

Igiugig News & Notes

Igiugig Village Council

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June Village Council Meeting by Sandra Alvarez

The regular monthly Village Council Meeting was held on June 17th, immediately following the public meeting with the BIA Roads people. It was well attended with fifteen local residents and eight visitors or guests.

The engineer in charge of our road project provided the Council with the three main options for project management, which provided varying levels of responsibility to the community or BIA. A decision on this needs to be made by the Council and written into a proposal document for submission by September 30th.

It was announced that Lydia Olympic has been hired as the Program Director on Igiugig's EPA project to identify, document and make a plan for addressing environmental issues in and around our village. Christina continues as the intern on this project and has done a lot of good work in pulling together necessary information.

A brief update was provided on the progress toward the Big Mountain clean up and

the various options to that plan ranging from, total removal of all items, burying some and removing others, or "doing nothing".

Parents were reminded of the summer fluoride program for the children at 1 PM each Wednesday and the clinic reported an impressive 65 patient visits for the May/June monitoring period.

Of note too is the fact that the flower boxes have been planted and look very nice already. The Welcome sign is also nearly ready to be put up at the corner where the road turns from the village to the Council Buildings and Airport.

People were also reminded of the new underground electrical system and told that if anyone is going to dig they need to have the Electric Company come and mark line locations first. The final reminder related to the electrical upgrade was with regard to the removal of all the old poles and lines which will be done some time in July.

Birthdays this month

- July 1
Gregory Zackar, Jr.
- July 5
Tref Andrew
- July 7
Annette Angasan
- July 8
Ida Nelson
Jessica Jacobsen
- July 9
David Alvarez
- July 10
Jacob Askoak
- July 12
Marie Nelson
- July 16
Ashley Jacobsen
- July 17
Delores Askoak
- July 19
Michael Andrew, Jr.
- July 29
Alicia Zackar
Father Wassily Askoak.

Summer Reading Club by Bernadette Andrew

The 1999 Summer Reading Club began on May 28, and is off to an incredible start! As of the June 21 meeting, we have 24 participants who have read 324 books with 21057 pages! All those who contributed received a free pop for their efforts!

In the running for individual awards are:

Most Books:

0 to 4	Shaun Andrew	91
5 to 8	Jeremy Salmon	48
9 to 18	Jon Salmon	31

19 & ↑	Lydia Olympic	2
<u>Most Pages:</u>		
0 to 4	Shaun Andrew	2708
5 to 8	Jeremy Salmon	1828
9 to 18	Jon Salmon	5139
19 & ↑	Lydia Olympic	682

If you haven't joined already, we meet every Monday in the RecHall from 10:30 am to 11:45 am through the summer.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RECYCLE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS!

PLEASE BAG THEM AND PUT THEM IN THE WHITE SHED MARKED "CANS"
AT THE DUMP.

BIA Roads Meeting by Sandra Alvarez

A public meeting was held at 1 p.m. June 17th, to provide community input regarding the construction of the road to the new dumpsite. Five visiting engineers/consultants from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bristol Environmental Services provided information for everyone in attendance that included maps and written documents showing the road route, gravel source, methods of construction, and other general comments. The project could be scheduled to begin as early as the construction season of 2000.

Public comments provided to the visiting officials cen-

tered on road maintenance concerns such as snow management by building up the road, brushing out easements and the possibility of snow fences. Another item regarded the water flow and drainage between the two lakes that will be on either side of the road and concern that there be sufficient culverts with equipment to thaw them easily should they become frozen solid during the winter.

Local hire was also discussed briefly and options were later given to the Village Council to decide how the project should be managed.

ANYMI 99 by Christina Salmon

From June 4th to the 13th, I was one of 15 students participating in the Alaska Native Youth Media Institute.

We were placed in four different media groups. There was radio, print, photography, and video. I was in the print group where I experienced real life reporting, newspaper production, and newspaper editing. By the time our eight-day training was up we had produced an eight-page newspaper with three reporters who completed at least four articles apiece. I covered my articles on Spirit Days, the Alaska Zoo, the Alaska Rock Gym, and an article about Igiugig.

While in Anchorage all participants stayed in the Alaska Pacific University dorms. There, for the first time, many of us experienced dorm life! Our quad had five girls in it and one shower. Every one was in a race to wake up the earliest to get into the shower first. After a few days I found it easier to eat a quick breakfast and then sneak into the shower before our morning meeting took place. The rooms were also very hot and we

could not leave the windows open at night or the mosquitoes would get to us.

The last evening there we had a banquet at the Sheraton Hotel and any guest we invited had to pay forty dollars to get in. There we received finished copies of our work and listened to a piece from the radio group. We also were awarded our certificates and a T-shirt. That night we went dancing at the Eclipse and were allowed to stay up until midnight.

The next morning most of the students were gone by seven and I did not leave until four that afternoon. So, I spent the day seeing most of the kids off and riding around with the Youth Program Managers.

ANYMI is a great learning experience for any one interested in working with the media. I encourage all students to try out for this program. You learn more about your media field because you are actually doing the work instead of just reading about it like you would do in school.

Beautification Efforts by Bernadette Andrew

If you haven't checked out the flowers around the village yet, take a moment to do so. We have gotten all of the flower boxes planted and the area outside of the post office. Some trees were also planted in various locations around the pumphouse and council offices. The area between the pumphouse and the main road will be finished soon, with flowers and a "Welcome" sign.

One note of concern is loose dogs. The trees have been

dug up four times and are having a hard time getting started because of this. Please follow the animal control ordinance of the Igiugig Village Council which states that all dogs must be kept on their owners property and not allowed to roam freely in the village. This will help avoid the destruction of the village beautification efforts. Copies of the ordinance are available in the council office if you would like one.

My First Kijik Hike by AlexAnna Salmon

On my first day of summer vacation, May 23, 1999, Ida and I left Igiugig for Port Alsworth to participate in the Kijik Hike. We were flown from Port Alsworth to Jay Hammond's beach where our whole group gathered. Participating in the hike were ten hikers, Ida Nelson and I from Igiugig, Teresa Wassilie, Eloise Mike, and Elijah Eknaty from Kokhanok, Shavela Stickman, Cassandra Trefon, Fawn Silas and Ervin Pope from Nondalton, and Denise Nickoli and Jackie Wassillie from Newhalen. There were three chaperones, Bernie Gurule, William Mike, and Karen Stickman, and one guide, John Branson. We grouped, and looked at Jay Hammond's property, and met his wife, Bella. Thanks to Mr. Hammond, our group never had to carry our packs all the way to the cabin.

The first night we just set up a base camp, which was near an Athabascan ancestral sight, unloaded, and made dinner. I

shared a tent with Denise and Ida. The next day, we set off climbing Kijik Mountain. Walking on narrow game trails, and passing creeks, swamps, and hills, we made it almost to the top of the mountain. Tiredly we slipped, ran, and walked down the mountainside. We were dead tired by the time we made it home.

The next day, we checked out Athabascan and Dena'ina houses, and kashimes, which are celebration houses for only men and boys, where the guys do activities like dancing, and making hunting weapons. We saw fish caches, and Athabascan animal traps. We were gone all day and came back late.

The last day we packed up and left the cabin and hiked to Jay Hammond's place for our plane. I was tired, dirty, sore and had plenty of scratches and bruises to last me a year. I can't wait until the next hike, when I'll be more experienced.

Kijik Hike of 1999 by Ida Nelson

May 22, 1999, AlexAnna, and I have gone on a hike along with some other students. We were all excited about it. When we have arrived there in Port Alsworth and have waited for the others to come, Alex, Bernie and I went to the Homestead restaurant and had breakfast. John Branson called and asked if we were there and asked Bernie if we could finish up and then go to the park service. So we got done and left. (Bernie paid for our meals. What a nice guy.) Dave Wilder took us over to the area where we are stationed. People went in by three and then took off. When all of us got to the place Jay Hammond the former governor of Alaska had offered us to put our backpacks in the trailer and take them as far as he could. Before we started off to the camp sight, we all met his wife and looked around the area. From where we landed it was a two-mile walk.

When we reached the camp sight we set up the tents, made a fire and listened to some tunes, and ate dinner. At 10 p.m. we were to be in the tents and in bed. The plans were to look at some old sights and then the next day climb up Kijik Mountain. But the plans changed in the morning. We are to look at the old sight and climb the mountain too. What a big day ahead of us! All but two had stayed behind to watch the tents and the food. So it was Alex, Willie, Bernie, Irvin, Cassandra, Fawn, John, Jackie, Denise, Elijah, Karen, Shavela and I all climbed the mountain. It was fun but hard to climb. When we reach the top of the tree line all but 5 including me had stayed behind, and the rest of them reached the summit. After 45 min. they came down and we started to go down the mountain. On our way down, the grass was slippery and was just like sliding down a snowy hill but it was on grass. While we were sliding down I happened to cut my hand and I did not know until I looked at it. I caught up with them and John cleaned it up and

covered it. Then started again. Not to mention that my shoes and pants got a little wet crossing a swampy area. We got back to the camp area and we were all hungry and tired. Ate some dinner, talked, then went to bed.

The next morning we ate breakfast and then we started to clean and pick up some trash around the cabins and on the beach. Started at 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Ate some lunch and started off to look at more old sights and did not expect to find another sight. Cassandra had found the sight and now it is now named Cassandra's sight. After that we left to the oldest sight in the area. Then we went on back to the camp area and had dinner and made a white man's fire. After that Willie and Elijah played the guitars. Not to long after Bernie, Willie, Alex, Irvin, Karen, and Elijah told some stories. The stories are why the mosquito buzzes in your ear, an old but true collage story, and the foot-steps, and some old myths. Then we were off to bed.

The next morning we got up and rolled our sleeping bags, gathered our things, ate breakfast, and then left before 10 a.m. when we arrived at the drop off the plans had changed. The first load was to leave at 11 a.m. but not until 12 p.m. so we waited then Willie and Ervin wanted to build a shelter and I wanted to help. It was something to do while we waited for Dave to come and plus it kept us warm. By the time we were done Dave landed and took some people and little by little we all left the area by Jay Hammond's. At Lake & Peninsula Airways we waited again for the weather to clear and for the plans to come and to go. Every body had left and then it was just Alex, Bernie and I left to go home. First come, last to go.

I enjoyed the hike and I would like to go next year when the time comes around again.

EPA News by Christina Salmon

The Igiugig EPA program has been busy these last few months. Last week the engineers and consultants from BIA and Bristol Environmental Services were here to look over the plan that the Village Council has for the new dump road. There was a meeting held at the RecHall inviting all members of the community. There, the engineers and the Village Council answered any questions people had about the new road, how it was going to be built and when it would be started. Many of the questions that were asked were concerning where exactly the road was going to be built and when the road was going to begin construction.

Another visitor we had recently was Brian Harten with CE2 Engineers. He was here to assist in the location and design in the future solid waste facility site. He showed us the maps of where the new solid waste facility site will be and talked a little about how the dump would be working.

The EPA program also has a new program director. Lydia Olympic has taken over the job that Dan Salmon previously held. We have been showing her what we have been

working on since October and getting her familiarized with the program. Another change in supervisors has been with Jean Gamache and Doug Cole. Jean Gamache is no longer our supervisor for this program. We have been transferred to Doug Cole in Idaho.

The EPA staff has sent letters out to all local businesses asking them to recycle all aluminum materials, batteries, and waste oil. So far the results have been positive, but we are still having problems with lodges burning their aluminum or putting food in their bags of aluminum that make our job of crushing the cans disgusting and unenjoyable. Please continue to separate your food from your cans and keep bringing your cans to the white shed located at the community dump.

I recently participated in the Alaska Native Youth Media Institute. There I learned a lot about different types of print. This program has helped me style different types of writing and this will be helpful when I am writing our quarterly reports and other essays or editorials.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS OF THE MONTH

Plastic takes from 50 to 70 years to disintegrate. Although, this time would be longer in Alaska because the lack of sunlight, moisture, and cold weather temperatures.

Do you know how many tons trash is thrown away daily, yearly?

100,000 tons of boxes thrown away daily

38,000 tons of glass thrown away daily

32,000 tons of plastic thrown away daily

23,000 tons of newspapers thrown away daily

25 billion plastic bags thrown away yearly

18 billion disposable razors thrown away yearly

2 billion razors and razor blades thrown away yearly

1.6 billion pens thrown away yearly

0.22 billion tires thrown away yearly

Store Bag Bill by Christina Salmon

Starting July 1st Sayaks Lavguq will be charging \$ 0.05 for a plastic bag to put your groceries in. If you return your bag to use again next time you will receive a \$0.05 discount off of your total. These changes are being made to lower our plastic bag pollution in the community.

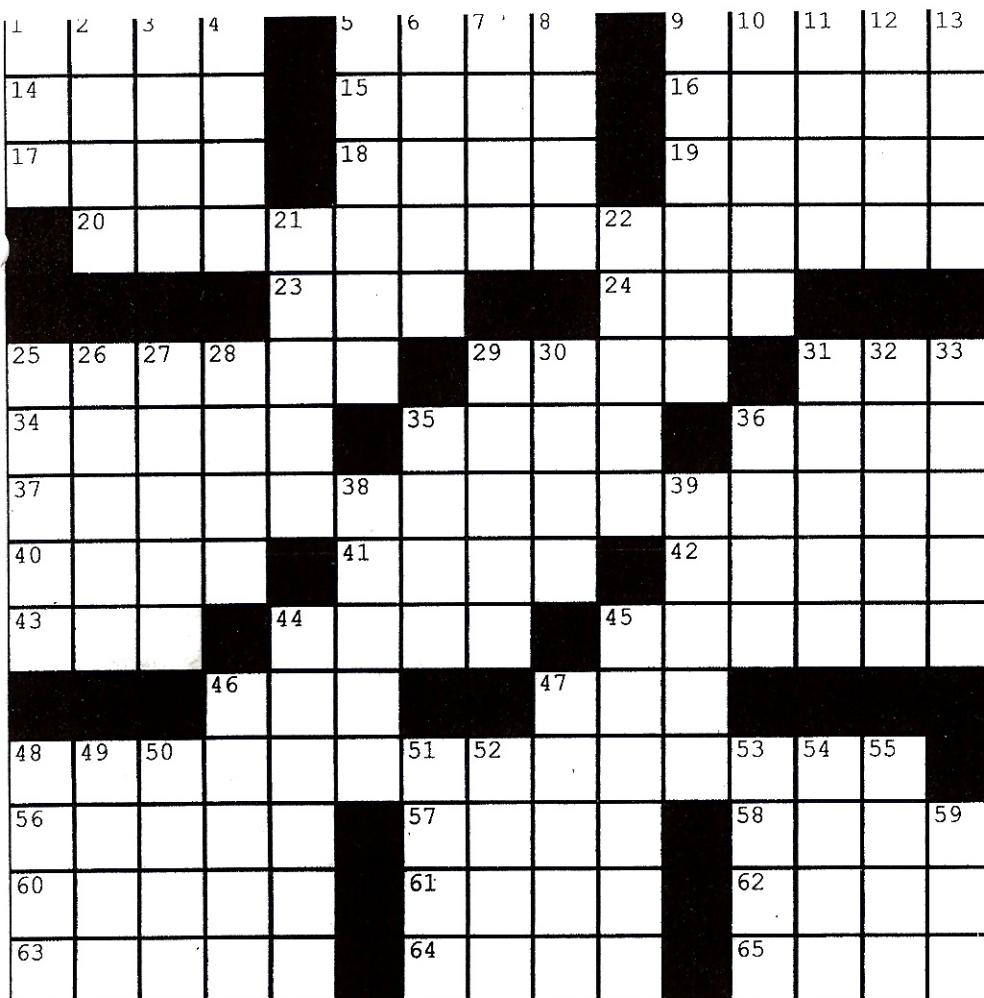
DID YOU KNOW?

"The wealthiest 10% of the earth's population, including the U.S., uses 80% of the earth's resources and produces 75% of the earth's pollution."

Source: Talk of the Nation, 1992 Global Summit for Healing the Planet, Brazil

Every 5.5 hours Americans dump enough cars into junkyards to form a stack as high as Denali.

Plastic accounts for 85% to 98% of the litter on the beaches of Amchitka Island on the Aleutian Chain.



ACROSS

- 1 Ciceronian
- 5 Apiece
- 9 Brahman
- 14 Positive
- 15 Cold cream ingredient
- 16 Deteriorate
- 17 Cold cream ingredient
- 18 Good dirt
- 19 Rulers
- 20 Aggression
- 23 Elevated railways
- 24 Aye
- 25 Torrid
- 29 Person in servitude
- 31 Stroke
- 34 Poet Federico Garcia
- 35 Sage
- 36 Bottom of the foot or shoe
- 37 Allegorization
- 40 Indian coin
- 41 Singles
- 42 Barmecidal
- 43 Cable network
- 44 Avails oneself of
- 45 Able-bodied
- 46 Compass direction
- 47 Econ. oppor. off. (acr)
- 48 Australian ballot
- 56 Palm Cockatoo
- 57 Plenty
- 58 Fusses
- 60 The British
- 61 Nullifies an editor's correction
- 62 Before noon
- 63 Poor
- 64 Eagle's nest
- 65 Abrade

DOWN

- 1 Gen. Serv. Adm (acr)
- 2 Ace
- 3 Press
- 4 Ox flesh
- 5 Absolutely
- 6 Plants for burn treatment
- 7 Mint
- 8 Retained
- 9 A belief
- 10 Presses
- 11 Painful
- 12 Bettor's concern
- 13 Loch monster
- 21 Adjust boundaries
- 22 Melodic
- 25 Dozed
- 26 Poison
- 27 Build
- 28 Pinnacle
- 29 Strong boxes
- 30 L. shield
- 31 French WWI soldier
- 32 At for words (2 wds)
- 33 Creed
- 35 Dig for ore
- 36 Thrust of dagger
- 38 Forgets where it is
- 39 In the process of happening
- 44 Restless
- 45 Bad
- 46 Goofed up
- 47 Playful aquatic mammal
- 48 Water from the sky
- 49 Gaelic
- 50 'On a horse' (pallid)
- 51 Designer Schiaparelli
- 52 A piece of paper currency
- 53 Poetry unit
- 54 Fragrance
- 55

answers to last month's crossword

