

WJDK-FM Issues and Program Report Quarter Four, 2021

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

Morris Hires First Community Development Director – The city of Morris is looking to start up its own Business and Community Development Department. Morris Mayor Chris Brown said the council approved the start of creating a Community Development Department and Director at a meeting in October. He said more than 27 people applied for the job and Julie Wilkinson was hired on December 7th. Wilkinson, who is from Morris, will begin on January 3rd. WJDK interviewed Wilkinson after she was hired. **Air dates:** 10/05-10/6, 11/1-11/2, 12/7-12/8

Grundy County Sheriff's Deputy Shot – More than 200 law enforcement officers responded to a shooting in Mazon on October 6th. Grundy County Sheriff Ken Briley told WJDK Tyler Post was shot by Demarkus Denwiddie, 18, of Joliet three times after a pursuit. Post was transported to Morris Hospital and has recovered from his injuries. Denwiddie has been charged with Attempted Murder and several others as he remains in custody. WJDK interviewed Briley during a press conference after the shooting. **Air dates:** 10/7-10/10, 10/13-10/14, 10/20-10/21

Man Arrested After Shooting in Morris – One person was arrested after a pursuit and shooting that occurred in Morris on Saturday, November 20th. The Grundy County Sheriff's Office tried to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Martin Craig, 33, of Joliet south of Morris. The pursuit was terminated south of the Illinois River Bridge and Craig then struck another vehicle in the area of Route 47 and Green Acres Drive. After the accident, Craig fled the scene on foot and ran behind the Super 8 Motel. The Morris Police Department Craig then discharged his firearm once into the ground. Craig then fled inside of R.P. Home and Harvest and after a brief standoff, he was taken into custody. No one was injured during the R.P. standoff and one person was transported to Morris Hospital from the accident. Craig remains in the Grundy County Jail. **Air dates:** 11/22-11/23

Teenager Sentenced For Threatening To Bomb Grundy Co. Courthouse – Ty Willis, 19, of Channahon was sentenced to three years in prison for disorderly conduct and resentenced to four years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for violating his probation in another case. Willis was arrested by the Grundy County Sheriff's Office for threatening to bomb the Grundy County Courthouse on July 19th of this year. Prosecutors say Willis sent text messages to an acquaintance saying that he had plans to blow up the Grundy County Courthouse with a bomb he had already constructed. Investigators conducted interviews and through their investigation determined Willis had not constructed a bomb. Police officials say there was never a threat to the community. **Air dates:** 12/27

Operation St. Nick Shatters Record – A record breaking amount of money was raised during the 39th annual Operation St. Nick Radio auction on December 12th. St. Nick President Joe Schmitz said more than \$160,000 was raised during the auction and the proceeds help the less fortunate in Grundy County. The previous record of \$152,000 was set back in 2018. The auction has surpassed the \$100,000 mark 13 out of past 14 years. The four hour auction was broadcast on 103.1 WCSJ. **Air dates:** 12/11-12/14

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