

November 2025



Happy Holidays!

Warm Holiday Wishes from the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry Team: Executive Director – Todd Valline, and Administrative Assistant – Carol McHugh.

Get ready to celebrate the holiday season at our Annual Holiday Open House on Thursday, December 18 from 5 – 7 pm. This Holiday Open House is our way of thanking our Board of Directors and Chamber members for your support in 2025.

This event will be held in the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry's Atrium, 1901 Hawkeye Avenue, Harlan. All Chamber members are invited. Please bring along your spouse or associates to catch up with fellow Chamber members. We encourage all Chamber members to invite a non-Chamber member to this event

All attendees can register to win one of two \$25 Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry Gift Certificates. One entry per person.



Let's Welcome the
Holiday Season!
Time to Light Up
the Night!



Saturday, November 29th starting at 5 PM!
Historic Downtown Square, Harlan, IA

**On Saturday, November 29th Santa will be on the Historic
Downtown Square in Harlan to help us Light Up
the Shelby County Christmas Tree!**

**Santa will then stick around and greet the area children.
Hot Chocolate, Sugar Cookies, Trolley rides (weather
permitting) and much more.**

Join us on the Square to Welcome the Holiday Season!



Santa Claus is Coming to Town!



Saturday, December 6

9:00 - 9:30 AM

Elk Horn Public Library

10:00 - 10:30 AM

Lied Irwin Public
Library

11:00 - Noon

Panama Fire Hall

2:00 - 2:30 PM

Earling Fire Hall

3:00 - 3:30 PM

American Legion
Portsmouth

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Old Post Office
Tennant

Thanks To Our Sponsors:

Four Seasons Travel

Pauley Jones Funeral Home

SCSB

Shelby County Farm Bureau

Good things come to those who shop local Keep The Cheer Here in Shelby County



Holiday Sponsors Needed

It's the holiday season in Shelby County and the Chamber is hosting its annual Santa Claus is Coming to Town on Saturday, December 6. Santa and the Chamber staff will be visiting six communities: Elk Horn, Irwin, Panama, Earling, Portsmouth and Tennant. One child's name will be drawn at each community and the winner will receive a Christmas stocking filled with toys.

To make this a successful event, we are reaching out to you, our membership, for monetary donations. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. As a sponsor, your business name/logo will be included in all signage/advertising. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry, 1901 Hawkeye Avenue, Harlan, IA 51537. For more information, please contact the Shelby County Chamber office at 712-755-2114.



Upcoming Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting

The community is invited to the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of Cyclone Brew (Harlan Community High School), 2102 Durant Street, Harlan on December 4 at 4:00 p.m. during their home basketball game. There will be giveaways, and you can meet ALL of our amazing student baristas that have started this business and fueled the ideas! Come support their project built on teamwork, dedication, and Cyclone pride.

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](#).

2026 Legislative Coffee Series 3rd Saturday January 2026 through March 2026, 10 am



January 17- Location: TBD

February 14 - Location: Shelby County Farm Bureau, 908 6th Street, Harlan

March 14 - Location: TBD

If your business would like to host a Legislative Coffee, please contact the Shelby County Chamber office, 712-755-2114

Membership

SCCCI Membership Renewals

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

Baxter Lumber & Hardware * Broeckelman & Associates, PC.
Concerned Inc. * Elm Crest Senior Living Community
Faith Family Church * iSight of Harlan * Lonely Oak Distillery, LLC
Pitts Family & Sport Chiropractic PC * Shelby County Catholic
Shelby County Extension & Outreach * Shelby County Farm Bureau
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**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

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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***

Hotel Motel Grant Committee Meeting & Application Due Date

The Hotel Motel Grant Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 13 at 9:30 am in the Shelby County Chamber Conference Room. Applications are due by Wednesday, December 24 by 12 pm. If you have any questions, please contact the Chamber office 712-755-2114 or [email us](#).

Chamber Gift Certificates

The holiday gift giving season will be here soon. Are you wondering what to buy that hard to shop for person on your holiday gift list? The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry has an answer – Chamber gift certificates. Chamber gift certificates are a wonderful gift for employees, teachers, coaches, friends and family. Gift certificates can be purchased in any denomination and used throughout Shelby County. There is no minimum purchase required and they no longer have expiration dates. All major credit cards, checks and cash accepted.

Certificates are easy to purchase. On our [website](#), call the office 712-755-2114, [email](#), or stop by and see us.



Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry Holiday Hours

During the Thanksgiving holiday, our office will be closed Thursday, November 27 (Thanksgiving) and Friday, November 28.

During the Christmas holiday, we will be closing at noon on Wednesday, December 24. We will resume regular business hours on Friday, January 2, 2026.

Event Info

December 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Extreme Gingerbread Challenges, EHPL After School Movie HCL GriefShare First Baptist Church Harlan	2	3	4 Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting, Cyclone Brew, HCHS Author Program, HCL	5 SCSB Holiday Open House, All Locations Milk & Honey Pop-up Book Fair with The Next Chapter 3rd Annual Holiday Sip & Shop, HGCC Wintergreen Potting Workshop, Milk & Honey	6 Santa Claus is Coming to Town Participating Shelby Co. Communities Holiday Pecans & Bake Sale, UCC Family Event, HCL Adult Board Game Night, EHPL
7 LIPL Christmas Open House & Cookie Exchange	8 Museum of Danish America at EHPL GriefShare First Baptist Church Harlan	9 SPARK! Museum of Danish America Elk Horn Library and Lunch Book Club, HCL Book Club, LIPL	10 Milk & Honey Food Drive, Christmas Open House, & Spread Holiday Cheer HCL Books & Banter & 5 O'Clock Somewhere Book Clubs at HGCC	11 WCCA Adopt-A-Family Drop Off Chamber Atrium Santa in the Cabins Shelby Co Historical Museum Harlan	12 WCCA Adopt-A-Family Pick Up Chamber Atrium Game Day, Shelby Comm Club Jingle & Mingle and Sleigh Painting Party Milk & Honey	13 Young Adult Coffee & Silent Book Club, EHPL Farmhand Brewing Co Gag Gift Exchange Christmas Party Earling
14	15 GriefShare First Baptist Church Harlan	16	17 Santa's Little Helpers Come & Go Event, Elk Horn Town Hall	18 Forest Friends LIPL Brown Bag Lunch MoDA HCL Adult White Elephant Bingo Shelby County Chamber Holiday Open House, Chamber Atrium	19 Community Christmas Sing Along & Meet Santa, Milk & Honey	20
21 Winter Solstice	22 Grinchmas Day Camp, LIPL	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Chamber Office Closed thru January 1, 2026	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Community Coffee, Teen New Year's Party & New Year's Party, EHPL			

January 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Year's Day Chamber office closed Celebrate New Year's Day at Milk & Honey	2 Chamber Office Resumes Regular Business Hours	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Forest Friends LIPL	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Day	20	21 SCCC Board of Directors Meeting Chamber Conference Room	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 HCL Murder Mystery Dinner, Milk & Honey	30	31