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Welcome Brandon Von Almen, newly elected Board Member

Brandon is originally from Louisville, Kentucky. He then moved to Columbus, Ohio where he found his love for the Ohio State Buckeyes and college football. He graduated from Westland High School in Columbus. Brandon now lives in Marshallville with his wife, Rebecca, and their five children: Gavin is a freshman, Uriah is a fourth-grader, Peyton is a third-grader, Easton is a first-grader, and Holden is five years old and attends preschool.

Brandon served in the U.S. Army for nine years as an Infantry Soldier. Shortly after his military retirement as a Staff Sergeant in 2010, he became involved in real estate financing and has been a Licensed Loan Originator since 2011. He takes pride in supporting clients every step of the way. He looks forward to being involved with the education of the children and the future of Green Local Schools.



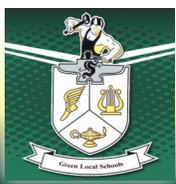
Scott Indermuhle - Board of Education Service



Mr. Scott Indermuhle was recognized at the November board meeting for serving four years on the Green Local Schools Board of Education.

“I want to thank the community for electing me to serve on the school board. My wife Patty and I both attended Smithville. Smithville is a special place and we appreciate it even more after raising and seeing our four children Natalie, Kevin, Douglas and Tyler graduate from Smithville. It was very gratifying to see community support for projects such as widening the track and the new FAA greenhouse. I am proud that the board and administration have worked hard to keep costs down and wisely use the resources provided. I appreciate the work of the school board, administration and staff. I believe we have a wonderful district that embraces our community values and offers a great place to educate and raise families. I offer my support and best wishes to the district for continued success.”





District News

Dates to Remember

December

- 7 GMS Band and Choir Winter Concert6:00pm
- 8 SHS Band and Choir Winter Concert7:00pm
- 11 Pancake Breakfast with Santa..... 8:00am-noon
- 14 Grade 1 Music Program7:00pm
- 17 GES Christmas Class Parties12:45pm

January

- 8 Winter Homecoming Dance
- 10 All Sport Booster Meeting6:00pm
- 25 Tri-County Play Festival
- 30 Tri-County Honors Band.....2:30pm

February

- 5 FFA Toy Show 9:00am-3:00pm
- 8 Gr. 6-12 Parent Teacher Conf. 2:30-7:30pm
- 8 Gr. K-5 Parent Teacher Conf. 3:30-8:30pm
- 10 GES Picture Day
- 11 GES Valentine's Day Parties.....2:45pm
- 12 High School Solo & Ensemble
- 15 Gr. 3 Winter Music Program7:00pm
- 26 Tri-County Solo & Ensemble for GMS
- 26 GES Daddy Daughter Event
- 28 Festival of Choirs7:30pm

GLSD Completes Purchase of Bus Garage



On September 27, 2021, the school board approved the purchase of the bus garage from the Ellen Keith family for \$125,000. Ellen and her family have had a long history of supporting Green Local Schools and the transportation department. Ellen's husband, Willard Keith, began working on our buses in 1960 at a garage located where the current historical village sits in Smithville. In 1962, the Keith family built a garage next to their residence and that has been the home of where our buses have been maintained and repaired. After Willard retired, the school district began renting this property in 1980.

On September 23, 2021, Ellen Keith passed away at age 100. She was a graduate of Smithville High School in 1939. She and her family have been loyal supporters of the district and to honor this history the bus garage has been named the J.W. Keith Bus Garage. This facility will serve the needs of the district transportation department for the foreseeable future.



Congratulations to the four SHS choir students that were selected to sing in the Tri-County Honors Choir on October 20. The concert was held at Hiland HS in Berlin. Mr. Eric Richardson was the guest conductor. L to R: Janiyah M., Thadd M., Miss Swineford, Rami T., and Aubrey E. Thank you for representing Green Local!

GLS SALT Fund has Opportunity for \$10,000 in Matching Funds! Will you Help?

WHO: The SALT Fund – A fund created in 2019 by prior donors, strictly for Green Local Schools, and is invested at the Wayne County Community Foundation (WCCF) on our behalf. Each year, the school can take a 4.5% distribution of the fund balance to be used to support “extra” items needed for arts, athletics or academics. In 2020, the fund distribution purchased software that was used to stream athletic and fine arts events online during the pandemic. In 2021, a Ceramic 3-D printer for the GLS Art Club and all weather furnishings for an outdoor learning space on campus will be funded by the SALT fund.

WHAT: A donor has generously pledged to **match all donations up to \$10,000** to the fund from now until December 31. Donations from the base of the account, are invested, and cannot be distributed. Only the 4.5% distribution can be used each year. Years from now, this fund will keep giving to Green Local schools. Even after some of our longtime supporters have passed, they will still be remembered and honored because of the fund.

WHY: Leave your legacy! All donors will be recognized, and donors at certain levels (\$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 and \$100,000+) will receive special recognition. Make a donation in your own name, because you have enjoyed being a Smithie, or in the name of a family member or friend who has enjoyed our community and who would appreciate being remembered in life or at death as a supporter of Green Local Schools.

WHERE: Give online at the school website <http://www.green-local.k12.oh.us/district/salt-fund> and follow the donation links at the bottom of the page; at the WCCF website; or learn more by calling Superintendent Dean Frank at 330-669-3921, ext. 5003, or by email at gren_dfrank@tccsa.net.

WHEN: The matching donation opportunity is from now until December 31. However, this fund can be donated to at any time using the links above and can be set up as a one-time donation or recurring donation in any amount.

HOW: There are many unique and creative ways to give to the fund. Donate appreciated stock, property, or other investments to the fund to avoid capital gains taxes! Make the SALT Fund a beneficiary on a life insurance or IRA account which is also tax free to you and the fund. Donors over age 70.5 also have a unique ability to gift some or all of your annual Required Minimum Distributions from your IRA to the fund as a Qualified Charitable Distribution and avoid all taxes on the IRA distribution, and be recognized for doing it!



OHuddle Mentorship is at Green Local Schools



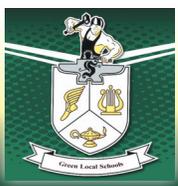
OHuddle is a non-profit organization, founded in Wayne County, that provides support to school-aged youth through one-to-one mentorship. We believe youth thrive when they have a meaningful mentor pouring into their life. Our mission is to awaken youth to their unique value through hope-filled relationships and one-to-one mentorship.

We are currently in six school districts in Wayne County, including Green Local Schools. Our Site Coordinator for Green Local is **Desi Shoup**. Site Coordinators help train new mentors, coordinate services, and oversee the mentee/mentor relationship. Students meet with their mentors once a week during a non-academic time during the school day. Self-esteem, honesty, conflict resolution, and responsibility are among many of the topics of discussion between mentors and mentees.

The school administration and staff nominate students to participate in the program. Students are then matched with a volunteer mentor from the community. Mentors, who are trained and background checked, meet weekly with their mentee. We are currently serving 30 students at Green Local Schools through OHuddle mentorship.

OHuddle is not possible without the support of our community! We are so thankful for the volunteer mentors in our community that invest weekly in the lives of our students. ***We are always in need of adult mentors.*** If you are interested in becoming a mentor at Green Local Schools, please go to www.ohuddle.org and click on the orange BE A MENTOR icon. One hour a week can make a huge difference in a child's life.

Visit our website at www.ohuddle.org for more information, or contact our Director of Operations, Heather Warner at hwarner@ohuddle.org or 330-969-2021.



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The Smithville FFA has had a Busy Fall Season

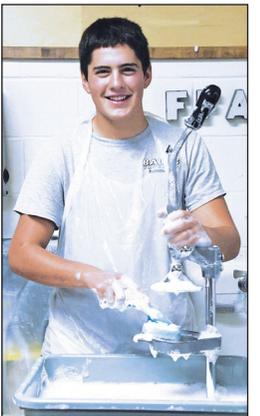
October kicked off the annual Apple Butter Day! What do you get when you mix 800 apples, 3 bags of Red Hots and 10 lbs. of sugar? Apple Butter! The FFA (Future Farmers of America) spent a week washing, cutting and cooking apples in kettles over a fire for many hours to make applesauce. Elementary students and many staff came to witness the cooking-down process. The high school students also presented the life cycle of an apple and how apple butter is made to the elementary students. Finally, after the apples were cooked, other ingredients were added and the resulting apple butter was processed in a canner. The product is sold each year during the annual FFA fruit, nut and BBQ sauce sale.

The beginning of October also started a new venture for the chapter. The greenhouse is not totally complete, but they received their first shipment of poinsettias! They will have 150 poinsettias ready for sale in early December – just in time for your Christmas festivities! An open house is also planned in early December to allow volunteers, supporters, and members to see their accomplishments.

The students participated in Feed A Farmer Day. For the first time in years they had a beautiful day during the peak of harvest season. They served our agricultural community Certified Angus Beef burgers, sides and water at Smithville Centerra.

October 27-30 found the group in Indianapolis, IN for the National FFA Convention. They squeezed in many events during their visit. Students participated in many sessions and also visited the Indianapolis Speedway, toured a honey bee farm, toured Not Just Popcorn, made a stop at University of Kentucky and Churchill Downs.

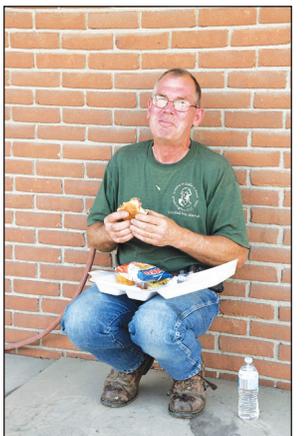
Follow all the FFA events on Facebook at 'Smithville FFA Chapter'.



Apple Butter Day



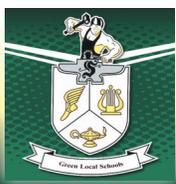
Poinsettias arrive at the Green House



Feed A Farmer Day



(l to r): National FFA Convention, Indianapolis Speedway, honey bee farm, Churchill Downs.



District News

Board of Education members, the district treasurer, and the superintendent spent the morning of September 30th touring the building, observing classrooms, and talking with students and staff.



The first stop was the GMS/SHS art room with Miss Winkler.



Eighth-graders are reviewing some formulas in Mr. Dravenstott's science class.



Mrs. Snider has a student assist her during her fourth-grade science class.



In Mrs. Brunker's Forensics class, students set up for a lab to measure blood splatter.



Mrs. Wenger's art classes are working to add colorful paintings in the hallways.



Mr. Naumoff describes the various projects his GMS construction technology students could build.



The Board observed sixth-graders in Mr. DeRodes' class working on a group project.



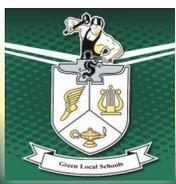
Mrs. Beichler explains what her students do when they enter her classroom each morning.



Mrs. Reichenbach asked the visitors to participate by introducing themselves in German with assistance from her class.



After the tour concluded, the Board of Education members grilled hamburgers and hotdogs and treated all the staff members to lunch.



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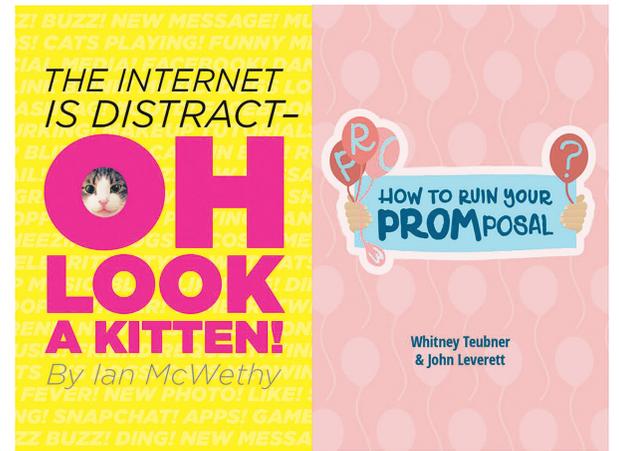


Veterans Day Assembly

What an honor to host the district-wide Veterans Day Assembly on Friday, November 5, 2021.

Veterans from the Army, Marines, Navy, Coast Guard and Air Force were honored. The assembly was organized and led by 33 FFA members and included: music by the SHS band, SHS choir and GES choir; an explanation of the Fallen Soldier Table; a video presentation; essay readings by two eighth-graders; and the playing of Taps. Boy Scout Troop/Pack #73 presented the Colors.

Thank you to all those that took part in the assembly, but most of all, thank you to all the veterans for serving our country to protect our freedoms!



Fall One Act Plays

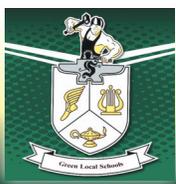
The Green Local Schools Drama Clubs would like to thank everyone who joined them for the 2021 Fall One Act Plays: SHS - *How to Ruin Your Promposal* and GMS - *The Internet is Distract-Oh Look A Kitten!* on November 19 and 20. The audience wasn't disappointed by the students' phenomenal performances.



Sprinkles of Kindness

Green Elementary kicked off the month of November with a new *Leader In Me* school-wide WIG (Wildly Important Goal) to sprinkle more kindness. Teachers are recognizing five students every day who have shown extra kindness to others. They are giving each of them a "kindness sprinkle" to put on our giant inflatable doughnut at the end of the day. Mrs. Carpenter, retired Green Elementary secretary, was the special guest on this certain day to recognize the students.





Green Local Art Club makes the front page of the Daily Record - Smithie Proud! What a great article!

(Courtesy of The Daily Record)

SMITHVILLE - While in a teacher evaluation years ago, **Jennifer Winkler** was asked what her goals were for her art program, and she said she wanted to aim for the skies. “When kids leave here (Green Local Schools) and they talk to other kids from other schools about what it was like to go here, I want them to say, ‘Well, we were known for this art program. We had this insane art program. Nobody else did what we did,’” said Winkler, art teacher at Smithville High School and Green Middle School. Years later and with seven wins from the Wayne County Fair, the county High School Art Show and Junior Show over the years, Winkler feels like the program is finally there and it couldn’t have done it without the Smithie Art Club.

Open to grades six through 12, the Smithie Art Club is a completely self-funded after-school art group that has made unique artwork and hosted community events since its creation during the 2015-16 school year. Over the years, Winkler has watched the program grow with great hopes of where to take it next. With 20 members at the high school, 30 at the middle school and more joining every week, Winkler said she has seen increasing interest in the program and their projects. Over the years, the club has done projects both for the district and the community. At the schools, the students have helped make the Smithie mascot costume using things like upholstery foam and a softball helmet and have recently started working on a stained-glass window they hope to eventually display in or near the school. Outside of school, students have worked with organizations like Ashland University to create Dr. Seuss-themed art and furniture to put on display and sell at its Coburn Gallery.

Winkler has worked with the students in the club to teach them about new art forms, such as 3D printing and laser engraving, and how to fund the club by running it like a business. One way the club has been able to raise money is through earrings they made from scrap acrylic and donated materials. With the materials, the students were able to create and sell roughly 140 pairs of earrings with Green and Norwayne Local Schools logos and colors. For students like **Savannah Messenger**, **Taylor Rohrer** and **Joshua Smucker** who have been in the club for five years, they said their club is unique not because of the artwork they create but rather the community engagement they do. Some things the club has done includes community art programs for elementary students and adults, holiday window paintings at local nursing homes and a few projects for the Smithville Police Department. Not only have the students designed the patches on the Smithville police uniforms and engraved items the officers use regularly, but they also have helped with the Safety Town educational program put on by the department. While they all enjoy creating their artwork, a few of the students shared that the connections they make and the impact they leave on the community is what makes it special for them. “I feel like I haven’t seen very many other schools like put sales out for earrings or go to the nursing homes and sell stuff to them (the community) and do murals and art shows,” Smucker said. “I feel like for a high school and middle school art club that’s not super common, especially in this area.”

As the club has continued to do more over the years, Winkler said she continues to look for where the program can go next. After buying a glass kiln for her classroom and seeing an increased interest in glasswork, Winkler said she hopes to one day take the high school students on a field trip to learn about glassblowing. Taylor Rohrer stands by the glass kiln her art teacher Jennifer Winkler recently got for her classroom. The class named the kiln after a nursing home resident they met while doing a project at his nursing home.

Another thing the club hopes to do is expand their 3D art capabilities. The club already has a 3D printer, made by brothers and club members **Josh and Austin Smucker**, they hope to raise enough money to buy a 3D ceramic printer in the future. With all the things they have been able to do over the years and hope to do before they graduate, club member Rohrer and several others say they are very happy they joined and encourage others to do the same. “If they’re (incoming sixth graders) on the fence, just do it,” Rohrer said. “Don’t hesitate, just jump into it both feet ready to hit the water, because once you do it you will never back out. I’ve been here since sixth grade, and I can’t imagine not doing it.”





District News

Smithies Winter Sports Schedule

All athletic contests are subject to change

GIRLS VARSITY/JV BASKETBALL

Friday - 11/19	Mapleton	5:30pm
Tuesday - 11/23	Dalton	5:30pm
Friday - 11/26	Ontario @ College of Wooster Tip Off	12pm
Thursday - 12/2	@Rittman	5:30pm
Saturday - 12/4	New London	1pm
Thursday - 12/9	Hillsdale	5:30pm
Thursday - 12/16	@ Norwayne	5:30pm
Thursday - 12/18	Orrville	2:30pm
Thursday - 12/23	@Waynedale	5:30pm
Thursday - 12/30	Northwestern	5:30pm
Thursday - 1/6	Chippewa	5:30pm
Saturday - 1/8	@ Dalton	12:00pm
Thursday - 1/13	Rittman	5:30pm
Saturday - 1/15	Wellington	11am
Thursday - 1/20	@ Hillsdale	5:30pm
Saturday - 1/22	Norwayne	1pm
Tuesday - 1/25	@ Central Christian	6pm
Thursday - 1/27	Waynedale	5:30pm
Saturday - 1/29	@ Manchester	12pm
Thursday - 2/3	@ Northwestern	12pm
Saturday - 2/5	@ Hilliard Davidson	1pm
Thursday - 2/10	@ Chippewa	5:30pm

GIRLS MS BASKETBALL

Monday - 11/22	Northwestern	5pm
Monday - 11/29	Chippewa	4:30pm
Thursday - 12/2	Dalton	4:30pm
Monday - 12/6	@Rittman	5pm
Thursday - 12/9	Hillsdale	5pm
Monday - 12/13	@Norwayne	4:30pm
Monday - 12/16	@JR Lea	4:30pm
Monday - 1/3	@Chippewa	4:30pm
Thursday - 1/6	@Dalton	4:30pm
Monday - 1/10	Rittman	4:30pm
Thursday - 1/13	@Hillsdale	5pm
Saturday - 1/15	Barberton	10am
Tuesday - 1/18 (7 th grade)	Norwayne	4:30pm
Thursday - 1/20	JR Lea	4:30pm
1/22 - 2/7	7 th and 8 th grade WCAL Tournament	

WRESTLING

Saturday - 12/4	@ Hillsdale Invitational	10am
Friday - 12/10	WIT Tournament	5pm
Saturday - 12/11	WIT Tournament	7am
Thursday - 12/16	@ Mapleton	6pm
Saturday - 12/18	@ Findley	TBA
Wednesday - 12/29 (JV)	@West Holmes-Knight Invite	10am
Saturday - 1/8	@Fairview	10am
Wednesday - 1/12	@Tuscarawas Valley	6pm
Saturday - 1/15	@ Northwestern-Husky Invite	9am
Saturday - 1/22	@Green-Bulldog Invite	9am
Saturday - 2/5	@ Dover	TBA
Wednesday - 2/9	@Garaway	6pm

MS WRESTLING

Saturday - 12/4	@Northwest	9am
Saturday - 12/11	@Findlay	10am
Saturday - 12/16	@ Mapleton	5pm
Saturday - 12/18	Jack Leeder @ Orrville	9am
Thursday - 12/23	@ Northwest Invite	5pm
Saturday - 1/8	CAT Classic @ Norwayne	9am
Wednesday - 1/12	@ Tuscarawas Valley	6pm
Saturday - 1/22	@ New London	9am
Saturday - 1/29	@ Hillsdale- WCAL Championships	10am

BOYS VARSITY/JV BASKETBALL

Saturday - 11/20 (JV)	Upper Sandusky	10am
Saturday - 11/20 (V)	Northwest	10am
Friday - 11/26	@Malvern	6pm
Friday - 12/3	@ Northwestern	5:30pm
Friday - 12/10	@Chippewa	5:30pm
Tuesday - 12/14	Triway	5:30pm
Friday - 12/17	Dalton	5:30pm
Tuesday - 12/21	Rittman	5:30pm
Tuesday - 12/28	@Hillsdale	5:30pm
Wednesday - 12/29	@Hiland vs. Tuscarawas	4:15pm
Tuesday - 1/4	@Lake Center Christian	5:30pm
Friday - 1/7	Norwayne (Homecoming)	5:30pm
Tuesday - 1/11	@Tuslaw	5:30pm
Friday - 1/14	@Waynedale	5:30pm
Tuesday - 1/18	Northwestern	5:30pm
Friday - 1/21	Chippewa	5:30pm
Saturday - 1/22	Ponitz Career Tech. Center- (Cake Auction)	5:45pm
Tuesday - 1/25	East Knox	5:30pm
Friday - 1/28	@Dalton	5:30pm
Tuesday - 2/1	@Rittman	5:30pm
Friday - 2/4	Hillsdale	5:30pm
Saturday - 2/5	Bishop Watterson	7pm
Friday - 2/11	@ Norwayne	5:30pm
Friday - 2/18	Waynedale	5:30pm

BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

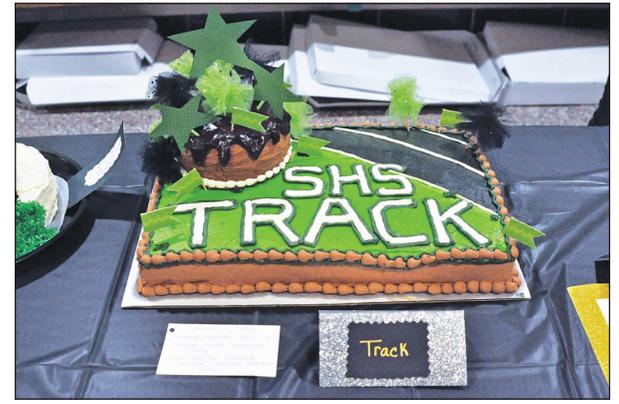
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Monday - 12/20	@Hiland	5pm
Thursday - 1/6	@Chippewa	6pm
Saturday - 1/22	@Norwayne	10am
Thursday - 1/27	@Waynedale	6pm

BOYS MS BASKETBALL

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Monday - 1/3	Chippewa	4:30pm
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*WINTER SPORTS SENIOR ATHLETES
(l to r) Front: Michael Harris, Kailynn Wickens, Trevor Syrstad; Back: Madison Burns, Carter Fath, Evan Blough, Alexis Warne.*

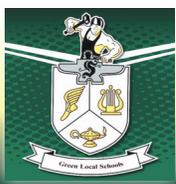


IT IS BACK...MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
The Smithille All Sports Booster Club Cake Auction will be held Saturday, January 22, 2022, at about 6:00pm. Come to the boys' basketball game and bid on cakes from each of our sports teams, grade 7-12. All proceeds benefit our Green Local student athletes.



GMS Outdoor Education

The sixth graders were so fortunate to spend four beautiful days at Camp Nuhop for Outdoor Education the beginning of October. This is a Green Local tradition that students look forward to once reaching sixth grade. Some of the activities include learning about fossils, a nature hike, and a challenge course. It is such a great opportunity for students and staff to connect outside of the classroom.



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Fourth Grade Landforms

Green Elementary fourth-graders wrapped up their Earth Surface unit. They learned about major landforms found in Ohio, including the Ohio River, Campbell Hill, and Seneca Caverns. Students made salt dough landforms maps of Ohio and painted them according to elevation.



Socktober

Socktober took over during the month of October. The LEAD team was excited to have the opportunity to give back to People to People. Classes collected socks during the month of October with a goal of 1,000 pairs. They surpassed that goal and ended up collecting 1,833 pairs.



Runners at the Ohio Cross Country State Championship are (l to r): Addison Unkefer, Calista Tullos, Elizabeth Frantz, Maryn Erdman, Kaitlyn Carr, and Mason Rodhe.



Caitlyn Carr places third at the Ohio Cross Country State Championship

GMS Cross Country

The middle school cross country teams wrapped up a successful fall season recently. On October 9 the girls' team raced to a second-place finish at the Wayne Holmes Invitational. The lady Smithies took the top three places with **Maggie Wenger** placing third overall, **Maryn Erdman** second and **Kaitlyn Carr** winning the two-mile race in a new school record time of 11:44.8 on a fast course at Orr Park. **Mason Rodhe** was the top boys' finisher in 18th place. The following week the girls' team captured another second-place finish at the WCAL meet at Waynedale with Kaitlyn winning the race. Fourth-place finisher was Maryn and Maggie placed sixth overall. In the boys' race, **Jonathan Hersey** paced himself to a 16th-place finish with Mason right behind him in 17th place. Our runners also participated in the Ohio Cross Country State Championships on October 24 at Dublin Jerome High School. In the boys' race, Mason placed 45th out of 174 runners. The girls' team was 13th in the state race with Kaitlyn placing third overall and Maryn placing 18th out of 158 runners. Congratulations on a great season!



Make a Difference Day

On Friday, October 22, Green Middle School participated in our annual Make a Difference Day. Students signed up to be part of one of the 17 service projects completed by the 214 middle schoolers. Some student groups worked off campus to help at the Central Fire Station, Smithville Methodist Church, and bake cookies for local businesses. Other groups jumped on a bus to pack 7,350 servings of rice pilaf at the Harvest Call Center, or clean up at Marshallville Village Hall, the Rails to Trails path in Marshallville, Orrville Boys and Girls Club, and CAMO (Central America Medical Outreach). The remaining groups stayed on campus and participated in the following projects: making eight fleece blankets for homeless shelters, painting artwork for the hallways, updating the ALICE Video, building a trophy case for the middle school, helping with Chromebook charts, cleaning buses and the woods behind the football field. The students worked hard through the morning and in the afternoon they created presentations on what each group did and then shared them with the school.