



BOARD MEMBERS SWITCH JOBS



In the pantry, as in life, sometimes a monkey wrench is thrown at our well-made plans. This year, Carol Henry, left, was selected to be Pantry Board President for the year with Betsy Brown, right, as the President Elect. Carol has handled the data collection at the pantry since the beginning, and Betsy has been on the Board for several years working in various capacities.



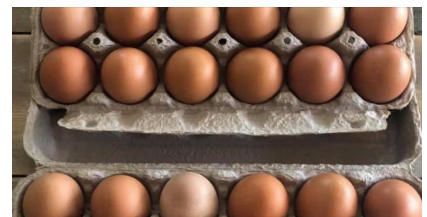
In February/March, Carol developed pneumonia and was hospitalized. Realizing Carol would need some recovery time, Betsy agreed to switch places and titles for the year. She will serve as Pantry Board President this year and Carol will become the President Elect. Both of these women do so much for the pantry and we are grateful for their flexibility.

EGGS LAID FOR CLIENTS:



Our clients are well supplied with eggs these days thanks to the Grove Family Farm & Apiary. Since mid-March they have donated and delivered 473 dozen eggs to our pantry, including 177 dozen delivered by Anitra Grove, seen here.

According to the farm’s Facebook page, all credit goes to their free range chickens. It states: “They are working hard so hard we are now donating eggs every month to charities and food banks.”



The apiary is located at 11259 N 12th St. in Beloit and can be reached at 989-429-1792.

BOXES! WE'VE GOT BOXES

Since the Covid pandemic arrived, more than a year ago we, along with everyone else, have had to make adjustments to how we operate. Since opening in 2010 our pantry was set up like a little store where our clients were able to select the food they wanted, based on the size and desires of their family.

But on March 16, 2020, all of that changed. In order to help keep everyone safe we had to limit personal contact and stress social distancing, so clients no longer came into the pantry to "shop." Instead, we started boxing up food and other items to deliver to clients' cars and also for DoorDash deliveries. The challenge, we found, was to have enough boxes to make it easy for our loyal volunteers to fill. After almost three months of finding boxes anywhere we could, life was made easier when we discovered McElroy Packaging of Orville.



Since June 18 we've been receiving 2,000 boxes about every other month which are unloaded and stored by our volunteer Joe Cullum. We received our 12,000th box in April!

McElroy has been in business since 1978 and serves companies and non-profits from northeast Ohio to Columbus. They have about 30 employees and last year produced about 26 million boxes! The company is a joy to work with thanks to Shawanna Erman in customer service, salesman Chris Hilty, and driver Dennis Wise.

One of the benefits of long term involvement with the pantry is that we've learned so much about businesses in our area - egg, milk and meat producers who have donated to us, service clubs who have volunteered, gardeners and farmers who have shared produce, and yes, box makers. We are grateful to all of them.



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