

Canned Food  
Drive Success...

Page 2



Breast Cancer  
Fundraiser...

Page 3



Shooting  
Team Wins  
Big...

Page 4



# The LANCE and the

# SHIELD

Issue 2



Windsor Academy

December 25, 2016



## Walking in a Windsor Wonderland

by: Breanna Word

Windsor Academy's Junior Civitan Club volunteered to help with the Winter Wonderland Carnival on Saturday, December 3rd. The special event was held as a fundraiser in honor of Becca Martin Garner, a Windsor Academy alumni of 2006. Over ten-thousand dollars was raised from the event. All proceeds from the Winter Wonderland went to the "Love Always Becca Jean" organization, which is used towards cancer research. "Love Always" is a non-profit organization that supports all types of cancer survivors and their families.

The Winter Wonderland Carnival began mid-morning on Saturday. Children came with their families to enjoy snacks and games. Tickets were sold at the door for the kids to participate in games such as fishing for prizes, ring toss, and hockey. The kids could also sit down with some of Windsor Academy's students to help with arts and crafts. Therapy dogs were brought in for the children to interact with. Multiple booths were set up for kids to take pictures with Santa, Frozen's Elsa and Anna, Spiderman, and Batman. At one point, Elsa and Anna performed songs for everyone who attended and allowed the kids to get on stage and sing with them. Between the bake sales and the games, the Winter Wonderland Carnival was a huge success that raised a lot of money for the "Love Always" Foundation. Windsor hopes to continue to support this wonderful cause in the years to come.



## Windsor Elementary Students Take

### A Walk on Candy Cane Lane by: Halee Wadsworth

On December 8th, Windsor Academy held its annual Christmas play at 7 o'clock in the front gym. This year, the adorable festive play was called "Christmas on Candy Cane Lane" by John Jacobson. The Elementary students, K4 through 4th grade, jingled and jangled the entire night as they performed a very joyful and meaningful Christmas production with the help of their music teacher Mrs. Sheila Horton. The story-line consisted of two jolly groups of candy canes that disagreed on everything just because they were different colors. The red candy canes thought they were better than the green candy canes, and of course the green candy canes saw it the other way around! Even the trees were separated by the red and green colors on Candy Cane Lane, so there was trouble brewing! Which candy cane color was better, red or green? The Candy Canes decided to get Mrs. Clause's opinion on which color she liked more. Mrs. Clause and Rudolph tell the Candy Canes that she actually loves both of them and that they should come together and work as a team. They finally realized what Christmas is all about, and they needed to come together to celebrate Jesus' birthday instead of arguing about something silly. Mrs. Guest was in charge of all the artwork and props, along with a few students she calls "Santa's Helpers" including Mary Joe McCary, Sandy Elton, Katelin Hatton, Sydney Thompson who helped to make the play as 3D as possible. At the end of the night, the song "Silent Night" was played for everyone to sing along and come together to get in the Christmas spirit! It truly was a magical night full of fun for both parents and students alike.



## Windsor Academy Helps Feed Local Homeless

by: Sydney Thompson



Students Savannah Thorne, Andrew Weiche, and Tyler Christian deliver canned food to the Macon Outreach Center to help the homeless.

For the second year in a row, Windsor Academy raised thousands of canned foods to feed the homeless. With last year combined, we have collected over seven thousand cans of food for the Macon Outreach Center at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church. The Macon Outreach Center serves lunch to the homeless with cans that we, and other schools, have provided for them. The food drive was held from November 1st to November 11th. Junior Civitan sponsors Mrs. Beth Guest and Mr. Scott Barrett had a lot to say about the students who donated cans to the school. Mrs. Guest loved how enthusiastic the kids were about bringing cans for all of their classes. The students were generous enough to bring in cases of cans to donate, which is another thing for which Mrs. Guest was thankful. Mr. Barrett stated, "It is good for the students to realize how fortunate we really are, and it was also nice for them to see the church."

## Windsor Students Win Big in Essay Contest

by: Sydney Thompson



From left to right: Essay contest winners MaKayla Smith, Toni Rogers, Abby Mills, and Emma Joiner pose with Headmaster John Welch.

Windsor Academy is a school full of talented and intelligent individuals. Recently, four of our own students placed in the Louise Poe essay contest. Sixth grade student Tony Rogers and ninth grade students MaKayla Smith, Abby Mills, and Emma Joiner were all recognized for their incredible writing abilities and passion towards the topic of fire prevention and safety.

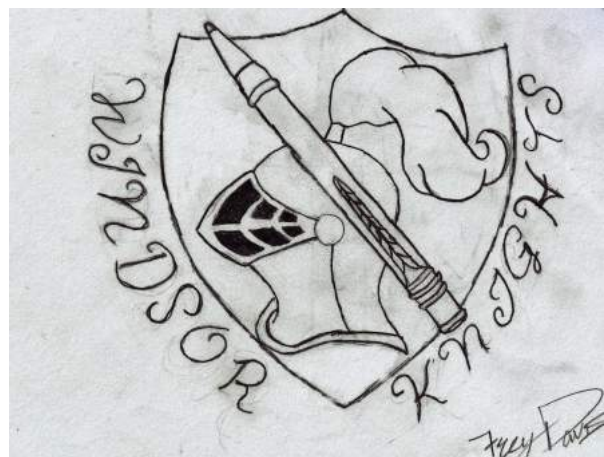
Ninth grade student Emma Joiner placed fourth in the Louise Poe essay contest. She stated that she was very shocked upon receiving the news of her placement. She won twenty-five dollars, a certificate, and a medal for her essay. She also received extra credit in her English class. The topic that she and her peers wrote about involved the prevention of fires in the community and how to raise awareness. The paper could have either been written during class, or typed at home. Joiner chose to write her paper in class.

Ninth grade student Abby Mills placed third in the Louise Poe essay contest. She remarked that she was really excited about the achievement, even though she was expecting the win. She won seventy-five dollars, a certificate, a medal, and five extra points on a test in her English class. Mills decided to write her paper during class.

Ninth grade student MaKayla Smith placed first for her essay. She admitted that she was surprised when she discovered that she placed first. She won one-hundred dollars, a certificate, and a medal for her essay. She as well received five points on a test in her English class. She spent her time typing her paper at home. She would like for more people to attend Bibb County fire department's events in order to prevent as many tragedies as possible.

Our last winner, and certainly not least, Tony Rogers placed first in the sixth grade category. She was not expecting to win, so she was extremely proud of herself. Rogers stated, "You should always see the glass as half full than half empty", which is the advice that motivated her and helped her achieve her big win. She won one-hundred dollars, a certificate, and a medal for her essay. The topic at hand was about replacing your smoke alarm every ten years as opposed to just changing the battery.

## Creative Corner



"The Lance and the Shield": a pencil drawing by Trey Davis.

## "Dare to Dream" Contest Winner Receives Laptop

by: Payton Sapp Daniel



Headmaster John Welch and Assistant Headmaster James Watts present a new HP laptop to contest winner Sidney Compagines.

In September, Windsor's guest speaker during Chapel, Tim Worley, offered up a contest. The prize was a brand new HP Notebook Computer. The former NFL player asked the students at the end of the service to write a short paragraph on what his message taught them. He then stated that he would go back to his hotel and read everyone's writings before picking his favorite. The winner of his contest was Junior, Sidney Compagines. When asked what she wrote on the card, she said, "He gave me reasoning to have a greater faith in our God." Sidney is also very grateful to have received the computer and would like to thank Mr. Worley for coming.



**Getting to Know Windsor's Faculty and Staff**



**Mrs. Melissa Giles**

Mrs. Melissa Giles is one of the many important people who keep Windsor Academy up and running. She has been a part of the Windsor staff for thirty two years. Mrs. Giles is in charge of running the office and doing the daily announcements. Before becoming a part of the Windsor family, Mrs. Giles attended college at Macon Junior College. She also attended Crandall College as well.

Throughout many years, Mrs. Giles had the opportunity to experience many great Windsor moments. Although she has multiple, wonderful memories, her favorite is when Daren Montford chased down an escaped emu and put it on the baseball field. When Mrs. Giles isn't busy keeping the school together, she enjoys spending time working on her favorite hobbies. She most enjoys cooking and reading in her free time.

One of her favorite quotes is, "Those who dance are often considered crazy by those who can't hear the music." Windsor Academy's students and faculty are extremely thankful for everything she does. Without Mrs. Giles, Windsor just wouldn't be Windsor.



**Mrs. Teresa Sumner**

Mrs. Teresa Sumner is the middle school math and social studies teacher for Windsor Academy. Although she has been teaching in total for twenty years, she has only been teaching at Windsor for fourteen years. Her journey to becoming a teacher began when her junior high drama teacher motivated her to become one herself. Once she decided to go into the teaching field, she attended Valdosta State University. Her favorite thing about teaching is watching her students grow from K-4 kids to Seniors and to watch them accomplish something they never thought they could.

One of her most exciting memories with Windsor is when the Senior class of 2009 put a "for sale" sign in front of the school as their Senior prank. In her free time, Mrs. Sumner enjoys traveling and reading. One of her favorite quotes comes from Albert Einstein and says, "In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity." Mrs. Sumner greatly values the time she has with each of her students. She enjoys knowing that she is helping many young minds be shaped into the great adults they will soon be.

by: Kaelyn Shields and Katilyn Ashley Treem



**Mrs. Shirley Annis**

Mrs. Shirley Annis is one of Windsor Academy's most beloved Elementary teachers. She has been teaching Windsor's K5 students for the past sixteen years. Mrs. Annis attended college at Wesleyan College. She previously taught three years before she joined the Windsor family. Her desire to become a teacher came from her love of being the person who has the privilege of laying the foundation of a child's educational future.

Mrs. Annis' favorite part of teaching is watching her students learn how to read. She loves watching their faces light up and their sense of pride for their great accomplishment. Her favorite Windsor memory is getting to listen to all of the precious things that her students say throughout the years.

When Mrs. Annis has time to herself, she enjoys doing various types of crafts. Her favorite Bible verse to live by is Philippians 4:13. One of her favorite quotes is: "It's a great day to learn something new." This quote definitely represents Mrs. Annis' determination and hardworking nature that she instills in all of her students.

**Fundraiser Earns Money For Breast Cancer Awareness**

by: Ansley Jennings



Headmaster John Welch and teacher Regina Thurmond present a check to the United in Pink Foundation.

On October 12th and 13th, Windsor students participated in the "United in Pink" fundraiser. Students were told that they could dress out of uniform if they paid a dollar and wore a pink shirt with jeans. First period teachers gave out pink stickers to students that had paid. There was also a pep rally that day and the cheerleaders wore pink along with the entire student body. Melissa Giles, the front office receptionist at Windsor Academy, said the school raised over \$300 for the foundation. All of this money was donated to the United in Pink foundation. Windsor Academy headmaster, John Welch, was very proud of the students for participating in an event for such a great reason.

**Buccaneer Book Fair: Where Books are the Treasure**

by: Jeri Scarborough



Elementary students enjoy the book fair with their grandparents on Grandparent's Day.

The Windsor Academy book fair took place October 24-28. Thankfully, we have Ms. Luanne Hardy and Ms. Tammy Aber here to organize and help kids with the book fair. When asked about the book fair, both had nothing but positive things to say. Ms. Tammy Aber has been doing the book fair for ten years now, and Ms. Luanne Hardy has been doing it for three years. Throughout the years, they have both come up with the most fun and creative themes. This year, the theme was "A Buccaneer Book Fair- Where Books are the Treasure."

Windsor had Grandparent's Day, where students and faculty also dressed up as pirates to celebrate the book fair theme. Grandparents have the opportunity to come into the book fair and eat lunch with their grand kids. When asked what Ms. Hardy likes most about the book fair, she stated, "I like the excitement on the kids faces when they come in and look around each time. It shows their love and appreciation for reading." Ms. Aber says, "We like to create the ideas and make it exciting for the faculty and students." The proceeds go to purchasing new books for all grades. The book fairs have been proven so successful that in the Spring, Windsor will have a "Happy Camper Book Fair," which will take place April 17-21..



## Shooting Team Goes Out With a Bang

by: Sydney Weiche



From left to right: (Back row) Mr. Blasingame, Mr. Bandt, Mr. Weiche, Seth Blasingame, Elijah Batchelor, Mr. Coleman, Joseph McCary, Ricky Coleman. (Front Row): Sebastian Burnett, Wyatt Byrd, Brayden Leslie, Bradley DeFore, Alexis Eidson, Matthew Yearwood, C.J. Newberry, Kevin Bandt, Andrew Weiche, Drake Byrd and Cache the dog.

The Windsor academy shooting team has had a very successful year. They have only had a shooting team for 4 years, and they have accomplished a lot in that short amount of time. The last 2 years they have come in third place in state, which is very good. This year at state, Alexis Eidson shot 289 out of 300 targets. She got highest overall lady shooter, highest overall trap, highest overall sporting clays, and first place all state champ. She also finished with the highest overall score out of both divisions. Alexis has been an inspiration to a lot of the female shooters from different schools. Alexis said, "all of my hard work has paid off and I'm really looking forward to repeating my success next year." Andrew Weiche and Kevin Bandt were in the top three scores for the team at the state meet in Savannah. Andrew and Kevin were also in a shoot off for first place in skeet because they both shot a 98. Matthew Yearwood shot a 25 straight in skeet, along with Andrew and Kevin. The team also came in first at the shoot at Tom Lowe earlier in the year. All of the top three scorers at state will be back next year, so they have a very good chance at winning state next again.



## Knights' Wrestling Returns

by: Trey Davis

Windsor Academy's wrestling team has started back for what hopes to be another great season. The middle school's first tournament went very well with Elijah Batchelor earning first place in his weight class with three pins. Others on the knights wrestling team include: Broc James, receiving second place, winning one match by points and Brayden Pollard, a first year wrestler, receiving fourth place with two wins, one by pin and one by points. The varsity wrestling team's first match is coming up soon and is sure to be a great start to the season. Sophomore Brent James says, "I am ready to get back to doing what I love and I hope to win another state title this year." The Knight's coaching staff is also excited and ready to see all the hard work by the wrestlers pay off.

## Knights' Basketball Prepare for a Winning Season



by: Kassidy Hulett

The Windsor Academy basketball teams are working hard this winter to achieve all the goals they have set. Varsity girls and boys started practicing late October and early September. They have put in lots of dedication and hard work every day after school to make their team and program better. Their first game was Monday, November 28th at Gatewood School. The varsity girls took a tough loss to last year's state champs the Lady Gators. The varsity boys took a big win against the Gators 67-57, who were also the defending state champs, which is a great way to start off their season. The B-team boys also played earlier that day, falling short to the Gators by 5 points. The C-team girls and boys' first game was Thursday, December 1st at Covenant Academy in Macon. The C-team girls unfortunately came up short to the Lady Rams. The C-team boys took a great season opening win against the Covenant Rams. The varsity teams and B-team boys played again on Saturday, December 3rd. The B-team boys fell short to the Rams taking their second loss. The Lady Knights beat the Lady Rams 53-34 and the varsity boys beat the Rams 68-60, both teams taking wins on their first home game of the year. They look forward to a very successful season. Go Knights!

## Alumni News



Windsor 2013 graduate Sadie Gibson (third from left) performs on stage during a production for LaGrange College.