

Igiugig News & Notes

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Craft Fair

By Tanya Salmon, 8th Grade, Igiugig School

Igiugig School held their second Craft Fair on Saturday, December 16, 2000. People who wanted to sell crafts or store bought items, rented a table;



Angel and Sandy Alvarez sold a variety of items: potholders, fleece socks, earrings, potpourri, calendars, etc.

the small tables cost \$3.00, medium tables cost \$5.00, and large tables were \$10.00.

Annie, Renae, Lydia,

Sandy, Askoak's, Julie, McMillan's, Marie, Hostetter's, Jon and I, Mary Olympic, and Martha rented tables.

The school had two tables: one was student crafts, and the other one was the second hand table where old clothes were sold. The school also raf-

fled off a disc man, which Lydia won.

The concession stand only sold pop and corn dogs, but it made an estimated \$80.00.

Everybody had a fun time "shopping" for earrings, socks, candles, potholders, rings, watches, cork boats, pine cone fire starters, and other hand made products.



Dallia Andrew had crocheted plastic bags, socks, and slippers to sell.



Alice, Annie, and Agafia (l-r) taking a break for some snacks and conversation.

"I enjoyed the Craft Fair, looking and seeing what everybody made. I think that we should have it again next year, but earlier," says Julie Salmon, who sold earrings at the craft fair.

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Santa's Visit

By Christina Salmon, 12th grade, Igiugig School

On December 14th Santa came to Igiugig. He was scheduled to arrive at the school around 4:30 PM, but did not get there until 5 PM. The kids were about to burst from excitement as they waited for him to show up. When he did come the kids all took turns sitting on his lap and getting presents and a candy cane. Kacey, Bernadette, and Sandy took digital photographs of all the kids on Santa's lap and placed them in Christmas frames for their families. The kids then ripped open their presents and were happy to have new jump ropes, jacks, stamp sets, and many other great gifts.



Santa and his helper arrive in the Igiugig school gym.

Birthdays this month

- January 23
Annie Wilson

Community Elder: Alice Zackar

By Christina Salmon, 12th grade, Igiugig School

Alice Afanasick Zackar was born in Newhalen, Alaska on May 8, 1932 to Anuska and John Angqurak. She has one brother, Murphy Nickoli, and two half sisters, Dolly Gust and Stephanita Apokedak. She spent some of her childhood in Newhalen and Kokhanok before moving to Igiugig and getting married.



Alice, her mom, and her husband, Simeon.

As a child she was very hyper and hated to stay indoors. She was constantly running about



Alice with her brother Murphy.

outside, climbing trees, sledding, and getting wood. She remembers using paper, cardboard, and furs to go sledding with, most of her winters were spent sliding around the hills in the village. When Alice was about seven years old she broke her back.

She was playing one day at Kukaklek with her friend Mary Olympic with a reindeer harness. They had the harness hanging in a tree and were using a log to reach the harness and then swing from it. Alice slipped while reaching for the harness and landed on her back across the log. It was not until two years later that Alice was sent to Anchorage to have her back looked at. She ended up in a cast from her

neck to the end of her back for two or three years. When she got out of the hospital she went to school in Newhalen for about two years. Alice said she really liked school and was sad when she had to leave. When she was a child school was not as important as it is today. When her family needed her help or were moving she had to leave school. She wanted to go to high school, but her family had arranged a marriage for her.

In 1958 Alice was married to Simeon Zackar, an arranged marriage by her parents. Together they had five kids. Two are deceased, but John, Mary (Marie), and Greg all live in Igiugig today.



Alice, on the left, with her half sister, Dolly Gust.

One thing that Alice enjoyed doing when she was younger was traveling and visiting her friends. There was no way of transportation except to go by dogs and a sled in the winter when everything was frozen, by boat in the spring and the summer, or walk. She would take long walks along the beach gathering wood for her house. They would use a piece of string to carry wood on their backs. The string acted like an extra hand holding the wood next to the back.

Alice has settled down and spends a lot of her time with her seven grandchildren and sewing. She also likes to travel to the surrounding villages visiting her friends and family.



Alice, about 1983, with her son Greg.

Good Driver Tips of the Month

Information for everyone who drives a vehicle—truck, Honda, snow-go or bicycle

PEDESTRIANS (Page 27-28 of the State of Alaska Driver's Manual)

Approximately 20% of all traffic fatalities are pedestrians. Most of the pedestrians killed are children, elderly persons, or persons who have been drinking. It is a good idea to reduce speed and create a larger space cushion when you see pedestrians on or near the street.

DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY

- Slow down, yield and be prepared to stop when approaching pedestrians who are walking on or crossing the roadway.
- Stop for all blind persons (using white cane or guide dog) regardless of the traffic signal or traffic situation.
- Do not drive through a pedestrian safety zone (crosswalk) when someone is walking in it.
- Do not pass a vehicle that has stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross the street.
- Be especially watchful for children near schools and residential areas.
- Check rear view mirrors before stepping out of your vehicle.

PEDESTRIAN RESPONSIBILITY

- Cross only at crosswalks
- Obey all traffic laws and signals
- Look for turning vehicles before crossing the street
- Walk on the left side of the highway facing oncoming traffic.
- Wear light colored clothing when walking on or alongside the roadway at night.
- Do not drink or be intoxicated on or along a highway.

DRIVER'S TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH: What does the flashing "Don't Walk" sign mean at a crosswalk?

- a) don't cross the road
- b) hurry up if you are in the street
- c) the traffic light is going to turn
- d) all of the above.

(Answer found elsewhere in this newsletter.)

December Village Council Meeting by Sandy Alvarez

The regular meeting of the Igiugig Village Council was held on December 20th. Members were informed about activities over the past month. Heavy Equipment training dates are still to be determined but will be during the beginning of May. There will be 10 to 12 slots for individuals working on the road project who need this training. People planning to participate need to contact the office and put in applications for scholarships to help out with the costs of putting this on.

The Environmental Department reported that some people were having pest problems related to their Can O' Worms composter, so a class will be scheduled to provide further training on use of these units.

The Community Development Planning project meeting for December was postponed due to conflicting travel schedules, so residents should be prepared for this meeting Saturday, January 20.

The first weekend in March has been selected for the annual "R Carnival". Students and staff will be making plans for this at a meeting at the school on January 11th and all inter-

ested people are invited to attend.

The annual meeting of the Bristol Bay Area Health Corp. is coming up in January. Concerns and issues for this were discussed, including the need to receive our primary healthcare directly through Anchorage and our desire to participate in the diabetes prevention program.

Several Resolutions were passed at this meeting including one to apply for a grant related to indoor air quality monitoring and one to receive funds for construction of the Sport Fish Access Trail.

Garbage control was discussed and residents were reminded that they should not dump garbage on days when the winds are high. Dump Maintenance people are unable to burn on those days and garbage gets scattered by the wind and the birds if it is left then. A few emergency containers will be set up at the dump, but it is best if people would just hold their garbage at home until the weather calms down.

The next regular meeting of the Village Council will be Friday, January 26th.

Clean Water, Your Life Depends On It

Contributed by the Environmental Department
Christina Salmon & Ida Nelson, High School Interns

What's in a glass, a sink, a refreshing drink, a cleansing wash, an invigorating swim... a home for plants, insects, fish, birds, and mammals? Water. Igiugig is surrounded by a seemingly endless supply of fresh water, but in reality our supplies of clean, usable water our supplies are limited, and we must learn to use water wisely if we wish to enjoy the benefit it provides us.

WATER - Do's and Don'ts

- Always turn off taps so they don't drip.
- Promptly repair any drips and leaks around your taps. (One leak can waste several thousand liters of water each year)
- When hand-washing dishes, never run water continuously.
- Keep a bottle of cold water in your refrigerator so you don't have to run water until it becomes cold.
- When brushing your teeth, turn the water off while you are actually brushing.
- Wash only full loads in your washing machine.

Did You Know...?

Over 360 chemical components have been identified in the Great Lakes. Many are persistent toxic chemicals some include, lead, DDT, mercury and mirex. They are potentially dangerous to humans and already destructive to the ecosystem.

Of the ten most highly valued fish species in Lake Ontario, seven have now almost totally vanished.

Environmental Fast Facts

- In developing nations, 80% of diseases are water related.
- One drop of oil can render up to 25 liters of water unfit for drinking.

"Pure water is the best of gifts that man to man can bring,"

Spectator, July 30, 1920

Environmental Cleaning Tips

Vinegar can be used to clean just about anything. It is also cheap and easy to come by, making it a great cleaning tool.

CLEAN THE SHOWER STALL

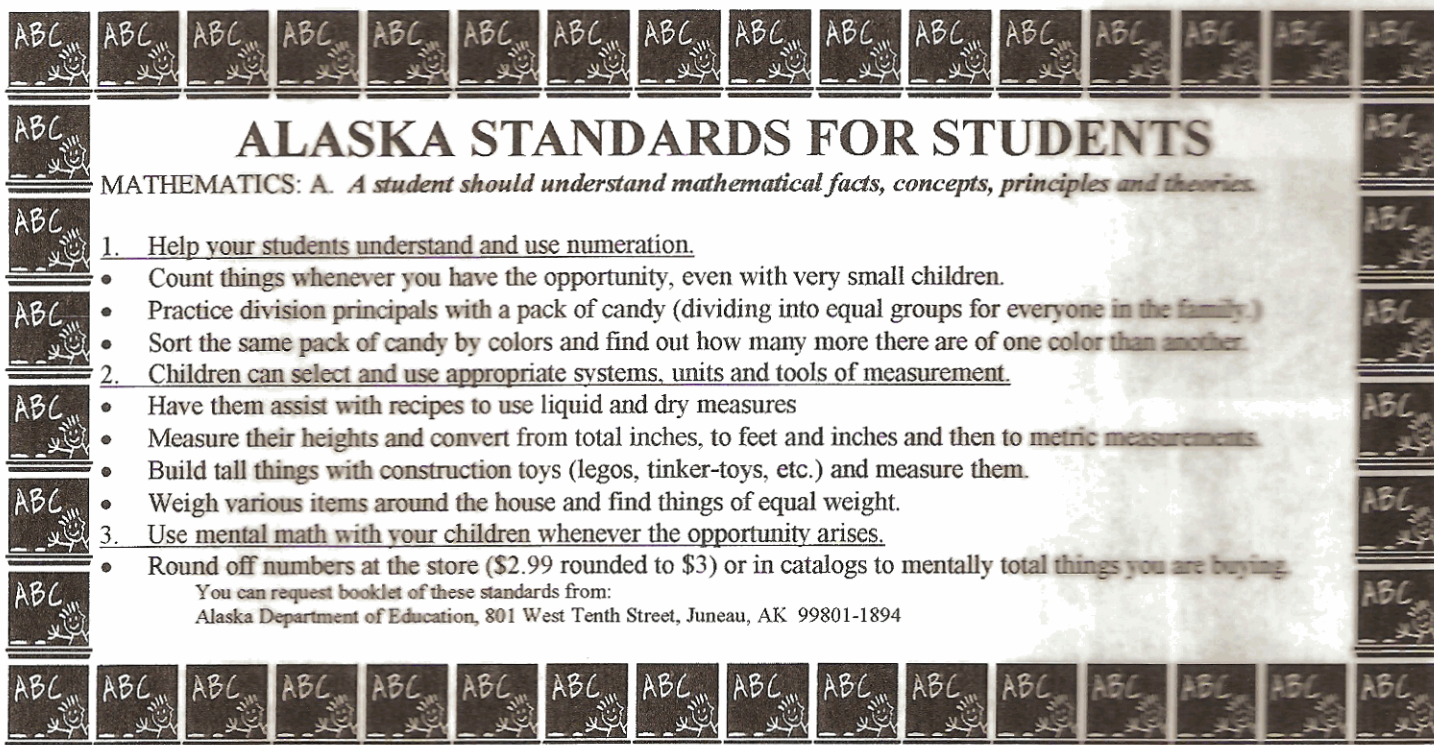
Remove dirt, grime, soap buildup, and hard-water stains by wiping them with a sponge dampened with vinegar. Rinse with clean water.

OPEN DRAINS

You can open a clogged drain by pouring $\frac{1}{4}$ cup baking soda down the drain and then adding $\frac{1}{2}$ cup white vinegar. Cover the drain for a few minutes, then flush with cold water

LAUNDRY BRIGHTENER

Instead of buying an expensive all-color bleach product, add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup white vinegar to each load. Vinegar will help clean and brighten colorful clothes.



ALASKA STANDARDS FOR STUDENTS

MATHEMATICS: A. *A student should understand mathematical facts, concepts, principles and theories.*

1. Help your students understand and use numeration.

- Count things whenever you have the opportunity, even with very small children.
- Practice division principals with a pack of candy (dividing into equal groups for everyone in the family.)
- Sort the same pack of candy by colors and find out how many more there are of one color than another.

2. Children can select and use appropriate systems, units and tools of measurement.

- Have them assist with recipes to use liquid and dry measures
- Measure their heights and convert from total inches, to feet and inches and then to metric measurements.
- Build tall things with construction toys (legos, tinker-toys, etc.) and measure them.
- Weigh various items around the house and find things of equal weight.

3. Use mental math with your children whenever the opportunity arises.

- Round off numbers at the store (\$2.99 rounded to \$3) or in catalogs to mentally total things you are buying.

You can request booklet of these standards from:

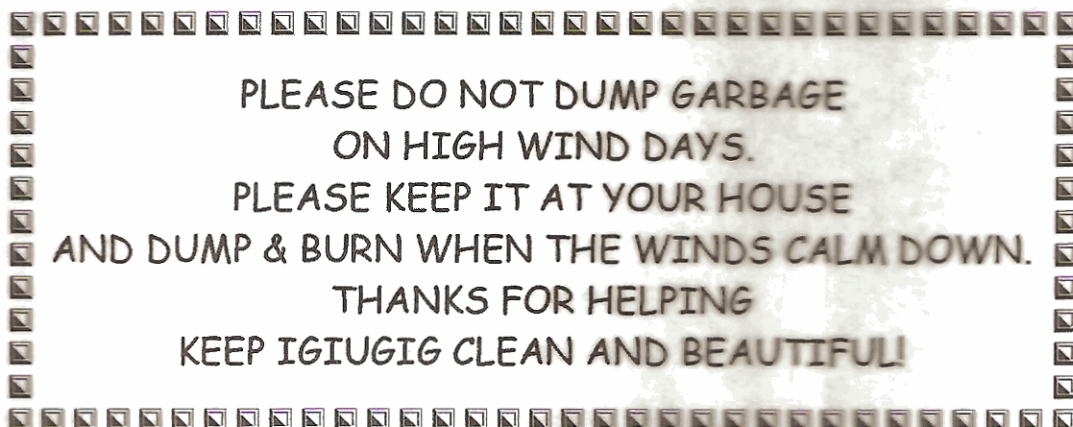
Alaska Department of Education, 801 West Tenth Street, Juneau, AK 99801-1894

DRIVER'S TRIVIA

ANSWER: D

Pedestrians may not enter the roadway on flashing orange Don't Walk.

Those already in the roadway may proceed to the other side. (See page 49 of the State of Alaska Drivers Manual)



Who is God?

By Tanya Jo Salmon, 8th Grade, Igiugig School

Who is God? is a simple, yet indefinite answer. Most people have different opinions, but who really knows who God is until they reach the Pearly Gates.

I have heard many different thoughts from different people of different religions or even some movies. Some people believe that God is a "he," others think that God is a "she." Some believe that God is a colored person, while others assume that God is white. Some Alaskan Natives thought/think that the first language that Adam, Eve, and God spoke was Yupik, who knows if it is true; there is no way that anybody from that time period is still around today.

What religion is God? There are thousands of different religions in the world, which religion is the same religion as God? If I found out that God was a Mormon, then I would quit my old religion and become a Mormon. I would want to get on God's good side and become whatever God is so that I could go to Heaven, wouldn't you?

These questions will remain unanswered, but for now, we worship God only in opinion or belief. No one will know the answer until the "time comes."

[illegible]



Igiugig Weather Statistics for 2000

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	YEAR
Highest wind speed (mph)	58	89	73	53	42	*	*	46	46	35	69	88	89
Average wind speed (mph)	8.8	9.2	6.1	3.2	4.6	*	*	7.8	8.8	5.4	12.0	18.0	7.7
Dominant wind direction	SSW	ENE	ENE	SW	NE	*	*	SW	SW	ENE	ENE	ENE	ENE
Highest temperature (°F)	42	45.8	51.2	59.5	73.8	82.2	59.1	81.7	65.3	48	48.9	44.2	82.2
Lowest temperature (°F)	-32.3	-12.6	-5.3	8.4	26.1	33.7	54	32.6	25.3	16.1	-8.8	-9.9	-32.3
Days below freezing	30	25	26	24	14	0	0	0	6	6	14	15	160
Days below zero	20	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	27

* INFORMATION WAS UNAVAILABLE DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES.

Life in New York By AlexAnna Salmon, 9th Grade, Penfield High School

I am now halfway through the second quarter, and I am above average in class. I was worried when I came that I would be behind in my education. My worries soon left me when I realized in two of my classes, history and science, I had the highest average. That means the students back home aren't behind either. I am doing history honors projects so that will keep me busy during Christmas break. On January 5th and 6th I am traveling to Syracuse with the Model UN club for a conference, so I am looking forward to that.

The holidays are approaching, and Gram has the house completely decorated, everything from the tree to the candles. We are holding an all day family party on Christmas day here, so we'll be busy in the next week. On Christmas Eve my Aunt Mary Jo is holding a party. This month I have been to more parties than I go to in a whole year back home. Last week was the birthday party. It started on Saturday when I was a waitress at my Uncle's rotary party. On Sunday we went to my Uncle Bobby's after church and had a big breakfast brunch celebrating all

five of the December birthdays in my family. On Monday I had my birthday party, which I celebrated with my Aunt Mary Jo's and Uncle Tommy's family. On Thursday I went to a school concert and we took my Gram out for dessert on her birthday. On Friday I saw a basketball game, Penfield girls freshman, and we took my Aunt Mary Jo out to an Italian restaurant for her birthday. On Saturday the 16th I went to a school dance and now things are settling down.

I didn't try out for the basketball team because I thought I would be the worst player for sure. Also I didn't think I would have time; they practice two to three hours every day; and play at least 15 - 20 games a season. When I saw the freshman game I realized I could have easily made the team and I was disappointed in myself.

I heard the craft fair was a success and people in Igiugig sound busy with the holidays. Soon Slavi will be here and my dad will most likely make the annual ten pounds of beans to serve. I hope everyone has a happy and very merry Christmas- I'll be thinking of you all.

What Christmas Means To Me

By Tanya Salmon, 8th Grade, Igiugig School

My favorite holiday is Christmas. It is a time for joy, sharing, happiness, giving, receiving, a time for thanks, and a time for family and friends to be together.

Okay, I will be honest. I love to get presents and when I look for gifts for other people, I want them for myself. But, this year I did pretty well, and picked presents for other people, then I did my own. I couldn't imagine a Christmas without any of my family or friends around, so Christmas brings families closer together.

What I really love about Christmas is Christmas break, we have no school for 2 weeks and that brings me sheer happiness. Although I spend the last few days sitting around, I still like the break from school.

Christmas is a great holiday, a time to be giving or taking, sharing or being greedy. Either way, Christmas is still my favorite holiday.

What Christmas Means to Me...

By Ida Nelson, 9th Grade, Igiugig School

Not only did the three wise men come with gifts for the newborn king they brought the meaning of giving and receiving. It was a time of a newborn child, born into this world thousands of years ago. Many people celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ by giving and receiving gifts. I think the meaning of Christmas is receiving a gift of love rather than a gift of selfishness.

What Christmas Means to Me

By Christina Salmon, 12th Grade, Igiugig School

To me Christmas is a time of hectic disarray. People running frantically from shop to shop trying to find that perfect gift, looking for the perfect tree, and trying to find that perfect present.

It also means a time of giving, and receiving of course. It is a time where the thought counts and you will even feign gratitude for the most ludicrous of gifts. Adults enjoy their time off from work, kids admire their new toys, and families spend the day reminiscing about past Christmases.

LSAC MEETING by Sandy Alvarez

The regular meeting of the LSAC was held on December 21, 2000. Chip McMillan gave members a tour of the school web site as it has been developed so far. It is not on the web yet, but can be viewed and commented on at that school. Members also received a copy of the proposed district policy regarding posting of a student's work, photograph, etc. on the web pages. Chip also informed those present that an In-service has been scheduled for February 8-9, so students will not be attending school those days. He also outlined various problems with the facility and reported that we had not yet heard back from the Central Office about connection of educational programming via satellite.

Students reported earnings of \$600 at the Craft Fair this month, and it was noted that the Linda Johnson Memorial Fund was benefited by \$55. A Book Fair will be planned for the springtime.

Mary Olympic and Betsy Hostetter were named as the first members of the Native Language committee. Direction will be given to them by Chip as information becomes available.

During the holiday break, Bernadette Andrew was authorized to hold the keys to the facility and she will keep a sign-out sheet for those using the adult computer lab, and gym.

Missy McMillan reported that we would be having a mystery writer out during the month of February. The school will provide housing, one local craft item needs to be donated for the fund raising activities of the writer's group and the community needs to provide one special activity such as a snow-go ride, ice fishing, etc.

A Library Specialist will also be coming in late January to review and make recommendations for our facility. The next meeting of the LSAC will be held on January 25th.

Computer Class Schedule

All classes are from 7:00 PM—8:00 PM.

Contact Kacey if you have any questions.

Jan. 16—Scanning and Editing Photographs

Jan. 18—Microsoft Publisher – making newsletters

Jan. 23—Making a web site

Jan. 25—Making a web site

Jan. 30—Installing software on your computer



Dorothy, Toto, the Cowardly Lion, the Scarecrow, and the Tin Woodman at the Emerald city approach the Guardian of the Gate to see the Great and Terrible Oz.

School Christmas Play by Kacey Walker

On the evening of Tuesday, December 19, the Igiugig School presented The Wizard of Oz, this year's Christmas play. The play lasted about half an hour, and every student in the school, including the three preschoolers, had a part. Tanya Salmon had the featured role of Dorothy, with Panteleimon Askoak as the Scarecrow, David Alvarez as the Tin Woodman, Ida Nelson as the Cowardly Lion and Christina Salmon as the Great and Terrible Oz. The play also featured creative scenery made by Mrs. McMillan's class, and equally creative costumes and props. Everyone in the play remem-



The cast of The Wizard of Oz takes a bow.

bered their lines and did a great job of sticking to the script, despite the fact that one actor choked on her courage potion, and Kayla Nelson wandered into the play unannounced to visit her big sister Shayna. Congratulations to all the actors for their good performances and also to Chip and Missy McMillan for all their hard work. After the end of the play Mrs. McMillan's class sang a Christmas carol, "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus," and then everyone enjoyed coffee and desserts supplied by various members of the community. Finally Christina Salmon and

WALK TO BE FIT

Winter walking tips include:

- Dressing in layers, so you can remove outer gear when you warm up from the exercise.
- Wear a protective scarf or facemask when the weather gets really cold. This protects your skin and warms the air for your lungs.
- Protect your extremities with extra socks, gloves, cap, etc.
- Drink water before you exercise because even though you may not sweat, you lose lots of moisture with every steamy breath you exhale.
- Be sure someone knows which direction you are walking.
- To prevent injury (sprains, strains and sore behinds) get ice creepers for those days when everything is very slippery.

Remember:

Our Ancestors walked everywhere they needed to go, so take a walk and be thankful for the vehicles we can use to travel today.

IDEAS!

- #1 ~ Try cross-country skiing or snow shoeing for a change of scenery (if we ever have snow!).
- #2 ~ Walk up and down the stairs at the school for a good extra work out of your leg muscles.

Mileage through November is 5161. This would take us approximately to the Panama Canal in Central America.

Leading the pack is **John Zackar**, with 1325 miles. Second in mileage is **Kacey Walker** at 272, still in third is **Jacob Askoak** with 215 miles. The only other person over two hundred is **Annie Wilson** at 201 miles. See the list on this page to catch up on everyone else's mileage.

KEEP ON WALKING!

Personal Totals (March - November, 2000)

Bernadette	114
Betsy	61
Sandy	136 1/2
Michael	127 3/4
AlexAnna	100 3/4
Tanya	181 3/4
Mary Hostetter	193 1/2
Christina	101
Jonathan	70
Shayna	150
April	44
Angel	95 3/4
David	100
Lydia	193 3/4
Delores	95 3/8
Ponty	185 1/2
Jacob	215 1/2
Vassalisa	110 1/8
Shaun	59 3/4
Annie Wilson	201
Jeremy	39 1/2
Julie	59
Tess	32 1/2
Dan	38
Dallia	90
Ida	131
Marie	91
Joshua	80 3/4
Alice	98 3/4
John	1325
Kayla	31 1/4
Charlie	66 1/4
Sharolyn	32 1/4
Alicia	40 1/2
Kacey	272
Yako	17
Annie Stewart	53 3/4
Martha	9
Camille	10 1/2
Chip	53
Missy	53
TOTAL MILES FOR THE VILLAGE OF IGIUGIG:	5161

If I Were Santa . . .

By The Primary Class, Igiugig School

If I were Santa I would give children food, water, rice and a tree for Christmas. And some gifts. And clothes and homes if they are homeless. And give children moms and dads. They will be happy. And help people that are sick. And give them money. They will be happy.

- By Shayna Nelson, 3rd Grade, Igiugig School

If I were Santa Claus I would give the poor people lots of toys and a puppy so they could play with him.

- By Jacob Askoak, 3rd Grade, Igiugig School

If I was Santa I'd give poor kids a mom. If I was Santa I'd give poor people a pet. I'd make poor people a house. I'd give poor people toys. I'd give poor people food. I'd give sick people medicine. I'd get my mom a necklace.

- By Jeremy Salmon, 3rd Grade, Igiugig School

If I were Santa I would give people houses. If I were Santa I would give poor people a stove. If I were Santa I would give people coats and gloves and school.

- By Alicia Zackar, 3rd Grade, Igiugig School

If I were Santa I would give everyone their own toy room. If they were poor I would give them a mansion. I like to make people happy. Ashley, Jessica and Essa do too.

- By Angel Alvarez, 3rd Grade, Igiugig School

If I were Santa I would give winter stuff and a warm blanket to the poor. I would give poor people homes, give boys toy cars, and girls Barbies. Also clothes, a TV, a CD player, and a angel. Also books, money and lifejackets.

- By April Hostetter, 3rd Grade, Igiugig School

If I were Santa I would give poor people lots of money so they could buy food for them. And get them new clothes. And make old people new shoes so they won't have bare feet.

- By Ponty Askoak, 4th Grade, Igiugig School

If I were Santa I would give the kids toys and clothes.

- By Vassalisa Askoak, Kindergarten, Igiugig School

If I were Santa I would give the girls Barbies and I would give the boys trains.

- By Sharolyn Zackar, Kindergarten, Igiugig School



David Saves the Day

By Jonathan Salmon, 6th Grade, Igiugig School

One day, David saved me from getting run over. I was visiting David and Sandy. I was leaning against the truck door since I didn't know the door would open up by itself. The door opened and I fell out. David reached over and grabbed me while my feet were dragging on the ground in front of the back tires. Sandy then pushed the brakes and I climbed back in. I've always been afraid of that door. David was really courageous.

Roaring River

By David Alvarez, 6th Grade, Igiugig School

As a river moves,
It will rush at a time.
And as a runoff drains,
The river gets louder
Like a thundering waterfall.
And after a while,
The River Roars.

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Coordinator
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Martha Crow, Village Planner

Weather Watch

December 1— 30, 2000

Highest Wind Speed . . . 88 mph

Average Wind Speed . . . 18 mph

Dominant Wind Direction . . . ENE

Highest Temperature . . . 44.2°F

Lowest Temperature . . . -9.9°F

Below Freezing . . . 15 days

Below Zero . . . 2 days

Recipe Corner

Contributed by . . . AlexAnna Salmon

Pumpkin Cookies

Ingredients:

1 cup sugar
½ cup butter/margarine
1 egg
1 cup Pumpkin Pie Filling
2 cups flour
½ tsp. Salt
1 tsp. Soda
1 tsp. Cinnamon

Mix the sugar, butter, and egg well, and then add all the other ingredients.

Cream all ingredients well. Drop on cookie sheet and then bake at 400 degrees for 10 - 12 minutes until done.
Let cool.

ICING: ½ cup brown sugar, 2 tablespoons milk, 1/3 cup butter. Add ingredients and bring them to a boil.
let cool. Add 1 cup of powdered sugar and then spread on cookies.