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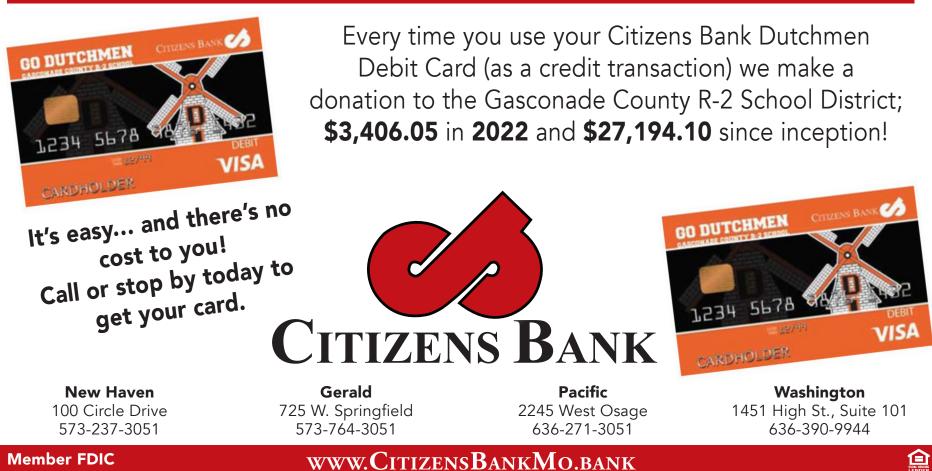
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2023 Varsity & JV Dutchgirl Softball



2023 DUTCHGIRL softball team members (in front, from left) include Cylee Reed, Isabella Pratt, Emma Daniels, Kate Blankenship, Anya Binkhoelter, Grace Abel and Claire Oswalt; in the middle, Cailin Floyd, Caidence Goodman, Hannah Keeney, Lainey Moss, Clara Julius and Rylee Dare; and in back, Danika Hinson, Savannah Knight, Cameron Ryerson, Arianna Robson and Bailee Dare

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Koppelmann's Dutchgirls enter 2024 experienced

BY WILL JOHNSON SPORTS EDITOR

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An experienced roster.

That is what Hannah Koppelmann will have to work with for the upcoming season of Owensville Dutchgirl softball.

Fall Sports Preview

With only one senior graduating from last year in April Jahnsen, Koppelmann's Diamond Dutchgirls will have plenty of experience on the field.

"I'm excited with who we have coming back this year," Koppelmann said. "We've got a lot of returning varsity experience from last year after only graduating one senior."

Seniors looking to lead the Dutchgirls back to the district championship game for the second time in three years include Grace Abell, Emma Daniels, Isabella Pratt, Anya Binkhoelter and Kate Blankenship.

Daniels and Blankenship are fresh off a junior season that saw them garner All-District accolades.

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Juniors rounding out the list of upperclassmen for the Dutchgirls include Bailee Dare, Caidence Goodman, Cylee Reed, Savannah Knight and Danika Hinson.

Sophomores starting the list of underclassmen on the Dutchgirl softball roster include Clara Julius, Claire Oswalt and Cailin Floyd.

Floyd carried a lot of the pitching workload and will have help in the pitching circle in 2023.

Five freshmen round out the Dutchgirl softball roster including Lainey Moss, Cameron Ryerson, Rylee Dare, Arianna Robson and Hannah Keeney.

Keeney got the start during Owensville's opening game Saturday at the heat-shortened Peoples Bank Back to School Softball Classic at the Campbell-Chapman Softball Complex in Sullivan.

"It will be nice to have Hannah (Keeney) be able to take some of the pitching load off of (Cailin) Floyd throughout the season," Koppelmann said.

In addition to their season-opening tournament at Sullivan, Owensville will start 2023 on a five-game road swing that includes games last night (Tuesday) at Borgia) and tomorrow (Thursday) at Linn.

Koppelmann's Dutchgirls will make their OHS Field debut on Tuesday, Sept. 5 when Hermann's Lady Bearcats come to town with Gasconade County softball bragging rights on the line.

After a Thursday, Sept. 7 road date at Union, Owensville will begin a six-game home stand on Saturday, Sept. 9 against Lutheran South to go along with home games against Belle and Sullivan prior to their home softball tournament on Saturday, Sept. 16.

After ending September with a slew of road games, OHS will end the regular season in October with home games against Cuba, South Callaway, Montgomery County and Wright City.



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ISABELLA PRATT (above) watches a fly ball into her glove prior to Owensville Dutchgirl softball taking on Hermann's Lady Bearcats in preseason jamboree action at Nelson Hart Park in St. James back on Friday, Aug. 18.

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Ridenhour's Dutchgirls hungry for first FRC championship

BY WILL JOHNSON SPORTS EDITOR wjohnson@wardpub.com

Three years ago, Jaime Ridenhour's Owensville Dutchgirl volleyball team won their first district championship since 1979.

This year, the orange and black would like to get a year underneath the Four Rivers Conference (FRC) portion of their banner hanging inside the Owensville High School (OHS) main gym.

"One of our goals this year is to get a year underneath the (Four Rivers) conference portion of our banner in the gym," Ridenhour said.

Five seniors that were on the Dutchgirl volleyball roster during their district championship season back in 2020 will look to make more history in 2023.

Those seniors include Ayla Schmanke, McKenzy Echols, Ally Gooch, Makensy Pigg and McKenna Edwards.

Over the summer months, Gooch made the Licking Volleyball All-Camp Team in

Rolla while Edwards made the same team during a Licking Volleyball Team Camp held in Farmington.

"Our seniors will be relied upon heavily for their leadership abilities on and off the court," Ridenhour said.

Juniors rounding out the Varsity Dutchgirl Volleyball roster include Camryn Caldwell, Ruvia Nowack, Liz Adams, Madison Lewis, Callie Koelling and Addi Menz.

Throughout the upcoming volleyball season, Ridenhour will be assisted by junior varsity coach Alexis Decker and C-team coach Courtney Hinson.

A trio of sophomores will lead the junior varsity Dutchgirls in Brooke Jahnsen, Rachel Koepke and Clara Julius.

Freshmen also listed on the JV roster include Reece Hampton, Mya Vandegriffe, Lily Sample, Kerrigan Griffin and Carly Copeland.

Sophomores listed on the C-team roster include Alivia Riddle, Ella Adkison-Farmer, Addi Scheer and Jahnsen. Freshmen on the C-team include Jenna Hoffman, Cheyanne Brendel, Joleen Braun, Hampton and Copeland.

Dutchgirl volleyball fans wanting to see the orange and black will have to do some traveling over the first few weeks of the season.

Owensville will begin their season with road matches against Wright City, Washington, Linn, Belle and Salem before competing in the Fulton Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Ridenhour's volleyball Dutchgirls will open the home portion of their schedule on Tuesday, Sept. 12 hosting Capital City's Lady Cavaliers out of Jefferson City.

During a seven-day span beginning with the Capital City match, Owensville will have three more home matches on Thursday, Sept. 14 against Fatima, Monday, Sept. 18 against Rolla and Tuesday, Sept. 19 against Pacific's Lady Indians to open the Four Rivers Conference (FRC) portion of their schedule.



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AYLA SCHMANKE (above) sets herself up to spike a volleyball during warm ups at Sullivan High School's preseason volleyball jamboree back on Tuesday, Aug. 22. OHS opened their season last night (Tuesday) in Wright City against the host Lady Wildcats.

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Dustin Howard to take over reigns of Dutchmen football

BY WILL JOHNSON SPORTS EDITOR

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Earned, not given.

That is the mentality for first-year head coach Dustin Howard and the Owensville Dutchmen football team.

Taking over the reigns of the Owensville High School football program from Nathan Cabot who relocated to the Washington School District, Howard will look to help the Dutchmen make their way back to a district title game in addition to competing for a Four Rivers Conference (FRC) title.

"We worked very hard this summer and I think we have the potential to be competitive in every game that we play," Howard said. "I have a lot of upperclassmen that have taken it upon themselves to help their underclassmen teammates learn our plays on both sides of the ball."

In a moment of coming full circle, one

of Howard's assistant coaches this fall will be none other than former Dutchmen head football coach Randy Crowe.

He will be working with the offensive and defensive linemen alongside fellow assistant coach and former OHS lineman Jarett Payne.

"It has been an absolute blast working with Dustin over the past few months," Crowe said. "He coaches hard the same way that he played for me back in the early 2000s.'

Other assistant coaches working with Howard include Zach Bollman, Steven Kemp, Scott Lewis, Steven Benton and Rvan Hampton

Seniors looking to help the Dutchmen open the district playoffs at home in late October include Isaiah Gates, Jordan Bialczyk, Blake Elliott, Colton Skiles, Landon Ely, Dale Groppe, Tanner Meyer, Dalton Lackey, Braydan McDaniel, Jacoby Limberg, Kaden Loeb, AJ Silvers, Austin

Mades, Hayden Shoemaker and Cody Perkins.

Elliott will begin his senior year starting healthy at quarterback after he sustained a concussion last fall in week three on the road at Warrenton.

Warrenton will be visiting Dutchmen Field for the first time since handing the orange and black a 14-6 season-opening loss during the 2000 season in which Kevin Baldwin was the head coach.

Meyer is a returning All-FRC running back and defensive back while Shoemaker is coming off a junior season earning All-FRC, All-District and All-State honors as a defensive lineman

Juniors rounding out the list of underclassmen on the Dutchmen football roster include Zaiden Gates, Xaiver Bayless, Timmy Winterbauer, Luke Reed, Logan

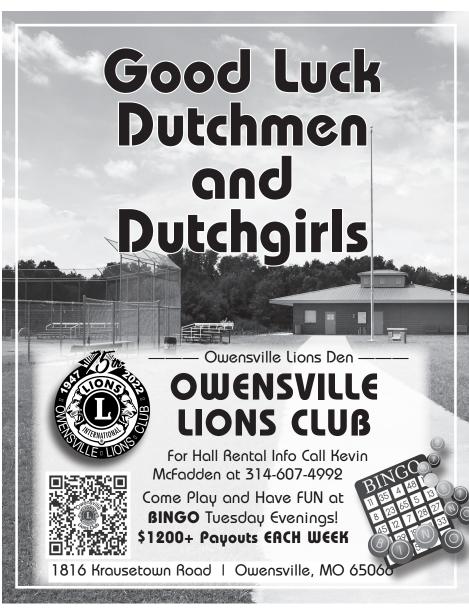
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HENRYLOEB (above, left) applies defensive pressure to Fulton senior quarterbackTyson Douglas during preseason jamboree football action at Dutchmen Field back on Friday, Aug. 18. OHS will open the home portion of their schedule on Friday, Sept. 8 hosting Warrenton's Warriors.





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2023 Junior Varsity Dutchgirl Volleyball





2023 JUNIOR Varsity Dutchgirl Volleyball team members (in front, from left) include Reece Hampton and Brooke Jahnsen; in the middle, Clara Julius, Carly Copeland and Kerrigan Griffin; and in back, Alexis Decker (JV coach), Mya Vandegriffe, Rachel Koepke and Lillian Sample



2023 C-TEAM Dutchgirl Volleyball team members (in front, from left) include Alivia Riddle, Jenna Hoffman and Trinity Crider; in the middle, Reece Hampton, Ella Adkison-Farmer, Cheyanne Brendel and Brooke Jahnsen; and in back, Addi Scheer, Joleen Braun, Carly Copeland and Courtney Hinson (C-Team coach).



2023 Varsity Dutchgirl Volleyball



2023 VARSITY Dutchgirl Volleyball team members (in front, from left) include Camryn Caldwell, Ruvia Nowack, McKenna Edwards (senior), Liz Adams and Madison Lewis; in the middle, Callie Koelling, Ally Gooch (senior), Makensy Pigg (senior), McKenzy Echols (senior), Ayla Schmanke (senior) and Addi Menz; and in back, Alexis Decker (junior varsity coach), Jamie Ridenhour (head coach) and Courtney Hinson (C-team coach).



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Dustin Howard • from page 5B

Bailey, Jaden Gerlemann, Connor Vogt, Bryson Kitchell and Netherlands foreignexchange student Johannes Berg.

In spite of an injury midway through last season, Gerlemann earned All-FRC honors at linebacker averaging right around 10 tackles per game.

Sophomores kicking off the list of Dutchmen football underclassmen include Ricky Marquez, Steve Buddemeyer, Henry Womack, Adam Wilson, Connor Wellman, Bryce Horstmann, Landen Diestelkamp, Ben Kramer, Henry Loeb, Zack Barch, Dalton Nochta and Dalton Pyrtle.

Freshmen making up the majority of the Dutchmen football roster for the 2023 season include Evan Boyer, Micah Duncan, Brenner Thompson, Dane Dietrich, Chase Crosby, Liam Rasmussen, Wyatt Lewis, Corbin Brand, Zayden Garver, Cael Walker, Kien Bayless, Greg Aytes, Brad Kelley, David Levin, Leland Steen, Payten Pendleton, Wyatt Shaw, Jacob Weirich and Brady Watson.

Owensville's first two games this fall will be road contests against teams that they will not see on their regular season schedule in 2024.

Cuba's Wildcats and Eldon's Mustangs will be replaced on the schedule next sea-

son by Central's (Park Hill) Rebels and St. Francis Borgia's Knights.

Howard will make his Dutchmen Field debut on Friday, Sept. 8 when Warrenton's Warriors make their first trek to Gasconade County for the first time in over two decades.

Opening Four Rivers Conference (FRC) football action with two road games at St. James and Hermann, Owensville will end the month of September hosting former Dutchmen head coach Paul Day's Pacific Indians.

On the last Friday night in September, the 2003 Owensville Dutchmen football team will be recognized while observing the 20th anniversary of the season in which they became the first orange and black football team to reach the state semifinals.

October football will open with the Dutchmen taking a road trip to Union before closing the regular season with a homecoming showdown against Sullivan and a senior-night clash with St. Clair's Bulldogs.

Week 10 and round one of the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 3, District 2 Tournament could see the Dutchmen face either Bayless, Lutheran South, Bishop DuBourg, St. Francis Borgia, St. Clair or Cuba.





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2023 OHS Cross Country



2023 OHS Cross Country team members (in front, from left) include Morgen Schmidt, Ethan Blankenship, Tristan Strothkamp, Abbie Gibson, Grace Abell, Ilene Limberg and Elaina Lebish; in the second row, Hannah Gehlert, Ty Price, Jayden Hubbard, Kyle Bollman, Maddix Lebish, Westin Kramme and Drake Dietrich; in the third row, Nicholas Hinson, Jayden Stewart, Andrew Blankenship, Zachary Holtmeyer, Kylen Menz and Cristopher Reyes; and in back, Bryce Kramme, Coleton Connor, Eli Graham, Brandon Graham, Felix Guerrero, Ethan Harris and Braden Perkins.



Youth and experience for OHS Cross Country in 2023

BY WILL JOHNSON SPORTS EDITOR

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A nice mix of youth and experience.

That is what Owensville High School head cross country coach Matt Candrl will have to work with this fall on the boys side of the cross country ledger.

With over half of the Dutchmen cross country squad made up of freshmen, Owensville should have a good opportunity to be successful.

"Our group of freshmen has worked hard over the summer and they're a good group of kids," Candrl said. "They're still learning what it takes to be successful in high school."

Freshmen making up the majority of the Dutchmen cross country team include Ethan Blankenship, Drake Dietrich, Zachary Holtmeyer, Bryce Kramme, Westin Kramme, Maddix Lebish, Kylen Menz, Braden Perkins, Ty Price, Tristan Strothkamp and Cristopher Reyes.

Coleton Connor is the lone sophomore for the Dutchmen cross country team.

Juniors kicking off the upperclassmen portion of the Dutchmen cross country roster include Kyle Bollman, Brandon Graham, Eli Graham and Jayden Stewart . Seniors competing in their final year of

cross country include Andrew Blankenship, Felix Guerrero and Ethan Harris.

"Andrew Blankenship has worked harder than he ever has before to get himself ready for his senior season," Candrl said. "He has a given himself a great chance to have a successful senior season."

While the Dutchmen harriers have over 20 on their squad, Candrl's Dutchgirls have just seven on their roster.

Grace Abell is the lone senior running for the orange and black as she will also be playing softball during the fall months. Juniors making up the majority of the Dutchgirl cross country team include Ilene Limberg, Elaina Lebish and Abbie Gibson.

Hanna Gehlert and Morgen Schmidt are the lone sophomores on the roster with freshman Jayden Hubbard rounding out the list of Dutchgirl harriers.

"Hanna, Abbie and Ilene have done a great job over the summer getting themselves ready to run and help the team be successful," Candrl said.

Opening their season last night (Tuesday) at the Fleet Feet Classic in Arnold, Owensville will open the September portion of their schedule over the Labor Day holiday weekend at the New Haven Invitational in New Haven's City Park.

That will begin a stretch of four consecutive Saturdays of cross country action for the orange and black.

After running at New Haven, Owensville will venture into Osage County on Saturday,

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ABBIE GIBSON (above) competes during last year's Owensville Invitational Cross Country Meet held throughout the Gasconade County R-2 campus. It will once again host the annual Four Rivers Conference (FRC) meet on Tuesday, Oct. 17.



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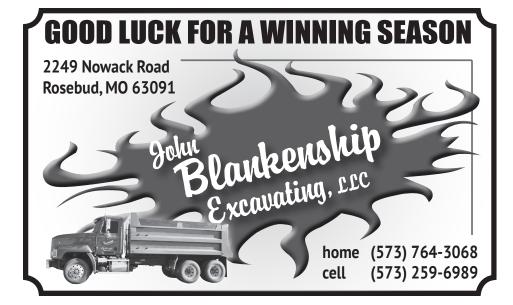


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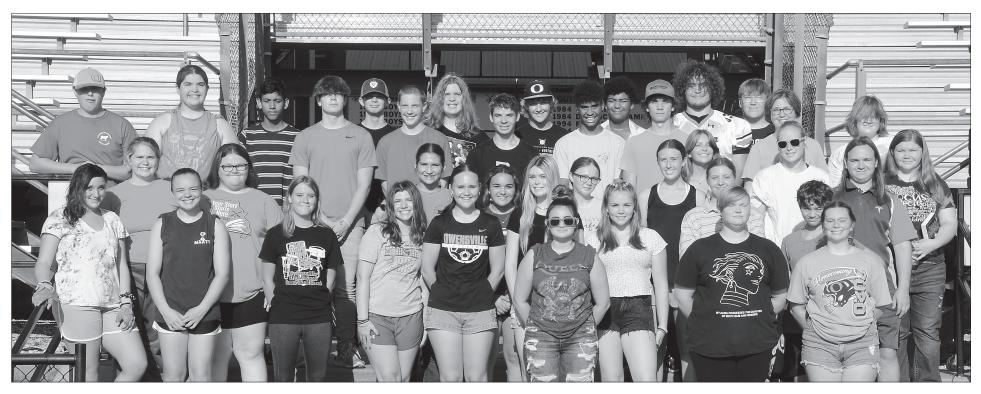
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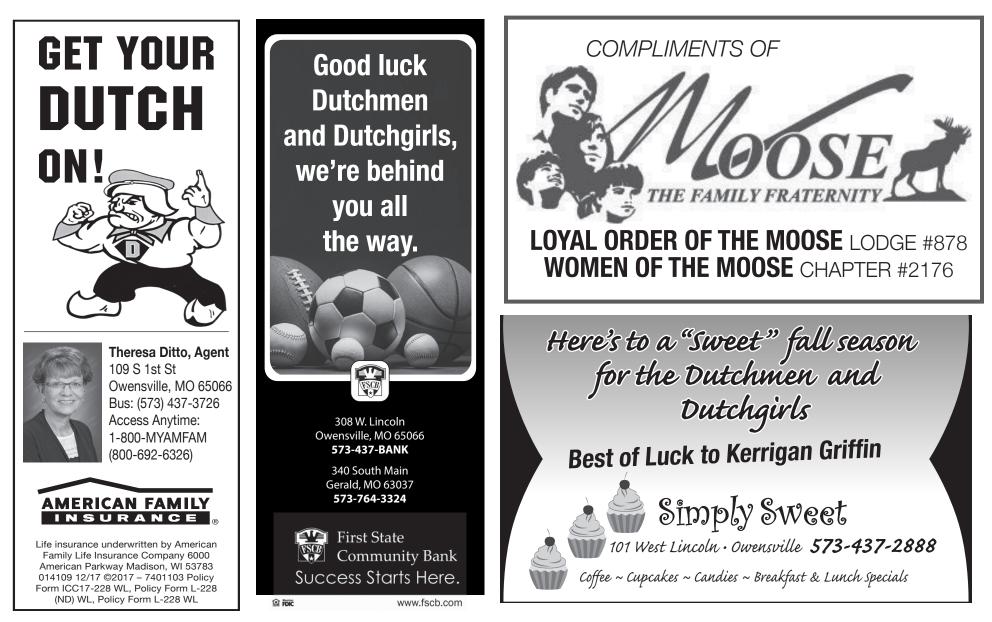


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2023 OHS Marching Band



2023 OHS band members (in front, from left) include Abby Lange, Morgan Reed, Taylor Snodgrass, Ashlee Shaw, Trinity Rossi, Kelby Herbel, Lainey Moss, Anya Binkhoelter, Alyvia Wilson, Lily Steinbeck, Abby Morgan, Chloe Keeling, Rylee Dare, Jayden Hubbard, Emily Hilburn, Anna Carlin, Delaney Heflin, Bailee Dare, Ethan Blankenship, Lexis Manning, Willow Miles and Ivy Evans; and in back, Hunter Miller, Kiana Wehmeyer, Cristopher Reyes, Kien Bayless, Chris Kroon, Elliott Cooper, Aydan Depew, Hunter Lang, Owen Binkhoelter, Jay Stewart, Isaiah Robson, Andrew Blankenship, Hayden Shoemaker, Ben Homan, Kaitlyn Lange and Eddie Moloney Not pictured are Logan Kiesling, Baylee Tumbrink and Ella Davidson.



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Sept. 9 to run at the Linn Invitational to be held at the Osage County Fairgrounds located near Linn High School and their baseball/softball field.

Mid-September will take OHS to southwest Missouri and the Missouri Southern State Cross Country Festival hosted by Missouri Southern State University in Joplin.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, Owensville will end the September portion of their schedule at the Gans Creek Classic in Columbia at the Gans Creek Cross Country Course.

This will give Owensville's runners a chance to compete on the site of the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Cross Country Championships scheduled for Nov. 3-4.

October action will kick off on Tuesday, Oct. 3 at the Hermann Invitational to be held at Loutre Shore Country Club just north of Hermann.

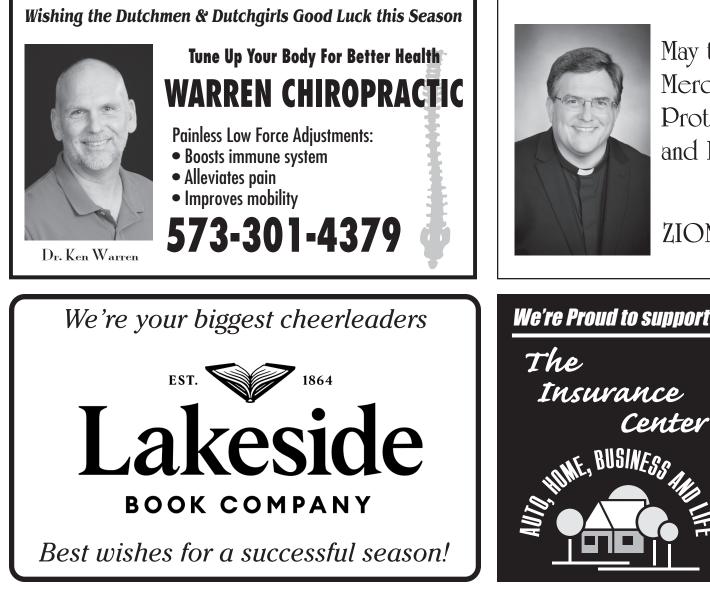
Following the Owensville Invitational on Tuesday, Oct. 10, the annual Four Rivers Conference (FRC) meet will also take place on the Gasconade County R-2 campus on Tuesday, Oct. 17.

District assignments and classifications will be released to MSHSAA's website at www.mshsaa.org on Friday, Sept. 8.

2023 OHS Football Cheerleaders



2023 OHS varsity football cheerleaders (above, in front, from left) include Payton Harness (senior) and Ahna Rasmussen (senior); in the middle, Jenna Breedlove, Katelyn Holtzer and Alivia Gibson; and in back, Payton Myers, Emma Benton, Baylee Sieckmann, Halle Engelbrecht, Abigail Kiesling, Lorelai McDaniel and Loretta Hawkins.



May the Almighty and Merciful Lord Bless and Protect our Dutchmen and Dutchgirls.

— Pastor David Roth ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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2023 Middle School Cross Country



2023 OMS Cross Country team members (from left) include Robbie Rodriguez, Dylan Dietrich, Makinzie Van Buskirk, Haley Boland, Ella Barker, Annalise Dryer, Merlin Ramirez, Ricky Ringeisen, Daimeyn Rogers, Hunter Anderson and Max Altemeyer.



