

# *News from Genoa Main Street*



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## **The Spirit of Caring:**

### **Main Street Raffle Raises Record \$625 To Stock Shelves of Genoa-Kingston Food Pantry**

The community responded generously and with true holiday spirit during the 12<sup>th</sup> annual food drive sponsored by Genoa Main Street, Inc. Thanks to the generosity of Genoa merchants and businesses who donated gifts for the raffle and hundreds of raffle tickets purchased by members of the community, a check for \$625 was presented to the Genoa-Kingston Food Pantry.

“More than 30 Genoa businesses, organizations and individuals donated cash, merchandise and gift certificates to the raffle,” said Pattie Marx, Genoa Main Street, Inc. President.

“We appreciate everyone’s support of the raffle and their desire to help those in need, she said. “Thanks to them and to those who purchased raffle tickets, the pantry received \$625.”

The prize donors were: Action Automotive, Alan Browne Chevrolet, All Natural Chiropractic, American Family Insurance, AMSOIL, Arlene Erickson, Balance Chiropractic & Wellness Center, Brown’s County Market, Citizens First National Bank, Connie Straube, Edward Jones, Genoa Automotive Repair, Genoa Café, Genoa Main Street, Inc., Genoa Pizza, Hill’s Tap, Illinois Community Credit Union, Karlsbad Tavern, MCR Framing/Cattywampus, Pete’s Castle/Marathon, Poppy Seed Primitives, Prairie State Winery, Reflections Hair Salon, Resource Bank, Robert Chenoweth, Rosati’s Pizza, State Farm Insurance, Super Wash, Tails & Nails, The Laughing Cat Antiques, Victoria’s Crossing, and Wild Thyme Herb Garden.

“We sincerely thank all our donors and encourage citizens to visit them and thank them for their generosity,” said Marx.

“Our thanks too to the more than 100 members of the community who purchased raffle tickets which raised the funds contributed to the food pantry. Prize winners at the drawing at the end of the evening were: Abby Wylde, Alicia Ryley, Arlene Erickson, Betty Walker, Cary Hansen, Dale Pelley,

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Jake Atkinson, Jamie Ullmark, Jean Wells, Jeanie Wucki, JoAnn Watson, Joe Richard, Joyce Suligoj, Julie Atkinson, Lily Thompson, Lisa Buczkowski, Lorie Erickson, Maggie Springer, Mike Cirone, Mirna Swineheart, Paul Kusiak, Rene Van Der Heyden, Roger Watson, Shari Hanson, and Todd Walker.

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.



Caption for G-K Food Pantry Photo #6.jpg

Avis Knight, Genoa-Kingston Ministerial Association Secretary (left) and Gene Bradford, Genoa Main Street Director, stock the shelves of the Genoa-Kingston Food Pantry with food purchased with the record \$625 check presented by Genoa Main Street Inc. The \$625 was raised during Celebrate the Season by the Genoa Main Street, Inc. Food Pantry Raffle thanks to prizes donated by more than 30 Genoa businesses and ticket purchases by the community. The Genoa-Kingston Food Pantry is an ecumenical ministry of the congregations in and around Genoa and Kingston and hosted by Genoa’s Faith United Methodist Church.