

## WJDK-FM Issues and Program Report Quarter Three, 2020

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

**Two Positive Covid-19 Cases at Morris High School** – A Morris High School Volleyball player tested positive for Covid-19 on July 16<sup>th</sup> and a Morris High School Football player one week later. Both programs were immediately suspended as the students had to quarantine for two weeks. **Air dates:** 7/16-7/17, 7/23

**LSC Communications Closing in Dwight** – Around 400 employees will be impacted by the future closing of the LSC Communications manufacturing plant in Dwight. Dwight Village Administrator Kevin McNamara told WJDK that they were notified about the closing on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. McNamara said the plant will close in January of 2021. **Air Dates:** 7/30-7/31

**Procter and Gamble Coming to Morris** – Several taxing bodies approved a tax abatement agreement that will allow Procter and Gamble to come to Morris on Route 47. Nancy Norton with the GEDC said 300 new jobs would be created with the project. Construction of the new facility would begin in November of this year and be completed by July of 2022. WJDK interviewed several people about the project. **Air dates:** 8/6-/87, 8/17-/818, 9/1

**Exelon Dresden Nuclear Station in Morris Closing** – Exelon officials announced that the Dresden and Byron Nuclear Power Stations are set to close in 2021. Coal City School District Superintendent Kent Bugg said the Dresden Station currently supports 804 direct jobs and 865 indirect jobs. Dresden Station pays about \$23 million annually in property taxes to fund seven different taxing districts. WJDK interviewed several people about the impact this news would have on the area. **Air dates:** 8/27-8/29, 8/31-9/1

**Morris Arson Fire** –The Morris Police Department said 43-year-old Timothy Cheskie is accused of setting a fire to ProTack LLC, a business in the 1300 block of East Street in Morris. Morris Fire Chief Tracey Steffes said no injuries were reported and the total amount of damages to the building was more than \$1 million. **Air dates:** 9/14-/9/16

**Grundy County Murder Trial Recap** – A Joliet man was convicted of Second Degree Murder in a seven day jury trial. Kasim Baker stabbed Daniel Smiley, 65, of Morris 36 times with a kitchen knife at an apartment complex at 815 Twilight Drive in Morris on March 8th of 2019. WJDK covered every day of the trial and interviewed Grundy County State's Attorney Jason Helland and family members after the trial. **Air dates:** 7/24, 9/14, 9/16-9/19, 9/21-9/26

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