

FOOD DRIVE REMEMBERS "DEWEY"
GMS and GES WORKING TOGETHER



Greenville Middle School (GMS) along with Greenville Elementary School (GES) will again be collecting canned goods, packaged goods, and paper products for the needy starting December 7 to December 21. The food drive, in its seventeenth year, was designated as "Dewey's GMS/GES Food Drive for the Needy". Duane "Dewey" Ashauer, who passed away in October 2007, as the result of a tragic farm accident, was a student at both GMS and GES. While only 13 years old, Dewey will long be remembered as a person who loved to help others.

GMS and GES are the largest one time contributors to the Hortonville/Dale Food Pantry. Since 1993 the Greenville school community has donated 72,407 items to the pantry. To date, this amount is estimated at somewhere around 12 tons of canned and packed items. "We would be in serious trouble trying to help feed the area needy if it wasn't for Greenville's donations", stated Jim Garon of the Hortonville/Dale Food Pantry. He went on to say that "the Food Pantry regularly serves 170 families and will serve over 200 around the holidays." Last year's 7,931 donated items was the second largest annual contribution ever for GES and GMS. The GMS Student Council (SALSA) will again be overseeing the collection this year for both schools.

From December 5 until December 19, students and community members can bring canned and nonperishable food (baby items and paper products are also welcome) items to either school. Any help you can give us would be greatly appreciated. If you have something you would like to contribute and cannot get it to a school, please feel free to contact Bruce A. Carew, GMS Principal at 747-7140.

ITEMS COLLECTED BY YEAR

<u>Year</u>	<u>Items</u>	<u>Rank</u>
1993	600	16
1994	1,358	15
1995	1,923	14
1996	2,455	13
1997	2,762	12
1998	3,078	11
2002	3,817	10
2005	4,524	9
2000	4,955	8
2004	5,059	7
1999	5,343	6
2001	5,486	5
2006	5,832	4
2003	7,140	3
2008	7,931	2
2007	10,144	1
TOTAL	72,407	