

News from Genoa Main Street



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Saturday, August 28:

Genoa Family to Dedicate Downtown Walkway

When life long Genoa resident Ethel McDowall passed away, her family knew they wanted to do something special to honor her.

According to her son Rodger, Ethel worked in downtown Genoa for 40 years. She was an employee at Robert Michaels Men's Wear and Duval's Variety Store. She also lived in an apartment for a time above the former Genoa Post Office and what is now Main Street Liquors. "Because Ethel enjoyed being downtown, it seemed like the natural place to honor her," he said.

"Rodger McDowall approached us several months ago with the idea of a downtown memorial to his mother," said Mim Evans, Genoa Main Street, Inc. executive director. "We told him we had some unfunded improvements we would like to make to Main Street Park. After consulting with the rest of the family, he chose to dedicate the new stone walkway through the park. We are so pleased to have this memorial for Ethel."

A formal dedication of the walkway will take place Saturday, August 28, at 1 p.m. at the park. Family and friends who contributed to the park will be present. The public is invited to join them.

For additional information on Saturday's activities or other downtown events and projects, contact Genoa Main Street, Inc. at 815 784-6961, e-mail genoamainstreet@atcyber.net or go to genoamainstreet.org.

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.