



NEW BOARD MEMBER

Our Alliance Community Pantry recently welcomed our newest board member, Cindy Magda, seen here with her husband Andy in the Alliance of Churches office located on the lower floor of Christ United Methodist Church. Our pantry always works to have an Alliance of Churches representative on our board.

The Magdas have volunteered in the Alliance of Churches for the past six years and finally took over heading the support group in September. Originally, the Alliance of Churches had helped coordinate with area churches to financially support those in need, but the YWCA has taken over that role. Now the Alliance of Churches focuses on being a bread ministry. They also coordinate the various churches that provide community meals every Tuesday evening.

They receive a weekly supply of bread, and anyone who needs bread or bread products may stop in to get some on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. They also have supplemental products



use on bread including peanut butter, jelly products and tuna fish.

CARNATION FESTIVAL QUEEN CONTESTANTS HELP OUT

A joyful Carnation Festival tradition continued at our pantry Thursday afternoon as Carnation Queen candidates competed to see who could make the most food donations to our pantry. The winner won't be known until Queen Pageant is held July 27, but a total of 1,920 pounds was donated this week.

The total poundage was a little lower than most years because several of the 16 candidates were away on vacation this week, but the total donated was greatly appreciated. Since the queen candidates started the competition in 2011, queen candidates have donated 38,280 pounds of food.

Queen candidates participating this week were Lilian Ronske, Lyrical Andrews, Chloe Cantwell, Kaitlyn Waite, Ariana Aldridge, Oneal Everett, Jayda Patrick, Kacie Bench, Isabella Hall, Sophia Thomas, and Chloe Jordan.

After delivering their food, candidates helped out bagging and food that will be passed out to clients Monday afternoon.



Raising Cane's in Alliance opens!



Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers opened its Alliance location on Tuesday, June 25.

The national chicken chain celebrated with several activities, including a ribbon-cutting ceremony, live music and a donation to the Alliance Community Pantry.

The restaurant is located at 2461 W. State St., across from the Sarchione Ford of Alliance and next to Marathon gas station. The chain also a location in Jackson Township.

Other activities were:

A "Lucky 20" drawing awarded 20 customers (ages 13 and older) free Cane's for a year. Entries were accepted from 8 to 9 a.m., with the drawing held shortly after the entry period closed.

A commemorative hat and free Box Combo card for the first 100 customers who bought a Box Combo. The free Box Combo card valid on their next visit.

Doors opened at 10 a.m. "Alliance marks our 58th location in the great state of Ohio, and our presence in the region is a testament to our

commitment to this wonderful community," Justin Pesicek, area leader of restaurants for Raising Cane's, said in a news release. "We invite the community to join us in celebrating our new location for a fun day and the best chicken fingers in town."

The Alliance location will operate from 10 a.m. to midnight Sunday through Thursday, and 10 to 1 a.m. on Fridays and Saturday. In addition to dine-in and carry-out options, customers can order Cane's online or on the mobile app.



CANES' GENEROUS GIFT

It was a busy morning in the 2400 block of West State Street today as Raising Cane's opened its restaurant in Alliance, their 58th location in Ohio.

Justin Pesicek, Area Leader of Cane's Restaurants, previously said, "We invite the Community to join us in celebrating our new location for a fun day and the best Chicken Fingers in town," and a huge crowd took him up on the offer.

Among the many activities was a \$1,000 check presentation to our Alliance Community Pantry. Seen here presenting the check to Bruce Helsel, the Pantry's board president, were Kate Libertore, manager of the Alliance Cane's restaurant, and Mr. Pesicek.

To celebrate the opening Alliance Mayor Andrew Grove and Chamber of Commerce Director Rick Baxter were involved in a ribbon

cutting and a variety of activities filled the morning. A "Lucky 20" drawing to award 20 customers free Cane's for a year was held, and a commemorative hat and free Box Combo card for a return visit was given to the first 100 customers.



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