



The Business Voice

November 2015

Opportunities and Thanksgivings

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings. – William Arthur Ward

I have been reflecting recently on this coming Thanksgiving Holiday as it marks my family's first anniversary in Shelby County, and what an amazing year it has been. As I arrived in this community to begin working with the newly formed Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and Industry, I could not possibly understand the remarkable place my path had led me to. From day one the community warmth and community pride throughout the county, and the drive among the community leadership to truly develop an unmatched quality of life was evident.

The acceptance I have received from the Shelby County business community, as well as the community overall, and the acceptance the Chamber has received is almost overwhelming. Everywhere we turn, we receive nothing but support and encouragement.

This has been very inspirational to myself and the staff of the Chamber. Each day, we strive to provide our membership and the community a Chamber of Commerce and Industry known for our integrity, enthusiasm, advocacy for our membership, and our efforts to fuel innovation and to cultivate opportunities. The chance to work with our business members and community leaders enables our organization the opportunity to stay focused on our Mission – to create a climate of opportunity for growth, economic development, and a high standard of living throughout Shelby County. Without your help, support, volunteerism, and enthusiasm this would not be possible.

As I head into my second year of being part of your community, I want to express my sincere thank you to everyone who has been involved with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry for providing me the opportunity to turn common days into thanksgivings, routine jobs into joy, and ordinary opportunities into blessings.

As I was writing this for the newsletter, events in the world once again have reminded us how thankful we need to be for the opportunities that each day presents. From the staff and Board of Directors of your Chamber of Commerce and Industry we thank you for the opportunities you provide us to be a part of your path, wish all the best to each and every one of you for the coming holiday season, and for the coming New Year.

Todd Valline, Executive Director

Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and Industry

While working to make your dreams a reality, feel the joy of your accomplishment and savor it with celebration and thanksgiving. – Sarah Ban Breathnach



Chamber Gift Certificates



It's the holiday gift giving season again. 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. All major credit cards, checks and cash accepted.

Certificates are easy to purchase. On our website:

<http://www.exploreshelbycounty.com/chamber-gift-certificates.html>,

call the office 712-755-2114, [email](#) or stop by and see us.

Each gift certificate expires after six months from the date of issue. They will NOT be redeemed, honored or replaced if lost, misplaced, mutilated, defaced, destroyed or stolen.

Chamber Happenings!

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry will be closed Thursday November 26 and Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Join the Chamber staff on Friday, December 4, 9:30 a.m. for an Ambassador visit at Midstates Bank, 812 Durant. You're invited to stay for their Open House, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. to celebrate John Helling's retirement.



Business After Hours

You're invited to a Business After Hours sponsored by Midstates Bank at the Harlan Golf & Country Club, 2503 12th Street, Harlan, on Friday, December 4, starting at 5:30 p.m. Come and wish John Helling a happy retirement.

We invite our Chamber members to an evening of networking and the opportunity to discuss and share ideas while learning about other local member businesses.

If you are interested in hosting a Business After Hours, please contact the Chamber office at 712-755-2114.

SCCCI Mission Statement

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

Upcoming Events!

Shelby County Holiday Harvest Market

November 24

Milk & Honey Restaurant

Julefest

November 27 & November 28

The Danish Villages: Elk Horn & Kimballton

Holiday Light Show &

Small Business Saturday Celebration

November 28

Historic Downtown Harlan

Heaven on Earth Gallery Reading with Andy Myers

December 3

Iowa Western Community College
Council Bluffs Campus

Brown Bag Lunch Program

December 17

Museum of Danish America

Advertise in the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry Newsletter.

If you would like to advertise in the chamber newsletter, contact us at 712-755-2114 or email at: info@exploreshelbycounty.com.

Notary Services are available, at no cost, to all Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry members. This service is another added benefit from your friendly staff at SCCCI. If you are in need of these services, please contact the Chamber office at 712-755-2114 or email

info@exploreshelbycounty.com.

Contact Us: Give us a call or email us for more information about becoming a Chamber member. Telephone: 712-755-2114;

Email: info@exploreshelbycounty.com

Welcome New SCCCI Members

Baxter Lumber and Hardware
Rod & Mindi Baxter
3105 12th Street
Harlan, IA 51537
712-755-2534
Joined October 27, 2015

SCCCI Membership Renewals

Market Street Gifts * Gene Gettys * Gute Tree Service * Touch of Class Drycleaners
Elm Crest Retirement Community * Hough & Zaccane Investments LLC * Harlan Vision Clinic * Essentia Protein Solutions

November 28, 2015 Small Business Saturday

**BUY
LOCAL.**

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry is proud to be a major support of small business, and we are proud to support our community.

When you shop at local small businesses, you help Shelby County grow. Together, let's help strengthen our community by continuing to support the Shop Small ® initiative all year. But especially on November 28, consider shopping with small, local businesses. Do business with a Chamber member. They'll appreciate your support.

Make sure to visit these small business Chamber members on Saturday, November 28. They'll be glad you did. Bauer's Shoe Store * Beauty N the Beast * Cyclone Lanes * Fair N Square * Farm Sweet Farm * Floral Elegance * Harlan Flower Barn, Apparel & Gifts * Harlan Do It Best Hardware * Harlan Veterinary Associates and Referral Center * Jeronimo's * Kwik Rx Pharmacy * Market Street Gifts * Milk & Honey * Museum of Danish America * Odds & Ends * Pexton Pharmacy * Rubi J Store * Secret Serenity * Z-Wireless

Holiday Light Show - Saturday, November 28, 2015

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry invites you to kick off the holiday at the Holiday Light Show at the Historic Downtown Square from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., in Harlan on the eastside of the Courthouse. Bring the entire family to this event for an afternoon and evening of holiday cheer.

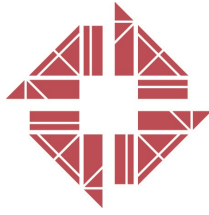
Come drink hot cocoa, hot cider and munch on cookies as we light our Christmas tree. There will be live caroling, and a visit by Santa, who will be visiting with children and small friendly pets at Beauty N the Beast, 614 Market Street from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. A professional photographer will be there to take photos of your children and/or pet with Santa. A fire truck from the City of Harlan Fire Department is scheduled to serve as a sleigh for Santa.

Remember, shop local and Shop Small Business in Shelby County this holiday season. For more information about this wonderful event, contact the Chamber office at 712-755-2114.

For A Good Cause

Beginning on November 30, Midstates Bank will have employee decorated Christmas Trees displayed at their Harlan location. Shelby County residents are invited to stop by and vote for their favorite tree. All donations will go to Adopt - A - Family.

Featured Member:



museum of
danish america

Did you know? The Museum of Danish America is the only national museum dedicated to preserving and promoting Danish culture in America. The museum cares for a collection of over 35,000 artifacts, photographs, and archival materials that document the experience of Danish immigrants and their descendants, and the ongoing expression of Danish-American cultural identity. Since 1994 the museum has welcomed visitors to its facility in Elk Horn, Iowa, while also engaging in an active national outreach effort that brings the museum to communities from Washington, DC, to Los Angeles, California.

The Museum of Danish America includes the main museum, the 30-acre Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park, a Genealogy Center on Main Street, the Jens Dixen homesteader's cabin, and Bedstemor's House - a historic house museum in Elk Horn.

The museum is open daily, year-round and has a popular LEGO play area and a contemporary Design Store featuring innovative products from Scandinavia. Don't forget to take advantage of the outdoor fitness equipment in all seasons. Apps are available for iPhone and Android to keep you on track. Search for "Norwell".

Visit their NEW website at www.danishmuseum.org to see more and shop online! Contact them about meeting space, group outings, or other events at (712) 764-7001. Organizational memberships are available.

CURRENT TEMPORARY EXHIBITS

Sense of Place: A photo exhibit of Danish Villages public spaces by a Danish artist with input from residents. Through Spring 2016. Multimedia Room

Home: Sculpture by Dennis Andersen: Modern sculpture and artworks by a local native. Through May 8, 2016. Main Floor Gallery

Happy Danes on the Plains: Tales of communities across the U.S. that were organized to preserve Danish heritage in America, inspired by a Danish theologian. Featuring a special spotlight on Kimballton. November 27 - April 2016. Kramme Gallery

SPECIAL EVENTS

Julefest: November 27-28. Free admission and fun activities at the museum, Genealogy Center, and Bedstemor's House!

"Christmas Hygge" Brown Bag Lunch: December 17, Noon. Join museum staff for a celebration of the songs and traditions of the Danish holiday season.

Article Submissions We are looking for content from Chamber members about your business that would be interesting to others.

If you would like to contribute an article of 150 to 400 words about important things happening in your field, or share knowledge that would be of benefit to the membership and community, please contact Carol at info@exploreshelbycounty.com. Our editorial committee (Todd and Carol) will review all submissions. We reserve the right to edit articles and to schedule them according to the needs of the publication.

Deadline: The second Friday of the month. You may include your company's contact information, in case readers are interested in your products and/or services.

Club Level Members

Platinum Plus Club Members

City of Harlan

Harlan Municipal Utilities

Shelby County

Harlan Industrial Foundation

Myrtue Medical Center

Shelby County State Bank

Platinum Club Members

Conductix-Wampfler

Monogram Prepared Meats, LLC

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Essentia Protein Solutions

FMCTC

Farmers Trust & Savings Bank

Midstates Bank

Silver Club Members

Elm Crest Retirement Community

Panama Transfer

Bronze Club Members

The Agency, Inc. CDS Global Counsel Office & Document

Cyclone Lanes Fareway Stores, Inc.

Harlan Golf & Country Club

The Harlan Tribune

Hy-Vee Keast Motors

Terry Knapp Real Estate

KNOD Radio Station

EJ Leinen - State Farm

Medivac Corporation

Molded Products Nishnabotna Valley REC

Pitts Family & Sports Chiropractic Center, PC

Smitty Bee Honey, Inc. Subway

Town & Country Credit Union

2015 Harvest Fest Scarecrow Showdown Winners Congratulations!

2015-2016 Chamber Board Members

President
Brent Scheve
The Agency

Vice-President
Dave Tyrrel
Molded Products

Treasurer
Denny Siemers
Town & Country
Credit Union

Board Member
Kevin Campbell
Shelby County State Bank

Board Member
Tracee Gettys
Elm Crest Retirement
Community

Board Member
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Terry Knapp Real Estate

Board Member
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Insurance

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Chamber Staff!

Todd Valline
Executive Director

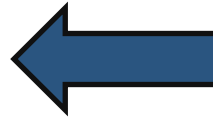
Ed Hendley
Information Technology
Manager

Carol McHugh
Administrative Assistant



First Place Winner

Locked & Loaded Outfitters
612 Market Street, Harlan



Second Place Winner

Medivac Ambulance
812 Cyclone Ave., Harlan

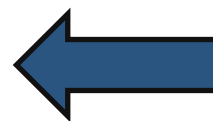


2015 County Wide Residential Outside Decorating Contest Winners



First Place Winner

1404 Durant, Harlan



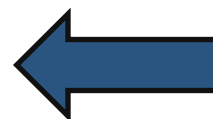
Second Place Winner

1111 Baldwin, Harlan



Third Place Winner

412 Hill Street, Harlan



2015 Shelby County International Beer Festival - Taste of Shelby County Appetizer Competition Winners Norma Jean's, Panama



November's Blue Zones Project Recipe

For more recipes, check out <https://www.bluezones.com/recipes/>



From the kitchen of:
Blue Zones Project®

Maple Chili Butternut Squash

Ingredients:

- 1 butternut squash (about 3 cups chopped)
- 2 tbsp. real maple syrup
- ½ tsp. chili pepper
- Grated fresh ginger (optional)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Peel and cube the butternut squash. Toss butternut squash in maple syrup, chili pepper, and grated fresh ginger. Place cubed squash in a single layer on a foil-lined baking sheet. Bake for 20–25 minutes or until cooked through.

Source: Blue Zones, LLC.

Yields: Serves 2

Per Serving: 149 calories, 0 g. fat, 0 mg. sodium, 4 g. fiber, 2 g. protein



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Shelby County Holiday Harvest Market

Tuesday, November 24th

3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Hosted by:

Milk and Honey

1101 7th Street, Harlan, Iowa

On the Historic Downtown Square

**Winter Produce and Baked Goods
available from Local Farmers,
Bakers and Artisans**



Blue Zones Project Worksite **LUNCH AND LEARN**

Tuesday, Dec. 8th

Ready to create a workplace that promotes and sustains well-being? Attend the Worksite Summit and learn how the Blue Zones Project™ can help you build a more engaged, productive workforce for improved business performance.

**Therkildsen Center
11:30am - 1pm**

RSVP by Dec. 3rd to Todd Valline at 755-2114 or director@exploreshelbycounty.com

Box lunches will be available for purchase from Sandwich Bowl



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Box Lunch Choices:

Swiss Turkey - 4 ounces of turkey, Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato and red onion

Egga'cado - 2 egg whites, half avocado, cucumber sauce, lettuce, tomato and red onion

Naked Vegetarian - avocado, tomato, red onion, cucumber

All sandwiches are served on 12 grain bread, with your choice of an apple, carrots or a pickle.

Costs: whole sandwich \$7.50; half sandwich \$5.61

Thanksgiving Fun Facts



You can't blame the turkey for the dreaded "food coma." Scientists say that extra glass of wine, the high-caloric meal or relaxing after a busy work schedule is what makes you drowsy.*

Impressive, right? Here's more. Americans eat 46 million turkeys each Thanksgiving. The heaviest turkey on record, according to the *Guinness Book of Records*, weighs 86 pounds. The average Thanksgiving turkey weighs 15 pounds.*

*Source: <http://www.allparenting.com/my-life/articles/969379/20-thanksgiving-fun-facts-to-teach-kids>.

Event Info

For additional information on community events, please visit <http://www.exploreshelbycounty.com/events.html>

~ December 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Iowa Community Kitchen Meal Mobile Food Pantry Christmas Crafting IWCC Council Bluffs Campus	2	3 Heaven on Earth Gallery Reading with Andy Meyers IWCC, Council Bluffs Campus RSVP's Due for Blue Zones Project Worksite Lunch & Learn (contact the Chamber office by 4pm)	4 Ambassador Visit & Open House Midstates Bank Business After Hours Midstates Bank	5
6	7 Repurposing Christmas Decorations IWCC Council Bluffs Campus	8 Iowa Community Kitchen Meal Blue Zones Project Worksite Lunch & Learn Therildsen Center	9	10	11	12 Pre-Legislative Coffee, location TBA
13	14	15 Iowa Community Kitchen Meal	16	17 Brown Bag Lunch Program, Museum of Danish America	18	19
20	21	22 Iowa Community Kitchen Meal	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day SCCC Office closed	26
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~ January 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day SCCC Office Closed	2
3 Fruitcake Toss Day	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Peculiar People Day	11	12 National Pharmacist Day	13	14	15	16
17 Dad's Belgian Waffles Brunch & Silent Auction, Panama - Fundraising Event for the Shelby County Trails Committee	18 Martin Luther King Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day	26	27	28 Fun at Work Day (It's okay, we give you permission)	29	30
31	Notes:					