

**Alliance Community Pantry**  
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Working to end hunger in our community.

### IT'S CARNATION FESTIVAL TIME

As Carnation Festival week approaches, there are hints of the fun to come. Businesses decorate, preparations for the events consume participants, and the Queen candidates get to know the city.

Carnation Queen candidates continued their tradition of giving back to the community by delivering more than 5,800 pounds of food and paper products to the pantry. For the last several years, candidates have been conducting a food collection for the pantry as a friendly competition among the girls and, with 28 candidates, this was the most they ever donated. One candidate alone, with the help of her friends and family, brought in more than 1,200 pounds of food. Five gaylords and seven grocery carts were loaded with food.



Carnation Queen Candidates Visit the Pantry



This food drive was just one of many projects the candidates have participated in to assist the community. They have helped with a Habitat for Humanity build, they had a blood drive at the Alliance Elks Club, and they will be involved in work at both city fire stations and at the Clothes Closet at the Alliance YWCA. We thank the girls and the Carnation Festival organizers for their continued support.

### Pantry Celebrates Manager's Wedding!

The Alliance Community Pantry is celebrating! Our pantry manager is getting married on August 3rd! David Floyd, who has been manager since last November, and Brenda Haidet, will be married at Science Hill Community Church, where they first met five years ago.

"I finally met the man of my dreams," said Brenda with a smile, from her volunteer work at the pantry.

David, an active member of the Kiwanis Club, is not new to the pantry having volunteered many years before taking over as manager. He currently operates Alliance Laser Art, a custom engraving business out of his home.



Congratulations ~ Brenda and Dave!

### Sleepy Hollow Golf Tournament Supports Pantry

Sixty golfers comprising 15 teams competed in the 27th annual All-Club 4-person Scramble Golf Tournament at Sleep Hollow Country Club and all proceeds, totaling \$1,410 were donated to the pantry.

Sponsored by the Dante Club this year, tournament organizer Mike Reitz presented a check to the pantry treasurer Jim Greiner Tuesday three days after the event.

Taking top honors and the \$1,000 prize was a four-man team from New Philadelphia -- John Dunn, Alex Wright, Tim Mills and Shawn Mills. A \$500 prize went to the second place team and \$300 to third place.

This year's tournament was organized by last year's winners Mike Reitz, Joe Holcomb, Chuck Hall and Dustin Young. They also held a 50-50 drawing and a Chinese raffle to raise funds. The event was sponsored by Sarchione Ford of Randolph.



Mike Reitz presents check to pantry treasure, Jim Greiner

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### CEREAL CHAMP

Nancy Stoffer is not on our official extensive volunteer roster, but she is a familiar face at the Pantry. A retired Marlinton fourth-grade teacher, Nancy is a loyal supporter of our clients through her generosity and talents at finding the best grocery coupons around. She stops in every few weeks with dozens and dozens of boxes of cereal.



Nancy collects cereal coupons and then goes shopping where she can usually buy the cereal for about \$1 a box. Normally pantry warehouse people weigh donations, but since cereal is so light they count it instead. Many times, Nancy brings more than 100 boxes.

Cereal is one of those staples the pantry tries to keep on the shelves as it is especially helpful for families with young children. As so many of our serendipitous donations, this is one more example of someone seeing a need and finding their niche.