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Annual Easter Egg Hunt by Christina Salmon



Top: Jem, Erika, & Katia exchange eggs.
Bottom: Ida helps the kids decorate eggs.

On May 5th (Russian Orthodox Easter) 10 dozen eggs were hidden this year, filling the entire playground and trees around the teacher housing. Kids with plastic bags, back packs, sparkling baskets and hoodie pockets ran around wildly looking for as many eggs as they could carry. Elders and adults meandered through the grass and shrubs devotedly looking for the "money" eggs. Prizes ranged from 45 to 5 dollar eggs. Alexann Nunez and Betsy Hostetter found the larger prized eggs. Erika Salmon-Anelon had fun in her beautiful Easter outfit eating all the eggs she could find!

When all the searching was over with, Mary Olympic hosted a dinner at her place and we all enjoyed fresh swan soup, rabbit stew (Keilan's first catch), akutaq, and many types of desserts. It was a gorgeous sunny day out and children's laughter filled the streets for the rest of the evening.

Birthdays this Month:

- June 5th
Christina Salmon
- June 15th
Kevin Olympic
- June 20th
Jeremy Salmon

The 4 1 1 In The 5 3 3

By AlexAnna Salmon

It is hard to believe that May is half-over and summer underway. Time has been flying by and I have both good and not-so-good news to report.

The Ugly Truth on our grant/project state of affairs is that Igiugig has been on a losing streak and both federal and state dollars are tight! We did not receive any legislative funds from the State for our Capital Improvement Projects this year, the first time in many years. I nominated several water distribution improvement projects to the Division of Environmental Conservation in hopes they would receive funding, but the State did not fund the program. Our community was not selected for a Department of Energy, technical assistance award. We also submitted an ICDBG application; however, due to sequestration, the program has not been funded yet. We are applying for a duplex designated for teacher/public safety/health professionals through the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation too. It is time to exercise even more fiscal conservatism, but there is still good news to report too.

First, the Lake and Peninsula Borough is in the first year of a region-wide Scrap Metal Backhaul Project. On April 23-24, they hosted a summit to discuss the project. I attended the first day, and it is very detail oriented hard work dealing with waste, and we are very fortunate to have such an organized landfill and dedicated environmental department led by Christina. I encourage villagers to pile scrap in their yards and have it hauled to the landfill to take full advantage of this one-time opportunity.

Christina and I also attended our first Rural Energy Conference in Anchorage from April 29-May 1. There were informative workshops, booths, and it was really well-organized and well-attended. Then, from May 1-3, we entertained a visit by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to look at the fall storm damage to the Bulk Fuel Farm and consider it for an Emergency Watershed Protection project. They will be returning at the end of the month to complete survey work for a project design but it can take well over a year to receive funding to complete the work.

On May 13, I attended the 10th Anniversary Celebration for the Nilavena Clinic. It was a good reminder of an inter-village cooperative effort to improve health care in our region and it is a beautiful health facility. At the End-of-Year School Celebration on May 21, we will be showcasing our place-name map that we worked with elders and youth on completing; our finished product will soon be proudly displayed at the hangar. Although the physical map is completed, the place-name project will continue under a mini-grant from the Bristol Bay Native Corporation.

The projects that we do have on the horizon for this summer include: moving the modular and old clinic rental homes to a new space, the Water Treatment Upgrade, the hydrokinetic device deployment demonstration with Boschma Technologies, and building the Emergency Response Vehicle building. Currently, Iliamna Lake Contractors have been going to town building the barge landing ramp in Igiugig, and they will also be hosting a renewable energy training in the next month.

But the greatest news of all, is Sheryl Wassillie graduated from Fort Lewis College with a degree in Environmental Sciences. I took a spring vacation to attend the commencement. On behalf of Igiugig Village, we congratulate you on this monumental achievement! And CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2013!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates:

5/21: Pebble Limited Partnership meeting at the office at 12:00.
 5/21: End-of-School Party 6 PM @ the School
 5/22: Last day of school & Village Clean Up
 5/23: Nunamta (time to be announced) will hold a Protect Bristol Bay/Film Tour.
 5/28: Summer Reading Club begins! 10:30 AM at the library.
 6/1-6/3: Wind turbine installation/training in Igiugig



Sign Abuse

by Dolly Ann Zharoff

Do you see some of the signs around the village that are shot up with holes? Not cool at all, it shows no respect for this little village. Signs cost around \$90 dollars and plus freight, it adds up to \$115 dollars. So it would be much easier to not shoot up the signs because they cost a lot.

So please, do not shoot up, or mess with the signs. We are a nice village; we keep it clean and pretty. We are not sign shooters. You have cans and targets, and other shoot-able things for that.



Turn Out The Lights

It's a simple task. When you leave any public building, please turn out the lights behind you. Even if you plan on returning later. The next time you look at your light bill and start to complain about the cost of it, remember that we can't keep electric bills down when you keep public lights on! We can only help you if you help yourself!

The Igiugig Student Government is selling new items at the gift shop! The items include:

Long-sleeved shirts \$30.00

Colors: Black, Gray, and Maroon S-XL

Baseball hats \$20.00

Colors: Black and Maroon

New Zip-up hooded sweaters \$50.00

Colors: Black and Gray sizes from S-XL

Additional pull over sweaters along with Youth sizes of Orange

Remember, we RECYCLE! Please separate #1 plastics, aluminum cans, glass, & food scraps! Signs are placed around the hangar directing you where to dispose your trash. The summer busy season is approaching, so please be courteous in disposing of your trash properly. Thank you for your cooperation & understanding!

Have interesting news, an article, or pictures that you want in the newsletter? Please e-mail them to Tanya at tjsalmon@hotmail.com. If you need help in downloading photos, then feel free to come up to the office so that she can help you! Having a variety of pictures & authors always makes for a more interesting newsletter! Thanks!

KANNON'S KORNER by Kannon Lee

I would like to thank Gordy Hester and Stacie Garrison for their hard work helping to assemble the shade system and raise the grow boxes in the greenhouse. Both did a superb job. I would also like to thank the International Greenhouse Company who sent Ray Hosking, the engineer who provided the expertise to assemble the shade system. We worked two and a half days and were able to complete the assembly faster than any crew that Ray had worked with. He was very impressed with our work ethic and ability to work well together! AlexAnna said he was, "PHENOMENAL!" With the shade system installed, we can determine the temperature inside the greenhouse from a sweltering 100 degrees to a comfortable 70 degrees Fahrenheit (for plants anyway). Ray was very helpful in showing how best the greenhouse can work with us, instead of against us. Based on his years of experience, we opted to raise the beds off the floor, lower the exhaust fan at a level to provide the best ventilation, and create an overhead irrigation system that is efficient.

A big thanks goes to Dave, our village electrician! He has single-handedly brought all the greenhouse systems together with the various control boxes. We are lucky to have him in the village. He is a wealth of knowledge! We are waiting on one last element to complete the system integration, which is the shutter motor assembly. To give you an idea of how the greenhouse works: There is one control box that controls everything pertaining to heating and cooling. The shade cloth is automatically retracted to 50% coverage in the morning to

allow the structure to warm. It closes mid-day to 75% coverage to slow the heating of the building. Circulation fans automatically switch on when a certain temperature is reached. At a certain temperature a motor opens the shutter to allow outside air in, which will activate the exhaust fan to instantly cool the interior.

One half of the greenhouse was developed allowing for growing purposes. The other half was dedicated to building materials and space for electrical work. More lumber is being ordered to complete the raised boxes project. We have been in contact with the USDA High Tunnel Program here in Alaska to help bring two high tunnels to the village. We first need to strip the land, of which has been identified, to be placed behind the wind turbines at the greenhouse.

Unfortunately, the greenhouse this year is not supporting community boxes. The greenhouse offered community space in the very beginning to adhere to grant specifications and as a means to offer an educational component for villagers. Many villagers have established outdoor plots and are doing well. Annie has been readying her outdoor plot, mixing her compost pile. Dave has been successful with his outdoor plot as well. Angel has plans to develop the area around his home and adding even more to his growing farm.

We will be in partnership with the Igiugig School and Royal Wolf Lodge to provide produce when available.

I have also stopped soil shipments for the reason that freight costs are too high. If you ask

Tim Meyers what he uses up in Bethel, he will say the tundra top layer and salmon fertilizer. With compost efforts, we can truly be self-sustainable in Igiugig. It takes a little hard work and patience.

Food waste is a main contributor to unnecessary landfill use. **We have two options for food waste now; Angel's pigs will eat everything and anything, and the village compost pile next to the chicken coop. Only use biodegradable bags if food is being brought to the compost pile, if not, an old 5-gallon "slop bucket" will be perfect. Please do not add meat products or dairy products to compost pile (save those products for the pigs).** Additionally,

we recycle steel tin cans! Rip off those pork and beans labels, rinse out the can and pour into the dog bowl for some added flavor. **Please keep these tin cans separate from the trash.** I place mine in a used old trashcan near my trash so I am reminded to keep them separate. By removing food waste and steel tin cans, the life of the landfill will be extended.

There are eggs from the chickens! Last I looked, there were 4-dozen in the fridge for sale for \$4 (with your own carton) or \$4.75 (without your own carton). If you know of elders needing eggs, please let them know that eggs are available for them.



Top Left: Meet Igiugig's first pigs, Bacon & Pork Chop.

Top Right: Ray, the engineer sent by the International Green House Company, Gordon, & Stacie busy installing the new shade system in the green house. The shade system is automated & takes 5 minutes to full open.

Bottom Right: Kannon has been busy making his own soil with our compost pile & with rabbit droppings. The grow boxes are all hooked up to an irrigation system. Notice the sprinklers overhead as well!



Sheryl Wassillie graduated from Fort Lewis College on April 27th, 2013 in Environmental Science. Congratulations Sheryl! We are all very proud of you & wish you the best in your future endeavors.

The Igiugig Elementary made this mask with Moses Wassillie in April, 2013, to remember the things he taught us about Yup'ik culture. All the materials are from Igiugig and they were things that might have been thrown away if we didn't use them for our mask.

Our mask reminds us we all are connected. It represents things that we use: trees, birds, fish, moose, and caribou. We are human, but we are connected to the earth and its animals. Qu yana is the most important word in the Yup'ik language. Making this mask is our way of saying thank you to the Earth for all it gives us.

~Igiugig Elementary Class



Swing by the office & see it in person!

Library Update by Tanya Salmon

Betsy Hostetter has officially stepped down from her librarian position. April Hostetter & I have taken her place & are slowly learning the ropes. Summer Reading Club will begin on May 28th at 10:30 AM. We will meet every Tuesday to turn in books, win prizes, & participate in library activities. Our theme this year is "Dig Into Reading." We have plenty of new books as well as electronic books (iPads, nooks, & kindles), & movies! So be sure to swing by the library & check it out!

Geese Hunting Shots



Hunting makes Danni sleepy.



Kaleb, Aiden, & Keilan ready to go.



Keilan, Kaylee, & Fewnia showing off Kaylee's first goose.



Currently, ILC has 9 people (Tony, Gordon, Willy, Stacie, Jocko, Gilbert, David, Mark & Angel) working on the construction of the new barge landing.

Top Left: pouring concrete to form pads.
Top Right: finishing up filling up the boxes.

Now to smooth it down & let it settle.
Bottom Left: David & Gordon busy tying rebar together.



Aiden proudly plucking his birds.



Loretta buried alive at the beach.



Paige & Katia learning how to share.



Kaleb, Keilan, Ella, Fewnia, Kaylee, & Walt having fun in the sun



Keilan & Walt scraping the church.



Erika loving the swings.



Avery showing off her Easter eggs.



Terek picking up picnickers for a Mother's Day outing.



Russian Orthodox Easter egg hunt.



Shea taking a break to warm up next to the fire.



Ida unloading the mail plane.



Pre-schoolers painting their alphabet.



Avery, Lydia, & Annie soaking up the Spring weather.



Kaleb & Kaylee doubling up.

Igiugig Village Council

AlexAnna Salmon, President
Randy Alvarez, Vice President
Kevin Olympic, Member
Christina Salmon, Member
Mary Olympic, Member
AlexAnna Salmon, Interim Village Administrator
Sandy Alvarez, Director of Accounting & Finance
Christina Salmon, Environmental Director
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letter Director
April Hostetter, Library Director
Eudi Nunez, Fire Chief
Kannon Lee, Grants Administrator
Ida Nelson, Local PLP Delegate, Tribal Clerk

April Weather

High: 71 on the 24th
Low: -2 on the 10th
Average Wind: 6 MPH
Highest Wind: 37 MPH on
the 22nd
Days Above 32: 29
Days Below 0: 3

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Front Page Photo Credit: April Hostetter
5/14/13 aerial view of Igiugig & Lake Iliamna (notice all of our ice?)
Back Page Photo Credit: Fewnia Zharoff
5/16/13 Paradise at Igiugig Beach

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