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Birthdays this Month:

- **July 1st**
Kiara Nelson
- **July 1st**
Gregory Zackar
- **July 8th**
Ida Nelson
- **July 9th**
David Alvarez
- **July 12th**
Stacy Hill
- **July 16th**
Fewnia Zharoff
- **July 18th**
Dolly Ann Zharoff
- **July 19th**
Betsy Hostetter
- **July 21st**
Keilan Wassillie
- **July 29th**
Alicia Zackar



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On February 4, 1964 Howard John Nelson (Howie) was born into this world to the proud parents of John D. and Agafia Nelson in Dillingham, Alaska. His early childhood began in Levelock for his first 7 years before moving to Igiugig for a year. He returned to Levelock when he was 11, then returned to Igiugig where he resided until after graduating high school.

Howie spent his summers commercial fishing in Bristol Bay with his dad at an early age. He learned how to hunt, fish, trap, fix things, navigate on the Kvichak River with ease, and to always help others when he was able. On June 15, 1980, he became the ecstatic father to Kevin Olympic. As Kevin got older, he was able to pass down all of his knowledge to his son.

On August 19, 1994 Howard married the love of his life, Glendora Woods. Howard also became the father to her children: Tricia, Gerald Jr., Garrette, Myrtlelynn, & Kortnee Jean. Just shy of 19 years of marriage, his life was enriched by love from all.

Howard was a humble, kind, and wise person who was always filled with energy. He was always doing something, whether it be fixing vehicles or playing with his grandchildren, known as "Papa." Howard always managed to light up a room with his smile and humor. He is known for his light-hearted teasing and laughter, which was contagious.

Howard was very passionate about the growth of the village, wanting what he thought would be best for everyone; maintaining

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jobs and boosting the economy. His devotion and dedication along with the ability to see endless possibilities. He was the Second Chief in Levelock community. Loved and respected by all, he forgave easily and treated others like he wanted to be treated.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John D. and Agafia Nelson, sister Linda, and Gram and Uppa Gust.

He leaves behind his wife, Glendora, sisters, Maria, Sherry, Eileen, and Ida, Brother Jr. Sons; Kevin Olympic, Gerald Jr. & Garrette; his daughters, Tricia, Lynko, and Kortnee, grand children, Keisha, Jewel, Jacklynn, Summer, Skyrah, and his pride and joy, Ethan Lloyd. Nephews; Terek and Elia, Terrence and Tony; nieces Chasity, Deanne, Sheryl, Kiara and Shea-Shea. Aunts Olga C, Katie W-O, Martha O, Katherine N, Uncle Gabe and Nick Newyaka.



The 4 1 1 In The 5 3 3

By AlexAnna Salmon

It is hard to write a monthly report when our village has been surrounded in sadness, with the recent loss of Howard Nelson. In our last communication on March 30, Howard wrote: "Igiugig is home. I am elsewhere, Igiugig is people and home." He was living in Levelock at the time, but his final resting place is Igiugig. On behalf of the Village of Igiugig, we send our greatest condolences to the his family during this tragic time.

Prior to the tragedies, we were busy entertaining visits from various groups: the Bristol Bay Christian Learning Center to tour the greenhouse, the Pebble Limited Partnership CEO John Shively, Community Outreach Coordinator Sharon Wilson, and R2 Consultant Mary provided a stakeholder meeting and presentation on Fish Mitigation Plans. Shortly after, Nunamta Aulukestai provided a "Protect Bristol Bay Party" in Igiugig. I also had an engineer arrive to survey the damage at the bulk fuel farm, and the State of Alaska Division of Environmental Conservation to look at the village too. At the same time, the school was preparing to close for the summer, so we participated in the Village Clean-up and End of Year Potluck and Awards Ceremony.

Early June was just as hectic with all the newcomers arriving to participate in the 3 day Wind Turbine Installation class where two more Skystreams were installed at ManCamp. A facilitator named John Lewis visited on June 4th to provide a Strategic Planning session for our village-owned companies: Iliamna Lake Contractors and Iliaska Environmental. Strategic plans refer to the process of defining a firm's goals and how these will be achieved. The management with the guidance of the Board decides on guiding philosophies, corporate values and how the firm will act in attaining its objectives. Strategic plans are geared towards defining who a firm's clients are or who they should be. They are time specific covering time frames of between 2 to 5 years. Part of our exercise involved editing our Mission Statements. For ILC, we determined this mission: "Iliamna Lake Contractors aims to provide high quality Public Works and Private construction services with a continuing commitment to quality, professionalism, safety, with on time project completion." The vision statement for this is:

"ILC will:

- Exceed the expectation of customers by providing a quality product on time and on budget;
- Develop the Southwest transportation corridor;
- Continue to emphasize the training, certification and employment of local and regional residents."

The vision statement for Iliaska became: "Iliaska - A multifaceted service company providing direct and support services in marine, environmental and aviation operations." These are both in their draft form still, but we tried to accomplish all we could in a one-day planning session. And once our plan is in place, it should be updated every two years.

From June 10-17 I took much-needed time off to visit the New York relatives, and attend my 5-year class reunion at Dartmouth College. It was a short but incredible trip, and one that I would like to take more often. But for now, I have other fish to fry :)

~ HAPPY SUMMER SOLSTICE!

The Yup'ik place names map is completed & included in the newsletter.

Meetings/Gatherings by Tanya Salmon

What a busy month of meetings & gatherings!!! On May 21st Pebble Limited Partnership (PLP) visited Igiugig to give an informal update of their project & to answer any questions. A delicious lunch, fresh fruit, & cookies were provided, as well as door prizes. Maria won a sweater vest, George scored a waterproof boom box, AlexAnna was picked for dishrags & socks, & Terek won the grand prize: a roundtrip ticket to Anchorage.

Nunamta Aulukestai visited Igiugig on May 24th. Everybody met up at the hangar to watch sea: swallowed & a slideshow of Bristol Bay communities. Nunamta provided drinks, pizza, & ice cream. Door prizes were also available & I managed to win \$20.00. Alicia Zackar's name was picked for a chance to win a round trip ticket to Anchorage. Everybody had a good time laughing, visiting, & enjoying each others' company while the kids all got sugared up on ice cream. Cards were handed out to encourage people to comment on EPA's 30 day comment period for their revised watershed assessment plan.

Thank you Pebble & Nunamta for keeping us informed with what you are doing, we sure do appreciate it & thank you Igiugig attendees for keeping the controversial meetings civil!

No-See-Um Award Ceremony by Tess Hostetter

With summer around the corner and school coming to an end, the citizens of Igiugig held a celebratory gathering at the Igiugig School on May 18th to re-appreciate the accomplishments the students and village achieved during the year. The First Alaskan's Institute catered a dinner as a tribute to the Kukaklek Lake Culture Camp, which was also helped financed by the The First Alaskan's Institute. The community was entertained by a short video made by the students who attended the culture camp, and along with the video, AlexAnna Salmon and Kannon Lee presented the Igiugig place name map, a map with all the Yup'ik names of local landmarks. The dinner ended with the teachers, Tate and AJ Gooden and Tanya Salmon, acknowledging their students by presenting individual and unique awards and gifts that reflected the students talents and personalities. Of them Gregory Zackar Jr. was titled "The Handy Man" and was given a put together rocket, Lukas Zackar was "The Allstar" and bestowed a basketball, and Tess Hostetter was named "The-Out-of-the-Box-Thinker" and was given a share of a water buffalo.



Left: Everybody enjoyed the catered food from the Sourdough Mining Company. The corn fritters & honey butter were a hot hit! Middle: Keilan & Walt earn the elementary engineers reward. Their prize: a build it yourself catapult! Right: Shealayla is one super proud student to be moving from pre-school into kindergarten.

The Time That I Went to Visit My Dad by Kiara Nelson, age 8



Kiara's Dad, Brother, & Sisters.

When I went to my dad's house my sisters and I were crazy and excited. We ate dinner and he made shrimp and pasta, and it was yummy but the red peppers he put in made my throat really sore. After that Jordan and I sang songs together then we went off to bed. The next day we got to see my 13-year-old uncle Skyler Blue who was shorter than me. We played hockey in the back yard then we got to go to the park there was a big jungle gym. That was when my mom called she said that we were going to the zoo with AlexAnna and Erika but I also wanted Jordan to follow but she couldn't. We said bye and went to the zoo. The zoo was awesome but long and my favorite animal I saw was the wolves. I love my sisters and daddy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates:

6/20: PA from Nilavena Sub Regional Clinic will visit for a day.

6/25: RISEC visiting. Meeting time TBA @ the Hangar.

PLEASE supervise your children at the beach while construction is going on. There is a lot of traffic & heavy equipment!

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!

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

Youth size S-XL

If interested call the Igiugig Village Council during normal business hours of 830 am to 430 pm M-f excluding holidays. The Price of shipping will be a flat rate box depending on the amount of your order.

Dear Friends & Family from near & far,

Thank you for your donated time, financial assistance, and love to our family. Howard will be missed dearly for his constant love for his family and friends.

*With Great Appreciation,
The Nelson Family*

Have interesting news, an article, or pictures that you want in the newsletter? Please e-mail them to Tanya at tjsalm-on@hotmail.com. If you need help with 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!

Wind Turbine Installation Class by Lydia Olympic

We've had incredible, hot and sunny days here in Igiugig for about a week. We all wished for some rain to settle our dusty roads. Then the rain came down in buckets and buckets at the most horrible time ever! We had people from Iliamna, Kokhanok, Pedro Bay, and Levelock in for on the job training installing two wind turbines.

These turbines will be providing alternative energy for Iliamna Lake Contractors camp.

Kirk from Susitna Energy Systems came from Anchorage to teach our class. I came ill prepared with no boots or rain pants so I was soaking wet within minutes of the downpour. John Chukwak was kicking himself for coming unprepared too.

The hardest part of the class was when we were trying to get the duck bills into the ground to serve as anchors for the main turbine pole. Terry Mann worked really hard putting them in using a compressor and a jackhammer for the naught. At the end we had to use a different anchor. Jocko Neimi, ILC's in-house fix it all, had to make special anchors to hold these poles in place.

The second day was a dry day and I was ever so thankful we were running behind schedule so we made up for it by starting at 7:30 in the morning.

After this hands on training I do know for a fact that I'm not going to be installing any wind turbines in the near future.

---Notes from Training Coordinator, Christina Salmon, Iliaska Environmental.

These wind turbines were purchased from a grant through the Pebble Fund, to Iliaska Environmental. Seeing as Iliamna Lake Contractors has all the equipment and man power, we sub-contracted our grant through them. We had amazing turnout, flying in 9 people total from each lake area community and had many more on our waiting list. I wished we could have brought in everyone who showed interest. We had an amazing crew and wonderful participants. Watching the entire process and working hands on gave me great appreciation for the extremely hard work that goes into erecting these massive turbines. I would like to thank each student who partook in this wonderful opportunity and especially Jocko Niemi, who hand welded to our specifications each special part that was needed, Karl Hill who made sure we had all the tools, parts, and 7 am propane, Kirk for taking the time to teach us all the knowledge he has on turbines, and Stacy Hill for spending her evenings and mornings making sure our crew was well fed, we were most complimented on our food! Without help from these stellar people, we could not have pulled off such a motivational training. We can now look at pride in these machines and know that we did that as a team, slowly moving our community in the right direction of alternative energy.



Top Left: Angel & Terry getting ready to install the blade. Middle: The Men of Man Camp! L-R: Ray, Angel, Gil, Terry, Kirk, John-John, & Daniel. Right: Shion & Ray check out what's going on.

Kannon's Korner by Kannon Lee

Stuff has really been moving along nicely in the village, as is usually the case about this time of year. Plants are growing nicely inside the greenhouse and outside. We had a visit from the Bristol Bay Christian Learning Center, five students and two chaperones, in May. They flew in from Naknek to help with greenhouse efforts including potato planting, soil mixing, and transplanting. We also tested the pH of the soil in the greenhouse. They were able to visit Angel's bunny coop, see the pigs, check out the chickens, and participate in a school activity with local students. We are very grateful for their visit and hope to see the school again in the future.

I would like to thank Angel Nunez for the help he has offered while I am on vacation in the lower 48. He is helping to maintain temperatures in the greenhouse so as to allow for increased growth. From what I have heard, outside temperatures have been very hot. While in Boston, a friend commented that it was actually much hotter back home in Alaska than in Boston. Of which was surprising to me. I can only hope that it is hot enough to kill the bugs. I am sure that the hope is well received in the village. Rylee gave me an update that because it has been so hot in the village that he has been swimming a lot more often, of which I commented, "As long as you have your life jacket."

I applied for a new life coat station from the Injury Prevention Program through the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation. The small grant will allow us to provide an area where life coats can be checked out. The AK State Troopers will also be providing more life coats for us through the "Kids Don't Float" initiative. Please remember to return life coats to the designated area. Remind kids to be responsible for the life coats so that every person in the village can benefit. Saying, "We will return the life coats in the morning," can lead to a whole week, a month, and then found in a crawl space a year from now. As of press release, life coats have not yet arrived and a life coat station has not yet been designated.

I feel like I have been gone from the village forever. Hello from the East Coast! AlexAnna and I had the greatest time at our five-year college reunion! I look forward to cooler temperatures (Probably the only person wanting snow in the summer ;)) and the fishing!

Annual Village Clean-Up by Christina Salmon

We celebrated the last day of school this year participating in our annual village cleanup! It was a drizzly grey morning, but it did not stop a majority of our community in participating and leading cleanup crews. We had all but 2 homes fully participate, with the rest of the village homes earning a 50% discount in their landfill fees. Group leaders, Ida, Stacy, Karl, Tate, Dave and myself led our groups everywhere from the Barge Landing to the Landfill. Tanya and I had a hysterical time laughing in the rain at her findings of perfect berry picking buckets and totes. Children and elders picked up all the trash they came across with smiles on their faces, making the morning enjoyable. We reunited at the gym for a delicious spread of reindeer hot dogs, hamburgers and salads, where each hard working participant enjoyed their tasty reward...and others just enjoyed the food. Thanks to Kevin and Karl for working the grill, Dave and Betsy for letting us use their grill this year, and everyone who stayed until the end cleaning the gym afterwards. It's a priceless feeling when we are complimented on how clean our community is, let's keep it that way. Thanks again Igiugig for another wonderful start to our busy summer.



Ella & Kiara enjoying the last day of school.



Taty, Loretta, Dolly, Simeon, & Sharolyn having refreshments.



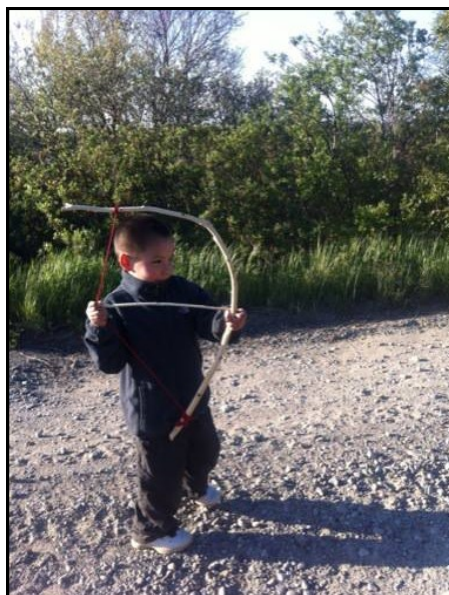
Danni sadly scrubbing off her crayon art on the walls.



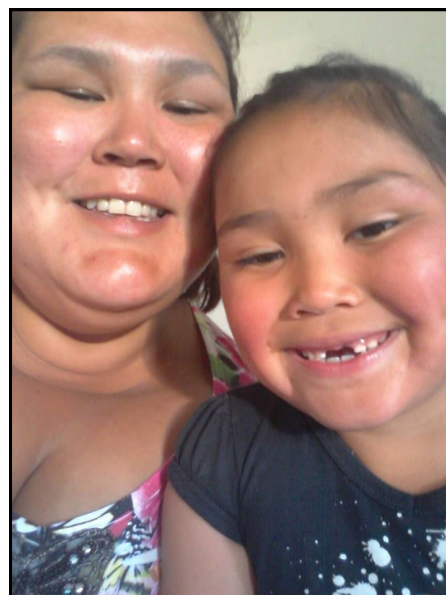
Baptizing Katia. Sherry is the Godmother.



Stacy & Kaylee fishing for a big one!



Dude Boy & his homemade bow & arrow.



Toothless Shea proudly smiling her gappy smile with her mom.



Fewnia leaping off the barge.



Kevin & Avery @ Kevin's b-day picnic.



Tanya, Sheryl, Sherry, Stacie floating down river while the kids give them a push.



George taking everyone out to look for eggs.



Kaleb joining up for Summer Reading Club.



Erika checking out her boots with her Dad.



Mary & Olga snacking on marshmallows.



Dawson is ready to drive!



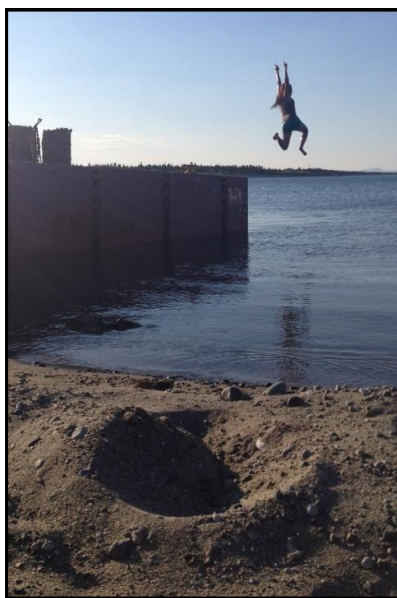
Elementary students presenting the "Molecule Song" & Dance.



Betsy, Dave, & Kannon monitoring the burning of the boat.



Keilan showing off his Lego battlefield.



Tess plunging into Lake Iliamna.



Dolly Ann taking advantage of the lovely summer weather.



Avery lounging at the library.



Paige & her crazy babysitter Alicia :)



What a barge load! All for our new landing!



Kevin & Karl grilling for the village clean-up lunch as Aiden supervises.



Barge landing construction.



Christi mastering the skid steer.



Kaylee & Fewnia climbing back onto the barge.



Alex volunteering in her bright pink boots for village clean up day.

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Beautiful evening on the Kvichak

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Fish & Game Chris buzzes the kids at the beach.

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