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Community leaders discuss Stark County economy

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Stark Council for Continuous Improvement (SCCI) held its' second brainstorming meeting Feb. 24, to continue presenting ideas on how to market Stark County. The group's goal is to interest people from outside of Stark County to visit, shop and move here.

SCCI also hopes to have Stark County residents support local businesses by shopping and bringing their business to area proprietors.

"The point of these meetings is to bring the entire Stark County

community together," moderator and Stark County School Superintendent Brett Elliott said.

"Our end goal is this – we know that in any community, the school district is the heart of that community and can affect jobs, our housing market, and so on," Elliott continued. "But really what we're trying to do is look past that and see how the community can also wrap around the school district, because they are interdependent."

Elliott said he believes that if this group can build Stark's communities and make them "tighter" while supporting one

another, the county will change and grow for future generations.

In conjunction with the school district, Architectural Manager Scott Burge of the Farnworth Group, gave a presentation on the new \$15 million high school building project. Burge used architectural concept drawings to show the new building and where it would be located on the Toulon campus.

Tami Rouse, of Career Link, was the featured speaker and gave a presentation concerning the benefits that Career Link can provide to students and anyone furthering their education. She

said Career Link can help people beginning a new job or changing a career. Scholarships are also available through Career Link.

During a brainstorming session, SCCI participants said:

- Wyoming's Mayor Pat Maher said his city is working on creating and establishing new businesses. Wyoming's Economic Director Denny Rewerts said Wyoming has developed a 10-year plan for the future, but no details were given.

- Toulon Mayor Larry Hollis said Toulon continues to progress with a downtown beautification project as the city plans to re-

vamp the look of Main Street. Also, he said the city is working with Kyle Howard on economic development to start bringing in new businesses.

- Veronica Haskell, of Haskell Funeral Homes, said creating a video presentation would reach thousands and could market Stark County to other areas.

- Another suggestion was that Stark County needs new housing to attract people, since the current housing market does not have enough houses available for purchase, especially for young families.

FALL FESTIVAL 2021

Fall festival organizers optimistic

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – Peggy Gray is an optimist, which is a good trait for a festival organizer in this day and age of COVID-19.

Gray and other Stark County Fall Festival committee members met on Feb. 20 to make plans for resuming their event Sept. 18-19 at Thomas Park in Wyoming.

"The fall is a little ways down the road and I'm hoping by then this COVID stuff is over," said Gray, who coordinates vendors. "Not only that, but it's going to be outside!"

Gray said the festival will again offer a fun-filled weekend of vendors, food and ac-



Members of the Stark Fall Festival Committee, pictured from left to right, are: Sarah Brody, President Connie Osborne, Vice President Rachel Brody, Kim Plummer, Peggy Gray, Laurie Hartz and Secretary Cassie Williams (front). Not pictured is Treasurer Becky Colgan.

tivities for all ages.

While the fall festival was cancelled last year, Gray said she already has 25 vendors who plan to set up, but noted there's room for more. Cost

for a 10x20 foot space is \$40 for the weekend. Electricity is an extra \$5 per outlet. Gray said non-profits and churches do not have to pay. Call Gray at (309) 695-6575.

Toulon man racks up 8th felony charge in 3 years

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – A 31-year-old Toulon man was charged last Friday in Stark's Circuit Court with his eighth felony in the past three years. In addition to Stark County, there are charges pending in two and possibly three other counties.

Shawn Anthony Slightom was charged with aggravated battery of a peace officer for an alleged incident that occurred on Feb. 24 at the Stark County Jail. Court documentation states that Slightom "pushed and scratched" Stark County Sheriff's Deputy Dawson Nuding.

This is the latest in a long list of felony charges Slightom is to face in courts. He is also charged with



Slightom

burglary of a shed located on South Valley Road, driving DUI on a revoked or suspended license and in possession of methamphetamine from earlier this year.

Last year Slightom was charged with meth delivery and possession, plus he was charged earlier with driving DUI on a revoked or suspended license, aggravated fleeing of police, possession of meth and possession of a controlled substance – all in Stark County.

In 2018, Slightom was charged in Stark County, where his criminal history dates to 2008, with aggravated battery with the use of a deadly weapon and mob action, both of which were dismissed and also battery that he was found guilty of and sentenced to probation. These charges may be revisited, now.

In other counties, Slightom was charged last year in Knox County

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SLIGHTOM: Judge finds probable cause

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 with aggravated fleeing of police and driving on a suspended license. Also in Knox, he is charged with criminal damage to prop-

erty and two counts of criminal misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

Peoria County's 2020 felony charge with

Slightom is aggravated unlawful use of weapons, resisting a peace officer and possession of a firearm without a valid firearms owner's

identification card.

Charges in Henry County may be pending against Slightom. His history in Henry County dates back to 2008 and he was charged in 2012 with criminal damage to property, plus found guilty of resisting arrest. Also, in those charges were manufacturer/delivery of cannabis and an unlawful weapons charge that was dismissed.

Besides the felony and criminal misdemeanor charges, Slightom has 17 traffic violation charges.




Circuit Judge James A. Mack found probable cause last Friday on the latest felony and said that all bonds, at least \$75,000, apply. Slightom's next court appearance is set for today, a preliminary hearing with Stark County Public Defender Robert McBride. Slightom is in custody at the Stark County Jail.

The Village of LaFayette is currently seeking contractor bids for work on the village's maintenance shed. Work needing done includes: applying spray foam insulation to the sheds interior walls and ceiling, installing light fixtures inside, security lights outside, outlets both inside and out. Electrical bid will also need to include trench work and running an electrical line from the water tower pump house to the maintenance shed for power supply. Contractors must provide a copy of proof of insurance when submitting written bids. The maintenance shed measures 35x24x10. For further information please contact Christopher Smith at (309) 509-2522, or Dean Rosebeck at (309) 238-3600.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Felonies & Misdemeanors

2-24-21 – Felony: Shawn A. Slightom - Aggravated battery to a peace officer.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

2-22-21 - Gabriela V. Perez, 19, Kewanee, was cited for speeding 70 mph in a 55 zone and for not having a valid driver's license. She was issued a notice to appear.

2-26-21 - Duane J. Shaw, 33, Kewanee, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle. He was issued a notice to appear.

2-27-21 - Christopher M. Morrow, 18, Wyoming, was cited for driving without a driver's license, disobeying a traffic control device, disobeying a stop sign, driving without vehicle lights when required, fleeing to elude a police officer, failure to reduce speed, and improper lane usage. He was released with a court date.

2-27-21 - Shane A. Keegan, 29, Walcott, was arrested on a Bureau County warrant for failure to appear on a domestic battery charge. He was taken into custody and transported to the Stark County Jail. He was released the following day with a court date in Bureau County.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:
2-22 - to the 1000 block of NW 7th

Ave. for a complaint involving an opossum that was relocated.

2-22 - to meet with a subject at the Galva Police Dept. who found an ATM card in a local machine. It was returned to its owner.

2-23 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 00 block of Burlington Road, Samuel Helms, 23, Sheffield, was arrested for illegal use of registration, no insurance, and a civil citation for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. More items of contraband were sent to the crime lab for testing.

Additional charges are pending.

2-23 - to a battery complaint on NW 4th Ave. Tristean Hulsey, 19, Wyoming, was arrested for aggravated battery to a child. She was released with a required court date.

2-23 - to the 200 block of SW 3rd Street for a 911 call involving a verbal domestic dispute.

2-25 - to SE Industrial Ave. and SE 8th Street for a loose dog complaint. The dog was from rural Knox County. The owner was contacted.

2-25 - to the 300 block of SE 4th Street for a loose dog complaint. The dog was impounded and later returned to its owner.

2-25 - As the result of a traffic stop just north of town, Ricky Elliott, 37, Kewanee, was arrested for driving while his license was suspended. He was released with a court date.

2-26 - to the 500 block of NE 2nd Street for an identity theft.

2-26 - to the 00 block of SW 4th Street for an attempted social security scam.

2-27 - to the 500 block of NW 1st Ave. for water coming through floor drains in the basement. The Galva Water Dept. was contacted.

2-27 - to a residence on NE 4th Ave. to remove an unwanted subject.

2-28 - to a residence on NW 7th Ave. to remove an unwanted subject.

Property Transfers

2-22-21 - John S. Kinsella to John S. Kensella and Weiyan Zheng - Pt 11-12-7 NW - 16188 Township Road 500N, Wyoming. Consideration = \$0.00.

2-23-21 - Jane A. and Rodney D. Getz to James R. and Tonya M. Sneed - Pt 32-12-5 SW and SE NW - 581 Township Road 150E, Toulon - Consideration = \$0.00.

2-24-21 - Illinois Audubon Society to Debra S. and Russell E. Jackson, Trustees - Section 12-12-7 NE - 17868 Township Road 500N, Wyoming. Consideration = \$2,016,000.

2-25-21 - Debra L. Arch, Teresa A. Kemp, Donald F., Phillip D. and Timothy L. Orwig to Douglas R., Joshua D. and Matthew W. Stahl - Pt 20-13-5 SW - Consideration = \$19,764.

2-26-21 - Thomas F. Kelley and Michael W. Weber to Carl D. Brittingham - Pt 16-12-5 SW - consideration = \$700,000.00.

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2-26-21 - Ronald Kettle, Toulon and Shelly Kettle, Unlisted.



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Rambling through central Illinois, pondering all the fine folks who deserve a word of thanks.

The first kudos this week go to our ambassador, **Danny Blakey** of Toulon. Not because he does a great job delivering our papers and making people smile in the process, which he does, but because Danny took our recent hatch of chickens just as they went from cute into the “stinking chickens” phase.



Jeff LAMPE

... On to **Bob** and **Diana Cardiff** of Galva, who passed on praise for volunteers helping administer COVID-19 vaccines. Writes Bob, “Diana and I recently got our first shots at Blackhawk East, mine on the 3rd of February and Diana’s on the 12th. When she got hers it was

2 above zero. Would it be possible to write an article on the heroic effort those nurses, Henry/Stark county workers and volunteers are doing to see that we are getting our shots. They deserve so much thanks and gratitude for having to endure the cold and miserable weather conditions they are working in for us.” Done. ... Kudos also goes to **Jason Musselman**, whose play-by-play and video work at Stark County basketball games is second to none. ... **Mike Rumbold** of Rumbold & Kuhn in Wyoming deserves a mention after being elected to serve as president of the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois at its convention earlier this month. The association represents more than 90 percent of the commercial grain storage in Illinois. “I hope to serve as a strong voice while we work with others to solve challenges and advance the industry,” Rumbold said. ... Finally, here’s recognition of a wise decision by Black Hawk College, whose tuition will remain the

same for the fifth straight year. “The board, administration, faculty and staff collaboratively work to ensure that Black Hawk College is accessible, affordable and inclusive for our community,” said **Fritz Larsen**, board chair. Smart decision!

Speaking of strategic decisions, after a stretch of 8-page papers that made me want to hide my head in the snow, The Prairie News will go back to 12 pages on March 12. I got into newspapers to tell stories, but now find myself on the Dark Side: trying to make money while telling stories. COVID made that difficult. Still, rather than go down whimpering we’re going to fight back. Watch for a Community Spotlight on Galva March 19, another on Toulon in April, a May gardening issue and more stories that focus on the people, places and businesses in our communities.

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Stark Co. announces Homecoming court

TOULON – The 2020-21 Homecoming Court has been set for Stark County High School.

The senior court will include Lena Becker, Lexi Davis, Sarah Fairfield, Kylie Salisbury, Caden Daum, Brenden Gibler, Matthew McCauley and Raiden Porter. King and Queen will be announced during halftime of the April 23 Stark County football game.

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RONALD D. CARRASCA, deceased No. 2021-P-15 Notice is given of the death of RONALD D. CARRASCA. Letters of Independent Executor were issued on February 3, 2021 to Ronald E. Carrasca, of 518 E. Division Street, Kewanee, IL 61443, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Michael E. Massie, of Massie & Quick, 115 NW 3rd Avenue, Galva, IL 61434. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Stark County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois 61238, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the Bar Date, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed. Massie & Quick, LLC, Attorneys for the Estate 115 Northwest Third Avenue, Galva, IL 61434 Telephone: (309) 932-2168 Published 2/19, 2/26, 3/5/21

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on March 1, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stark County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Encompassed, located at 2529 Township Road 1600E, Wyoming, Illinois. Dated March 1, 2021 Heather Hollis Stark County Clerk Published 3/5, 3/12, 3/19/21

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF) No. 2021-P-2

RAYMOND F. MORRISSEY, Deceased) NOTICE OF CLAIM DAY Notice is given to creditors of the estate of Raymond F. Morrissey. On February 16, 2021, Letters of Office were issued to Dorothy A. Morrissey, 104 W. Elm Street, Wyoming, IL 61491, whose attorney of record is Anne C. Rennick, P.O. Box 90, Wyoming, IL 61491. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, IL 61483, or with the Representative, or both, on or before (a) August 27, 2021 or (b) if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Representative is required by the provisions of Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before the aforementioned date(s) is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated: February 22, 2021 s/s Anne C. Rennick Anne C. Rennick Attorney for: Estate of Raymond F. Morrissey P.O. Box 90 Wyoming, IL 61491 Ph: (309)-695-4701 Fax: (309)-695-2119 Email: acrennick@yahoo.com Published 2/26, 3/5, 3/12/21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for road purposes of the Elmira Township in the County of Stark, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2021 and ending February 28, 2022, will be on

file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Clerk's home from and after 6:00 o'clock p.m., 8th day, March, 2021.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:00 o'clock p.m. 8th day, April, 2021 at the Township Building in this Elmira Township and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at Township Building at 7:00 o'clock p.m., 8th day, April, 2021. Larry Perkins, Clerk Published 3/5/21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Town of Elmira in the County of Stark, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2021 and ending February 28, 2022, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Town Clerk's home from and after 6:00 o'clock p.m., 8th day, March, 2021.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:00 o'clock p.m. 8th day, April, 2021 at the Township Building in this said Town and that final action on this ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held at 7:00 o'clock p.m., 8th day, April, 2021. Dated this 11th day of February, 2021 John Lane, Supervisor Larry Perkins, Clerk Published 3/5/21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 100, STARK, KNOX, MARSHALL, HENRY AND PEORIA COUNTIES, ILLINOIS TO SELL \$15,000,000 FUNDING BONDS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Community Unit School District Number 100, Stark, Knox, Marshall, Henry and Peoria Counties, Illinois (the "District"), will hold a public hearing on the 15th day of March, 2021, at 6:15 o'clock P.M. The hearing will be held in the Stark County Elementary School, 300 Van Buren, Wyoming, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of \$15,000,000 for the purpose of paying claims against the District. By order of the President of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 100, Stark, Knox, Marshall, Henry and Peoria Counties, Illinois. Elizabeth Rumbold Secretary, Board of Education, Community Unit School District Number 100, Stark, Knox, Marshall, Henry and Peoria Counties, Illinois Published 3/5/21

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular scheduled meetings of Valley Township Board of Trustees to conduct regular business of the township, to inspect and pay bills, and any such matters that shall come before the board for the fiscal year 2021-2022, will be held on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings will be held at the Valley Township Town Hall, Wyoming, Illinois beginning at 7:00PM. Dated March 1, 2021 Jodi Dienst Valley Township Clerk Published 3/5/21

PUBLIC NOTICE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters, residents of the Town of Valley in the County of Stark and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will

take place on Tuesday April 13, 2021, at the Valley Township Town Hall, Wyoming, Illinois at the hour of 6:00 o'clock PM for the trasaction of miscellaneous business of Valley Township; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law come before the meeting. Dated: March 1, 2021 Jodi Dienst Valley Township Clerk Published 3/5/21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET AND TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance meetings for Road Purposes of Valley Township, in the County of Stark, State of Illinois, and also for Town of Valley in said county, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021, and ending March 31, 2022, will both be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Valley Town Hall, 15003 Township Road 300N, Wyoming, IL 61491, after March 11, 2021, by appointment only. Notice is further given that public hearings on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinances will be held at 6:15PM and 6:30PM respectively, Tuesday, April 13,

2021 at the Valley Township Town Hall, Wyoming, Illinois and that action on these ordinances will take place immediately following. The 7:00PM regularly scheduled April 8th, 2021 monthly meeting of Valley Township Board of Trustees to discuss regular business will be rescheduled to take place April 13, 2021 immediately following the budget hearings. Dated: March 1, 2021 Jodi Dienst Valley Township Clerk 309-230-8953 Published 3/5/21

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ANNUAL AUDIT

The City of Wyoming hereby provides public notice that an audit of its funds for the period May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020 has been made by Hjerpe & Tension, CPA and that a report of such audit has been filed with the County Clerk of Stark County, Illinois in accordance with 30 ILCS 15/0.01, et seq. The full report of the audit and Annual statement of Receipts and Disbursements is available for public inspection at Wyoming City Hall located at 108 E. Williams Street, Wyoming, Illinois 61491 during regular business hours 7:30-12 A.M. and 12:30-4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday except holidays. CITY OF WYOMING

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Wyona Iles

DAHINDA – Wyona (Haptonstall) Iles, 94, of Victoria, passed away on Monday, March 1, 2021, 1:42 a.m. at OSF St. Mary Medical Center, Galesburg.

Wyona was born on June 26, 1926, to Sadie (Rice) and Maurice Clinton Haptonstall in LaFayette, Ill.

She married Bert L. Iles on April 10, 1942, in Kahoka, Mo. They began their married life together in Victoria. Then they started raising their children in Dahinda, later moving to Altona on a small four-acre farm. In 1958, Wyona and her family



Iles

moved to Toulon due to a transfer with Bert's coal mining work. Wyona continued to live in Toulon for 54 years, until November of 2012, when she moved to Oak Run, Dahinda, with her daughter, Priscilla.

Wyona was a 1943 graduate of Victoria Community High School. She was a member of the Victoria United Methodist Church. While Wyona kept busy raising seven children, she also enjoyed working in the family garden each year and canning vegetables. She also loved to sew and cook. Summer was her favorite time of year and would love to take her family vacationing at her brother and sister-in-law's resort in Park Rapids, Minn.

Surviving Wyona are her children, Ginger (Dave) Talbert, Priscilla Muckey, James (Barbara) Iles,

Melody (Larry) Bennett, Patricia (Don) Colgan, and Penny (Wade) Bennett; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 8 great-great grandchildren; and 2 step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; beloved husband, Bert; a son, Richard Iles; grandson, Chad Colgan; brother, Maurice Haptonstall; and a sister, Naomi Eldert.

Cremation rites will be accorded. No services are planned at this time. Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Homes and Crematory, Knoxville has been entrusted with arrangements.

Memorials may be donated to the Victoria United Methodist Church. Online condolences and/or expressions of sympathy may be sent through www.hurd-hendricksfuneral-home.com

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

TRIVIA TEST By Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which 1980s-'90s sitcom featured the Conner family?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "pari" mean in English?
- MOVIES: Which artist sang the song that inspired the movie title "Pretty Woman"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the first primary color that babies can see?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the world's longest cave system?
- MEDICAL: What is a fasciculation, the medical term for a common ailment?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the only one to be elected a U.S. senator after leaving office?
- GEOLOGY: Emerald and aquamarine are types of which mineral?
- U.S. STATES: What was the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution?
- MEASUREMENTS: What dosing measurement (metric) is used to administer liquid medication?

Answers

- "Roseanne"
 - All
 - Roy Orbison
 - Red
 - Mammoth Cave, Kentucky
 - Involuntary muscle twitch
 - Andrew Johnson
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 - The Little Things (R)
 - Judas and the Black Messiah (R)
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Paxson wins 400th Stark Co. boys improve to 3-6

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

Scott Paxson enjoyed a milestone Saturday, then had to grit his teeth through a loss Tuesday.

The Stark County girls basketball team topped Ke-wanee on Saturday, 31-22, giving Paxson his 400th coaching win. Lindley Johnston and Kelsey Berchtold scored 8 points apiece to lead the Lady Rebels.

Things did not go as well on Tuesday at Biggsville, as the Lady Rebels lost to West Central, 50-40.

Olivia Hopp had 18

points and Riley Messen added 8 to lead the Lady Rebels, who were without injured Johnston.

Last Friday, Stark County beat ROWVA-Williams-field, 46-39, behind 15 from Berchtold, 12 from Hopp and 10 from Davis.

Galva's girls lost 64-52 to Ridgewood on Monday despite 25 points from Lexi Stone. Ava Strom scored 12 and Stone added 10 last Friday in a 77-34 loss to Annawan.

Boys

Stark County (3-6) topped West Central Tuesday, 53-46, and has won



Stark County girls basketball coach and athletic director Scott Paxson holds a plaque commemorating his 400th coaching win Saturday in Wyoming. He is joined by family members.

three of its last six. Ryan Murphy led with 19 points.

Last Friday, the Rebels topped R-W, 64-54, despite playing without top scorer Murphy. Brenden Gibler stepped up with 16 points, Ethan Unhold had 14, James Groter tallied 12 and Raiden Porter scored 10.

"Really happy with the way we stepped up and covered up what Murph usually does," Coach Dustin Browning said.

On Feb. 25, Stark County lost at Orion, 70-53. Murphy scored 13. The Rebels fell to Ridgewood on Feb. 23, 68-36.

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