

WION Changed it's news affiliation September 1st of 2020 as ownership felt CBS broadcasting quality had slipped since announcers at CBS were no longer working from their studios.

It should be noted that WION's programming basically remains unchanged during this period of time, despite Covid. NO cuts in programming or personnel have been made and none are planned, but locally there is much LESS going on to promote, and we are in a period of time in which less people are visiting the studios due to Covid as well. Guests coming to our studios are welcomed with appointments in advance-only, when usually we'd have plenty of walk-ins to our morning show. We upped our rotation of public service announcements, but they change frequently and thus are not included here.

- 1) National and International News from Townhall news at the top of each hour, 24/7 at 144 minutes per day. (CBS was aired July1-August 30th then changed.)**
- 2) State of Michigan News, 16 minutes per weekday in 8-'casts at 6,7, 8 AM, Noon, 3, 4, and 5 PM.**
- 3) Shiloh Community Church Sundays at 8 AM, duration 1 hour each program. (this is a non-denominational church)**
- 4) 1-visit with the Ionia DDA, Duration 1.5 hours each first Thursday of the month, during morning show.**
- 5) Michigan Sports reports from the Michigan News Network 4 x each weekday @2 mins.**
- 6) 13 minutes (5/5/3) each weekday of Agriculture News from "Michigan Ag Today" in the morning show, noon hour, and 5pm "Information blocks"**

July 4th: Randy Edwards program, "Edwards' Archives" was themed instead of having a certain date in history of music, a "Patriotic" theme. Ran the usual hour long 8-9AM this day.

July 6th: WION reminds listeners "be kind to the (electrical) grid as extreme heat is in the area and traditionally our grid is strained in these times. These announcements accompanied our twice hourly weather forecasts, duration: about 30 seconds times a minimum of 12 airings. Eventually we had two outages in our county by the 5PM hour and the "prophecy" was true.

July 10th: WION's first announcement of special program coming in August, the "Radio Road Trip" in which 3 hours of music about cars, road trips, and transportation will be aired. Special sponsorships were announced and available, so WION could give a portion of the advertising dollars to a local food pantry.

July 15th: On the air, and on Facebook, WION discussed whether or not the Governor of Michigan mis-used the alert system used on people's smartphones to remind us all to "mask up" during this pandemic. It was a topic brought up on the Michigan News Network, and the discussion was on and off during the morning show. The overall feeling

of listeners was that this was an INTRUSION and not needed as it did not have anything to do with immediate risk of life or property. Open discussion during morning show, duration: total about 30-45 minutes of various phone calls and Jim Carlyle keeping the topic alive.

July 17th: HEAT ADVISORY in place, hat indices up to a “feels like” of 105 degrees. This was put out on our Ionia FM translator’s RDS, and added to all forecasts, total times of broadcast: 24, continually on RDS through end of alert.

July 22nd: WION on generator as we have another outage of AC power in our area. Duration: not noted, but ran station at full power for all listeners. This did not affect our Lowell translator or streams as we switched to backup internet source when Charter (Spectrum) line amps went down.

July 27th: Creativity in pandemic “masks” discussed on the morning show with Jim Carlyle, duration about 40 minutes. Best one recommended was the L.E.D. embedded mask allowing messages to those who saw it. Others discussed were the “face print” ones which allow your face to look as if it’s not covered, and the debate of masks vs. the “scarf” style of thing you pull up over your face when needed.

July 27th: Discussed with listeners the importance of NOT OPENING any unsolicited packages containing or appearing to contain seeds. The first of these packages that we know of arrived in southern Michigan in Hillsdale county, and the first we had heard of this was in Wisconsin. WION contacted our “Michigan Ag Today” network to see if they were going to have coverage and they assured us they were.

August 1st: WION AIRS ORIGINAL PROGRAM “RADIO ROAD TRIP” for 3 hours. We garnered enough sponsors for this program to give away \$400 to local food pantry located at Shiloh Community Church. The reason for this “automobile and travel” themed show was that our usual downtown Car Show was not allowed to happen due to restrictions by the state on crowds during Covid. WION thought it would be great to program our own “Car Show” and asked Randy Edwards to do this for us. It was an exclusive idea and program to WION. Shiloh Church was grateful for the donation and told us the money would go FAR, as they work closely with “Feeding America” and our donation would help feed many people.

Sunday August 2nd: Repeat of Radio Road Trip.

August 7th: Evening Severe Thunderstorm Watch through midnight, during Popeye John’s Classic Rock show on WION. Jim Carlyle co-hosted with Popeye John updating folks on the storm as it showed on radar. Most of the night remained quiet, but this watch was posted to our RDS and on all weather forecasts.

Thursday August 13th: WION morning show extended with welcome to Owner of Americana Auctions, Glen Rarick. Glen is an expert in antiques and values of them, and we thought it would be fun to discuss something OTHER than Covid and restrictions. We spoke of “buying back our childhood”how to not be cheated when buying things online through auction services, took a call from a Lowell, Michigan antique dealer/store with an interesting item from WWII immigrant, and some messages about listeners' particular items of interest. Duration: 2 hours of co-hosting during our regular show.

August 18th: WION announces our change from CBS to Townhall News Network coming on September 1st. We make this change due to varying levels of audio which our processors could not overcome, bad timing of announcers since the CBS crew was sent to work from home, and questionable ethics in the running of certain commercials referring to other news services without public disclosure of non-ownership or part ownership in them. CBS has allowed us out of our contract early, effective September 1st 2020, and on a related note issued a memo to all CBS affiliates that they were “working” to fix these issues AFTER WION raised questions to them about the problems.

August 24th: WION discusses with listeners whether you'd allow an automated robot to perform the Covid “Bottle brush up the nose” test or not. An overwhelming and resounding “NO” came via emails and calls to Jim Carlyle's morning show. Duration: about 30 minutes total of audio content among other regular morning features.

August 28th: WION discusses the importance of local radio, and we receive this note from an online listener in the U.K. This note punctuates what we've always said: Local radio is important to keeping people in touch when other media fails. Here's the note we received during the morning show: Listening to you guys talking about the importance of local radio with a sense of irony this morning as here in the UK this weekend will see some 50 local stations finally subsumed into network oblivion. Just 9 jocks get to provide 3hrs a day Mon-Fri regional drive shows, all the rest binned. Also all the loss of backroom staff & closure of studio sites. A sad day for UK radio.

August 28th: Severe Thunderstorm Watch posted, eventual outages of power affecting listeners in Ionia County. WION adds the watch to RDS on our Ionia FM translator signal and to all forecasts within the time of watch from 10PM to 2 AM August 29th. Jim Carlyle came in to spend a little time on air “just in case.”

September 1st WION debuts “Townhall News” at the top of each hour, replacing CBS.

September 1st, WION celebrates SIXTEEN YEARS of our current ownership and team resurrecting this station from “off air” and from license deletion. Many nice emails were sent, like below, and many messages on Facebook not transcribed here:

From Joe Bloem: Good Morning Jim, Joe from Lowell here. Just wanted to send a BIG Happy 16th anniversary to WION. Thanks to all who have made it possible. Looking forward to many more years of listening pleasure from WION.

From Sean Gills: Good Morning Jim, Joe from Lowell here. Just wanted to send a BIG Happy 16th anniversary to WION. Thanks to all who have made it possible. Looking forward to many more years of listening pleasure from WION.

September 27th: WION welcomed Missy Millard Mitchell of Ionia's "Purple Week" fundraising for local cancer recipients. She had organized and held a one-time "cruise night" in downtown Ionia with a cost per vehicle on Saturday the 25th. It was very successful and she wanted to thank the listeners who attended and helped her raise money for the local organization. Normally there would have been a "Purple game" at the Ionia High School, but with the MHSAA and State of MI guidelines, normal procedures were not in place for raising money. Missy's thank you segment length: 1 hour.

September 27th: WION morning show welcomed Marty from Red Barn Antiques in Lowell and the Mayor of Lowell Michigan to thank our listeners on 100.3 in Lowell for their attendance at the Lowell OUTDOOR BIG SCREEN showing of their local high school cancer game. They could not have full attendance at the game per rules, but Marty and the Lowell Mayor put together a drive-in event with a per-car charge which raised money for the same purpose as the game-would, but kept people safely following rules. These two also thanked WION for all the public relations leading INTO the event and credited our new 100.3 signal in Lowell for much of their success.

September 28th: WION announces the beginning of our campaign this year, "Treasures for Troops" collecting items for our deployed servicemen and women. We believe in a year that so many things are not happening, this is even MORE important to take place. We put up the list of needs this date on our website, and began a live Google Document available to anyone in the public to be kept up on our needs, broadcast locations, donors to the event and more. Much will be written about this in the upcoming quarter's report when uploaded to the FCC.

Submitted respectfully and uploaded this SUNDAY THE 11TH Day of October, 2020 (deadline was a Saturday, Jim Carlyle was away on the 9th for his birthday)

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