

WION PUBLIC FILE

October 1-December 31, 2023

(4th quarter) Public “issues” (programming) report

WION regularly carries:

“Town Hall News” (National and International) each hour, 24/7 Total: Over 48 minutes of National news each day of the week, actually more because some hours we record and air the full five minutes, not just the two.

Michigan News Network updates: 8 times each weekday including holiday, duration 3 minutes each edition aired. 24 minutes per weekday, 72 minutes per day.

LOCALLY PRODUCED (only) PSA announcements, one each hour, 24/7. Duration: 1 minute each, supplied as general information by local organizations

The program “Into Tomorrow” with Dave Graveline Each noon hour, 5 minutes per week updating listeners on new technology and the anniversaries of technology we enjoy in our daily lives. This is a new program each day, Monday through Friday.

The J and J Midday show produced locally from our studios from 9 to noon daily offers topics:

Tuesday: “Text Topic Tuesday”....

Wednesday: Trivia or, “name the product” from a very old newspaper ad

Thursday: The “Mostly Request Thursday” taking texts, calls, and emails from listeners to play what THEY want to hear.

November 13th-18th WION Conducted our tenth annual “Treasures for Troops” in which we collect items from a published list on our website of items needed by our military. It’s our view that no matter what inept government is in the whitehouse, our military is told WHERE to go and they don’t get a choice. Many things the military does not provide are desperately needed, so we collect them, and along with the blue star mothers of Ionia, Montcalm and Kent Counties, we then sort, box, and mail them to servicemen and women who are away from home at this end of the year. This, our 10th year, despite very sad economic times caused by inept leadership in our country, we boxed and sent 198 boxes overseas.

December 1-25th: WION Aired a factual series of 1-minute features called, “History of the Holidays” in which the host explained many holiday traditions’ origins, including the reason, the country in which they began, and where the certain traditions are still celebrated today. This series aired 60 times in the month, with a total duration of 60 minutes randomly from 6AM to 11:59PM between the dates as shown.

December 8th-22nd: WION utilized its free 800 number to record listeners' own Christmas greetings which they voluntarily left for other listeners to enjoy and for our local communities. 10 new greetings were created, added to our "current" list of voices from our listeners which we use each year. There was no time limit on them, average of each was 20 seconds, and they were randomly played as "liners" between songs and ahead of Christmas music selections, thus we have NO amount of time logged for their play. Suffice it to say, it's a non-required project that adds to the "local" flavor of our station and highlights those who want to be part of our programming.

**December 24th and 25th: WION Aired special programming including:
Edwards' Archives special Christmas 3 hour show (twice) Duration 6 hours.
Barry Scott's Christmas "Lost 45's" (twice) Duration: 3 hours x2
1939 Production of Campbell Playhouse's "A Christmas Carol" (12/24) Duration: 1 hour
"Christmas Across the Lands" by Randy Sherwyn, 12 hours x 2, total time: 24 hours.**

WION Receives literally hundreds of texts each week on our main studio line of 616-527-9466 during the J and J Midday show, and responds to most over the air. We duplicate our over the air AM STEREO product 100 percent on our stream in AM STEREO from a tuner in my office, so all local commercials and all local content is heard locally, statewide, nationwide, and worldwide via Live 365 dot com. We receive many compliments on our programming and find "texting" to be the main way in which listeners interact with us.

WION has much more interaction in programming than we place here. It's literally impossible and a burden to maintain a constant list of things we do with our listeners and FOR our listeners on this privately-owned small town station. Suffice it to say, at 20 Christmas seasons "on the air" here, we've carved out our place in this county, and we provide MORE services than most bigger stations do, with TWO translator signals for our AM, AM STEREO streaming, texting directly TO the studio line, a 24/7 800 number which forwards to the owner's cellphone....and our own website which highlights all of our supporting staff, a contact form, and a "show notes" page for the J and J Midday show. We make it EASY to interact with us, though we do not believe in using "outside" social media at this time (like Facebook, etc where we don't retain ownership and control of said media.)

Should anyone have questions about this report or this station, please contact us via our 844-700-WION, or email "office@i1430.com"and, "God Bless us, Every one!"

Respectfully) submitted this 9th of January 2024

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