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The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce What It Is, What It Does, Who We Are

A Chamber of Commerce is a partnership of businesses and professionals working together to build a healthy economy and improve the quality of life in a community. It's a network of businesspeople designed to promote and protect the interests of its members. It offers a place for members to come together and discuss local, regional, and international policies and other business issues.

Chambers usually take on several community functions, including:

- * Tourist information center
- * Business spokesperson
- * Economic planner and developer
- * Government relations
- * Human resources advisor
- * Public relations advisor
- * Economic counselor

Through these functions, chambers work to serve local businesses and keep the economy strong. ([Source](#))

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry is a member-based non-profit organization, a 501c (6). As both the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development arms of Shelby County, we are here to help Shelby County grow in any way we can. There are benefits our Chamber membership receives that are not available to all businesses with the primary benefits being our promotion of your business, networking opportunities, access to our website and tools along with listings on our mobile application.

Our mission is very simple – to create a climate of opportunity for business growth, economic development, and a high standard of living throughout Shelby County.

And we appreciate all the help our members provide to us to meet this mission. As active members in the community and the Chamber, our member businesses provide us with their expertise and experience when addressing the needs of our community. The great thing is, that while helping us, our members also benefit their businesses. By actively participating in membership and including your fellow co-workers and staff in this participation, you expand your influence within the community while promoting the benefits of working with you or for your organization. Together, we truly are working every day to make Shelby County a wonderful "Place to Call Home."

OFFICE CLOSED

With the Labor Day holiday approaching soon, the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry will be closed on Monday, September 4. We will resume regular business hours on Tuesday, September 5.

Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday in September to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. ([Source](#))

Labor Day 2023 will take place on **Monday, 4 September**, marking the unofficial end of summer and heralding the start of fall. The annual holiday is more than 125 years old and was first introduced to celebrate the contributions made by workers throughout the year and the American labor movement. ([Source](#))

Labor Day weekend also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans and is celebrated with parties, street parades, and athletic events.



Interested in sponsoring a Chamber event? The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry is offering two event opportunities for our members to get their name out there.

The Annual Harvest Fest – October 28, 2023. This event will be held on the Historic Downtown Square, Harlan.

Annual Santa Claus is Coming to Town, hosted by the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry – December 2023 (dates to be determined).

Sponsorship of a Chamber event offers your company exposure to the Shelby County business community and an opportunity to network with business leaders from the area. Not only does it create awareness for your products and services, but it also allows you to target your marketing efforts to business professionals and potential customers in Shelby County.

If your business would like to participate in one or both of these events, please contact the Chamber office at 712-755-2114 or by [email](#) with the amount of your donation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry



Good Things Come To Those Who Shop Local Keep It In Shelby County



You are cordially invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by our newest Chamber member Kennedy Brothers Plumbing, LLC at 5:30 pm on Thursday, August 31. This event will take place in the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry conference room, 1901 Hawkeye Avenue, Harlan.



SCCCI Mission Statement: To create a climate of opportunity for business growth, economic development, and a high standard of living throughout Shelby County.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - Scooter's Coffee - August 25, 2023
Photo Courtesy of Harlan Newspapers

Celebrate Your Business - Host An Ambassador Visit, Open House, Ribbon Cutting, Or Groundbreaking Ceremony

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry is always ready to help its members celebrate their success with an ambassador visit, open house, ribbon cutting, or groundbreaking ceremony. 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.

To schedule your ambassador visit, open house, ribbon cutting, or groundbreaking ceremony with the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry, call us at 712-755-2114 or email [Carol](#) or [Debbie](#).

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
Farmers Trust & Savings Bank
Essentia Protein Solutions
Midstates Bank
FMCTC

Silver Club Members

Elm Crest Senior Living Community
Markham Family Dental Associates, Inc.
Panama Transfer

Bronze Club Members

CDS Global
Fareway Stores, Inc.
Harlan Community School District
The Harlan Tribune
KNOD Radio Station
Pitts Family & Sports Chiropractic Center, PC
Smitty Bee Honey, Inc.
Town & Country Credit Union
Counsel Office & Document
Farm Service Cooperative
Harlan Golf & Country Club
Hy-Vee
Molded Products
Nishnabotna Valley REC
Cyclone Lanes

Do You Have A 2023 Event?

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry is gathering event information for our 2022 calendar. 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](#).

Welcome New SCCCI Members

Taylor Quik Pik - Shelby. Joined August 2, 2023

SCCCI Membership Renewals

The Chamber wishes to thank the following members who renewed their membership in August 2023

The Agency Insurance * Bauer's Shoe Store, Inc. * CDS Global
Essentia Protein Solutions * Fareway Stores, Inc. * First Baptist Church
Four Seasons Travel, Inc. * Harlan Community School District * Hy-Vee
Iowa Western Community College * Keast Auto Center
KNOD * Kwix-Rx Pharmacy * Lonely Oak Distillery, LLC.
Museum of Danish America & Nishnabotna Valley REC
Schaben Insurance & Financial, Inc. * SCSB
Shelby County Community School District
Shelby Country Inn & RV Park * State Farm – EJ Leinen
Time for Tots Early Learning 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.**

2023-2024 Board of Directors

President

Jeff Sundholm
Myrtue Medical Center

Vice President

Jahde Osborn
Courtside Marketing

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Town & Country Credit
Union

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of Supervisors

Board Member

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Board Member

Darin Turner
Hy-Vee

Chamber Team

Todd Valline
Executive Director

Carol McHugh
Administrative Assistant

Debbie Stendrup
Membership/Events
Coordinator

Event Info

September 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Full Moon Paddle Prairie Rose State Park, Harlan First Friday Dinner Milk & Honey, Harlan	2 Hawks, Prairie Rose State Park, Harlan Last Day of the Annual Used Book Sale, Harlan Community Library
3	4 Labor Day Chamber Office Closed	5 MMC Blood Analysis Screening Shelby Clinic	6	7 Cookbook Club Elk Horn Public Library	8	9 Carstens Farm Days Shelby Pizza on the Prairie Museum of Danish America, Elk Horn Teen Murder Mystery Elk Horn Public Library
10 Carstens Farm Days Shelby	11 After School STEAM, Harlan Community Library GriefShare Support Group First Baptist Church Harlan	12 Libray & Lunch Harlan Community Library The Parent Network MMC	13	14 MMC Auxiliary Fall Bazaar, Vets Auditorium Brown Bag Lunch Program Museum of Danish America Elk Horn	15	16 Walk to End Alzheimer's, Pioneer Park, Harlan Southwest IA Art Tour, Brick Wall Gallery, Harlan
17 Southwest IA Art Tour, Brick Wall Gallery, Harlan 2023 Concerned, Inc. Golf Tournament HGCC	18 After School STEAM, Harlan Community Library GriefShare Support Group First Baptist Church Harlan	19 Board of Directors Meeting, Chamber Conference Room	20 Classic Morning Movie, Harlan Community Library	21 Caregiver Support Group, Harlan Community Library Roar into Harlan Downtown Square	22	23 First Day of Autumn
24	25 After School STEAM, Harlan Community Library Food Safety Class IWCC Shelby Center Harlan GriefShare Support Group, First Baptist Church, Harlan	26 Shelby County Senior Fest, Harlan Senior Center The Parent Network MMC	27 5 O'Clock Somewhere Book Club, Harlan Community Library	28 Iowa Author Michelle Blum Cowan Harlan Community Library Hike Night, Prairie Rose State Park Harlan	29	30

October 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Kayaking, Prairie Rose State Park Harlan	2 After School STEAM, Harlan Community Library GriefShare Support Group First Baptist Church Harlan	3	4	5	6 4 th Annual Oktoberfest Farmhand Brewing Co., Earling. Thru October 8 MMC Diagnostic Imaging Community Wide PinkOut	7
8	9 Columbus Day After School STEAM, Harlan Community Library GriefShare Support Group First Baptist Church Harlan	10 The Parent Network MMC	11	12	13	14 Salem Lutheran Homes & Rehab Center Fall Bazaar Elk Horn
15 Fall Colors Hike Prairie State Park Harlan	16 Boss's Day After School STEAM, Harlan Community Library GriefShare Support Group First Baptist Church Harlan	17	18	19 Brown Bag Lunch Program Museum of Danish America Elk Horn Caregiver Support Group, Harlan Community Library	20	21
22	23 GriefShare Support Group First Baptist Church Harlan	24 The Parent Network MMC	25	26 Historical Cemetery Walk, Elk Horn Lutheran Church	27	28 Harvest Fest Downtown Square Harlan
29	30 GriefShare Support Group First Baptist Church Harlan	31 Halloween				