



Birthday's This Month:

September

1st - Aj Gooden

6th - Jonathan Alvarez

10th - Sandy Alvarez

23rd - Karl Hill

27th - Angel Alvarez

20th - Olga Zackar



Harvest Moon is upon us

By Ida Nelson

Summer is officially over when the temp falls below freezing, meaning the harvest moon is fast approaching. With freezers full of salmon, kids back in school session, berries are still difficult to find and the excitement of getting caribou/moose in our freezers is the new craze. It sure has been a busy month. First off I will apologize to our subscribers, last month's issue we had some technical difficulties with printing out our newsletter, don't worry it is fixed and everyone will be receiving their copy this month. As always you can find our newsletters posted on our web site for your viewing pleasure.

52,900 pages! What!? That is super exciting! The summer reading club has come to an end and we have some super readers in the village of Igiugig. Tanya in the library news can inform you just how many books everyone read. Congratulations readers that is very impressive! Rumor is, there may be a winter reading club too. Are you curious to see how much Igiugig has accomplished in the "5 year plan"? Check it out in the 411 in the 533 and AlexAnna can inform you just how much we have accomplished as a village.

With all those books read, what was the reward? Read about it in the back to school potluck and also check out to see who our new "halftime" teachers are. If you find that you have some time on your hands, go introduce yourself to Mrs. McKelvy at the school, she'd love to meet you. The Goodens will be returning just as fast as the snow will show up come December. Want to know what else is swarming besides the bugs, read about the School Swarm and see what these kids have been up to in school.

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Top Left to Right: Simeon, Gregory, Kaylee, Tia, Fewnia, Danni, Dolly, Shea and Taty
Bottom Left to Right: Keilan, Kaleb, Jon, and Kiara

School Swarm

By Jeff Bringham

In case you didn't notice the empty streets and the poor neglected beach, the No See-Ums are back in session for the 2014-15 year. We're picking up steam here as we start a semester focused on energy, past and present, and how it has shaped the history of the world and the human experience. We count ourselves awfully fortunate to have so many resources here to work with and learn from. Energy costs are and will continue to be one of the greatest challenges rural Alaskans face, and we want to take advantage of the science that Igiugig is so adept at attracting.

The idea for the energy theme came from our new teachers Kate McKelvey and Joe Page. Kate and Joe will be job-sharing with the Goodens, teaching until Christmas, when the Goodens will arrive to finish the year off. I'm just filling in until Joe arrives, and am already on the 10-day countdown – school days that is. Where normally, in May I'm pretty excited about the countdown, September makes me sad to let go. No doubt I'll still be hanging around the school, trying to learn some new tricks from the old dogs.

As we move into September, you need to remember to save all your cardboard for the first annual Cardboard Boat Regatta – Date TBA. If you don't have a place to put your cardboard, take it to the school, we'll store it. If you don't have a truck, we'll pick it up. If you want to build a boat and join the fun, save it. Everyone is welcome to participate. More to come on that.

The school will also start ramping up fundraising efforts for our anticipated trip to New Zealand. Thank you to our sales people at the office, who have suggested, coerced, or pressured people into buying our school merchandise all summer long. We sure appreciate the support. A trip to New Zealand is going to be a fantastic amount of work, but I don't think there's a better community to pull off something unforgettable.

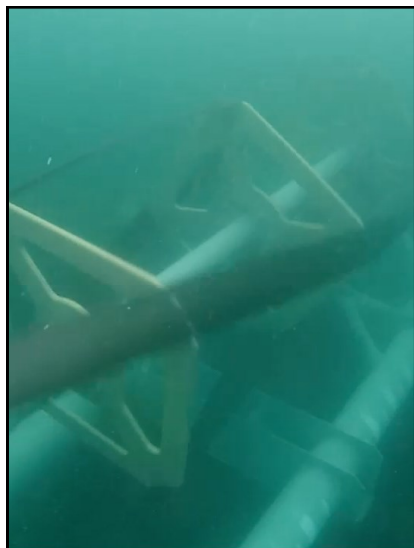
That's it from The Perfect Swarm.



During the egg drop competition
Aiden's egg did not survive

The 4 1 1 In The 5 3 3

By AlexAnna Salmon



Under water view of the ORPC
RivGen

Some days it looks as though the hangar has been ransacked. We do our best. The village has been bustling with the end of summer activity. We still have all kinds of visitors to the village. Most notably, the University of Washington is in town completing a turbulence and acoustic study on the RivGen turbine. On August 15th the Environmental Protection Agency hosted a public comment hearing on their Proposed Determination to protect the Bristol Bay watershed from large-scale development. This attracted a crowd from Dillingham, the lodges, the locals, and the Pebble Limited Partnership with people to testify for or against the determination. The comment deadline is September 19th. On the 19th, the Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly, Planning Commission, and representatives from the Department of Transportation (about 20 people total) toured Igiugig to see the RISEC project and other developments of interest. Thereafter, Fish and Game showed up to issue hunting and fishing permits. On August 19th we embraced the first day of school and celebrated it with the Annual Back to School Potluck on the 24th. So, as usual when it rains it pours here!

In addition, Igiugig Village is advertising for a new tribal administrator. In April 2009, I was unexpectedly asked to become Igiugig's "Acting Administrator" during a regular council meeting. The task was overwhelming at first, and I put myself on a "5 Year Plan" because someday I would like to return to school for a Masters Degree or PhD. Over the past 5 years, and with exceptional teamwork, we were able to accomplish mon-

umental goals:

- ♦ The Greenhouse, 3 wind turbines, 2 outdoor wood boilers
- ♦ Igiugig Lodge Support Facility
- ♦ Igiugig generator upgrade project
- ♦ 6 new HUD homes
- ♦ a Teacher, Health, and Public Safety Professional Home
- ♦ Igiugig High Ridge Subdivision Road
- ♦ The VPSO office and 2 cop cars
- ♦ Barge Landing Road and Barge Landing Ramp
- ♦ Renovation of Fish and Game Landing
- ♦ The New Igiugig Health Clinic
- ♦ Acquisition of a new incinerator, 3 mini trucks, 1 fire truck, 1 patient transport vehicle, 1 fuel truck
- ♦ The River In-Stream Energy Conversion demonstration project
- ♦ Fiber Optic Cable installation and cell tower
- ♦ Acquisition of Diamond Point, soon to be rock quarry
- ♦ Cal-tech University Vertical Axis Wind Turbine demonstration project
- ♦ Small Business Association Certified our company Iliaska Environmental in the 8(a) Program
- ♦ Igiugig's Historic Photo Digitization Project

Outside of regular programming, we were able to establish a Scholarship Fund for our own, help the students fundraise for a school trip to Boston, and completed our first cultural camp to Kukaklek Lake.

On a personal front, Terek and I adopted two teenagers, and had two of our own, now aged 3 years and a 1 month-old baby. In reflection, a lot can happen in a five-year window! Almost too much, the pace has been grueling! Our tribal government has grown so large and so sophisticated over the years, that it is time to focus on growing the staff. I plan to transition to working as a full time grant administrator, which will allow me the flexibility of working around my growing family and will help to make our tribal government operate more efficiently.

As always, I love this village, and I am committed to its well-being. I am honored to continue serving as the President of Igiugig Village Council and I strongly believe a transition to the grants administrator will work in the best interest of us all. Qu yana for all the support!

WE'RE GOING ON A BERRY HUNT

By Renae Zackar

Staring out the window at the rain and wishing I was out picking berries. This year is not a really great berry year. When I saw a boat going across the river with a four-wheeler in it early July I got excited. I thought there must be lots of salmon berries on that swamp for them to take a Honda. So the next day with rumors of them getting 3 gallons, Sim, Alicia, Marisa, Sharolynn and I went over with two Hondas. All we managed to find were 3 single green, still folded in unripe berries. My honda had to get left behind because the back end protested to having my backend riding on it over the bumps. The bearing and gears were grinding and clicking, then it finally stopped going into gear altogether. Sim drove it as far as he could in reverse until the Honda stopped. We walked to where Marisa and Alicia managed to get their Honda stuck knee deep in the swamp and helped them pull it out. It looked to be stuck to stay but with much cursing and the combined muscle it finally came out of the mud. As soon as it got unstuck Sim said he wasn't going to let use ride along because he didn't want the back end to get ruined as well. Alicia, Marisa and I had to walk over a mile through the swamp back to the boat. Halfway there I stopped and announced to Alicia that I was just going to lay down and die! I dreaded taking another step. Alicia being my cheerleader, and shouted at me "come on old woman, you can do it!"

We finally made it back to the boat. Marisa wanted to make our trip slightly useful so she suggested we stopped and let Sim cut down a few birch for the smoke house before heading home. It was a good thing we did that because we found a lot of wild spinach close by the birch and I was able to pick enough to make a wild spinach aqutak (eskimo ice-cream). We didn't get any berries on that outing, but I did get some exercise, a few bug bites, a pot full of wild spinach greens and birch for the smoke house. After lighting the smoke house to keep the blow flies off the fish, I went to bed. Exhausted, from a pretty fun day, even the bug bites didn't bother me.

Harvest moon cont.



Danni and Shea helping me pump fuel at the farm

What would require a 2x12 seat extension? That also involves 12 coolers and a barge and not to mention the wonderful wind they experienced? Read what requires such items in the Big Mountain 2014 project and see how the Iliaska Environmental project went. Also, why would Alicia be telling her mom, "come on old woman, you can do it!"? Read about it in the Going on a berry hunt, by Renae to see what type of an adventure they endured for salmon berries.

Learn something new every day, it keeps the mind young. I recently have shown a big interest in fuel and the operations of our fuel trucks. I will be attending a bulk fuel training in Seward for two weeks; I'll let you know how that goes in the next months news. I am adding another item to my unfathomable list of life, I am going back to school. One college course at a time but it is the little steps that matter most in life. Until then, good luck to the many hunters out there, and remember to notch your tickets and permits before you start harvesting your meat and taking it home to your family. Good luck and may the odds be in your favor.

Library News!

By Tanya Salmon

After 12 weeks and 5 days of intense reading, the annual Summer Reading Club officially came to an end. This year, we had a total of 28 participants that competed in the four age groups: there were 6 participants in the 0-4 age category, 3 competitors in the 5-8, 5 people in the 9-18, & 14 adults competing in the 19-UP group. 24 of the contributors were female and there was exactly 1 male in every category.

The 0-4 age group turned out to be the most avid readers/listeners contributing 2,190 books. The next highest was the 5-8 age group with 227 books, followed by the adults with 122 books. The 9-18 age group totaled 84 books. Altogether, the village read a total of 2,677 books and 52,900 pages (the pages aren't exactly accurate because some people forgot to record page numbers and some listened to audio books), earning a Back-to-School BBQ & a Banana Split Party which will be held at the school on Sunday the 24th at 6 PM.

Our youngest participant, Maverik, was 25 days old when the SRC ended. In those very busy 25 days of being born, seeing the world for the first time, traveling from Anchorage to Igiugig, meeting everyone in the community, having countless visitors, & attending his big sisters' 3rd birthday party, he managed to squeeze 48 books into his busy schedule. Now that is dedication!

Thank you all for participating in his annual event. I have had many compliments about our program and its success. The SRC is especially beneficial for the young children & school age children. Without the dedication of the adults who have spent hours reading to the youth, encouraging reading, or leading by example, we wouldn't have such a successful program! Quyana!

Many people were sad that the SRC ended. After several requests, I have been busy brainstorming a winter reading club. Suggestions & ideas are welcomed! The table shows individual contributions to the SRC, names in red are the winners of their age group. The 9-18 has two winners, since one has moved.

Name	Age Group	Books	Pages
Katia	0 to 4	880	
Erika	0 to 4	690	
Avery	0 to 4	590	
Ruth	0 to 4	15	
Olivia	0 to 4	15	
Maverik	0 to 4	48	
Shealayla	5 to 8	25	
Jonathan	5 to 8	36	
Dannika	5 to 8	166	
Kaylee	9 to 18	17	609
Kaleb	9 to 18	2	624
Rhiana	9 to 18	29	
Kiara	9 to 18	17	4,359
Dolly Ann	9 to 18	19	5,549
Christina	19 and Up	3	944
Stacy	19 and Up	12	N/A
Tanya	19 and Up	11	4,413
Donovan	19 and Up	1	235
Ida	19 and Up	1	430
Alicia	19 and Up	23	8,650
Julie	19 and Up	12	4,128
Lydia	19 and Up	11	4,654
Sandy	19 and Up	11	
Betsy	19 and Up	7	
Renae	19 and Up	6	2,849
April	19 and Up	2	1994
Marisa	19 and Up	21	2,029
Martha	19 and Up	1	
Total	28 Participants	2,677 Books	52,900 Pages

Names highlighted in RED are the winners in each age category.

Back to School!

By Christina Salmon



People lining up at the pot-luck enjoying yummy food.

Igiugig is well known for its love of social functions, and the back to school BBQ was no exception this year. The entire village came out to meet Kate McKelvy and welcome back Jeff Bringhurst. Kate's husband Joe Page will be here in a few weeks to replace Jeff. AlexAnna congratulated our students for being one of only 3 schools in our District to be a 5 star school again. Every school in the state is graded based on standards testing and given stars based on student test scores, attendance, participation, graduation rate, and school progress. We are very proud of our kids for this achievement and want to thank our parents for being very involved in the success of our children as well. This school year, as usual, will be busy and fun. Kids will be fundraising for a school trip to New Zealand, attending Jamborees, participating in sports, and of course, reading for



Aiden being the grill master while Jeff supervises his grilling

the Battle of the Books has started already. As in past years, Igiugig School has an open door policy, encouraging community members to stop by and visit or sign up as a volunteer. Here's to another wonderful school year, and remember what Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."



Left: Tess, Sharolynn, and Taty reunited in Anchorage
Middle: Keilan and Dolly working on their egg drop challenge project
Right: Karl and Kaylee going on a moose hunt looking for a big one



Meet Mrs. McKelvy



Teacher Kate McKelvy

I'd like to say hello to everybody here in Igiugig and introduce myself. My husband, Joe, and I will be here teaching at the school until Christmas, job sharing with AJ and Tate so they can be down on their farm in Kansas during the fall harvest. When we were first asked about coming to Igiugig we were thrilled for two reasons: first, because of all the good things we had heard in the news and by word of mouth about this community and second, because of all we had heard about Tate and AJ and the amazing things they were doing at the school. I don't know that Joe and I will be able to fill their unique shoes, but we look forward to trying our best and doing some interesting and fun things with the kids! So far, I've been enjoying the warm welcome I've received from everyone in the community, slowly figuring out where I am, and getting to know so many new people.

Joe and I live in Talkeetna in a cabin off the grid. We've lived there for 35 years and "retired" from teaching six years ago. But we ended up starting a nonprofit to support our belief that students of all ages need opportunities for "real learning in the real world"-- and now we're busier than we ever were before we retired! You can check out some of the things we've been doing at NorthernSusitnaInstitute.org.

I'm hoping people will stop by the school to visit so I can get to know you better. And thanks for sharing your great kids with us for a while!



Painting their cubbies for school



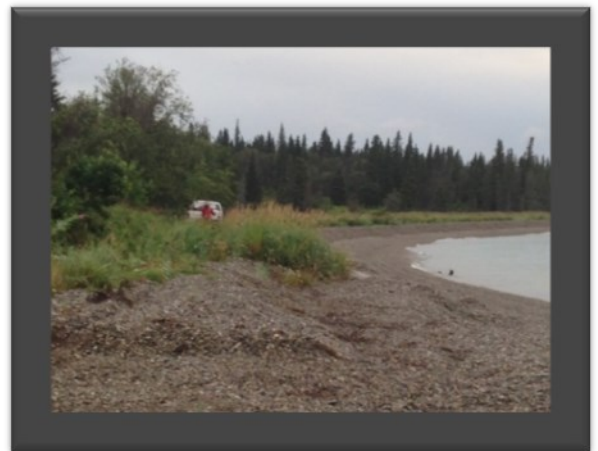
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Big Mountain 2014

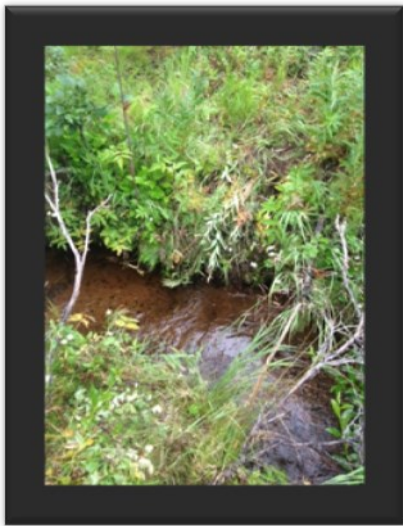
By Christina Salmon



Lake Clark Air dropped Karl, Stacy, Nate, Jeff and myself off at Big Mountain with all our sampling and camping gear for a week on the afternoon of August 4th. We attempted a bare bones approach to ground water and soil sampling this year to cut our costs; which was a little tricky. 13 coolers filled with gel ice, a week worth of food for five adults, tents, sleeping bags, campfire chairs, many totes of sampling supplies and collection bottles, chain saws, and luxuries like toilet paper were crammed into every nook and cranny we had! Expertly loading our wheelers with all of our gear we managed to haul everything from the airport to our camp site in one trip. Using 2x12's as seat extensions, we strapped everyone and everything down and our adventure began. We dropped our gear off at the lake and took a moment to discuss one major challenge we had to overcome; our truck loaded with a lot of our gear, was parked at Belinda Creek. Water levels were exceptionally low this summer and made it so our barge couldn't drop the truck off at the base of Big Mountain. Driving a six thousand pound truck over two miles of sand was sure to be a fun excursion. Thanks to the high intelligence level of our guys and some forward thinking, using a four wheeler, pulley system, and the six foot



Driving the truck back to Belinda Creek



Surface water/sediment location

2x12's, they managed to very slowly inch the truck along the beach to the road. Back at camp we set up our tents and enjoyed the rest of our evening, sitting around the campfire and marveling at the beauty of Big Mountain and planned for our days ahead. We split into two groups, with Nate and I working together as one group and Jeff and Karl working as another. We spent our week bushwhacking, chain sawing pathways, shoveling through creek beds for the perfect soil to test, and using fancy peristaltic low flow pumps to capture the exact amounts of ground water we needed for sampling. We are curious to see how the test results from 2014 samples will compare with those from 2013. The weather cooperated with us for most of the trip, the no-see-ums, white socks, and mosquitoes nearly ate us alive, and the company wasn't half bad. Minus the raging wind storm that made us barely able to keep a fire going to cook our last dinner and the torrential downpour that had everyone soaking wet for the last day, Big Mountain, once again, was a successful trip.

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.

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



If interested call 907-533-3211 during normal business hours of 8:30 am to 5 pm M-F excluding holidays. The Price of shipping will be a flat rate box depending on the amount of your order.

Fall Library Hours

Monday- 3:00pm to 5:00 pm
 Tuesday- 3:00pm to 5:00 pm
 Wednesday- 3:00pm to 5:00 pm
 Thursday- 3:00pm to 5:00 pm
 Friday- 3:00pm to 5:00 pm
 Saturday- 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Igiugig General Store is
 Now OPEN!

Just starting out so be patient
 with them

Store Hours: Monday to Sunday
 4:00 PM to 5 PM

Igiugig Weather

August 2014

Mean temp: 60*

High temp: 97* on the 19th

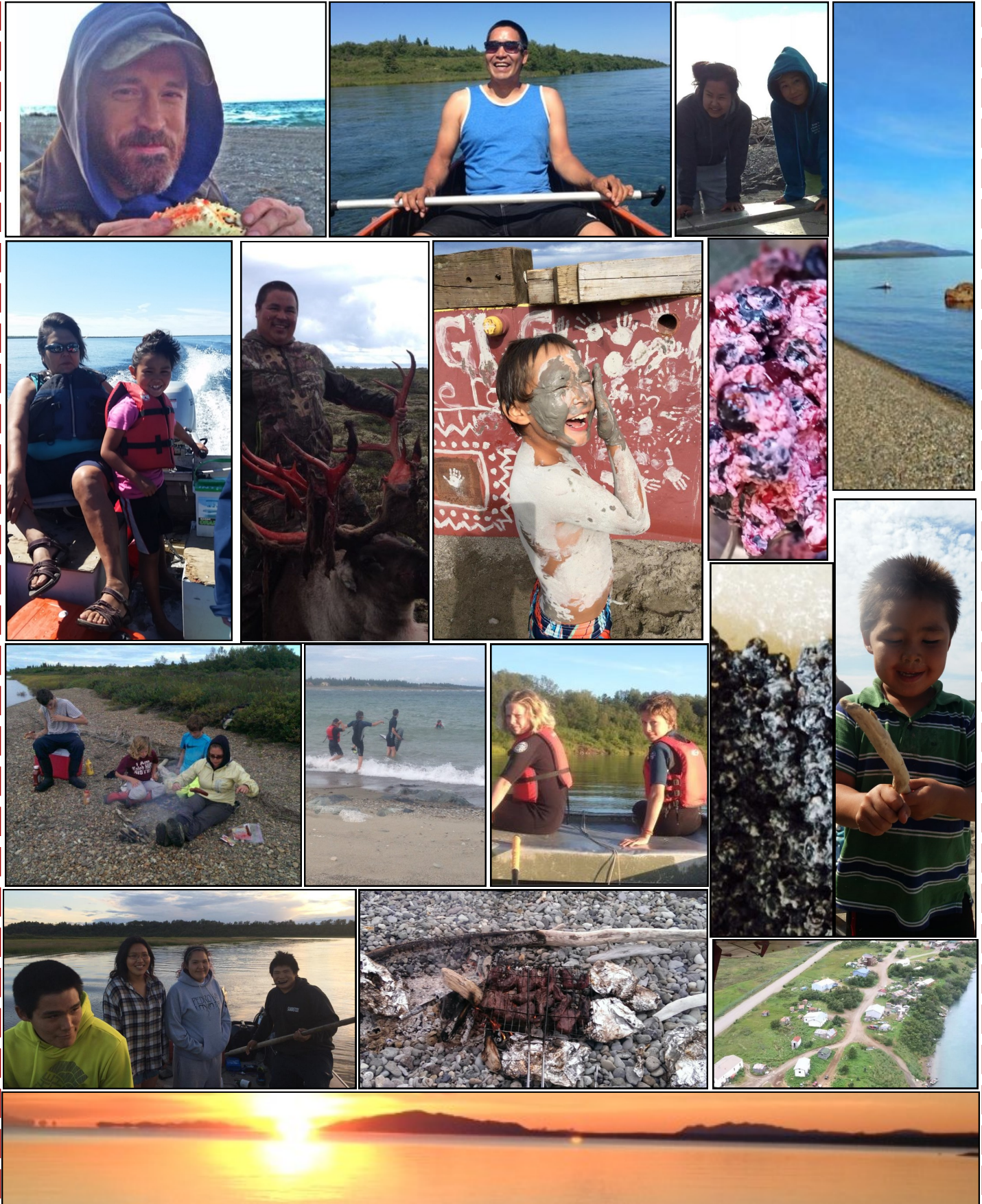
Low temp: 31.6 on 31st

Average wind: 5.9 mph

Dominate wind NE

Summer time Fun!

Photos of Salmon 2014





Danni and Avery with Justin at the BBQ



Randy admiring Mavrik at the BBQ



Mary O with granddaughter Christina



Sharolynn, Alicia and Clara on a boat ride



Paige, Avery, Mackenzie visiting ILC Office



Lydia riding to look for berries this summer



Katia and Mavrik On Nanna Shoons lap



Jacko and Katia playing crib



Kaylee, Kiara, Kaleb, Keil: having fun at the BBQ



Loretta (hiding) with Felicia and Tony at the Fair



Dallia and Mary O. Enjoying Erika's birthday party



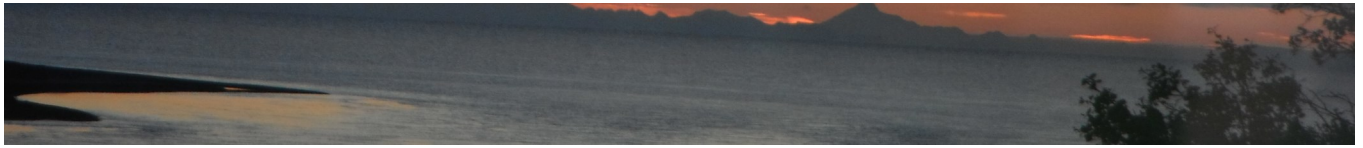
Stacy kissing her fish



Julie & Betsy picking berries in the rain



Tess taking a selfie with the Sea-lions



A small patch of berries have been found!



Olivia and Ruth with Nutella faces



Danni, Shea and Keil cleaning Julie's berries



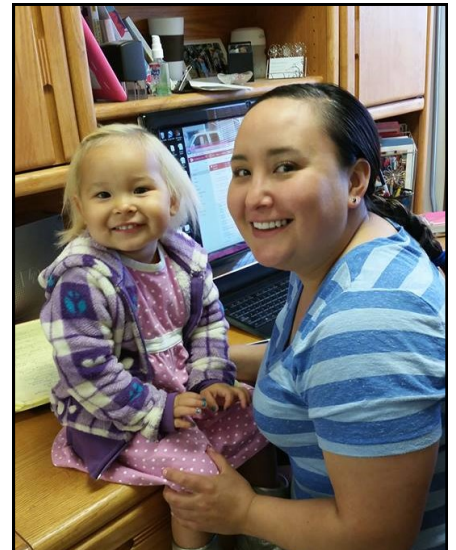
Aiden and Keil playing in the mud



Jon holding up his salmon and Dawson admiring his catch



Mackenzie eating brownies at the office



Katia Visiting Christina

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