

WCSJ 1550 AM Quarterly Issues

April – June 2013

1. On April 18, WCSJ interviewed Grundy County Emergency Management Director Jim Lutz on several issues regarding the flooding. WCSJ gave several updates to listeners about road closures, and weather related announcements.
2. On April 18, WCSJ gave live updates about the flood on scene at the Morris Hospital and Grundy County Administrative Building.
3. On April 24, WCSJ spoke with Mayor Richard Kopczick about the citywide cleanup after the flood. Kopczick said residents should be patient because the process would take several days.
4. On April 26, WCSJ interviewed Dan Eisenach from the community organization, "Flood Them With Care." Eisenach informed listeners about ways to donate items to others affected by the flooding.
5. On May 12, WCSJ reported on the efforts of Joe Schmitz of the organization, Operation St. Nick, and representatives from the Grundy County Economic Development Council, who together raised \$10,000 for flood relief.
6. On May 13, WCSJ informed listeners about the new Grundy County "drunkbuster" program, created by States Attorney Jason Helland. Citizens who notice drunk drivers on the road are encouraged to report these incidents to the police. If a report leads to the arrest of a drunk driver, the citizen will receive a \$100 reward.
7. On May 24, WCSJ reported that Ryan Johnson, 20, of Morris, was arrested for criminal sexual assault, according to the Morris Police Department. The incident occurred a week earlier. WCSJ announced several times that authorities were looking for a suspect.
8. On June 2, WCSJ reported that 3-year-old Elizabeth Matney died after getting entangled in a backyard swing set, according to Grundy County Coroner John Callahan. Callahan reminded citizens that these accidents can occur at any time, and that parents should keep an eye on their children.
9. On June 11, WCSJ informed listeners about a Grundy County Board vote against the proposed 29 lot campground in Goose Lake Township. Many residents were happy with this decision. Also, during the meeting, a guest speaker from FEMA, Dave Stuflick, answered questions about the flooding that occurred in April, and how residents could apply for financial assistance. WCSJ interviewed Stuflick two days before the meeting to raise awareness about applying for financial assistance.

10. On June 17, WCSJ informed listeners that the Morris Police Department was investigating a possible explosion on the 600th block of East Chapin Street in Morris. A homemade explosive device, made up of a firecracker placed into a tube, was found in a nearby alley. The Cook County Bomb Squad was called to the scene and the device was disarmed and collected. No one was injured during the investigation.