

Calendar of Events

May 14, 2026

Mental Health Action Walk 2026
Pioneer Park near the new Grandma B's Dream Playground
Between Pine and Willow
Harlan, IA 51537

05:00 PM - 06:30 PM CST

Myrtue Mental Health , 712.755.5056

Myrtue Mental Health is excited to host our 3rd annual Mental Health Action Walk for our community! Our theme this year is Connection Heals.

We will gather at Pioneer Park near the new Grandma B's Dream Playground in Harlan on Thursday, May 14, 2026, from 5 to 6:30 PM. Our goal is to build connections, celebrate mental health heroes, and act to support mental health!

May 15, 2026

Movie & Book Discussion - Elk Horn Public Library
Elk Horn Public Library
2027 Washington Street
Elk Horn , IA 51531

12:30 pm

Join us at the Elk Horn Public Library, 2027 Washington Street, Elk Horn, the last Friday of each month for a movie + book discussion. Movies are at 12:30 with book discussion following at 2 pm.

May 15, 2026

Summer Door Hanger Class with Denise Barnes - Milk & Honey
Milk & Honey
919 7th Street
Harlan, IA 51537

6 pm

Friday, May 15, 6 pm. Milk & Honey, 919 7th Street, Harlan.

Create a summer door hanger with Denise. Class includes all materials.

Tickets available [here](#).

May 16, 2026

Silent Book Club - Elk Horn Public Library
Elk Horn Public Library
2027 Washington Street
Elk Horn, IA 51531

02:00 PM - 04:00 PM CST

Stop by the Elk Horn Public Library, 2027 Washington Street, Elk Horn, every 3rd Saturday, 2 - 4 pm, for a quiet afternoon of reading alongside fellow booklovers.

- May 16, 2026 **Harlan Golf & Country Club 2026 Spring Kickoff Tournament**
Harlan Golf & Country Club
2503 12th Street
Harlan, IA 51537
Saturday, May 16
Saturday, May 16. Harlan Golf & Country Club, 2503 12th Street, Harlan. Noon shotgun start, 4 person best ball, \$100/team.
- Sign up in the clubhouse by Wednesday, May 13. (712) 755-5951*
- May 18, 2026 **Elk Horn Public Library - "Friends of the Library"**
Elk Horn Public Library
2027 Washington Street
Elk Horn, IA 51531
5 pm
Join the Friends of the Library (Elk Horn Public Library, 2027 Washington Street, Elk Horn) on the 3rd Monday of each month for a meal at 5 pm followed by a speaker at 6pm.
- May 18, 2026 **Mobile Food Pantry - Veterans Memorial Building**
Veteran's Memorial Building
1104 Morningview Drive
Harlan, IA 51537
4:30 pm
Monday, May 18, 4:30 pm until product runs out. Veteran's Memorial Building, 1104 Morningview Drive, Harlan.
- Each car will only get 1 set of food items.*
- Sponsored by the Harlan Lions Club.*
- May 19, 2026 **Blood Drive Elk Horn Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**
Elk Horn Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
4313 Main Street
Elk Horn , IA 51531
11:30 AM - 05:00 PM CST
Tuesday, May 19, 11:30 - 5 pm. Elk Horn Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 4313 Main Street, Elk Horn.
- Please contact Cindy Fredericksen at 712-249-4582 to schedule an appointment.*
- May 20, 2026 **Adult Classic Movie - Harlan Community Library**
Harlan Community Library
718 Court Street
Harlan, IA 51537
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST
Wednesday, May 20, 10 - 12 pm. Harlan Community Library, 718 Court Street, Harlan.
- Showing: Oklahoma. Classic Movie Morning with coffee, popcorn, and donuts! Bring a friend!*

- May 20, 2026 **Free Breakfast for Veterans and Active Military - Harlan Hy-Vee**
Hy-Vee
2003 Chatburn Avenue
Harlan, IA 51537
06:00 AM - 10:00 AM CST
Wednesday, May 20, 6 - 10 am. Hy-Vee, 2003 Chatburn Avenue, Harlan.
- Enjoy a free breakfast and coffee as we celebrate America's 250th Anniversary. Plus enjoy free coffee every Wednesday in May.*
- May 21, 2026 **Roar Into Harlan Car & Bike Night - Harlan**
Historic Downtown Square Harlan
Historic Downtown Square Harlan
Harlan, IA 51537
06:00 PM - 09:00 PM CST
Roar into Harlan Car & Bike Night, the third Thursday, May through August - May 21, June 18, July 16, & August 20, 6 - 9 pm on the Historic Downtown Square in Harlan.
- May 21, 2026 **Garden Program: Seed Bombs with Mary & Amber**
Harlan Community Library
718 Court Street
Harlan, IA 51537
6 pm
Thursday, May 21, 6 pm. Harlan Community Library, 718 Court Street, Harlan.
- May 22, 2026 **Milk & Honey Kids Market**
Milk & Honey
919 7th Street
Harlan, IA 51537
5 pm
Friday, May 22, 5 pm. Milk & Honey, 919 7th Street, Harlan.
- Kid Vendors - email milkandhoneyiowa@gmail.com for an application*
- May 27, 2026 **Elk Horn Community Coffee & Craft - Elk Horn Public Library**
Elk Horn Public Library
2027 Washington Street
Elk Horn, IA 51531
09:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST
Enjoy Coffee & Craft time, 9 - 11 am at the Elk Horn Public Library, 2027 Washington Street, Elk Horn, the last Wednesday of each month.
- May 27, 2026 **Book & Banter Book Club - Harlan Community Library**
Harlan Community Library
718 Court Street
Harlan, IA 51537
7 pm
Wednesday, May 27, 7 pm. Harlan Community Library, 718 Court Street, Harlan.

May 27, 2026

Senior Health & Fitness Day - Petersen Family Wellness Center

Petersen Family Wellness Center

1213 Chatburn Avenue

Harlan, IA 51537

09:00 AM - 10:30 AM CST

Wednesday, May 27, 9 - 10:30 am. Petersen Family Wellness Center, 1213 Chatburn Avenue, Harlan. Hosted by Myrtue Medical Center & Petersen Family Wellness Center.

From expert advice to exciting prizes, we've gathered everything you need under one roof.

May 29, 2026

Trivia Night Fundraiser - Milk & Honey

Milk & Honey

919 7th Street

Harlan, IA 51537

7 pm, bar & kitchen open at 5 pm.

Friday, May 29, 7 pm. Milk & Honey, 919 7th Street, Harlan. Bar & kitchen open at 5 pm.

RAGBRAI Fundraiser and Trivia. Dessert Silent Auction. Free Snack Bar. Teams of 2 - 4 people. Sign up required, \$20 per team.

May 29, 2026

Butter Together with Sarah Pratt - Lied Irwin Public Library

Lied Irwin Public Library

509 Ann Street

Irwin, IA 51446

6:30 pm

Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Event! Join the Lied Irwin Public Library, 509 Ann Street, Irwin, on Friday, May 29 at 6:30 pm for a hands-on program featuring a butter sculpting experience with the famous artist who is known for her butter cow sculptures at the Iowa State Fair.

Space is limited. Registration is required, call (712) 782-3335. All ages are welcome. Young children need adult supervision.

May 30, 2026

Shelby's City Wide Garage Sales

City of Shelby

City of Shelby

Shelby, IA 51570

08:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Shelby City Hall,

Saturday, May 30, 8 - 11 am. Gear up for Shelby's City-Wide Garage Sale! Register your home for only \$3.00 at City Hall by Friday, May 22nd.

May 30, 2026

Hansen House Senior Living Block Party

Hansen House Senior Living

703 Dye Street

Harlan, IA 51537

11:00 AM - 02:00 PM CST

Community Connection and Giving Back Event. Saturday, May 30, 11 - 2 pm. Hansen House Senior Living, 703 Dye Street, Harlan.

Making Memories Across Generations. Hansen House is hosting a community connection and give back event for all ages to be able to enjoy.

May 31, 2026

Plant Swap Bingo - Lied Irwin Public Library

Lied Irwin Public Library

509 Ann Street

Irwin, IA 51446

2 pm.

Sunday, May 31, 2 pm. Lied Irwin Public Library, 509 Ann Street, Irwin. Bring a plant, take a plant. Swap your indoor and outdoor plants for something new.

Featuring a presentation from Loess Hills Lavender Farm.

June 1, 2026

Shelby's Annual Clean Up Day

City of Shelby

City of Shelby

Shelby, IA 51570

6 am

Monday, June 1, starting at 6 am.

Please use this dedicated time to remove all accepted trash / junk from your property.

Curbside pickup of items will be grabbed by R&S Waste: call 800-730-3471 with any questions.

Prohibited items that will NOT be accepted: Yard Waste, Batteries / Tires, Animal Refuse, Cement, Medical waste, Paint / Oil, Electronics

June 2, 2026

Why Assisted Living - An Informative Class Presented by Bill McCarty, VP Iowa Assisted Living

Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and Industry

1901 Hawkeye Avenue

Harlan, IA 51537

05:30 PM - 06:30 PM CST

Tuesday, June 2, 5:30 - 6:30 pm. This class will be held in the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry Conference Room, 1901 Hawkeye Avenue, Ste 101.

For more information, please contact Bill at 402-709-2062.

June 2, 2026

A Practical Farmer's Journey - Author Visit - Lied Irwin Public Library

Lied Irwin Public Library

509 Ann Street

Irwin, IA 51446

6:30 pm

Tuesday, June 2, 6:30 pm. Lied Irwin Public Library 509 Ann Street, Irwin.

Ron Rosmann, a Shelby County resident, will be talking about his book and the blueprint for sustainable farming.

June 2, 2026

Harlan Theatre's Free Summer Kids' Movies

Harlan Theatre

621 Court Street

Harlan, IA 51537

10 am

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The Harlan Theatre is located at 621 Court Street on the Historic Square in Downtown Harlan.

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June 3, 2026

Shelby County Community Health Assessment Focus Group

Myrtue Medical Center Auble Room

1213 Garfield Avenue

Harlan, IA 51537

02:00 PM - 05:00 PM CST

Wednesday, June 3, 2 - 5 pm. Myrtue Medical Center Auble Room, 1213 Garfield Avenue, Harlan. Snackes will be provided.

Target Audience: Community members and key community stakeholders interested in improving the health of Shelby County for all residents.

For more information or to register, please click [here](#).

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June 4, 2026

Guided Prairie Walk - Museum of Danish America

Museum of Danish America

2212 Washington Street

Elk Horn , IA 51531

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Thursday, June 4, & Thursday, August 5, 10 - 11 am. Museum of Danish America, 2212 Washington Street, Elk Horn.

Join Shelby County Conservation Board Naturalist, Christina Roelofs, for a guided walk through the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park.

This program is open to all ages!

In collaboration with the Shelby County Conservation Board

Free

June 4, 2026

Barn Quilt Painting Class - Youth - Lied Irwin Public Library

Lied Irwin Public Library

509 Ann Street

Irwin , IA 51446

10 am

Thursday, June 4, 10 am. Lied Irwin Public Library, 509 Ann Street, Irwin.

Youth ages 10+ will create their own barn quilt pattern on a canvas and then paint it. The theme is America 250. All supplies are provided. Please dress in clothes that can get paint on them. Registration is required. Please call the library at (712) 782-3335.

June 5, 2026

- June 6, 2026

Hansen House Alzheimer's Garage Sale

Hansen House Senior Living

703 Dye Street

Harlan, IA 51537

Friday, June 5, 8 - 5 pm and Saturday, June 6, 8 - 1 pm

Friday, June 5, 8 - 5 pm and Saturday, June 6, 8 - 1 pm. Hansen House Senior Living, 703 Dye Street, Harlan.

We are turning our "trash" into treasures all for a cause. Come support Hansen House Alzheimer's fundraiser. All proceeds go to our walk team called "Memory Keepers" on October 3rd at Pioneer Park.

June 5, 2026

Ribbon Cutting - ARC Electric - Harlan

ARC Electric

712 Market Street

Harlan, IA 51537

10 am

Friday, June 5, 10 am. ARC Electric, 712 Market Street, Harlan, is hosting a ribbon cutting to celebrate their new location here in Harlan. Join us in welcoming Rees Christensen and his staff to Shelby County.

June 6, 2026

Viking Camp A - Museum of Danish America

Museum of Danish America

2212 Washington Street

Elk Horn, IA 51531

09:00 AM - 04:00 PM CST

Saturday, June 6, 9 - 4 pm. Museum of Danish America, 2212 Washington Street, Elk Horn.

The Saga of the North. A Day in the Life of a True Norse Adventurer. Grades 4th-8th

June 6, 2026

Open House/Ribbon Cutting - Lied Irwin Public Library

Lied Irwin Public Library

509 Ann Street

Irwin, IA 51446

09:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Saturday, June 6, 9 - 11 am. The Lied Irwin Public Library, 509 Ann Street, Irwin, is hosting an open house/ribbon cutting to celebrate their 20th anniversary in their current building that was donated by the Lied family while also celebrating our country's 250th anniversary.

June 7, 2026

Viking Camp B - Museum of Danish America

Museum of Danish America

2212 Washington Street

Elk Horn , IA 51531

09:00 AM - 04:00 PM CST

Sunday, June 7, 9 - 4 pm. Museum of Danish America, 2212 Washington Street, Elk Horn.

Viking Camp: The Saga of the North. A Day in the Life of a True Norse Adventurer. Grades 4th-8th

June 9, 2026

SPARK! Museum of Danish America

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2212 Washington Street

Elk Horn , IA 51531

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM CST

SPARK! Museum of Danish America, 2212 Washington Street, Elk Horn. Cultural Programming for Lifelong Learning. Programs will run from 10 - 11:30 am.

June 9, 2026

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June 10, 2026

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June 12, 2026

Shelby County Fair's Summer Fundraising Concert

Shelby County Fairgrounds

314 4th Street

Harlan, IA 51537

Friday, June 12

Friday, June 12, Shelby County Fairgrounds, 314 4th Street, Harlan. Mighty Mayhem opens at 6:30 pm and Brad Morgan is the headliner starting at 8:00 pm.

More information will become available. Make sure to check out their Facebook page.

June 12, 2026

? Fore! The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce & Industry's Annual Golf Outing is Back!

Harlan Golf & Country Club

2503 12th Street

Harlan, IA 51537

Check-In: 4 - 5 pm. Putting Contest: 5:15 pm. Tee Off: 5:30 pm

Carol, 712-755-2114

info@exploreshelbycounty.com

Get ready for the ultimate 2026 golf showdown! Join us on Friday, June 12, 2026, for a spectacular day on the greens at Harlan Golf & Country Club. We're bringing together friends, colleagues, and community leaders for 9 holes of fun, competition, and networking.

When: Friday, June 12, 2026. Check-In: 4 - 5 pm. Putting Contest: 5:15 pm. Tee Off: 5:30 pm

Where Harlan Golf & Country Club, 2503 12th Street, Harlan.

Format: 4-Person Scramble (Open to all skill levels!)

Cost: \$200 per team. Cart Rental: \$30/cart. .

Sponsorship Opportunities

Green/Tee: \$125

Cart Path: \$75

Plus Much More!

June 13, 2026

Roar into Harlan Annual Fun Run

Goozman's Westside Lounge

1019 7th Street

Harlan, IA 51537

Registration begins at 11 am

Saturday, June 13, Goozman's Westside Lounge, 1019 7th Street, Harlan.

Registration begins at 11 am. Depart Harlan by noon. Return by 5 pm. Cost: \$15, including meal and beverage voucher. \$1,000 in payout prizes.

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Roar Into Harlan Car & Bike Night - Harlan

**Historic Downtown Square Harlan
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06:00 PM - 09:00 PM CST

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June 19, 2026

Modern Calligraphy for Beginners - Milk & Honey

**Milk & Honey
919 7th Street
Harlan, IA 51537**

06:00 PM - 07:30 PM CST

Friday, June 19, 6 - 7:30 pm. Milk & Honey, 919 7th Street, Harlan. Join us at Milk & Honey in Harlan, IA for pretty lettering! Whether you're a stationery nerd, DIY Bride-to-be, or just a crafty individual, you'll be introduced to modern calligraphy with a pointed dip pen and ink in this workshop. We will cover all the basics and prepare you to add those unique lettered details to your snail mail, wedding paper goods, home decor, and more! The perfect crafty night out!

Cost is \$53. Tickets can be purchased online.

June 23, 2026

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June 24, 2026

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July 4, 2026

Shelby's 2026 4th of July Celebration - America on Fire

City of Shelby
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9 am

Saturday, July 4, 9 am. Join us in Shelby this 4th of July as we celebrate America's 250th Birthday! Enjoy a full day of fun for all ages, delicious food and beverages, and a silent auction. Bring your friends, family, and patriotic spirit as we celebrate together!

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July 8, 2026
- July 13, 2026

Shelby County Fair 2026 - "Small Town Spirit, Big Fair Fun!"

**Shelby County Fairgrounds
314 4th Street
Harlan, IA 51537**

July 8 ? 13

Fair dates are July 8 – 13. This year's theme is "Small Town Spirit, Big Fair Fun!" To find out more about this year's fair schedule, check out their website.

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July 11, 2026

Art Explorers Painting Camp - Museum of Danish America

**Museum of Danish America
2212 Washington Street
Elk Horn, IA 51531**

09:00 AM - 03:00 PM CST

Saturday, July 11, 9 - 3 pm. Museum of Danish America, 2212 Washington Street, Elk Horn.

\$35 – \$40 \$35 for Members and \$40 for Non-Members. Register online.

July 14, 2026

SPARK! Museum of Danish America

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August 4, 2026

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - Bauer's Shoe Store

Bauer's Shoe Store
1102 6th Street
Harlan, IA 51537

10 am

Come celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Bauer's Shoe Store. They are hosting a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, August 4, 10 am at their store location, 1102 6th Street, Harlan.

August 5, 2026

Guided Prairie Walk - Museum of Danish America

Museum of Danish America

2212 Washington Street

Elk Horn , IA 51531

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

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Join Shelby County Conservation Board Naturalist, Christina Roelofs, for a guided walk through the Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Park.

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Elk Horn , IA 51531

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM CST

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August 20, 2026

Roar Into Harlan Car & Bike Night - Harlan

Historic Downtown Square Harlan

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Harlan, IA 51537

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM CST

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September 8, 2026

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October 3, 2026

**Walk to End Alzheimer's
Pioneer Park
Pioneer Park Shelter on Pine Street
Harlan, IA 51537**

09:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST

Libby Hiers, 5152182677

llhiers@alz.org

The Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest fundraiser to fight Alzheimer's and of her dementia. It is held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, aiming to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. Participants can register for their local Walk, start fundraising, and join the event on Walk day to celebrate their commitment to ending the disease. The event is crucial as it helps raise funds for critical care, support, and research efforts.

Coming Soon

**5K Run for Project Eliminate
Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and Industry
1901 Hawkeye Avenue
Harlan, IA 51537**

5K Run for Project Eliminate Family Event scheduled for Spring 2016