

## Are you Ready?

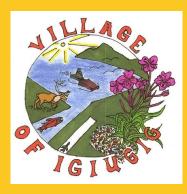
By Ida Nelson

The days are getting shorter and work just keeps getting longer. Hopping from one item to the next and taking care of business like leaves falling off the trees this fall. Changing colors and changing hats of responsibility seems to go hand in hand. Slow by slow the lodges are sending off their clients and bidding them a good year! Thanks for coming we love you and come again next year.

A few fleeing moments of first snow fall and winter is just right around the corner. AlexAnna has an amazing article with a once in a lifetime and unforgettable moment with President Obama and her last 411 in the 533 as she enters a new chapter as the project coordinator for the Yup'ik Language program manager. My family and I have taken a trip on the Alaska train and Kiara wrote a wonderful article on our trip down to Seward. Karl, Christina, Stacy and Nate had a working adventure at Big Mountain for sampling and you can read their successful sampling story. I would like to welcome Joel and Jacqueline Jacko of Pedro Bay. Joel is our new village Administrator hired on by our village council. Stop by the office and say hello and introduce yourself to him. You'll find his wife working with our kids at the school and filling in where ever it is needed. Welcome to Igiugig! ORPC's RivGen® had a successful season as well as it was deployed the beginning of the summer and removed this fall. Susy Kist has a wonderful update for you about the RivGen® as well. It has been a long busy month however I would like to welcome the David Askoak II and family to our village; Natalia is a trained CHA-I and moved here with her family from Levelock. Please make them feel welcomed when you see them around the village. Stacy, our IGAP coordinator has given us an update on our continuing efforts on scrap metal back haul and Sheryl wrote a wonderful article on modern Qaspeq sewing with Michelle Konig, Jeff took his family down to Port Heiden and the kids wrote an awesome article on their trip and it involves something shiny and stinky as well. After catching up on all of that please enjoy looking at your favorite people and read the announcements.

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# October Birthdays:

9th - Felicia Jones 24th– Joel Jacko 27th - Dallia Andrew 31st - Yako Nickoli Volume 18, Issue 9

### <u>An Unforgettable Moment in History</u>

By AlexAnna Salmon



2008 Obama supporters on Dartmouth Campus!

"Mr. President, Quyana Tailuten. Igiugig Village is one of 229 in rural Alaska with critical energy issues. Our population is 70, 4 of those being my children, and the village is the best place to raise them.

A small business pays \$1 per kwh yet our electric company operates at a break-even point. We fly fuel in 3,000 gallon increments from over 180 miles away, there are two vendors. The price of oil has plummeted, yet the cost of delivering fuel to isolated Native villages continues to be at an all time high.

Our village is determined to stabilize this cost with clean renewable energy. If we succeed, I'm confident it can be done anywhere on the Planet. Working in partnership, we are integrating proven technologies such as biomass and solar thermal, and testing emerging technologies such as vertical axis

wind and hydro power...."

When the Alaska Native Roundtable leaders divided up pressing issues such as subsistence rights, education, land into trust, co-management of our lands, public safety, etc., I offered to speak on energy. I had no idea that earlier in this historic day, Secretary of State John Kerry broadcasted Igiugig at the GLACIER conference, an international gathering on climate change. Mr. President had Igiugig projects listed in his White House Fact Sheet too. So my rehearsed spiel was probably old news. I ended with my most sincere and genuine "guyanagyaa" for his leadership, and honoring the Government – to – Government relationship with the Tribes of Alaska.

I met Mr. President when he was a Presidential hopeful on Dartmouth campus. I shook his hand then, and it was just as magical as August 31st, 2015. Back then, he said: "When I become President, the Tribes will

meet directly with me." I believed him. Upon graduation, I was elected to the Igiugig Village Council and appointed the President seat - told that with this education, I would be able to speak to the Outside. I come from a village that values education. I come from a village of elders that trust and invest in the youth. I am a product of 10,000+ years of survival on this landscape, and the ingenuity inherent in that history. I come from a community where adults look after the well-being of all children. I come from a proud place, where we are encouraged to dream and driven to do our best, yet get raised up when fallen. This is my home, that is us, and I carry that in my heart wherever I go, and with whomever I meet.

On August 31, it was The President of the United States, and it wasn't happenstance. Standing on the shoulders of giants before me, not just from Alaska, but all of Indian Country across America, I could appreciate the historic moment of this Nationto-Nation dialogue. The State of Alaska – Governor Walker, Lieutenant Governor Mallott, Senator Lisa Murkowski were invited to listen. Secretary Jewell and head of Indian Affairs, Kevin Washburn, along with the President's top three advisors were AlexAnna was seated to the right of the also present. The fact that we had Tribal leaders, the State, and the Executive Branch, the moment was historic, unprecedented,



President, next to Myron Naneng.

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By AlexAnna Salmon



AlexAnna and Erika, selfie at Snoqualmie Falls

The band Green Day has a song called "Wake Me Up When September Ends." This month brought the most action-filled month, and some of the largest transitions Igiugig has experienced in quite some time – things we have discussed for years that finally happened, all at once! More than once I sighed deeply, "Couldn't I just wake up after this is all over with!?"

In June, the Iliamna Lake Villages passed a resolution to move all our health services to the Southcentral Foundation (SCF). BBAHC has a policy stating this could take up to a year to transition, and we thought it would conclude by April 2016. However, in September they issued a letter stating all service would be terminated by October 1. This involved our council flying to Anchorage to meet with SCF and Indian Health Service to determine our level of funding and how the transition would take place. This transfer of services, something we discussed for a decade, occurred within a 30 days notice.

If that wasn't enough, for the last four years I have served as the only certified Public Water System Operator. It is my hope and dream that another villager will alleviate this duty by December 2015 when the provisional expires. With our new Water Treatment Plant granted an "Interim Approval to Operate," we had until September 30 to turn in a multitude of paperwork to ensure a smooth transition. For example, now that we have moved to surface water from groundwater, our approved sampling plan had to be re-done. I needed to file a new SOC

Waiver for the new system. And we are still working out the details of the new monitoring summary. We were able to have an initial system introductory training, and I was happy to see a handful of community members learning how to operate the system. The new system has triple the amount of monitoring since we are going back to chlorinating water. This project had been awarded ~2007 and

is finally coming to a closure. A big "thank you" to Sheryl for helping with all of the paperwork, and for her interest in getting licensed!

While this was all happening, it was time to hire a new administrator – Joel Jacko, ending a job I have done for seven years. It was also our Fiscal Year End, with a lot of vendors asking for final billings, etc. We hired 5 language apprentices: Sheryl Wassillie, Ida Nelson, Christina Salmon, Terek Anelon, and Alicia Zackar. We met with a potential Language Mentor who would move to Igiugig during the winter semester and teach full time language immersion. The Project Coordinator, Renee Grounds, established two October language workshops which we will report on next month. We ordered all the office supplies needed for our "Language Office" which is the VPSO office. During this time, we juggled the kids so that Terek could help with the removal of the hydrokinetic RivGen device. On some days, Erika had to Co-Captain Chulyen while Mavrik accompanied me to Borough meetings. The highlights of September were attending a good friends wedding in Seattle, watching the freezing cold Cardboard Boat Regatta and my sister sinking our "Sailor Boy" vessel, and watching my teenagers compete in the Cross Country Meet in Naknek, Alaska. I am so beyond excit-



Terek and co-captain Erika on the Chulyen

ed to begin this next chapter in my work life, and I hope the village enjoys the new administrator and our language program! This will conclude my column called "the 4-1-1 in the 5-3-3" and it will turn into a Yugestun update! Piuraa!!!

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# Riding Alaska's Train

By Kiara Nelson



Shea and Kiara waiting to get on the train at 5 am.

We had to wake up at five in the morning; my mom was up by four-thirty. I packed my small, purple shoulder bag with: some snacks, money, a book, and my math, ready to go to Seward. We caught a cab and drove to downtown, Anchorage to the train station. When we arrived, my mom paid the cab driver ten dollars. I entered the train station, it was pretty big, and we waited in line to get our train tickets. The line was short but seemed longer than I thought it would be. We got our tickets and sat on the bench, I looked to my right to see a small coffee stand. My eyes bulged and asked my mom if we could get some coffee. We went over there and bought coffee, a muffin, chocolate milk, and hot cocoa. The hot and muffin was for Shea.

We waited an hour, tired and eager to board the train. I saw a penny roller where you have to have two quarters and

a penny then crank it and there you have it, an oval- shaped penny with a little miniature train on it. Finally, the train conductor told us to board the train I looked at my train ticket and I was in car C seat IB before we boarded the train, the conductor ripped off these little slips on our train ticket and told us to board the train. After everyone boarded the train and found our seats. After that, the train started to move.

I found my seat, and sat and looked at the view for a while hearing the lady talk about the rules on the train and how she will tell us information about some of the things we will see on the way to Seward. I slowly fell asleep to the train car rocking back and fourth. I woke up to hear that we are arriving



The dining car.

at Girdwood to pick up a few passengers it was nice to see a town with buildings after what it seemed to be long hours in the train. Twenty minutes later a man with a gray suit and a black tie asked us if we wanted to eat breakfast my mom said she would love to. So he went up and down the train car before escort-

ing us to the dining car.



The train station in Seward.

The dining car was beautiful there was art on the walls and the scenery was awesome. There were a lot of trees and bushes with berries; it seemed to be mostly green. The waitress came out and asked what we would like. I asked for some biscuits and gravy, Shea ordered yogurt with nuts and berries and my mom ordered some cheesy potatoes. We talked until the waitress came out with our food. We ate I was very hungry. We were done so my mom paid with her credit card and went back to car C. I was sleepy so I decided to sleep again. When I woke up a half hour later I wanted to go explore. I went down the aisle and through a couple cars and came across a staircase I went up and realized I was in the observation dome it was like a bubble. It was beautiful and the view was breath taking. I was sleepy again so I went back down to our train car I took off my sweater and used it as a pillow and once again went back to sleep.

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#### ORPC's RivGen® Project Ends Another Successful Season in Igiugig

By Susy Kist



ORPC's team members: Left to right: Monty Worthington, Jack Neimi, Matt Wilson, James Donegan, Ryan Tyler, Terek Anelon, Gilbert Andrew and Jeff of Marsh Creek, LLC

October 1 marked the final day of the 2015 season for ORPC in Igiugig. Ryan Tyler and Monty Worthington said their goodbyes after packing up all ORPC's gear, including the onshore station and the RivGen® device (which is soon headed across Lake Iliamna for Homer). By all accounts ORPC's second season in Igiugig was a success.

Equipped with ORPC's latest technological advancements, the 25-kilowatt RivGen® Power System is designed to reduce and stabilize the cost of power in remote or "islanded" communities located near rivers and tidal estuaries. This year's project highlights include: the successful "self-deployment" of the modified RivGen® device using only local vessels and labor; interconnection with the Igiugig distribution grid, through which the RivGen® System delivered onethird of the community's electricity needs at peak operation; and demonstration of the efficacy of ORPC's latest technological enhancements. Significant environ-

mental interaction data was also collected, and between July 19 and 21, approximately 1.35 million adult sockeye salmon passed by the device. No adverse impacts of the project on the marine environment were observed.

The most exciting outcome of this summer's work was that ORPC's marine hydrokinetic system was able to stably generate one-third of the entire village's power need, both residential and commercial, during peak operation, thereby offsetting Igiugig's use of diesel fuel.

"We are thrilled that our RivGen® System is demonstrating a viable, renewable energy option for islanded communities like Igiugig currently dependent on diesel fuel to meet their local electricity needs,"

said ORPC President & CEO Chris Sauer. "We are indebted to the Village of Igiugig; ORPC team members Monty Worthington, Ryan Tyler, James Donegan, Matt Wilson and Jarlath McEntee; and the expertise of the local contractors Jack Neimi, Gilbert Andrew, and Terek Anelon who've proven once again that installation, maintenance and retrieval of the RivGen® System is absolutely do-able using locally-available equipment and vessels."

On July 1, ORPC hosted Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) in Igiugig to show her the RivGen® device prior to deployment. Following her tour of the RivGen® Project, Sen. Murkowski remarked,

"The system being tested at Igiugig offers tremendous promise for so many of Alaska's nearly 100 villages located along

rivers to finally be able to use the power of nature's flowing water in an economic and environmentally sensitive way. This is an important project because it could provide a blueprint for how to reduce rural electricity costs in the future."

Senator Lisa Murkowski pictured with Doug Johnson, AlexAnna Salmon, Monty Worthington, and Matt Wilson.

"Igiugig Village welcomed ORPC for another deployment season, and the community has participated in and watched each milestone with enthusiasm and support. The combination of the ORPC professionals with our local contractors has once again made an awesome team resulting in a very successful operation," said AlexAnna Salmon, Igiugig Village Council President. "The Kvichak

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### ORPC's RivGen® Project Ends Another Successful Season in Igiugig

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The RivGen® System on the Kvichak river ready for sinking

devices in turbulent current conditions.

River is now putting clean power into our local grid without a glitch and the community is triumphant!"

And Iliamna Lake Contractors Field Coordinator Christina Salmon added, "ORPC has a safe, efficient and motivated team. We have enjoyed the opportunity to work with them on the deployment of the RivGen® System."

The University of Washington, a partner in the Northwest National Marine Renewable Energy Center, was again on-site in Igiugig this summer as part of a U.S. Dept. of Energy funded project to develop advanced control systems for marine hydrokinetic devices to improve performance of such

The cost of generating electricity in Igiugig is nearly \$0.80/kWh (the national average is \$0.10/kWh) due to its reliance on diesel generation. This project is a critical and positive step forward in reducing the cost and environmental impacts of electricity generation in Igiugig and rural river communities of millions of people worldwide. Finding affordable energy is often key to their sustainability. The RivGen® Power Sys-

tem Commercialization Project is partially funded by the Denali Commission, the Alaska Energy Authority, the Department of Energy and the US Department of Agriculture.

ORPC is one of the very few companies in the world to take both tidal and river hydrokinetic power system projects from ideas to successful project operations. In 2012, ORPC made history by delivering power to the New England grid from the company's TidGen® Power System installed in Cobscook Bay, Maine. The Cobscook Bay project was the first commercial, grid-connected hydrokinetic tidal energy project to deliver power to a utility grid in North, Central or South America. With this unique experience, ORPC also offers strategic expertise and support to other river and ocean energy projects through its subsidiary, ORPC Solutions.

In Alaska, the company has invested over \$3.2 million since 2009 and has built a supply chain of over 50 partners and con-

The RivGen being pushed back up after season end

tractors throughout the state, including the University of Alaska at

Fairbanks and Anchorage. Since 2007, ORPC's tidal power system activities have resulted in investment of more than \$26 million into the Maine economy and creation or retention of more than 100 jobs statewide.

Ocean Renewable Power Company, LLC is a global leader in hydrokinetic power system technology and project solutions. Worldwide it is the only company to have built, operated and delivered power to a utility grid from a hydrokinetic tidal project, and to a local microgrid from a hydrokinetic river project. ORPC is committed to working with local partners and creating local economic opportunities. For more information, visit www.orpc.co.

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### Big Mountain Sampling







Karl taking samples.

Jeff carrying the sampling gear.

This season, like all seasons in the past, was one heck of an adventure. The project started off with the barge not being able to haul our equipment and supplies to Big Mountain when we needed it because of the high winds. We quickly unpacked and the arguments began over what was really necessary and what we could live without. Sadly, my brand new table set did not make it and Stacy had to sleep on the ground when her cot got the boot. Once we were loaded to the gills in Dena'ina Air's Navajo, it was a quick trip to Big Mountain, where our sub-contractor Nate was waiting for us. Not having the luxury of our ATV trailers, the guys quickly created space for us to

By Christina Salmon

haul all our gear with 2 x 12's and ratchet straps. We then, very precisely, loaded all our gear and ourselves onto the ATV and drove Thailand style to the bottom of the mountain to set up our sleeping quarters for the week.

Starting bright and early the next morning we set out to do all of our groundwater sampling. Nate and I as a team and Jeff and Karl as another, we divided our daily workload and got busy. This year we sampled 5 ground water wells, 5 surface water locations and 7 sediment locations. Sampling isn't the most exciting work in the world; basically, you have a lot of little bottles that you fill slowly with a peristaltic pump and then write the details on a little tiny label. It's slow going and if it's pouring rain on you or buggy or both, it can lead to short tempers and really happy co-workers. Once all the collecting is done you need to lay everything out and make sure every container is labeled and ready to be packaged. From there our samples are sent to labs in Anchorage and Oregon, where they will be tested for PCB's, volatile organic compounds, and diesel range organics, among many other compounds.

It was another successful long term monitoring trip for the US Air Force. The weather stayed decent, the company wasn't too shabby, and you can't beat work at the top of a mountain on a cool fall day.



acqueline and Joel

Hi I'm Joel Jacko, my wife Jacqueline and I moved here to Igiugig from Pedro Bay last week. I am hired on as the new village administrator. If you recognize me it's probably because I used to run the Kamakazi store here and was in and out in my brown twin engine airplane. My wife Jacqueline will be helping out at the school and in the office or wherever she is needed. I have lived in the Iliamna Lake area most of my life and I am a graduate of the Lake and Peninsula School District. Jacqueline is from Seattle, and she has been living in Alaska for only about three years now but loves it. We are looking forward to being part of the community and getting to know everyone a little better. So stop by my new office at the hangar and introduce yourself and I look forward to working with everyone!

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and surreal. Here was Igiugig, one of the smallest Nations in the world, front and center with the Commander in Chief. Small but mighty!

This may come as a surprise, but all of this was not what affected me most. After the photos from our session hit the media, I was inundated with words of praise from our people, my peers, and mentors. That was a shock. My family was in tears, my mom said: "Our people are walking tall today!" Everyone reminded me how proud my late Grandmother and Father would be.

I was a reflection of you, Igiugig, and all the people that came before me, and all the people who rise up every morning and say: "How can we help?" Mr. President said "AlexAnna" with perfect pronunciation, "we need more young leaders like you." He told me the Department of Energy would be announcing more funding for community scale energy solutions. September I<sup>st</sup> the announcement came. He said: "Say hi to your children for me," and I smiled.

This was the happiest, most unbelievable day in my life. It was an out of this world experience, but the most down to earth encounter humanly possible. Meeting the President was part of it, but taking in the entire perspective, the long journey we've made, the forces at work that resulted in the invitation to the table, the hope for improved relations with the State in administrations to come...it was overwhelming. I left the meeting hoping my four children, and all of our future generations dream even bigger, better, and more beautiful. We are truly blessed.

# welcome Askoak Family

Welcome to Igiugig Askoak Family! Natalia is our new CHA-I health aide that moved here from Levelock. She brings with her, her husband David II, along with her 6 kids: Kiesha, Chariessa, Vera, Laura, David III, and baby Michael.





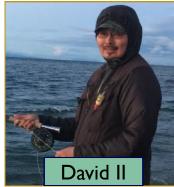












## IGAP News

By Stacy Hill

Fall is here in full swing! We have already had some snow flying here in Igiugig. Congratulations to all the successful fall hunters! The rest of us will have to try again in December.

Our scrap metal project is winding down. We still have more scrap metal to be back hauled, so please let us know if you have anything in your yard that you want to have picked up.

The chickens are happy and healthy at the chicken coop! No eggs have been produced yet, but I will let everyone know when they are available.

### Modern Day Qaspeq Sewing

By Sheryl Wassillie

Fifty-one yards of fabric and A LOT of sewing supplies later we were finally able to start the qaspeq class. It was scheduled to start September 8<sup>th</sup> and go until the 11<sup>th</sup> but missed a day so we had to jam a lot of sewing hours in just two days. I don't know about everyone else but sewing tested my patience. Everyone was able to choose which fabric they wanted and able to learn a new design. Michelle's primary big difference, compared to the original qaspeq, is that she uses cotton knit spandex fabric for the neckline, bottom and sides along with the regular cotton fabric for the middle and back of the qaspeq. Michelle is so creative by using different styles for the front, back, neck, and sleeves; for our class we were able to use a cowl neckline or an inch wide collar that overlapped at the ends. We were also able to choose if we wanted a <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> or full sleeve. Overall, the class turned out great and everyone's end product was worth all the grunts and frustrations that sewing can bring to new beginning sewers like myself. Renee Grounds said, "It was a lot of fun getting together to sew qaspeqs. We learned a lot and everyone's turned out beautifully! The different styles we chose reflected our personalities!" I want to end by giving a huge thanks to Igiugig Native Corporation for sponsoring the class through a grant given to the Igiugig Village Council.



Left to Right:
Sharolynn, Sandy,
Sheryl, AlexAnna,
Ida, Jiles, and
Alicia.
Bottom Left to
Right: Michelle,
Tanya, Stacy, Loretta, and Renee.
Not in the photo:
Betsy, Christina,
Renae, Ed.

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# Oun Pont Heiden Snip

By Aiden, Keilan and Dannika



We didn't realize we were making memories we just knew we were having fun!

Jeff brought our family to Port Heiden to look for glass balls and one was really special. It had a ring inside of it. It was a ring for mom, they are getting married! One day we went up to the beach and we saw a Salmon Shark. We have never seen one before. Mr. B had never seen one before either. It was very stinky. We saw a Sea Lion, it was as big as our little couch! And it was very stink too. We saw a walrus on the beach in Port Heiden. It was really big and fat. It had it's head chopped off from somebody, and a bear ate a fin. It smelled really really really bad. We dug for clams and we found gross worms in the tide pools. We thought we saw really big wolves, but they were just other teachers driving really fast on the beach. We found a whole bunch of glass balls in Mr. B's most secret spot! We also went up the beach and found more glass balls. We got to see the Old Village, we saw a fox and we fed it marshmallows. Old village is falling apart, the ground is falling into the ocean. Gold Fish Pond is also going into the ocean. We slept in a cabin that was really cool. It had a huge table and had a TV in it. It was so fun there, we all liked it.







Dolly & Felicia at the Fair.



Annie & Sheryl holding up prized spawned out salmon.



Karl, Kaylee, Kaleb, & Stacy during pig harvest.



Sherry, Eileen & Martha Proud 12s.



Gregory with his caribou he caught during first opener.



AlexAnna & Terek in Seattle for wedding.



Jiles teaching the cardiovascular system to the High School class using parts harvested from local pig.



Julie, Tanya, Martha, & Jiles on the Diabetes walk.



Katia & the ole girl Pige.



Erika & Avery moose calling.



Greg with his successful moose hunt.



Camping on the island on Lake Iliamna.



Sharolynn, Taty, Alicia, & Tia on the Kvichak River



Renee and her dad Richard at Taos Pueblo, NM

# Announcements

# gofundme

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:

- $\Rightarrow$  <u>Keep our Dogs Tied</u> up or on a Leash.
- ⇒ <u>Turn Off Lights</u> when leaving a public building.
- ⇒ <u>Recycle:</u> #1 to #7 plastics, aluminum cans, glass, tin cans. We also separate batteries and e-waste.
- ⇒ <u>Do Not Park</u> in front of the hangar or the white trash trailer.
- $\Rightarrow$  <u>Do Not Litter</u>, 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
- ⇒ <u>Love Our Village!</u> 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:

BBTC meeting ~October 1st IVC monthly meeting ~ October 2nd

Preschool starts~ October 5th LSAC meeting~ October 8th In-service ~ October 14th to the 18th

AFN~ October 15th to the 17th Halloween ~ October 31st

# Clinic News

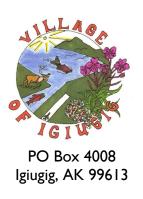
The Igiugig Emergency On-Call # is: 907-533-6020.

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

the Physicians Assistant on duty.

Have a happy and safe subsistence season!





#### First Class Mail

Front Page Photo Credit: Dolly Zharoff picture of the fall leaves.

Back Page Photo Credit: Sheryl Wassillie picture of a cow and a calf in the Kvichak