



# Main Street News

January, February 2009

## Main Street Board Members 2008-2009

Debbie Shields– **President**  
Jeff Foster– **Vice President**  
Wanda Parish–**Secretary**  
Ken Matney–**Treasurer**

Alice Robinson  
Martha McCoy  
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**Executive Director**  
Sharon Stirewalt

Check out our website:  
[Chanuttemainstreet.com](http://Chanuttemainstreet.com)

*The Blessing Cup* **Christian Bookstore**...what's that all about?

Located in the Mercantile Building @ 115 E. Main in Downtown Chanutte, **431~7444**

*The Blessing Cup* **Christian Bookstore** was designed to be a place for Chanutte

(and of course anyone else in SE KS) to come for **Relaxation** and **Resources!**

We offer a large variety of Christian (*wholesome, quality, non-offensive*) reading material: Fiction Novels (*everything from Romance to Science Fiction*), Study and **Research Books**, **Devotionals**, **Bibles**, **Concordances** and **Dictionaries**, **Group or Personal Learning Kits**, **DVD** **Movies** and **CDs**, **Books on CD and Tape**, also **Large Print Material**. We have **Children's Books** and **Bibles**, **Health and Wellness Material**, **Money Management Books**, **Books on Raising Children**, **Mentoring**, **Grief**, **Joy**, **Laughter**, **Loving God**, and more, as well as, **Church Supplies** (**Communion Cups**, **Tithe Envelopes**, **Bookmarks**), **Gift Items**, **Cards**, etc.

### **Special EVENTS Planned:**

Puppet Shows (*for the young and old*) Saturdays.

Book Clubs (*no membership required*) Meets at the Bookstore!

Bible Studies (*everyone welcome*) \_\_\_\_\_



This store is not just for the average Christian. Our goal is to help **you** obtain what you need to succeed in your search for a greater meaning. In these tough economic times, people are looking within to become fulfilled. We are looking for something more. We know there is something more out there for each of us. It's a very personal thing! We understand that! The Christian Bookstore is for you! We will special order any book or resource to assist you with **your** self discovery! Owner/Operator: Teresa Spradley Wideman

## **Economic Restructuring Meeting**

The City of Chanutte, Chamber of Commerce and Main Street sponsored the third of a series of work planning sessions for Economic Development for Chanutte Thursday February 19th at 6:00PM in the Alliance Room. Three goal areas were identified; # 1 Preserve and Grow Business in Chanutte; # 2



Attract Business to Chanutte; # 3 Promote Business in Chanutte and Enhance Community Assets. Those attending Thursdays meeting broke up into one of these three goals and started working on solutions to some of the problems our community faces. If you want to be on one of the committees, please contact the Main Street office at 431-0056 or  
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# St. Patrick's Celebration March 21, 2009

## EVENTS OF THE DAY

**Blarney Breakfast at the Masonic Lodge, from 8-11**

**Green Parade at 12:00 noon**

**"Blessing of the Bikes"** (courtesy of American Legion Riders # 170) 12:15pm

**Parade divisions:**

(Register with Main Street Chanute, 431-0056)

**Decorated bicycles: Children fifth grade and under**

**First place \$50.00**

**Second Place \$30.00**

**Third Place \$20.00**

**Best Entry (walk, ride, float) -Trophy**

**CHIPS registration, New Chicago Room, 6 E. Main 1:00pm**

(sponsored by the Kansas Masons) Presented by: Cedar Lodge #103

**"Savin' of the Green Sale" Downtown**

**Poker Walk at 1:00 p.m. \$5.00 entry fee, prize awarded for best & worst hand.**

**KINZ Annual Pub Crawl and Costume Contest at 1:00 p.m. \$50.00 prize for best costume**

**Sponsored by:**

**KINZ Radio**

**American Legion Riders # 170**

**Main Street Chanute**

**Cedar Lodge # 103**

Winner of the Valentine promotion  
Downtown

36 businesses participated in the Valentine promotion downtown. Merchants donated items to fill a basket for the drawing. Customers registered in each participating business for a chance to win the basket. Beckie Manahan was the lucky winner of a huge basket full of merchandise from Main Street member businesses in Chanute. Congratulations to Beckie!!!!



**BIG IDEAS FOR MAINSTREET**  
Alice Robinson, Ken Matney, Sharon Stirewalt, Martha McCoy and Wanda Parish attended the Main Street quarterly training in Topeka on January 28th. The topic was "Big Ideas for Main Street", presented by Betsy Wiersma, a Marketing Consultant for the last 10 years. We all came away with some great new ideas on how to "WOW" you.

**NOTICE**  
We are updating our membership website. Please sent me your website address and I would be glad to publish it on the Main Street website.

**MAIN STREET 101**  
Main Street will be sponsoring a Main Street 101 training for all Main Street members on April 20th at 5:30pm to 6:30pm in the New Chicago Room. Come join us for wine and cheese and learn more about Main Street and become part of the success by joining as a volunteer.

**FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM**

Main Street Chanute allocates a certain portion of its budget each year to the Façade Improvement Program. This project is overseen by the Economic Restructuring and Design Committees. Businesses interested in the program must be willing to match the funds provided by Main Street Chanute for the project. The amount of matching funds could be less than, but never more than 50% of the project total.

The process entails submitting an application and project budget and plans to Main Street Chanute. The winning projects will be selected by the ER and Design committees. The building and façade projects must fall within the Main Street Chanute District. In the prime interest of beautification, projects must include any or a combination of the following: painting, architectural additions or restorations, window treatments or upgrades, awnings, landscaping improvements and signage applied to the façade of the building. Free technical design coordination is offered by the Main Street Chanute's Design committee.

This will be our third year of presenting awards to downtown businesses; you could be the next one.

Please contact the Main Street Chanute office for more information or to submit an application at 620-431-0056 or stop by 4 East Main.

Deadline to make application is April 31, 2009 and the project must be completed by September 26, 2009.

**116 East Main Purchased**  
Phil Chaney owner of "Chanute Pets" purchased 116 E. Main and opened his pet business at that new location February 23rd. You can buy fish, hamsters, birds and reptiles along with pet supplies. Phil will have available a "pet adoption" program soon. Hours are Monday thru Saturday 10:00AM to 6:00PM.





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**Return Service Requested**

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*Our Mission*

*Main Street Chanute is to revitalize downtown by involving the community to determine and implement strategies that integrate historic preservation principles with sound economic development strategies.*

***“Small Retail Survival Breakfast”***

Main Street sponsored a “Small Retail Survival Breakfast” February 19th at 8:00AM in the Main Street office. Eighteen retailers attended a workshop presented by Tom Byler, Consultant of the Kansas Small Business Development Center. Business Plans, Quickbooks, advertising, product line and customer service were a few of the topics discussed among the group of retailers. Tom Byler left with this word of advice, “Hard Work is What It Takes to Survive”.



***“Buy Local” to support your community***