

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

On Memorial Day, Nome enjoyed a record 2 inch snow-fall. All of the sea ice returned that day as well. It was like summer was only a week long this year! It's good to have the school year behind us and the prospects of an exciting summer of rebuilding to anticipate.

Also, in the past few weeks, I've been to Olympia, Washington, McMinnville, Oregon and Hilmar, California on my spring, west coast "Eat More Salmon" fundraising tour. What a wonderful time seeing old friends and making many new



Dennis Weidler

ones. At McMinnville, former volunteer, Rosalie Gale brought her mother, daughter and granddaughter to enjoy some Nome-caught Silver Salmon. Fred Tuggy, who has been to Nome at least once a year for the past ten years, traveled from Tucson to enjoy some salmon and spend time with his family.

Now, we are awaiting the arrival of the first of the summer work teams. We have much to do and only a few short months to get it all finished. I am delighted to report that all the work completed last year on the AM rebuilding project has been working great and all looks perfect at the AM site. The towers are standing tall and there is no warming of the soil. The new phasor building is still straight with no unusual leaning. ■



Jon Wehde and Major Gary Grennon host GardenTalk.

New GardenTalk Program Launched.

Believe it or not, there is a lot of interest in gardening here in arctic Alaska. Raised beds, greenhouses and attention to detail can yield some interesting results. There is even a garden tour late in the summer when bus loads of Nomites travel out to visit various home gardens. With nearly 24 hours of available daylight, results can be exceptional.

Through a variety of grants, Nome has at least three greenhouses which are open to anyone to assist in their 'growing' hobby. The Nome Community Center has made it a priority to acquire greenhouse space and, as you might expect, is the sponsor of our newest, locally produced program.

Every Saturday at Noon, Major Grennon and Jon Wehde air *GardenTalk*, where they discuss cold climate growing techniques, Go Green innovations and invite guests into the studio to share their insights.

Recently, one of the guests, our local Cooperative Extension Agent, brought fresh, recently harvested tomatoes and radishes into the studio to share with the hosts.

Our Dr. Phil, a member of the Arctic Gardening Class taught through the University, interviewed class members and shared those interviews on *GardenTalk*.

On another episode, Jon and The Major talked about terrariums and jar gardens, also very popular here in the arctic.

If you get a chance, and have computer access, you can listen to *GardenTalk* as we stream the audio live from our website. Just remember that Noon in Nome is 4:00 pm on the East Coast, 3:00 pm Central Time, 2:00 pm Mountain Time and 1:00 pm Pacific.

It's a great show with lots of valuable growing tips. ■

The "Eat More Salmon" Tour Makes Three City Stops.

The big, spring, west coast salmon fundraising dinner tour is over and a special KICY thanks to all of those who made it possible.



Mitch Denning and part of the crew take time out for a photo opportunity.

First stop was Grace Covenant in Olympia, Washington on May 2nd, where Missions Chair, Mitch Denning rallied the gang to put on a very successful Friday evening salmon dinner. Then, it was on to McMinnville, Oregon where over 200 were served Nome-caught silver salmon in a packed-out fellow-

ter and granddaughter!

Then, it was off to central California and Hilmar Covenant Church. We enjoyed a very enthusiastic crowd for this Monday evening dinner. We are now booking dates and times for the Fall *Eat More Salmon* fundraising tour beginning October 3rd. I'll bring the salmon! ■

ship hall right after the Sunday morning worship service on May 4th. It was great to see former KICY volunteer, Rosalie Gale, as well as her mother, daughter and granddaughter!

Site Cleared for New Generator Building.

It's been two years since we replaced the old FM tower with a new, taller, more sturdy model. On June 5th of this year, the old 50 foot tower was taken down to make room for the new generator building.

In addition to the tower, the old underpowered generator and the small generator building which housed it had to be removed as did a very large, unused oil tank. There was also a

variety of used 55 gallon drums which had collected over the years. One was from the U.S. Army Air Force, probably from the WWII era.

Jake and Joann Smit arrived from Kalamazoo, Michigan and wasted no



Clearing the site for the new generator building.

time in laying out the plans and setting forms for the new concrete pad. By the end of the first week, we had the 20 foot by 20 foot pad in place and were ready for the building team

from Tucson!

A Prayer Request. For each of our staff members.

George Bard

Maj. Gary Grennon

Luda Kinok

Cathy Lyon

Anna Moore

Tim Sergie

Dr. Phil Schobert

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

Important Notice:

We are in great need of a full-time, volunteer, staff member to help take up some of the slack here during regular business hours.

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. ■

City of Nome Donates Generator.

On May 12th, the Nome Common Council voted unanimously to donate a surplus 25 kw diesel generator to KICY. This will replace the 12 kw generator we outgrew a few years ago. This will also allow us to save nearly \$25,000 we had budgeted (but not yet found) for this summer's rebuilding project.

"I just stand back and let God work out the details."
*-- Dennis Weidler
 General Manager*

I was talking about our plans to upgrade our emergency services by installing a more powerful diesel generator with the Building Inspector for Nome, Pat Hahn. He thought the city would be amenable to donating a generator of the correct size which they had just removed from service and placed in storage. The generator

was operating perfectly when it was removed from Nome's Emergency Services Building and the city has a great reputation for maintaining their equipment. At

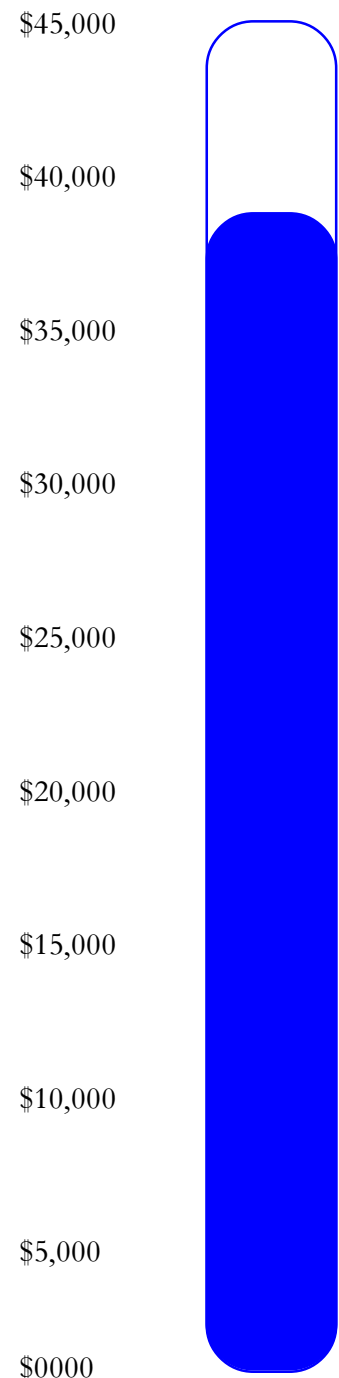
Pat's suggestion, I contacted the Interim City Manager and sent a letter requesting the donation. The request was published for 30 days in the Nome Nugget.

On May 12th, it became official. KICY was the recipient of a 25 kw diesel generator and it was right here in Nome. Thanks to Pat Hahn, Mayor Michels and the Nome Common Council for this wonderful gift.

We anticipate the final installation by the middle of July. ■

Operation Ready Power.

We estimate that another \$8,000 will be needed to complete the rebuilding of the generator building, install a transfer switch and a 25 kilowatt diesel generator. The City of Nome's donation of a generator and the recent "Eat More Salmon" fundraising tour made our thermometer move up very quickly!



Memorials

In April and May we received memorials in the name of:

- Tom and Annie Dotomain
- Edward Lattimore, Jr.
- Dorothy Harman
- Polly Hunter
- Don Bruckner
- Norman & Marge Crider
- Thomas A. Miller
- Eleanor Bloom
- Glen Hopkins
- Ernest & Edgar Lindstrom

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

- April Income-
\$29,305.03
- April Budget-
\$31,805.00
- April Expenses-
\$35,092.11
- May Income-
\$28,057.66
- May Budget-
\$35,245.00
- May Expenses-
\$26,104.52

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.



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KICY Presents the Annual Broadcasters Award.

At the annual JROTC Awards night on May 8th, KICY was honored to present the fifth annual broadcasters award. This year, honors went to two JROTC cadets, Landis Bjorgen and Kyle Griemsmann. In addition, Brendan Wehde was included in the awards presentation. The three Nome-Beltz High School students served as the basketball play-by-play team this past season. This marks the first time students have been trained to provide coverage for the entire season of basketball action.

The added good news is that none are seniors and all are ready to provide coverage for next season.

It has been my hope since we arrived in 1999 that the students would come forward and want to be part of the extensive coverage we

provide of local and regional basketball. So this awards night marks a major milestone in recent KICY history. I want to thank Major Grennon who enlisted, trained, mentored and coordinated the play-by-play team.

The Nome-Beltz JROTC Program gives many students opportunities such as this which they would not normally be able to take advantage of in Bush Alaska. Thanks, team! ■



Landis Bjorgen, Kyle Griemsmann and Brendan Wehde receive their awards.

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