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Leap Day Twice as Nice for Twins Delivered at Excelsa Health

GREENSBURG, PA, March 1, 2020 – Leap Day will always be twice as special for the Newcomer family of Unity Township, Westmoreland County.

Amanda and Brian Newcomer welcomed their first children, twins Wyatt James and Emery Rose on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at the Family Additions Maternity Center at Excelsa Health Westmoreland in Greensburg.

The Leap Day babies were delivered by Cesarean section Saturday evening. Wyatt was born at 8:52 p.m., weighs 6 pounds, 15 ounces, and measures 18 inches. His sister Emery was born at 8:54 p.m., weighs 5 pounds, 5 ounces, and is 18 ¾ inches.

“We were due on March 2,” said Brian. “But her water broke yesterday and we ended up getting a pleasant surprise. Well, two pleasant surprises.”

Grandparents are Terry and Diane Stephenson of Unity Township and James and Janice Newcomer of Unity Township.

The family reports it will celebrate the babies’ future birthdays on February 28.

The siblings are Leaplings, a common nickname for Leap Day babies. The likelihood of twins being born on Leap Day is 1 in 50,000 according to LeapYearDay.com. The odds of being born on Leap Day are 1 in 1,461. Leap Day occurs every four years to align the calendar with astronomical seasons, according to Almanac.com.

The family received a gift basket donated by the Westmoreland Hospital Auxiliary and caps and onesies from Excelsa Health.

Annually, more than 1,260 babies are delivered at Excelsa Health’s Family Additions Maternity Center.

Excelsa Health, a 578-bed, tertiary-based health System in Westmoreland County, PA, includes three hospitals – Excelsa Westmoreland Hospital, Excelsa Latrobe Hospital and Excelsa Frick Hospital – and serves more than 23,000 inpatients, 700,000 outpatients and 100,000 emergency visits annually. With more than 700 physicians and allied health professionals and 4,800 employees, Excelsa is a regional leader in clinical areas such as Cardiovascular Disease, Orthopedics and Emergency Medicine.

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