

# Igiugig News and Notes



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## Birthdays This Month:

- June
- 5 - Christina Salmon
- 15 - Kevin Olympic
- 20 - Jeremy Salmon
- July
- 1 - Kiara Nelson
- 4 - Katelyn Geffe
- 8 - Ida Nelson
- 9 - David Alvarez
- 12 - Stacy Hill
- 16 - Fewnia Zharoff
- 18 - Dolly Ann Zharoff
- 19 - Betsy Hostetter
- 21 - Keilan Wassillie
- 21 - Derrick Nickoli
- 24 - Lili Duncan
- 29 - Alicia Zackar

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## In Full Swing

By Ida Nelson

I think I have seen enough rain; maybe one of you (or more) did the rain dance a little too well. The only positive thing I can think of is berries, may they be plentiful this year. Summer is in full swing, bugs, fishermen, and daylight. It just fools me into thinking that my day should still continue, when in reality it is time for bed. Shifting between “hats” has kept me busy this last month; office work, fuel, and man camp duties; all done with a smile of course.

The green house is in full swing, produce has been just pouring out of the greenhouse, and Kannon can update you on those productivities. What is a WWOOFer? It is a Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms worker, Sam Foppema will introduce himself. If you see him, make him feel welcome and feel at home. Over 6000 pounds of recycled goods have been backed hauled! Everyone has been doing a great job of recycling, keep it up. What has been shipped, Mr. Lee can inform you in the IGAP report.

My apology for last month’s mishap, I mentioned that Dolly had an amazing article about peanuts and animals, and no one got to read about it.

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## In full swing

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This time it will be weaved into the newsletter. What does Palm Springs and library have in common? AlexAnna and Tanya will educate you in their articles as well. Kannon can also update you about the Alaska Native Fund Event in May. The Zackar family moved back to Igiugig this summer and Renae can tell you how it going so far for her in her article. In the next few weeks, we will see an increase in workers, heavy equipment, lines, and the construction of the in river turbine.

Sharpen your ulus and ready your splitting tables because the salmon are trickling in and the smoke house will be going once again. Have a safe and eventful summer.

## The Big Move

By Renae Zackar



The Porcupine feast

I was stressing about the move to Igiugig. Because the amount things Greg and I could take was limited to one boat load at a time and weather. Since Greg works 2 weeks on and off at the slope it made it even more difficult for us to decide what was really needed right away and what could wait. The first boat load was in late May. We made it to Shoulder Blade Island with our 2 freezers and various other items. We couldn't get past the ice flows to get close enough to the beach to land our stuff on the shore line, so we had to leave them on the island.

The second trip, we made all the way to the beach in front of our house, we had myself, Sim, Smithka, Greg, a bunch of dogs, and a four wheeler. I had one pot, one pan, and for some odd reason a single wooden spoon.

I was worried about what we would eat, and how we would cook. Boy, I sure didn't need to worry about that. Almost as soon as we landed, Sim found a porcupine that he promptly wacked over the head. We burnt the quills off on the beach, cooked it up and had a feast.

Then the next day we got invited to a one year feast at the hanger for Howard. I think that may have been the most varied and biggest feast I've had since carnival. I wound up eating 3 plates of food with everything from gumchalk, beluga, muktuk, and salmon berry aquataq to grill fresh corn on the cob. I was told to take some home, so I did. I took about five plates of left overs home and had enough to feed 10 people for a week. It was so good it only lasted a day though. Then the next day while Greg was making a second trip to Kokhanok to get our propane cook stove and the rest of the dishes; my daughter invited me to their house to cook pizza. We had to get a little creative with the toppings because there wasn't much pepperoni to use. We made a chicken pizza, a salami pizza, and a hot dog pizza. It was all yummy and the hot dog pizza turned out to be the best. So well all of the stuff I was stressing about, food should not have been one of them. The thing I regret not thinking about packing was bug spray and mosquito pic. The Igiugig bugs still love me as much as they always have.

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By AlexAnna Salmon

## CIP Projects: A Lesson in the CIP State Funding Process

Do you recall that seven months ago we had a voting bulletin at the hangar for prioritizing Igiugig's Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Requests? The community had a chance to mention projects they thought the village needed, or vote on the top 5 projects that administration should pursue. Well, those projects were then adopted by resolution to be Igiugig's priorities. This year we submitted two small requests 1) water distribution line improvements, 2) Emergency Response Vehicle Building. The Borough also submitted, on our behalf, for a wind feasibility study of \$80,000. The Borough, working in conjunction with IVC, submits the projects into the state database. The next phase is to write letters of support to representatives in the House and Senate. Once the projects survive vetoes from both houses, it lands on the desk of the Governor. Another letter of support gets submitted to the Governor and Director of Office of Management and Budget and thank-you notes get sent to the legislators for supporting the projects. And then we wait. Many times, our projects do not make the cut. But this year, it looks like we were spared and should receive \$40,000 for ERVB and \$80,000 for the wind feasibility study. Funds will be available after July 1st when the state fiscal year 2015 begins. So by the time we are confirmed for funding of one project, it is nearly time to start prepping to request the next!

The paperwork world is sometimes a spiritually, socially, and mentally draining one. The strings attached to some of our tribal operations (being government funded) are relentless. It consumes about 80% of my time at IVC. But on the other hand, I have the opportunity to attend more lively events such as the International Conference of Indigenous Libraries, Archives, and Museums. This one was in Palm Springs, California.

## A Library Work-Vacation

Tanya and I spent June 10-12 at the Palm Springs Convention Center learning about tribal libraries and cultural programs across the country. In particular, I was interested in learning about successful indigenous language programs, place name projects, and the work involved in establishing cultural centers. Tanya's article will cover some of the conference highlights.

We landed in Los Angeles, rented a car, and drove to Santa Monica beach to meet Jerry Liboff's brother Marty. We walked to the beach where he talked about growing up with Jerry, and how the landscape had been dramatically changed over the decades, neighborhoods torn down to make room for new construction, high rise condominiums, and perfectly manicured beach settings complete with lush lawns, palms, swept beaches, etc. We talked about the way it must have looked like a century ago.

Imagine being a California Native who no longer has access to ancestral homelands, or that homelands have been so strikingly altered that they no longer represent the environment that your indigenous language arose from. The animals, birds, landscapes embodied in song, dance, and story no longer exist. What would that be like? It is an alarming reminder of how very special Igiugig, Alaska is and how fortunate we are to wake up each day to drink pure water and smell fresh air. Naturally everything changes over time, at least where we live, it is on a pace that we can keep up with! Overall, we loved our work vacation to California, but it made us even that much more appreciative of home.

## Energy Intensive Events

The rest of my time has been consumed by our renewable energy initiatives. I provided a few remarks at the Ocean Renewable Power Company unveiling of the RivGen Unit in Anchorage on May 28th. I attended an Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP) bi-annual meeting in Fairbanks on June 3. And have spent many hours on teleconferences about the River In-Stream Energy Project that is underway as I type! You can learn about each device company and their plans for Igiugig in this newsletter: Boschma Research Inc., and Ocean Renewable Power Company.

**Have a Safe and Memorable Summer!**



Chris Sauer, CEO of ORPC and AlexAnna at the unveiling of the RivGen unit.

# Library News!

By Tanya Salmon

Name	Age Group	Total Books	Total Pages
Erika	0 to 4	104	N/A
Avery	0 to 4	187	N/A
Shealayla	5 to 8	25	N/A
Dannika	5 to 8	65	N/A
Jonathan	5 to 8	27	N/A
Rhiana	9 to 18	13	N/A
Dolly Ann	9 to 18	1	228
Tanya	19 & Up	5	1,926
Ida	19 & Up	1	430
Alicia	19 & Up	13	5,136
Julie	19 & Up	4	1,822
Lydia	19 & Up	3	1,194
Sandy	19 & Up	1	N/A
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>449</b>	<b>10,751</b>

We have reached week 4 of the Summer Reading Club. As of now, we have read a total of 449 books & 10,751 pages. We are 51 books away from earning a free can of soda & 1,551 books away from earning a banana split party. Avery is winning the 0-4 age category with 187 books, Dannika is winning the 5-8 age category with 65 books, Rhiana is ahead in the 9-18 age group with 13 books, & Alicia is winning the 19 & up group with 13 books & 5,136 pages! Here is the current tally of books. If you don't see your name but joined the SRC, it's because I only entered people who have contributed to the SRC. I know many of you have been busy reading, but haven't turned in any numbers yet.

Now that I have returned from the ATALM Conference, I will begin my Story Hour for the young kids. I have recently recruited Dolly Ann to help me in the library & she has been very busy sorting, organizing, & learning how to run the computer system. While she is busy with the regular upkeep with the library I can focus my attention on getting all the laptops ready for

use! If you haven't signed up for the Summer Reading Club, please tell the librarian that you would like to join. We turn in our books and pages every Thursday from 11 AM- 12:00 PM. Summer Library hours are:

Monday- 11:30 AM- 1:30 PM.

Tuesday- 11:30 AM- 1:30 PM

Wednesday- 11:30 AM- 1:30 PM

Thursday- 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM- 8:00 PM

Friday- 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

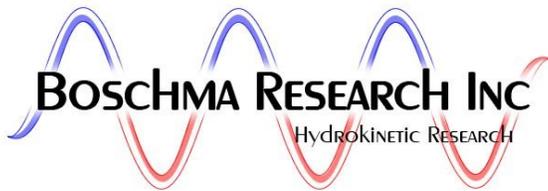
Saturday- 6:00 PM-8:00 PM



## Greenhouse Accolades

By Kannon Lee

The greenhouse has been in full swing since March this year. I am incredibly thankful for the help that Dave initially provided with the electrical work that the facility so desperately needed in order for the various systems to work. Equally, I am so very thankful for Terry's help with setting up the heating system and his innovative ideas to make something work efficiently and without need for repair immediately after. Likewise, I am very thankful for Donovan's assistance with watering and basic "fire -putter-outer" help (figure of speech. No fires here) when it came to maintaining healthy plants. Equally, thank you Tanya for the assistance with early morning fertilizing, making sure "love is in the air" for the squash plants to provide us with the burgeoning harvest we currently enjoy. And yet one more person to be so thankful for and that is Sam Foppema, our guest in the village visiting us by way of the Worldwide Opportunities On Organic Farms (WWOOF) organization. His expertise is well received and without question, he is an added benefit for our Local Foods Program. Sam and I have been working together, bouncing ideas off one another to share our own stories pertaining to agricultural practices. I feel confident in his practices and I am grateful for his willingness to learn and the critical feedback received. It feels good to have someone to work with extensively, helping to cut the working hours down, and providing a further appreciation for this beautiful part of the world we live in.



- Cycloidal Crossflow Turbine
- 0.5-5.5 kW, 4.4 kW @ 2m/s
- Turbine Operates at 32-70 rpm
- Water Column, 1-7 ft. from riverbed
- 7'w x 14'1 x 5'h and 950 lbs
- Anchored to Riverbed
- Riverbed Mounted Structure
- Extensive wind tunnel testing
- Spin off of Navy project
- Extensive Testing in Tennessee River in Alabama
- Fish habitat permit issued for Ganes Creek in 2010



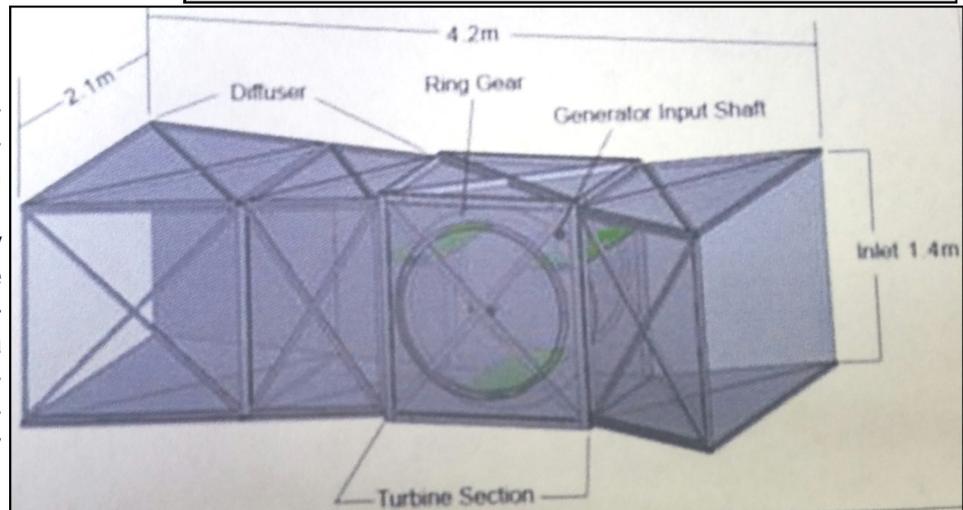
BRI Research Vessel

### **Mission Statement**

"Boschma Research, Inc. is dedicated to the development of non-polluting electric power generation devices to include Hydro, Thermal, Photo-Voltaic, and Wind energy extraction. It is our goal to become the "plug-and-play" supplier of Renewable Energy products on a Worldwide basis. We will be recognized as the leading supplier of reliable, cost effective "Green" energy production devices.

About 25% of the world's population lives without access to electricity, even for basic needs. Many others must rely on expensive alternatives, such as Diesel powered generators that in an era of rapidly rising oil prices strain economic feasibility, as well as damage the environment. BRI is developing affordable tools to harness hydropower from small rivers or tides, convert waste heat to electricity, or capture energy from the sun and the wind with little or no environmental impact.

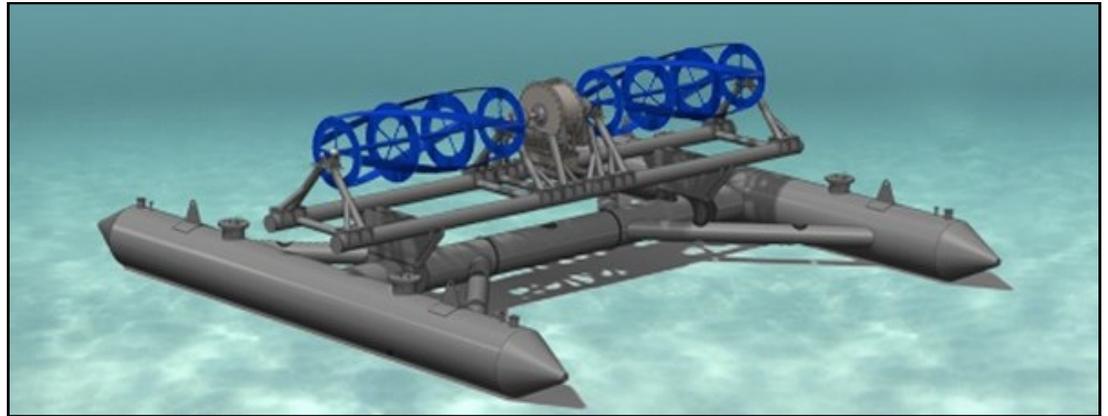
We intend to make these technologies available to people everywhere, thereby improving the quality of life for many."



**A diagram of BRI's Cycloidal Turbine to be deployed at Site 6 in Igiugig (just below the powerhouse).**

Boschma Research Inc. was founded by CEO Lt. Col (Retired) James H. Boschma, in the Spring of 2008.

BRI was formed in order to focus on renewable energy sources, inspired by the promise of the cycloidal turbine he researched for the US Navy's Vertical Take Off and Landing (VTOL) aircraft. He hand picked his staff, from their previous experiences in fabrication, and engineering skills, to produce the finest renewable energy products available today. We are leading the way to a future of clean, inexpensive power.

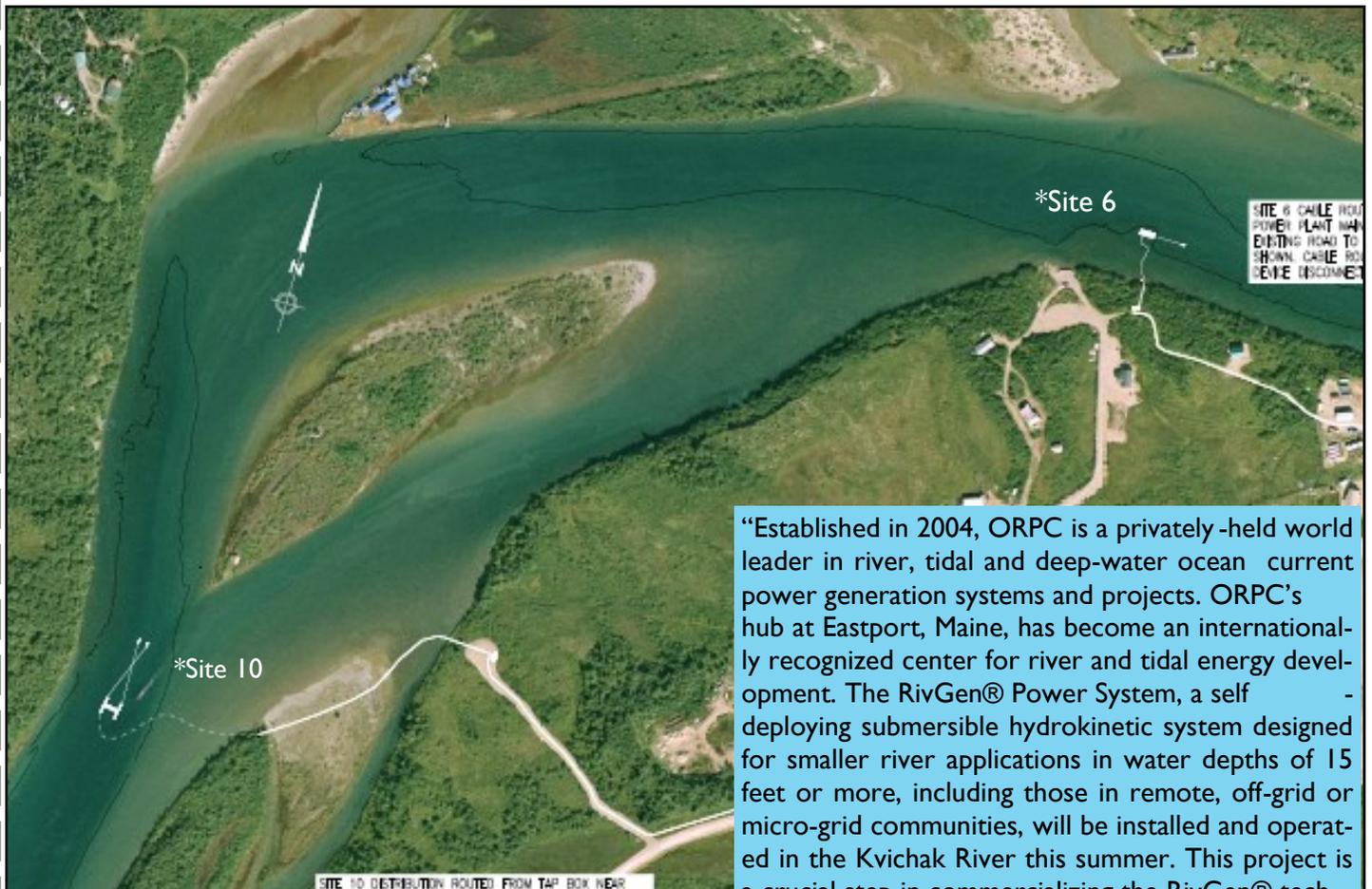


A diagram of the Riv-Gen Turbine which will be installed at Site 10 on the Kvichak River.

#### Horizontal Darrieus Turbine

- 4-30 kW, 13 kW @ 2m/s
- Turbine Operates at 36-76 rpm
- Water Column, 5-11 ft. from Riverbed
- 42.5'w x 35'l x 11'h and 37,500 lbs
- Anchored to Riverbed
- Self Floating, Riverbed Mounted Structure

- Proven Design
- Originally Designed for Tanana River
- Prototypes in Operation in Tidal Environments in Maine
- Fish Monitoring on Prototype
- Completed in Maine



#### Kvichak River RISEC Project 2014 Deployments

\*Site 10: The location of the ORPC device.

\*Site 6: The location of the BRI device.

“Established in 2004, ORPC is a privately-held world leader in river, tidal and deep-water ocean current power generation systems and projects. ORPC’s hub at Eastport, Maine, has become an internationally recognized center for river and tidal energy development. The RivGen® Power System, a self-deploying submersible hydrokinetic system designed for smaller river applications in water depths of 15 feet or more, including those in remote, off-grid or micro-grid communities, will be installed and operated in the Kvichak River this summer. This project is a crucial step in commercializing the RivGen® technology for remote river sites and providing a new energy source for rural river communities around the globe” ([www.orpc.co](http://www.orpc.co)).

## IGAP UPDATE

By Kannon Lee

Feel great about my and your recycling efforts here in the village. This month the village recycled 350 lbs. of steel tin cans. That is 350 lbs. of steel tin cans that will not take up space in our landfill! This means that the life of the landfill is extended! Furthermore, the connex at the dump with household appliances was tackled and we were able to get four fridges/freezers, five stoves, and five washing machines out of the village and stripped down for recycling in Anchorage (A total of 2,580 lbs of household appliances). On top of that, approximately 1,500 lbs. of electronics were backhauled and recycled. Another 1,538 lbs of old batteries were backhauled and sent to be properly disposed of in Anchorage. Also, 90 lbs. of used printer cartridges were sent out for recycling. Without doubt, this month and last have been dominated by a big recycling push to make sure we can keep unwanted waste out of our landfill. Observation: As a village, we go through more coffee makers, toasters, and tv's then I have ever seen! I am SO glad to get rid of the many fish bowl television sets of the past!

Further projects include finalization of the air inventory study. If you remember, Karin Landsberg with DEC visited us September of last year to go over an air inventory survey. We will be completing another survey with emphasis on the winter months. I will be in touch with all village residents regarding the completion of the survey. I have an online version and a paper version, which I will explain in more detail when I meet with you. I will also be working on obtaining an air quality device to erect at a location within the village to monitor our air. Following these two projects, the FY15 budget will include a push to recognize the importance of clean water as I hope to establish clear parameters regarding spill response in the waters important to us. Coming from a place in the country where water is scarce and today is at the center of lawsuits to determine who gets what amount of water, I have an interest in maintaining and preserving the quality of our water for current and future use.

As a reminder, please remember to sort your recyclables at the white trailer on the side of the hangar. I will be evaluating if we can recycle more waste so that we can accept more than just #1 plastics. Additionally, the compost pile is now fenced in so please begin dropping off your non-meat and non-dairy food scraps at the hangar or at the pile directly (Located next to Chicken Coop). Thank you!

## AA Meet Talent Show

By Dolly Zharoff

The day we were thinking of our talent show we looked up possible ideas for what we wanted to do on the Internet. Mr. Bringhurst showed us a video called "How Animals Eat their Food". It was funny and all us students voted on it. Look it up!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnydFmqHuVo&noredirect=1>

Our little skit contained a Kangaroo, which was Kaleb, Rhino, who was played by Waylon, Fewnia as Gopher, Alligator by the one and only Loretta, Whale was showed by Tess, Goat, by Tatyana and I was the person to announce and hold a sign of what the animals were.

We practiced our skit in the gym, with two blue mats and many boxes as tables with plates filled with peanuts. It was messy. Some of the boxes got smashed and small amount of the peanuts got crushed or eaten by Keilan, Fewnia and Kaleb.

The day of the talent shows at the AA Meet we went first. Everyone was nervous to be the attention of a big crowd. We got through it though and the audience did laugh.

The fellow talent show performers had great talents. Egegik got 1<sup>st</sup> place. Their show was like something called "A Teachers Worst Nightmare". They had their two biggest and oldest guys lip syncing little girls voices, which was very funny.

We went up against many great, funny talent shows, and although we did not place we had fun being like animals, smashing boxes and making a mess with peanuts.

## ATALM Conference

By Tanya Salmon



Tanya and Alex at the highest peak in Palm Springs, San Jacinto.

“You & Alex are traveling alone together? & driving?” was the typical response we received when we would tell people that we were heading down to Palm Springs for the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums (ATALM). They would look at us all worried with a hint of doubt across their amused faces. Yes, the two of us were flying, unchaperoned, & driving through LA. Even before the flight we worried about being caught in traffic...for HOURS!

The first two days prior to the flight had Alex & I running around Anchorage to find the perfect backpacks for our journey. We didn't want to check in any luggage, yet we wanted to look semi-stylish for this trip. I quickly decided on my turquoise Osprey backpack from REI while Alex grabbed a gray Gregory. I was immediately hooked on my new bag, while Alex doubted her plain gray one. While shopping at REI, I also decided to get a new jacket. I really liked one that was gray & Alex responded with, “People are gonna see you & be like ‘check out the girl in the gray coat.’ You should get one with more color.” Following her advice I found a new teal colored jacket.

Turns out Alex should have followed her own advice. Several stores later she found a tealish colored NorthFace backpack that was everything she wanted & more. Better yet, it matched her Coach purse as well. She quickly purchased it, but you know how the saying goes, “If you give a mouse a cookie, they will want...” Next thing you knew, we were racing around stores looking for shoes that would go along with her bag. After checking out 2 Sport's Authorities, we found the shoe that fit nicely, weighed just right, & matched her

back pack. We were ready for California.

Donovan dropped Alex & I off at the airport. We checked in without any glitches, maneuvered the airport, & were on our way. When we landed in Los Angeles it was cloudy, rainy, & smoggy. Before our journey, Alex & I decided we would drive to Santa Monica to check out Jerry Liboff's apartments & then we would drive to Palm Springs. I told Alex I would drive & she could help me navigate. Well, we ran into the first problem of our journey...my license expired in May & I would NOT be able to drive. Alex glared daggers in my direction as she realized that she would be the one behind the wheel.

After we picked out our vehicle, we routed our destination into our smart phones & were on our way. We drove to Santa Monica without any issues, found the apartments, let ourselves in, & took a nap. The windows were open & we were cold. We couldn't believe how chilly it was. It felt like we were camping as we both laid on the bed to get a little rest. By 10:30 AM we went to meet Liboff's younger brother Martu. As we knocked on the door, a man resembling Liboff (down to the same style of glasses) let us in. Thank goodness Liboff gave us a brief description; otherwise, we might've been a little thrown off. Marty hadn't cut his hair since Bob Marley died. Dreads hung down to his knees, he wore a Rasta man hat, & his living room was filled with drum sets, guitars, & other musical instruments.

The three of us set off to check out the beach. Marty's one eared Alaskan Malamute led the way with our new friend right behind walking with his cane while Alex & I followed clutching onto our Coach purses & wearing our sweaters since it was so chilly! Marty said he didn't need a cane but used it for protection. That terrified Alex & I. I could easily see someone whipping by on rollerblades & blading off with our purses. When Alex asked if he used it for protection from thieves he said, “No, I use it for other dogs that attack mine. That's why he has one ear.” After an entertaining brunch & quick history of the area, we were ready to be on our way.

By 12:30 we hit the road, wanting to avoid LA traffic. We really lucked out & seemed to bypass it all. We also discovered the carpool lane, which really shaved down our driving time. The two of us didn't stop until we reached Palm Springs & its sunny, hot, 111°F weather! As soon as we drove through the gates to the Renaissance hotel, we exhaled a sigh of relief and checked in.

The next day was the beginning of our conferences. After the opening ceremony, I attended my first seminar, “You Speak, I Speak, We Speak: A Collaboration to Preserve the Boarding School Stories.” I was interested in this presentation in particular because the moderators discussed how their idea of preserving stories turned into a reality & the steps they had to take to get there.

“American Indians- Understanding Our History” was my next session. In it, we discussed how American educational institutions do not include significant aspects of American Indians' histories in their curriculums. As a result, a majority of museums & Americans have little understanding of how historical issues have impacted

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# Alaska Native Fund Event

Report from Kannon Lee

In mid May, I had the pleasure of participating in The Gathering for the Alaska Native Fund. This event brought current grantees and ANF board members together to reflect on the program and the importance of the role that philanthropy plays in sustaining our way of life in rural Alaska, mainly the subsistence way of life. To remind readers, the Alaska Native Fund, through the Alaska Conservation Foundation, funded our hangar lighting upgrade. Former Governor Tony Knowles was a guest speaker as was Katie John's granddaughter, Kathryn Martin. The people involved were familiar faces in the realm of philanthropy in Alaska, such as: The First Alaskan's Institute, The Alaska Community Foundation, Rasmuson Foundation, the Foraker Group, etc. Projects ranged from a very interesting sea otter control program, a documentary on our own Mary Olympic, art installations to bring to light the issues that impact rural Alaskans, and our energy conservation measure to change out expensive forms of lighting. I was told that our project was the only energy project submitted and one that really hit at the center of sustaining rural communities, by addressing factors that affect village population retention. I was very moved by many of the panelists with respect to the struggle to maintain our ways of life. A speaker from a village that is on the road system was very passionate about how sometimes villages off the road system take subsistence (life ways) for granted as we still have our claims intact without major competition from tourists, corporations that may do harm to our environment, or the simple pollutions that come with heavy traffic through an area. Collectively, we discussed organizations and how we can maintain a sustainable organization through partnerships and inter-office collaborations. The event was very positive and I had moments where I could not stop smiling or could not stop interacting with people from all over Alaska and the Northwest. Of course there were icebreaker sessions where I met some incredible people, albeit introductions that were unfortunately cut short due to time limits, but fostered nonetheless. Additionally, the event included a guided tour of the Anchorage Museum where I was completely taken aback with the collection and attention to detail regarding each Alaska Native People's recognition at the museum. I had to laugh and I shared with Tanya that there was a photographer taking pictures the whole time! I felt like I had to be "on" at all times, no "turtle shell" hunched back and always a slight smile. Of importance, plenty of coffee was served throughout the day!

Observations aside, I think the one thing that I can pass on from my experience has to be the realization that we live a very rich life in this remote part of the world. Everyday, we participate in a way of life that we may not fully comprehend to be very special because it is something that has always been and nothing that is defined as "subsistence." Imagine your everyday life being scrutinized and someone saying that what you do as part of your daily life now has to be regulated and partitioned as if this way of life is something new and requires assistance. The state government essentially told Katie John that she was no longer allowed to fish at a place she maintained as her home because "subsistence," a term pretty much created to define an Alaskan's everyday life, was now regulated and deemed as part of state oversight. Katie's fight is very pivotal in your and my right as a "subsistence" user in Alaska. I am very fortunate for the fight she made on the behalf of all Alaskans, current and future.

## ATACLM

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American Indians. As a result of this major misunderstanding, it makes it more difficult to understand today's issues.

One of my favorite seminars was "Who's Telling Your Story? Authenticity in American Indian Children's Literature." The moderators were truly passionate about their topic & it reflected in their presentation. They focused on the representation of Indigenous peoples in children's and young adult literature involving cultural sensitivity, stereotypes, & authenticity. At the end of their presentation, they had door prizes & I was shocked to hear them call my name. I whooped like I won on the Price is Right to claim my prize.

Other sessions I attended were "Technology for the Not So Techie," "Culturally Responsive Early Literacy Programs in Tribal Libraries," "Working with Elders: Collecting Oral History and Photographing Indigenous Elders," & "What's Needed in Contemporary Native American Literature."

On Thursday afternoon, we decided to check out the tram. The tram is world's largest rotating tram car & had a capacity to hold 80 people, that's 10 more than our current population! The ten minute ride began at Valley Station with an elevation of 2,643 feet. Quickly we rode up the sheer cliffs of Chino Canyon & ended at the Mountain Station, elevation 8,516 feet. We also spent a majority of our time, laying in the sun & swimming in the outdoor pool. We made sure to check out the outlet malls where I scored a Coach bag, that, believe it or not, matches my new backpack perfectly! We tried our chances at the casino & I checked out the night life.

On our way back, we had to change flights & I was very happy that they let me fly with my expired license. At one of the stores in the airport, the clerk told us a story about how he never goes to work on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> because he had been shot, stabbed, & hit by a vehicle three times! He then proceeded to tell us the story of his how his Uncle shot him when he was 9! Picking out our colorful bags also paid off...we had so many compliments on our bright bags!

The conference was fun to attend, had great guest speakers, & was in a perfect location. When we left Palm Springs it was 106°F & when we landed back in Anchorage, it was 55°F! Now to take what I learned in the conference & apply it our library.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REMEMBER In Igiugig We:

- ⇒ Keep our Dogs Tied up or on a Leash.
- ⇒ Turn Off Lights when leaving a public building.
- ⇒ Recycle: #1 plastics, aluminum cans, glass, tin cans. We also separate batteries and e-waste.
- ⇒ Do Not Park in front of the hangar or the white trash trailer.
- ⇒ Do Not Litter, we confront those that do, and we pick up trash that we see.
- ⇒ We Compost! Bring it to the greenhouse, please no dairy or meat products.
- ⇒ We have Eggs! \$4.50 a dozen, free for elders, at the hangar.
- ⇒ Support the Student Fund! Look for refreshments or gear at the Gift Shop.
- ⇒ Contribute to the Newsletter! Send photos, news, important events to Ida: nelsonida2901@gmail.com
- ⇒ Love Our Village! Join Igiugig Village Info Zone on Facebook if you haven't already.

## Important Dates:

- \* **Father's Day: June 15th**
- \* **Independence Day: July 4th**

The Igiugig Student Government is selling new items at the gift shop! Help us get to New Zealand  
The items include:

Sweat Pants

Color Gray \$40.00

\*Long-sleeved shirts \$30.00

Colors: Black, Gray, and Maroon S-XL

\*Baseball hats \$20.00

Colors: Black and Maroon

\*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

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# Igiugig Weather

## March:

Main Temp: 26\*

High Temp: 69\* on the 20th

Low Temp: -5 from the 9th

Average Wind Speed 6.6

High Wind: 92 MPH on the 11th

Dominant Direction: North

## April:

Main Temp: 39\*

High Temp: 82\* on the 20th

Average Wind Speed: 7.4MPH

High Wind: 57 MPH on the 13th

Dominate Direction: NorthNorthEast

## May:

Main Temp: 53\*

High Temp: 87\* on the 2nd

Low Temp: 5.2 MPH

Average Wind Speed: 5.2 MPH

High Wind: 37 MPH on the 31st

Dominate Direction: North

## Greetings Igiugig!

By Sam Foppema

My name is Sam Foppema. You may or may not have met or noticed me around Igiugig in the past few weeks. In total, I'll be living in Igiugig for around two months—June until around the beginning of August—helping Kannon Lee with the village's greenhouse operation.

Back in Massachusetts, my home state, I am finishing up a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Forestry and Arboriculture from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture. Essentially, my degree is a mixture of tree/plant biology/pathology, forestry, soil science etc.

I was born and raised on a fruit and vegetable farm in central Massachusetts, where I developed my interest in plants, plant production, and working outdoors. I've worked on said farm for my entire life, save for the past 3 years, which I've spent working for a tree removal/pruning company in western Massachusetts.

Aside from working, I really enjoy music. I've played guitar for over ten years, and have always enjoyed singing, playing, and listening to music of all types. I also enjoy traveling, hiking, biking, playing basketball, meeting new people, cooking, and spending time with family and friends.

Thus far, I've thoroughly enjoyed my stay in Igiugig. It's truly a unique place to visit, coming from Massachusetts. Everyone has been very welcoming. I look forward to the remainder of my stay here, and am eager to learn more about Alaska and its culture.

## BEE Scare!

By Kannon Lee

Bees are fully active. There was a scare about three weeks ago when I thought I saw the queen outside of one of the hives. My heart was racing, "What should I do? Should I suit up and go in?" I opted to light up the smoker, don the beekeeper hat and seek out her royal highness. By now, the bees know where their home is and have an allegiance to uphold so a bee sting is not out of the question, if disturbed they may be. I pulled the middle most accessible plate up very slowly, careful not to entirely disrupt the architectural masterpiece before me. After a "steady, slow, sweep" of smoke, the buzzing intensified, but disillusionment took hold as the bees crawled in disorderly fashion in every direction. The plate was now half way out, the honey glaze glistening in the late evening sun, with thousands of bees, intensified buzzing, meandering over the thousands of perfectly symmetric hexagonal chambers. The largest of the creatures was found, nestled deep within, thankfully on the plate I was pulling out. She was there, found and protected. A final spray of sugar water over the inner structure and a careful push of the plate back in. An exhale finally, a return of steadiness in my heart rate; I could pass out. I left the top of the box off for a bit, allowing the smoke to clear and fresh air to infiltrate. I felt bad for the smoking; those "slow, steady sweeps" really took a lot out of them. The queen was safe though, still reigning supreme in her kingdom, with her loyal subjects allied and ready to defend.



Mary O, proud of her Flowers



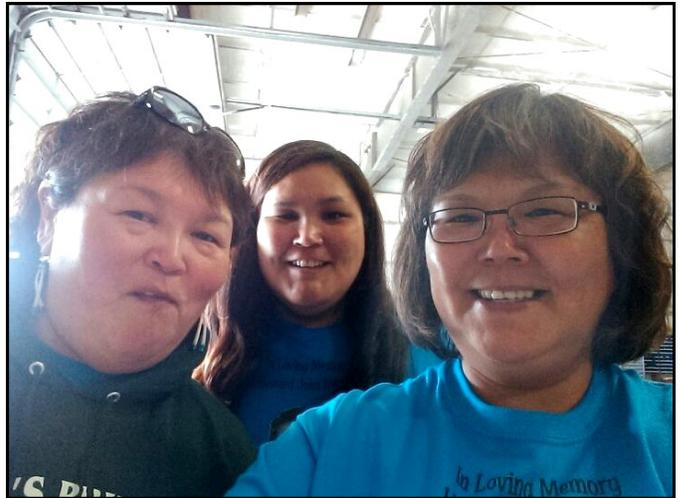
Dolly and Sister Felicia



Aiden and Nana boating down river



Avery driving while Donovan controls the gas pedal



Nelson Sisters at Howards One Year Dinner



Taty job shadowing Fish & Game smolt sampling



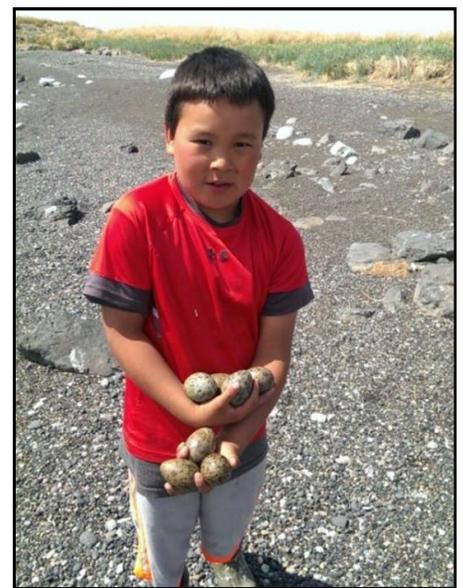
Erika and cousin Stormi Pie



Sharolynn and Shea playing in the Mud



Paige and her Cousin wearing traditional headbands



Aiden and his seagull egg find



Terek with his dad Harvey, and Grandpa Elia



Salmon, Hills, Bringhurst all on a picnic on the Island



Christina with Kristian



Aiden, Keilan and Kaleb on their way to the island



Katia and Erika strolling in Anchorage



Jeff holding his prized Catch of the Day, porcupine

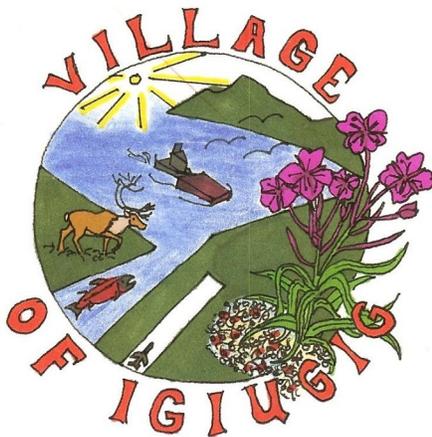


Kaleb just "hanging out"

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