

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic



**G**et Together, Iditarod, Basketball: activities that unite people throughout this great state. We are blessed to be able to interact with life in Western Alaska by broadcasting these events. It can get a little crazy



*Patty Burchell*

when multiple events happen on the same day, and I am so grateful for a staff of willing workers who believe in the ministry of KICY. I am also grateful to others who step up and volunteer this time of year, lightening the load for our regular staff. This year our Conference Superintendent, Curtis Ivanoff and Pastor TJ Smith were the voice of KICY for the 1A and 3A State Basketball Tournaments. Aaron Brown and Aaron Cooper stepped aside from their day jobs to host our Iditarod coverage at all hours of the day and night. Nate and Stuart were each able to attend Get Together. Through our coverage of these events we become part of life in Western Alaska, reaching into homes and lives with the Gospel.

## It Takes A Team

**J**ust as it takes a team of dogs working together to get to Nome it takes a team in Nome to get those finishes broadcast on KICY. This year Aaron Brown and Aaron Cooper were once again on the scaffold, KICY's

Voice of the Iditarod. They are truly students of the sport, watching the mid-distance races leading up to the Iditarod, following the teams throughout the race, and bringing finishers to the scaffold for interviews.

As Iditarod 2024 race champion Dallas Seavey made his way to Nome, Pierce Goslin and David Sobie headed out by snow machine to Cape Nome about 13 miles from town to let us know he was on his way. Nate Hobbs and Larry Schmitz were in the truck at

Farley's Camp about five miles from town to take up coverage from there. And Stuart Joseph was at the snow ramp where the mushers come up off the ice and on to Front Street. Back at the studio, Patty Burchell fielded the reports and facilitated the live broadcast. Throughout the week, teams continued to come in, both day and night, and we broadcast nearly all 29 finishers.

Our listeners appreciated the outstanding coverage, sending thanks by way of email and phone messages, including this one: "This season KICY has had the BEST coverage, and I just THOROUGHLY enjoyed the teamwork by involving a musher." Our broadcast team is already looking forward to next year's race.



*Clockwise from top: Aaron Brown, Aaron Cooper, Patty Burchell, Nate Hobbs, Stuart Joseph, Pierce Goslin, Cody & Quincy Foret, Joy Foret, Larry Schmitz*

# Terry Reynolds

*December 8, 1950 - January 24, 2024*

It is with great sadness we share the passing of longtime KICY engineer, Terry Reynolds.

Terry's service to KICY had its beginnings in the summer of 1969, when KICY missionary couple Stan and Beth Summers spoke at Camp Mission Meadows in western New York State, where Terry was on staff. Their stories stirred his passion for radio and planted God's calling in his heart to go to Nome as a volunteer with KICY. He spent the winter of 1972 in Nome, both doing on-air work and helping with the station's engineering. When he left, his desire was to return to KICY in the future. In 1974, Terry married Linda, who he had



met at Camp Mission Meadows. He told her at the time she should be prepared for a possible move to Nome. In 1977 they were called to Nome for two years, and ended up staying until 1986. Both of their children were born in Nome. In 1986 Terry and Linda moved to Anchorage where Terry built the studio, transmitter site and tower for KCFA, another Covenant radio station. In the early '90s



Terry transitioned to commercial radio and television in the Anchorage area.

In the early 2000s and especially after his retirement in 2008, Terry once again became an integral part of KICY, lending his extensive knowledge and engineering skill to nearly every project since. When I took on the role of general manager in 2017 it was not without a good deal of trepidation. I was a teacher, without much radio knowledge at all. Dennis Weidler, the manager at the time, spoke words I've never forgotten, "But you know who to call." And for the past seven years, Terry has been at the top of that list. Terry always reminded me I could call any time, and I did. When a visiting engineer who held Terry in high regard asked if we had Terry on a retainer for his services, I told him Terry volunteered because he believed in the ministry of KICY. He then said, "Oh, you have him on a love retainer." I know of no better description of Terry's service to KICY over these many decades. As per Terry's wishes, his ashes will be spread at the KICY Tower site later this summer.

## A Prayer Request

For each of our staff members

George Bard

Patty Burchell

Cody & Joy Foret

Mary Hesse

Nate & Carlee Hobbs

Stuart Joseph

Bertha Koweluk

Luda Kinok

Lena Mathlaw

Tamara Van Diest

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## Praise God...

...for volunteers who step in to provide what we need, when we need it.

## Pray...

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

...for upcoming staffing needs.

# Spring Get-Togethers



Spring is the time for Get Togethers in Western Alaska. By the end of February the snow has set making travel between villages by snow machine easier and the days are lengthening allowing for trips to be completed during daylight hours. As we have in the past, KICY was able to send a representative to several Get Togethers this spring. Our purpose is three-fold. We broadcast the evening services, live, so others in the region who are not able to attend in person can participate in the singing, testimonies, and Bible teaching. We also record the services and glean songs to add to our playlist. KICY has been doing this for decades and most likely has the largest collection of recorded translated songs and Native language music in the state. In addition, it is a great time to put a “face” on the radio station as we are welcomed to the villages and meet listeners.

# 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:

Mina Bachelder  
Edward Lattimore, Jr.  
Terry Reynolds  
JoAnne Smit

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-February Income-

\$38,438.15

-February Budget-

\$34,526.77

-February Expenses-

\$40,269.35

*Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds*



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## State 1A & 3A Basketball

March Madness plays out in Alaska as high school basketball teams from around the state gather in Anchorage for the state tournament. Early in March, regional competitions are held and KICY broadcasts every game of the Bering Sea Conference Tournament, narrowing the field of 21 teams down to the top two girls' and boys' teams.

This year that 1A tournament was held in Gambell and we were fortunate to have Charles Swanson of Koyuk step up to



*TJ Smith & Curtis Ivanoff  
Announcers for both 1A and 3A*

call all of the games. The Shaktoolik and Shishmaref boys, and the Shaktoolik and Brevig Mission Girls headed to State where the Shaktoolik Girls placed third.

In 3A competition, the Nome Boys earned a spot at state and reached the finals for the third straight year. The championship game was close, with lead changes throughout the game. With just a few seconds remaining the Nome Boys sank a three point shot to bring home the 3A State Title for the second time in three years.

Many thanks to Conference Superintendent Curtis Ivanoff and Pastor TJ Smith for their “worthy-of-state-championship” play-by-play calling. Their enthusiasm and expertise added to the excitement of the games.