

WJDK 95.7 Quarterly Issues

April – June 2014

1. April 17th WJDK had interviewed Grundy County EMA Director Jim Lutz who announced he was retiring at the end of April after more than 30 years on the job. We also let our listeners know how the process worked to replace Lutz, and on May 13th Deputy Director Joe Schroder was appointed to full time EMA Director. We interviewed Schroder about the new position and his goals.
2. April 18th WJDK had interviewed President and CEO of Morris Hospital Mark Steadham , Grundy County Board Chairman Ron Severson, and Morris Mayor Dick Kopczizk in regards to the one year anniversary of the flood that had struck Grundy County.
3. May 8th WJDK reported that 36 year old Francisco Xolio of Morris pled guilty two counts of criminal sexual abuse and was sentenced to 12 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Xolio had sexually assaulted a Morris woman one year earlier. We had Grundy County States Attorney Jason Helland thoughts about the punishment handed down.
4. May 17 WJDK interviewed Diamond Mayor Terry Kernc in regards to the 6th month anniversary of the tornado that struck her village and parts of Coal City. She provided an update on the recovery process and what lies ahead.
5. May 20th WJDK was informed that Marine Lance Corporal Steven Hancock from Coal City went missing after he fell from Osprey Aircraft that was conducting a live training session in rural North Carolina. One day later his body was found as he was pronounced dead. The rest of the week, WJDK had complete coverage from Hancock returning back home to Grundy County.
6. June 3rd WJDK informed the public that the Grundy County Sheriff's Department arrested a Michigan man wanted for attempted murder and other charges. Grundy County Sheriff Kevin Callahan said Joshua Webster from Sturgis Michigan was pulled over a by deputy who thought Webster's vehicle was suspicious. After running the license plate, Webster was in possession of a stolen vehicle and was wanted on attempted murder charges in Michigan after stabbing someone three days earlier.
7. June 7th and 8th WJDK had complete coverage from the 2014 Gus Macker 3 on 3 basketball tournament. We had two live reports from the scene on June 7th, and interviewed Julie Applegate before and after the event.
8. June 10th WJDK informed the public that Grundy County Board members had a made a switch in their health insurance broker from Northern Insurance Group in

Morris to Williams Manny in Rockford. We ran several stories over a five month period updating the progression of the story.

9. June 15th WJDK informed the public of a shooting that occurred in Dwight where two females were shot and killed and another person who was injured. We attended a news conference in Dwight and provided updates throughout the week of June 16th.

10. June 15th and 16th WJDK received two press releases from Grundy County Coroner John Callahan stating that a Mokena man was killed in a motorcycle accident on Friday June 14th, and about a 3 year old child who died of drowning after accidentally falling into a pool without arm floats. WJDK interviewed Callahan regarding the tragic death of the young child.