

November 2022

## There's No Place Like Local For The Holidays

'Tis the season to plan your gift list, and that means you have an opportunity to shop local this holiday season. Please know that when you buy from your local small businesses it supports your community. And if you're like me, you prefer to avoid crowds at shopping malls in the city.

Here are just a few reasons to shop local.

It keeps money in the community. No matter what you purchase, money spent at small business shops generates 3.5 times more wealth than shopping at large national chains. ([Source](#)).

**You'll find unique gift items.** You are likely to find cool items that you aren't going to see in chain stores or online retailers.

**It creates a sense of community.** The more you shop local, the more you'll get to know your local merchants — and they'll get to know you.

**You'll help keep your neighbors employed.** Local businesses employ an estimated 77 million Americans, creating roughly two-thirds of all private sector jobs. ([Source](#)).

**It lowers your carbon footprint.** If you're lucky enough to be able to walk to local shops, it cuts down on emissions from your car. Shopping locally also eliminates the carbon footprint of delivery and packaging materials associated with online shopping.

**You'll keep local businesses thriving.** Spending money at small stores keeps them in business. You're helping a real family.

**You're worried about delays in shipping.** You not only have to worry about what gifts to buy, but also whether they'll arrive on time

**You prefer shopping in a store instead of online.** When you shop at a small store, you can actually put your hands on the cool items you want.

Local shopping doesn't always mean spending money at the boutiques. Don't forget to consider restaurants, local hair salons, and even grocery stores for gift cards and stocking stuffers.



# Santa Claus is Coming to Town!



**Saturday, December 3rd**



**Thank You To Our Sponsors:**



**Parian Lodge No. 321 A.F. & A.M.**

**12:30 PM - 1:00 PM  
Irwin Library**



**1:30 PM - 2:30 PM  
St. Mary's Parish Hall  
Panama**



**3:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
Legion Hall  
Portsmouth**



**4:00 PM - 4:30 PM  
Former Post Office  
Tennant**





It's holiday gift-giving season!

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## Upcoming Holiday Events

- ◆ **Saturday, December 3.** Santa Claus is Coming to Town, 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm (Chamber Event). Santa and “his elves” will be stopping at the following Shelby County Communities: Irwin (Irwin Library), Panama (St. Mary’s Parish Hall), Portsmouth (Legion Hall), and Tenant (Former Post Office). A special thanks to our sponsors: Retail Rebel, Milk & Honey, St. Croix Hospice, and Parian Lodge No. 321 A.F. & A.M.
- ◆ **Thursday, December 9 .** Santa in the Cabins, 5 – 7 pm, hosted by the Shelby County Historical Museum, 1805 Morse Avenue, Harlan. Join Santa and his helpers for free Christmas Carnival games, pictures with Santa, snacks, and crafts! Don’t forget to bring your family because Santa only visits once a year.
- ◆ **Thursday, December 22.** Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry Holiday Open House, 5 pm. This event will be held in our atrium. Come celebrate the holidays with the Chamber staff.

## Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry Holiday Hours

During the Christmas holiday, we will be closing at noon on Friday, December 23. We will resume regular business hours on Monday, January 2, 2023.

### 2022-2023 Board of Directors

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## **Club Level Members**

### **Platinum Plus Club Members**

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**Shelby County**

**Harlan Industrial Foundation**  
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### **Platinum Club Members**

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

### **Bronze Club Members**

**CDS Global**    **Counsel Office & Document**    **Cyclone Lanes**  
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**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**

# Chamber Membership

Get more exposure for your business. Take advantage of everything the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry has to offer. Being a Chamber member makes your business more desirable to customers. You can network with other member businesses. We provide you with many opportunities to get involved with our community and to better your business.

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## Welcome New SCCCI Members

Bill Savings Advocate. Joined November 18, 2022

## SCCCI Membership Renewals

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

Elm Crest Senior Living Community \* First Baptist Church  
Floral Elegance & 6<sup>th</sup> Street Emporium \* Harlan Vision Clinic \* REM Iowa \* Taylor Quik Pik

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

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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.

## Ribbon Cutting



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - White Linen, Harlan  
Friday, October 28

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## Ambassador Visit

Harlan Veterinary Associates & Referral Center  
910 Chatburn Avenue, Harlan  
Friday, December 16, 10 am

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## Did You Know

Hosting an ambassador visit, open house, or ribbon cutting ceremony is a great opportunity to create public awareness about your business. For more information, contact the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry at 712-755-2114 or email the [Chamber office](#).

## Event Info

### December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Secret Serenity & Day Spa Holiday Open House, Harlan Soup & Learn Hansen House Senior Living Harlan	2 SCSB Holiday Open House – All Locations	3 Bloodmobile, Shelby Community Building Holiday Pecans & Bake Sale, Congregational UCC Saturday Stroll Prairie Rose State Park, Harlan Light Up The Holidays Shelby Fire Hall, Shelby Santa Claus is Coming to Town Participating Shelby Co. Communities
4 HCHS Theatre Performance Class Showcase, HCHS Auditorium, Harlan	5 Blood Drive, St Joseph's Parish Hall Earling Mobile Drive-Thru Food Pantry, Vet's Memorial Building Harlan GriefShare, First Baptist Church Harlan	6	7	8 Murder Mystery Night at the Harlan Community Library Santa in the Cabins Shelby Co Historical Museum, Harlan	9	10 Ugly Sweater Festival, Elk Horn Holiday Cookie Exchange, Elk Horn Public Library Smartphone Photography Workshop, Museum of Danish America Elk Horn
11	12 GriefShare, First Baptist Church Harlan	13 HMU Customer Celebration, Vet's Memorial Building Harlan	14	15 WCCA Adopt a Family, Chamber Atrium	16 WCCA Adopt a Family, Chamber Atrium Ambassador Visit Harlan Veterinary Assoc. & Referral Service, Harlan	17
18	19	20	21 Winter Begins	22 Shelby Co Chamber Holiday Open House Stargazing, Prairie Rose State Park Harlan	23 Christmas Holiday Chamber office open until noon then closed through January 3, 2023	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas	26 Holiday Break Chamber office closed	27 Holiday Break Chamber office closed	28 Holiday Break Chamber office closed	29 Holiday Break Chamber office closed	30 Holiday Break Chamber office closed	31 New Year's Eve

### January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2 GriefShare, First Baptist Church Harlan	3	4	5 Soup & Learn Hansen House Senior Living Harlan	6	7
8	9 GriefShare, First Baptist Church Harlan	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day GriefShare, First Baptist Church Harlan	17 SCCC Board of Directors Meeting	18	19 Lunch & Learn MMC, Harlan	20	21
22	23 GriefShare, First Baptist Church Harlan	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 GriefShare, First Baptist Church Harlan	31				