

# Igiugig News and Notes

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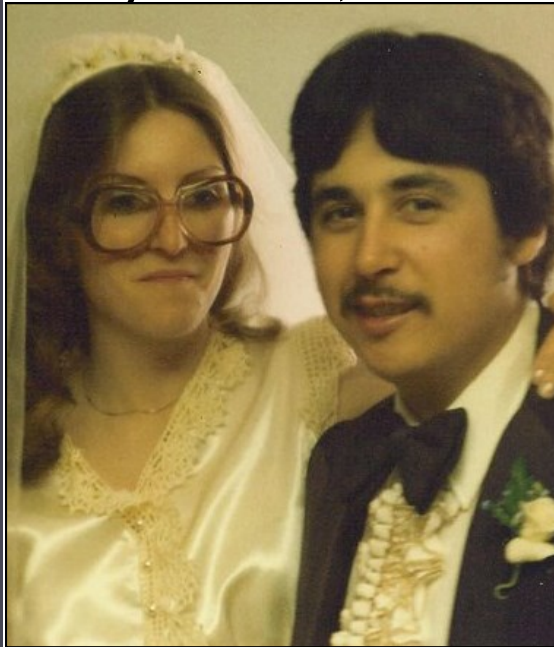
3rd - Aiden Wassillie

8th -Kaleb Hill

23rd- Annie Wilson

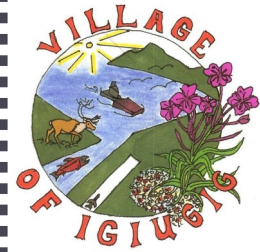
## Sandy Alvarez, Citizen of the Year 2014!

By A. Salmon



In a tiny village of 70, with a tribal government operating all essential services, sometimes the most helpful citizen is one that shows up to work day in and day out, year after year, for nearly three decades. This year IVC decided to recognize, honor, and thank the longest standing IVC employee, our Chief Financial Director, Sandy Alvarez. For 27 years she helped to build this multi-million dollar empire of an organization with integrity, honor, and frugality. She has helped in every capacity possible:

as head-start director before Igiugig had a preschool, as water operator, electric utility clerk, accountant for all IVC business, and secretary of all meetings. She is someone we can turn to for fresh ideas, a history lesson, budgeting advice, or greenhouse tips! On behalf of IVC, and all of our tribal members, thank you for your continual dedication and exemplary citizenship.



## Annual Presidential Report

On Monday, December 22, at 4PM the Igiugig Village Council convened for the annual meeting, election, and Christmas party. Chief Financial Officer, Sandy Alvarez, provided the financial overview for 2014, including BIA funds, fixed assets, and the electric utility. Overall, greenhouse sales doubled from last year, but fuel, electric, rentals, gift shop, etc. stayed fairly constant. In 2014, IVC hired 40 employees in a village population of 64. The local hire rate was 93% and the local wages were 99%.

The President, AlexAnna Salmon, reported how administration and employees work to fulfill the Igiugig Comprehensive Community Strategic Plan and our organizational mission: The Igiugig Tribal Village Council serves Igiugig, a self-sufficient village with strong cultural and environmental values. Our mission is to provide resources, programs, and infrastructure to enhance our quality of life.

2014 was a phenomenal year for the Emergency Services, the local ETT group was recertified, IVC acquired a patient transport vehicle, a firetruck, and rescue boat. It was also a stellar year of renewable energy demonstration projects with the hydrokinetic demonstration successful, the wind power study underway, and the hangar lighting upgrade. It was also a good year for cultural endeavors. The Igiugig Book was completed. A documentary on Mary Olympic is nearly complete. A grant titled, "A Yup'ik Understanding of the Plants Around Us" is underway. In 2015 we would like to create a short cultural play for the students to perform, which depicts the history of our people and the values we live by.

IVC is also looking to add a new tribal administrator, accounting assistant, and new IGAP director for 2015.

Kannon Lee, IGAP Director until January 15, provided a report on current projects and future goals for the environmental program. An Air-Monitoring Project is in progress, involving the installation of monitors in homes to check air quality. A Spill Response Project is a future goal under water quality management, in order to train residents how to respond in the event of an oil spill affecting the river. Solid waste management is a primary focus for next year's budget which is now being finalized. He also recognized our outstanding youth workers who are taking initiative in helping the program.

Next, we heard an annual update from our two subsidiary companies. Christina Salmon, Manager of Iliaska Environmental, reported on Big Mountain ground water sampling and the purchase of a rock quarry—a long term investment of the company. Karl Hill, Assistant Manager of Iliamna Lake Contractors, provided a report on 2014 jobs which included the hydrokinetic project, repairing the Fish and Game landing, management of our local roads program, and the upcoming surface water in-take project. The majority of labor for both subsidiary companies was completed by local workers. The manager of the company, Helene Herndon, is phasing out her involvement in the coming year so ILC is preparing for that transition.

After the formal presentations, Jiles Pourier and Renee Grounds presented certificates and prizes to the seven teams that completed the Christmas Scavenger Hunt. Kannon Lee was recognized and thanked by IVC for his hard work and dedication as our Grants Administrator and Environmental Director the past few years. Sandy Alvarez was selected as the Citizen of the Year 2014. Meeting goes then watched the 2014 Slide Show, produced by April Hostetter, a wonderful photographic year in review.

Door prizes, large and small, were announced throughout the gathering. Tanya provided the Christmas gifts to all the children from the BBNA Angel Tree project.

THANK YOU for another wonderful year serving this community and IVC Board. The RuRAL CAP Board President, Jacqueline Dailey, said it best: "People know it's never just one person or one leader that brings about change for communities. It's all of us working together because we each have a very important role in our communities." This echoes nicely with an important quote from my recent Community Doers trip to Fairbanks, "No one Is More Important than All of Us." And of course, the theme of the AFN Convention this year was Rise as One. Let's carry this message through 2015. Happy New Year!



# Library News!



A community that reads leads to a school that succeeds! In 2014, Igiugig School was recognized as a highest performing school in the state.

In true Igiugig fashion, New Years Eve was spent at a library event: Winter Games 2014. At 7PM we gathered to compete for the 2014 winners in both community and individual games. The community games were Eskimo Bingo, regular Bingo, a “banned word” competition, and “guess how many M&Ms?” Julie Salmon was the main Bingo winner. Karl and Alicia tied for the bracelet-stealing “banned word” game; “No” was the banned word, and Karl turned into a “yes-man” just to claim the win. David won



The preschool class!

the jar of M&Ms.

Meanwhile, individual games were underway; one group commenced “Apples-to-Apples”, the Hostetter sisters tried “Othello” and Kevin and I were in heated games of Cribbage.

Event goers were encouraged to bring snacks or a dessert to share. However, Martha and Jocko brought a feast, so we all enjoyed ham, potatoes, pomegranates, soup, brownies, assorted cheeses, and other delectable entrees.

On New Year’s Eve it finally snowed! After the event ended at 9PM, people carried on in the parking lot in a grand snowball fight. The kids were ecstatic for snow. I dodged several snowballs just getting to the truck! The young and old frolicked in the snow.

Thirty-six people joined in the fun, which was nearly the whole community since some folks were out of town for the holiday.

In 2015, we hope to hold more regularly library events for the community to enjoy.



Christina led Eskimo Bingo for the community.

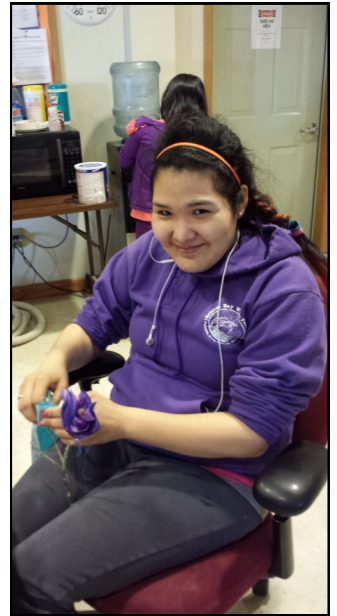


There were seven group winners of the Christmas scavenger hunt.

# January, February, March

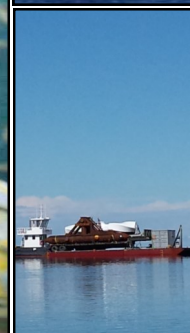
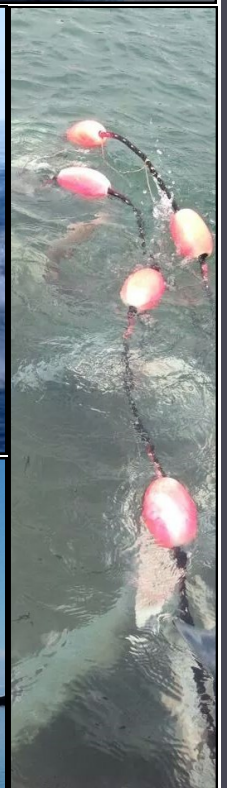
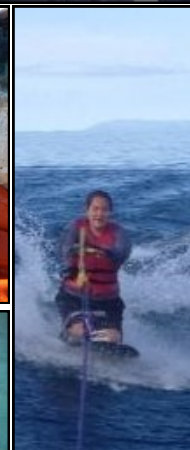
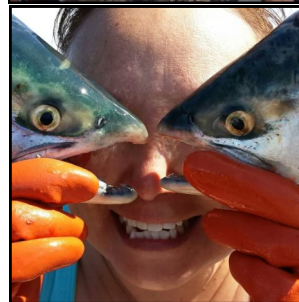


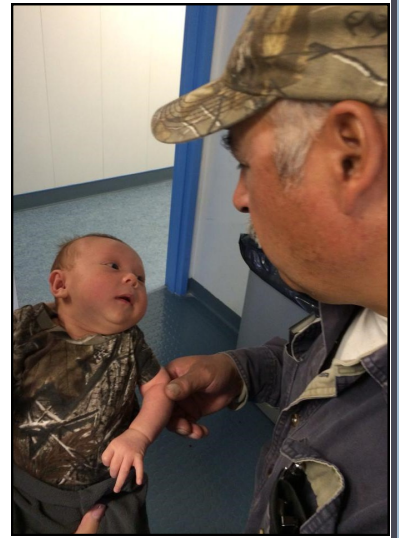
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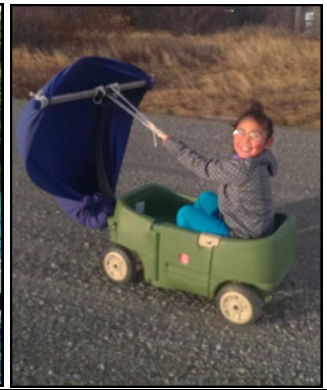
# October, Nov. & Dec.





**REMEMBER In Igiugig We:**

- ⇒ Keep our Dogs Tied up or on a Leash.
- ⇒ Turn Off Lights when leaving a public building.
- ⇒ Recycle: #1 to #7 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.
- ⇒ Contribute to the Newsletter! Send photos, news, important events to Ida: nelsoni-da2901@gmail.com
- ⇒ Love Our Village! Join Igiugig Village Info Zone on Facebook if you haven't already.

**Igiugig Weather**

December 2014

Average Temp: 32.2\*

High Temp: 51 on the 3rd

Low Temp: 11\* on the 21st

Average Wind: 8.4 MPH

High Wind: 83 MPH on the 29th

Dom. Direction: EastNorthEast

Winter Library Hours

Monday– Friday:

3:00pm to 5:00 pm

Saturday:

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Igiugig General Store

Store Hours: Monday to Saturday

4:00 PM to 5 PM

## Igiugig Village Council

**AlexAnna Salmon, President & Administrator**  
**Randy Alvarez, Vice President**  
**Kevin Olympic, Member**  
**Christina Salmon, Member**  
**Karl Hill, Member**  
**Sandy Alvarez, Director of Accounting & Finance**  
**Tanya Salmon, Social Services Director & Librarian**  
**Kannon Lee, IGAP Director**  
**Ida Nelson, Tribal Clerk & Newsletter Editor**  
**Renee Grounds, Grant Administrator**  
**Jiles Pourier, Tribal Clerk**

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