

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

By the time this newsletter hits the U.S. Postal Service, I will have been to the annual Midwinter Conference in San Diego and presented two salmon fundraising dinners. Thanks so much to everyone at Community Covenant in San Andreas, California and Turlock



Dennis Weidler

Covenant in Turlock, California. It was great to share the vision of KICY and ICY 100.3 FM with all who at-


tended.

As energy costs continue to rise, the Salmon Fundraising Dinners are growing in importance.

Basketball seems to dominate our weekends with three-day tournaments the new standard for high school action. I do want to report that of the 10 sponsorships available to advertisers, we sold 11! There is no lack of enthusiasm for the Nome Nanook teams.

We are also preparing for Iditarod. We will be expanding our internet audio streams for this two week event from 10 per station to 60.

Lon, Ian and Stephen are all back from their extended holiday vacations. Thanks to Dr. Phil and George Bard for sitting in during their absence.

Also, joining our team is Bertha Koweluk who I met through our local Rotary Club. 

Basketball Kicks Off In High Gear.



Stephen Palmatier ready to announce a Nome Nanook game.

There are many different events that bring our community closer. In arctic Alaska, it's basketball. In Nome, and especially the villages, there's only one thing on people's minds from December through March. How well is the basketball team doing? I've been there to witness it firsthand.

I have had the great honor in being able to provide play-by-play for all of the Nome games as well as regional tournaments for the past 18 months. During one tournament, we got a call from a listener in the Yukon Delta village of Scammon Bay. He told us the entire village was sitting in the high school gymnasium waiting to hear the game broadcast from KICY over the PA system. Radio is used very differently in western Alaska than in the Lower 48.

Basketball is not just about the sport itself, but rather about families.

It's about parents listening to their children involved in a positive activity, often hundreds of miles from home. It's about traditions, as siblings participate on the same team over many years. The family name often stays on the roster for generations.

With long, cold nights it does make sense that an indoor sport like basketball would be so popular. That, mixed with the remoteness of Nome and the villages, and you can begin to understand why KICY continues the long-standing tradition of covering the basketball games. It's not about the game itself, but rather the outlet it provides for so many. That's why KICY has always considered basketball as a missions opportunity. We hope to keep that focus.

-- Stephen Palmatier

Kearney, Missouri Home To KICY-South.



Ready to tackle another 'broadcast'.

We wanted to share these pictures of the Junior High classroom in the 'Lower 48'. My husband, Randy is the Sunday School teacher and Nick Saunders is his helper. These are 6th through 8th grade boys and Randy had the idea to do their room like a mini KICY with the intent of fully engaging the boys in their Sunday School lessons.

Since we have amazing tech guys around here, the class actually has a working sound board and microphones and will eventually be able to record their classes. They even

have a basketball hoop trash can. Doesn't every radio station have one of those?

Since the 'station' is up and running, the boys are engaged and do each class like a radio station.

Thanks for the works you do and...who knows. Maybe someday one of these Lower 48 guys will be working with you! ■

--Belinda Thee

Administrative Assistant
Community Covenant
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Kearney, Missouri

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

George Bard

Ian Coglan

Bertha Koweluk

Penny Olanna

Stephen Palmatier

Dr. Phil Schobert

Lon Swanson

Rolland Trowbridge

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

The holiday vacations are officially over with the return of Ian Coglan from a family visit to Kearney, Missouri. This season Lon, Stephen and Ian were all able to spend some time with family and friends in the Lower 48.

We were also delightfully surprised to see where KICY was the answer to a question on NBC's Who Wants To Be A Millionaire. What a surprise!

Happy Birthday to Frances Whitmore. She celebrated 83 years in December with 23 of those in service here in Nome. ■



KICY is the correct and final answer on Who Wants To Be A Millionaire.

Salmon Fundraising Dinners Being Planned For April Through October, 2013.

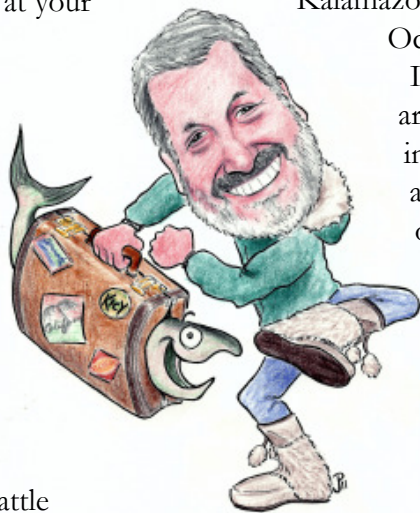
This upcoming year will be officially known henceforth as the "Year of Salmon Dinners". We have added some new target months with expanded opportunities to schedule a Free Salmon Fundraising Dinner at your church.

We have added early April with Schaumburg Covenant in Illinois in our appointment book on the 4th. That is followed by McMinnville Covenant in Oregon on Sunday, April 7th. Is there anyone between Seattle and Portland wishing to have a free salmon dinner on the 6th? Call me right now!

The next scheduled time to fly in the salmon would be in early August. This has traditionally been

a west coast week, from Washington to Arizona.

And, finally for 2013, we have several dates for the first week of October, including Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 3rd and Kalamazoo Covenant on October 5th.



In the planning stages are a group of churches in Honesdale, PA and a return to the Church of Christ in Willow Street, PA.

We have a goal of 20 salmon dinners per year. This is a great missions opportunity and a chance be brought

up to date on our work in the arctic. Be sure to check the main page of our website for the most up-to-date information. Simply type in www.kicy.org and scroll to the bottom. Voila. There they are! ■

Can You Help?

Scheduled maintenance this year includes a new AM automation computer for \$3,200, a new, non-carrier level dependent AM modulation monitor for \$2,200 and new electrolytic capacitors for the AM transmitter for \$3,500. In building maintenance, we hope to re-side the Yellow House and re-roof the Yellow and Gray houses and the Studio Building for approximately \$10,000.

\$19,000.00

Memorials

In December, we received memorials in the name of:

Tom & Annie Dotomain

Edward Lattimore, Jr.

Mina Bachelder

Bob Corrigan

Marvel Miller

Jules & Louise Matson

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-December Income-

\$60,398.80

-December Budget-

\$63,210.00

-December Expenses-

\$60,579.36

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.



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Welcome to Bertha Koweluk.

My name is Bertha Sulunulik Carol Koweluk and my family is originally from Teller, Little Diomed, Big Diomed and Wales, Alaska. I was born and raised in Nome and am Inupiaq Eskimo. I am married to my husband, Dewey and blessed with five beautiful children. I was raised to live off the land, but also provide for my family through working, currently as a Patient Hostel Manager at Norton Sound Health Corporation.

I belong to the Community United Methodist Church and serve on the Native Ministries Committee. I sing in our United Methodist Inupiaq Choir

and am a lay speaker for our church. First and foremost, I am a child of God and enjoy with all my heart, serving Him.

I also am a Leader for the Family Wellness Warriors Beauty



Bertha Koweluk prepares her program.

for Ashes. Beauty for Ashes is a faith based program that walks participants through their childhood traumas and works with them on current struggles. I was also recently commissioned as a Missionary for the Alaska Missions, which is a Christian nonprofit organization that serves the State of Alaska.

I enjoy volunteering in my community and in others through faith based programs. Because I believe through community, we can heal one another through testimony of faith, encouragement and building a strong foundation for our families.

I enjoy volunteering at KICY and look forward to all that this time will bring to me in my life. ■