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A hunting we will go...

By Ida Nelson



Ida's little last family picture

August flew by quickly! looking for berries and cleaning out freezers it is already time to ready your guns and get your moose and caribou permits for the hunting season is upon us. Daylight is getting shorter and shorter each day, but that does not mean Igiugig has not slowed down a bit. You can catch up with what has been happening in the 411 in the 533 and welcoming Byron Nicholai of Toksook Bay who came

and taught us some dance songs and composed a few for our cultural exchange trip to New Zealand in December. I said good bye to the boys I fostered this summer, and our life has gotten even busier than I imagined with school starting and still cooking at man camp: my life is full.

A huge congratulations to the Igiugig Village Council for receiving an \$857,979 grant for Yup'ik Language Program which is to create new speakers of the Lake Iliamna dialect of the Yup'ik language; Renee will give you more info in her article. She also wrote about Igiugig's grant for the Greenhouse and Wilds foods project.

While you are patiently waiting for hunting moose and caribou, you can also subsist for high bush cranberries and Renae Zackar has a wonderful article in the Plant of the Month. Summer Reading Club was a huge success and you can read all the stats in the Library News and after that check out all of your favorite people and announcements.



September Birthdays:

1st - Aj Gooden
6th - Jonathan Alvarez
10th - Sandy Alvarez
20th - Olga Zackar
23rd - Karl Hill
27th - Angel Alvarez

471 IN THE 533

By AlexAnna Salmon



I participated in the “Baby Salmon Live Here” campaign, and my one-year old Boy loved the day at the beach looking for fish!

As we transition from sockeye fishing to silvers; from salmonberries to blackberries; from summer vacation to school, operations in Igiugig are still full tilt.

Farewells and Welcomes

At the end of summer, it was time to say goodbye to David and Ciara, our beloved WWOOFERS who brought so much light and laughter, help and humor to our operations. Someday, we hope our paths cross again! In early August we welcomed a new family – David and Natalia Askoak – to the community. She is serving as our second healthaide. Already the kids of Igiugig are ecstatic for new friends! We are so grateful this family has chosen Igiugig as home.

Capital Improvements Update

The Water Storage Tank has been constructed – it boasts the best new view of the Kvichak River from the top. We will be re-installing a waste heat line to the village offices, and the water treatment improvements should be completed by the end of September. The funding has been released for our Bulk Fuel Farm repair – a shoreline stabilization project – to occur. I am still optimistic that the project can move forward this late fall.

Renewable Energy Update

On Monday, August 17th, the hydrokinetic project was toured by Alaska Energy Authority and other esteemed guests. At the same time, Igiugig Village is preparing to sign for the wind conceptual design project, funded by the Renewable Energy Fund. We are also still in the trial period

with our vertical axis wind turbine project, funded by the Moore Foundation – we are working on setting a site visit meeting this fall.

Operation Organization!

As our village operations continue to grow, so does our disorganization! Our connexes are plumb full of boxes and parts in disarray, our hangar space nearly overgrown, and with our scrap backhaul and landfill organization project there is no better time to restore the order! We’ve hired on extra maintenance personnel to help get our vehicles in ship shape condition and to assist with the parts inventory, etc. Before winter sets in, a new recycling centralization point will be made at the landfill.

The Grant Frontier: Cultural Resurgence

By now, perhaps most have heard that IVC was honored to receive a three year ANA language revitalization grant: Wanguta Qanriarait Navarparmiut Yugestun. I will be serving as the Project Director, and due to time commitments, we are actively searching for a new administrator. By October 1st, we hope to fill the position and will keep everyone posted on that effort.

Quyana for all of the community involvement this past month!

Yuraq: Yup'ik Dance Classes with Byron Nicholai

By Renee Grounds



Byron Nicholai of Toksook

Bay

(photo credit: Alaska Dispatch News)

We had a very inspirational week of Yuraq (dance) with Byron Nicholai from August 10th-14th. Byron of Toksook Bay is just 17 years old and is a powerful Yup'ik song composer, singer, dancer, and teacher. We were honored to have him in Igiugig to teach us three songs we can perform as part of our cultural play. Community members of all ages participated in the daily classes and learned a salmon song, no-see-um song, and a reindeer herding song. Kiara said, "I liked how we got to dance to Yup'ik and I learned some words I didn't know before."

Byron is a great role model as a fluent Yup'ik speaker and young culture bearer. He took special time to teach the boys to drum and sing and they responded very well to him. Jon has been singing and dancing ever since the classes. Jeff and the other men also enjoyed learning to drum and sing. Jiles said, "Ever since I first came to Igiugig, I've wanted to sing/dance traditional songs and this was so awesome to finally have in the village."

Byron composed the salmon and no-see-um songs especially for us in Igiugig, incorporating local Yup'ik words. He also taught us the beautiful dances that accompany each song and tell the story of the lyrics (e.g. the no-see-um dance involves slapping bugs!). Sheryl speaks for many of us when she says, "I had the best time native dancing! Byron is one talented, respectful, patient, and all around amazing person. I'm happy I had the opportunity to learn from him."

Byron is becoming quite a celebrity. Earlier this year he was invited to perform at the US Capitol in front of Secretary of State John Kerry, Senator Lisa Murkowski, and Admiral Robert Papp. He is also scheduled to perform for President Obama's delegation to Bristol Bay later this summer. His facebook page, "I Sing. You Dance." has over 18,000 followers and this is only the beginning.

Byron's visit to Igiugig was part of the Alaska Native Fund grant we were awarded to develop a cultural play to share in New Zealand and locally. The play will communicate the local lifestyle, values, and the importance of protecting salmon. Jiles video recorded the classes and is making a tutorial so we can continue practicing the songs. Byron said he really enjoyed his visit here and appreciated the opportunity to see a new part of Alaska. Locals took him out fishing and hosted a potluck in his honor on his last evening. Qu yana, Byron, for sharing your gifts with us! It was the highlight of the summer!

I SING. YOU DANCE.



- 1) Byron leading the Noseeum dance
- 2) Spending time teaching the younger boys the noseeum dance
- 3) Drumming with Aiden and Keil
- 4) Drumming with the men



IGIUGIG RECEIVES \$857,979 GRANT FOR YUP'IK LANGUAGE PROGRAM

By Renee Grounds

Igiugig Village recently received a Language Preservation and Maintenance Grant from the U.S. Administration for Native Americans. Igiugig is among 12 grantees selected nationwide, including organizations across the lower 48, in Hawaii and Guam. The \$857,979 grant will be implemented over the three years of the project with the purpose of revitalizing Yugestun (Yup'ik language) in Igiugig.

The project is titled Wangkuta Qanriarait Nanvarparmiut Yugestun ("We all speak Lake Iliamna Yup'ik") and has a special focus on creating new speakers of the Lake Iliamna dialect of the Yup'ik language. It is estimated that only 23 fluent speakers of this distinct dialect are living today. Through the project, locals will learn to speak Yup'ik and will be trained to teach the language. Community members will be invited to participate in weekly language classes as well as other trainings.

A children's language program will be developed through the grant. Parents, please contact AlexAnna Salmon if you are interested in your children learning the Yup'ik language.

Consultant experts will come to Igiugig to conduct trainings in the most effective language learning methods, such as immersion and the master-apprentice model. In immersion, only the target language (Yup'ik) is spoken. In master-apprentice, language learners ("apprentices") are paired with elder speakers ("masters") and spend time speaking in a natural environment, such as in the home conducting daily tasks in the language.

The Village Council is currently seeking applicants for the Language Apprentice positions in the grant. These positions require a three-year commitment to learning the Yup'ik language, beginning in October. A weekly time commitment of 10-15 hours is required. Duties will include participating in language classes and master-apprentice sessions with elders, as well as other trainings. A willingness to teach children the language is required. Language Apprentices will have the opportunity for advancement to full-time Instructor positions later in the grant. Please contact AlexAnna if you are interested in becoming a Language Apprentice.

Igiugig Village Receives Grant for Greenhouse and Wild Foods Project



Picture of the current green house

Igiugig Village recently received a grant from the First Nations Development Institute of Longmont, Colorado in the amount of \$39,794. This award will support the village greenhouse and a traditional wild foods initiative. The 12-month project focuses on increasing food security and providing local organic foods year-round. Igiugig's remote location makes these efforts critical to the health and nutrition of the village.

Community members will be invited to participate in various aspects of the project, such as harvesting wild foods, assisting in the greenhouse, learning food preservation methods, and attending trainings offered by consultants and local elders. Food pro-

cessing equipment will be purchased to allow residents to safely store subsistence foods for year-round consumption. Grow lights will be installed in the greenhouse to enable the growing of fresh produce throughout the winter months. Youth will have entrepreneurial opportunities by running a traditional food cart, selling foods harvested through the project.

Igiugig Village is one of 15 grantees nationwide in this inaugural year of the Seeds of Native Health grant program from First Nations Development Institute. The Seeds of Native Health campaign is targeted at improving Indigenous nutrition across the country by increasing awareness of nutrition problems and promoting the application of proven best practices.

In Igiugig, this project will impact the community by increasing access to healthy foods and supporting efforts to return to a more traditional diet. This approach will also provide a template for other Alaska Native communities who are interested in regaining food control and promoting independence from outside food suppliers.

As Greenhouse Director, Jeff Bringhurst will be the project director. Renée Grounds will assist as Grants Administrator. They will both attend a mandatory grant training provided by First Nations Development Institute in Santa Fe, NM in September. For more information about the initiative visit firstnations.org/programs/foods-health or seedsofnativehealth.org



A photo of the outdoor garden

Plant of the Month

By Renae Zackar



High bush cranberries

Yupik name: mercuullgpak local dialect sounds like: kitchiughbuk

Scientific name; *Verburnum edule*

Traditional uses: used to make a cranberry flavored drink, boil and mash the juice out of berries then add sugar and cool and drink. It is said that the juice of the highbush cranberry helps with sore throats and make colds go away faster. Also used to make jelly and syrup.



High bush cranberry jelly recipe
Ingredients and needed items: sieve or colander, pot, 9 half pint jelly jars with lids and rims

2 quarts high bush cranberries- some may be unripe will soften when boiled

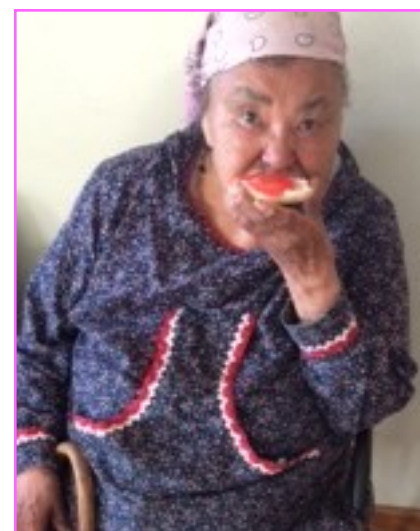
2 cups water

7 cups sugar

6 oz envelope Certo liquid fruit pectin

Bring water and berries to a boil, put berries in colander straining juice back in pot. Mash berries until all of it and pulp you can get is in pot, discard seeds. Heat berry mixture to boiling and add the 7 cups sugar, heat to boiling again stirring constantly. Add fruit pectin heat to boiling again. Have lids boiling in a small pot. Start filling jars with a ladle as fast as possible while mixture is very hot.

Use a fork or spoon and pot holders to get lids out of pot, put lid on jar, put on rim as tight as possible. Then turn jar upside down on clean surface. Continue filling, putting on lids and rims and putting upside down as fast as possible. When all jars have been filled leave them sit upside down for 10 minutes then sit them right side up. Leave them to jell at least 8 hours. If the jelly jars lids don't suck inward and seal then refrigerate and use those jars faster. The ones that seal can be stored in a cool dry place for up to a year.



Summer Reading Club!

By Tanya Salmon

Name	Age Group	Books
Mavrik	0 to 3	336
Atlas	0 to 3	169
Olivia	0 to 3	118
Ruth	0 to 3	118
Katia	0 to 3	208
Rio	0 to 3	146
Erika	4 to 6	255
Avery	4 to 6	282
Calliou	4 to 6	156
Dannika	4 to 6	89
Keilan	7 to 11	1
Kiara	7 to 11	12
Aiden	7 to 11	1
Kaleb	12 to 18	2
Taty	12 to 18	2
Tanya	19 UP	2
Alicia	19 UP	15
AlexAnna	19 UP	1
Christina	19 UP	1
Jeff	19 UP	3
Julie	19 UP	10
Betsy	19 UP	2
TOTAL		2007

Summer Reading Club book totals

Summer Reading Club, Every Hero Has A Story, has come to an end. Thank you to parents, baby-sitters, & guardians for realizing the importance of reading & taking the time out of your busy schedules to read to those who can't. I applaud the kids who took the time out of their summer vacation to open books & to the adults who were role models in their reading habits. Igiugig has become an inspiration for other communities to start their own summer reading club & a tradition that is enjoyed by people of all ages.

We surpassed our goals of reading over 2,000 books. As a result, the community earned a BBQ at the back-to-school potluck, as well as a banana split party! Unfortunately, Avery & I missed the event as we were traveling to Washington, but we sure ran around Anchorage getting all the supplies. I am sorry, but not all books/pages were entered in. I had a set time to turn in books & pages & when people randomly drop them off or text them to me throughout the week, they are often pushed aside & then forgotten about. So, this isn't the actual count, I am sure we

have several hundred more.

Now that school has started again, the library hours have changed from 3 PM-5PM Monday through Friday & from 12:00 PM-2:00 PM on Saturday. Stop by the library & check out new books, return old ones, surf the web, or just give the librarian company. It is a perfect time to get homework done as well & I am always willing to help out with homework.



Terek, Mavrik and Aiden at Big Mt.



Willy, Mackenzie, and Yako enjoying the Back-to-School Potluck, held on August 20.



Chris Branham trying out Taty's fly she tied



Jon and Sandy in Naknek



Sherry, Martha and Sheryl on a boat ride down river



Mavrik getting loves from Gramma Julie



Tanya, Staci, and Avery in Bellingham



Jeff, Kaleb, Keil, Byron, and Aiden on a boat ride



Baby salmon "M" here with Mackenzie



Jeff working on the green house



Inner-tubing on the lake



First day of school: Kiara and Shea



Karl and Kaylee ready for a family wedding.



Ruth and Olivia enjoying their new quspuks made by Renae

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Igiugig Kids to New Zealand!



Show your support by going to this link

GoFundMe.com/igiugigschool

Igiugig General Store
Store Hours: Monday to Saturday
4:00 PM to 5 PM

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 on Facebook if you haven't already.

Winter Library Hours

Monday– Friday:

3:00pm to 5:00pm

Saturday:

12:00pm to 2:00pm

We apologize the weather will be available in next months news letter.
Sorry for the inconvenience.

Important Dates:

September 7th– Labor day

September 8th to the 10th Quspuq making with Michelle Konig

September 12th Pig Feast!

September 23 - Cardboard Regatta at ManCamp Lake

September 24-25 - Cross Country Meet in King Salmon

Clinic News

The Igiugig Emergency On-Call # is: 907-533-6020.

If you have an emergency you can call the Nilavena Emergency On-Call PA phone at 907-444-4588 for the Physicians Assistant on duty.

Have a happy and safe subsistence season!

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Front Page Photo Credit: Sheryl Wassillie: Fireweed in full bloom
Back Page Photo Credit: Eileen Nelson: Picture of black/blue berries she picked

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