

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic



March is always a very busy month at KICY. Basketball coverage

comes to a frenzied conclusion with regional and state tournaments for Nome and all of the smaller schools in our region. On top of

that the Iditarod Sled Dog Race takes place in March and for a few days that coverage is simultaneous with basketball.

Into this craziness, Gordon Govier came to help out. Gordon has a past in radio and currently works for the International branch of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. We met at the KICY exhibit at Urbana 2018.

I am grateful for his willingness to jump in and learn how to use the board for basketball games, running the majority of them. He also assisted with the Breakfast Club each weekday morning. Not to worry, he also had time to enjoy plenty of Iditarod Week activities and even got out on a snow machine ride between storms. KICY was blessed by his service.



Patty Burchell

Redington Wins Iditarod 51



The 51st Iditarod began March 5th in Willow with 34 teams taking to the trail. Though the number of participants was down, the excitement was real as both spectators and coverage of the race got back to pre-pandemic levels. Ryan Redington crossed under the burled arch in Nome first, bringing the trophy bearing the image of his grandfather, one of the original organizers of the race, home to the Redington family for the first time.

KICY's coverage was extensive. Aaron Brown and Aaron Cooper spent the better part of a week on the scaffold at the arch on Front Street (in front of the Covenant Church) welcoming in each finisher. They also hosted post-race interviews with several mushers, including the top three. Nate Hobbs provided on the ground support a few miles out of town, reporting on teams as they neared Nome.

The Iditarod hosts a website with GPS tracking of mushers and a live-streamed finish of the winner. Anchorage based TV personnel are in town to cover the first place finisher as well. In the end, old school radio ruled the day as the Iditarod website crashed and there was a glitch in television coverage as Ryan neared the finish line. For a few minutes KICY was the only live coverage of The Last Great Race that had a reach beyond Nome. KICY has covered each Iditarod Nome finish since the very first, and hopes to do so for another 50 years!

Studios Go Digital



AM Studio before...



...and after

In mid February Steve Smit, Terry Reynolds, and Roy Pace came to Nome to install new digital audio boards in both the AM and FM studios. Steve and Nate had put in countless hours leading up to this working on the details and pre-programming as much as possible. Even so the week of the install was filled with a flurry of activity and long hours.

The week prior, a new VoIP phone system was installed, replacing phones that had served us well for 20 years.

The learning curve was steep at first, but the staff has adapted to the new boards. We also got a crash course in using the phone/audio board interface during live basketball games and Iditarod coverage. While a bit rough at first, it is now routine.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Thomas & Cindy Massie Foundation the upgrades are fully funded.



Lead engineer Steve Smit removing old cables and organizing new.



*Roy Pace & Terry Reynolds
Terry has been a part of at least
three studio board installs.*



*Cody & Nate
So grateful for these tech guys on our staff.*

A Prayer Request

For each of our staff members

George Bard

Patty Burchell

Cody & Joy Foret

Brenda Hagen

Mary Hesse

Nate & Carlee Hobbs

Jessica Ivanoff

Bertha Koweluk

Luda Kinok

Lena Mathlaw

Tamara Van Diest

Praise God...

...for volunteers who step in to provide expertise when needed, especially Terry and Steve with engineering talents.

...that our equipment has weathered intense storms in February and March well.

Pray...

...for rest and refreshment for our volunteers at the conclusion of this very busy season at KICY.

John McBride

March 8, 1944-March 26, 2023



It is with sadness that we share the passing of former KICY General Manager, John McBride.

John and Sherrie arrived in Nome in 1988 and served for 10 years. In the late 1980s Alaska Airlines instituted "Friendship Flights" between Nome and Provideniya, Chukotka. John took part in two of these flights and as a direct result had the vision to expand KICY's Russian programming from 30 minutes to 90 minutes at the end of each broadcast day (KICY was not a 24 hour station until the early

2000s). It was during his tenure that the process to receive permission to send our signal directional west into Russia overnight was begun.

John also had a passion to reach the lost people in and around Nome, and sought ways to reach the youth of the region with the Gospel through the radio.

We are grateful for John's decade of leadership at KICY and send our sincere condolences to John's wife Sherrie and the entire family.

A Giving Opportunity

If you are subject to a Required Minimum Distribution from an IRA you have the option to distribute those funds directly to one or more charities as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). These distributions come directly from your financial institution and the QCD is not counted as income. Choosing a non-profit organization as the recipient also means the funds are not taxed. It is a win-win for both the IRA account owner and charitable organizations.

Arrangements can be made through your financial institution to send all or part of that distribution directly to KICY.

Thank you for considering KICY as a Qualified Charitable Distribution recipient.

Memorials

In February and March, we received memorials in the name of:

Tom & Annie Dotomain
Edward Lattimore, Jr.
JoAnne Smit
Carol C. Nelson
Ron Kellogg
Carole Cruson
Al Ramsey

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-March Income-

\$54,032.62

-March Budget-

\$41,797.72

-March Expenses-

\$38,801.99

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds



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State 1A & 3A Basketball

In Western Alaska, basketball is king and nothing gets people pumped up more than cheering on their high school team at regional and state tournaments. It is March Madness, Alaska style.

The small schools in our region gathered in Stebbins in early March for a tournament to determine the teams going to state. It was three days of non-stop basketball as the organizers attempted to get through all games before an impending storm. Shaktoolik and Shishmaref girls' and boys'



Shaktoolik Lady Wolverines celebrate a score

teams earned 1A tournament spots.

The following week the Nome teams traveled to Bethel. There the Nome boys, defending state champions, earned their

trip to the state 3A tournament.

When it was all said and done, the Shaktoolik girls and the Nome boys both took second in the state in their respective divisions.

Jessica Ivanoff was amazing, traveling more days than she was home in March and calling the majority of the regional and state games. She was assisted at State by Curtis Ivanoff, who also gets credit for this photo that shows the intensity and excitement of the games so well.