

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

I experienced the coldest weather ever last month. The air temperature was only -22. But the winds came directly out of the north at up to 50 miles per hour. The walk to work was difficult as it felt like the wind was pulling the air right out of my lungs.

When I arrived at KICY, the temperature inside the building had plunged to 48 degrees and the furnace was running full tilt. It simply couldn't keep up. Frigid air was seeping in everywhere. I actually heard one of the pipes rupture under



Dennis Weidler

the building as it sounded like a rifle shot. Usually, the pipes stay above freezing

due to their proximity to the building and the radiating warmth. But when the building's interior temperature dipped so low, the pipes lost that heat. Fortunately, the electricity stayed. We were not alone as there were frozen pipes all over town. And, this happened just a few days before folks started arriving for the Iditarod finish.

Our water supply pipe broke in three places and when the water began flowing again, a glacier formed under the studio building.

All was repaired in a few days. I am extremely thankful that we have skilled and dedicated helpers in Nome who come to our aid. ■



Josh Rogers prepares for another interview.

Another Iditarod for the Record Books.

Lance Mackey crossed over the finish line and under the burlled arch on Front Street in Nome to win Iditarod 35 on Tuesday, March 13 at 8:07 PM. Mackey's father and brother have both been Iditarod winners and both have worn the same Bib number 13.

Lance Mackey is also a cancer survivor having undergone recent surgery. Mackey also represents the purest form of dog mushing with few sponsors and little financial backing but a great love for his teammates. Mackey is also the first musher to win both the Iditarod and the Yukon Quest in the same year. In fact, nine of his sixteen dogs competed in both events!

The weather was perfect with cold, clear days and lots of sunshine. There were days of high winds on trail and there was little snow on the southern portions of the trail this year.

Perennial favorite, Dee Dee Jonrowe lost control of her sled, hit a tree and broke her finger. In all there were over two dozen scratches in the field of 84 mushers. Most of those were in the first few days of the race.

We were so blessed to have former KICY volunteer, Josh Rogers return to Nome and help out with Iditarod reporting. He was here covering the race for dogsled.com and for his own Iditablog. He also provided interviews for next year's All Alaska Sweepstakes, a winner-take-all race scheduled a few weeks after Iditarod. The Nome Kennel Club is sponsoring this event and the prize is \$100,000! That will keep mushers and handlers in Nome for a few more weeks. We agree, it's our favorite time of year. ■



ABA Board Member, Olga Oyoumick

Meet Olga Oyoumick.

I was born and raised in Mountain Village, Alaska, and attended Covenant High School in Unalakleet where I met Joel Oyoumick in 1973. We got married in the fall of 1975 (almost 32 years ago). We have been blessed with a beautiful family.

Eva graduated from North Park University in the year 2000 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Biology and is now living in Anchorage.

Joel (Joey) is a pilot and airplane mechanic. He flies for Arctic Transportation Services now (an air cargo business that originally started in Unalakleet) and his wife Sarah, is a teacher in Anchorage. They are getting their first child (our first grand-baby!) on April 16, 2007! Joel & Sarah are making plans to move to Unalakleet soon, so we are excited about that.

Then, our youngest child, Gunnar, is graduating from Mt. Edgecumbe in May of this year! We are in the process of preparing him for college this fall.

Joel (my husband) attended and graduated from North Park Seminary in May of 2002 and since then has been the pastor of Unalakleet Covenant Church.

So, that explains how I've been a mother and pastor's wife all these years. I worked for a number of years with the Bering Strait School District, before Joel went to Seminary, as a secretary for the administration office. I started working with them again about a year and half ago. So, between my working job and family, I do what I can to help with the church and community here.

I'm thankful for my parents and grandparents and the great upbringing I had to be God fearing. I accepted the Lord as my Savior when I was 12 years old. I'm thankful for the impact that Covenant High School made in my life. I'm thankful that God placed Joel in my life and our greatest desire is to continue to serve Him. I'm thankful to be on the ABA Board which I feel is a great and unique ministry. I've been a KICY listener since they first started. ■

A Prayer Request.

For each of our staff members.

George Bard

Maj. Gary Grennon

Luda Kinok

Anna Moore

Carol Morton

Tim Sergie

Dr. Phil Schobert

Chris Vandergraph

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

We are still looking for a full-time volunteer staff member to help answer phones, check e-mails, clear faxes and type Ptarmigan Telegraph messages and Public Service Announcements.

Luda returned to Sereniki for what was to be a short trip to visit with family and friends. As it turned out, the mission plane was delayed three weeks! Thanks to George Bard for helping with the daily Russian updates.

From the KICY Mail Bag

Thank you so much for your coverage of the Iditarod this year. I felt closer than ever to the action and enjoyed hearing God's word & Christian music at the same time! -- D. D. in Minnesota



Jean & Wassilie Mute at ECCAK.

It's Spring Conference Time.

Every spring, after basketball and Iditarod, churches hold their annual Get-Together or, in the case of the Lutheran and Covenant Churches, their annual statewide Conference.


This year, the Covenant Church of Alaska met at Community Covenant in Fairbanks where Rick Hinkey is pastor. It was a well-attended, five-day event with guest speakers Donn Engebretsen, Executive Vice President, John Wenrich, Director of Revitalization, and Don Davenport, Director of Church Planting and Congregational Development, all from Covenant Headquarters in Chicago.

As a delegate for both the Nome Covenant Church and KICY, I got

to cast two votes on each item.

The Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening worship services were recorded and broadcast live over KICY.

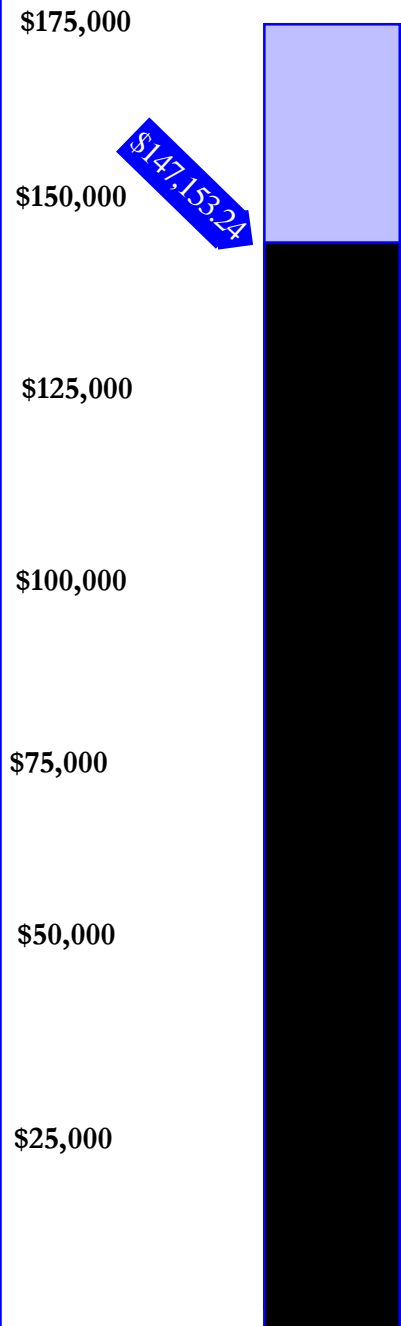
There were testimonies, the Alaska Christian College students performed and there was lots of great singing as groups assembled from all village churches. Each year, the conference site is alternated from a road system church, to a Norton Sound church to a Yukon-Kuskokwim church. Next year, the conference will be held at the Hooper Bay Covenant Church.

Winner of this year's Daniel Savetilik, Sr. Lay Ministry Award was Irene Kavairlook from Koyuk. Congratulations! 

Operation 'Solid Foundation'.

We have surpassed the \$145,000 mark with \$4,851 received in March. Thank you! That means the AM rebuilding project is still on target to be completed next summer.

But, we have only until **June 1, 2007** to raise the remaining funds. Please help keep KICY debt-free.



Memorials

In March, we received memorials in the name of:

Tom Dotomain

Harold Johnson

Sherman Erickson

Edward Lattimore, Jr.

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-March Income-
\$23,630.01

-March Budget-
\$24,495.00

-March Expenses-
\$32,123.52

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.



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Governor's Inaugural Ball in Nome.

It's one of the great things about living in a small, but very well known community. This year, Nome was selected as a site of one of several Governor's Inaugural Balls. On Saturday evening, March 31st, the Nome Recreation Center was closed, decorated and readied for the big Gala event.

The Big Band, and all their equipment from Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks, arrived the day before by military cargo plane. They played a free, public concert on Friday night at the Nome Elementary School.

The festivities began at

7:00 pm on Saturday as nearly 400 Nomites gathered to meet both their new Governor and Lt. Governor. As is typical for events such as these, the Lt. Governor's plan arrived on time,

but Governor Palin's plane developed mechanical problems. Alaska's first woman governor, her husband, daughter and other family members arrived just before 10 pm. They were greeted with great

enthusiasm! The King Island Native dancers performed, gifts were presented and photo opportunities were seized.

It should be noted that the "first man" was the recent winner of the Iron Dog snowmachine race which passes through Nome as they compete between Fairbanks and Anchorage.

It was a big night in little Nome! ■



Major Grennon, Dennis Weidler and Governor Palin.

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