

Public File 3rd Quarter 2016

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Same notation here as in previous quarters regarding our regular services to the community including 24/7 CBS news, weather, the weekly church program, and monthly Chamber and DDA visits which may be also outlined in more detail below.

July 2nd: WION air this alert from Ionia County 9-1-1. This was received at 9:50 to WION... (especially important this weekend as traffic volume is UP and people are literally playing with FIRE)..

"IOCD's 911 lines are being transferred to Barry County. The glitch is being looked into. Please direct ALL calls to 616-527-0400 until further notice."

July 7th: (Thur) P. Beeman co-host with the latest info about Relay For Life that will take place this weekend in Saranac. Teams will be setting up camp on the 7th, kicking off the 24 hr event at 8am on the 8th, and continuing until 8am on the 9th. The entertainment committee has a great lineup of activities, including the introduction of a traveling trophy that will be used to celebrate team participation in games, contests, and theme laps. A listener also sent in a picture of the patchy fog that was in the area this morning, and we warned people to allow extra time and drive safely.

July 8th: Informed of a severe thunderstorm watch is in place through 8PM or until lifted for a LARGE part of Michigan including the WION over the air listening area.

Reminded community members to safe for Relay for Life at Saranac, the Ionia County Historical Society's lawn sale at the Blanchard House or other plans, just be aware, and keep your radios handy! Later in the afternoon we alerted people that there is debris on M-21 West of Ionia, West of the prisons, mainly from very strong bursts of storms that were part of our severe thunderstorm warning which is in effect.. A second line of storms is likely to come through in a few minutes. If leaving to travel M-21 west was in your plans, a delay of a bit may be good. Please be careful!

*WION received a nice note from a listener late this afternoon about our being LIVE in the studio for storms, unlike many bigger stations. Here's the note we received: To: Jim Carlyle*

*Subject: thanks for your weather info*

*Once I heard that the fairgrounds area was without power..I immediately called them. I am setting up now for the Ionia Free Fair and have lots of food in the fridge of the Floral Bldg.*

*They had some lines down...sent maintenance crew over to check the Floral Bldg.....then called me back to tell me to say home and not haul my food out of the fridge since that building still had power!*

*Thank You WION for keeping the community informed!*

*A faithful listener.*

**July 12th (Tue) Linda Curtis' regular visit to WION from the Ionia DDA, with details on the Ionia Farmers' Market, of the success of the Wizard of Oz Festival in June, Survey results from visitors from all OVER the U.S. who came to Ionia, and a look ahead to some projects to help building owners in the DDA district.**

**Special notice of a book signing tonight at our local Ionia Library with Dave McCord, and the book, "Ionia Freefair Centennial"...from 5:30 to 7PM tonight. This book is available in hard and soft cover to benefit the Ionia County Historical Society.**

**July 15th: Jim and Phil welcome Janae Cooper, Chief Deputy Clerk / Elections Assistant to talk about the PROCEDURES , RULES, and HOW voting systems and machines work in our area. Per FCC regulations, we are NOT discussing the issues, candidates, or in any way taking calls about them, but rather engaging in discussion hopefully helping those who find the voting process a bit "daunting" or first-time-voters to feel more comfortable doing what we all SHOULD do, which is VOTE in each applicable election. We did this before the last election and had many good comments and even the WION staff learned a few new things about elections.**

**July 18th: WION WELCOMES "Recycle Ionia, Inc" to our airwaves next week. Special event coming up...they'll be collecting CRT-based televisions and computer/video monitors on July 30th. That old CRT set you can't sell at your garage sale, and others welcomed! Don't throw them out, Don't fill the landfills with them... please! Help get them recycled.**

*An E-mail this morning says we've been enjoyed by a regular listener who is on a cruise right now...he says the following in E-mail to us...*

*Just wanted to say GOOD MORNING JIM from the Atlantic Ocean. Yup got you streaming here aboard the Anthem of the Seas! We are about 3 hours away from St. Maarten where today I will go snorkeling at two*

*shipwreck sites.*

*Music sounds great here, you will probably see me on your map coming from Florida. Internet (on board ship) is ok. 4 MB down and 2 MB up. But there are times when its dirt slow and I can't load any webpage, but I can't complain much... I am in the middle of the ocean.*

*Now THAT'S a dedicated listener! Thanks so much for listening to Ionia's VERY OWN radio station!*

**July 20th: Advised listeners of the upcoming heat wave with temps above 90 degrees the rest of the week. Suggested a visit this afternoon to the Farmers' Market in downtown Ionia from 2 to 6 PM? Buy some "cool" local produce and other items! Check it out at the pavilion, (Corner of Steele and Adams Streets) and tell 'em we sent you! If you miss it today, check it out again Saturday from 9AM to 1PM. Also encouraged listeners to check on elderly family members and neighbors who may not be prepared for the heat.**

**July 26h: Special visit with Phil**

**July 27th (Wed) guests Kathy Jones and Joyce Renucci from St. John's Episcopal Church in Ionia in our 8 AM hour. The Church celebrates it's 175th year birthday this Wednesday, and it's proud Ionia heritage.**

**July 28th: We want to welcome Mr. Ronald Wilson as Ionia Public Schools new Superintendent! Phil Cloud and Jim Carlyle had the pleasure of a great meeting with him earlier in the week, and we're glad to report that you'll be hearing MUCH more information from IPS this year than you have in quite some time! Mr. Wilson promises to be on the air with us as much as possible, and to encourage the faculty and staff to help us out by sending information to us as well! As they say, "Stay Tuned!" Reminded listeners to support the Ionia High School Marching Band at a car wash on July 31st.**

**Aug 4th: Reminded listeners to attend the "Spark in the Park event for the "electronically curious" in your family, and ANYONE who's interested to Amateur "Ham" radio on August 20th! Come to "Spark in the Park" in Wyoming and see demonstrations of various ways this great hobby reaches all ages. It's a fun AFTERNOON event...there's NO admission charge, and there are NO dumb questions! Today's ham radio world is more exciting and even more "portable" than ever. Come on over for the fun! WION radio is sponsoring the Riverside Radio Amateurs' display at Spark in the Park. Need info? Click the picture, contact Tom Bosscher, his info's on the**

**website!**

**Aug 5th: Received picture from Officer Cronk, Ionia Public Safety of his dashboard radio tuned to WION Radio. Also introduced the all new "Comment Line" to be used for public comments, notes for on-air staff, reporting school info, sports results, etc.**

**August 8th, WION publicly announces a new 800 number with separate mailboxes for sports scores, announcers, and show hosts. It is our hope this will make communication easier from the public to us, and that we will see an increase in voices of our listeners being used on the air (with permission of course.)**

**Aug 10th: WION is proud to welcome Ron Wilson, new Ionia Public Schools Superintendent to our airwaves via phone in the 8AM hour to discuss the Open House that is taking place at Ionia High School. There will be a Community Forum in 2 available sessions that IPS is putting on (with refreshments) at 2 and 6 PM. We hope for excellent attendance, great public questions, and a new exciting "feel" for the new year and new faces at IPS.**

**August 15th: It's National Aviation Week. Jim had an on-air phone visit with Steve Tupper of Airspeed Online Dot Com. Steve's an interesting person to know and finds time for many lives. A lawyer's life, a family life, a pilot's life.....and the list goes on. Provided an online version of this phone call for listeners who may have missed it.**

**August 16th: Started promoting upcoming WION Remote at the Link Crew's Tailgate Party before the Homecoming Football Game.**

**August 17th: WION covers power outages in Ionia, many localized ones caused by popup storms. Live radio coverage and online updates made available to listeners.**

**August 18th: Guests from the Ionia Moose Lodge joined us discussing their multiple event day that benefits the IM Safe Kids Project, a worthy cause that helps young children involved in scary situations work easier and feel more at ease with law enforcement. Duration: 1.5 hours of co-hosting.**

**August 20: WION notes the thank you posted to us by Carolyn Laney on Facebook as follows: "for always being live on the air during weather warnings and alerts. WE can always tune you in and you're there letting us know what is going on and where. We appreciate it very much. Thank you."**

**Aug 24th ( Wed) P. Beeman co-host discussing the start of a new school year, including bus safety tips for students and drivers.**

**September 1st: WION holds a public open house for the community to see the station and help us celebrate 12 years of "I-1430." We put business leaders on the air, handed out food coupons to local restaurant the Lamplight Grill, and saw about 75 people come through our studios for a tour. This was a special event co-hosted by the Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce. 2 hours of broadcasting and hosting.**

**September 3rd: WION takes microphones to Belding, MI and covers the dedication of a new piece of the Freedom Wall in Belding Veterans Park. Our Voice-Imaging man Steve, and Jim Carlyle co-hosted the remote broadcast which was done in 5 breaks over two hours. We were invited by the builders of this wall and were proud to provide a free broadcast for the county of this dedication**

**September 6th: Ionia DDA Director Linda Curtis co-hosts the morning show, addressing new fall agenda of the DDA, new businesses in town, and the upcoming Chili Dawg Challenge and Autumn Celebration. Duration: 1 hour.**

**September 7th: Jim Carlyle assists with the afternoon show as strong storms are popping up on radar. Posted to facebook, and watched live radar in studio, breaking in a few times to the Garry Osborn show for live updates. This continued through evening, providing Jim Carlyle with a long day, and listeners with reliable information.**

**September 8th: Sparrow Ionia Hospital representatives came to the studio to talk about their upcoming events, and this was also the day Star Trek celebrated 50 years, so we brought that event down to "local" and took on air nominations for who in our community is the best representation of Dr. McCoy, in honor of our visitors. Duration of the hospital visit: about 1.5 hours.**

**September 10th: WION airs another new episode of our locally produced, "Ionia Underground Audio" show, which showcases local bands, singers, and talent. This is a one hour show with no commercials, a cooperative effort between Main Street Music in Ionia and WION. Duration: 1 hour.**

**September 11th: Same notation, airing was late at night for those who missed it on Saturday.**

**September 15th: Bobbie Edlin of Green Acres Retirement Living co-hosts the Ionia morning show with news of their health fair and other improvements at Green Acres. Duration: 1 hour of regular co-hosting.**

**September 26th-30th: Homecoming Week at IHS, a different group of students from sports, to government, to music join the morning show each day including Principal Ben Gurk, and the Link Crew Students, too.**

*Filed Oct 17th 2016  
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Chief operator. WION*