

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

Let me tell you a story. A little more than 60 years ago, God put the idea in the minds of several different people, in several different places: a radio station in Western Alaska. One that would connect villages with each other, bringing not only news and weather to this



Patty Burchell

remote part of the globe, but also the message of the Gospel. Through circumstances and meetings that were nothing short of miracu-

lous, KICY signed on the air on Easter Sunday of 1960.

From the beginning, our listeners invited KICY to be part of their stories. From the radio on the kitchen table to the radio at fish camp, KICY became part of life in Western Alaska. Throughout the years, stories were told over the airwaves on programs like Lines From a Mother's Scrapbook, Ranger Bill, and Unshackled. Personal stories were told through testimony on Cabin Prayer Meeting and through live broadcasts of village Get Togethers.

Over the past 60 years others have added their stories. Reindeer herders in the Russian Far East hearing the Good News of the Gospel for the first time. Whole villages gathering in one place to listen to a broadcast of a local sports tournament. Many

stories came in from past and present staff, volunteers, and listeners for inclusion in the 60th Anniversary memory book. Stories of God's faithfulness. Stories of God's provision. Stories of God's encouragement.

Victory and loss are also part of the story. From sharing in the excitement of a state basketball championship to the sadness of damage caused by storm and fire, the story of God's faithfulness through it all is told.


You, too, are part of this story. Your interest in KICY, your prayers, and your financial gifts propel this ministry. The story of KICY continues to be written.

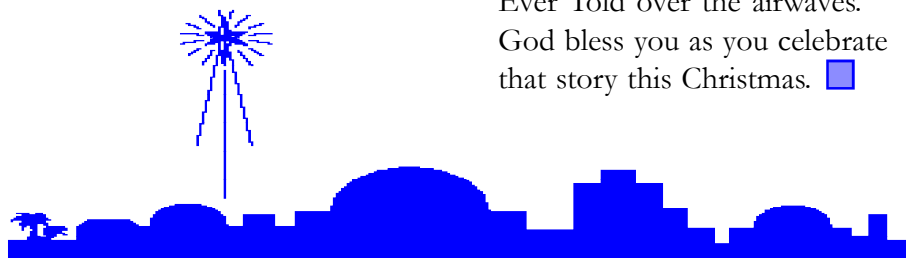
As you know, our AM transmitter is nearing the end of its expected life. Many of you have taken the 60th Anniversary Challenge this year and have given over and above toward a new 50,000 watt transmitter. We now find ourselves needing to accelerate the pace of replacement. On November 5, a storm boasting 60 mph wind gusts and wet snow hit the coast. Our transmitter and phasor failed (see p.4), and we had to be off the air for about 10 days while repairs were made.

And we heard stories. Listeners began calling in, asking where we were, expressing sadness that KICY was missing in their life. Luda even

received an email from a listener in central Russia asking where we were. Once we returned to broadcast, we received more calls and emails thanking us for being back on the air. It was once again evident the part KICY plays in the story of life in Western Alaska and the Russian Far East.

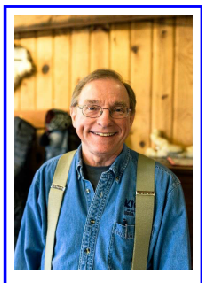
Through your generosity we have raised half the funds we need for a new 50,000 watt transmitter. We need to secure the remaining funds in a few short months to ensure the new transmitter can be built, shipped, and installed this coming summer, a year earlier than planned. If giving exceeds our goal, we would also like to purchase a smaller transmitter to use as a back up when the main transmitter has to be off the air for repair or maintenance.

In this final month of 2020, a year that has produced so many stories both tragic and joyful, will you consider being part of the story of how God multiplied the offerings of many and miraculously provided a transmitter for KICY? A gift of any amount at the end of this year will help. Be part of the story of the little radio station with the big signal at the edge of the world so we can continue telling the Greatest Story Ever Told over the airwaves. God bless you as you celebrate that story this Christmas. 



Our Christmas Wish List

It's that time of year again...a time of joy and celebration as we all look forward to the joyous Christmas season. Again by popular request, we have assembled a list of some items our staff would enjoy receiving this holiday time.



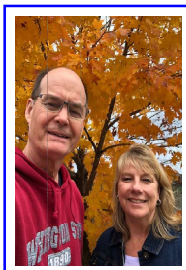
Our Breakfast Club Host, **Lon Swanson** would really enjoy some *Dunkin' Coffee*. He

thinks it is the perfect way to start the day.

Long-time volunteer **George Bard**, is not much of a coffee drinker. But, a hot cup of *Mint Tea* is what makes Christmas special for George. Although the flavors aren't real important, he does prefer mint.

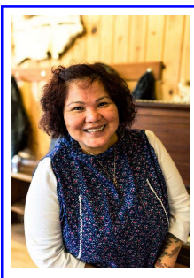


Kathy Horner processes our donations and other payments, and hosts the evenings on ICY 100.3 FM. She loves *dark chocolate*. It is tasty, and good for you! **Ron Horner** would love some *mixed nuts* to munch



on as he hosts Retro Gold, Saturday afternoons on ICY 100.3 FM, and Classical Choral, Sunday mornings on KICY AM-850.

Lena Mathlaw shares hosting SingSpirationTime each weekday evening. She would love some *walnuts or whole bean French Roast coffee*. Those are local favorites here.



Bertha Koweluk, is the other host of SingSpiration Time each weekday evening from 7 to 10 p.m. Her Christmas wish includes some *Christmas Candy or*

nuts of any variety.

Our Russian Programmer, **Luda Kinok** would really appreciate some *Starbucks French Roast K-cups* for Christmas this year. I wish you could see her smile when we

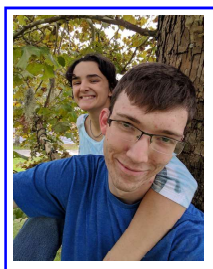


unpack the Christmas boxes.

Nate Hobbs is our IT specialist and he and his family are also working on some exciting new program-

ming for KICY. He enjoys the smell of *scented candles* in his home. Any pleasing scent will do, and it is also a way to bless his wife.

Our newest staff members, **Cody & Joy Foret**, are settling in well as they experience their first Nome winter. They are also requesting *scented candles* to help their home feel cozy and warm. Cody hosts the



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

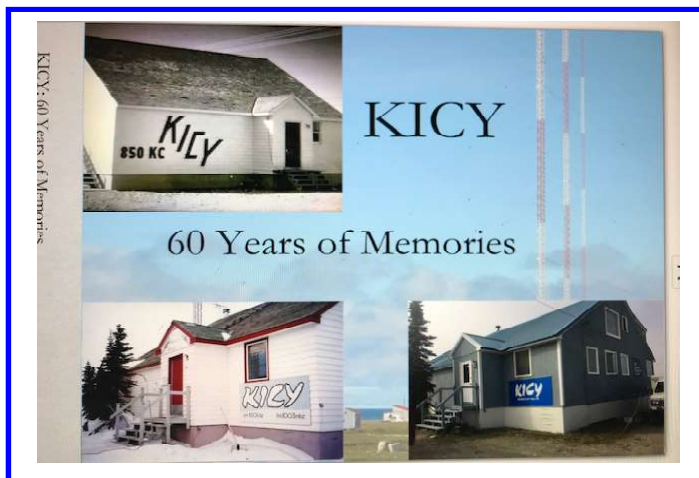
Lon Swanson

Coffee Crew and is quite adept at audio editing. Joy teaches special education at the Jr. High, and maintains our FM music library.

Patty Burchell would enjoy *Black Tea* this Christmas season. English Breakfast or something similar is a favorite, but any black tea will do.



Our greatest wish is that God would place in others' hearts the desire to serve Him for His glory. Have a joy-filled Christmas season as, across the miles, we share in the celebration of the birth of Jesus, Immanuel! ■



60th Anniversary Memory Book

There is still time to order your copy of the KICY Memory Book. So many past and present staff and volunteers contributed thoughts and memories, humorous, serious, and just plain fun, from each of our six decades of ministry. Current listeners also contributed their thoughts and memories. Add to that vintage photos from each decade and listening region and this book will be one to be treasured for years to come.

It also makes a great gift for that former volunteer or staff member in your life.

The book is available on line through Shutterfly, in both hard and soft covers. Shutterfly often offers sales and free shipping, so keep checking their website for reduced pricing, if you don't mind waiting to order. 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. ■

Memorials

In October and November, we received memorials in the name of:

**Rev. Harold & Donna
Swanberg
Tom & Annie Dotomain
Edward Lattimore, Jr.
Peter Dyneka
Carol C. Nelson
Mrytle Anderson**

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-October Income-
\$50,355.88
-October Budget-
\$52,762.36
-October Expenses-
\$41,410.65

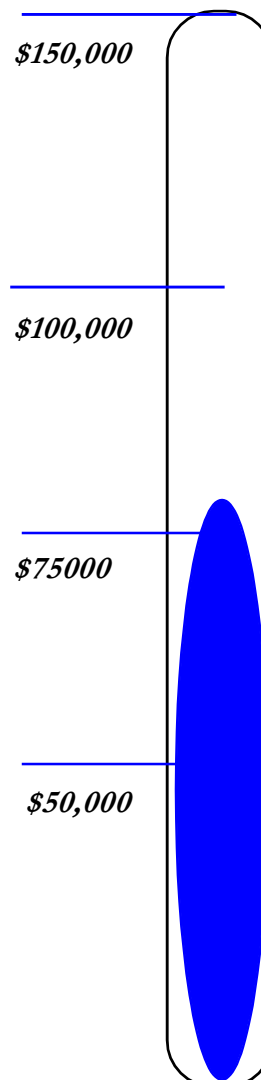
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not designated funds.*



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60th Anniversary Challenge

Thank you to all who have participated in the 60th Anniversary Challenge this year. Thanks to you we are over half way to our goal. This is a good thing, as we now need to accelerate our timeline (see p.1). If you have not yet had the opportunity to help with this project, there is still time. Thanks for your help in keeping our signal strong for the next 60 years!





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Of Storms and Transmitters

On November 5th, Nome experienced a major winter storm. With wind gusts of 60 mph and heavy, wet snow the city power grid was taxed, power pole transformers sparked, and our AM transmitter and phasor failed. After a day of troubleshooting over the phone with consulting engineer extraordinaire Terry Reynolds, we were no closer to a solution. I called Rob Elder, the person who designed our phasor, and praise God, he had nothing on his calendar for the following week. After more than 24 hours of travel from his home in Tennessee he arrived on a Wednesday and by that afternoon had fixed the



phasor.

Unfortunately, that was just the tip of the iceberg. Our aging transmitter was not happy and

would not turn on. Transmitters are not Rob's area of expertise, but he nonetheless worked to discern the problem. Thanks to Rob's perseverance and a very helpful tech support engineer through GatesAir, the manufacturer of our transmitter, we were able to isolate the problem.

Rather than spend tens of thousands of dollars on a more permanent fix it was determined that a work-around would suffice for the time being, allowing us to be on the air while fast-tracking the AM Transmitter Replacement Project (see p.1).

Praise God for a team of people gifted and willing to find, and at least temporarily, fix the problem. ■