

August 2024

Welcome Back To School

The first day back at school marks the beginning of a fresh chapter filled with opportunities for growth and learning.

It's a new school year! Teachers have spent weeks getting their classrooms in order, planning lessons, and preparing for their new learners. Students have been excitedly looking forward to seeing their friends again and learning new things. And parents, you've been going back-to-school shopping, registering your children for classes and sports, moving them into dorms, and packing lunches and college care packages

The back-to-school season brings a sense of renewal and excitement as students and educators return to the classroom with fresh energy, new goals, and a determination to succeed. This period is marked by preparation, setting expectations, and establishing routines that will guide the academic year.

Building relationships is crucial. The start of a new school year is a key time for students to meet with new classmates, build friendships, and interact with teachers who will mentor and guide them. These relationships are foundational for a supportive learning environment.

Adaptation to change and innovation is important. Schools continue to evolve with new technologies, teaching methods, and curriculum. They also engage with parents, local businesses, and community organizations to support students' education and well-being, enriching the educational experience and fostering a sense of belonging.

Remember, you have the potential to make this year one of the best ones yet!

Here are a few final tips for a fantastic school year: ([Source](#))

- Get enough sleep.
- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Try your best.
- Use good work habits, like writing down your assignments and turning in your homework on time.
- Take your time with school work. If you don't understand something, ask the teacher.
- Have fun!

We're Going Back To School



Ambassador Visit



Ambassador Visit - Elk Horn Public Library
Welcoming the new Children's Librarian, Julia Hawks
Photo Courtesy of the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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 [Carol](#) or [Debbie](#).



With the Labor Day holiday approaching soon, the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry will be closed on Monday, September 2. We will resume regular business hours on Tuesday, September 3.



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 26, 2024. 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 2024 (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



Send Us Your Events

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry is gathering event information for 2024. 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](#).

SCCCI Membership Renewals

The Chamber wishes to thank the following members who renewed their membership in August 2024

The Agency Insurance * Bauer’s Shoe Store, Inc.
Cambridge Law Firm P.L.C. Carstens 1880 Farmstead, Inc.
CDS Global * Fareway Stores, Inc. * Harlan Theatre, LLC.
Iowa Western Community College * Keast Auto Center * KNOD
Kohorst & Fischer Law Firm PLLC. * Lonely Oak Distillery, LLC.
Milk & Honey * Panama Transfer * Schaben Insurance & Financial, Inc.
State Farm – EJ Leinen * Taylor Quik Pik – Shelby

**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.**

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

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Event Info

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day Chamber Office Closed	3 SPARK! Museum of Danish America Elk Horn	4	5 MMC Blood Analysis, Elk Horn Clinic	6 MMC Blood Analysis, Earling Clinic SCCO "Front 9, Back 9" Golf Tournament Shelby Co Museum Trivia Night, Milk & Honey, Harlan	7 Carstens Farm Days Carstens 1880 Farmstead, Shelby
8 Carstens Farm Days Carstens 1880 Farmstead, Shelby	9	10 MMC Blood Analysis, Shelby Clinic Library & Lunch Harlan Community Library	11 5 O'Clock Somewhere Book Club, Harlan Community Library	12 After Hours Networking, Milk & Honey, Harlan Adult Program, Fall Décor, Harlan Community Library Alzheimer's Assn Awareness Purple Out Game (Volleyball), Lewis Center HS Gym Council Bluffs	13 Sip & Shop, Milk & Honey, Harlan	14 Women's Retreat Into His Presence Harvest of Hope Church, Harlan Flatbreads and Prairie Flowers, Museum of Danish America, Elk Horn
15 2024 Concerned Inc Golf Tournament HGCC	16	17 SCCC BOD Meeting Chamber Conference Room League of Human Dignity, Harlan Community Library	18	19 MMC Auxiliary's Bazaar Fundraiser Vet's Building Roar into Harlan Downtown Square Family Fun Night Harlan Community Library	20	21 Farmhand Brewing Co. 5 Year Anniversary BBQ Earling
22 Fall Begins Autumnal Equinox	23	24	25 Book & Banter Book Club, Harlan Community Library	26 Adult Program Harlan Community Library Hike Night, Prairie Rose State Park Harlan	27 Silent Book Club Milk & Honey, Harlan BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) Club, Lied Irwin Public Library	28 Shelby Co Historical Museum Sock Hop, Harlan
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October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 SPARK! Museum of Danish America Elk Horn	2	3	4 Oktoberfest Farmhand Brewing Co, Earling	5
6 Kayaking, Prairie Rose State Park Harlan	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16 Boss's Day	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Harvest Fest Downtown Square Harlan
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		