

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic



This month Nome celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Serum Run, when a dog team relay brought the necessary medicine to Nome to combat a diphtheria outbreak. The week-long celebration included



Patty Burchell

historical talks and films at the museum, and a group of dog mushers reenacted the delivery of the serum by running the final leg of the trail from Safety to Nome. Leonard Seppala, the fastest musher on the Seward Peninsula at the time, ran the longest distance through the most challenging terrain and weather with his dog Togo in the lead. He retired to Maine, and started a dog kennel there. To commemorate this centennial, a musher from Maine who has dogs descended from that kennel traveled the complete route of the relay.

Promoting events like this through live interviews with some of the organizers and encouraging participation is yet another way KICY interacts with our community.

It's Hoops Time!

In Western Alaska, basketball is played, watched, and enjoyed by all ages. Every small high school in the region usually has enough students to field a team. In Nome, City League basketball happens each winter with teams made up of both recent graduates and those who have been out of school for decades. The Lonnie O'Connor Basketball Classic during Iditarod Week brings adult teams from the villages in the Norton Sound region to Nome for a week of intense play, a packed Recreation Center gym, and bragging rights. High school teams travel by air to various schools to participate in tournaments and league games.



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Since the very beginning, KICY has broadcast high school basketball. Teams have to travel great distances to play other schools and it is not always possible for family and friends to attend the games. Radio fills that gap. Throughout the years, many have honed their play-by-play announcing skills on KICY. At times there has been one key announcer who takes most, if not all the home games. For away games, KICY partners with other local radio stations to air their coverage. We reciprocate when those teams visit Nome. This year, Nome will be hosting three major tournaments with multiple teams visiting. It is nearly physically impossible for one person to call an entire tournament without losing their voice so this year we have gathered a team of people to call the games. A few of the pairings are pictured on the next page. Covenant pastors, our Conference Superintendent, a college student, and a few high school students have stepped up, and for some, out of their comfort zones, to lend their voices to our live broadcasts.

Basketball Announcers



Clara Hansen & Mike Zabel

Stepping up and stepping out. Clara is a Nome-Beltz High School grad. Pastor Mike called a basketball game once... decades ago.

Sienna Pederson & Curtis Ivanoff

Sienna is a high school senior and top tier ball player. Curtis is our Conference Superintendent and began calling basketball just for the pure joy of it as a boy in Unalakleet.



Clara & Luke Hansen

Luke is a Nome-Beltz High School senior who is part of the Spirit Squad. He and his sister have become quite the dynamic duo, injecting both a knowledge of the game and humor to the broadcast.



Patty Burchell & Luke Hansen

Others are so much better at this than I, but I am learning. When necessary, I'll give it my best shot!



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 the faithful service of our volunteers.

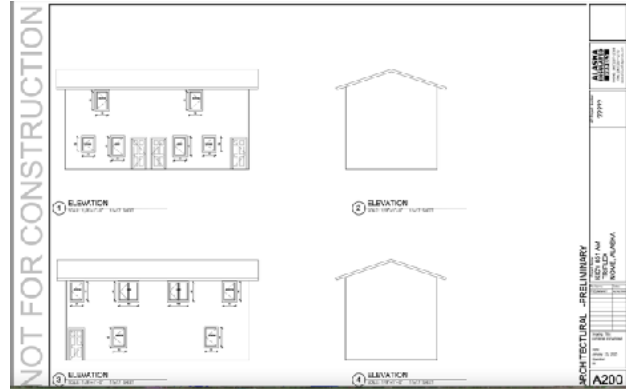
Pray...

...for staffing needs.

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

Revitalization Project Update

God is good, all the time. He continues to move this project forward in miraculous ways. Architectural drawings for the staff triplex are finalized and approved and a building permit will soon be in hand. The exterior insulated panels will be manufactured in Anchorage and on the first barge of the summer barring any unforeseen delays. The materials list for the interior finishing of the apartments has been made and will be ordered in time to arrive on the first barge as well. Five churches have already committed to sending teams to work on this project. There are a few individuals contemplating coming later in the summer. It is also exciting to note that all the funds we will need for this first phase are in the bank. Generous donors continue to bless us.



As I have said before, this is a huge undertaking. Thanks for your prayers as we continue hammering out the details. Pray that the weather this summer would be conducive for building when teams are here. Thanks also for your continued prayer for the finances needed for the second phase of this revitalization project.

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

Memorials

In December and January, we received memorials in the name of:

Rod Anderson Family
Edward Lattimore, Jr.
Mary Miller
Rodger Nelson
Terry Reynolds
JoAnne Smit

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-December Income-

\$45,661.01

-December Budget-

\$47,349.50

-December Expenses-

\$37,829.09

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds



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Have Salmon, Will Travel

We have begun scheduling these fun, entertaining, delicious evenings for the coming fall. Hosting a dinner is easy, and a lot of fun. We provide the wild caught Alaskan salmon and an up-to-date presentation on what God is doing at KICY. You provide the venue and side dishes. It is as simple as that. More information can be found on our website, kicy.org.



It's not too soon to begin planning for a wonderful evening of fellowship, fun, and of course, fish. Keep an eye on our website to see dates that are already booked. There may be one near you. If your church would like to host a Salmon Dinner in early October, 2025, please contact Patty Burchell at generalmanager@kicy.org.