

EDITORIAL



THE FOOD PANTRY IN NEW LEIPZIG CLOSES

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The food pantry in New Leipzig closed on Friday morning and at this time is not scheduled to re-open. There is a website that lists food pantries (<http://www.foodpantries.org/>) around the country and it lists the Carson food pantry but not New Leipzig or Elgin. In order to be listed on this website someone had to list the City of Carson.

So I ask, why is the New Leipzig food pantry closed? Is it because there are not enough needy people or is it because Kelly Bachmeier lost the election and no longer wants to perform the duties of this position? Either way there are some people in this town that I know could use this subsidy.

Kelly Bachmeier was in charge of New Leipzig and I ask how does that work when she lives in Mandan, works in Underwood during the day and slips back into Carson at night to catch up on Grant County's auditor needs. According to a government website (<http://www.fns.usda.gov/tefap/frequently-asked-questions>) the people who administrate these food programs there has been a very large amount of the total money spent on these administrative costs. (*i.e.*, "In FY 2013, Congress appropriated \$311.34 million for TEFAP through the normal appropriations process - \$265.75 million to purchase food and \$45.59 million for administrative support for State and local agencies.")

Is it possible that Kelly Bachmeier is boosting her almost \$45,000 annual salary by even more money, this time from the federal government?

Our county auditor is the 2nd highest paid county employee just under the sheriff and only by \$1,113 and makes more than the deputies by approximately \$6,500. How is it possible that a county auditor makes more than our law enforcement officers, excepting the sheriff?

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I have also been informed that the Elgin food pantry is managed by Monica Steinmetz of Carson who has been seen coming back to Grant County with a horse trailer full of food stuffs and distributing them throughout the 3 towns in the county. Barb Hintz of Carson manages the food pantry in Carson.

It sure is a shame that the timing of shutting down New Leipzig's food pantry comes just before the holiday season however, that seems to be the attitude of county government.

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