

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic



It has been said that the only thing constant is change. That is especially true right now at



Patty Burchell

KICY. We are, of course, in the middle of the seasons changing from fall to winter. As of this writing, the first snow has fallen on the higher

hills on the Seward Peninsula and we are awaiting the freezing temperatures that turn the mud to frozen ground.

It is also a season of change at the radio station. Longtime volunteers Cody and Joy Foret have moved to Florida to be closer to family. Pray that they would acclimate well to the “newness” of an “old” home. Staff has absorbed most of Cody’s duties and we are pleased that Kathy Horner has returned to be part of our on air talent. While Kathy’s service is indeed a huge blessing, we are still in need of additional volunteers. Thanks for praying.

As much as change is inevitable, we trust in a God who is unchangeable. And we trust Him to help us navigate the changes that come our way.

Great Bathtub Race

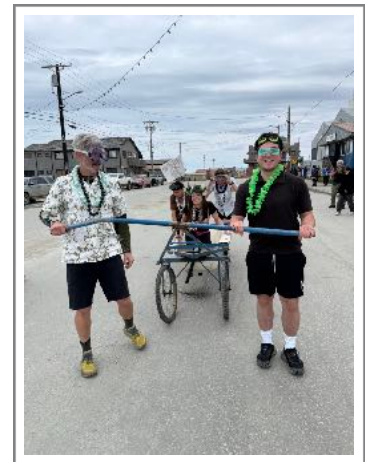
On a gray day in early September three hardy teams pushed bathtubs on wheels to the middle of Front Street. The Great Labor Day Bathtub Race was about to begin. KICY has sponsored

this race since 2017 when the founder of the race, former Nome Mayor Leo Rasmusson, moved away. The race has changed subtly in the five decades it has been



Rota-Tub

run, but some things have remained the same. Teams of four push a bathtub on wheels down Front street, captained by a fifth team member sitting in water in the tub. It is a race beloved by both kids and adults. This year, to no one’s surprise, the team dubbed the “One Hit Wonder” outran the competition, finishing first. The Crowd Favorite was once again the Tub Runners, a team comprised of members of the Elementary Running Club. Giving it a valiant effort, Nome Rotary Club members piloted the Rota-Tub. Their captain enjoyed swimming in the tub even after the race. The Bathtub Race is a quirky Nome tradition and a fitting way to end the summer.



One Hit Wonder



Tub Runners

Only in Nome...



Musk oxen hanging out in town during a fall rainstorm

Living and working in Nome there are things that we have to contend with that folks other places do not. Musk oxen are ever-present around Nome. These large, shaggy animals with skinny legs are related to the goat and are nearly as stubborn. They are not to be trifled with and have been known to be aggressive toward dogs and humans. Visitors and residents alike love seeing the herds of 15-20 on the outskirts of town, but when they wander through neighborhoods they are a nuisance.

One rainy morning in September I walked to work, as usual, at about 6:15. Imagine my surprise as I approached the station and startled two large musk oxen standing near the KICY truck. Gratefully, they bolted down the street away from me. In the glow of the street light I then saw that there were several more, some large, some small, at the base of the stairs leading into the station. There is a second entrance, so I headed that direction only to see a small ox standing at the base of those stairs. Not wanting them to startle and come my way, I patiently waited. After about 10 minutes the little one decided to move a few feet. It was now standing beside the stairs, but still too close for me to attempt entry. The large ones will protect the little ones if they feel threatened. After another few minutes the little one moved away from the door and joined the larger ones at the far corner of the building and I was able to enter. They eventually moved on, but not without first leaving “calling cards” in multiple locations around the building.

A Prayer Request

For each of our staff members

George Bard

Patty Burchell

Pierce & Shaina Goslin

Nate & Carlee Hobbs

Kathy Horner

Bertha Koweluk

Lena Mathlaw

David Sobie

Praise God...

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

...for the faithful service of our volunteers.

Pray...

...that those whom God has called to ministry at KICY would heed that call.

...that our equipment would weather the coming winter well.

KICY Needs YOU!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be part of a radio ministry? We are in need of people with adventurous spirits and a desire to serve God for at least a year in our remote corner of the world. As was once said to me, if you can give us a year, we can teach you radio. There are also many “behind the scenes” jobs that are part of running a radio station unrelated to being on the air. We can give you suggestions for raising your own support, and guarantee an experience like no other. If you feel the call of God to serve His people in Western Alaska, please contact Patty Burchell at 907-443-2213, or generalmanager@kicy.org. You can also find more information about volunteering on our website, kicy.org. We have a place for YOU!



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.

Phase 2 Goal
\$800,000

Memorials

In August and September, we received memorials in the name of:

Dave DeVries
Edward Lattimore, Jr.
JoAnne Smit

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-August Income-

\$35,721.82

-August Budget-

\$32,287.77

-August Expenses-

\$24,632.29

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds



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100% Sunday Set for October 25th

This annual event allows everyone in a Covenant Church (or any other, for that matter) on October 25th to stop, pray, and make a \$1.00 donation to the ministry of KICY. We call it 100% Sunday as we have set a goal of 100% participation by every Covenant Church in the U.S. and Canada.

There are many ways to participate as an individual or a church. In addition to an opportunity to give during a service, consider posting our 100% Sunday video (found at kicy.org) to your church's website



or FaceBook page and encourage individuals to pray about giving directly to KICY. Other short videos and resources can be found by

selecting 100% Sunday from the menu bar. You are welcome to use anything found on our website as you see fit. Please contact us for additional materials or suggestions.

If Sunday, October 25th isn't convenient, choose any date that is.

Our secure online giving portal is available to both churches and individuals. Just go to kicy.org and use the big blue button on the home page.

God bless you as you support the ministry of KICY.