

October 2025

24TH ANNUAL

HARVEST FEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Another Harvest Fest is in the books! The Harvest Fest Committee would like to thank our sponsors, volunteers, street market vendors, and the businesses who participated in the Candy Walk. You are the ones that make this event a success.

The Harlan Theatre reported 116 attendees for the \$1 movie. We raised \$300 at the bake sale and had two businesses (who wish to remain anonymous) donate \$300 each. That's a grand total of \$900 that will be used to purchase 2026 pool passes for kids' in need. Thanks to everyone who donated baked goods and to Monogram Prepared Meats for donating the bacon.

And a special thanks to the Harlan Community Middle School Students for helping out with the cookie decorating and the Scouts for helping out with the kids' games.

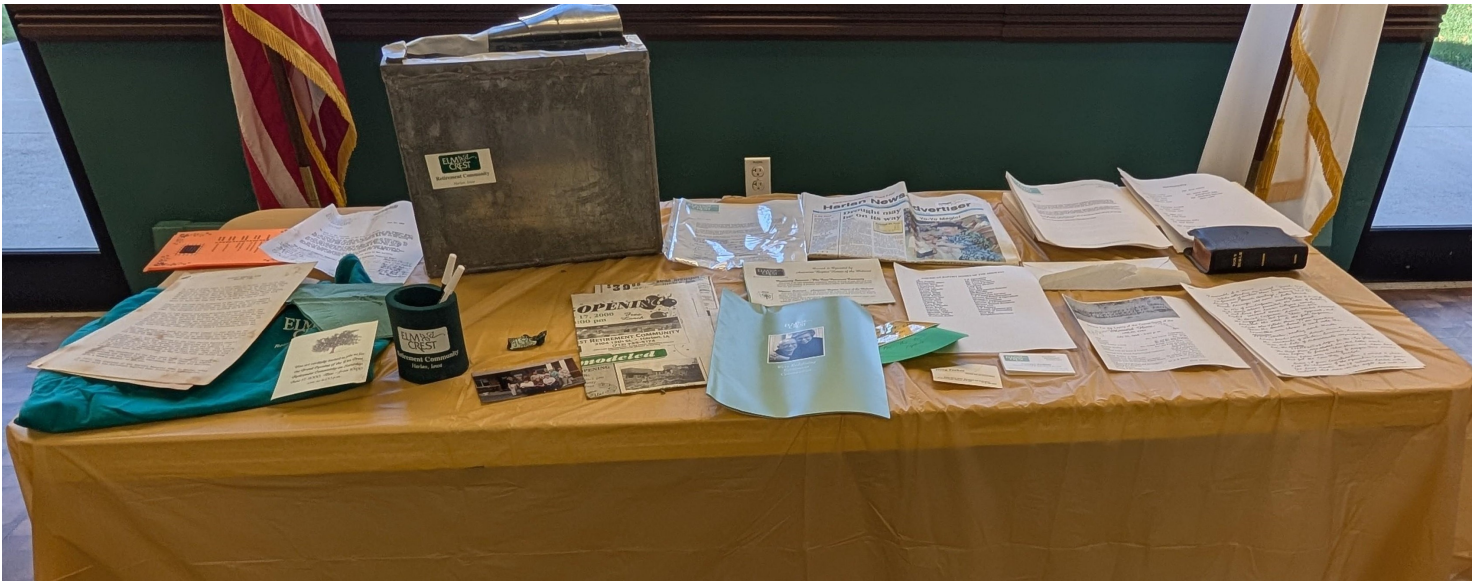
We look forward to celebrating the 25th Annual Harvest Fest on October 24, 2026.

Thank You
To Our Sponsors



• Harlan Theatre • Harlan Community Library • MTO Livestock • Hansen House • Harlan Pizza Ranch
• Grandpa's Pumpkin Farm • Market Street Gifts • Harlan Municipal Channels 14 and 1014
• Scouting America, Mid-America Council • Nelson Farm Supply • The Way Community Church

Ribbon Cuttings & Time Capsule Opening



**Elm Crest Senior Living Community
Time Capsule Opening, Thursday, October 9
Photo Courtesy of the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry**



**Larsen Plaza Dedication
Shelby County Historical Museum
Ribbon Cutting, Sunday, October 12
Photo Courtesy of Janet Buman**



**Sunny Seven Local Market, Harlan
Ribbon Cutting, Friday, October 17
Photo Courtesy of the Shelby County
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Ribbon Cuttings

Continued

Farmhand Brewing Co., Earling
Ribbon Cutting, Friday, October 17
Photo Courtesy of the Shelby County
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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](#).

Decorating For Harvest Fest 2025



Volunteers Decorate Harlan's Downtown For Harvest Fest
Photo Courtesy of The Harlan Newspapers



The Brick Wall Gallery's Harvest Fest Pumpkin Patch
Photo Courtesy of Brian Byrnes, Brick Wall Gallery

2025 Scarecrow Showdown Winners

Photos Courtesy of the 2025 Scarecrow Showdown Facebook Page



First Place - Concerned, Inc.



Second Place - SCSB

Membership

SCCCI Membership Renewals

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

FMCTC * Molded Products, Inc. * Nishnabotna Valley REC
Pauley Jones Funeral Home, LLC
Rae Banks Enterprises, LLC - DBA Scooters Coffee
Salvo, Deren, Schenck, Gross, Swain, Argotsinger, PC.

**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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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***

Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming Chamber Events

Saturday, November 29 - Holiday Tree Lighting on the Courthouse Square Harlan. Time TBD

Saturday, December 6 - Santa Claus is Coming to Town. Times and Locations TBD

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

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Junk Journals Part 3, LIPL The Forgotten Art... the Artist, Therkildsen Center, Harlan Adult Board Game Night, EHPL
2 Daylight Saving Time Ends	3 GriefShare, First Baptist Church Harlan	4 Library & Lunch HCL Bingo & Bites, Sunset Scoops, Harlan	5	6 IowaWorks Job Services, HCL HCL Battle of The Book Clubs Soup Edition, The Lounge Harlan	7 Fay Porter Jazz Quartet, Milk & Honey	8 Color Analysis Event, Floral Elegance Harlan
9	10 Museum of Danish America at EHPL GriefShare First Baptist Church Harlan	11 SPARK! Museum of Danish America Elk Horn	12 Veteran's Coffee EHPL 5 O'Clock Somewhere Book Club, HCL	13 1980s Throwback Thursday, Harlan Pizza Ranch Author Program: Ann Markin, HCL	14 Game Day, Shelby Comm Club	15 Holiday Pet Shoot LIPL
16	17 GriefShare First Baptist Church Harlan	18	19 Classic Movie Morning, HCL SCCCI Board of Directors Meeting Chamber Conference Room Books & Banter Book Club, HCL	20 Forest Friends LIPL Brown Bag Lunch MoDA	21 Book Discussion EHPL Classy, Country, Crazy – A Clean Comedy Show, Milk & Honey	22
23 Portsmouth Annual Craft & Vendor Fair, St. Mary's Parish	24 EHPL Friends of the Library Book Sale Thru Dec. 19 Set-Up Community Christmas Tree, EHPL GriefShare First Baptist Church Harlan	25 Craft Lab, HCL	26	27 Thanksgiving Chamber office closed	28 Family Day Chamber office closed Julefest the Danish Villages of Elk Horn & Kimballton Milk & Honey Holiday Trivia	29 Julefest the Danish Villages of Elk Horn & Kimballton Milk & Honey Small Business Saturday Makers Market Holiday Lighting Ceremony, Historic Downtown Harlan Square
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December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Extreme Gingerbread Challenges, EHPL	2	3	4	5 Milk & Honey Pop-up Book Fair with The Next Chapter Wintergreen Potting Workshop, Milk & Honey	6 Santa Claus is Coming to Town Participating Shelby Co. Communities Adult Board Game Night, EHPL
7	8 Museum of Danish America at EHPL	9 SPARK! Museum of Danish America Elk Horn	10	11 Santa in the Cabins Shelby Co Historical Museum Harlan	12 Sleigh Painting Party, Milk & Honey	13
14	15	16	17	18 Forest Friends LIPL Brown Bag Lunch MoDA	19	20
21 Winter Solstice	22	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 EHPL			