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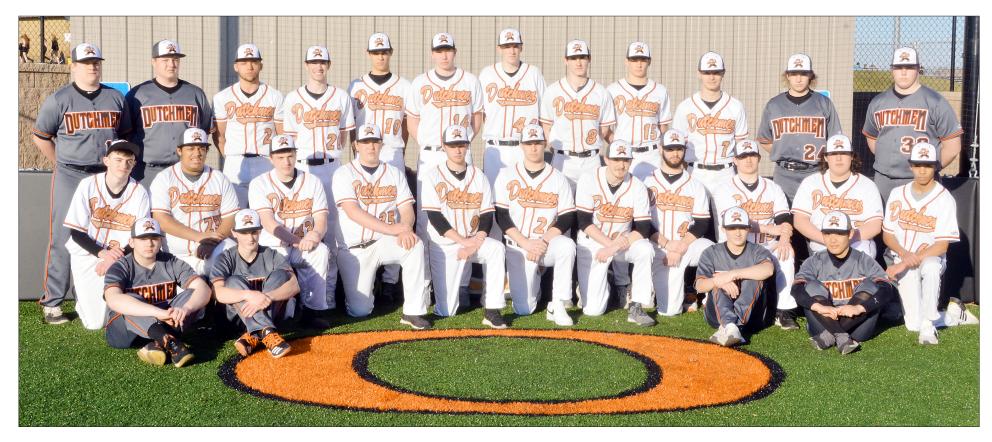
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Due to the Coronavirus Dutchmen Sports are tentatively set to start in Mid April.

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OWENSVILLE DUTCHMEN baseball (above) has enough players to field not only a varsity and junior-varsity squad, but also a freshmen team with a dozen of them. Players suiting up Tyler Ahring's first season in order of their year in school beginning with the seniors include Trevor Abernathy, Justin Garner, Javohntae Gates, Justin Gauer, Austin Gregory, Joe Havelka, Cody Linders and Daxton Mehrhoff. Juniors suiting up for Dutchmen baseball include Macen Blankenship, Bryor Bogle, TC Fisher, Tyler Heidbrink, Connor Lang, Ethan Reed, Koyo Soto and Garret West. Sophomores in their second year of Dutchmen baseball include Derek Brandt, Hunter Engelbrecht, Logan Évans, Dominic Grigaitis, Eoin Krupp, Dezmyn Moore, Tyler Perkins, Michael Steinbeck, Nick Trotter, Landon Valley, Eli Wilson, David Vincent and Dalton Reynolds. Freshmen new to Dutchmen baseball include Hunter Boyer, Chance Clevenger, Hunter Gibson, Trey Johnson, Will Lauth, Austin Long, Lucas Morgan, Reese Rehmert, Rane Rehmert and Aidan Walters.





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A new season on a new field

BY WILL JOHNSON SPORTS EDITOR wjohnson@wardpub.com

Nearly ending the Memorial Field era of Dutchmen baseball with a winning record last spring, Tyler Ahring's Owensville Dutchmen baseball team will look to begin the OHS Field era with a winning record this spring.

Scheduled to open their season Friday in St. Clair as part of the Four Rivers Baseball Classic (FRBC), concerns with the coronavirus have suspended all R-2 extracurricular activities until further notice.

"It's a tough deal having to wait and see when or if our season will happen," Ahring said. "At this point, we'll just have to play the waiting game until a decision can be made to keep everyone safe."

With nearly 40 student-athletes out for baseball, Ahring will have plenty of weap-

ons at his disposal throughout the spring. Eight seniors will be donning a Dutchmen baseball uniform for the final time this spring led by returning All-Four Rivers Conference (FRC) Utility player Trevor Abernathy.

Seniors joining Abernathy on Ahring's varsity squad include Justin Garner, Javohntae Gates, Justin Gauer, Austin Gregory, Joe Havelka, Cody Linders and Daxton Mehrhoff.

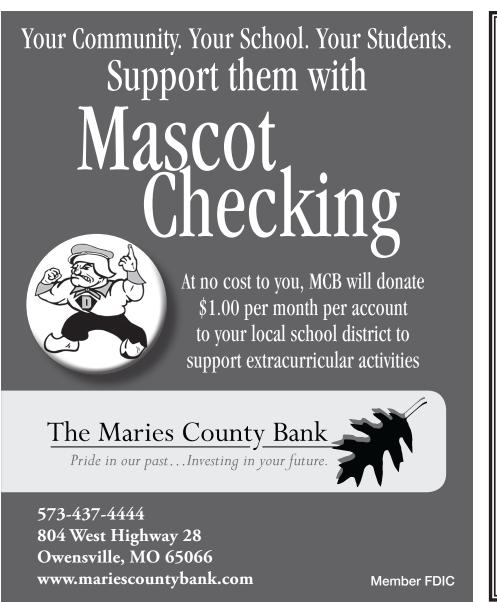
Along with the aforementioned eight seniors, Ahring's Dutchmen will also see eight juniors on the diamond.

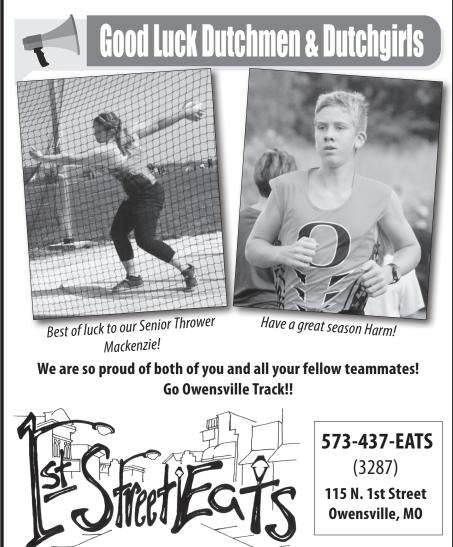
Flashing a lot of leather at shortstop, Bryor Bogle leads this group of returning juniors as a returning All-District infielder. In addition to Bogle, juniors suiting up for Dutchmen baseball also include Macen

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AUSTIN LONG (above) works on blocking baseballs from a catching position during a recent practice session last week at OHS Field before all practices and games were suspended due to school being cancelled until at least April 6.





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Blankenship, TC Fisher, Tyler Heidbrink, Connor Lang, Ethan Reed, Koyo Soto and Garret West.

Making up the majority of the Dutchmen baseball roster, there will be a baker's dozen sophomores competing for time on the junior varsity and varsity squads.

Sophomores out for OHS baseball include Derek Brandt, Hunter Engelbrecht, Logan Evans, Dominic Grigaitis, Eoin Krupp, Dezmyn Moore, Tyler Perkins, Michael Steinbeck, Nick Trotter, Landon Valley, Eli Wilson, David Vincent and Dalton Reynolds.

Making up the Dutchmen baseball freshmen squad will include Hunter Boyer, Chance Clevenger, Hunter Gibson, Trey Johnson, Will Lauth, Austin Long, Lucas Morgan, Reese Rehmert, Rane Rehmert and Aidan Walters.

Hosted by Sullivan, the MSHSAA Class 4, District 4 Baseball Tournament in May will feature the host Eagles, Owensville, Pacific, St. Clair, St. Francis Borgia and Union.

With R-2 classes out until at least April 6 and the 14-practice requirement still in effect according to MSHSAA, it is unknown when OHS' baseball season will begin.

"I really hope we're able to have some sort of baseball season," Ahring said.



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District title or bust for Dutchgirl soccer

BY WILL JOHNSON SPORTS EDITOR

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Falling 3-1 last spring in the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 2, District 8 Girls Soccer Tournament against St. Clair at Sullivan High School, Jordan Palmer's Owensville Dutchgirl soccer team will look for another run at the district title match this spring.

Coming off a record-breaking 14-6 season last year, Palmer's Dutchgirls will be led by seven seniors during the upcoming spring on the pitch.

On the verge of reaching 100 goals for her career, Destinee Busenhart will look to once again achieve the trifecta of earning All-Four Rivers Conference (FRC), All-District and All-State during her senior season.

"Destinee is just one of those players you wish you could have for more than four years," Palmer said. Seniors along with Busenhart playing their final season of Dutchgirl soccer include Marissa West-Derby, Madison Steever, Jazz Marquez, Emma Reed, Erika Lauer and Tara Schnelting.

With the graduation of Alexis Altemeyer at goalie from last year, Dutchgirl junior Luci Angell saw some time at goal keeper while Altemeyer battled through injuries throughout last spring.

"We look for Luci to step right in at goal keeper and be solid for us," Palmer said. "Able to see some varsity time last year, that will only help her this season."

One junior that will not be on the pitch this spring is Katelyn Landolt.

Suffering a knee injury during basketball season, Landolt will miss the rest of the junior year looking to recover in time for her senior year and the beginning of softball next season.

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KYLIE KITCHEN (above) controls the soccer ball with her left foot during a recent practice session last week on the Owensville High School turf field.



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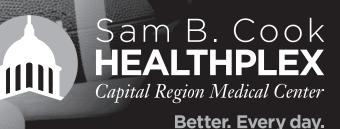


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"Losing Katelyn was tough to see," Palmer said. "She was one we could look to at the forward position to do whatever we needed to her to do."

Kaitlyn Nelson is the other junior on the roster along with Angell and Landolt.

Provided their opponents have enough for full junior-varsity matches, Palmer's Dutchgirls have enough underclassmen to be able to play JV matches.

Ten sophomores are currently on the roster that include Leah Reed, Jocelyn Benson, Cami Gray, Mai Takahashi, Bree McGee, Nina Baker, Paige Loyd, Aubrey Dawson, Jenna Armstrong, and Kyah Tiefenbrunn.

Freshmen suiting up for Dutchgirl soccer for the first time include Mallory Eberlin, Landry Watson, Drew Copeland, Avery Bastunas, Kylie Kitchen, Cami Jones, Maria Benson, Kiana Guerrero, Madeline Johnson.

OHS was originally scheduled to start their season this weekend at the Cassville Tournament in southwest Missouri to get a glimpse of some teams they may see if they advance out of districts.

With the coronavirus, their season will likely not start until the middle of April depending on how the situation unfolds.





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OWENSVILLE DUTCHGIRL soccer (above) will enjoy increased numbers during the upcoming 2020 season enabling them to have more depth on their bench and full junior varsity games. Players on the team listed in order by class include seniors Marissa West-Derby, Madison Steever, Jazz Marquez, Destinee Busenhart, Emma Reed, Erika Lauer and Tara Schnelting. Juniors on the roster include Katelyn Landolt, Kaitlyn Nelson and Luci Angell. Sophomores playing Dutchgirl soccer include Leah Reed, Jocelyn Benson, Cami Gray, Mai Takahashi, Bree McGee, Nina Baker, Paige Loyd, Aubrey Dawson, Jenna Armstrong and Kyah Tiefenbrunn. Freshman making their Dutchgirl soccer debuts include Mallory Eberlin, Landry Watson, Drew Copeland, Avery Bastunas, Kylie Kitchen, Cami Jones, Maria Benson, Kiana Guerrero and Madeline Johnson.



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OHS track eyes district title on ho

BY WILL JOHNSON SPORTS EDITOR wjohnson@wardpub.com

While the start of their season may be temporarily halted by the coronavirus (CO-VID-19), MattCandrl's Owensville Dutchmen and Dutchgirl track teams have something to look forward to later this spring.

Before district assignments were even released, R-2 Activities Director Ryan Okenfuss was asked by the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) if Owensville High School wanted to host the MSHSAA Class 3, District 5 Track meet.

Led by a number of returning All-Four Rivers Conference (FRC), district and state athletes, Candrl's track teams will also look to an influx of underclassmen to help them start new streaks of conference and district titles.

Returning All-State athletes include junior Katie Candrl (pole vault, 100-meter hurdles), Dutchmen 4x800-meter relay team members Jacob Breedlove, Austin Terry and Bam Wizeman in addition to Dutchgirl 4x800m relay team members Mekayla Gibson, Paige Heckelmann and Kendra Hults.

Hults was also all-conference in the 800-meter run.

Not having the services of four-time allstate cross country runner Sophia Ashner this spring, Candrl's Dutchgirls saw a familiar face return to Owensville.

Spending last year in the St. Louis area, Alesha Shockley has returned to Gasconade County spending her senior year in orange and black.

Following in Jacob Luther's footsteps from last year, senior Boyde Nicks will look to end

his senior season of OHS track qualifying for the second time at state in the pole vault.

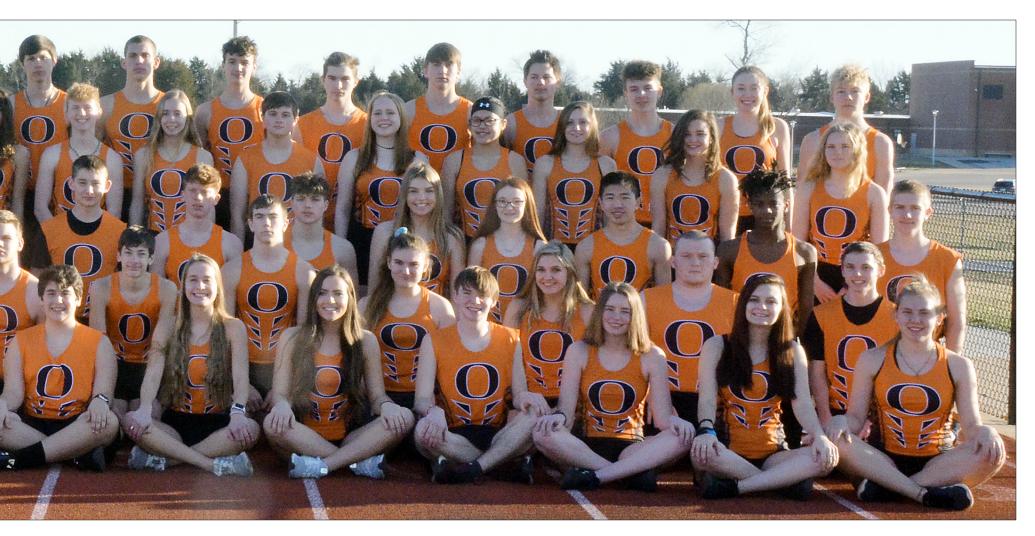
Along with the above-mentioned athlete Nearly 80 student-athletes will be participating this spring.

Seniors making up nearly a quarter of th team include Michael Adkison, Sean Adkison Jonah Adkison, Brandon Allen, Dylan Fudg Cason Gray, Heckelmann, Alexander Kellog Christian Lowes, Melissa Martin, Hults, Boyc Nicks, Leanne O'Toole, Mackenzie Raden acher, Seth Scheidegger, Alesha Shockley an Riley Wehmeyer.





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Juniors rounding out the roster of upperclassmen on the OHS track team include
Candrl, Brayden Edwards, Gibson, Jonah
Hoffman, Haven Sanders, Sydney Silvers, Austin Terry, Emily Tiefenbrunn, Veronica
Ventura and TJ Whelan.

Sophomores vying for varsity time on the track will include Alexis Branson, Carson Donatti, Kiera Finn, Brent Helmig, Keira Hendrix, Kyla Hendrix, Arissa Huff, Jessica Johnson, Wesley Kandlbinder, Alan Kopp, Ashton Kramme, Michael Lowes, Breedlove, Harm Rademacher, Braedn Stone,

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Olivia Vandegriffe, Trenten Watkins, Reagan Wehmeyer, Alyssa Wehmeyer, Wizeman and Freddy Zheng.

Freshmen making the jump from middle school to high school include Mercedes Baguio, Maddy Crull, Ella Gehlert, Noah Holtmeyer, Brayden Kuebler, Derrick Marquez, Savannah McClure, Samuel Nicks, Bryce Payne, Saylor Richardson, Trevor Shockley, Gabe Soest, Abby Terry, Charlie Whelan and

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Before they compete in districts at home, Owensville will look to begin a new streak of FRC titles in track and field at Pacific on their recently completed new turf football field and all-weather track surface.

Top-four finishes at the district meet will earn any OHS athlete another week at practice and a spot at one of four Class 3 sectional track meets at Camdenton High School in late May.

As it stands at press time, MSHSAA is planning on holding the Class 3,4 and 5 MSHSAA Track and Field Championships back at Jefferson City High School and Adkins Stadium after an EF-3 tornado damaged the area around the high school days before the state meet was scheduled to take place last spring.

As with the other spring sports, a start date for OHS' season remains uncertain pending further monitoring of the coronavirus situation.

Thus far, meets at Montgomery City, Blair Oaks, Pacific and Washington scheduled prior to April 6 have been cancelled and in all likelihood will not be made up.





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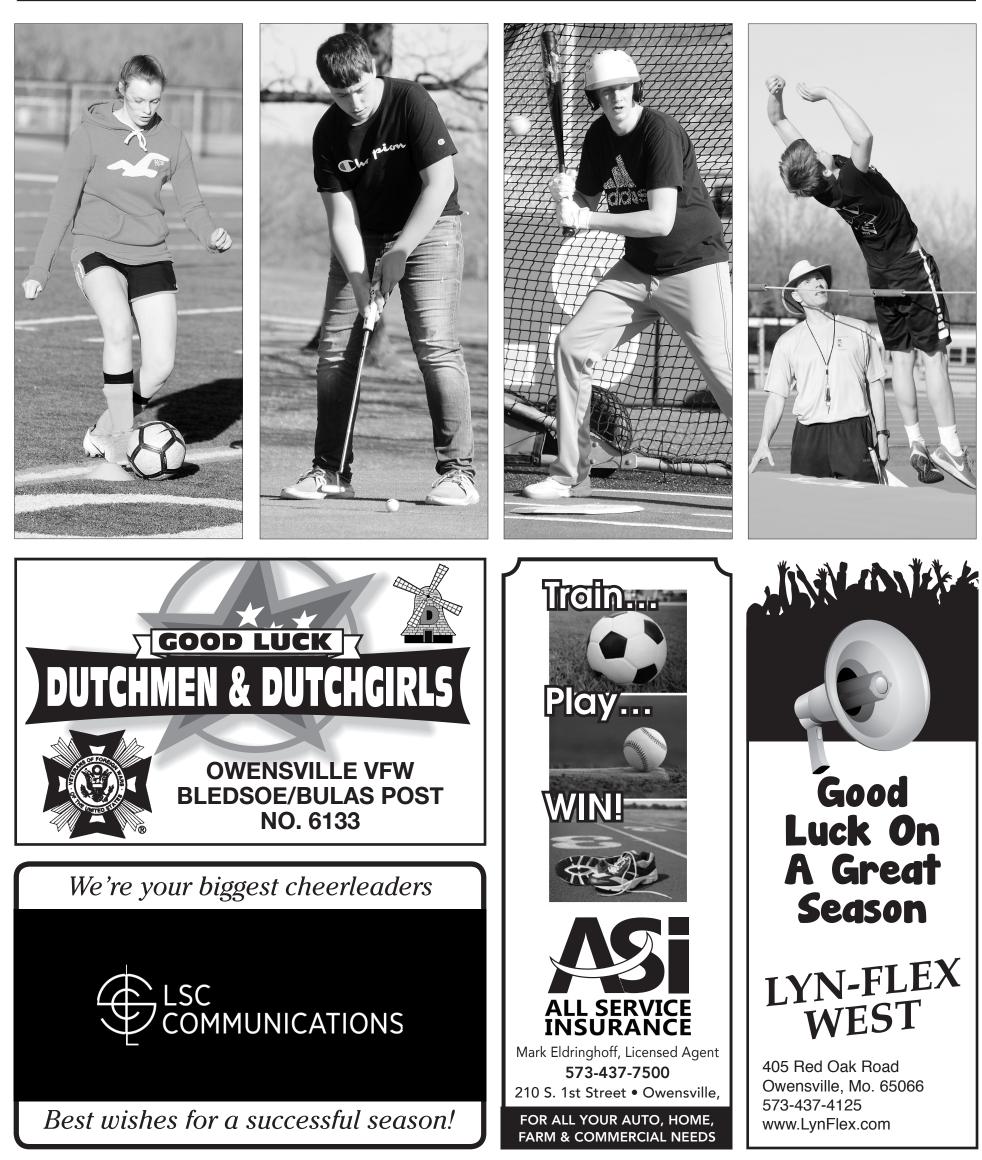




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Eight's enough in 2020

BY WILL JOHNSON SPORTS EDITOR wjohnson@wardpub.com

Entering his second season as the head coach of the Owensville High School golf team, Nathan Cabot is looking to advance at least one golfer past the district tournament to sectionals and perhaps the state tournament.

With eight golfers currently out for the upcoming spring season, Cabot will have a full varsity squad and a partial line up for junior-varsity action.

Cabot's Dutchmen will be led by a trio of seniors in Hunter Hutchison, Blaine Reed

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and Logan Tiefenbrunn.

In addition to the trio of seniors, Cabot's golf team will be upperclassmen heavy with a trio of juniors.

Those players include Gage Barnett, Tanner Brown and Weston Davison.

Rounding out the OHS golf team will be a pair of freshmen in Kohl Grannemann and Tyler Mogensen.

Golf matches lost thus far to the coronavirus include those at Cuba (March 23) and a trio of matches and/or tournaments at Union on Thursday, March 26, Monday, March 30 and Wednesday, April 1.

Moved to a Tuesday last year, the annual Four Rivers Conference (FRC) Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, April 27 at Birch Creek Golf Course located between Union and Pacific along Interstate 44 and hosted by the Pacific Indians.

St. Francis Borgia will host the MSH-SAA Class 2, District 2 Golf Tournament on Monday, May 4 at Wolf Hollow Golf Club in Labadie.

Teams competing along with the host Knights include De Soto, Festus, Hillsboro, Owensville, Pacific, Potosi, St. Clair, Sullivan, Union and Windsor (Imperial).



BLAINE REED (above) takes a swing during a recent practice session last week at Owensville Golf Course working on his approach to the third green near a tree at OGC.



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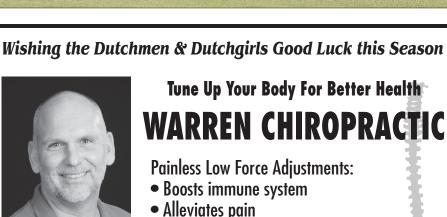
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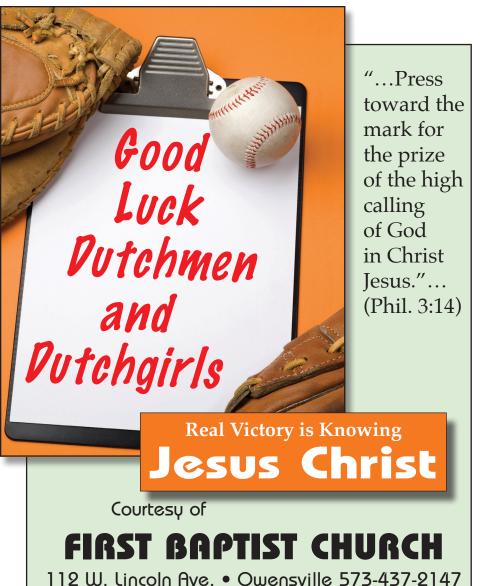


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