

News from Genoa Main Street



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Genoa Main Street Raffle Dec. 5 To Raise Funds for Food Pantry

The slowing economy is putting pressure on food pantries across the country. Already, the number of families visiting the Genoa-Kingston Food Pantry has doubled. Genoa Main Street, Inc. is asking the public to help keep the Pantry full.

A raffle to raise funds for the Genoa-Kingston Food Pantry will be held Friday night, December 5, by Genoa Main Street, Inc. in the lobby of Citizens First National Bank as part of Genoa's Celebrate the Season festival.

Raffle Donations Needed

All area businesses are invited to donate items for the raffle. Individuals also may donate an item. All merchandise must be new. Gift certificates are welcome. Contact the Main Street office at 815 784-6961 by December 1 if you wish to donate an item. The office is open from 9-2 Tuesday through Friday.

New merchandise donated by area businesses and individuals for the raffle will be on display in the bank lobby beginning December 2. Tickets for the raffle may be purchased from the Main Street office on the second floor of the bank beginning December 2 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., or the night of the raffle.

Prizes donated by Genoa merchants and businesses include toys, automotive care products, holiday decorations, clothing and gift certificates. Among early donors are All Natural Chiropractic, AMSOIL of Genoa, State Farm Insurance and Victoria's Crossing.

Bid on the Items You Want Starting December 1

Purchasers choose which of the items they are interested in by purchasing tickets at \$1 each or six for \$5. They then mark their tickets and deposit them in the special pantry raffle box in the bank lobby beginning December 2.

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The final opportunity to bid on items is Friday night, December 5, when tickets may be placed in marked bags beside the raffle items.

Winners will be announced the evening of the raffle at 8 pm. Winners need not be present and will be contacted by phone.

Last Year the raffle raised more than \$524 to help the pantry purchase food for those in need from the community. This is the 12th year Genoa Main Street, Inc. has sponsored the raffle to benefit the food pantry.

Genoa Main Street, Inc. is a volunteer organization dedicated to preserving Genoa's historic heritage and small town wholesomeness while promoting economic development and downtown improvements. Founded in 1996, Genoa Main Street uses the Four Point Approach™ to achieve its goals through volunteer committees of Membership and Development, Promotions, Design, and Economic Restructuring.