

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

Yes, March is our favorite month in western Alaska. The sun is out for nearly 12 hours and the weather is, more often than not, sunny and calm.

Add to that the basketball playoffs (the Nome Nanook Boys placed third in the entire state), The Iditarod and The All Alaska Sweepstakes and you have a recipe for both great fun and great exhaustion.

Then, someone decided to mix in a change to Daylight Saving time (our noon time sun is now at 3:00 pm) and the extremely early arrival of Easter!



Dennis Weidler

This Iditarod was extra special as our grandson, Kody Day

from Kalamazoo, Michigan was able to join us as were our friends from Lexington, Kentucky, Al and his daughter, Laura Frances Greenfield. I remember the night Lance Mackey crossed the finish line, I had about 45 minutes of sleep before returning to the air to host the Breakfast Club at 7:00 am. Yet, this time of year is exhilarating with the population of Nome swelling to nearly twice its normal size for this one week.

Spring is in the air, even though the average daytime temperature is only in the mid teens. The extra sunlight and longer days (it's light until 10 pm) let us know that breakup isn't too far away. ■



The Nome Covenant Church's Praise Team.

Community Easter Service Held At The Nome Recreation Center Gym.

For several years, the Nome Covenant Church has sought to include more of the community in our annual Easter Service. Until last year, the services had moved into the local Bingo Hall above the Board of Trade. Then, it was decided we needed even more space to accommodate the ever increasing number of worshippers. For two years now, we have rented the Nome Recreation Center and invited the community for coffee and rolls, an Easter service and then, to stick around for an Easter lunch buffet.

We had to wait until the Center closed at 10 pm on Saturday evening, then a large number of volunteers jumped unto action to set up tables and chairs, the sound system, the PowerPoint system and the serving tables. By about 1:00 am, we were ready for the Easter Celebration.

This year, we were treated to

Evangelist and Musician, Robert Sheldon, from the village of Noatak, north of Kotzebue. Robert is the Spiritual Development Director at the Red Dog Mine, the world's largest lead and zinc mine, also located north of Kotzebue.

Robert has several CD's to his credit and KICY has been playing his music for many, many years. It was a real treat to have him back in Nome to speak for our Easter Celebration.

There were many others who offered their personal testimony and musical skills to make this an extremely fulfilling and memorable Easter.

In all, there were nearly 300 gathered that Easter Morning. I thank God to be part of a church with a vision for meeting the needs of our community. ■

Arctic Ambassador Membership Growing.

February's appeal for an increased membership in the Arctic Ambassadors was met with an enthusiastic response. Thanks to each of you who came forward with a pledge of \$42 a month as you are now an official KICY Arctic Ambassador of the Gospel! That means you have agreed to sponsor one hour of broadcasting on KICY each month.

For that commitment, we will record one of your hours and send you a cassette or CD with your name and address mentioned as a sponsor. From

time to time, we will list all the Arctic Ambassadors in the Call Letter. You will also receive an Arctic Ambassadors membership card and certificate. Your membership to this growing support organization will also be listed on the KICY web site.

But the greatest satisfaction will come from knowing that you will be sponsoring one hour a month for the continued operation of your 50,000 watt station serving the arctic. Our goal is to add 100 Arctic Ambassador members in the next few months. ■

\$42
a month

Keeping KICY strong into the future.

Tom Mute Recording New CD in Genesis Studios.

Tom Mute, son of Covenant Pastor Wassilie and Jean Mute of Koyuk, recently moved to Nome and almost immediately began recording a new, nine song CD at Genesis Recording.

Many of the songs are originals written by Tom and one, entitled The Bible Tells Me So, was recently performed at the Community Easter Service held in the Nome Rec. Center Gym. Based on the enthusiastic response, it has great Christian Contemporary chart potential.

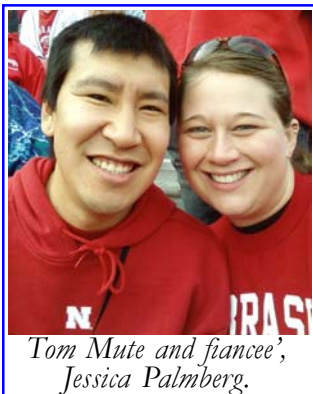
This is not Tom's first entry into studio and on-location recording.

Several years ago, he produced several songs at the KIAM studios in Nenana, Alaska and prior to that, had recorded in a live setting at the

Covenant Bible Camp in Unalakleet with KICY staffer, Jamie Saghafi. Those tracks were brought back to Nome and mixed in the studio with additional backing vocals added. We are all very excited about Tom's new CD and look forward to wrapping this up this

spring. Keep this young man's considerable talent in your prayers.

Also, congratulations on the announcement of his engagement to Jessica Palmberg. ■



*Tom Mute and fiancée,
Jessica Palmberg.*

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

George Bard

Maj. Gary Grennon

Luda Kinok

Cathy Lyon

Anna Moore

Josh Remer

Tim Sergie

Dr. Phil Schobert

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

Yes, it's true. We do have a new volunteer in place, but we are still looking for full-time volunteer staff members to help take up some of the slack here.

If you know of a potential long-term volunteer (a year or more of service), encourage them to get in touch with KICY General Manager, Dennis Weidler. Or, they can download a volunteer application from our web site at

www.kicy.org ■

Brownout Takes Out FM.

We've lost several items from power problems this winter, from circuit boards and modems at the AM transmitter site to the most recent loss, the FM Exciter.

Our local utility has been dealing with sudden changes in their demand load. High winds and driving snow haven't helped, either. And, the newly installed generators seem unable to lock on to 60 Hz, but only to 59.9 Hz, so many clocks in our homes are running slow by a few minutes a week.

The most recent, and so far the most expensive repair, has been to our FM Exciter. Early one Saturday morning, as Nome lost power, the new exciter felt that was the last straw. We put the old, standby transmitter back on the air and began a troubleshooting dialogue over the phone with the transmitter manufacturer back in Nova Scotia.

Being five time zones removed gave us our own set of problems but that's another story entirely.

The diagnosis was made and parts shipped overnight. A week later, when the parts arrived, (yes, there is no overnight to Nome) we installed the PA module but still had no success. It was decided at that point to ship an entire new FM exciter and the manufacturer, Nautel would give us

a hefty credit to replace the \$3,000 unit and credit back the parts which didn't solve the problem, as well.

Two weeks after the loss of the exciter, we had a new unit, installed and back on the air.

Thanks to Nautel and their helpful staff for going beyond what might normally be expected. We are all delighted to be back on at full power. ■



George and Dr. Phil prepare to ship back the old items.

Operation Ready Power.

We estimate that \$45,000 will be needed to rebuild the generator building, install a transfer switch and a 25 kilowatt diesel generator. This past winter storm confirmed our need for reliable backup power.

\$45,000

\$40,000

\$35,000

\$30,000

\$25,000

\$20,000

\$15,000

\$10,000

\$5,000

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Memorials

In February & March we received memorials in the name of:

Tom Dotomain

Edward Lattimore, Jr.

Dorothy Harman

Polly Hunter

Eleanor Bloom

Roger Westlund

Carl Nelson

Dick Carlson

Warren Baumgartner

Mildred Ulrich

Irma Schroeder

Kevin Oyoumick

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-February Income-

\$22,721.36

-February Budget-

\$29,995.00

-February Expenses-

\$30,718.00

-March Income-

\$22,409.55

-March Budget-

\$26,495.00

-March Expenses-

\$31,108.76

*Includes Sales & Programs but
not designated funds.*



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Mackey Wins Iditarod. Seavey Takes Sweepstakes.

In a thrilling repeat of his 2007 victories, Lance Mackey again won both the Yukon Quest and the Iditarod in 2008 arriving in Nome at about 2:00 am on Wednesday, March 12th. But his dreams of winning the Triple Crown, which included the centennial running of the All Alaska Sweepstakes, was not to be. Kenai Peninsula musher, Mitch Seavey won the \$100,000 winner-take-all race from Nome to the village of Candle and back. That's a distance of 408 miles which he and his team covered in the record time of 61 hours, 30 minutes. That knocked a full 12

hours off the old record set by "Iron Man" Johnson in 1910. Right behind Seavey, by only 8



Nate Hobbs (l) and Pastor Harvey Fiskeaux (r) call the Iditarod action.

minutes, was the number two finisher of this year's Iditarod, Jeff King.

Arriving in Nome to help cover

the Sweepstakes was Josh Rogers, a former KICY staff volunteer, who has taken a major interest in following mushing competition and even has his own Iditablog. Also, as we mentioned earlier, Dr. Phil Schobert was the Executive Director of the Sweepstakes and George Bard was the Volunteer Coordinator.

It was an exhausting month but an exciting one, as well. I want to thank all of those who helped make both major dog mushing race events extremely successful. It has been 25 years since the last All Alaska Sweepstakes and no one knows when it will be run again. It's good to be part of such an historical event. ■

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