

Cross Country Awards Banquet

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The Green County Cross Country Boys' and Girls' teams held their annual awards banquet Thursday, Nov. 10 at Green County High School. Athletes were honored for their achievements during the 2022 fall season.

Making the All-Heartland Athletic Conference team were: Riley Coffey, Kally Corbin, Rylee Feese, Claire Goff, Jewel Hines, Kody Pruitt, Rebecca Stringer, Jayden Marr, Ethan Patterson, Cody Swary, Cayden Cecil, Wesley Baker, Layton Froggett, and Joseph Matthews.

High school state qualifiers included: Riley Coffey, Kally Corbin, Rylee Feese, Claire Goff, Jewel Hines, Kody Pruitt, Rebecca Stringer, Jayden Marr, Ethan Patterson, Cody Swary, Cayden Cecil, Wesley Baker, Layton Froggett, and Joseph Matthews.

Middle school state participants included: Riley Coffey, Kody Pruitt, Rylee Feese, Abby Soto, Lillie Creason, Haley Shelton, Bekaha Pruitt, Cody Swary, Cayden Cecil, Aiden Dugger, Logan Weddle, Eddie Pickard, Colton Curry, and Jonathan York.

A number of special awards were presented.

Those receiving awards were as follows: Bill Moore Senior Award – Ethan Patterson, Carter Smothers, and Gabby Vanarsdall; Mary Kate Moore

Most Valuable Runner Award - Riley Coffey and Jayden Marr; Philip M. Hay 110% Award – Claire Goff, Kody Pruitt, Cayden Cecil, and Cody Swary; Carl Deaton Coaches Award – Hadley Nunn, Kally Corbin, Wesley Baker, Layton Froggett, and Joseph Matthews; Most Improved Award – Zoe Weddle; Keith Jewell Spirit Award – Ethan Patterson and Hadley Nunn; Top Middle School Runners – Riley Coffey and Cody Swary.

Making Academic All-State were: Kally Corbin and Hadley Nunn.

Ashlyn Elmore, Shawna Shuffett, Dan Knoy, Adam Cecil, Erik Edwards, and Grant Karnes received coaches' plaques.

KTCCCA Class 1A All-State recipients were Riley Coffey and Jayden Marr. Coffey also made middle school all-state.

Both the Cross Country Dragons and Lady Dragons won Heartland Athletic Conference titles.

At KHSAA Class 1A Region, the girls placed first and the boys finished fifth.

At KHSAA Class 1A State, the girls placed seventh and the boys finished 13th.

Both Coffey and Marr won individual conference and regional titles and Marr finished in the top six at state.



The above varsity athletes were recognized at the annual Cross Country Banquet Thursday, Nov. 10 at Green County High School.



The above middle school athletes were recognized at the annual Cross Country Banquet Thursday, Nov. 10 at Green County High School.



Lily Beard makes a quick move to the basket during Saturday's scrimmage. The score was kept for each quarter and Green County won two of the quarters.



Senior Catie Church concentrates on making this free throw against Warren Central. She's the only senior on this year's team.



Scout Brockman gets tangled up with the Warren Central defense during a rebound attempt in Saturday's scrimmage.

Preview: Lady Dragons

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Green County High School's Lady Dragons open the season next week as they travel to Adair County, Friday, December 2.

They follow that up with another away game before their first home game against

Caverna on Friday, December 9.

The GCHS girls' team is very young this year with only three returning players from last year's roster. Lily Beard, Mia Blaydes and Catie Church were on last year's squad that finished 10-16. Bailee Willis was on the team, but

an injury sidelined her for most of the season.

The team scrimmaged Warren Central Saturday at Elizabethtown. The score started over at the beginning of each quarter, but Green County won two of the quarters including a 19-5 win in the second quarter.

"We played hard,"

Head Coach Chris Blaydes said. "We had too many turnovers, but we will get better during the season."

Blaydes admits they will have to lean heavily on the returning players from last year.

"We are scrappy," Blaydes said, "and the schedule at the beginning of the season is favorable so we may surprise some people."

In addition to the girls who played last year, junior Bella Johnson and sophomore Riley Underwood have joined the team this year.

"Those two give us lots of energy," Blaydes.

The other girls who are dressing varsity are seventh graders Molly Dixon, Brooklyn Jewell and Scout McKinney.

"Our lack of depth will hurt us," Blaydes said, "especially if we get in foul trouble in a game."

The Lady Dragons play in two December tournaments this year. One is in Edmonson County and the other is at Russell County.

"I don't have the bracket yet for the Edmonson County tournament," Blaydes said, "but the Russell County tournament has some really good teams in it."

Blaydes knows that the lack of experience means he has to make some adjustments, even in practice.

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Mia Blaydes drives around the Warren Central defense in a scrimmage game. Blaydes scores nine points for the Lady Dragons.



Freshman Bailee Willis played much of the game against Warren Central Saturday afternoon.

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