

## **WCSJ 1550 AM Quarterly Issues**

**January – March 2013**

1. The local community organization Special Connections held a benefit concert, once again bringing in a musical savant, Tony DeBloius. WCSJ interviewed Jennifer Price, with Special Connections on the specifics of the concert and where the money goes. Several stories on the concert ran Start January 9<sup>th</sup>, Jan 17<sup>th</sup> and a follow up story after the concert on Jan 21st
2. This year the spread of Influenza was higher than normal all around the country and in Illinois. WCSJ talked to Dr. Bolden of the Morris Hospital about ways to keep ones self healthy. Interviews with Dr Bolden were run on January 10<sup>th</sup>, January 17 and January 18<sup>th</sup>.
3. On January 23, WCSJ did many interviews with Grundy County Clerk, Lana Phillips about what residents would need to know about the 2 elections this winter. The first report was done on January 23<sup>rd</sup> with follow up reports on election and voting information on January 28, February 11, February 22, Feb 23 Feb 26 and March 7 all leading up to the last of the 2 elections on April 9<sup>th</sup>.
4. The Grundy County Health Department was holding a exercise to determine if the county was in compliance for an emergency medication dispersal. The county needed community volunteers to come to the exercise and help out. WCSJ did interviews with Health Department Staff to explain what was needed at the exercise. Interviews ran on Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, January 25, the day of the event January 29 and a follow up report on January 30<sup>th</sup>.
5. The Grundy County No Tolerance Task Force in cooperation with the Guardian Angel Network held a free Prom N Aid event at the Village hall in Coal City, and the Grundy County Courthouse. The event was for teens to attend a dating safety class and in return they could get free prom dresses and other accessories. WCJS had run 2 reports on the event on one February 1<sup>st</sup> the other on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
6. The Grundy county solid waste update steering committee scheduled a couple of meetings to allow members and members of the community to hear a presentation from Wayne McFarland on a new type of Waste Disposal system. The Reports featured comments from McFarland discussing the new disposal technology to the Committee. The Reports ran on February 21, February 26 and a follow up report on March 27.
7. The Grundy County area was hit with its biggest snowfall of the year on March 5<sup>th</sup>. WCSJ announced the many school closings and reports from the Grundy county Highway Department on the conditions of area roadways. WCSJ talked to County Highway Engineer, Craig Cassum on the issue on March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>.
8. With the St. Patrick's Day festivities several local law enforcement agencies sent out public service announcements to not drink and drive while the Grundy County

**States Attorney announced the No Refusal Weekend, which is a drinking and driving deterrent. WCSJ did interviews with Grundy County States Attorney, Jason Helland on the No Refusal weekend, which ran on March 6<sup>th</sup>, March 12 and March 16<sup>th</sup>.**

- 9. Morris Police Chief Brent Dite distributed a press release about to candidates or campaign workers for local races to not place their campaign signs in inappropriate or unapproved locations. WCSJ announced the press release including an interview with Chief Dite on March 20<sup>th</sup> and March 23.**
- 10. The Candidates for Mayor for the City of Morris appeared on WCSJ to discuss the upcoming mayoral election for the city. City Alderman for the Third Ward, Drew Muffler, he appeared on March 20<sup>th</sup> with incumbent democrat Richard Kopczick appearing on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Independent candidate for mayor John Brooks was asked several times but chose not to participate.**