

Igiugig News & Notes

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Igiugig Annual Village Clean Up: May 15, 2001

By Ida Nelson, 10th Grade, Igiugig School

Nine o'clock in the morning on, May 15, 2001, students and village volunteers from Igiugig gathered in the main entrance at the school. Students were given a number from one to four, and assigned to a volunteer: Kacey Walker, Bernadette Andrew, Annie Wilson, Sandy Alvarez, Fr. Wassily Askoak. Dave Hostetter and William Mike from Kokhanok volunteered to pick up full garbage bags and heavy objects from the road. Each team was assigned different areas to clean. Kacey's troop cleaned the beach, Sandy's troop cleaned the swamp area, Bernadette's troop cleaned from the school to the landing to the generator building, and Annie and Wassily's group cleaned the new road. Bernadette told the teams before they took off, "Remember to tell us what is your weirdest, stinkiest, and biggest piece of trash. Also, come up with a name for your group." We were to clean our assigned areas and meet back at the school at 10:30 am to have a bathroom break, and then work our way to the dump.

Dave Hostetter and William Mike drove around the village with a truck picking up full garbage bags and heavy objects off the sides of the roads to take to the dump. They also distributed soda pop to the busy cleaners. All the teams met in the schoolyard and had a bathroom break, and worked their way to the dump picking up trash along the way. While at the dump the teams picked up trash around the trees, and in grassy areas. When everyone else was done, there were four die hard cleaners: Annie Wilson, Tess Hostetter, and Josh and Shayna Nelson, who all cleaned to the bitter end. When we were done, everybody headed back to the school, full of dust, dirt, and pride.

While the students and the volunteers cleaned the village we had the *Kitchen Creations* cooking their hearts out at the school. The students and the volunteers waited in the schoolyard for the main meal to be done. When it was time to eat, everyone rushed to the table and gathered their grub. Mr. McMillan was busy outside dishing out hamburger patties and hot dogs to the hungry cleaners and residents. After everyone had their share of food, there was plenty of food left.



Shaun and Joshua working together to pick up garbage and carry the bag.

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Vrrrroooooooooohhhh...

by Tanya Salmon, 8th Grade, Igiugig School



"Start your engines!" Igiugig held their third annual Pine Car Derby Race at the school at 2 o'clock on Saturday the 5th. The carving took place at the Rec-Hall. The days working at the Rec-Hall on the pine Cars were filled with sawdust, noise, kids, and the stench of paint hung in the air. But through all that, everybody had a great time working on their cars.

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Birthdays this month

- June 5 Christina Salmon
- June 15 Kevin Olympic
- June 20 Jeremy Salmon
- June 29 Kacey Walker

May Village Council Meeting by Sandra Alvarez

The regular meeting of the Council was held on the 16th of May. Reports were made by all departments to update the Council on their activities.

Bernadette Andrew, Social Services Director, reviewed the services available through her department, including referrals, assistance with applications for services, the monthly calendar & newsletter, summer reading club, and various other youth & community activities. She is also responsible for organization of and reporting on, the heavy equipment-training course sponsored by the Village Council, which started yesterday and will run through June 8th. There are eight participants in the course from Igiugig and two from other villages.

The Community Strategic Plan is nearing completion with staff working on action plans and Burns Consulting pulling together the written document.

Additional Library shelving has been sent up by the school district and summer hours are being scheduled. We are currently advertising for the summer librarian position.

Clinic deficiencies were again discussed and the Council was updated on the work currently underway on the tele-medicine equipment by GCI. A concern was presented by the ETT group as they continue to look for ways to boost member attendance. They report that a stipend will be given to training meeting attendees.

The bicycle safety grant project has received helmets

and safety videos, in preparation for training all children 3 years of age and older to bike safely. Bicycles for all participants will be delivered via the mail in the next few weeks. Adults are welcome and encouraged to attend the training session.

A new treadmill is available for use at the Council hangar. People should read the instructions and ask someone at the office for assistance prior to their first use. They also need to use the sign-in sheet each time they work out on the machine. This equipment was provided courtesy of the BBAHC Diabetes Prevention Program so it is important to provide good reporting to them as to how it is benefiting the wellness of our community.

Lydia Olympic reported that she met with Dr. Nighswander and others from the Anchorage Service Unit regarding the move of health care for Igiugig from Dillingham to Anchorage. They were attending meetings together in the lower 48 and had a chance to fully discuss the issues. In her travels, Lydia also reported meeting with and providing a presentation to the new DEC Chairman, Governor Christi Todd-Whitman.

It was reported to the Council that a postcard photo has been selected featuring a winter scene of the Kvichak River, which will be for sale through the gift shop this summer.

The next regular meeting of the Village Council will be Wednesday, June 13th, 2001.

Graduation 2001 by Kacey Walker

The Igiugig School graduation this year was, despite the cold, a fun and festive occasion. Four students were graduating this year – Vassalisa Askoak and Sharolyn Zackar from kindergarten, Tanya Salmon from the 8th grade, and Christina Salmon from high school. In addition, two students graduated from preschool into kindergarten – Joshua Nelson and Tess Hostetter.

The evening of graduation started out with a community dinner at the school. Most of the community, along with several guests from the school district, attended and enjoyed the delicious food, along with a slide show featuring the beautiful Ms. Christina Salmon. After dinner the graduates went home to change (One graduate said she would definitely spill food on her dress if she wore it to dinner) and at

7:00 the ceremonies started.

Although it was windy and cold, the ceremony took place outside on the school basketball court and several kids were observed in winter coats and hats. The ceremony began with the graduates marching out to the music of "Pomp and Circumstance", starting with the preschoolers and ending with Christina. Father Wassily Askoak then led the invocation, a short prayer for the occasion, and the primary class sang a Yupik song with the help of Mary Olympic. Finally, the awards presentations began. Sandy Alvarez acted as the introducer for the various speakers, including Dennis Neidermeyer from LPSD and Mr. Thurston, the teacher at Igiugig school for the past three years. Certificates of promotion were given to the preschoolers, kindergarteners, and eighth graders,

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The first day at the Rec-Hall, Bernadette told everybody to draw their design on their piece of wood. "Does my car look good? What design are you going to have? Is yours going to be big?" were some of the many questions that the little kids asked as they drew their designs; they wanted their cars to look like the older kids', but I think that theirs turned out better.

Once everybody was completed with drawing their designs, some people started to carve their cars. The Village Council had a Dremel, which made the work a lot easier. There were also saws and some other tiny but sharp tools. If people wanted to, they could take home their cars and work at them during their free time. Surprisingly, the next time everybody met at the Rec-Hall, some people were ready for painting! Other people, like me, never even touched their cars!

After the carving was complete, people could sand their cars to make them smooth if they wanted to. By now, everybody was at different paces. Some people were done painting and waiting for them to dry, while people like me were still slowly carving, messing up here and there and gouging the car to pieces with the Dremel!

No matter how slow or fast anybody went, the race was on the 5th. So, as the big race day got nearer, the people who neglected their car (like me) started to carve like crazy, sand paper their car, and paint in one day.

Finally Saturday came. Everybody met at the school at 2 o'clock. Even the people who never made cars went. The ramp was a piece of ply board thrown on three mats. Although the race was small and not very exciting, almost everybody in the Village showed up!

When everybody who made a car got to the school, they had to weigh their car (the car could not weigh more than 5 ounces), write their name, the name of their car, and the number of their car. Once that was done, Bernadette broke everybody up in groups of two. The people in the groups would have to race each other. Everybody cheered on the competitors when they walked up to the ramp. The competitors would put their wheels at the end of the plywood. Once Bernadette said "GO!" they would let go of their car and hold their breath as they watched them cruise down the ramp. A few people lost their wheels or axles, which made everybody laugh.

Finally, the competition was narrowed down to three people: Shaun, David, and Missy. Once they let go of their cars, all eyes were glued on the cars speeding down the ramp. "A car turned," "One did a complete circle on the ramp," "David is ahead," "Missy is catching up," were thoughts of the spectators as they watched the cars ramble down.

Near the bottom of the ramp, David's and Missy's cars bumped into each other, skidded, and stopped. Shaun's car, the *Moon Racer*, slowly passed the two cars! Shaun Michael won the competition. But, not everything was over. Bernadette handed out ballots for people to fill out. All the cars were set back on the table and everybody had to fill the ballots out in 6 different categories: most colorful kid car, best named kid car, best designed kid car, most colorful adult car, best named adult car, and best designed adult car. After all the ballots were filled out, everybody gave their ballots to Bernadette. Bernadette and I tallied up the ballots.

The audience of "Pine Car Derby Fans" hushed when Bernadette announced the winners: best designed adult

car, Renae Zackar with *Killer Whale*; best designed kid car, Tatyana Zackar with *Tatyana Rose*; most colorful adult car, Delores Askoak with *Hot Mama*; most colorful kid car, Vassalisa Askoak with *Braveheart*; best named adult car, Missy McMillan with *Screamin' Marmot*; best named kid car, Tess Hostetter with *Something*; David Alvarez with *Color Car* won for going the farthest; and Shaun Andrew with *Moon Racer* won the overall competition.





VILLAGE CLEAN UP (Continued from page 1)

After the volunteers and students were full, they gathered in a circle and described their weirdest, stinkiest, and biggest pieces of trash that they found and the names of their groups that they were in. The weirdest piece belongs to Bernadette Andrew. She found a wired bird feeder by the back trail near the generator. The stinkiest piece went to Christina Salmon, a senior this year, found an old rotting otter full of worms. The biggest piece goes

to Ida Nelson, she found long copper poles near the school, each weighing each about 50+ pounds. Recognition was given to Annie Wilson, Tess Hostetter, Josh and Shayna Nelson for being the die-hard cleaners of Igiugig for 2001. The names of the groups were: *Little Big Road Runners*: Annie Wilson, Wassily, Ponty, and Jacob Askoak, Mary and Tess Hostetter, and Spirit Angasan; *Swamp Stompers*: Sandy Alvarez, Ida Nelson, Tanya and Jeremy Salmon, and Alicia Zackar; *Around the Bend*: Bernadette, Shaun, and Camille Andrew, Shayna, Josh and Kayla Nelson, April Hostetter, Jonathan Salmon, and David Alvarez; *Truck Crew*: Dave Hostetter and William Mike; and *Ladies of the Lake*: Kacey Walker, Christina Salmon, Angel Alvarez, Sharolyn Zackar, and Vassalisa Askoak. The cooks were the *Kitchen Creations*: Missy and Chip McMillan, Betsy Hostetter, and Dalia Andrew.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who help cleaned Igiugig, and keeping the Igiugig Beautification Program running. Hope to see you all next year!



LSAC MEETING by Sandra Alvarez

The May meeting of the Local School Advisory Committee (LSAC) was held on the 21st at 7 p.m. following the Education Fair at which students presented examples of their best work for review by parents & community members. Their computerized presentations were quite detailed and well done.

Chip McMillan reported that graduation was held on the 18th at 7pm. and the outdoor ceremony went smoothly in spite of the chilly breeze. The Native Language classes did a nice job performing a song in Yupik at the ceremony. One addition to the summer maintenance list is re-cementing the swing set because it's beginning to move when lots of kids are using it.

Library hours for the summer will be at least two hours five days per week, with some evening hours. Annie Wilson has been hired as the summer librarian. Shelving will be installed in the near future so all materials can be filed appropriately. Summer reading club starts Monday the 28th.

Sale of the left over perishable food items is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on the 23rd in preparation for school summer closure.

The Spring Variety Show was also a hit with the community. Ida Nelson volunteered to organize it again next year.

Housing at the school was discussed. The Itinerant housing is for people related to school operation and is not used for guest housing purposes. It was mentioned that the requested donation of \$20 for guest housing only applied to people who are not working for the school and who are housed in the school building, this however is just a request—the school is not allowed to charge for overnight stays or run competition to local lodging establishments.

The teachers for the 2001-02 school year have been selected, they are Peter & Bonnie Hauschka. Appreciation was expressed to Chip & Missy McMillan for all their hard work, participation and involvement in community activities.

The schedule for next school year was noted with opening day on August 28th, 2001 and closing day on May 22nd, 2002.

The next regular meeting will be held on September 13th, 2001 at the school.

ALASKA STANDARDS FOR STUDENTS

LIBRARY/INFORMATION LITERACY: C. *A student should recognize that being an independent reader, listener, and viewer of material in print, non-print, and electronic formats will contribute to personal enjoyment and lifelong learning.*

1. Read for pleasure and information.

- Join Summer Reading Club with your children.
- Compete with them in reading books and pages to report on the reading club.
- Set aside quiet times for kids to read rather than always watching TV.
- Have children prepare recipes or prepackaged foods reading and following the directions themselves.
- Provide kits or patterns kids can use to make things. These always have directions that need to be read and followed.
- Keep a bird book handy to identify and learn about birds that frequent your yard.

2. Read, listen, and view a wide variety of literature and other creative expressions.

- Make books available that are different in subject, time period or age than your child would normally read.
- Listen to books or stories on tape.
- Recount interesting things to your children from the book you are reading.
- Read an interesting chapter book aloud together. Take turns reading if your children are old enough. (Even old people enjoy being read to.)
- Find time to visit the Imaginarium, the Performing Arts Center, the Alaska Heritage Center, or other interesting places if you are in Anchorage this summer. Leaflets with "tourist attractions" can be picked up in the airport and other places around town.

3. Recognize and select materials appropriate to personal abilities and interests.

- Check out craft or activity books about things your child enjoys doing.
- Help your student find on-line sources for books and materials.
- Join the Fairbanks Library Regional Services Program so you can request books and material to have mailed to your home.

TIP TO PARENTS: *Children do what you do, not what you say...so show them that reading for information and pleasure is something you also enjoy doing.*

You can request a booklet of these standards from:
Alaska Department of Education, 801 West Tenth Street, Juneau, AK 99801-1894

Life on the Go in NY by AlexAnna Salmon, 9th Grade, Penfield High

You are all probably wondering what I've been up to lately. School gets out on the 21st of June and I am preparing for the Earth Science and Math regents tests, and all other local exams. I am in the process of finishing my dreaded history honors projects also. After school I attend track practice; I am a varsity shot-put and discuss thrower. I find that hilarious because I always thought those events were senseless. My opinion has dramatically changed. I enjoy trying to beat my personal record and perfect my technique. Penfield's last home meet for the season was held on May 9th against Hilton and Aquinas. I managed for the first time to win the shot-put and come in 2nd for discuss. My coach likes learning about Alaska and even wants me to do a presentation at his school. He loves the word muktuk and calls me Nanook. I've demonstrated the one-arm reach for NYO so many times for them.

The flowering trees are absolutely gorgeous! Gram's lilacs are in bloom and they smell wonderful. One of these days we may go to Highland Park to see their lilacs. I have some new landscaping ideas... The temperature is usually in the 70's, and I can't wait until the pools are opened.

The amount of construction going on here was unbearable. For a whole week we were imprisoned - Gram's car couldn't get out of the driveway. The construction workers tore up part of our lawn to put in an extra lane and a curb. Everyday is a new experience. The other day I managed to almost miss my bus. I heard it outside and did a Superman dive out the door - grabbing my backpack simultaneously. I got to the end of the rocky driveway only to see my bus pulling away. Then it halted again. My friend saved

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Library/Computer Lab News

Summer Library Hours

The library and computer lab will be open all this summer! Annie Wilson will be the summer librarian, and the library facility will be open the following hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 1 – 3 PM
Tuesday, Thursday: 7 - 9 PM

The following rules must be observed at the library during the summer.

1. Books can be checked out for three weeks, and CDs and videos can be checked out for 1 week. A maximum of 5 items can be checked out per person at any time.
2. Children under 12 must have an adult accompanying them to the library/computer lab.
3. ONLY the library is open for the summer – the gym, classrooms, and other parts of the school are strictly off limits.

Please note that while computers are available for use, Internet service may not be reliable since the school district does not maintain it over the summer. Come visit our library and check out some of the many new books and CDs we have received in donation from USDA in Anchorage and from the McMillans. Thank you, Chip and Missy!

Web Sites of the Month

State of Alaska Commercial Fishing Regulations – www.cf.adfg.state.ak.us

This site has all the regulations for various kinds of commercial fishing, including salmon and herring, for all the different areas around the state. This includes regulations on permitting, on vessels, and other aspects of fishing.

GSI Boats – www.gsiboat.com

GSI is a vessel and permit brokerage based out of Seattle, WA, which sells both fishing vessels and Bristol Bay permits.

The National Rifle Association – www.nra.org

This web site features information on the NRA, the application to become a member, links to other hunting and gun-related organizations, and a selection of NRA items for sale.

And don't forget to visit Igiugig's website, www.igiugig.com

We have now had over 1,000 visitors since last November!



NY LIFE (Continued from page 5)

the day by yelling to the bus driver to stop and I hopped aboard. It happened just like in the movies; I've always wanted to do that!

I witnessed the whole controversy over whether or not Penfield's school name and mascot was offensive. They are called the Chiefs and their mascot is the profile of an Indian's head. That was a huge ordeal that eventually left us nameless. Now we are about to endure the long and picky process of choosing a new school name.

Every Sunday I carefully peruse all the sale ads while eating my peanut crunch donut, and if I find any great bargain I walk down the street to Rite-Aid or CVS. Right down the street there are stores ranging from bird shops to Chinese restaurants. I'll miss that convenience.

I really enjoyed the Oregonian article on Igiugig; I read it 5 times. I can't wait to play a hard game of ball with you guys, but it may be embarrassing - I haven't played in at least 4 months. In gym class we recently finished learning dances. We did country line dancing, the electric slide, the disco, the salsa, reggae, country line dancing, and the swing. The country was my favorite.

My family is holding a going away party for me sometime during June or after school lets out. I plan on leaving here on the 26th, and then spending a couple days in Anchorage. I am getting excited to see you all!

Variety Show by Tanya Salmon, 8th Grade, Igiugig School

Igiugig School had their first Variety Show on Monday the 14th at 7:00 p.m. It was a very informal event, but everybody had a good time watching people perform.

Mrs. McMillan told the class that there was going to be a Variety Show where people could do small skits, read poems, sing songs, perform pantomimes (little skits that use motions, but not talking), or perform any talent that they want to share with the village.

The preschoolers: Joshua, Spirit, Shaun, and Tess began the Variety show by singing "Tikki Tikki Tembo." Alicia, Shayna, Jeremy, and Angel did a pantomime called "Teacher Trouble." Alicia was the teacher and Jeremy, Angel, and Shayna were her bad students. Once the teacher found that they did something wrong, she would send them to the corner of the classroom. Almost every time Miss Zackar turned her back, her bad-behaving students standing in the corner, would make faces at her.

After the pantomime, George Wilson went to center stage and played songs on his harmonica. He played three or four songs on his mouth instrument and when he was done, the crowd applauded. When George stepped off the stage, Christina and Tanya went up and acted a skit from a book called Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale. Their skit was about two black men during the 1800's. One man, Matt Bonner (Christina) had a mule that he never fed and the other character was Sam (Tanya) who enjoyed teasing Matt about not feeding his mule.

Jacob, April, Ponty, Sharolyn, and Vassalisa played the next pantomime, "Baby Cookie Thieves." Jacob and April were the mother and father while the other three thespians were their children. Once the parents left the room, the naughty little children would try and steal some cookies. The three children went through much trouble to steal the cookies from their parents who always kept a watchful eye on them.

After the silly performance, Jon and David read the poem "The Cremation of Sam McGee" by Robert Service. They did motions with their hands as they read the poem. After they finished their poem, Ida and Mary read "Hawk, I'm Your Brother" by Byrd Baylor. They performed the same way that Jon and David did.

The two kindergartners, Sharolyn and Vassalisa, shyly sang nursery rhymes that they had memorized. After they had completed their singing, Chip did two demonstrations of topology. Topology is the study of how stretching, twisting, and folding changes the geometry of an object. He explained that scientists consider a bagel a cup. It could be a cup because if you mold the bagel around, it will take the same shape as the cup! Chip also showed that he could take off his vest that was underneath a coat. The catch is, you can't take off the over coat; he did get the vest off without taking off the coat.

"Joyful Noise" by Paul Fleischman was acted out by all of the 3rd graders and the 4th grader. April and Alicia were honeybees. April was a queen bee while Alicia was a worker bee. The two bees described their life style; April enjoyed her life, while Alicia did not! After the two "bees" were done, Jacob and Shayna went next. They were water boatmen and they described how they had to work together and after each of their lines they had to say "stroke," to mimic the sound of paddling. Ponty, Jeremy, and Angel were whirlygig beetles. Jeremy and Angel would sing part of the poem and before they finished the sentence, Ponty would start saying the sentence right after them. Later, the older class, Christina, Ida, Tanya, Jonathan, David, and Mary did a short skit called "Gotta Wee." The audience got a good chuckle out of the humorous skit.

Missy asked if anybody else would like to go onto the stage and do something. Father Wassily wanted to do a little trick. So, he had a volunteer from the audience come up. The volunteer was Joshua. Father did a little coin trick to make it look like Joshua coughed up a coin.

After the coin trick, the Variety Show was over. Although the show was short and simple, everybody enjoyed the entertainment. Good job to everybody who was in the Variety Show!

GRADUATION (Continued from page 2)



and many awards were handed out to all students. These included awards for Battle of the Books and for perfect attendance – congratulations to Jon Salmon for the only perfect attendance for the whole year. Both Tanya Salmon and Christina Salmon gave speeches thanking their families, teachers, and friends. Finally, Christina received her diploma and everyone ran inside to get warm, eat cake, and congratulate the new graduates.

As for the graduates' future plans, Tanya, the kindergartners, and the preschoolers will all be continuing in their education here in Igiugig. Christina plans to attend UAA in the fall and major in journalism and communications.



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to the following Donors*

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EXERCISE ROOM

Step Machine

Chip & Missy McMillan

COMMUNITY QUILT

Missy McMillan

With Sincere Appreciation from the Community of Igiugig

**Three roads,
which one to follow?**

One way
Has little pebbles
And stones that are huge
The second,
Is a steep road
That no one could go on,
The third perfect and smooth
With bits of grass here and there
These were all good but, there hidden
In the shadows,
Was another, not perfect, nice, or smooth,
But covered in grass and tundra
With trees on the sides of the road
That's the road for me ☺



Snow
As you feel
The soft coldness
Of the snow on your face
Makes you wonder,
Where do they come from?
Way up there in the cloudy sky?
Or do they come from rain that is frozen?
Then you wonder,
Why does it fall? Why is it here?
Maybe you would know,
But some may not,
The ones who cannot see

By: Mary Hostetter, 5th Grade, Igiugig School

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GARDENERS GOODIES

JUNE garden activities:

- Early June – Harden off seedlings in flats and plant to their outdoor location in beds or large pots. Add compost to the hole before setting in the plant, this will provide food to your plant throughout the growing season. Be sure to water them well to eliminate air pockets that can damage tender roots. Protect young plants for their first few days outdoors by covering them using paper cups with the bottom punched out (this will also keep insects from eating them off while they are young and tender).
- Early June – Check the soil pH in your garden plot.
- Early June – direct seed quick growing plants such as radish, turnip, lettuce, etc. to your garden spot.
- Protect your young plants from rodents and birds (and dogs). Fences work well for ground critters, herring net or other fine web can be hung over your plot to keep out birds. If birds continue to be a problem, stretch some shiny tape above the garden such as a tape from an old video or cassette. With a few twists it will flash and move in the breeze to help scare away the flying plant predators. If leaves continue to be nibbled on by animals or insects, mist plants with a little bit of dishwashing liquid diluted in water (two or three drops per gallon of water).
- Mid June – fertilize all your plants and mist the leaves with a diluted fertilizer mixture (if you are using chemical fertilizer such as Miracle Grow, be sure it is quite diluted or it will burn leaves and make dry brown spots).
- Transplant trees and other perennials this month to give them enough time to develop strong root systems before winter comes. When transplanting be sure to water daily for the first few days.
- Late June – weed around seedlings so that they won't have competition for the soil nutrients.

Definitions for gardeners

Harden off: acclimating young plants by setting the flats outdoors during the day for short periods of time, increasing time each day over the course of 5 – 7 days so they can get used to cooler temperatures, wind and direct sun before they are planted out in permanent locations.

Soil pH: This refers to how acidic or alkaline your soil is. Different plants prefer different pH soil, for example, blueberries, potatoes, lupine and spruce trees prefer soil that is fairly acidic, while others such as lettuce, cabbage, and peas prefer more alkaline soil. (Generally soil in our area is quite acidic.)

Sweetening the soil: this refers to using lime, wood ash or something similar to adjust the pH level, making acidic soil more alkaline.

Fertilize: Feeding plants by using chemical or organic fertilizers using one or more of the following methods:

- Mixing nutrients into garden soil before planting.
- Adding nutrients to the soil by mixing it in around the base of established plants.
- Dissolving nutrients in water to be poured around the base of a plant or misted onto the leaves.

Good Driver Tips of the Month

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

Construction Zone Information

1. KEEP TO YOUR RIGHT

When you meet traffic on a road each vehicle should keep to their right. If you meet large construction equipment you should also try to keep to the right unless a flag person or operator motions for you to go a different way.

2. SLOWER IS BETTER

Whenever you are driving around large vehicles—dump trucks, dozers, loaders, etc.—drive slowly and pay attention to what they are doing. Also stay far back from the equipment in case they unexpectedly change direction or back up.

3. ROAD CLOSED

This sign means that the road is not open for public use. Only construction project workers and people who need to drive that way to get home should be using the road.



CORRECTION: Tatyana Zackar was misidentified in last month's newsletter. The editing staff regrets the error.

CAMPBELL'S LABELS

We collected 90 labels this past month, which puts us at a total of
2643!!!



Remember you can earn a prize from the council by saving labels and turning them in at the Village Council office.

BOATING TIPS

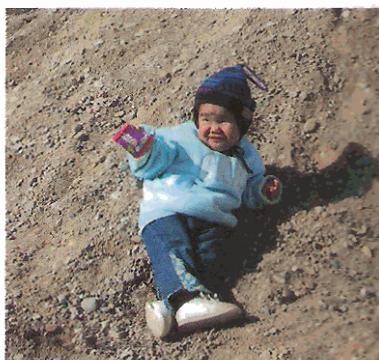
Tips Fueling station equipment to keep on hand:

- Funnel
- Shovel
- Plastic bags
- Hand pump
- Liner/drip pan

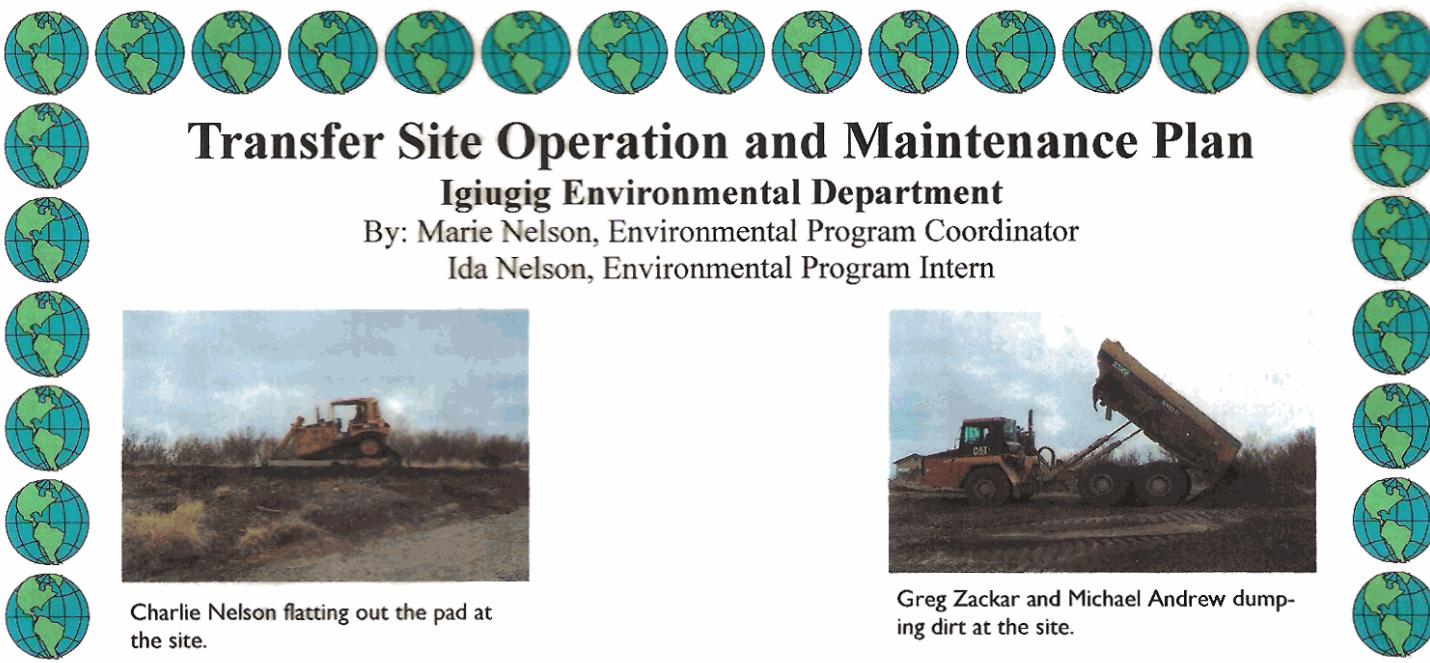
Tips To keep boating operations from contaminating the environment:

- Check for fuel leaks
 - fuel cans
 - fuel lines
- Sorbent pads available for small leaks
- Container for used gas and oil (properly labeled)
- Biodegradable cleaner.

*Info. taken from AK Field Environmental Checklist for the Dept. of the Interior, pg. 10



Kayla Nelson takes a break after a hard morning of picking up garbage around the village during the annual Village Clean-Up!



Transfer Site Operation and Maintenance Plan

Igiugig Environmental Department

By: Marie Nelson, Environmental Program Coordinator
Ida Nelson, Environmental Program Intern



Charlie Nelson flattening out the pad at the site.



Greg Zackar and Michael Andrew dumping dirt at the site.

Igiugig's newly formed Solid Waste transfer station is located at the Public Boat landing. Days of operation are Saturdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 7pm. On these days trash may be dumped in the truck. The trash may consist of all burnable items, such as plastics, paper cardboard, food scraps, wood etc. and are to be placed in the back of the dump truck. The truck will be covered with a tarp that must be securely closed after trash has been placed in it. This will prevent birds and other small game from tearing apart the trash.

The Village Council will recycle all aluminum materials, lead acid batteries and used oil. There will be a spot to place your bagged aluminum in a plywood container that will be marked for bagged aluminum cans only. The collection of used oil, and lead acid batteries should be brought to the red 20-foot con-ex container near the Igiugig Utility building. Please keep your used oil stored in a securely closed 5-gallon container and label all containers with the words "used oil". Household batteries may be put in a plastic container labeled "batteries", which should be collected and filled and brought to the red con-ex container. In order to dispose of large appliances please contact the environmental office for further information and arrangements.

All other trash can be put in the truck and later hauled to the village solid waste facility by an employee of the Igiugig Tribal Council.

We appreciate your help in continuing the efforts to prevent grass fires, birds and animal attraction and scattered waste at the dump. This is our first attempt to operate a transfer station for solid waste in Igiugig. We welcome any suggestions you may have to improve the process.

Please remember that the children of Igiugig participate in the Can Crushers Club and several times a month come together to crush, bag, and ship the saved aluminum. It is always appreciated if your aluminum is clean from food wastes and other liquids before being bagged and deposited at the proper site.

Thank you for your cooperation in our recycling efforts, and have a great season and help keep our community safe and clean.



Heavy Equipment Training Class

by Tanya Salmon, 8th Grade, Igiugig School

On May 15, 2001, the first heavy equipment class was in session. Greg Zackar, Gilbert Andrew, Jackie Nickoli, Charlie Nelson, Betsy Hostetter, Sonny Wilson, Michael Andrew, Julia Salmon, and Wally Gust are the students taking the class; Donald Hewlett and Al Vance are their instructors.

The first week of their training, the pupils attended class for the CDL instruction every morning at 8 and get out at 5. They sat in class taking notes and paying attention to their instructors who were explaining heavy equipment, how they work, how to maintain, and how to control them. Later, the people taking the class would have to watch movies that showed heavy equipment and explained how to use them.

Now the 9 students attending the class leave every

morning at 7 to catch class. However, they no longer sit in the RecHall all day learning about heavy equipment and safety, they are driving those trucks! The students are now learning how to care for, operate, and do maintenance on various pieces of heavy equipment that include the dozer, shovel, grader, compactor, water truck, fuel truck, front end loader, back hoe, and the six wheel articulated dump truck.

All of the students are progressing on learning how to drive the trucks and they even have their own favorite trucks to drive. Some of the students were scared to drive those big trucks, but they soon overcame their fear and are now enjoying driving them!





WALK TO BE FIT

Walking is the only way to go! Hey everybody, THE TREADMILL'S HERE!!!

Take a few minutes to signoff the Agreement sheet and drop it off at the Council Office. Then feel free to use the equipment whenever is convenient for you. Kids, be sure your adult supervisor is with you in the airport building.

IDEAS!

- #1 - **Walk** on down and participate in some community service, helping plant, water or weed the flowers this summer
- #2 - **Take** a tundra hike and check out the blossoms for the fall berry crop.
- #3 - **Walk** along with your kids as they pedal their new bicycles (and wear their shiny new helmets).



Numbers:
In the lead--still **John Zackar**, with 1640 miles. Second in mileage is **Kacey Walker** at 427, and **Annie Wilson** in third place with $349 \frac{1}{2}$ miles. Seventeen walkers are over the 200-mile mark.

Total **Village Mileage** through March is 8,837. This would take us to Constitucion, in central Chile about 150 miles south of the capital city, Santiago, Chile in South America. Check out the map! We are now over 1/3 of the way around the globe and since we are well below the equator the seasons are opposite of what we have in the northern hemisphere—while Alaska is going into summer, it's going into the winter season here in Chile!

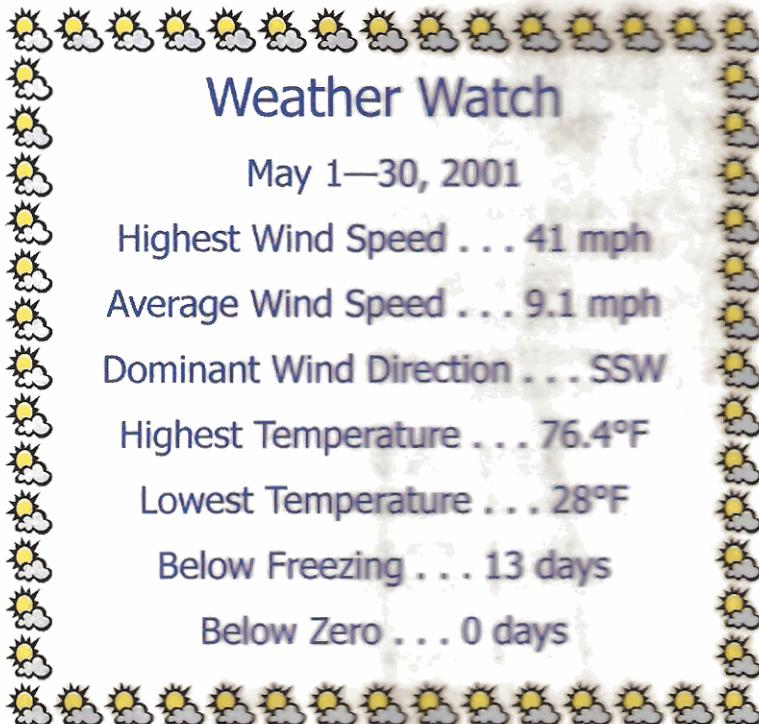
KEEP ON WALKING!

| Personal Totals (Since Mar.00) | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| John | 1640 |
| Kacey | 427 |
| Annie Wilson | $349 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Mary Hostetter | $342 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Sandy | 341 |
| Lydia | $313 \frac{3}{4}$ |
| Jacob | 279 |
| Shayna | 270 |
| Chip | $250 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Missy | 249 |
| Pony | $248 \frac{3}{4}$ |
| Tanya | $246 \frac{3}{4}$ |
| AlexAnna | $220 \frac{3}{4}$ |
| Ida | 217 |
| Michael | $215 \frac{3}{4}$ |
| Joshua | $203 \frac{3}{4}$ |
| Bernadette | 200 |
| Marie | 171 |
| Dallia | 170 |
| Alice | $164 \frac{3}{4}$ |
| David | 163 |
| Vassalisa | $157 \frac{3}{8}$ |
| Angel | $150 \frac{3}{4}$ |
| Jonathan | 149 |
| Christina | 148 |
| Dan | 139 |
| Delores | $135 \frac{3}{8}$ |
| Shaun | $127 \frac{3}{4}$ |
| Julie | 125 |
| Charlie | $121 \frac{1}{4}$ |
| Betsy | 106 |
| Martha | 105 |
| Yako | 98 |
| Alicia | $95 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Sharolyn | $86 \frac{1}{4}$ |
| Jeremy | $79 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| April | 75 |
| Kayla | $69 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Annie Stewart | $53 \frac{3}{4}$ |
| Tess | $50 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Wassily | 47 |
| Camille | $38 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Kevin | 20 |
| | 8836 $\frac{3}{4}$ |

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Recipe Corner

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OREO Cookie Supreme

Ingredients:

- 35 OREO Chocolate Sandwich Cookies, divided
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted
- 4 (8-ounce) packages PHILADELPHIA Cream Cheese, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 eggs

Preparation:

1. Place 20 cookies in food processor container (a blender); cover. Process 30 to 45 seconds or until finely ground. Add margarine or butter; mix well. Press on bottom of 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking pan. Chop remaining cookies; set aside.
2. Blend cream cheese, sugar and vanilla in bowl with mixer at medium speed. Add eggs; mix until blended. Gently stir in 1 1/2 cups chopped cookies. Pour into crust. Sprinkle with remaining chopped cookies.
3. Bake at 350°F for 40 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool. Refrigerate 3 hours or overnight. Cut into bars to serve.

Tip: Line pan with foil for easy removal of bars

Makes 18 servings.