

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic



On April 17, 2025, KICY celebrates 65 years of spreading the Gospel to Western Alaska and the Russian Far East. Sixty-five is a milestone many look to as a time to retire and slow down a bit. Rest



Patty Burchell

assured, KICY is not retiring! We will continue to serve our listeners by providing biblical teaching, uplifting music, coverage of local events, and daily prayer for years to come.

As we prepare to host many willing workers this summer and construct a new staff triplex, please keep us in your prayers. There are many details to be worked out and I am so grateful for local contractor extraordinaire, Nathan Nagaruk, for taking care of most, if not all of them. Pray also that the weather will be what is needed in each phase of the construction.

Please also pray for our staffing needs. If you, or someone you know is feeling called to minister in Alaska, please reach out to KICY. If you can give us a year, we can teach you radio.

New Iditarod Arch



A new burled arch graces Front Street

It was known the posts that held the spruce crosspiece of the Iditarod Arch had been deteriorating, but before they could be replaced the arch collapsed in April of last year. It had served as the Iditarod Finish Line for 25 years, the same length of time the first arch lasted. Ramey Smyth was commissioned to craft a new burled arch. Ramey comes from a mushing family deeply committed to the Iditarod. His father, Bud, was part of the first race and ran the trail an additional 5 times. His mother, Lolly Medley, was one of two women to run the second Iditarod in 1974. Ramey's brother Cim is a multiple time Iditarod finisher. Ramey has finished 26 times, many in the top 10, and in the late 1990s and early 2000s consistently had the fastest time from Safety to Nome. Ramey is a contractor who builds exquisite log homes, and the perfect choice to craft a new finish line arch.

After an extensive search Ramey found an ideal spruce near Mile One of the Historic Iditarod Mail Trail that once connected Seward to Nome. The tree was felled in January, dried, stripped of bark, shaped, and carved. Bryan Mills, a woodworker and Iditarod finisher, assisted. The lettering and other symbols on the crosspiece were first burned into the wood, then painted, turning it into a family affair as his wife and children lent a hand. The pieces were shipped to Nome and assembled by Ramey, Bryan, and a team from Public Works. This beautiful piece of art, well crafted to last at least the next 25 years, was unveiled in a ceremony on Front Street the day before this year's first place finisher, Jessie Holmes, arrived.

Norton Sound Sweep!

March Madness in Alaska is all about high school basketball. This year KICY followed four Bering Strait School District teams as they made their mark at the state tournament. Shaktoolik and Shishmaref girls' and boys' teams earned their spots in the 1A tournament and represented their communities well.



Shaktoolik Wolverines ~pc Curtis Ivanoff



Unalakleet Wolfpack ~pc Joanne Hanson

The Shishmaref boys placed 5th and their girls' team placed 6th. The Shaktoolik girls' placed second, and the championship went to the Shaktoolik Boys, their first state championship.

In the 2A division, Unalakleet sent both their girls' and boys' teams. The girls finished 3rd, and the Unalakleet boys brought

home the championship trophy for the first time in a couple decades.

The Nome boys entered the tournament as defending 3A Champs and finished by claiming the repeat win. They have won the title three out of the last four years.

And that completed the 1A, 2A, 3A Norton Sound Sweep!

KICY has been the voice of high school basketball since our beginning. Special thanks to our outstanding team of announcers, Jessica Ivanoff, Sonya Ivanoff, Curtis Ivanoff, and Luke Hansen.



Nome Nanooks ~pc Esther Pedersen

A Prayer Request

For each of our staff members

George Bard

Patty Burchell

Cody & Joy Foret

Pierce & Shaina Goslin

Nate & Carlee Hobbs

Bertha Koweluk

Lena Mathlaw

David Sobie

Tamara Van Diest

Praise God...

...for always providing what we need, when we need it.

...for sustaining staff during the busy basketball/Iditarod Season.

Pray...

...for staffing needs.

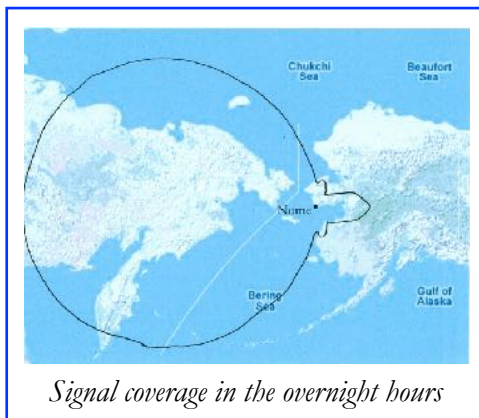
...for the Revitalization Project needs, both financial and material.

Russian Programming Update

Long time Russian Language Programmer, Luda Kinok, stepped down from that role last May and since then many have been asking about the future of our Russian language programming. Over the years, Luda interacted with her listeners in different ways. Most recently she was the announcer between songs, the “voice” of the Russian programming, much like our AM and FM announcers are the “voice” of the English language programming. Programs in Russian remain, there is just not a recognizable voice present during the broadcasts.

While we seek a new full time Russian Language Programmer, we are evaluating the programming we have. Our content is biblically sound. However, for many programs, we have not received new episodes for several years. Oksana Sobie and her husband Scott are in Nome for the time being, displaced from their home in Ukraine where Scott was a missionary pastor for 20 years. Oksana has begun listening to our current programs and will be making recommendations. She has also found more Russian Christian music to add to our lineup.

Russian language programming is still a priority at KICY. Praise God for Oksana’s help in evaluating what we air. Pray that God would provide a full time staff member to add that personal touch and voice to the broadcasts.



Staff Housing & Studio Revitalization

Fundraising continues for this project. Would you consider giving an extra gift in any amount to support this effort? Send a check to KICY with a note stating Building Fund, or give securely through our website, kicy.org, using the Big Blue Donate Now button. When you give on line, select Capital Campaign. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

\$1,200,000

Phase 2
Goal
\$800,000

Phase 1
Goal
\$400,000

\$200,000

Memorials

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

Bering Air Flight #445
Edward Lattimore, Jr.
Carol C. Nelson
Jean Schuberth
JoAnne Smit

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-February Income-

\$37,220.35

-February Budget-

\$38,317.41

-February Expenses-

\$35,312.61

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds



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KICY Virtual Mailbag

Greetings to the station. I appreciate the gospel in the native language and translated into English. God bless you all. Keep up the good work. Your songs make me relax.
~a listener in Hooper Bay

What a blessing today. Prayer for family and the lessons that even in Jesus' day there were issues. God is faithful and I am thankful for that. Thank you, God, for KICY.
~a listener in Unalakleet

I express my sincere gratitude for the useful programs.
~a listener in Mozyr, Belarus



Thank you for the t-shirt! I will proudly wear it here and represent our hometown of Nome, Alaska! I keep up with high school sports through KICY here in Phoenix. Keep up the great work at KICY and keep it up, Nanooks!
~a college student in Phoenix

Thank you for broadcasting high school basketball on the radio. Also good to hear the good music you play.
~a listener in Shishmaref

Thank you, KICY, for feeding my soul in times of struggle.
~a listener in the Norton Sound region