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New chief Tiller calls for trust to reduce Wyoming crime

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**
For The Prairie News
WYOMING – The City of Wyoming recently hired Jim "Randy" Tiller, 58, as police chief. Tiller replaces Mark James, who resigned due to health reasons. Law enforcement has been a large part of Tiller's life and career, starting with a 1983-90 stint in the United States Army. Tiller was a military policeman stationed at various locations from Hawaii to Georgia

to Alabama. After his Army service, Tiller spent 25 years with the Hillsborough County, Fla., Sheriff's Office – 10 years as a deputy sheriff and 15 years as a detective. Prior to returning to Wyoming, Tiller was also head of security for a hospital and worked for a short time



Tiller

for a funeral home before his deputy sheriff days. "In Wyoming I think the biggest trouble we face right now is drugs and drug-related crimes," Tiller said. "I think that it is going to take a little more trust and integration of communication between the citizens and law enforcement to reduce this crime." Tiller says the more that this happens the harder we make it for "those folks" to get their drugs. He said it also scares

drug dealers to not bring drugs into the county. "I actually consider myself 'approachable', so if you see me sitting around Wyoming, I'm probably not running radar as much as I am monitoring traffic. People are welcome to stop and say 'Hi'", Tiller said. A graduate of Wyoming High School, Tiller grew up in Wyoming with his parents Eleanor "Peaches" and James Tiller and his sister Debbie, who currently lives in Florida.

Tiller's father passed away 14 years ago and his mother resides at the Toulon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. Tiller is father to four grown children, Kenneth, Janelle, also Kenneth (adopted) and Mikayla. "I look forward to getting to know the town better and the citizens of Stark County as they pass through Wyoming," Tiller said. "I want to use my training to support the Sheriff's Office here and make my community better."

WILDCAT HALL OF FAME

Galva athletes recognized for achievements

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**
For The Prairie News
GALVA – Galva honored a new group of athletes Friday at the 20th annual induction ceremony for the Galva Wildcat Athletic Wall of Fame. Individual honorees included 2019 graduate Caelin Foley, 2022 graduate Warren Green and Emma Corkill from the class of 2014. Also inducted was the 2014 Galva-Williamsfield co-op softball team. In cross country, **Caelin Foley** was a 2018 all-state medalist, a two-time Lincoln Trail Conference individual champion, a three-time all-LTC selection, the Galva record holder with a time of 15.31, 2018 Quad Cities Dispatch/Argus runner of the year, a three-time Dispatch/Argus all star, a 2018 Peoria Journal Star all-star and a two-time MVP. During his track career, Foley set a
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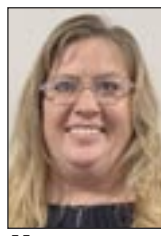
Pictured are individual inductees to the Galva Wildcat Athletic Wall of Fame (left to right) Caelin Foley, Bob and Madeline Green (representing their son Warren Green) and Emma Corkill.



Pictured are members of the 2014 Galva-Williamsfield softball team inducted to the Galva Wildcat Athletic Wall of Fame. Pictured are, Front row (left to right): Grace Clucas, Emma Corkill, Melanie Edmonds, Amy Johnson and Kaci Gibbs; Back row (l to r): Coach Steve Osborne, Payton Weston, Rachel VanDeVelde and Assistant Coach Gary Edmonds.

Mersman honored by Galva chamber

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**
For The Prairie News
GALVA – Michelle Mersman was honored as Galva Citizen of the Year Saturday night at a meeting of the Galva Chamber of Commerce. Mersman was nominated by Crystal West, nurse for the Galva schools and Kurtis Smyth, Galva Junior-Senior High School principal. Smyth also read a letter about Mersman's qualifications. A Galva graduate, Mersman has lived in Galva her whole life and has been a PE teacher, cheerleading coach, JV volleyball coach and yearbook sponsor. She is also the owner of Mersman Memories and attends many sporting events, capturing many photos of teams and individuals. She is married to Rob Mersman and is the daughter of Duane and Elaine Warner all of Galva. Treasurer Adam Jaquet said the chamber welcomed two new businesses in 2022: Oscar's Body Shop and Katie Spivey at Country Companies Insurance. Chamber projects for 2022 were: welcome baskets to new residents, running a business spotlight ad in The Prairie News, the Easter egg hunt, dinner in the park and the Ole Fashioned Christmas.



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GALVA: 2014 softball team won first regional

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 school record in the 3,200 (9:39.14) and finished second in the 3,200 at state in 2019. He is also the 1,600 school record holder and placed 8th at state in 2019. Foley was a two-time sectional champion, a four-time LTC 3,200 champion

and a two-time LTC 1,600 champion.

Warren Green was a four-year letterwinner and a three-time state qualifier in track and field. He was 2002 sectional champion in the high hurdles and a three-time LTC high-hurdle champion, the 2002 LTC long-jump champion and the 2002 LTC high-jump champion.

In basketball, Green was a three-year letterwinner who scored 917 points in his career, was co-MVP in 2002 and a Pizza Hut all-star his senior year.

His .605 two-point field goal percentage in 2001-02 ranks second in school history. He helped lead Galva to the LTC championship in 2000-01 and to a regional title in 2001-02.

Green also lettered four years in baseball.

Emma Corkill was a four-year letterwinner in softball and captain for two years. She won 20 games as a pitcher and batted .310 for her career.

As a senior, Corkill was

Wall of Fame needs board members

Five of the nine Galva Wall of Fame committee members are retiring from the board. Those members are Bob Thuline, Jerry Smith, Bob Palmer, Keith Luymes and Bill Owens.

Those remaining on the board are Samantha Hainline, Jeff Olson, Lowell Thuline and Rich Volkert.

If anyone would be interested on being on the board, please contact a remaining member.

third-team all-state, and a LTC first-team all-conference pick after pitching Galva to its first regional championship. She pitched all 14 innings in a 3-2 sectional loss.

Corkill was selected to the America's Team, a USA team that played in the Dominican Republic, and went on to earn four letters at Loras College. In her junior year at Loras she led Division III in least walks allowed.

She graduated in 2018 with a degree in athletic training and kinesiology.

The **2014 Galva-Williamsfield co-op softball team** inducted Friday included: Grace Clucas, Emma Corkill, Melanie Edmonds, Amy Johnson

and Kaci Gibbs, Coach Steve Osborne, Payton Weston, Rachel VanDeVelde and Assistant Coach Gary Edmonds.

Absent from the ceremony were Elyssa Sophiars, Makayla Wood, Megan Mansker, Alli Hagerty, Katie Larson, Kim Larson, Casside Groper, Andrianna Rosenthal, Alyssa Quick, Emily Howard, Amber Williams, Payton Suddeth, Emily Furlong, Madison Stewart, Lindsey Meyer, Genisio Poppelt and Hope Swan.

The team finished the season 17-11 and won the first regional softball title in school history by defeating Abingdon-Avon, 5-4.

That regional title started a string of three regional titles over a four-year period.

After the first regional win, G-W lost 3-2 in the sectional to Serena in 13 innings

Wood was named second team all-state by the Illinois Softball Coaches Association.



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1-14 - Rosalie J. Bohannon - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
1-11 - Cody J. Addicks - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
1-23 - Mina E. Granado - Operating an uninsured vehicle.
1-14 - Carlos Fernando Baltazor Aguirre - Speeding 26-34 mph over the limit.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

1-5 - A two-vehicle accident occurred on 1100N near the intersection of 1100E. Drivers involved were Foster Andrews, 72, of Warrenton, Ga., and Donna R. Weir, 61, of Castleton. No injuries were reported and no tickets were issued.
1-19 - A two-vehicle accident occurred at the intersection of Route 40 and Route 93. Drivers involved were Timothy A. Lance Jr., 22, Peoria, and Tanya S. Cade, 48, Bradford. Tickets were issued to Lance for disobeying a stop sign, no proof of vehicle insurance and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Cade was cited for no proof of insurance and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.
1-16 - A stolen vehicle from Lombardville was reported found after being recovered in Kewanee.
Galva Report
Officer dispatched:
1-16 - Officer was flagged down in the 400 block of NE 6th Ave. in reference to a harassment issue.
1-16 - to the 400 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a loud-music complaint.
1-17 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of S. Center Ave., Skye Greene, 33, Cambridge, was arrested for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. She was released with a required court date.

1-20 - to assist Stark County Medic gain entry into a house on SE 6th Ave. for a medical emergency.
1-21 - to the 900 block of N. Center Ave. to assist a citizen.
1-21 - along with the fire department, to investigate the odor of natural gas in the 100 block of Exchange St. The leak was located and Ameren shut the gas it off.
1-21 - to the 600 block of SE 2nd St. for a complaint involving three dead squirrels in the road. They were removed.
1-21 - to assist Henry County with a complaint on Route 34 several miles east of town involving subjects shooting AR-15 style weapons late at night in their yard.
1-22 - to the railroad tracks near Trolley Road to locate a subject who had been involved in a domestic dispute and was now lost and cold. Officer found the subject. This was handled by Stark County Medic.
1-16 - Keagan Trout, 19, Marion, Ind., issued a citation for speeding in the 900 block of N. Center Ave.
Property Transfers
1-17 - John R. & Mary L. Herrmann to Jason and Shaunna Bowen - Pt 26-14-7 NE - 305 2nd St., Bradford - Consideration = \$79,000.
1-17 - Shane E. and Shawn J. Sturtewagen Ind. Co-Execs to Gary Forlines Und 1/2 Int, Noah J. Forlines Und 1/2 Int, Tina H. Forlines Und 1/2 Int, and Virginia Forlines Und 1/2 - Pt 5-12-5 NW - Consideration = \$828,990.
1-17 - Jay Emery Johnson Ind. Exec to Gary Forlines Und 1/2 Int, Noah J. Forlines Und 1/2 Int, Tina H.

Forlines Und 1/2 Int, and Virginia Forlines Und 1/2 Int - Pt 5-12-5 NW - Consideration = \$414,495.
1-17 - Jay Emery Johnson to Gary Forlines Und 1/2 Int, Noah J. Forlines Und 1/2 Int, Tina H. Forlines Und 1/2 Int, and Virginia Forlines Und 1/2 Int - Und 1/4 Int Pt 5-12-5 NW - Consideration = \$414,495.
1-18 - Jeffrey Lee Johnson, Dec'd By Ind Exec to Chad R. and Jessica B. Horsley - Pts 5-12-5 SE & NE - 5514 Twp Rd 150 E, LaFayette - Consideration = \$317,739.
1-18 - Annabelle Sturtewagen Dec'd By Ind Co-Exec to Brendan and Misty Endress - Pt 5-12-5 NW - 5625 Twp Rd 150 E, LaFayette - Consideration = \$35,000.
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1-18 - Jeffrey Lee Johnson Dec'd By Ind Exec to Jay Emery Johnson - Und 1/4 Int Pt 29-13-5 NW - Consideration = \$372,451.
1-19 - Alicia M. & James D. Dereu to Lucas and Michaela J. Dereu - Pt 3-14-6 SW - Consideration = \$0.
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GUEST VOICES

District celebrates consolidation committee

To the Editor:

As we continue to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Stark County CUSD #100, we look back to celebrate those who led the charge in what would result in a consolidation of the Wyoming and Toulon-LaFayette School districts, creating Stark County CUSD #100.

Just over 32 years ago, "The Committee of 10" was created to explore the possibility of creating a consolidation with surrounding school districts. Initial discussions were between Wyoming and Princeville School Districts. When this did not come to fruition, the Committee of 10 channeled their energy into discussions with Wyoming and Toulon-Lafayette School Districts, with intentions of filing petitions for the March 25, 1992, election.

The Committee of 10 was made of representatives from both school districts including: Committee Treasurer, Ron Shambaugh; Wyoming District: Chuck Terwilliger (chairman), Barney Vilatte, Sharon Vilatte, Sandra Clark (secretary) and Jack McGinnis; Toulon-LaFayette was represented by Wayne Winans, Bruce Dutton (vice-chairman), Chris McMillen and Perry Muckey.

This incredible group of leaders guided our community through great adversity, division and turmoil in pursuit of a greater sustainable educational opportunity for our students and community. Behind the scenes they spent endless hours, listened to all concerns, worked with leadership throughout the community and filtered through the negative energy that comes with such great change.

Today, we have a thriving school district that has become the pride and excellence of Stark County. In recognition of their efforts, the Committee of 10 has been invited for a special recognition and celebration on Feb. 10 at halftime of the Rebels boys varsity basketball game. The committee will be provided a tour of the new Stark County High School and renovated Junior High. A hospitality room will be provided and the committee members and/or their family representatives will be honored in front of the home crowd.

As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of Stark County CUSD #100, we want to remember and honor those who forged the path toward excellence to what is now the pride and excellence of Stark County.

On behalf of the Stark County Board of Education, administration, students and staff, we thank you!

- Brett Elliott,
Superintendent, Stark CUSD #100

What is the Bradford village board up to?

To the Editor:

I am writing this in response to the Dec. 16, 2022, lead article in The Prairie News. According to the article, the Bradford Village Board has issues with the Bradford Betterment Committee. My first thought was, "What in the world is our village board up to now?"

How can the governing board of a small town have issues with a few hardworking citizens who have enhanced the lives of this community in numerous ways? And to think, the village board involved their attorney to try to get the BBC to stop doing these great activities that cost the village no time, effort or money.

Who does something like that? The negative actions of the village board impact every person living in our community.

The BBC has kept our Main Street and parks decorated for each season. They have weeded and helped maintain both village parks. They provided the community with Family Fun Day, Family Movie Nights, Music in the Park and Saturday Market Day. They not only planned and provided these events, but also cleaned up the park and took care of the waste when the events were over.

Elsie Hodges Park is the lovely focal point and treasure of our town (more than 3,500 cars pass by on a daily basis at our 4 way-stop according to the Illinois Department of Transportation). The park is a gem the BBC has improved through decorations and used for community events. This park has served a wonderful place for family reunions, birthday parties, church socials, scouting events, American Legion events, Old Fashioned Christmas and Labor Day activities, to name a few.

Did the village board require insurance or clean-up for those events like they are demanding of the BBC? I sincerely doubt it.

Recently I discovered the BBC is sponsoring Bingo Night for adult members of our community.

We should celebrate the fact that we have a group of hard workers who have dedicated their time and effort to make Bradford a special place to live. I personally have made several donations toward the efforts of the BBC and I know of no assumption made toward it as being tax-deductible.

What in the world is motivating the Bradford Village Board on this issue? Thank you.

- Letitia Leeper, Bradford
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By CAROL TOWNSEND
For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva City Council on Monday heard a pitch from a consultant who said his company can help revitalize the downtown and connect businesses with needed resources.

Cole McDaniel, co-founder of Hometown Consulting, said the company’s goal is to enhance economic development in rural communities. McDaniel said that for the size of Galva, “You are very fortunate to have a city administrator.”

McDaniel passed out a pamphlet to council members and will attend the February meeting with a contract if the council wants to pursue an agreement.

The council also heard a presentation from resident Matt Marchand, who is implementing Blue Star homes in Galva. The council unanimously approved for Galva to become a Blue Star home community. Applications will be on the city website and, after completed, a background check will be done on each applicant.

The council discussed the city fence ordinance and plans to make changes at the February meeting. The council discussed having no fences in front yards and only having side yards and backyards fenced.

Permits are needed for any fence construction.

A report from Police Chief Kraig Townsend was read noting there is an ordinance that all dogs and cats in Galva must have a city tag. The tags are available at City Hall or at Stevens Veterinary Clinic for \$2.

Supervisor Richard Plummer reported no vehicles can park in front of the new garbage cans or recycling cans on trash days since the new trucks have arms that pick up the cans.

Superintendent Greg Thompson reported the city has a used sewer jetter and a Vactor trailer for sale. If interested, contact Thompson.

Third ward alderman Dougie Anderson said some residents are putting basketball hoops in the streets for kids to use. He said the hoops need to be on private property and not near or on the roadway.

Residents are reminded to respect vehicles with blue lights, as they indicate firemen or emergency personnel are going to answer a call.

City Administrator David Dyer reported Galva is ahead of last year’s revenue at this time by \$14,316.



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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Check us out on Facebook @ Toulon United Methodist Church

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Location: 105 N. 7th St., Wyoming, IL 61491
Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.
Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491
email: info@thegathering.life
web: <https://www.thegathering.life/>
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1st Congregational Church of Toulon

218 N. Henderson St., Toulon
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Email fcctoulon@gmail.com
website: firstcongregationaltoulon.org

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Pastor Ross Wyman
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(309) 695-4091
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
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Toulon First Baptist Church

110 W. Jefferson St. Toulon
(309) 286-4611
Sunday School 9 a.m. • Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday Youth Group 5-7 p.m.
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Contact: messiahlutherangalva@gmail.com
1-309-932-3346
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Galva First United Methodist Church

Rev. Rebecca Gearhart
214 NW 2nd Ave., Galva, IL 61434
(309) 932-2460
preachinghope@gmail.com
galvafirst@gmail.com
Sunday Worship: 9:00

Wyoming United Methodist Church

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OBITUARIES

Betty E. Bayer

WYOMING – Betty E. Bayer, 93, of Wyoming, passed away at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, at Liberty Village of Princeton. Betty was born on July 1, 1929, in Kewanee to Laurence and Evelyn (Mahaffey) Marsh. She married James Bayer on Jan. 10, 1953, at the First Baptist Church in Kewanee. He preceded her in death on May 23, 2020.



Bayer

Surviving is one daughter, Linda Hall of Kewanee; five grandchildren, Sarah (Robin Berg) Bayer, James (Hope) Bayer, Diana (Dan) DeSmit, Laura Hall and Pamela (Adam) Seif; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Angelia Board; one great-grandson, Levi Berg; three brothers, Glen, John "Jack" and Jerry Marsh; and one son-in-law, Gregg Hall.

Betty helped her husband James run Bayer Electric. She was a member of the Wyoming United Methodist Church and was a former member for the Stark County Home Extension. She loved her family and was well known for baking excellent pies.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2023, at Haskell Funeral & Cremations Services in Wyoming. Rev. Rebecca Klemm will officiate. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service also at the funeral home. Burial will be in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Wyoming.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stark County Food Pantry. Condolences may be left for Betty's family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Michael M. Winn

TOULON – Michael M. Winn, 70, of Toulon, passed away at 11:12 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria after an extended illness. Michael was born on March 23, 1952, in Rockford to William and Lorraine (Mona) Winn.



Winn

Surviving are his sister-in-law, Colleen Kimberly Winn of Kewanee; nephew, Marcus Winn; niece, Chelsea Winn; close lifelong friends, Marlene Peed of Kewanee and Charlene Horner of Elmira.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Mitch Winn.

Michael and his family lived in

many places, including California, Oregon, and Texas, as well as several different Illinois locations. Most of his adult life however, was spent in Toulon.

He graduated from Toulon High School in 1970 and attended Black Hawk College East.

Michael served in the United States Army. He was a member of the Toulon United Methodist Church and the Stark County Genealogical Society. He loved local history, genealogy and could recall names, dates, and numbers off the top of his head.

Michael enjoyed dining with friends and family, attending community gatherings and spending time at the Toulon Library.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, 2023, at the Toulon United Methodist Church. Rev. Leon Pomeroy will officiate. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Elmira Cemetery. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stark County Genealogical Society, Fresenius Kidney Care in Kewanee, or Toulon United Methodist Church. Condolences may be left for Michael's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

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CITY OF TOULON
NOTICE OF CITY'S ACCEPTANCE OF
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Notice is hereby given that the City Council for the City of Toulon, Stark County, Illinois, has authorized by ordinance the sale of the City-owned property described below by the public sealed bidding process.

The City-owned parcels are described as follows:
Zoning Classification: Residential
Use: Undeveloped, vacant land Lot Size: 85 feet x 150 feet
Legal Description: Lot One (1) and Twenty-one (21) feet of even width off the East side of Lot Two (2), Block Thirty-one (31) of HENDERSON AND WHITHAKER'S ADDITION to the Town (now City of Toulon).
Common address: East Jefferson St.
Tax I.D. No.: 04-19-342-012

Each parcel of property is vacant and unoccupied and open for public inspection. Each parcel of property being sold in its "as is" condition, and the City makes no warranties regarding the condition of the property. The property will be transferred by quit claim deed at closing to the selected bidder. The minimum bid the City will accept is \$500.00. The winning bidder will be required to pay an additional \$250 for closing costs unless waived by the City, which payment is over and above the accepted bid price. The winning bidder, at the winning bidder's cost, may also obtain a title commitment prior to closing.

All bids must be submitted to the City Clerk for the City of Toulon before 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023, in the manner provided below at the following address:

Barb Cantwell, City Clerk
Attn: Sealed Bid for Parcel # 04-19-342-012
122 N. Franklin St.
P.O. Box 597
Toulon, Illinois 61483

Bids may be hand-delivered or mailed to the City Clerk, but must be received by the City Clerk before 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023. The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids received for this property sale. Any questions can be directed to City Clerk Barb Cantwell by email at tncityclerk@gmail.com.
Dated this 9th day of January, 2023.

Barb Cantwell, City Clerk
City of Toulon, Illinois

The Prairie News Sports

Galva boys enjoy first victory

By NICK VLAHOS and JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

The Galva boys basketball team no longer has a goose egg.

On Jan. 18, the Wildcats won for the first time, 65-59 at Lowpoint-Washburn. The non-conference victory came after Galva lost its first 20 games and finished 1-28 last season.

“We went in the locker room afterward and you would have thought the kids won the Super Bowl,” first-year Galva Coach Jake McClintic said. “It’s just a weight off our shoulders. You get your first win of the season and get the kids actually believing they can do it now. It makes me happy to see them succeed.”

Blake Stahl had a team-high 24 points and 13 rebounds for Galva, which trailed 33-24 at halftime. Some reminders from McClintic at intermission helped the Wildcats prevent a repeat of the previous 21 games.

“We had a game plan going in to keep the game at our pace and not get into their run-and-gun,” McClintic said. “We calmed them back down and said we have to play our game. They moved the ball well, no stupid passes, kept our turnovers to a minimum and they got their layups and their open shots.”

Galva returned home Jan. 20 to play Abingdon-Avon,

which won 70-54 despite 20 points from J.P. Sloan and 15 from Stahl. A home game Tuesday saw a 58-23 loss to Annawan that made Galva 0-7 in the Lincoln Trail Conference.

Galva began LTC tournament play Thursday in Knoxville against top-seeded Mercer County. The 12th-seeded Wildcats are to play at 6 tonight (Jan. 27) against eighth-seeded A-Town. Those three teams are in Pool A.

Stark County was seeded second and is with No. 7 Wethersfield and No. 11 West Central in Pool B. Stark County played Thursday against West Central and is to play at 3:30 p.m. Saturday against Wethersfield.

The winners of Pools B and C are to meet at 6 p.m. Jan. 31. Winners of Pools A and D are to face off at 7:30 p.m. Winners of those games are to play at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 4 for the championship, with the third-place game set for 3 p.m.

Other pool-place faceoffs are Feb. 3. Eleventh-through-fifth-place games are Feb. 4 before the third-

place and title games.

In a regular-season LTC game Tuesday, Stark County (12-9, 6-1) beat host Ridgewood 52-35. Daniel Kieser had 17 points and Luke Rewerts scored 12 for the Rebels, who led by 34 after three quarters. The fourth quarter began with a running clock.

Rewerts had 27 points Jan. 20, including nine in the first quarter as Stark County blitzed visiting ROWVA-Williamsfield from the beginning in a 66-47 victory. Matthew Bowser had 12 points, all on 3-pointers as Stark County made 10 overall.

“We shared and shot the ball extremely well,” Stark County Coach Dusty Browning stated.

Galva girls – Galva topped Stark County Jan. 19 in the LTC tournament, 47-16, and beat United Saturday for ninth place, 41-31.

Stark County girls – The Lady Rebels lost 47-16 to Galva on Jan. 19 and 61-32 to Ridgewood in the 11th-place game on Jan. 21.

Stark County is at Henry Saturday at 11 a.m.

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