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## Stark district passes 2022 tax levy

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Stark County School District held a tax levy hearing just prior to the regular monthly board meeting Dec. 19, although the meeting was not required.

A Truth in Taxation hearing is required if the tax rate exceeds 5 percent from the previous year. According to the school district, the total property taxes extended for 2021 were \$7,153,443. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2022 are \$7,456,806. This represents a 4.07 percent increase.

No one from the public attended the school board's tax levy hearing. The tax levy was adopted later in the regular school board meeting with a 7-0 approval from board members.

Superintendent Brett Elliott reported that the new Junior High corridor, restrooms and library will be opened to students and staff after the winter break. Temporary furniture

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS!



A festive Stark County Courthouse brightens the night in Toulon as another Christmas Day nears. This is our last edition of The Prairie News for 2022, as we will take a week off so staff can spend time with friends and family. We hope you can do the same and enjoy a very happy holiday season. We will resume publication on Jan. 6. Thanks for your support.

## Wyoming pays staff retirement plan shortfall

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The City of Wyoming Council on Dec. 20 approved a resolution to make up for lacking payments toward its employee retirement plan.

The city has had a retirement plan for employees for six or seven years and contributes funds into that plan. During a recent audit, it was discovered that Wyoming has failed to pay its 5 percent contribution for the past three years. This reportedly occurred because the city changed retirement plan companies and also because a new treasurer took over for Wyoming.

The payment to correct the situation is \$32,247.45, which was approved by the city council to be paid.

Employees who have been retired during the past three years can call the insurance company to ensure that they have received their full retirement amounts.

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## Galva council accepts downtown demolition bids

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva City Council on Monday approved paying \$342,070 to demolish three downtown buildings.

The first low bid was from Brown Excavating and Demolition of Alpha for \$73,170 to take down 323 Market St. The building is owned by B.J. Cornwall of Galva.

The second bid accepted

was from Ratliff Brothers of Kewanee for \$268,900 to demolish 314 Front St., which is the former Ceramic Shop.

Estimated bid for the project had been \$500,000 and was budgeted for the projects. City Administrator David Dyer said he was happy bids came in \$158,000 less than estimated.

Both structures must be torn down and the project com-

pleted by July 1, 2023.

The bids on the Cornwall property ranged from \$73,170 to \$113,000 and the old ceramic shop from \$268,900 to \$274,249.

The City of Galva now owns the old Ceramic Shop.

Todd McClintic had the lone bid of \$3,200 that was opened and accepted for a 2002 Ford F550 flatbed truck.

Third Ward Alderman Dou-

gie Anderson asked officer Alex Wagner if the department had gone around and checked for old vehicles and junk on properties.

Wagner said letters had been sent to residents giving them 14 days to resolve the issues.

The council unanimously passed a tax levy ordinance showing \$2.75 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which is

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Pictured above is the former ceramic shop, located on Front St. in Galva, which is scheduled to be demolished by July 1.



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## GALVA: Area burglaries discussed

*Continued from Page 1* down 4 cents from last year's \$2.79. This will generate \$80,737 more revenue for the City of Galva.

The increased assessed valuation is from the retirement of TIF 1.

Police Chief Kraig Townsend reminded residents to lock their house, sheds, garages and cars. He said there have been recent burglaries in Victoria, Altona, Cambridge and Oneida. Kraig advised each business owner who has gaming machines to check their doors every night and possibly even to leave some lights on overnight.

He also commended Officer Wagner who responded to a fire call with smoke in the area of NW First Street. Wagner woke a woman and her son in an upstairs apartment where the ceiling was on fire.

Chief Townsend said the resident presented Wagner with gift cards for saving their lives.

### Three to run for mayor

GALVA – Three candidates are vying for the position of mayor in the upcoming April election.

There is nobody running on the Peoples Party, but all three have filed a petition to run on the Independent ticket.

Those candidates are Mayor Rich Volkert, who is seeking his second four-year term, David Heck and Traci McClintic.

– Carol Townsend

The council approved city membership in the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association for their included liability and cyber insurance. This is cheaper than what the city is currently paying.

The ice rink in Wiley Park will be filled Tuesday by neighbor Mike Yepson.

## STARK: JH parking lot to expand east

*Continued from Page 1* will be used at the library since new furnishings are on back order. Once all items are received, there will be another community open house.

Five bids were received to pave and expand the Junior High School parking lot to the east toward the bus garage. The board approved a \$295,000 bid from Potter and Sons Blacktopping, Inc., of Wyoming. Preparation work such as tree removal could begin soon at an estimated

cost of \$10,000. Blacktopping would not occur until next spring.

The fence at the Toulon football field was approved by the board to be permanently removed without replacement in the near future. The cost will be minimal if any.

Also approved was participation in the Illinois High School Association bass fishing program for the spring of 2023. Talks with Cozzi Ranch are currently being held about a practice facility.

The board scheduled Jan. 17, 2023, for its mid-year board retreat. Monday Jan. 16 is the Martin Luther King holiday.

After executive session, the board approved Seth King as junior high lunch supervisor for 2022-23; Caitlin Meaker as musical accompanist for the 2022-23 school year; and a salary adjustment for Transportation Director Toni Nowlan that includes adding an additional 15 workdays to her contract.

*Merry Christmas*

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**PUBLIC RECORD**

**Incidents & Accidents  
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**12-12** - Elvis J. Weir, 58, of Castleton was involved in a deer-related vehicle accident on 1100N near the intersection of 1150E. No injuries were reported but the vehicle had estimated damages of over \$1,500.

**12-11** - A burglary was reported from an employee at the Toulon Tap in Toulon. The incident is under investigation by the Toulon Police Department and the Illinois State Police.

**12-11** - An abandoned vehicle was towed from Grain Bin Road where it was parked partially on the roadway.

**12-12** - A possible domestic problem was investigated in the 300 block of South St. in Bradford.

**12-12** - A missing juvenile was reported from Toulon. The 14-year-old was later located and returned home.

**12-14** - A stolen vehicle was reported from a resident in the 500 block of N. Seventh St. in Wyoming. The incident is under investigation.

**12-16** - Authorities are investigating a single-vehicle accident that occurred on 600N and Lombardville, where an abandoned van was discovered rolled over into a field. The vehicle was towed from the scene to the Stark County impound lot where it is being held because the driver left the scene of the accident, damaged property and the vehicle.

**Galva Report**

**Officer dispatched:**

**12-12** - to a residence on NE 4th Ave. to conduct a welfare check. The subject was fine.

**12-12** - to the Exchange Street railroad tracks for a crossing arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted.

**12-12** - to the 900 block of W. Division St. for a two-vehicle accident with damage only. Mary Rawlings, 69, Cambridge, was issued a citation for improper backing.

**12-13** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a verbal domestic dispute between sisters.

**12-13** - to a domestic disturbance in the 600 block of NW 1st St.

**12-13** - to the 00 block of SE 2nd Ave. for a report involving harassment through electronic communications. The report was forwarded to the State's Attorney's Office.

**12-13** - to assist the Henry County Sheriff's Office with serving an order of protection in the 600 block of NW 1st St.

**12-13** - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. for a report involving a violation of an order of protection. This was referred to the State's Attorneys Office.

**12-14** - While patrolling, an officer noticed that a train had stopped and was blocking all Galva crossings. BNSF was contacted

and the train eventually moved along.

**12-14** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 800 block of SE 2nd St., Skye Greene, 33, Cambridge, was arrested for unlawful use of a driver's license, unlawful use or possession of registration, driving while license suspended, operating an uninsured vehicle, speeding, operating a vehicle with suspended registration and possession of adult-use cannabis in a motor vehicle. She was released with a required court date.

**12-14** - to the 400 block of SE 1st St. for a report involving harassment through electronic communications. It was referred to the States Attorney's Office.

**12-14** - to the 400 block of SE 7th Ave. to assist a citizen after a package was delivered by FedEx to the wrong address. The package was retrieved and delivered correctly.

**12-14** - to the 100 block of NE 1st St. for an ongoing issue with a neighbor's dogs running around with no supervision. Officer contacted the dog owner and explained Illinois leash law.

**12-15** - to Route 34 east of town to assist Henry County with a single-vehicle accident due to slick roads.

**12-16** - to assist Kewanee Police Department locate a Galva resident wanted for a domestic battery that occurred in Kewanee. Kewanee located subject in its jurisdiction.

**12-16** - to Sentry Estates for a dog-bite complaint. The family dog bit a juvenile in the lip.

**12-17** - to the 100 block of SE 3rd St. for a verbal disturbance.

**12-17** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 800 block of W. Division St., Chad Kubec, 28, Galva, was arrested for operating a vehicle with suspended registration, operating an uninsured vehicle and failure to notify secretary of state of address change. He was released with a required court date.

**12-17** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 300 block of Commercial St., Amanda Robinson, 29, Galesburg, was arrested for possession of adult-use cannabis in a motor vehicle and unlawfully stopping a vehicle in a crosswalk. A passenger, Nathan Eck, 28, Galesburg, was arrested for possession of adult-use cannabis in a motor vehicle, possession of cannabis 100-400 grams with intent to deliver. The police K9 gave a positive indication on this vehicle. Both were released with required court dates.

**12-18** - Officers were advised of an ongoing disturbance that began in Kewanee and was passing through Galva. This involved a Galva couple being followed by an ex-boyfriend, who had allegedly made threats. Officer located both vehicles and a traffic stop was conducted. The suspect driver, Fredrick

Teeslink, 47, Kewanee, was issued citations for failure to signal when required and driving too fast for conditions. Kewanee PD was contacted and will handle the initial part that occurred in Kewanee.

**12-18** - to a residence on SW 4th Ave. for a welfare check. Subject was fine.

**12-18** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 800 block of SE 2nd St., Karysa Morris, 28, Kewanee, was arrested for driving while license suspended and failure to dim headlights. She was released with a required court date.

**12-18** - to a dog-attack complaint in the 100 block of SE 1st St. A pit bull attacked another dog and then the victim dog's owner. The owner suffered an injury to her hand.

**12-18** - to the 700 block of SE 1st St. for a loose-dog complaint. Officer was not able to locate it.

**12-12** - Michael Rogers, 45, Galesburg, was issued a citation for speeding in the 300 block of SE 2nd Street.

**12-12** - Paula Luft, 69, Galva, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1000 block of SE 2nd Street.

**12-17** - Tammy Hendrickson, 45, Galva, was issued a citation for speeding in the 100 block of SW 2nd Street.

**12-17** - Matthew Millage, 47, Keithsburg, was issued citations for illegal use of lighting system, expired registration and expired registration on a trailer that he was towing.

**12-17** - Jeremy Gallagher, 45, Monmouth, was issued a citation for failure to secure new registration after transfer of ownership in the 00 block of SW 2nd Street.

**12-17** - Cole Glick, 18, LaPrairie, was issued a citation for speeding in the 500 block of SE 2nd Street.

**12-17** - Jamie Howard, 34, Galva, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1000 block of SW 2nd St.

**12-18** - Tara Harris, 39, Galesburg, was issued a citation for having illegal window tint in the 800 block of W. Division St.

**Property Transfers**

**12-13** - Knobloch Family Partnership, LLC to Brenda S., Lance E., Myron L. Trustee, Neil A. Knobloch, Gloria L. Moser & Melody A. Schulz - Pt 22-12-6 NE & SE - Consideration = \$0.

**12-13** - Jay Emery Johnson, Ind. Exec. to SFV, LLP - Pt 6-12-5 NE & NW - onsideration = \$2,016,256.

**12-16** - George W. Sales to William M., Barabara J., and Michael A. Baumann and Thomas A. Hoy - Pt 1-13-6 SE & Pt 6-13-7 SW - Consideration = \$1,307,991.

**Divorces**

**12-19** - Brandi E. Gerard, Peoria and Brad D. Gerard, Toulon.

**WYOMING: Renewed insurance coverage**

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A resolution was passed to pay a fourth disbursement of \$41,403.68 to Leander Construction and to the Farnsworth Group for engineering charges equal to \$12,885.88 for Wyoming's wastewater and sewer plant

refurbishment project. Another resolution passed by the council concerned renewing the city's insurance coverage with the Leezer Insurance Agency, of Toulon. Ben Leezer presented the new insurance coverage to the council that

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3. And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.
4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David);
5. To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
6. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
7. And she brought forth her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
9. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.
10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.
12. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and Saying.
14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.
16. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger.
17. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
18. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
19. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.
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### Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

Panel 1: "AHH GEEZ, I AM STUFFED. I COULDN'T EAT ANOTHER BITE."  
Panel 2: "WHAT DO YOU MEAN? DON'T YOU KNOW COWS ACTUALLY HAVE FOUR STOMACHS?"  
Panel 3: "FOUR STOMACHS HUH?..."  
Panel 4: "OK, WELL, I'M NOT ONE TO ARGUE WITH SCIENCE."

### R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

Panel 1: "HEY, JUNE, YA WANNA GO DOWNTOWN AND SIT ON SANTA'S LAP AND TELL HIM WHAT YA WANT FOR CHRIS'MIS?"  
Panel 2: "HAI YER FUNNY, DAD!"  
Panel 3: "DON'T TELL ME..."  
Panel 4: "YUP, THEY'VE GOT AN APP FOR THAT NOW."

### Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

Panel 1: "FOR DATE NIGHT LET'S LET FATE DECIDE WHERE WE EAT? WE'LL PUT MY COUPONS IN A HAT AND DRAW."  
Panel 2: (Illustration of a cat and a dog looking at a hat.)

### CRIM BEAR IT

Panel 1: (Illustration of a bear and a man.)  
Panel 2: "But thank goodness we're safe, huh, Mom?"

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦  
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 3**

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is the primary setting of the Netflix series "Bridgerton"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Republic of Maldives located?
- LITERATURE: What is the subject of Walt Whitman's poem "O Captain! My Captain!"?
- LANGUAGE: What is the third letter of the Greek alphabet?
- HISTORY: When was the last time the Liberty Bell rang in Philadelphia?
- MOVIES: What was Henry Fonda's jury number in "12 Angry Men"?
- MATH: What is a heptahedron?
- BUSINESS: In what year did McDonald's introduce the Big Mac to all of its customers?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president tried to ban Christmas trees from the White House?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What do bees collect from flowers and use to make honey?

**Answers**

- London, England.
- Indian Ocean.
- The death of President Abraham Lincoln.
- Gamma.
- 1846.
- Juror No. 8.
- A polyhedron with seven faces.
- 1968.
- Theodore Roosevelt.
- Nectar.

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### TOP 10 MOVIES

- Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13)
- Violent Night (R)
- Strange World (PG)
- The Menu (R)
- Devotion (PG-13)
- Black Adam (PG-13)
- The Fabelmans (PG-13)
- Met Opera: The Hours (NR)
- I Heard the Bells (NR)
- Spoiler Alert (PG-13)

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**Answers on Page 3 - Super Crossword**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Many musical melodies
- 8 Modular homes
- 15 Two-time Washington senator
- 20 Airplane tier
- 21 Cannes area
- 22 Relaxes
- 23 Wife of Henry VIII who was always mimicking people?
- 25 One of five womb-mates
- 26 Cookout pest
- 27 Photo — (PR events)
- 28 Ripen
- 30 Suffix with govern
- 33 Computer game family
- 35 Guy who directs films in a very mechanical manner?
- 38 Bashful
- 39 Intensely cold
- 40 "Falstaff" and "Fidelio"
- 42 Madrid cheer
- 43 King Arthur's chauffeur?
- 46 Pro song selectors
- 47 Giant bird of lore
- 50 Rock concert gear
- 51 Dog command
- 52 Python's kin
- 53 Je ne sais —
- 54 War general
- 57 Apportion something erroneously?
- 62 Glam rocker
- 63 XI less IV
- 65 Actress
- 66 Young girl
- 67 What Archie Bunker said when a discriminatory comment got him in trouble?
- 73 Up until now
- 75 Stood up
- 76 Auditing gp.
- 77 Year, in Rio de Janeiro
- 80 Walk around with a voting slip?
- 85 Einstein's language
- 87 War deity
- 88 Reel go-with
- 89 Singer
- 91 Ovar of "Juice"
- 92 Mao — tung
- 93 Coll. dorm monitors
- 94 High rubber footwear item worn while catching crustaceans?
- 99 Jan. preceder
- 100 Food scarcity
- 101 High no. for a valetictorian
- 102 Suffix with pay
- 103 Wine with a childproof lock on its bottle?
- 107 Get really wet
- 108 Knight's title
- 109 Primitive calculators
- 110 Valuable strike
- 112 Parlay, say
- 114 One starring "If" appended
- 115 Actress
- 116 "House" actor
- 117 Chinese, e.g. (pasta order)
- 119 Aromatic compound
- 24 Rejections
- 29 "Mad" figure
- 30 Bust out of
- 31 Tribal healer
- 32 Enjoying the benefits of an effective medication
- 128 Made a duplicate of, in a way
- 34 Folklore tale

**DOWN**

- 1 Buddy
- 2 Gardner or Du'Vernay of the screen
- 3 Dog command
- 4 "Funny"
- 5 Ladle, for one
- 6 Coronaded entrance
- 7 — Lanka
- 8 Get set, for short
- 9 Splits
- 10 Actress
- Mendes
- 11 Pine relative
- 12 — Lingus
- 13 Fizzy stomach settlers
- 14 Occupied, as a booth
- 15 Films with a "If" appended
- 16 "House" actor
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- 31 Tribal healer
- 32 Enjoying the benefits of an effective medication
- 81 Actor Morgan and singer Chapman
- 35 Give gas to
- 36 Valuable strike
- 37 Gin mill
- 40 Hensher of the diamond
- 41 Tylenol unit
- 44 Part of i.e.
- 45 Drug bust gp.
- 46 Scale starter
- 47 Liquid carpet cleaners
- 48 — and aish
- 49 Dot on a map
- 52 Nut go-with
- 53 Conk out
- 55 Female organ
- 56 Darist Anais
- 58 Balcony window
- 59 Dress smartly, with "ou"
- 60 "Alice" spinoff
- 61 Tickle
- 64 Popular potatoes
- 68 Acoustic pair
- 69 TV horse of the '60s
- 70 Age-revealing stat
- 71 Troop gp.
- 72 Pt. of NOW
- 73 Sing jazzily
- 74 Boat movers
- 78 Port of Italia
- 79 GM assistance system
- 81 Actor Morgan and singer Chapman
- 82 Been abed
- 83 "It's either you —"
- 84 Bit of advice
- 86 Yank's foe
- 90 Name in frozen waffles
- 93 See 119-Down
- 94 — Remo
- 95 Med. plan
- 96 Household dye brand
- 97 In heaven, say
- 98 Go toward
- 99 Subterfuge
- 100 Did some angling
- 103 "Cosmos" author Carl
- 104 Drop off
- 105 Unsettles
- 106 — dish
- 107 — pitch
- 110 Using speech
- 111 In a lazy way
- 113 Tortilla snack
- 116 Ethyl ending stat
- 117 TV's Arthur
- 118 Piercing tool
- 119 With
- 90-Down, many mid-Agri mailings
- 120 Preventive shot, for short
- 121 Lofly verse
- 122 Drop off

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# The Prairie News Sports

## Stark Co. boys, girls lose

By NICK VLAHOS and JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Stark County boys had a rough shooting night Tuesday against Elmwood in a 43-31 loss at home.

After battling to a 10-10 in the first quarter, the Rebels (5-4) managed just one field goal in the second quarter, missing numerous layups heading into intermission. Then after rallying to within 25-22 after three, Stark County saw Elmwood go on an 18-9 run led by Bo Windish's 10 points in the quarter.

Matthew Bowser and Luke Rewerts led the Rebels with eight points apiece, Daniel Kieser added seven and Joey Harmon scored six.

On Dec. 17, Stark County won 57-41 at North Fulton, thanks in part to six third-quarter points each from Bowser and Rewerts. They helped turn a 24-22 halftime deficit into a 43-28 lead. Bowser finished with 15 points, Kieser with 14 and Rewerts with nine, all in the second half.

The Rebels' game Dec. 15 at DePue was not played because of a lack of floor officials, according to Browning. As of earlier this week, it had not been rescheduled. Stark County was scheduled to play Wednesday night at Midland.

Next week, Stark County is in the Warkins Memorial Classic, a pool-play event at Erie and Prophetstown. The Rebels have two games Dec. 27 at Prophetstown – at 10 a.m. vs. Port Byron Riverdale and at 1 p.m. vs. Fulton. Pairings for Dec. 29 and 30 at Erie are to be determined.

Stark County also is scheduled to play Jan. 3 at home against Princeville.

The Rebels JV team is 8-2 and won the Galva tournament earlier this month. It also was runner-up at Wethersfield Thanksgiving week.

• **Galva boys** – Galva (0-11) lost Tuesday at home to Bureau Valley, 71-56, despite

14 points from Blake Stahl, 13 from John Gravitt and 12 from Jaxson Willer.

The Wildcats open their Princeville Holiday Tournament play at 6:30 p.m. Monday against top-seeded Midland. If they win, they are to play at 8 p.m. Dec. 27. If they lose, they are to play at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 27. In either case, the opponent will be either Peoria Heights or Princeville. The tourney ends Dec. 28.

Galva opens the new year with games on back-to-back nights – Jan. 3 at Wethersfield and Jan. 4 at LaMoille.

• **Galva girls** – Galva (8-5) dropped a pair to Peoria Heights and Kewanee last week while battling sickness.

“Hopefully we can get healthy again for the Princeville tournament,” Coach Daniel Russell said.

Galva's Princeville schedule is as follows: Dec 26 vs. Elmwood at 10:30 a.m. and vs. Tremont at 4:30 p.m.; Dec. 27 vs. Bushnell-Prairie City at 10:30 a.m. and Princeville at 6 p.m.; Dec. 28 vs. Midland at 9 a.m. Galva is at Ridgewood Jan. 2.

• **Stark County girls** – The Lady Rebels (3-8) lost to Lewistown at home on Monday, 62-32, after trailing 36-16 at halftime.

Kylee Frisby led with 10 points, Payten Hillier had 9, Paige Rewerts scored 5 and Morgan Brooks and Lindley Johnston tallied 4 apiece.

“We are getting better,” Coach Bob Bohm said. “Frisby is averaging a double-double, Hillier and Lauren West continue to get better. Rewerts is doing well running the show and Johnston is starting to get her basketball legs.”

The Lady Rebels play next at Monticello: Dec. 26 vs. Monticello at 10 a.m. and Clinton at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 27 vs. Colfax Ridgeview at 3:30 p.m. and Dec. 28 based on pool play. Then SC is back home Jan. 2 for a Lincoln Trail Conference meeting with Wethersfield.



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