

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

On April 17, KICY hosted a Virtual Anniversary Party to celebrate 60 years of ministry. I was humbled and blessed by the people who called in with stories and good wishes. Those memories, as well as those from many other past and present staff, volunteers, and listen-



Patty Burchell

ers have been compiled along with archived photos into a coffee-table style book. See the article on page three for more information and how to get a copy for yourself.

I never cease to be amazed and humbled by the goodness of our God. When a need is presented, God provides through generous people like you. It has been pure joy these past two months to open the mail and find contributions toward both our general fund and our 60th Anniversary Challenge. I wish I could personally speak to each one of you who donate to and/or pray for this ministry and thank you. You will never know the reach your generosity has. As has often been said, some give by going, others go by giving. We are so very blessed.

We serve an amazing God. He prompts, you listen, and through your prayers and financial gifts, our needs are met. It is a blessing to partner with you in this ministry. ■

Radio Ministry in the Coronavirus Age

Two months ago none of us could have imagined what life would look like today. While it is true we never know what the future will bring, in this instance, life for most of us has changed drastically. During these unprecedented times

we have seen the importance of the medium of radio, even in the 21st century.

Creativity has abounded everywhere. While much of that creativity elsewhere has relied on the power of the internet, that is less possible here as data is capped and speeds are slow. To help people feel connected, KICY introduced a few new programs. The Hobbs family hosted a live, call-in Hymn Sing each Friday night. It began in the studio the end of March, then using our remote broadcasting equipment, it moved to their living room during the month of April, when we were all self isolating.

Easter was certainly different for all of us this year. Like Christians everywhere, we wanted to mark the event with something special. KICY produced an Easter service consisting of brief messages from

most of the pastors in Western Alaska and included recorded music from most of those congregations. It was an amazing service, that many hope will be repeated next year.

Our 11 a.m. Sunday timeslot in April and May was given to Covenant pastors from around the region who have taken turns calling in their sermons for live worship. In some cases,



Carlee, Kate, and Nate Hobbs

Live Hymn Sing

they have also provided live the worship music, and for others we have used songs from our library of local artists and groups.

And then there was high school graduation. As the seniors paraded through town to the cheers of the community, KICY hosted a call-in show where friends and relatives could send greetings to the graduates. That was followed by the drive-in ceremony in the high school parking lot. KICY broadcast the pre-recorded speeches and the live conferring of diplomas as participants listened on their car radios.

Radio is indeed as relevant now as it was in 1960 when KICY first began broadcasting. ■

A Look Back...1977

On September 11, 1977, KICY-FM began broadcasting its 6 a.m. to midnight "Bright 'N Beautiful" format. At 84 watts, KICY-FM covered most of the City of Nome and was programmed specifically with the Nome audience in mind.

From the Winter 1977-1978 Call Letter: "The "Bright 'N Beautiful" format means basically easy listening secular instrumental music with plans for adding religious music from our own library. Regular season college and professional sports, the bi-monthly Nome City Council meeting, and the weekly call-in show "Speak



Terry Reynolds and the KICY-FM broadcast automation system

Out" are aired on KICY-FM along with news casts. Three daily five minute evangelistic programs are aired along with the 30 minute "Nightsounds" program by Bill Pearce. ...

With the addition of KICY-FM geared to Nome, our AM programming is now directed more particularly to the isolated village listener."

This programming philosophy still holds true today. ■



Al Zellmer & Chip Swanson raise the KICY-FM tower

From the listeners in 1977:
...Congratulations on the most successful debut of KICY-FM. As one who has long been hungry for some real listening music I can say only "thank you."

...I've been listening to it (FM) and I feel that this is the best thing that's happened to Nome in a long time! I hope it will help the morale of people...as it has mine already.



*KICY-FM Dedication Service
October 1, 1977*

A Prayer Request For each of our staff members

George Bard

Patty Burchell

Cody Foret

Joy Foret

Nate Hobbs

Kathy Horner

Ron Horner

Bertha Koweluk

Luda Kinok

Lena Mathlaw

Lon Swanson

Praise God...

...for the minimal impact of the coronavirus in Alaska.

...for the safe arrival of Cody and Joy Foret to begin volunteer service at KICY.

Pray for...

...the continuing financial needs of the station.

...discernment as we determine which summer projects, if any, need to be completed in the absence of visiting work teams.

60th Anniversary Memory Book



The KICY Memory Book is available for purchase! Consisting of vintage and current photos and memories from past and present staff, volunteers, and listeners, this is a book sure to be treasured for years to come.

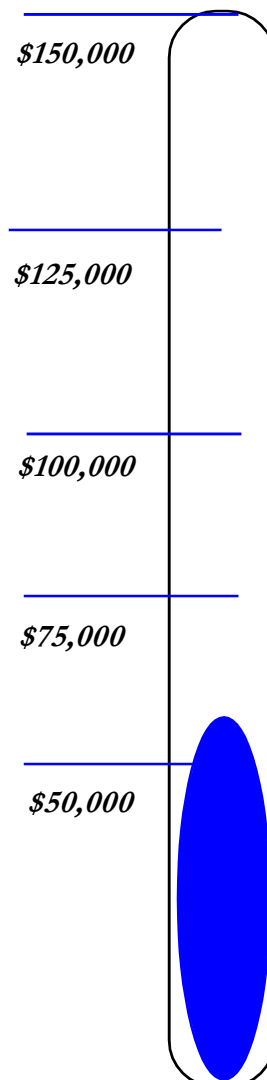
The book is available on line through Shutterfly and is available in both hard and soft covers. While the full price of a hardcover book is about \$75, Shutterfly regularly offers sales of 40% to

50% off, with free shipping. If you don't mind waiting until a good sale comes along to purchase, over the course of putting this book together, the sale price ranged from \$45-\$55. The soft cover is less expensive.

A link to Shutterfly and ordering instructions can be found on our website, kicy.org. We know this will be a book to peruse over and over again, celebrating the goodness and blessings of God. ■

60th Anniversary Challenge

Our 50,000 watt AM Transmitter is nearing the end of its expected lifespan. We need to start planning now for its replacement. During our 60th Anniversary year, would you consider giving an extra \$60 (or multiple of 60) toward this fund? It is a huge undertaking, but if everyone on our mailing list was able to donate \$60 toward this project, it would more than cover all associated costs. Thanks for your help in keeping our signal strong for the next 60 years!



Memorials

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

Tom & Annie Dotomain
Edward Lattimore, Jr.
Dick & Rosie Nelson
Frank Villarreal
Sam Villarreal
Dick & Elaine Lundberg
Blanche Rosin
Carol Nelson

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-May Income-

\$38,089.23

-May Budget-

\$38,574.37

-May Expenses-

\$26,127.98

*Includes Sales & Programs but
not designated funds.*



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Meet the Hobbs

Sixteen years ago, Nathaniel and Carleen Hobbs came to Nome as a young married couple. Carlee had spent some summers here serving as a nanny to Nome Covenant Pastor Harvey Fiskeaux's family. After Nate and Carlee married, they felt the call of Christ to move to Nome, for a time, to serve alongside Pastor Harvey as part of his Good News Alaska ministry. They came with a missionary mindset, investing themselves in the community. They led the youth group, and for many years Nate served as Minister to Families at Nome Covenant Church, as well as a chaplain at the regional prison in town. They have a heart for the villages, and have often traveled to



provide services in places that are without pastors.

Fast forward to three years ago. Their family was growing up, and they felt a change coming. Sensing a need to spend more time with his family, Nate resigned his position at the church and increased his part time work as the IT guy at Nome Community

Center to full time. About a year and a half ago, they once again felt God calling them to something different. Nate had helped out at the station often over the years, assisting with live community broadcasts and Iditarod coverage. They have also wanted to get their children involved in some sort of outreach ministry, and radio seemed the perfect fit.

After much prayer and discernment, Nate has come on board as IT/Program Director. He has already contributed so much in the IT department, tightening things up and launching us into the 2020s.

What they thought was a commitment of a few years has turned into 16, and we are blessed that God wants the Hobbs here even longer. ■