop the cashflow and net income bleed from hidden waste?** Drop us a line or book time at [tidycal.com/bretey](http://tidycal.com/bretey). Here's to more profits in Harlan pockets!

Warmly,

**Clayton Bretey**

Founder, Bill Savings Advocate  
[billsavingsadvocate.com](http://billsavingsadvocate.com)

# Membership

## SCCCI Membership Renewals

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

Ascendant Wealth Management Group \* CiShirts/Courtside Marketing  
Knights of Columbus Council 3900 \* LegalShield/IDShield  
Osborn Realty \* Patriot's Choice, LLC  
Rosman Glendale Shelby County Golf Course  
The Stone Catchers Society \* United Country Loess Hills Realty/Auction  
West Central Community Action

**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  
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

**Chamber Team**

Carol McHugh  
Administrative Assistant

# 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](#).

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## Upcoming Ambassador Visits & Ribbon Cuttings

**Friday, April 3, 10 am.** Lofted Boutique, 1024 6h Street, Harlan, will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate their one year anniversary

**Thursday, April 9, 1 pm.** Elk Horn City Clerk's Office, 2029 Washington Street, Elk Horn, will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate their new location and a retirement send off for one of their employees, Jerry.

**Monday, April 20, 1:30 pm.** Elk Horn Public Library, 2027 Washington Street, Elk Horn will be hosting an ambassador visit to celebrate National Library Week.

**Tuesday, April 21, 1:30 pm.** Harlan Community Library, 718 Court Street, Harlan will be hosting an ambassador visit to celebrate National Library Week.

**Thursday, April 23, 11:30 am.** Lied Irwin Public Library, 509 Ann Street, Irwin will be hosting an ambassador visit to celebrate National Library Week.

*You Are Cordially Invited To Join Us For*  
***The 2026 Fun China Luncheon***

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

*Everyone Is Invited!*



*Cost: \$20 Per Person      Door Prizes*

*Seating Reservations Are*

*Required By Calling*

*The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce &*

*Industry 712-755-2114*

*Or Email: [info@exploreshelbycounty.com](mailto:info@exploreshelbycounty.com)*



# 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.



**Wednesday, April 1 - April Fools' Day**

**Wednesday, April 1 - Passover Begins**

**Friday, April 3 - Good Friday (Chamber Office Closed - Easter Weekend)**

**Sunday, April 5 - Easter**

**Thursday, April 9 - Passover Ends**

**Wednesday, April 15 - Tax Day**

**Wednesday, April 22 - Earth Day**

## Event Info

April 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 April Fool's Day</b> Passover Begins  Blood Drive, St. Boniface Parish Center, Westphalia	<b>2</b>	<b>3 Good Friday</b> Chamber Office Closed  Ribbon Cutting Lofted Boutique Harlan  Unlock the Power of Craniosacral Therapy Milk & Honey	<b>4 Easter Egg Hunts:</b> Danish Villages, Irwin, Portsmouth, Shelby  Chair One Fitness LIPL  Adult Board Games EHPL
<b>5 Easter</b>  Easter Bruch Buffet HGCC	<b>6</b>	<b>7 Chair One Fitness</b> LIPL  Radon Basics, LIPL	<b>8 EHPL Kimballton</b> Kaffee & Craft Kimballton Town Hall	<b>9 Passover Ends</b>  Ribbon Cutting Farewell to Jerry Elk Horn City Clerk's Office, Elk Horn  EHPL Hans Christian Andersen Dinner, Kimballton Town Hall	<b>10 Swifty Music</b> Bingo, Milk & Honey	<b>11 Chair One Fitness</b> LIPL  Teen Programming, EHPL
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14 Hotel Motel</b> Committee Meeting Chamber Conference Room  Library & Lunch Book Club, HCL  SPARK! MoDA Elk Horn  Children's Author Visit, LIPL	<b>15 Tax Day</b> SCCC Board of Directors Meeting Chamber Conference Room  Classic Movie Morning, HCL  5 O'Clock Somewhere Book Club, HCL	<b>16 Forest Friends</b> LIPL	<b>17 Paint &amp; Sip, Milk &amp; Honey</b>  Community Jam, Milk & Honey	<b>18 Chair One Fitness</b> LIPL  Silent Book Club EHPL
<b>19 National Library Week, thru the 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>20 Ambassador Visit</b> Elk Horn Public Library, Celebrating National Library Week  Friends of the Library EHPL  Edible Flowers, LIPL	<b>21 Ambassador Visit</b> Harlan Community Library, Celebrating National Library Week  Iowa's Rouges & Heroes Program, LIPL	<b>22 Earth Day</b>  Fun China Luncheon HGCC	<b>23 Ambassador Visit</b> Lied Irwin Public Library, Celebrating National Library Week  HCL Poety Slam & Open Mic Night, Milk & Honey	<b>24 Movie &amp; Book Discussion, EHPL</b>  Magnolias and Merchant Fair	<b>25 Junk Journal Workshop, LIPL</b>  MMC Public Health Community Baby Shower, Therildsen Center
<b>26 Victor Borge</b> Legacy Award Recital MoDA	<b>27</b>	<b>28 Book Club, LIPL</b>	<b>29 Elk Horn</b> Community Coffee & Craft, EHPL	<b>30 Bingo Night –</b> Family Fun Night HCL		

May 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1 May Day</b>  House Plant & Veggie Start Swap, Milk & Honey	<b>2 Adult Board Games</b> EHPL
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 Cinco de Mayo</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Mother's Day</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12 Library &amp; Lunch</b> Book Club, HCL  SPARK! MoDA Elk Horn	<b>13 EHPL Kimballton</b> Kaffee & Craft Kimballton Town Hall  5 O'Clock Somewhere Book Club, HCL	<b>14</b>	<b>15 Movie &amp; Book Discussion, EHPL</b>	<b>16 Silent Book Club</b> EHPL
<b>17</b>	<b>18 Friends of the Library</b> EHPL	<b>19</b>	<b>20 SCCC Board of Directors Meeting</b> Chamber Conference Room	<b>21</b>	<b>22 Tivoli Fest</b> Elk Horn	<b>23 Tivoli Fest</b> Elk Horn
<b>24</b>	<b>25 Memorial Day</b> Chamber Office Closed	<b>26</b>	<b>27 Elk Horn</b> Community Coffee & Craft, EHPL	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>						