

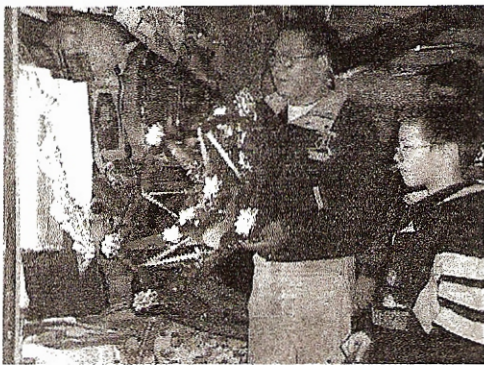
Igiugig News & Notes

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Russian Christmas in Igiugig by Christina Salmon



From January 7th to the 14th Russian Christmas was celebrated in Igiugig. The wind was calm and it was a nippy 14 degrees out. Yet, we were not about to let our day of eating and singing be ruined by cold weather.

At about 9 A.M. we began singing in the church and then moved on to individual houses. We took our time,

eating and carrying on conversation in every home, knowing that we had the whole day to visit every home in our small village. At about 4:30 P.M. we finished with the last house and went home full and satisfied until next year.

This year Slavi was fun and relaxing, next year we hope to go about it the same way, it makes Russian Christmas more enjoyable.



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Dancing in Igiugig by Christina Salmon

On January 23rd Igiugig had it's first live



band dance since 1971, thanks to the help of New Stuyahok's The Other Band. Virgil Neketak, William Peterson, and David Eneyuk were the trio who entertained us for five hours on Saturday night. Henry Wassillie accompanied them.

Due to bad weather the dance was canceled on the 22nd, the first planned date for the dance. On the afternoon of the 23rd the band made it through to Igiugig and we began setting up the gym for the dinner we had scheduled that night. After dinner was finished we cleared the gym

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Birthdays this month

- February 14
George Wilson



Have you filled out your PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND application yet?
Remember that it needs to be filled out and mailed by March 31, 1999.
Applications are available at the Post Office or the Village Council office.

When Not To Keep A Secret by Ashley Jacobsen

Have you ever been told a secret or told a secret that risked putting someone's life in danger? What did you do? How did you handle it? Who did you talk to?

Say one day you were walking home from school, and one of your friends come over to you and say wouldn't you like it if Dorothy wasn't in school anymore? And you say ya, because she was a girl you didn't like. Then, the next day you were walking home from school and the same friend runs up to you. He tells you he has a great plan of how to get rid of Dorothy. He goes on to tell me he knows where his dad keeps his guns. Then, runs off without saying a word. And turns around and yells "it's our little secret and don't tell a soul." What would come to your mind? Would you take it seriously and think he was really going to murder Dorothy or was he just goofing around?

Even if you think a friend is joking about something like that you should still tell an adult. Only someone who is really crazy or who is really going to murder someone will say something so seriously. So, if someone tells you something like that whether it's a joke or not you should still talk about it to an adult.

The way I feel about keeping secrets is that you should keep a secret if it is a secret like George likes Cathy. Or if it is about what someone got on a test or a report card. I think it is fine to keep secrets that don't affect others, but if it is a secret that will embarrass people or put someone's life in danger you should tell an adult. I think some kids are pressured to keep secrets that are dangerous, because they fear what the person might do to him or her if he or she finds out they told someone. I also don't think they should tell about all the school killings on TV. I think it gives that idea about school shooting. Not like kids need to know about other kids shooting other kids or teachers. Also, if kids hear that other kids are brining guns to school and shooting teachers and students they might get the idea that it is cool to bring a gun to school and shoot others in the schools. Most kids get rid of their anger by shooting the kid that got them angry and then any other kids who get in their way. I wish kids could get rid of their anger another way then with guns.

I hope next time someone tells you a secret like the one's told in this essay that put someone's life in danger., you would tell someone before it's too late.

What is the best part about learning how to read?

Shayna Nelson - So I can do good in college. I will read books in college.

Essa Jacobsen - I could teach other people how to read. I want to teach Johnny and Emily. They will learn how to sound out letters to make words.

Jacob Askoak - I will read the Arthur books and hunting books. The vowel code helps me read.

Alicia Zackar - Some stories are funny and I laugh. Laughing makes me feel good. I like reading at home with my mom.

Ponty Askoak - I like sounding the letters out. Now I can read all by myself.

Jeremy Salmon - I like to read the duck tale. I know that the ducks are fighting. I read the book every night.

Angel Alvarez - We can learn stuff. I learned Tiger was a scaredy cat! He also helped a mouse and was afraid of the dark.

"I Have a Dream. . ." by Ida Nelson (Martin Luther King Jr.)

"I have a dream" that I go and travel around the world and see how another people live and record it down in a book. That I may see how people can survive, and live in a completely different world than I. Being able to learn a different languages, new cultures, and the land that's been used for thousands of years. To learn something everyday, and reach for new heights and goals, paths that lead to a world of excitements and challenges.

This is my dream, what is yours?

School Board by Sandra Alvarez

I had the privilege to attend the Lake & Peninsula School Board Meeting in King Salmon on January 21, 1999, along with LSAC representatives from Port Heiden and Levelock.

New officers on the School Board following elections are: George Hornberger – Chairman, Patty Alsworth – Vice Chair, and Sue Evanoff – Clerk.

Teacher housing is a major concern for the district as it is hard to relocate teachers and other staff to most of the villages due to the lack of available houses. They had a number of options but none of them affordable at this time.

Another concern is the budget. With the lack of revenues from fishing, the school's budget needs to be reduced too. Another concern with the budget is the new legislative requirement that 70% of school funding be spent on direct student instruction. This is a problem because our district has lots of overhead costs in travel and facilities. One way that they are looking at meeting these criteria is by restructuring the principal's jobs to make them also teachers.

Mike Roberts gave a report on the work that he did while his family was in Ohio 1st year and showed a video of the

Cultural Heritage Project he worked on this fall with the Ne-whalen high school students. Our own Martha Crow was one of the three archaeologists on the project. The video showed how they found and surveyed the ancient village site, some of the artifacts, some old stories told by elders and a pictorial history which we didn't get to finish watching because it would take too long and the Board needed to get on with their business. I hope that we get to view the whole thing as a village because some of the people interviewed and pictures were from here.

Levelock's representative presented a concern, stating that a community should have input in the hiring of the teachers that will be working in a village. Igiugig has also given this message to the School Board in the past, because it makes it easier for everyone involved if teachers have the opportunity to know all about the village before they are assigned.

Sheila Nelson was the student representative attending from Kokhanok. She reported on some of the student activities and did a very good job without hesitation.

It was good to have the opportunity to let the School Board know that we are interested in the things they do and the decisions that are made about our school.

Job Training Opportunities by Sandra Alvarez

The Village Council reminds members that there still is training money available through the BIA. If you are interested in a University course or other training, come to the office and find out about applying for these funds.

IGAP Survey by Sandra Alvarez

Christina Salmon is newly hired and working on an Environmental survey that each household will be asked to fill out. She will be coming around to each home to help people with this process, so look forward to helping her gather the information needed to write up a plan about taking care of our village's concerns about trash, safe water, sewage disposal, etc. Watch your mail and the Post Office bulletin board for more information.

Dance . . .

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as the band set up. From 8:00 P.M. until 1:00 A.M. the band played, taking breaks every few hours for cakewalks and to rest. The number of people who attended was below what we thought we would get. Again, due to bad weather, many people from the surrounding villages could not make it because of the poor traveling conditions on the lake/river.



The following morning breakfast was served at the school and concluded our two day dance/dinner get together.

This year was our first time organizing a dance this large, and it was a great learning experience. Next year we plan on doing this again and we hope that we will get a better outcome from it all.

RecCenter is Locked by Sandra Alvarez

The door on the community building does not stay shut. It seems to be always open, either because of children who forget to pull it shut or by the wind. It was found to be 20 degrees in the building on Saturday, and only came up to 29 with the heater on for two hours. The Village Council cannot afford to waste

this much heating fuel on the building, so the RecHall will remain locked until the weather warms up. If you have a special reason to use the building, come to the Council office to make arrangements for this.

SPELLING CHAMPION! by Bonnie Thurston

Igiugig School held their Spelling Bee on Friday, January 28th. Congratulations to Igiugig School's Spelling Champ – AlexAnna Salmon. First runner up Jonathan Salmon also did a great job. AlexAnna will be competing district wide on a written spelling test. Good luck Alex!

Campbell's Label Update by Bernadette Andrew

Are you still eating your Campbell's soup and saving the labels? We are still collecting them and aiming to get a volleyball set. As of January 22, we have collected 936 and need to get 2014 to reach our goal. If you have any labels, please bring them down to the office.

Igiugig's "R" Carnival by Bernadette Andrew

Mark your calendar for February 27, 1:00PM – 4:00PM. Get ready to play some games, eat some goodies, take a chance on a raffle, maybe win a door prize, and lots more! Watch for more information and a chance to sign up as a volunteer to help out!

Looking for Pictures by Bernadette Andrew

Do you have a baby picture of yourself? I'm trying to gather as many as possible for a future edition of our community newsletter and would like to have baby pictures of all residents. Pictures will be returned. Please drop them by the Village Council office or in the Post Office. Thanks!

Way To Go Students!

IGIUGIG SCHOOL

Perfect Attendance – 1st semester

Angel Alvarez
Jacob Askoak
AlexAnna Salmon
Christina Salmon
Jeremy Salmon
Jonathan Salmon
Tanya Salmon

IGIUGIG SCHOOL

Honor Roll – 1st semester

Jessica Jacobsen (3.2)
AlexAnna Salmon (3.6)
Christina Salmon (3.0)
Jonathan Salmon (4.0)
Tanya Salmon (3.3)