

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Neil Peterson who returned to Iowa after 20 months of service in Nome and at KICY. Neil was 'Mr. Basketball' providing relentless play-by-play coverage of every game that came along. He was a Big Brother to an elementary school youngster. He took piano lessons and became quite accomplished. He served the youth of Nome through the local youth group, GPS (God's Positioning System). We wish him great joy and success in what God places in his future. We are sure his



Dennis Weidler

parents and younger brother are happy for him to return home to the family

farm.

Summer is here full blast! That means work teams, the semi-annual Arctic Broadcasting Board meeting and youth groups arriving in Nome, sometimes all at once.

Former KICY Volunteer, Patty Burchell brought a group of young people from her church in Sonora, California. They were part of the Covenant Church's North River Camping program outside of the Village of Unalakleet, then returned to Nome to provide a Vacation Bible School through the Nome Covenant Church and still found time for a few projects at KICY. Thanks, Patty!

Well, gotta go pickup and dropoff at the airport. ■



Jessee, Fred, Martin, Bob and Pete in front of the new transmitter building.



Liz Kirby, the Culinary Coordinator.

Tucson Team Heads Building Program.

Everyone who arrives in Nome and sees firsthand the current transmitter building has no doubts about the need to relocate our 50,000 watt transmitter.

Fred Tuggy and Bob Kirby, both of Tucson, had witnessed the movements of the structure over the past several years. Bob and his wife, Liz headed a work team from Tucson, Arizona and arrived early in the summer, actually well before Memorial Day. Bob knew from experience that the Nome summer was best enjoyed from late May through Mid July. Following right behind were Fred, Pete Colan and Martin Headlee, all KICY veterans, and Jessee Walker, a first-timer.

Actual construction time was short as an electrician team was arriving from Florida on June 9th and that meant there had to be a building to install the wiring in by the 8th. It all went like clockwork. Our local

lumberyard delivered the materials which Bob had specified and left them on a trailer at the jobsite. Within a few hours, the main support beams were placed and leveled and work began on the floor joists, insulation and decking. By June first all the support framing was finished with the roof trusses in place.

The next day, professional roofer, Martin Headlee arrived and went right to work, while the ground team finished the exterior walls. It was amazing to see this project come together with such precision.

We have a major thanksgiving to offer as the weather was splendid with very few passing showers.

Fred even found time to provide repair for two of our vehicles.

We expressed our appreciation with a steaming cauldron of salmon chowder shared around a big table. Thank God for the volunteers who make our work possible. ■



The new 1,000 watt FM transmitter and exciter loaded in the pickup.

New FM Transmitter Arrives.

Between U.S. Customs mixups and lost checks, I wasn't sure we would ever see our new, 1,000 watt FM transmitter this summer. I was surprised to get a call on June 2nd that a pallet had just arrived in the Alaska Airlines Cargo area in Nome. Based on the description, it had to be the new transmitter. I wasn't disappointed.

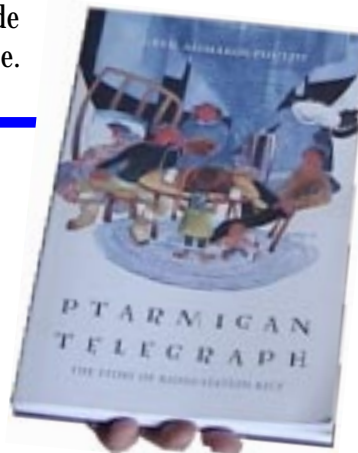
On a less positive note, the new 90 foot tower can't be erected until next summer. The tower manufacturer engineers specified a substantial concrete base with some intricate re-bar work for the installation. There was not one person in Nome willing to take on the task. At \$275 a cubic yard for concrete (more than 4 times the cost in the

Lower 48), this will give us some extra time to raise the necessary financial requirements.

In a good-news/bad-news twist to the story, former volunteer Steve Smit and his father, concrete contractor, Jake Smit plan to travel from Kalamazoo to Nome early next summer to tackle the concrete project.

A few days after the transmitter arrived, the new FM antenna arrived at the Air Cargo terminal. We had received reports some of the crating had been damaged. That proved to be incorrect.

The finished FM project is close to completion. Thanks so much to all who made it possible.



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The Story of Radio Station KICY

by Greg Asimakoupoulos

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A Prayer Request. *For each of our staff members.*

Maj. Gary Grennon

Irene Houdek

Luda Kinok

Mitchell Nash

Lon Swanson

Josh Rogers

Lydia Rogers

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

Julie Yoder

This is a request for new volunteers. Neil Peterson has returned to Iowa, Julie Yoder is leaving Nome to attend seminary, Mitchell Nash is trying to relocate with the F.A.A. in the southwest to be near his wife and the Rogers are slated to return to Washington, where Josh has accepted the position of Marketing Director of Cascades Camp.

The usual ebb and flow of volunteers continues so we are seeking new one-year volunteers for KICY.

Luda's Mother Dies Suddenly.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Luda Kinok's mother in Sereniki a few weeks ago. Our deepest sympathies to Luda in this time of great loss. It has been a difficult situation as her mother died suddenly of a heart attack.

We were blessed to have Luda's pastor and former employer, Larissa Pokhilko from the church in Provideniya in Nome for an extended stay. She had come for the Chukotka Native Christian Conference, which was postponed due to weather related flight cancellations. Larissa was a great comfort to Luda

in this time of sudden grief.

Due to difficulties arranging travel between the U.S. and Chukotka, Luda was unable to attend her mother's funeral.

Luda will be returning to Russia to renew her Nanuuq Commission invitation on the next scheduled flight from Nome on June 12th. She'll return to Nome and KICY in early July.

Please keep this tireless worker in your prayers. Luda's daily broadcasts are touching the hearts and lives of so many in the far-flung reaches of the Russian Far East. ■

Capital Campaign Update.

Operation Blanket Nome continues to move forward!

During the past month, we have received over \$600.00 in donations. Praise God and thanks be to all of you who have been so generous.

We have only \$20,400 remaining to be raised in the next few months. The new FM transmitter and antenna have arrived. The tower needs to be on the last barge of the summer.

Appeal for an Electrician.

The new transmitter building is finished and the interior wired. Now, we await the moving of the transmitter to its new home.

We are seeking an electrician to oversee the transfer of the 480 vac system from the current building to the new site. We will have

workers to do the physical labor, we just need a qualified supervisor to assure all work is up to code.

If you are able to help us for a week or two, call Dennis Weidler toll-free at 1-800-478-5429. ■

Memorials

In May we received memorials in the name of:

Eva Novosel

J. Mitchell

Lillian Kimmer

Helen Hammond

Tom Dotomain

Thank you for remembering a loved with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-May Income-
\$28,480.83

-May Budget-
\$24,400.00

*Includes Sales & Programs but
not designated funds.*

**Thanks to each of you who
helped us meet our
needs in May.**



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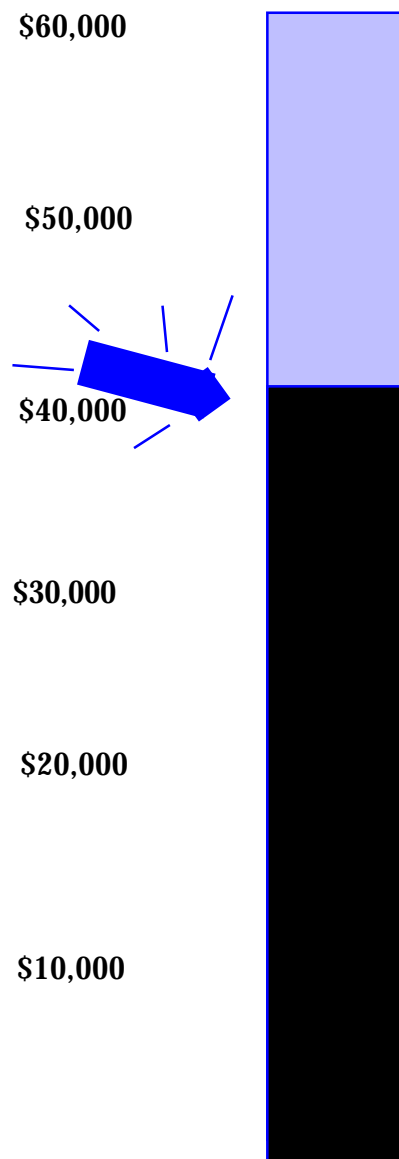
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\$40,000

\$30,000

\$20,000

\$10,000



KICY Presents Two JROTC Awards.

At the Nome-Beltz JROTC Awards ceremony held May 19th, KICY was delighted to present awards to JROTC students who have provided exemplary service to their school, their community and to the KICY listeners.

Major Gary Grennon, local JROTC Commander, is a regular co-host on "The Coffee Crew" on ICY 100.3 FM. He includes participation on our morning show as a means for cadets to earn extra merit awards. Many have opted for

helping by visiting the studios before school and reading news, weather, sports and community announcements. Two cadets, Frank O'Connor and Ahne

Schield have become regulars adding an extra element of fun to the morning show. To show our appreciation for their consistently reliable service, KICY presented personalized certificates to both.

KICY received a Community Support Award for partnering with the JROTC Program in a variety of ways including interviewing qualified cadets for the awarding of scholarships.

We want to thank Major Grennon for his commitment to the young people of Nome, for his involvement in the community and service at KICY. We are all delighted that he has decided to stay in Nome for at least another year. ■



Cadets Frank O'Connor (l) and Ahne Schield (r) with Dennis Weidler.

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