

WCSJ-FM Issues and Program Report Quarter Three, 2023

Most stories first aired at 6am, unless otherwise noted.

Two Indicted After Shooting – A variety of charges were filed against Maxwell Williams, 18, of Minooka and Erin Krotz-Czerwinski, 21, of Joliet for their role in an alleged shooting that occurred on Sand Ridge Road in Minooka on July 8th. The Grundy County Sheriff's Office said they were called to the 5500 block of Sand Ridge Road for an underage drinking party on July 8th. The Grundy County State's Attorney's Office said the victim in this case, a female in her 30's, was shot in the face by Williams. Prosecutors say Williams' girlfriend, Krotz-Czerwinski, approached the female shooting victim and her car on Sand Ridge Road for an alleged driving complaint. The victim and Williams' girlfriend then got into an altercation. Prosecutors say Williams then came from the house, went towards the car and inserted himself into the altercation. Williams then allegedly shot the female victim in the face area. Both individuals have pleaded not guilty. **Air dates:** 7/10 – 7/11, 8/21- 8/22

Family of Four Killed in DUI-Related Crash – The Illinois State Police arrested a man for his role in allegedly killing two individuals in a three-vehicle crash that occurred on Interstate 55 near Wilmington on Tuesday, June 27th. Police officials say a black Ford driven by Michael Trinka was traveling northbound in the southbound lanes of Interstate 55 when it collided head-on with a southbound GMC Yukon. The GMC Yukon was then hit by a semi-truck. Police officials say 35-year-old Ronald Dube and 34-year-old Kelly Quinlan-Dube along with three juveniles were in the GMC Yukon. The Will County Coroner's Office said Ronald Dube and Kelly Quinlan-Dube, both of Emington, were pronounced dead at the scene around 2:50 a.m. on June 28th. The Illinois State Police said the three juveniles along Trinka were transported to an area hospital by Wilmington EMS members with non-life-threatening injuries. Interstate 55 was closed for several hours to allow for cleanup and reconstruction. Trinka was charged with several felonies in Will County and remains incarcerated. **Air Dates:** 7/13 -7/14

Coroner's Office Releases Info on Death – More details were released regarding the death of a Manhattan man in Grundy County. A fisherman discovered a body, later identified as 47-year-old Anthony Fehrenbacher, in the water at the Ceco Club near Coal City on June 10th, 2023. Fehrenbacher was reported missing from Manhattan on May 26th, 2023. As firefighters and police personnel removed Fehrenbacher from the water, they observed an apparatus attached to him which allowed him to sink to the bottom of the lake. A forensic examination was conducted on June 11th, 2023, results revealed Fehrenbacher died from drowning. The forensic exam revealed no signs of trauma and toxicology showed therapeutic levels of prescribed medication. After a thorough investigation and examination of evidence collected and multiple interviews, Grundy County Detectives found no evidence to lead them to any other conclusion other than Fehrenbacher took his own life. **Air dates:** 7/13 – 7/14

Natural Gas Leak Forces Several To Evacuate - A natural gas leak forced several evacuations in the downtown Mazon area around 8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16th. Over 10 fire agencies and Nicor responded to the natural gas leak on Park Street which lasted more than two hours. Nicor eventually addressed the issue on Park Street and residents were able to return back to their dwellings shortly before 11 p.m. Mazon. It is unclear what caused the gas leak and no injuries were reported. **Air dates:** 8/17

Grundy Co. Board Votes No on Major Solar Farm Project – A vote was taken by the Grundy County Board on the controversial proposed 960-acre solar farm project on September 12th. RWE Renewables Development was requesting a special use petition to operate the solar farm in Norman Township. The project was tabled at the Grundy County Board meetings in July and August due to the lack of information and answers the board had. The project was recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals and Land Use Committee in the past month. Developers of the project say the solar farm will create 275 construction jobs, power 25,000 homes and is two miles east of the Seneca city limits and five miles southwest of the Morris city limits. After two and half hours of discussion, the board voted no on the special use. 10 board members voted yes and six voted no. WCSJ aired thoughts from several board members. **Air dates:** 7/12, 8/9, 9/13

\$2 Million Winning Lottery Ticket Sold in Morris – A 66-year-old Illinois man is \$2 million richer after winning on a scratch off lottery ticket in Morris. The Illinois Lottery said the man who wishes to remain anonymous, won on the [100X Payout](#) Instant Ticket. The winning ticket was purchased at Pilot Travel Center, located at 3801 N. Division St. in Morris. Lottery officials say the couple stopped at the gas station for gas and decided on the pink scratch-off ticket. After realizing his incredible luck, the happy winner decided it was time to pursue his dreams after 40 years of working, and told his boss that he's retiring. **Air dates:** 9/20

Officer Involved Shooting in Morris – An officer involved shooting occurred at apartment complex parking lot in the 1800 block of Anne Lane in Morris around 11 a.m. on Friday, September 29th. Morris Police Chief Alicia Steffes was interviewed by WCSJ and she gave details about what happened along with other aspects of the story. **Air dates:** 9/29 – 9/30

Also provided important information about state legislation, arrest reports, municipal meetings, and public safety/health reminders throughout the quarter.

