



Alyssa Smith, Michelle Keezer, Jane Slayton, and Max Kolesar display the check to the Andover Food Pantry that the seventh grade students created to mark the occasion.

## AE/MS Challenge Brings A Bonanza To Andover Food Pantry

By Alyssa Smith and Max Kolesar  
AE/MS students

From December 16 through December 22, AE/MS classrooms were challenged to bring in as many non-perishable food items as possible to help restock the Andover Food Pantry. Totals were calculated daily and graphed in the lobby. Students were encouraged to bring in items because the pantry was very low and the need was great.

This was a great way to give back to the community. Examples of things that were brought in were canned meats, dry foods such as macaroni

and cheese, peanut butter, baby food, and pet food. The school also raised \$643.27 in cash.

On December 22, a group of students brought the food over to the pantry and put everything in groups. There were so many donations that there wasn't enough room on the shelves!

The students feel good about donating. And always remember:

Community = Giving  
Giving = Caring  
Caring = Sharing

We hope that the town will benefit from these donations.

## Austin Hawks Three-peats As Geography Bee Champ

By Jim Tucker  
AE/MS Social Studies Teacher

The Geography Bee became center stage for ten geography wizards of Andover Elementary/Middle School in January. The title of AE/MS Geography Bee Champion is a much coveted position.

The competition began with every student in grades four through eight competing for a spot in the second round of the Geography Bee. With questions ranging from world geography to United States geography, the challenge for the students was at a very high level.

Hannah French, Matthew Reynolds, Noah Newton, Alex Crucitti, Kaitlyn French, Curtis Chamberlin, Logan

Marcus, Josiah Wagner, Alyson Mullett, and Austin Hawks were the finalists who faced each other head-to-head on stage with a supportive audience of their classmates.

The students put forth a fabulous effort, and the competition was full of entertainment. In the end, two-time returning champion Austin Hawks rose through the ranks to win his third and final championship to call himself the Geography Bee Champ.

The next step for Austin is to submit a written test and hope he makes the grade to be selected to compete at the state level. The staff, students, and the Andover community wish Austin, "Good luck!"

## Obesity from page 46

riding, doing gymnastics, taking dance classes, and rising through the ranks of martial arts.

Andover children are fortunate to live in a community where all these opportunities exist. Many organizations work together to make these opportunities available and affordable for families in Andover. I only listed winter oppor-

tunities for Andover children. The other seasons offer even more possibilities for physical activity.

We will continue to hear about the need for more physical fitness statewide and nationally for children, but rest assured this is not an issue that is being overlooked regarding Andover children.

Feel free to stop in and join us for a nutritious lunch or participate in a vigorous physical activity.

## Bullying from page 48

Malcolm is also a member of the Department of Family Studies faculty, teaching courses in Family Policy and serves on the Department's Graduate Committee and Advocacy Committee. He is also currently serving on the New Hampshire Legislative Task Force on Work and Family. Malcolm also writes a monthly column on work and family issues for the *New Hampshire Business Review*.

Dr. Smith has recently assisted in the founding of the Family Edu-

cation Collaborative, a unique effort based in Manchester, which unites Cooperative Extension with the YWCA of Manchester, UNH Manchester, UNH Department of Family Studies, and Family Support New Hampshire to make a meaningful contribution to family research and parent education.

Lately Dr. Smith has written a curriculum on Understanding Bullying for New Hampshire parents and conducted trainings across the state on keeping young people safe from the bullying epidemic.

## Honors from page 48

nett, Jackson Bicknell, Brooke Ellis, Jake Hubbard, Eva Berton, Canon Brownell, Breanna Davis, Megan Hanscom, Monica Newton, Story Southworth, Madison Trefethen, and Andrew Young.

From Elkins, Caleigh Erickson earned Head's List, while Peter Durkin and Ian O'Connor are on Honor Roll.

New Londoners on Head's List are: Steph Bonewald, Silvia Graf, Lindsay Hoar, Amina Hughes, Kate Kozain, Emmalie Snyder, Rose Snyder, and Kali Stevens. Julia Sargent, Kyle Sargent, Tyler Graf, and Emma Limburg attained Honor Roll.

From Wilmot, Alex Folcik, Sam Johnson, Maddie Schiess, and Colby Wilcox earned Head's List, while Jonathan Goodnow, Kelsey Wilcox, and

Madison Koenig achieved Honor Roll recognition. Salisbury's John Howard earned Head's List status.

**Do You Have EXTRA EGGS From Your Hens?**

**Donate them to the ANDOVER FOOD PANTRY**

**Bring them in to the basement of the Town Hall anytime the building is open.**

*Empty egg cartons needed, too!*

## ANDOVER FOOD PANTRY

**Food and Necessities for People in Need**

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The Andover Lions • The Andover Beacon

We need your donations of non-perishable, staple foods and other necessities. (Please check those expiration dates!)

The food pantry is located downstairs at the Andover Town Hall and is open whenever the Town Hall is open.

**It's self-service, no questions asked.** Take what you need or drop off what you can.

**If you know someone in need,** tell them about the pantry. If they are not comfortable going to the pantry themselves, for whatever reason, let a Lion or Beacon volunteer know –

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