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# Main Street News

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The mission of **MAIN STREET CHANUTE** is to revitalize downtown by involving the community to determine and implement strategies that integrate historic preservation principles with shared economic development strategies.

**Promotions Committee:** Plans and coordinates retail promotions, special events and image building by involving the community in downtown activities.

**Design Committee:** Creates and maintains an attractive downtown.

**Economic Restructuring Committee:** Aids in the development of a marketing strategy which will result in an improved mix of retail and professional services in the downtown area.

**Organization Committee:** Recruits and develops new leadership, to attract volunteers and to raise funds for the program's ongoing operation and special projects.

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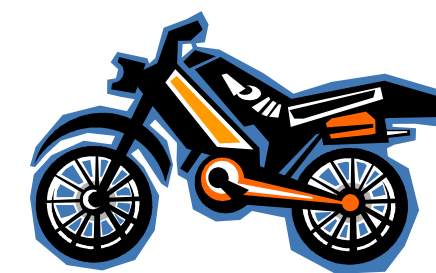
## Chanute Barbeque Entertainment, June 2

Beginning at 11:00 a.m., **The Oliphant Family** will perform. This family is from Chanute and always a big crowd pleaser. Don't be late, they have another gig in the afternoon.

Next, **Kayla Thornton** from Thayer will blow you away with her talent. She has already produced two CD's and is on her way to the big time.

**Blind Boy Blues** comes from Humboldt. This outstanding group performed at Artist Alley last year and we look forward to a great afternoon once again.

Come for the music,  
stay for the food!



## EKRA

The Eastern Kansas Riders Association will be having their motor cycle show right here on Main Street. Enter your bike in one of these classes:

Full Custom,  
Mild custom,  
Stock Touring and Trike,  
Classic and Antique, and  
Sport Bike.

There are also classes for those 16 years and younger and for 2 or 3 wheels.

Enter before May 22 for \$10 by calling Rodney Breeze at 620-341-2698 or enter that day for \$15.

Trophies will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class and for People's Choice.

Good Luck to all  
the Contestants!

**Thrilling! High Flying!**  
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## May Calendar

5/3 Design Comm.  
5/7 Executive Comm.  
5/8 ER  
5/9 Organization  
5/10 Promotions 8:30 a.m. Tioga Basement  
5/10 Artist Alley Comm. at noon  
5/16 BBQ Comm. Benchwarmers at noon  
5/22 MAIN STREET Board, 11:30 a.m.

## June Calendar

6/2 CHANUTE BARBEQUE  
6/4 Executive Comm.  
6/7 Design Comm.  
6/12 ER  
6/13 Organization  
6/14 Promotions 8:30 a.m. Tioga Basement  
6/14 Artist Alley Comm. at noon  
6/20 BBQ Comm. Benchwarmers at noon  
6/26 MAIN STREET Board, 11:30 a.m.

## Façade Improvement Grants Announced

The Façade Improvement Grants for 2007 were chosen by the Main Street Chanute Economic Restructuring Committee in April. Four of the five applicants were chosen., two are members of Main Street Chanute.

The Gallery Custom Framing was granted \$1,200 toward replacing four awnings. The Mercantile was awarded \$1,000 for awning replacement. Kay's Hallmark was awarded \$900 for help with awning replacement. Dick Lisman owner of buildings in the 200 W. Main block was awarded \$400 for paint and wood repairs.

All monies will be presented after the work is completed and it is stipulated that all work must be finished by Artist Alley on September 29, 2007.

If you are looking for a way to spruce up your building call 431-0056. The committee is considering limiting this grant to members only in 2008.

***It only takes 8 seconds for a first impression. Make sure your store front makes a good one.***

## Hittle & Hood Kitchen Source offers kitchen amenities, design and more

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held March 27 for Hittle & Hood Kitchen Source, 12 E. Main inside The Tioga. The store is Chanute's newest source for kitchen design including custom and semi-custom cabinetry, countertops, tile, hardware, lighting and fixtures as well as installation.

Owners Ray Hittle and Janalin Hood – who are father and daughter – are excited to be members of Main Street Chanute. “Main Street is an important part of the community and I want to support the community in a variety of ways,” Hittle said. “In turn, I feel that Main Street Chanute will be a tremendous support for us, too.”

Hood earned a degree in interior design and has been working in that field for the past six years, primarily in the Iola area. Her dad has a strong construction background and will be doing most of the business' installation work.

Hittle & Hood Kitchen Source is open from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment. For more information, call 431-3570.



## The Chanute Tribune welcomes new publisher

The Chanute Tribune put out the welcome mat April 2 for the new publisher, Darren Werth. The Tribune has been a member of Main Street Chanute since its inception in 1995.

Werth, 33, had been with The Hutchinson News, also owned by Harris Enterprises, since 1998. With a degree in journalism with an emphasis on marketing, he spent the last three years as director of advertising in Hutch. He is looking forward to keeping the Tribune at the forefront of community news.

“It's my job to make sure the newsroom doesn't lose focus on that,” he said.

Werth also wants to help ensure the success of the entire Chanute community and believe Main Street Chanute is a key contributor of that success.

“I look forward to working with Main Street Chanute and its great calendar of events,” Werth said. “I learned early on when working with Downtown Hutchinson that you have to give the people something to do in order to bring them downtown. The members of Main Street Chanute really seem to understand that, too.”

Werth, along with his wife and two children, will reside in Parsons.

## Check this out!

### Main Street Meeting news

The Main Street Chanute Board of Directors will meet at 11:30 a.m. on the fourth **Tuesday** of each month. The meetings will take place at the Safari Grill.

### Main Street welcomes Bargain Center

Furniture, appliances, electronics and more can be found for rent or for sale at the Bargain Center. The store recently opened at 29 W. Main, and currently employs four full-time sales people.

The Bargain Center offers customers quality household items with convenient payment plans. There are no credit checks and no long-term obligations.

Hours of operation are 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday. Owners are Dale and Brenda Frederick, manager is Dave Grogan.

## The Gingerbread Co. Home Décor and Thrift Shop



Janie Sibley and Tish Swart have opened the new shop at 212 E. Main. Drop in and check out the unique home décor. There are lots of handmade items, many red, white and blue accessories, wooden dishes, shelves and other decorations.

The thrift shop is in the back and the inventory will be constantly changing. Jane Sibley said, “We hope to help others with the donations we receive”.

The phone number is 212-4384

## Clothes Encounter...

Has moved to its new location at **315 E. Main**. Miranda Collins, owner of Clothes Encounter, said the business outgrew the first location in 6 months. Congratulations, Miranda!

The store has clothing for sizes 0-28. Stop in and check out the fabulous jewelry, great handbags, trendy clothes for women of all sizes.

**The new hours are  
Wed.—Sat.  
10 am.—5 pm.**

