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Sports Preview



*Gabby Bunnars
Cheerleading*

*Anna Skornia
Dutchgirl Basketball*

*Macen Blankenship
Dutchmen Basketball*

*Dakota Martin
Dutchmen Wrestling*

*Julianna Watkins
Dutch Divas*

*Haven Sanders
Dutchgirl Wrestling*

2020-21 Varsity Dutchmen Basketball



2020-21 VARSITY Dutchmen Basketball team members (in front, from left) include Austin Lowder, Brendan Decker, Joseph Skornia and Will Lauth; in the middle, Charlie Whelan, Zaid Epstein, T.C. Fisher, Tyler Heidbrink and Macen Blankenship; and in back, Scott Lewis (assistant coach), Steven Kemp (assistant coach), Derek Brandt, Landon Valley, Bryce Payne, Cullen Van Leer (head coach) and John Van Leer (assistant coach). Not pictured was Ashton Kramme.

VARSITY ROSTER

NO.	NAME	YR.
2	Brendan Decker	11
4	Will Lauth	10
10	Joseph Skornia	10
11	Bryce Payne	10
14	Zaid Epstein	12
15	Charlie Whelan	10
21	Derek Brandt	11
22	Austin Lowder	11
23	Landon Valley	11
24	Macen Blankenship	12
25	Logan Evans	11
30	Tyler Heidbrink	12
34	T.C. Fisher	12
35	Ashton Kramme	11

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Dutchgirls return experienced squad

BY WILL JOHNSON
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Without a senior on their roster last winter, Ryan Flanagan's Owensville Dutchgirl basketball team will have three of them this year.

"We have three seniors that know this will be it," Flanagan said. "They were a part of the first group of girls I coached back in middle school and I'm anxious to get them on the court to play."

Leading a roster of 10 varsity Dutchgirls will be the senior trio of Katelyn Landolt, Kate Angell and Anna Skornia.

Landolt returns for her senior season after seeing her junior campaign cut short due to a knee injury during the Comet Classic in Westphalia.

In addition to the three seniors, Flanagan has five juniors to round out his list of upperclassmen.

They included Kyla and Keira Hendrix,

Leah Reed, Addison Wright and Anna Finley.

"Our junior class has some really good players," Flanagan said. "They return a lot of experience from last year as sophomores. Addison Wright coming back out to play this year will give us a boost with that much more depth on the varsity roster."

Finley led the team last year in nearly every statistical category averaging 15.4 points, 7.3 rebounds, 3.8 assists and 2.5 steals per contest.

Next in scoring were the Hendrix twins averaging nearly seven points each.

Rounding out Flanagan's varsity squad will be sophomore guard Landry Watson and freshman Emma Daniels.

In addition to Daniels, the Dutchgirls have eight other freshmen beginning their high school basketball careers after successful ones at the middle school level.

They include McKenzy Echols, Emily

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ADDISON WRIGHT (above, left) looks for an open teammate to pass the basketball to during a recent practice session at Owensville Elementary School while being guarded by senior Katelyn Angell.

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Dustin Howard takes over OHS wrestling reins

BY WILL JOHNSON
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Serving last year as an assistant coach, Dustin Howard will get his chance this winter to be the head coach of the Owensville High School wrestling program.

"I am officially on as the head coach," Howard said. "Rod (Barndollar) will be coming back to school to teach, he will just not be coaching this year."

Assisted by Zach Bollmann, Howard will have over 20 wrestlers competing for spots on the varsity and junior varsity wrestling line up.

For Dutchgirl senior Haven Sanders, she will be the only female wrestler suiting up for Owensville this year after seniors Jazz

Marquez and Emma Reed graduated.

"Haven (Sanders) has been the original Dutchgirl and it appears it will stay that way," Howard said.

Sanders came out for wrestling as a sophomore during the first year of the Dutchgirl wrestling program.

For the Dutchmen, Howard will have two seniors to lean on for leadership during the upcoming wrestling season.

Kolby Jahnsen and Dakota Martin will look to lead their Dutchmen wrestling teammates to a successful complete season in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.


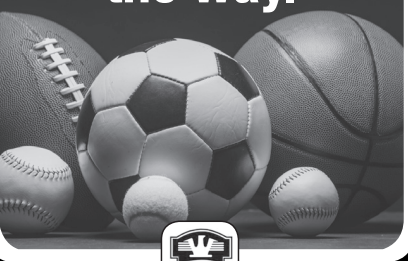
"The message with Kolby and Dakota has been to finish on a high note," Howard said. "This is because we don't know how

See **Dustin** on Page 11B





HAYDEN SHOEMAKER (above, right) works on a wrestling move with Dutchmen wrestling teammate Trevor Griffith during a recent practice session inside the Owensville High School small gym. Dustin Howard will begin his first season as head coach of the OHS wrestling program on Thursday, Dec. 3 when his wrestlers will travel to Rolla for a tri-meet with the host Bulldogs and Washington's Blue Jays.

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Cullen Van Leer era begins at Owensville

BY WILL JOHNSON
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Winning a lot of games at Owensville High School during his playing days at Pacific, first-year Dutchmen head basketball coach Cullen Van Leer will look to keep his winning ways going.

"I'm excited to get this season going," Van Leer said. "Our guys have given a lot of respect and had a willingness to learn throughout all of our practices."

With 14 players on his first varsity roster, Van Leer will have plenty of guys to choose from night in and night out.

Leading the way will be the senior quartet of Zaid Epstein, Macen Blankenship, Tyler Heidbrink and T.C. Fisher.

"Macen, Zaid and Tyler have been through it before and have really bought in to what we're trying to do this year," Van Leer said. "T.C. has been doing whatever

he needs to do to get himself better. He has taken big steps since his first day of practice."

Van Leer will also have six juniors competing for varsity minutes throughout the season.

They include Brendan Decker, Derek Brandt, Austin Lowder, Landon Valley, Logan Evans and Ashton Kramme.

"We have a large junior class with lots of guys contributing on either side of the ball," Van Leer said.

Rounding out the varsity squad will be the sophomore foursome of Will Lauth, Joseph Skornia, Bryce Payne and Charlie Whelan.

"We look for our sophomores to battle for varsity minutes," Van Leer said.

Athleticism is a strength for the Dutchmen with several guys on the varsity roster also just coming off a 7-3 football season.

"Being athletic is one of our strengths,"

See **Cullen Van Leer** on Page 14B



BRYCE PAYNE (above, left) keeps the basketball away from Dutchmen teammate Joseph Skornia during a one-on-one drill in a recent practice session at Owensville High School under head coach Cullen Van Leer's watchful eyes.

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2020-21 Junior Varsity Dutchmen Basketball



2020-21 JUNIOR Varsity Dutchmen Basketball players (in front, from left) include Will Lauth, Charles Hazelwood, Austin Luecke, Tanner Meyer, Landon Ely and Landon Brown; and in back, Charlie Whelan, Will Muehlhausen, Austin Mades, Wyatt Kramme, Layne Evans, Blake Elliott and Joseph Skornia. Not pictured was Ashton Kramme, Derrick Marquez and Garrett Crosby.

2020-21 Freshmen Dutchmen Basketball



2020-21 FRESHMEN Dutchmen Basketball players (in front, from left) include Charles Hazelwood, Tanner Meyer and Austin Luecke; in the middle, Landon Ely, Wyatt Kramme, Will Muehlhausen and Landon Brown; and in back, Steven Kemp (coach), Layne Evans, Austin Mades, Blake Elliott and Scott Lewis (coach). Not pictured was Garrett Crosby and Derrick Marquez.

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2020-21 Varsity Dutchgirl Basketball



2020-21 VARSITY and Junior Varsity Dutchgirl Basketball team members (in front, from left) include Kate Angell, Addison Wright, Anna Finley and Emma Daniels; and in back, Katelyn Landolt, Leah Reed, Keira Hendrix, Anna Skornia, Landry Watson and Kyla Hendrix.

VARSITY ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	YR.
1	Emma Daniels	G/PG	9
2	Landry Watson	G	10
3	Leah Reed	G	11
11	Addison Wright	F/C	11
13	Katelyn Landolt	G/F	12
14	Anna Finley	PG	11
15	Kate Angell	G	12
20	Keira Hendrix	F/C	11
22	Kyla Hendrix	G	11
25	Anna Skornia	C	12

JUNIOR VARSITY ROSTER

NO.	NAME	YR.
2	McKenzy Echols	9
4	Emily Krause	9
5	Ella Gehlert	10
12	Kate Blankenship	9
14	Audrey Quilacio	9
15	Kinsey Doerr	9
20	Anya Binkhoelter	9
23	Kiana Guerrero	10
32	McKenna Edwards	9
52	Grace Abell	9

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2020-21 Senior Dutchmen/Dutchgirls



2020-21 SENIOR DUTCHMEN AND DUTCHGIRL ATHLETES (in front, from left) include Keirstin McCormick and Julianna Zaid Epstein, Katelyn Landolt, Haven Sanders, Julianna Bayless and Grace McFalls; and in back, Sydney Silvers, T.C. Fisher, Tyler H Martin. Not pictured was Haley Coello.

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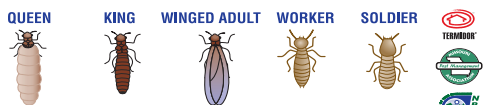
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2020-21 Varsity & Junior Varsity Wrestling



2020-21 OWENSVILLE High School Wrestling team members (in front, from left) are Xander Lansford, Haven Sanders, Aries Nicholas, Bobby Coello and Trevor Griffith; in the middle, Kohl Grannemann, Kyle O'Neal, Chris Stockton, Kolby Jahnsen and Brent Helmig; and in back, Paul Million, Alan Kopp, Dakota Martin, Hayden Shoemaker, Eli Wilson, Jackson Carrell and Gabe Soest. Not pictured are Jordan Bialczyk, Draiden Bush, Kaden Loeb and Michael Martin.

Head Coach: Dustin Howard **Assistant Coach:** Zach Bollmann

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2020-21 Middle School Wrestling

long the season is going to last.”

In addition to the two seniors, Howard has six juniors rounding out the list of upperclassmen.

They include Draiden Bush, Brent Helmig, Alan Kopp, Kyle O’Neal, Chris Stockton and Eli Wilson.

Sophomores in their second year of high school wrestling include Kohl Grannemann, Xander Lansford, Michael Martin, Aries Nicholas and Gabe Soest.

“For the most part, most of our wrestlers are returning and saw varsity action at some point last year,” Howard said.

Freshmen making their OHS wrestling debuts include Jordan Bialczyk, Bobby Coello, Kaden Loeb, Paul Million, Trevor Griffith and Jackson Carrell.

OHS will start their season on Thursday, Dec. 3 in Rolla at a tri-meet with the host Bulldogs and Washington’s Blue Jays.

Friday, Dec. 4 will mark a very early senior night for Sanders, Martin and Jahnsen when Owensville will host Sullivan’s Eagles and Potosi’s Trojans.

COVID-19 has robbed OHS of tournaments at Pleasant Hill and the Colombo Classic in early December.

St. Clair will host the first annual Four Rivers Conference (FRC) Tournament.



2020-21 OWENSVILLE Middle School Wrestlers (in front, from left) include Garrett Hunter, Brendan Kramme, Landon Kramme, Conner Roach and Timmy Winterbauer.

Head Coach: Zach Bollmann **Assistant Coach:** Dustin Howard

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2020-21 District R-II Winter Sports Schedule

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE	LEVEL	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 24-28	Varsity	Borgia Turkey Tournament	TBA
Nov. 30-Dec. 5	Jr. Varsity	New Haven Tournament	TBA
★ Dec. 1	Var./J.V.	Cuba (PPD to a later date)	5:30 PM
★ Dec. 7	Var./J.V.	Washington	5:30 PM
★ Dec. 11	Varsity	Linn (Senior Night)	5:00 PM
Dec. 15	Var./J.V.	St. Clair	5:30 PM
Dec. 17	Var./J.V./9	Potosi	5:00 PM
★ Dec. 21	9/J.V.	Linn	5:00 PM
★ Jan. 4-9	Varsity	Owensville Tournament	TBA
★ Jan. 12	Var./J.V.	Steelville	5:30 PM
Jan. 15	Var./J.V.	Wright City	5:30 PM
Jan. 18-23	Varsity	Belle Tournament	TBA
★ Jan. 27	Var./J.V.	Bourbon	5:30 PM
Jan. 28	Var./J.V./9	Capital City	5:00 PM
Feb. 1	J.V. G/B	Belle	5:30 PM
Feb. 2	Varsity G/B	Belle	5:30 PM
Feb. 5	Var./J.V./9	Hermann	5:00 PM
Feb. 9	Var./J.V./9	Pacific	5:00 PM
Feb. 10-13	Jr. Varsity	Bourbon Tournament	TBA
Feb. 12	Var./J.V./9	Union	5:00 PM
★ Feb. 16	Var./J.V.	St. James	5:30 PM
Feb. 19	Var./J.V.	New Haven	6:00 PM
★ Feb. 23	Varsity G/B	Sullivan	5:30 PM
Feb. 25	J.V. G/B	Sullivan	5:30 PM
Feb. 27-March 6	Varsity	Districts	TBA

HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING

DATE	LEVEL	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 23	7th/8th	Union/St. Clair/Herculaneum Quad	5:00 PM
Dec. 3	Var./J.V./Girls	Rolla/Washington Tri.	5:00 PM
Dec. 4	Var./J.V./Girls	Sullivan/Potosi Tri. (Sr. Night)	5:00 PM
Dec. 5	7th/8th	Capital City M.S. Tournament	TBA
Dec. 8	7th/8th	St. Clair/Warrenton Tri.	5:00 PM
Dec. 9	7th/8th	St. James/Union/Sullivan Quad	5:00 PM
★ Dec. 10	7th/8th	Washington	5:00 PM
Dec. 12	J.V. Boys/V Girls	Rolla Tournament	TBA
Dec. 15	7th/8th	Sullivan/Union/St. James/Wash.	5:00 PM
Dec. 16	Jr. Varsity	Blair Oaks Tournament	TBA
Dec. 16	Var./J.V./Girls	Union/St. Clair Tri.	5:00 PM
★ Dec. 17	7th/8th	Fatima/Pacific	5:00 PM
Dec. 28	Varsity	Ft. Zumwalt North/South Tourn.	TBA
Jan. 8	Var./J.V.	Sullivan/St. James/St. Clair Quad	5:00 PM
Jan. 9	Varsity	Ste. Genevieve Tournament	TBA
Jan. 9	Varsity	St. Clair Girls Classic	TBA
Jan. 12	Var./J.V./Girls	FRC Tournament at St. Clair	2:00 PM
★ Jan. 16	Varsity	Owensville Tournament	9:00 AM
Jan. 21	Var./J.V./Girls	Blair Oaks/MMA/S.Callaway Quad	5:00 PM
Jan. 23	Varsity	Fort Zumwalt South Tournament	TBA
★ Jan. 26	Var./J.V./Girls	Park Hills/St. James Tri.	5:00 PM
★ Jan. 29	J.V.	Owensville JV Tournament	4:00 PM
Feb. 1	Var./J.V./Girls	Warrenton/Borgia Tri.	5:00 PM
★ Feb. 4	Var./J.V./Girls	South Callaway/Fatima Tri.	5:00 PM

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE	LEVEL	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 23	Varsity	St. Francis Borgia	7:15 PM
★ Nov. 24	Var./J.V.	Capital City	5:30 PM
★ Dec. 5	Var./J.V.	Jefferson City	1:00 PM
Dec. 7	Var./J.V.	St. Clair	5:30 PM
★ Dec. 8	Var./J.V.	Father Tolton	5:30 PM
★ Dec. 11	Varsity	Linn (Senior Night)	5:00 PM
Dec. 14-18	Varsity	Sullivan Tournament	TBA
★ Dec. 21	Jr. Varsity	Linn	5:00 PM
Jan. 7	Var./J.V.	Fatima	6:00 PM
Jan. 12	Var./J.V.	Hellas (Jefferson City)	5:30 PM
Jan. 16	Var./J.V.	Columbia Hickman	12:00 PM
★ Jan. 19	Var./J.V.	Salem	5:30 PM
Jan. 25-29	Varsity	Hermann Tournament	TBA
Feb. 1	J.V. G/B	Belle	5:30 PM
Feb. 2	Varsity G/B	Belle	5:30 PM
Feb. 3-6	Jr. Varsity	Pacific Tournament	5:30 PM
Feb. 4	Var./J.V./9	Hermann	5:00 PM
Feb. 8	Var./J.V.	Pacific	5:30 PM
★ Feb. 11	Var./J.V.	Union	5:30 PM
★ Feb. 15	Var./J.V.	St. James	5:30 PM
Feb. 18	Var./J.V.	New Haven	6:00 PM
★ Feb. 23	Varsity G/B	Sullivan	5:30 PM
Feb. 25	J.V. G/B	Sullivan	5:30 PM

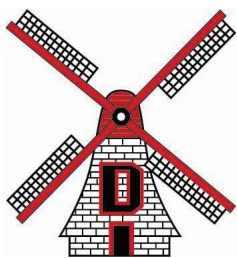
MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE	LEVEL	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 24	7th/8th	New Haven	6:00 PM
★ Dec. 3	7th/8th	Steelville	5:30 PM
Dec. 7	7th/8th	Washington	5:30 PM
★ Dec. 8	7th/8th	Pacific	5:30 PM
★ Dec. 10	7th/8th	Union	5:30 PM
Dec. 14	7th/8th	St. Clair	5:30 PM
★ Dec. 16	7th/8th	St. James	5:30 PM
Jan. 7	7th/8th	Pacific	5:30 PM
Jan. 11	7th/8th	Hermann	5:30 PM
★ Jan. 14	7th/8th	Sullivan	5:30 PM
Jan. 21	7th/8th	St. James	5:30 PM
Jan. 25-28	8th Grade	St. Clair Tournament	TBA
Jan. 25-28	7th Grade	Sullivan Tournament	TBA

FRESHMEN BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE	LEVEL	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 30	9th B/G	Rolla	5:30 PM
★ Dec. 15	9th B/G	Washington	TBA
★ Jan. 11	9th Boys	Belle	5:00 PM
★ Jan. 12	9th Boys	Salem	5:30 PM
Jan. 14	9th Boys	Sullivan	5:30 PM
Jan. 18	9th B/G	Blair Oaks	5:30 PM
★ Jan. 20	9th B/G	New Haven	5:30 PM
★ Jan. 25-28	9th Boys	Owensville 9th Boys Tournament	TBA

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2020-21 OHS Dance Team

2020-21 OHS Varsity Basketball Cheerleaders



2020-21 OWENSVILLE High School Dance team members (above, in front, from left) Alexis Branson, Shaelyn Walka and Josie Wilka; and in back, Khloe McCormick, Julianna Watkins, Keirstin McCormick and Kiera Finn.

2020-21 DUTCHMEN Basketball Cheerleaders (in front, from left) include Sydney Silvers, Grace McFalls, Gabby Bunnars and Julianna Bayless; in the middle, Kaylee Fisher, Camri Jones, Isabella Pratt and Emily Marquez; and in back, Viviana Balbontin, Kayden Wood, Cami Gray, Breanna McGee, Makensy Pigg and Arissa Huff. Not pictured are Haley Coello, Avery Bastunas and Mallory Eberlin.

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2020-21 7th Grade Dutchmen Basketball



2020-21 7TH Grade Dutchmen basketball players (in front, from left) include Logan Valley, Bryce Horstmann, Chris Allen and Caden Ely; and in back, Chase Weirich, Ricky Marquez, Adam Wilson, Henry Wood and Drew Chapman. Not pictured are Corbyn Hamann and Henry Womack

Head Coach: Shane Hunt **Assistant Coach:** Taylor Payne

2020-21 8th Grade Dutchmen Basketball



2020-21 8TH Grade Dutchmen basketball players (in front, from left) include Nick Abel, Elias Medlock, Noel Baguio, Noah Caldwell and Ethan Ditto; and in back, Logan Bailey, Connor Fischer, Eli Graham, Brandon Graham and Luke Reed. Not pictured is Jansen Loeb.

Head Coach: Taylor Payne **Assistant Coach:** Shane Hunt

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Van Leer said. "We'll look to make offense out of our defense on the fast break."

Opening their season this week at the St. Francis Borgia Turkey Tournament, Van Leer couldn't think of any other place he'd rather open his first season.

"This is a tournament I've looked forward to every year growing up and one I'd want to play in," Van Leer said.

Opening the season at Borgia, the Dutchmen will face a tall order in Washington's Blue Jays during first-round action.

"We have a tall task ahead of us Tuesday opening against Washington," Van Leer said. "Washington returns a lot of guys with a lot of experience and that will test us very quickly."

Following the Turkey Tournament, Owensville was supposed to open the home portion of their schedule on Tuesday, Dec. 1 in a Highway 19 showdown against Cuba's Wildcats.

However, a COVID-19 related quarantine with Cuba has forced that game to be postponed to a later date in the season.

Owensville's new home opener and Van Leer's home coaching debut at OHS will be Monday, Dec. 7 against the same Washington Blue Jays they opened their season with at Borgia over Thanksgiving week.

"I really think we have the ability to surprise some people this year," Van Leer said.

In the Four Rivers Conference (FRC), Van Leer believes it is more even that is

has been in years past.

"There are a lot of new faces in the (Four Rivers) conference this year," Van Leer said. "If I had to guess right now, Sullivan and Pacific would be the favorites due to the experienced players they have returning."

Similar to the fall, Dutchmen basketball will hold their senior-night activities early in the season on Friday, Dec. 11 as part of a varsity doubleheader against Linn's Wildcats.

In addition to the senior Dutchmen and Dutchgirl basketball players, senior members of the basketball cheerleading squad and dance team will be recognized that night.

Assisted by his dad John Van Leer, Steven Kemp and Scott Lewis, Cullen will have plenty of help in his first season at the helm of the Dutchmen basketball program.

Six sophomores will lead the junior varsity Dutchmen in Austin Luecke, Lauth, Derrick Marquez, Skornia, Will Muehlhausen and Wyatt Kramme.

Freshmen suiting up in their first year of Dutchmen high school basketball include Layne Evans, Logan Ely, Blake Elliott, Tanner Meyer, Garrett Crosby, Charles Hazelwood, Landon Brown and Austin Mades.

Owensville's JV Dutchmen will open their season after Thanksgiving at the New Haven JV Tournament while the freshmen squad will tip off their season in Rolla on Monday, Nov. 30.

WAY TO GO! Good Luck Dutchmen & Dutchgirls



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Krause, Kate Blankenship, Audrey Qui-lacio, Kinsey Doerr, Anya Binkhoelter, McKenna Edwards and Grace Abell.

“We have a ton of freshmen out for the team this year,” Flanagan said. “With such a high number of freshmen out this year, we feel like our program will begin to trend up from here.”

On the junior varsity squad, the above-mentioned freshmen will be joined by the sophomore duo of Ella Gehlert and Kiana Guerrero.

COVID-19 has already impacted the Dutchgirl basketball schedule before the first game.

New health guidelines in St. Louis County caused Owensville to pull out of the Marquette Varsity Girls Tournament scheduled for after Thanksgiving.

So far, they have picked up a home showdown with Jefferson City’s Lady Jays on Saturday, Dec. 5.

“We have beefed up our schedule to allow the kids to be successful in games that matter down the road,” Flanagan said.

As with the fall, senior night will be early in the season on Friday, Dec. 11 during a home varsity doubleheader against Linn tipping off at 5 p.m.

2020-21 Dutchmen Bowling Team



20120-21 DUTCHMEN Bowling Team members (in front, from left) include Cody Link, Tony Plocinski and James Cooper. Not pictured is Branden Schuman.



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