

March 2022

## Spring Cleaning Your Small Business

Most people do spring cleaning around the house and yard, but have you ever thought of trying it at work? You can pump new life into your business by transferring this springtime routine to the workplace.

Check around your property for damage left from this winter's freeze/thaw cycles. Also check for any broken or loose paving stones, potholes, or cracked/damaged sidewalks that could be a potential safety hazard to you, your employees, and customers. Don't forget your roof. Look for any missing or damaged shingles and identify any building damage. Make a plan to repair these damages.

Sweep your sidewalk and parking areas to remove left over salt or antiskid. Not only does this spruce up your property's appearance but can prevent any costly damage to concrete and grass areas.

Powerwash your building, as well as any paved surfaces, particularly concrete, to ensure they are clean and in good repair.

Clean up any sticks and trash out on your sidewalk and curb area. This will improve your appearance for your customers and the community.

Clean your windows. Washing the winter grime off your windows both inside and out will let in more sunshine. The more sunshine, the happier your employees and customers.

Make sure your landscaping is not blocking any of your business signage, doorways, sidewalks, parking areas, or windows.

Clean out your planting beds and install new annual or perennial flowers to add color and brighten the look of your business.

Don't forget to update your website and social media. It's important that your website is easy to navigate and use for your customers. Social media can be a powerful business tool. It helps you listen to what people are saying, including your customers, prospects, peers, and competitors.

Organize your emails. Just do it!

Clear off your desk and clean your office. The dust bunnies have been there too long.

These are just a few things that you can do to shake off the winter blues and get yourself and your business ready for summer.

*You Are Cordially Invited To Join Us For*  
***The 2022 Fun China Luncheon***

*Wednesday, April 27th, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm*  
*Harlan Golf & County Club Ballroom*

*Everyone Is Invited!*



*\$20 Per Person*

*Door Prizes*

*Award For The Best Decorated Table*  
*(Voted By Attendees)*

*Seating Reservations Are Required By Calling*  
*The Shelby County Chamber & Industry: 712-755-2114*  
*Or Email: [info@exploreshelbycounty.com](mailto:info@exploreshelbycounty.com)*

## **Club Level Members**

### **Platinum Plus Club Members**

**City of Harlan**

**Harlan Industrial Foundation**

**Harlan Municipal Utilities**

**Myrtue Medical Center**

**Shelby County**

**Shelby County State Bank**

### **Platinum Club Members**

**Conductix-Wampfler**

**Monogram Prepared Meats, LLC**

### **Gold Club Members**

**The Agency Insurance**

**Essentia Protein Solutions**

**FMCTC**

**Farmers Trust & Savings Bank**

**Midstates Bank**

### **Silver Club Members**

**Elm Crest Senior Living Community**

**Panama Transfer**

**Markham Family Dental Associates, Inc.**

### **Bronze Club Members**

**CDS Global**

**Counsel Office & Document**

**Cyclone Lanes**

**Fareway Stores, Inc.**

**Farm Service Cooperative**

**Harlan Golf & Country Club**

**The Harlan Tribune**

**Hy-Vee**

**Keast Auto Center**

**KNOD Radio Station**

**Molded Products**

**Nishnabotna Valley REC**

**Pitts Family & Sports Chiropractic Center, PC**

**Smitty Bee Honey, Inc.**

**Subway**

**Summit Carbon Solutions**

**Town & Country Credit Union**

**Victoria Station**





Good things come to  
those who shop local  
Keep it in Shelby County

## Do You Have A 2022 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](#).



**Ambassador Visit:** Little Threads Resale & Boutique, Harlan  
Friday, March 25, 2022

## Upcoming Ambassador Visits

- ◆ **Friday, April 1, 10 am.** Elk Horn Public Library, 2027 Washington Street, Elk Horn.
- ◆ **Friday, April 8, 10 am.** Harlan Community Library, 718 Court Street, Harlan.
- ◆ **Friday, April 22, 10 am.** Harlan Golf & Country Club, 2503 12th Street, Harlan.

**2021-2022  
Board of Directors**

**President**  
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Union

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**Board Member**  
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**Board Member**  
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### Chamber Team

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Membership/Events  
Coordinator

# Shelby County Welcome Bag Program

Currently, the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry needs promotional items for our Welcome Bags. We are looking for brochures, business cards, coupons (no expiration date), and promotional marketing items such as clips, pens, magnets, ice cream scoops, eye class cleaner, and so forth. If you would like to have your business represented in our Welcome Bags, please reach out and contact our office at 712-755-2114 or [email us](#). We can arrange a “no contact” pick up or drop off here at the Chamber office, 1901 Hawkeye Avenue, Harlan.

Remember, be creative! This is your chance to attract new business. You only have one opportunity to make a good first impression. Make it a good one.

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## Welcome New SCCCI Members

Summit Carbon Solutions. Joined March 9, 2022

Shelby Book Photography, LLC. Joined March 9, 2022

J. Johnson Services. Joined March 10, 2022

## SCCCI Membership Renewals

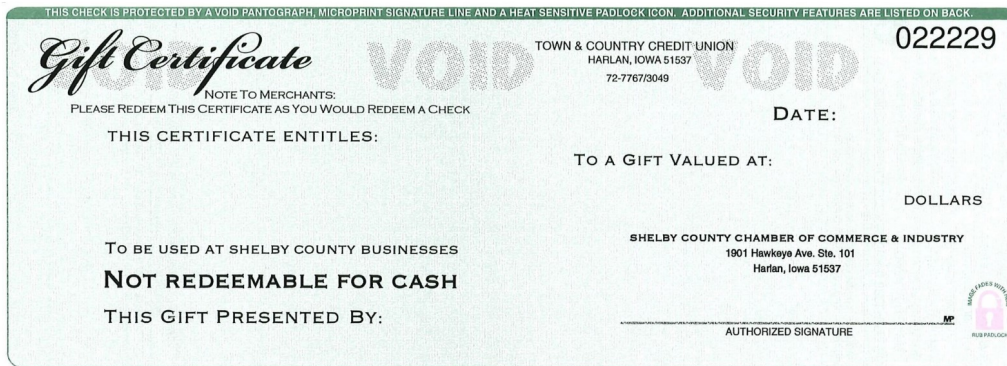
**The Chamber wishes to thank the following members who renewed their membership in March 2022**

Harlan Newspapers \* Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services  
Pitt's Family & Sports Chiropractic Center, P.C.  
R & S Waste Disposal, LLC \* Victoria Station

**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.**

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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.



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# Make Your HyVee Purchases Using a Shelby County Chamber Gift Certificate and receive a 10% Discount





## Event Info

April 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> April Fools' Day Ambassador Visit Elk Horn Public Library  St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Rosman Parish Center, Harlan	<b>2</b> Farmhand Brewing Co Presents Flapper & Gents, Earling
<b>3</b> National Library Week through April 9 American Legion Fundraiser Breakfast Legion Building, Harlan  Dad's Belgian Waffles Brunch & Silent Auction, St. Mary's Parish Hall, Panama	<b>4</b> Mobile Drive -Thru Food Pantry, Vet's Auditorium, Harlan	<b>5</b> Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan	<b>6</b> Iowa Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Earling	<b>7</b> Prisoners of War in Iowa, Harlan Community Library  Essential Oils Spring Cleaning Workshop, Elk Horn Public Library	<b>8</b> Ambassador Visit Harlan Community Library  St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Rosman Parish Center, Harlan	<b>9</b> A Night of Jazz 2022 Harlan Community High School Auditorium  Shelby Community Club Fundraiser Shelby Community Center, Shelby
<b>10</b> Palm Sunday	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan	<b>13</b> 2022 MMC Blood Analysis Screening MMC Avoca Clinic  Iowa Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Earling	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Good Friday Tax Day  Chamber office Closed for Easter Holiday	<b>16</b> Easter Egg Hunt Portsmouth City Park St. Boniface 150 <sup>th</sup> 5K Run & Walk Westphalia Pavilion Egg My Yard – HCHS City Council, Harlan
<b>17</b> Easter	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan	<b>20</b> Classic Movie Series, Harlan Community Library  Iowa Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Earling	<b>21</b> Brown Bag Lunch Program, Museum of Danish America Elk Horn	<b>22</b> Earth Day Ambassador Visit Harlan Golf CC	<b>23</b> Kids' Fest 2022 Vet's Auditorium Harlan  Free Shred Day, SCSB West Branch Harlan
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan	<b>27</b> Administrative Professionals' Day  Fun China Luncheon Harlan Golf CC  Iowa Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Earling	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Elk Horn Book Club – The Norse Horse Tavern Elk Horn  Battle of the Bands Harlan Community Theater Fundraiser, Veteran's Auditorium

May 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> May Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan	<b>4</b> Iowa Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Earling	<b>5</b> Cinco De Mayo	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Mad for Mother's Day, Shelby County Historical Museum Harlan
<b>8</b> Mother's Day	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan	<b>11</b> Iowa Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Earling	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> SCCC Board of Directors Meeting Chamber Conference Room  Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan	<b>18</b> Iowa Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Earling	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan	<b>25</b> Iowa Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Earling	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Memorial Day Chamber office closed  Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan				