

Igiugig News and Notes



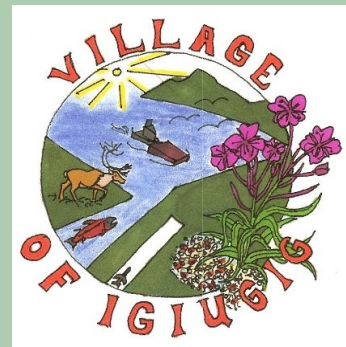
Happy Trails

By Ida Nelson

Winter feels like it has been long gone. Aside from that, AlexAnna's 411 in the 533 can update you on our busy little village that's been patiently waiting for spring. Tia has an update on all of the schools fund raising efforts and also mentions a new way to donate to the school. Thank you to everyone's efforts in donating and participating in fund raising events, we appreciate it very much! Even with the lack of snow on the ground you can find people ice fishing above Glens on the lake or below the airstrip. Simeon wrote a report in the School Swarm. Tatyana has written an article on whom she would like to mentor and they are from a small village called Pope-Vannoy, read more about it in her article. Warm, cold, windy, calm, snow, sunshine and rain — the weather has lost its ability to stay constant. Fewnia noticed and she can tell you more about our weather in her article. Our No-See-Ums 3 man basketball team has been waking up at 6 in the morning for practices, hosting scrimmages during gym time, and all that work led up to the 3-man basketball jamboree in Levelock. Dolly has more details about the jamboree in her article in the school swarm. If you have not checked out what the primary class has been doing, I have entered in a few pictures and captions along with their stories. So darn cute I tell you. Our New IGAP Coordinator, Stacy, has been busy this past month and she can update you on her activities in her report. What type of promotion is the Bristol Bay Health Corporation doing? Not sure why people are wearing "spawn safely" shirts? Check out the Clinic report and find out more information. Last but not least read latest announcements and pictures of local interest. Spring will officially be here soon and hunting will begin. Happy trails!

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March Birthdays:

3rd - Martha Crow
 10th - Lydia Olympic
 21st - Jon Salmon
 24th - Terek Anelon
 26th - Jeff Bringhurst
 28th - Lukas Zackar



By AlexAnna Salmon

February 18th was the most stressful day I've endured in a long time. The 3rd/4th grade team that I coached was battling at the state level for Battle of the Books. They practiced so hard, determined to win for Lake and Peninsula School District. Each battle was 32 questions long, and we advanced to the second round. Altogether, it took nearly 5 hours, and Team Awesomeness performed at their best. We took 7th place out of 37 districts!

The day after, I flew to Anchorage and attended another gathering of the Salmon Project, followed by a screening of *The Breach* hosted by the United Tribes of Bristol Bay. At the Salmon meeting, I learned that the Christmas tree for the Capitol is coming from the Chugach National Forest. This is the first tree to come from Alaska, so to participate, we will make salmon-inspired ornaments starting this fall.

Our CDBG application through the Lake and Peninsula Borough for the repair of the Bulk Fuel Farm was funded – quyanavva Renee! This project will be completed either this summer, or next spring, depending on when the permitting allows. On March 1st Renee also submitted a grant to the Alaska Native Fund for “Salmon and Survival in Bristol Bay” to work with the school students to create an educational play about the history and worldview of the Igyararmiut that can be shared with the community, tourists, and abroad during the trip to New Zealand.

Renee's expertise is language revitalization. On March 4th, she submitted a very large and thorough grant to Administration for Native Americans to begin Yup'ik Immersion in Igiugig, to revitalize the Lake Iliamna dialect. If awarded, our tribe will enjoy three years of a funded immersion program focused on up to five residents participating in a Master-Apprentice program with the elders. Curriculum will be developed for the apprentices to begin daily classes with children from birth to first grade since they learn the language the quickest. Community classes will also be scheduled. With or without the grant funding, if our people value our language, the time is now to act on revitalizing it because our first generation speakers are aging.

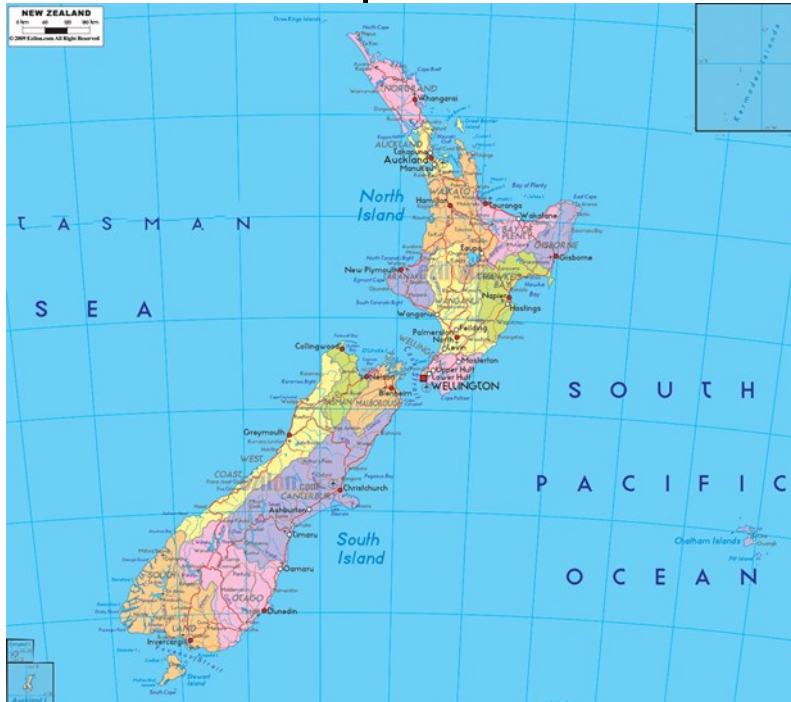
From March 2-6 I was fortunate to be invited to an “Our Ways of Life” lock-in at Bethel Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center hosted by First Alaskans Institute. Nine catalyzers including Troy Eid, Chair of the Indian Law and Order Commission which published “Roadmap for Making Native America Safer,” Akiak Native Community, about how their community and region have been protecting Native fishing rights, and Emil Notti, an accomplished Alaska Native leader who chaired every hearing of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. They provided empowering and enlightening presentations to launch the futures visioning process. I learned that in 1980, the minority made up 23% of Alaska's population and 19% of eligible voters. In 2014, the minority made up 37.8% and 32.77% of eligible voters. By year 2040, the minority (in which Alaska Natives are the overwhelming majority) will make up 57.2% and 52.4% of eligible voters and that demographic trend will continue. We were tasked with questions such as “What are we going to do with this power?” What are paradigms in Alaska that need to be changed? We broke into focus groups on Language, Schools, Hunting/Fishing/Gathering, Justice, Spirituality, Tribal/Federal/State relationships to envision what our world will look like in 2040, and identify what immediate, strategic, and visionary actions to take now to get there. What happens if we don't do anything? And what does our culture in perpetuity look like?

On our final day, it was learned a highly respected Yupiaq Chief John Paul died. His message at the 2014 Elders and Youth Conference was: “Pass our language on. It's our strength. It's our identity.” I feel the urgency. I would like to begin with adding Yugestun to our local signage, and the newsletter. I am not living in Igiugig for the quiet peacefulness, although that is nice. I am not living here for the glamorous high paying job – that has not surfaced yet. I am not living here because of my extended family, although I love them dearly and I am glad they are my neighbors. I am living here because I want my four kids to be secure in their heritage, confident in their identity, and to receive a solid education that includes both an indoor and outdoor classroom. Igiugig is truly a unique community, and we can accomplish anything we put our minds to. Taa-i

School Swarm

New Zealand Trip

By Tia Hobson



We the Igiugig students are attempting to go to New Zealand for a village trip on or near the 26th of December of this year. We are planning to be coming back on January 8th. The first week we are there we will be doing a cultural exchange with host schools, then the second week will be a free week. We've been working really hard to go to New Zealand all year long. The students and the adults have been doing fundraising. We asked some people from other villages and airplane pilots for donations. Everyone is getting really excited for the trip at the end of the year. Our goal is to earn \$50,000 and we currently have \$36,000. Renee Grounds has been working really hard to get us there. She has been calling and asking people for donations. She has been looking for places for us to stay when we get there. She has been writing grants.

We'll also have a store open during the summer. We are trying our best to get to New Zealand this year.

If you would like to donate to the Igiugig Student Fund visit the following link.

<https://co.clickandpledge.com/sp/dl/default.aspx?wid=95899>

Fishing Report

By Simeon Zackar



Renae with her niece Ruth and her catch

My name is Simeon the fishing report is that people down by glens has been luck, they been catching rainbows. The only person who caught a rabbit this year was me. Maybe there are not much rabbits because there is no snow. I only saw one this year and that's the one I killed. The fish are big that were caught at glens. When my Mom and me went fishing down by glens there was a rainbow too big to fit through the hole, then my Mom called me to go and get it and I pulled it out and it was big. There also fishing around the river they have been having luck down there Aiden caught one. Terrik and Deanne caught lots of fish. there was no caribou around. This is your hunt and fish report by Simeon Zackar.

School Swarm

Survival

By Tatyana Zackar



Uncle Jim transporting Igiugig's new patient transport vehicle by barge

If you were given the chance to mentor any one in the world dead or alive who would it be, and how would you do it? Would you work for them for free? In this essay, I'm going to tell you about two people who are like one, who I would want as mentors.

The people who I would be mentored by would be my Great aunt and uncle, Marlene and Jim Tilly. They live about 15 miles North East of Kokhanok in a place called Pope-Vannoy, they are living happily there. In the summer months Jim barges or commercial fishes, while Marlene puts up fish. In the Winter Months they hunt, trap, and tan furs.

In the summer I would want to learn how to run a barging business by going with my uncle Jim

and his barge crew around and help them do what ever they do. I did that once with them, but I never really helped I just went along with them to Kokhanok to get orders for propane, and another time to Pedro Bay to pick up the Igiugig ambulance. If he goes Commercial fishing then I would want to go with him to learn about commercial fishing.

In the winter, I would go to Pope-Vannoy during winter break and help out and follow them around. I want to learn how to hunt wolves, target practice, learn how to set traps, and learn what kind of bait different animals are attracted to. I would also help get wood when they need it.

My aunt Marlene and Uncle Jim are two very successful people in my opinion, because they are living happily out in the wilderness. I think that a lot of the knowledge about living in the bush is going away, that's why I want to learn how to live in a place similar to where they live. I would love living in a place like that.



Aunt Marlene setting a trap

Crazy Weather

By Fewnia Zharoff

This winter has been weird. It started out being warm and windy. There have only been a couple inches of snow here and there. With all the snow combined this year I think we only got two feet of snow. But it all just melts away by wind or rain.

It has been dry, rainy and some snow cover. Maybe the berries won't grow so good this year because low snow cover. I hope the berries will grow good this year though. It has been cold enough to go ice-skating on ponds. People have been going ice fishing at Sportsman's Access Trail Island and near Glens.

The river froze this year, but now it is open. It only was frozen for a little while. Up to date snowfall in Anchorage is 19.4 inches. But it usually snows 53.9 inches. This was updated on February 22nd. They even moved the Iditarod start to Fairbanks because of no snow in Anchorage.

This year for basketball when we tried to go to Levelock the weather was bad and the runways were all soupy because of rain. I think everyone got mad besides Tia about not leaving. But we got to leave the next Monday. We also had to practice for a whole other week. I didn't mind it. I didn't mind this winter because of the weather. I am excited for spring and summer. But then I also don't mind winter because it is fun in snow. Have a great spring everyone.

School Swarm

Basketball

By Dolly Zharoff

This year basketball season was fun. Tony was our coach and the people in basketball were Fewnia, Kaleb, Tia, Tatyana, and I. We had good practices during the week and on weekends. Basketball season started in January, and the trip was to Levelock during February, Monday 16th to Thursday the 19th.

Tony had us practice our lay ups, handling the ball, screens, different plays, our free throws, three point shots, running, jumping, rebounding for the ball, boxing out, and other important basketball skills. The community also helped us out a lot by showing up to gym night and scrimmaging with us and purchasing from our school store, which we No-See-Ums are really grateful to have their contribution and support.

During the meet in Levelock we had many fun events during those four days. There were basketball games, community service that involved walking around the village picking up trash. There was also a diabetes walk, icebreakers (which is what we call the games everyone does together), relay races, basketball contests where we did free throw shots, three pointer shots, and dribbling the ball threw your legs while walking.

Egegik Bears won the districts; they played a really good game against Perryville. The all tourney awards were given to: Tia Lynn, Kaleb, Peter, Jerome, Erik, Ethan, Abby, Jacey, Seantay and Angel. Good Sportsmanship awards were given to the Kokhanok Warlords, and included Warren, Lyza, Shaylin, and Michael.



GO No-See-Ums!



Egegik Bears the Districts Champions



The Diabetes walk

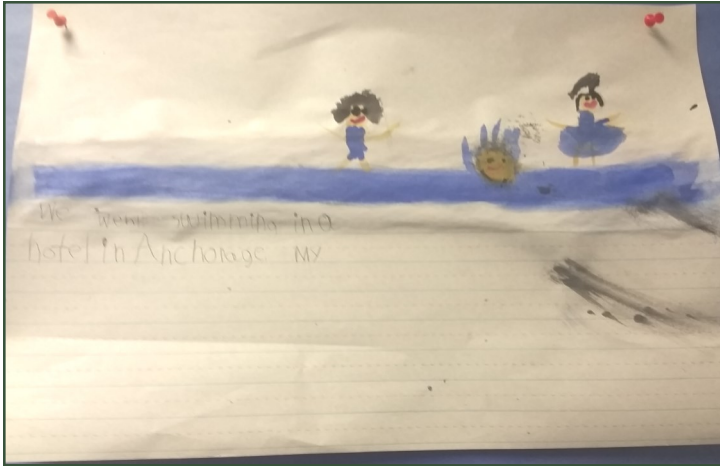


The all tourney awards recipients

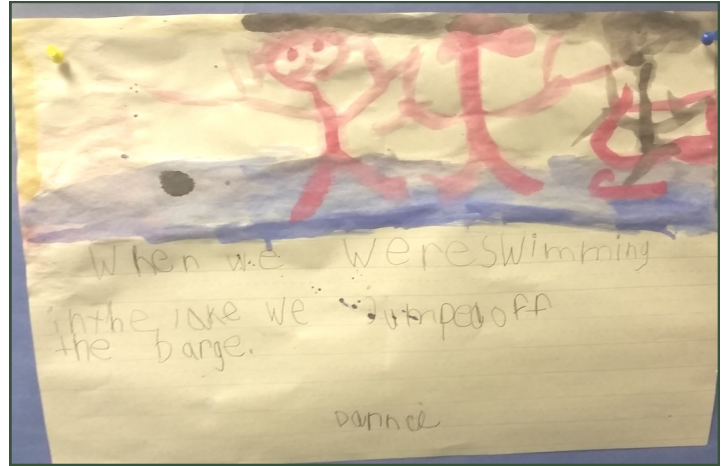
Everyone at the meet did really great, all the basketball players played really hard, the people hosting the event and the volunteers to help them out did a really good job. They kept us fed, hydrated, provided us a place to sleep and school clean for everybody.

School Swarm

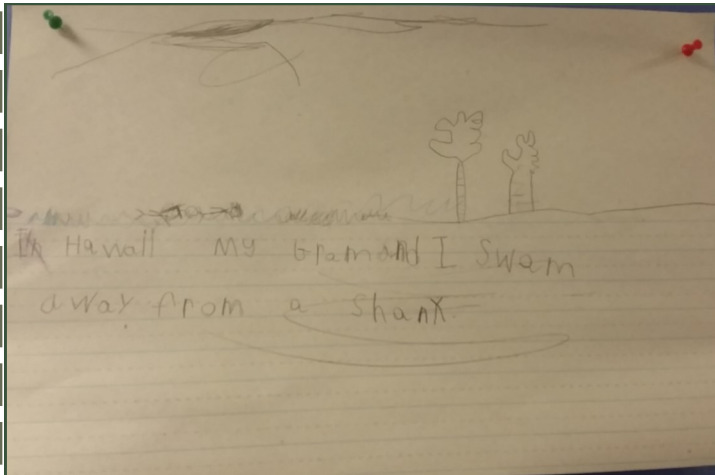
Below are stories along with pictures and stories made by our primary class: Jon Alvarez, Dannika Wassillie, and Shealayla Nelson.



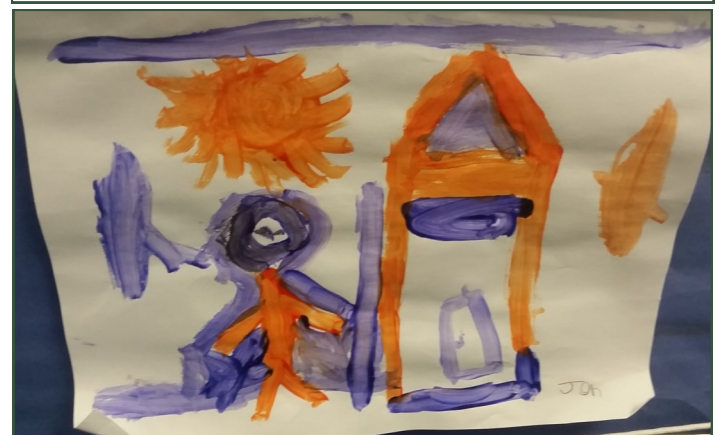
"We went swimming in a hotel in Anchorage" by Danni



"When we were swimming in the lake we jumped off the barge." by Danni



"In Hawaii my gram and I swam away from a shank (shark)," by Jon



There is a wall. The sun was setting. And it was dark already. It got sunny again. He was blocked on Sunday. It was dark again. And the wall was still there. He was not blocked. And the sun was down. A wolf came and attacked his house. He was safe with his wall. There was another sun. There was two suns. The wolf was behind hi and he was safe in his block. The wolf would get hurt if he touched the block. The wolf died. Then a friendly wolf came. The bad wolf came and they had a fight. Then the friendly wolf wins. The man came out safe. He petted the friendly wolf. And then the wall came apart. He washed his hand when he was touching the friendly wolf. And then the blue sky came and then the sun was gone and it was raining. Sun came back. And the man went into his house, and so did the wolf. And then the man died and so did the wolf. And then the man got a new body and came back to earth. And then the wolf got a new body too. And then God let them die. By Jon.



At sunset the queen turns into a wolf. She hunts for eat. She buries some bones from a deer. A golden flower grows when the sun comes up. That's' when her time is done. By Shealayla

Clinic News!

Hi Everyone.

We have some Spawn Safely T-shirts and water bottles at our clinic and we would like to increase our STD testing. The testing will be available when we have a traveling itinerant health aide or another provider in the village. Meanwhile here are some tips to think about:

- Each person should have an HIV test at least once in their lifetime and repeated if they have changed partners.

- Sexually active people should be tested for Gonorrhea and Chlamydia at least once a year and again if they change partners.

We are encouraging testing and will give a T-shirt or water bottle to anyone who gets STD testing. If we don't have any more shirts, we can email BBAHC with your name and address and your a shirt or water bottle will be mailed directly to you.

BBAHC has started a "Spawn Safely Monday" where employees wear the Spawn Safely T-shirt. Please contact the clinic if you have questions about the program 907-533-3207

Untreated STD's can cause:

- Pain
- Infertility
- Infections in other parts of your body
- Complications in babies if their mothers are untreated

STD rates in Bristol Bay are higher than Alaska's rates...

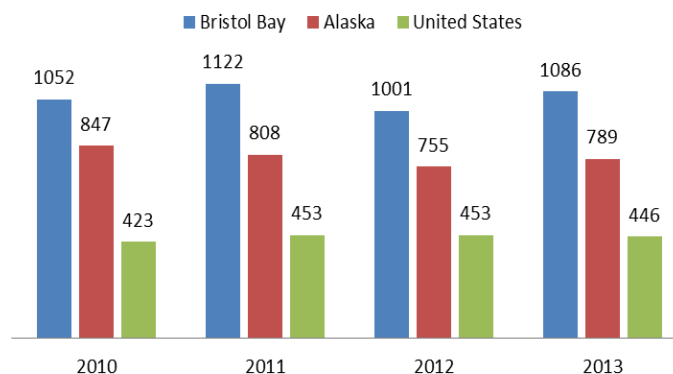
And they are getting higher



"our people: we are responsible for ourselves and others"

-Traditional Alaska Native Value

Chlamydia rates per 100,000



IGAP News

By Stacy Hill

Wow! I have only been IGAP Director for 1 month and I have learned a lot! We are busy with our scrap metal backhaul project. Thank you Lake and Peninsula Borough for funding a much need project to fly out our scrap metal. Please let us know if you have anything in your yard that needs to be sent out.

I have been working with the school kids two days a week on our recycling program. Please remember to place all of your non-burnables outside the hanger in the white bins. The kids will sort it when the bins are full.

I have also ordered all of our seeds for our beautification project. We plan to grow flowers to plant around the community. Our goal is to have our village looking fabulous! The students will be planting them soon and would love to have community involvement.

I had the opportunity to attend a one day session on Rural Alaska Landfill Training. I learned the basics of operating a landfill, permitting, and the collection program.

I am excited about all the opportunities our community has going on right now and looking forward to keeping the kids involved with all that we are doing. I see the pride they are developing with all the hard work they are putting in. When we all work together we can accomplish great things!



The Scrap metal at the landfill



Kaylee holding two bags of dog food.



Renee and Jiles presented to the Elementary Class about Yuchi and Lakota cultures and also the Trail of Tears



Avery and Danni with Aiden fishing down at the end of the air strip with Keilan in the background.



Going on "false spring" walk



Annie and Lydia during the Valentines day dinner at the school



The kids ready to go ice skating



Danni and Jon fishing



Taty and Olivia fishing



Kaleb and Ethan of Egegik during the basketball Jamboree in Levelock



Renee and Jiles spent Valentines day in Dillingham



Danni and her coach (mom)



Danni and Shea riding off to the Valentines day dinner



Kiara and Fewnia at black fish lake



Team Awesomeness: Walt, Ella, Keilan, and Aiden during state battle of the books



Karl and Stacy



Mackenzie's 4th birthday



Terek and Mavrik going for a walk

Announcements

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

Save the date!

March 12th to the 16th

Kokhanok Carnival

Last day to file for your PFD is March 31st! If you have not filled yours out come to office for paper applications or we can assist you on filling one out online.

Igiugig Weather

February 2015

Average Temp: 24.7*

High Temp: 61* on the 26th

Low Temp: -19.3* on the 6th

Average Wind: 7 MPH

High Wind: 68 MPH

Dom. Direction: NorthNorthEast

Days below freezing 22 & below Zero

7 days

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.
- ⇒ 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:
nelsonida2901@gmail.com
- ⇒ Love Our Village! Join Igiugig Village Info Zone

The Igiugig Student Government is selling new items at the gift shop!

***Zip-up hooded sweat-ers \$50.00**
Colors: Black and Gray
sizes from S-XL

Help us get to New Zealand

***Additional pull over sweaters along with Youth sizes of Orange Youth size s-XL**

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

Congratulations to our 3rd and 4th graders in the Battle of the Books. They took 7th place overall during state. Good job Readers and coach!

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