



### Birthday's This Month:

September

1st - AJ Gooden

6th - Jonathan Alvarez

10th - Sandy Alvarez

23rd - Karl Hill

27th - Angel Alvarez

20th - Olga Zackar

# Igiugig News and Notes



## *Ole man winter is coming*

By Ida Nelson

Lately have you been looking around for your winter gear? Digging through your boxes and closets and even in your basement, searching for warm jackets, hats, gloves, and scarves to keep you warm. It is officially fall time. The majority of the birds are migrating south to avoid the cold while we scramble to get ready for winter. The beaches are abandoned once again as school is in full swing. Lodges are shutting down for the winter and the float planes are becoming less frequent and what was once a very busy little village is returning to its normal state: quiet and peaceful. Don't let that fool you though Igiugig is always buzzing with something.

How did the 40 foot long under water turbine go? Did it work? Yes, no maybe? Find out in AlexAnna's 411 in the 533 report. Also what she did while in Fairbanks along with Kannon, Dave and Betsy, you can read about in her report as well. What does a zoom boom and eggs have in common? Check out the School Swarm and read all about it. Additionally why did *My Next Girlfriend* and the *Puddle Duck* receive the award for being the fastest? Read about in the awards section of the School Swarm.

If you could have asked me last year if I was interested in fuel in general, I would seriously laugh at you. Chuckle even at the question you've asked me, turn around and walk away then tell you good luck with that endeavor. Fast forward to today I currently have a business card I hand out to any interested customers that the village council sells fuel and business has been growing. I enjoy meeting new customers on a daily rate and sometimes the connection with them is only 2 minutes long at the most. First impressions are always the most important. I've recently attended a bulk fuel farm training in Seward and I can tell you about it in my other article further in the newsletter.

Where in Bristol bay did Tanya go? From participating in meetings in Dillingham to Anchorage, she can tell you about her adventures

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# School Swarm

## IGIUGIG EGG DROP CONTEST By Tia Hobson

For the first week back to school we did an Egg Drop Contest. First we were assigned with a partner. Each high school student worked



Gregory and Danni dropping their egg

with an elementary student. We got with our partner to start planning how we wanted our invention to look and how it would work to protect our eggs. After that we actually created a shelter for our egg. Then we had a test to see if our inventions were good enough to protect our egg when we dropped it from the slide. If anyone's egg cracked then they had to rework their invention. The next drop was from the hangar loft, which was almost 40 feet. Almost everyone's survived!

Then came the Zoom Boom. Mr. B. and Ms. M. were brave enough to take our eggs up on the Zoom Boom. Mr. B. was really scared to go that high and was hanging on for dear life!! When Ms. M. threw our eggs over the edge of the Zoom Boom most of them floated calmly down with the help of the air under the parachutes. Only two eggs cracked and the other ones all lived!



Egg drop at the hangar

We learned to work as a team with high school students working with the little kids. If our eggs cracked we had to come up with new ways to protect them for the next drop. All the students had fun doing the Egg Drop Contest.



Left to right: Egg drop from zoom boom; Kiara getting ready to drop hers; Fewnia checking if their egg survived



## 2014 Igiugig Cardboard Boat Regatta Awards



Jon on his Endeavor

### Under 10

**Endeavor Award-- Jon Alvarez SV Paddler**  
**Most Creative-- Shea Nelson SV Mother Goose**  
**Intrepid Award-- Keilan Wassillie SV Confidence/**

### **Kokhanok Style**

**Fastest Award-- Aiden Wassillie SV The Bird**



Aiden swimming back after his boat sunk

### Ages 10-18

**Titanic Award-- Simeon Zackar SV Handy**  
**Intrepid Award-- Taty Zackar & Dolly Zharoff**  
**SV Deckhand**  
**Most Creative Award-- Fewnia Zharoff SV Igi Wings**  
**Fastest Award-- Kaleb Hill SV My Next Girlfriend**



Fewnia right before she tipped

### Adult

**Titanic Award-- Sharolynn Zackar SV Shrug**  
**Intrepid Award-- Alicia Zackar SV Ick**  
**Lamest Award-- Joe Page SV Sink Oar Swim II**  
**Fastest Award-- Jeff Bringhurst and Danni Wassillie SV**  
**Puddle Duck**



Jeff high fiving Danni

### Family

**Most Creative-- Jeff**  
**Bringhurst and Dan-**  
**nika Wassillie**  
**SV Puddle Duck**



Kaleb Sinking in his My Next Girlfriend

### **Commodore's Pride Award**

**Kaleb Hill SV My Next Girlfriend**

# The 4 1 1 In The 5 3 3



ORPC's RivGen® before the pontoons were filled with water to anchor it on the riverbed.

By AlexAnna Salmon

This past month we conclude our fiscal year end. Luckily, we also wrapped up our very first hydrokinetic deployment project:

"We are thrilled with the successful demonstration of the self-deployment and power generation features of our system and the lessons learned will be invaluable to us as we complete our commercial design of RivGen® next year," said ORPC President & CEO Chris Sauer. He added "We are indebted to our Alaska-based project team, the Village of Igiugig, and the local contractors whose professionalism, ingenuity and perseverance really paid off." In Alaska, the company has invested over \$2.6 million since 2009 and has built a supply chain of over 50 partners and contractors throughout the state, including the University of Alaska at Fairbanks and Anchorage. Since 2007, ORPC has invested more than \$25 million into the Maine economy and created or retained more than 100 jobs statewide. The RivGen® Power System Commercialization Project

was funded in part by the Denali Commission and its partner, the Alaska Energy Authority. (ORPC Press Release, 09.23.14).

Due to all of Igiugig's demonstration energy projects, four of us [Kannon, Dave, Betsy, and myself] attended the Rural Energy Conference, September 23-25 hosted in Fairbanks. I moderated a session called "Small Utility Innovations" and Monty Worthington provided a presentation on the RivGen® demonstration this summer. I was proud to see photos of three locals—Gilbert, Jocko, and Terek—that he included in his presentation as pillars to the success of the RISEC project.

On September 26<sup>th</sup> I attended mining related meetings in Anchorage before returning to Igiugig. I also arranged for Jiles Pourier and Renee Grounds to work in Igiugig for the next year as a candidate for the Health Aid and Grants Administrator positions. They will be renting the log cabin and beginning work on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

We have also commenced a new project: A Yup'ik Understanding of the Plants Around Us through a National Park Service Tribal Heritage Grant that Kannon wrote. Renae Zackar has been hired as a project lead and will be working over the next year to glean information from locals that are knowledgeable on the subject. We will also involve the University and the school on this collaborative project. The Igiugig Welcome sign will be re-planted with indigenous plants and placards with their Yup'ik name by next year.

Our emergency services are improving! The cement has been poured for the emergency garage and the building should be completed before the end of October. We acquired our very first search and rescue boat through a BBNA grant too. As usual, it has been another busy month in this bustling community. If you want to read more about some of our projects, please visit these press releases:

<http://alaskaconservation.org/strategic-funding/spotlight-on-grantees/> (Alaska Native Fund hangar light Project)

<http://www.mainebiz.biz/article/20140925/NEWS0101/140929975> (ORPC Project)

<http://kdliq.org/post/igiugig-recieves-historic-preservation-grant> (Yup'ik Plant Project)

The highlight of September for me was a surprise Welcome Home Mavrik party that was hosted at the Hills residence. I thought I was invited to a campaign party and was shocked walking into a house full of community members hollering "Surprise!" It caught me so off guard I had to choke back a few tears—thank you everyone for the thoughtfulness. The food was incredible, great company, and gifts to treasure for a lifetime. QUYANA!



## Where in Bristol Bay is Tanya Salmon?

By Tanya Salmon



Avery and Guard dog Khloe  
picking high bush cranberries

September has been a very busy month! After spending ten days in Anchorage & picking five gallons of blackberries, conquering the fair grounds, shopping, & appointments I came home & got back into work mode, only to pack up two weeks later to attend the annual Bristol Bay Native Association board member meeting in Dillingham.

While in Dillingham, I brought up several village issues: 1) our need of a VPSO & how our VPSO house, office, & car are sitting empty & ready for use 2) how unhappy I have been with the BBAHC behavioral health department 3) the slow process it has been to hire a new health aide & 4) our village/region concerns with the influx of dangerous drugs. Other concerns around the region included a disastrous fishing season for the Chigniks, the need to bring more jobs around the region, & more housing opportunities for people living in villages. I also heard some positive projects that have been happening: Port Heiden picking out reindeer for their domesticated reindeer project, the progress /steps they have made in building a cannery & having a high tech freeze system, & the success of Togiak's local tribal court system.

After three days of following the Roberts Rules of Orders, listening in on teleconferences, hearing from representatives of the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, Bristol Bay Housing Authority, & Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation, teleconferences with Lisa Murkowski & Mark Begich, listening to our regional representative Bryce Edmon, watching/ listening to presentation after presentation, I was more than excited to come home! As usual, it was great to see members from the other 32 communities that make up BBNA & to learn

about local politics, concerns, & successes from our region.

Trouble with traveling in the fall...sickness! I spent the weekend at home trying to get over my cold. Two days were spent cooped up inside with the humidifier wisping in my face & a roll of toilet paper by my bed (terrible time to run out of Kleenex) with a tub of ointment to apply to my poor nose!

Monday morning I was once again all packed up. This time I was going to King Salmon for pre-school training. The first day of the training was spent filling out background check paperwork & going to the police station to get finger printed. I was excited to learn we were staying at the King Salmon Lodge & that all our dinners would be provided! Brittany Rush, first time pre school-teacher for Kokhanok, was my roommate. It was our first time meeting & we got along great.

The week quickly flew by with going over the pre school material. This year was by far my most favorite year of training: not only did I have an amazing group of educators in my "class," but instead of pouring over the material, people demonstrated what they did. It was nice to see how other teachers were going above & beyond with the materials provided. I have so many new ideas for my program this year & am so excited to get started! I also learned more about the Family program that the LPSD coordinates, and will be sharing more about that later.

On Friday, the other pre school teachers all went home. My bags were packed but instead of catching a flight to Igiugig, I was hopping in the Explorer with 2 LPSD counselors, a teacher, & our very own principal- who also happens to be the sports coordinator for our district- Ed Lester. We took the 20 or so minute drive down to Naknek to the Bristol Bay School & met up with the cross-country runners! Yes, I was volunteering to chaperone the students so I could watch the meet.

It was a big change moving from the lodge to an air mattress & sleeping bag. Thankfully I hauled my trusty travel sized humidifier that I kid you not, saved my life! Although the tank holds a small capacity, it still faithfully shoots out 10 hours of complete bliss & helped with my still recuperating immune system.

I enjoy going on school travels & seeing all the students from the other school sites. Donovan was the coach for Igiugig this year & he really pushed the kids to do their best. At the end of the very short season, our kids were running 5.7 miles at a time, as well as doing workouts at the end of their runs.

Race day came & I wasn't at the starting line to see the kids take off. Instead, I was standing at the very end of the course, surrounded by cones. My job was to show the runners which direction to go in. I was dropped off 20 minutes before the race even began & the cold winds & frosty morning was literally chilling my bones! I ended up walking over to the shrubs, stomping down on the grass, & sitting in my little windbreaker. I only left my shelter when the athletes were approaching. When the runners were coming by I would tell them their times as well as words of encouragement. I didn't get the excitement of seeing the runners cross the finish line, but I am glad I was still able to see the race & help out. Our runners, Gregory, Tia, Dolly Ann, & Fewnia all did a great job.

On Sunday morning, our plane arrived at 8 AM. Tiredly, we all jumped on, excited to go back home. After taking a short nap, I awoke to a new found energy. By 11 I had dinner all prepared & tossed in the crockpot. I wanted to enjoy the beautiful Sunday afternoon outdoors. Donovan, Avery, & I dressed in our warm gear, hopped in the boat, & went across the river to pick high bush cranberries. After spending over an hour, the waves started to swell & were pushing our skiff onto the beach, so we decided to head back home. I was still in berry picking mode & knew of a spot that had several berry bushes. While walking through the trees, I found a tree that was knocked over & a squirrel took advantage by stockpiling the hollowed out tree with berries. Since I have been home, I have been busy cleaning up my disastrous pre school area as well as the ballroom, organizing, & putting together furniture & lesson plans. I am excited to start pre school on October 6<sup>th</sup> with my four students: Avery, Dawson, Erika, & Mackenzie. I will keep all of you updated on our pre school adventures.

## Congratulations Karl Hill!

During the October 4th annual Bristol Bay Native Corporation (BBNC) meeting, the residents of Igiugig waited on pins and needles for the results of the election to the Board of Directors. The main purpose of the annual meeting is to elect four Directors for three-year terms ending in 2017 or until successors have been elected. There are 530,370 voting shares of BBNC Common Stock issued that are entitled to vote, and owned by about 9,494 shareholders. "Bristol Bay Native Corporation Board of Directors is made up of 12 individuals elected by shareholders to guide the corporation. This diverse group of individuals is united by its common mission to protect and manage the assets of the Corporation to benefit the shareholders through consistent growth and increasing profitability while promoting the heritage of its shareholders and their descendants" ([www.bbnc.net](http://www.bbnc.net)).

Igiugig's very own Karl Hill was elected, our first representation from the Lake Iliamna region in a long long time. Below, he poses with his older brother Bill Hill.



## Ole man winter

Continued

that including picking a few gallons of black berries. Hunting for black berries this season has become quite the adventure its self. Several residents, Tanya included, have traveled far and wide just searching for those sweet low lying berries on the ground. Tanya can tell you where she got hers in her article.

Last but not least, you can enjoy the pictures towards the end of the newsletter and see how your favorite person has grown or what they have been doing this past month. Finally, I would like to say huge congratulations to our very own, Karl Hill. He has won the seat on the Bristol Bay Native Corporation, representing our regional area. Congratulations Mr. Hill, may you succeed I am proud to have you as our voice at the board.

One last note, I would like to say a big thank you to Marisa Hobson and her family. Marisa has served our community as our health aide for nearly over a year. Your service that you have provided to our community has been substantial . Your presence will be missed but we wish you the best of luck in your next chapter of your life, may it be full of family, love, and adventure. Good luck!

# Bulk fuel farm training

By Ida Nelson

In September I attended The Bulk Fuel farm training at Avtec in Seward. The training was a very good learning experience. The training itself was paid for by the State of Alaska and Alaska Energy Authority. Out of the 12 students that signed up for the class only 9 arrived in Seward. After being processed through orientation I discovered that I was the first female to sign up for the class. After completing the class I knew then I would be making history after graduation. I was housed at the new dorms and meals were provided. Classes started every morning at 8:30 A.M. and ended 3:30 P.M., Monday to Friday, no classes on weekends.

Our instructor Eric had a monotone voice, therefore it was difficult in the morning to pay attention for the first few days of class. After adjusting my dose of coffee in the morning before class it was much easier to pay attention. For this is very important to everyday life of learning, coffee.



Me and my class mates with instructor Erick Clock at AVTEC

After reviewing what in the class we were going to learn and mainly stressing the need for safety, we were able to go into detail about managing a tank farm. We toured Shoreside Petroleum and got an idea of how a large facility operates. The part I was mostly interested in was the transferring of fuel and discovering how low technical our farm operates. The area had massive hoses, a digital meter reading, and a little computer saying who was pumping fuel or delivering fuel. Shoreside Petroleum is a very impressive company and a great example to follow. I was very impressed with their operation

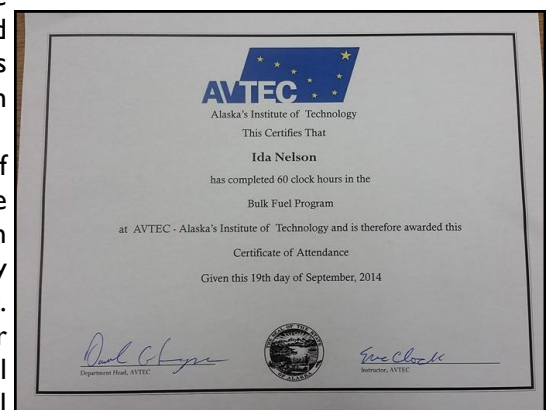
of a bulk fuel farm facility at a much larger scale than ours.

At the end of the first week we started out with 9 students and later on were reduced down to 8. The temptation was too great for one of the students and they were sent home for being under the influence of alcohol. The idea of repaying my council, the State, and AEA did not sound appealing to me and besides I was already in enough debt to begin with. Failing this class was not an option for me.

Our instructor was kind enough to me and a few of my classmates to go berry picking. He had already gathered 5 gallons of blue berries already and was looking to get more. He invited me and a few of my classmates to go picking with him on a Saturday morning. With that in mind, I also had some friends coming down to Seward already for a day trip so I figure I had some time to pick some berries for my children that I left at home. I certainly was out picked by my peers. I was proud of my gallon and half of berries and when I glanced over at my class mates I was out picked. Between the three of the men, they had a total of 6 gallons compared to my tiny gallon and half. Slightly disappointed with my gathering capabilities I was ready to catch up with my friends that arrived in Seward earlier in the day.

After a day of wandering around Seward and soaking up of the beauty that comes with it, I had to return back to my tiny little dorm and ready for my class on Monday. Being in a class room with all men from various places in Alaska, I was feeling pretty good about the atmosphere of the class room and my instructor. After going over math formulas and having them drilled into our brains, we were able to confidently discover the amounts of fuel in any tanks that were measured. After participating in several labs, I have learned how to make nuts and bolts, along with gas-kets, and how to sound tanks correctly and look for water if any.

As my last week progressed so did my level of understanding for bulk fuel. I watched as my level of understanding of fuel increased, the closer to the day I would actually make history for Avtec and the Bulk fuel farm class. Earning a non-traditional certificate is a big honor for me, my family, and the company I currently work for. I still need to learn a few more tricks to the trade but I am willing to learn. So here is to a successful operation of our very own bulk fuel farm.



My Certificate that I earned



# 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.
- ⇒ We have Eggs & Potatoes! \$4.50 a dozen eggs, free for elders. \$1.50 a pound for potatoes. Available at the hangar!
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ 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.

### Fall Library Hours

Monday– 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

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



**Thank you Renae Zackar for your generous donation! An otter hat made by Renae was sold at the Igiugig gift shop and the proceeds were donated to Igiugig Student Government, THANK YOU RENAE!**

## Igiugig Weather

September 2014

Average Temp: 53.3°F

High Temp: 81.4°F

Low Temp: 23.1°F on September 30th

Average Wind: 5.4mph

High Wind: 64 mph on September 12th

Dom. Direction: North East





Kids taking a break from picking cranberries



Kannon, Erika, Terek, Alex, and Mavrik enjoying the ice museum at Chena hot springs



Kids enjoying the moose feast at Kevin's house



Avery and Erika upset on a picnic



Jocko reading to Katia at Moose camp



Paige stuck on the railing at the store



Handsome Mavrik all decked out





Danni, Shea and Avery all ready to rock and roll



Tess and her friends camping



Tia and Erika



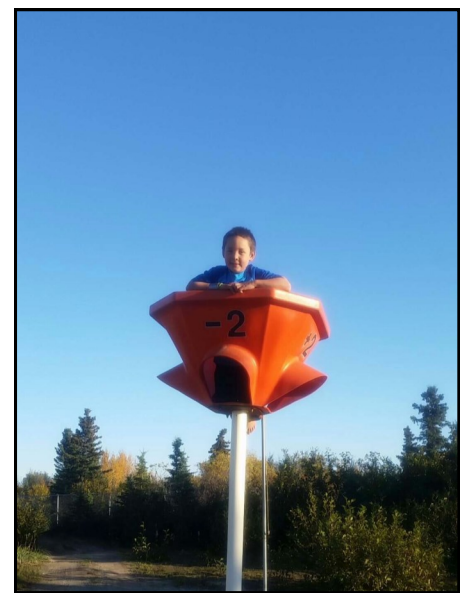
The crowd cheering on the cardboard boat regatta



Katia and her Grumm Mary O enjoying the moose feast



Kaleb with his spruce hen



Keilan taking math to the next level





Christina and Jeff floating the Chena river



Lydia and Katia posing with Fred Ball and the widgeon airplane



Angel happily reunited with her parents Randy and Sandy



Shea, Kiara and Danni showing off their loot of berries



Ruth and Olivia playing in the sand



Simeon swimming back after sinking during the Regatta



Lydia picking berries at the valley



## Igiugig Village Council

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Christina Salmon, Member  
Karl Hill, Member  
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Front Page Photo Credit: Julie Salmon: a small patch of cranberries she found  
Back Page Photo Credit: Tanya Salmon: A squirrel taking the advantage of a broken tree to hold its loot of high bush cranberries

Igiugig Tribal Village Council Newsletter