

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

I had the opportunity to travel to the transmitter site, 3 miles east of Nome this afternoon. Today, spring came. There's not a cloud in the sky. The sun is shining. The rivers are beginning to flow. The birds are flocking north. The road to the transmitter site was finally passable, though muddy. The ocean remains frozen.

Yesterday, a flock of tundra swans flew right by our living room window and the sand hill cranes are circling overhead sounding a great deal like a dog lot with lots of activity.



Dennis Weidler

This time of year also finds staff changes and this year is no exception.

Lon left for a visit with family to share in graduation ceremonies. It's off to camp for both Irene and Adam this summer. On the up side, Candace has expanded her duties at KICY as PSA Director. A Nome Covenant family member, George Bard, will be overseeing the FM Music Programming. And, the pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Nome, Tim Sergie is training for Lon's position as host of The Breakfast Club. Yes, God provides exactly the staff we need, when we need them. That has been true every day for the past seven years.

Now, we await the arrival of the summer work teams! It's an exciting time with much to do. ■



Lon Swanson holds our official certifications.

We Are Certified.

It has been a very good year for KICY AM & FM. First, both licenses were renewed by the Federal Communications Commission on February 2. Those renewals are good for eight years.

Then, on May 17th, we underwent a voluntary FCC inspection and passed with flying colors. This certification is good for three years and means we will most likely not be inspected by the FCC in that time period.

As members of both the Alaska Broadcasters Association and the National Association of Broadcasters, KICY participates in this unique program of voluntary inspection. Through a barter arrangement with Alaska Broadcasters, KICY airs spot advertisements for a variety of state sponsored programs, the Coast Guard, the National Guard and even an alternative high school. These ads help to offset the cost of the voluntary inspections.

This same program allows the FCC to concentrate on areas of greatest

concern and not on the time consuming activities involved with traveling all over bush Alaska to inspect one or two radio stations, most of which are at least 500 miles from the nearest road. That is a very expensive proposition for the Commission.

The voluntary inspection includes all the elements of a regular FCC visit including review of the Public File, transmitter and engineering logs, Emergency Alert System inspection, a visit to the transmitter site to review tower painting, lighting and fencing and, in the case of KICY, to make sure the directional monitoring points are within tolerance. Of course, this year that wasn't an issue as we are operating on a Special Temporary Authority to be non-directional 24 hours a day.

Thanks to Ken Benner, who is retained by the Alaska Broadcasters, for the great inspection. He is always extremely helpful. ■



Tim Sergie, daughter Cyndi Reeves and wife, Martha in the studio.

More Local Music in Production.

It's always a time of great joy when Genesis Recording is busy assisting in the production of new music for KICY.

Over Memorial weekend, well known song writer and recording artist, Cyndi Reeves traveled from the village of Alakanak in the Yukon Delta to Nome to visit her parents. She was 'retiring' from her teaching position after ten years. She and her family were heading to Craig, Alaska down in the southeast.

She took some time out of her visit to record an entire CD of new songs. She is a prolific songwriter. This is at least her third recording session this year and it's only June!

She also spent part of her time adding harmony tracks to some of her previous recordings.

Then, it was time for the entire family to record. Cyndi's father and mother, Tim and Martha Sergie joined her in the studio and recorded a second CD of regional favorites, many sung in their native Central Yup'ik.

There is still time which needs to be devoted to finishing the recordings. Cyndi's multitrack sessions have to be edited and mixed and the family recordings were tracked on our 8 channel analogue recorder. These need to be mixed to digital stereo and mastered to CD.

We are all anxious to get the new material on as we have recently expanded our Native Language singing portion of our weekend programming. If you get a chance check out the Weekend Get Togethers on our audio stream at www.kicy.org. ■

Alaska Fun Fact: Our own State Senator, Dr. Donny Olson has officially filed as a candidate for Lieutenant Governor in the upcoming August Primary election.

A Prayer Request. For each of our staff members.

George Bard

Maj. Gary Grennon

Luda Kinok

Carol Morton

Tim Sergie

Dr. Phil Schobert

Lon Swanson

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

We are so blessed to have Tim Sergie and George Bard coming forth from the community of Nome to help out with our work here.

Keep praying. We are going to need full-time staff this fall. And, if you can think of anyone in your church or your community who may seek an opportunity to serve in a western Alaska radio mission, have them contact me, Dennis Weidler.



Lon, Dennis, Major Grennon and Irene at Awards Night.

KICY Receives JROTC Award.

The end of the school term is a major time for pomp, circumstance and recognition. At the JROTC Awards Ceremony on May 17, KICY was awarded the Superior Support Award for our encouragement and edification of the cadets

in the JROTC Program at Nome-Beltz High School.

In addition, KICY presented the Broadcasters Award to Anna Ashenfelter for her work at both KICY AM-850 and ICY 100.3 FM.

A Critical Need: 100 New Monthly Financial Supporters.

Thank you, thank you to each one of you who continue to financially support this essential broadcast service to western Alaska and the Russian Far East.

The truth is, we need more of you. KICY is seeking 100 individuals, families, churches or Sunday School Classes to become financial shareholders at \$30 a month for one year. That could be in the form of 50 Arctic Ambassadors at \$42 a month and 50 Chukotkan Missionaries at \$21 a month, or any combination.

Fuel cost increases, certainly not unfamiliar to all of you, threaten our ability to continue broadcasting. Can you help?

Memorials

In May, we received memorials in the name of:

Tom Dotomain

Edward Lattimore, Jr.

Stella Reiners

**Edward Waterlander
(correction from April)**

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-May Income-

\$26,371.99

-May Budget-

\$21,430.00

-May Expenses-

\$24,803.80

*Includes Sales & Programs but
not designated funds.*



Arctic Broadcasting Association is an affiliated corporation of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

Operation 'Solid Foundation'.

As you can see, we took in \$5,872.20 in May toward our Capital Campaign! Praise God! That means the AM rebuilding project is still on target to be completed next summer.

Summer teams have begun arriving to get the critical tower projects finished by July.

We have until **June 1, 2007** to raise the needed funds.

\$150,000

\$125,000

\$100,000

\$75,000

\$50,000

\$38,376.20

\$25,000



Native Pastor Joins KICY Team.

It is with great joy that I announce the addition of Tim Sergie to the staff of KICY. Tim is pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Nome. He is originally from Bethel and grew up in Togiak, Alaska, a village in the Bristol Bay region.

Tim has been very supportive of the work of KICY and appreciates our broadcast work, especially in village ministry. For the past two years, Tim and his entire family have helped with our live broadcasts during the annual Share-A-Thon.

Tim and his entire family have an incredible gift of music (see

article on page 2).

Tim is a joyful, enthusiastic servant who actually seems to enjoy getting up at 6 AM to be



*Pastor Tim Sergie
takes the controls.*

on the air with the Breakfast Club by 7:00.

"There's a lot of preparation work before we go on," stated Sergie.

"But after nearly a month of training, I am now 'flying solo'."

Tim speaks Central Yup'ik and often uses both his native language and English in his broadcasts. We have gotten a great many calls of appreciation from listeners in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta.

"It's a real blessing for me to be part of KICY," added Sergie. "I know we are touching so many lives on a daily basis and bringing joy, and even more important, hope to our listeners."

Thanks to God for Tim Sergie. ■

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