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Chamber Gift Certificates Shop Local, Shop Shelby County

It is important to shop with local area businesses who in turn support and donate to local area events, schools, charities, community groups, and non-profit organizations. The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry Gift Certificate Program has proven to be beneficial to our community and encourages shopping here in Shelby County. This program allows the recipient to choose where and how they would like to use the gift certificate while keeping that money in Shelby County.

What are Chamber Gift Certificates? They are checks, but spend like cash, and purchased through the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry that can be spent at Shelby County businesses. They are designed to be purchased with the intent of keeping dollars in our community.

How to purchase Chamber Gift Certificates? Gift certificates are sold throughout the year and can be purchased by any business or individual. They can only be purchased at the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry by calling or stopping by our office, via email, or through our <u>website</u>. We accept cash, check, or credit card payments. Each gift certificate is "printed-to-order."

No minimum purchase required, and our gift certificates no longer have an expiration date. All sales are final – no refunds or exchange. Gift certificates are generally accepted throughout Shelby County with a few exceptions. Please contact the Chamber office for a current list of these exceptions. Retailers are not required to provide change for a gift certificate presented if the purchase is less than the value of the gift certificate.

Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry Gift Certificates make the perfect gift for your employees, co-workers, family, and friends.

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry Gift Certificate Program

Bank of the West announced that they will be closing their branch located here in the City of Harlan December 2021. Due to their closing, the Chamber will be moving our gift certificate program from Bank of the West to a different financial institution here in Harlan. This means that our checking account for our gift certificate program with Bank of the West will eventually close. If you currently have Chamber Gift Certificates, we encourage everyone to do their best to use them before December 1, 2021. After that date, we ask that you contact the Chamber office, 712-755-2114, to reissue any gift certificates from our Bank of the West Checking Account.

Chamber Holiday Event Sponsorship Opportunities

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry is hosting three holiday events: The Holiday Tree Lighting, Shelby County Courthouse Square, Saturday, November 27 beginning at 5 pm; Santa in the Cabins, Thursday, December 9, 5 – 7 pm, held at the Shelby County Historical Museum, 1805 Morse Avenue, Harlan; and Santa Claus is Coming to Town, Saturday, December 11, at participating Shelby County Communities. Our goal for all three events is \$2,500. As a sponsor, you will be included on all advertising and flyers. If you or your business would like to be a sponsor, please <u>email Carol</u> or call the Chamber office 712-755-2114 for more information.

Thank you for your time and consideration. The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Chamber Gift Certificates

The holiday gift giving season will be here soon. 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 and they no longer have expiration dates. All major credit cards, checks and cash accepted.

Certificates are easy to purchase. On our <u>website</u>, call the office 712-755-2114, <u>email</u>, or stop by and see us.



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

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

2021-2022 Board of Directors

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Todd Valline Executive Director

<u>Carol McHugh</u> Administrative Assistant

<u>Debbie Stendrup</u> 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 <u>email us</u>. 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.

Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry Holiday Hours

During the Thanksgiving holiday, our office will be closed Thursday, November 25 (Thanksgiving) and Friday, November 26.

During the Christmas holiday, we will be closing at noon on Friday, December 24. We will resume regular business hours on Monday, January 3, 2022.

Do You Have A New Member To Refer Or Know Anyone Who Has Moved Into The County?

Contact our office 712-755-2114 or <u>Email Carol</u>

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

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 Motors Terry Knapp Real Estate KNOD Radio Station Molded Products Nishnabotna Valley REC Pitts Family & Sports Chiropractic Center, PC Smitty Bee Honey, Inc. Subway Town & Country Credit Union Victoria Station

SCCCI Membership Renewals

The Chamber wishes to thank the following members who renewed their membership in September & October 2021

AFLAC * Boy Scouts of America Mid-American Council * Cambridge Law Firm, PLC. Christiansen Meadows * Deren Schenck Gross Swain & Argotsinger, PC. Elm Crest Senior Living Community * Farmhand Brewing Company * FMCTC Harlan Veterinary Associates & Referral * Hough & Zaccone Investment Management Molded Products * Mrs. C Home Décor * Nishnabotna Valley REC * Pexton Pharmacy Rubi J * Shelby County Extension & Outreach * Stowe Red-E-Mix

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.

Open Houses/Ribbon Cuttings



Soothing Hand Massage & Nails Harlan Wednesday, October 5



Foxhole Armament Harlan Friday, October 8

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 <u>Carol</u> or <u>Debbie</u>.

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Taking Your Business to the Next Level Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program*

Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses provides business education, support services, and access to capital for growth-oriented entrepreneurs. Participants gain practical skills to take their business to the next level, with topics like financial statements, negotiations, and marketing. Participants develop an actionable growth plan for the business with the help of business advisors and like-minded entrepreneurs.

The program is free for participants and delivered in partnership with academic institutions across the country.

How it works: This is a 10-week program focused on business growth; best-in-class curriculum; network of fellow business leaders, business advisors, and trained faculty; no cost to all participants; and available to small businesses in every state.

Beyond the classroom: A network of support from other business owners and access to capital for small businesses.

Criteria: Owner or co-owner of a business; business in operation for at least two years; business revenues of at least \$75K in the most recent fiscal year; and a minimum of two employees, including the business owner.

Application Deadline is Tuesday, November 10, <u>https://www.10ksbapply.com</u>. It is only the first part of the application process and should only take about 10-15 minutes to complete. The spring cohort will begin Wednesday, February 16.

*(Source)

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 <u>website calendar</u> 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 tourist can find you.

Contact the Chamber office at 712-755-2114 or email us.

Event Info

		1	lovember 2	2021		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 GriefShare First Baptist Church Harlan Seeds of Hope Support Group, SCCO, Harlan	2 Election Day Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan	3	4 Iowa Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Earling	5	6 Milkweed Seed Balls, Praire Rose State Park, Harlan
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends	8 GriefShare First Baptist Church Harlan Seeds of Hope Support Group, SCCO, Harlan	9 Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan	10	11 Veterans Day Chamber office closed Iowa Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Earling	12	13
14	15 GriefShare First Baptist Church Harlan Seeds of Hope Support Group, SCCO, Harlan	16 SCCCI BOD Meeting, Chamber Conference Room Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan	17	18 Iowa Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Earling	19	20 Atl Atls, Prairie Rose State Park Harlan
21	22 GriefShare First Baptist Church Harlan Seeds of Hope Support Group, SCCO, Harlan	23 Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan	24	25 Thanksgiving Chamber office closed Iowa Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Earling	26 Thanksgiving Holiday, Chamber office closed	27 Small Business Saturday – Shop Local Holiday Lighting Ceremony – Shelby Co. Courthouse Square
28	29 GriefShare First Baptist Church Harlan Seeds of Hope Support Group, SCCO, Harlan	30 BSA Big Give Luncheon, CHI Health Center, Omaha Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan				

December 2021									
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
			1	2 Iowa Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Earling	3	4 Saturday Stroll (Hike) Prairie Rose State Park, Harlan			
Fi	6 GriefShare First Baptist Church Harlan	7 Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan	8 Teen Health Fair Petersen Family Wellness Center Harlan	9 Iowa Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Earling	10	11 Santa Claus is Coming to Town			
				Santa in the Cabins Shelby Co Historical Museum, Harlan					
12	13 GriefShare First Baptist Church Harlan	14 Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan	15	16 SCCCO Holiday Open House Chamber Atrium	17	18			
				Iowa Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Earling					
19	20	21 Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan	22	23 Iowa Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Earling	24 Christmas Eve Chamber office closing at Noon	25 Christmas Day			
26	27 Holiday Break Chamber Closed	28 Holiday Break Chamber Closed Iowa Community Kitchen, First Baptist Church, Harlan	29 Holiday Break Chamber Closed	30 Holiday Break Chamber Closed Iowa Community Kitchen, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Earling Stargazing Prairie Rose State Park Harlan	31 New Year's Eve Holiday Break Chamber Closed				

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