



MOUNT CLASS HELPS OUT

As she does several times every semester, Dr. Beth Canfield-Simbro assigns some of her students to help volunteer at our Pantry.

Friday, April 24, was another example, as nine students in her Sociology 220 "Many faces of poverty" class experienced some of the lessons up close. They spent the morning cleaning refrigerators and fans, packing cans and bottled drinks, and bagging condiments in preparation for Monday's 4 p.m. opening.

Helping direct the students was pantry board president Jim Perone.



STAMP OUT HUNGER



As they've done in past years, the Alliance Post Office once again collected food from customers all over town to be given to those in need. On Saturday, May 9, letter carriers collected food donations from homes along their routes, that afternoon and again on Monday the food was divided and delivered to our Alliance Community Pantry and the Salvation Army.

Our pantry received 2,383 pounds of food, about 500 more pounds than last year. It was delivered by postal workers Joe Fisher and Robert Brick and others. The donations were handled and weighed by pantry volunteers Jim Menegay, Jim Perone, Jim Greiner, Tristen Claudio, and pantry manager Debbie Skubiak.

We give huge thanks to the community and the postal workers who made this happen.



CHAMBER WOMEN'S SUPPORT

Last year, 2,068 different homes with 6,570 family members visited our pantry 14,767 times, and they went home with a total of 1,160,073 pounds of food. That would never happen without the amazing support we get from all across the community from individuals, businesses, schools, clubs, organizations, etc.

One more example of that is the Women Division of the Alliance Chamber of Commerce whose members collected and donated 94 pounds of food that was dropped off May 11 by Sue Grove, seen here with Pantry volunteer Jim Menegay.

In addition to the food donation, seven members signed up to volunteer that week! We certainly appreciate the support.



THANK YOU MARLINGTON

Marlington Schools' food service department made a generous year-end school donation the Friday after school ended.

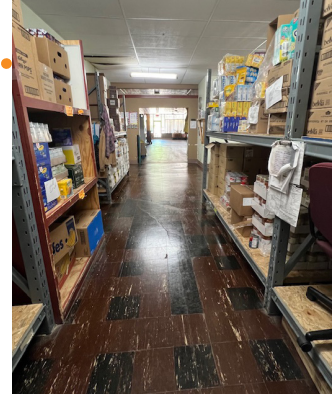
Jackie Gillie, Marlington's food service director, and Heather Stocker, of the middle school, met with Jim Perone, pantry board president, and they unloaded and moved about 775 half pints of milk, 50 apples, about 150 bags of apple slices, a couple of boxes of oranges, and a box of snack bags of carrots into our walk-in refrigerator.

Our volunteers are going to be shocked when they get to the Pantry on Monday morning. They will see the floors shining like they haven't seen them in ages.

That's all due to the volunteer efforts of Dale Brown, who has waxed our floors before, and Debbie Weisenburger, a recently retired custodian for Alliance City Schools, who teamed up with Dale for three hours on Saturday morning to clean and wax all the floors in the Pantry. Dale is the custodian at Union Avenue United Methodist Church and he also is a bus driver for Alliance schools. He got to know Debbie when she would finish her work at different schools and then often would go the bus garage to help clean.

from Damon Industries to thoroughly scrub all the floor surfaces. After the clean floors dried, the tile floors in the warehouse were covered with two layers of wax. The wax was also donated by Damon's.

We thank Dale and Debbie for all their hard work, and for Ken Hacker of Damon's rental department who arranged for the use of the floor scrubber and wax.



PANTRY IS SHINING BRIGHT



Terra Lashley, our warehouse manager, and her son Bob had cleared off all the floors in the warehouse and the front serving area so that Dale and Debbie could do a spotless wide job without obstructions.

After sweeping all the floors, they used a cordless floor scrubber that Dale borrowed



PANTRY BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Alliance Community Pantry board members are, front row from left, Rudy Roggenkamp, Bruce Helsel, Jim Perone, Jim Greiner and Mike Patterson. Second row are Kim Cully, Pat Gates, Christine Schade and Cathy Torma. Back row are Cathy Henderson, Betsy Brown, Missy Miller and Beth Canfield-Simbro. Not pictured are Jan Horning and Cindy and Andy Magda.

ALLIANCE COMMUNITY PANTRY BOARD

Jim Perone-Pres., Jim Greiner-Treas., Bruce Helsel-Past Pres, Mike Patterson-VP Operations, Chris Schade-Sec., Jan Horning, Missy Miller, Betsy Brown, Pat Gates, Cathy Henderson, Cindy Magda, Andy Magda, Beth Simbro, Kim Cully, Rudy Roggenkamp, Cathy Torma

