



Igyararmiut Qallamciit

Quyana 2015! Camaii 2016!

As we bid 2015 goodbye, we welcome 2016 with open arms. This past year has been very productive: full of laughter, joy, sadness, and an overcoming of grief and sorrow for our beloved Elder Mary Olympic and Willy Nickoli. That being said, we are looking forward to another year of merriment as we enter into a New Year!

In this article you can find AlexAnna's presidential update that includes our updated water system, the Yugestun culture revitalization project and the plan for our five interns, the alternative energy plan, and many other projects that have been planned for an exciting 2016.

At the annual meeting I was honored as the citizen of the year award. Thanks to many of those whom have helped me to get to this point, I couldn't have done any of this without the support of my family, friends and co-workers. I am very appreciative and honored. Lets move forward and make 2016 even more wonderful than 2015.

Thank you to all of the people who have supported, and donated their time and money to help make our Culture Exchange trip to New Zealand possible. Rest assured we will update everyone about our trip in January's newsletter. We bid you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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December Birthdays:

- 10th - Tony Wassillie
- 11th - AlexAnna Salmon
- 12th - Tatyana Zackar
- 12th - Dave Hostetter
- 24th - Sheryl Wassillie
- 25th - Avery Salmon
- 28th - Dannika Wassillie

IVC PRESIDENTIAL REPORT

2015 Highlights and 2016 Pursuits

By AlexAnna Salmon

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.

In 2015, Igiugig Village Council administration, employees, and subsidiaries continued fulfilling our Comprehensive Community Strategic Plan and organizational mission.

BIA Program & ICWA Social Services

The BIA funds our main government staff: Administrator, Administrative Assistant, Accountant, Tribal Clerks, Maintenance and Janitor Personnel, and all of our office supplies. It also staffs our Indian Child Welfare Assistance Program with a Social Services Director. We just completed our annual audit and a new administrator—Joel Jacko—began work for us in October.

Environmental Program-IGAP

In 2015, the Director position was filled by Stacy Hill, and she will be providing a report.

Tribal Library

Igiugig Tribal Library continues to operate from IMLS and State funding, and under a Memorandum of Agreement to use the Igiugig School library space.

IVC Rental Homes and NAHASDA Services

IVC has 7 rental homes, 5 occupied, and 2 needing renovation. Our NAHASDA services and rental subsidies are budgeted to continue through 2016. We also budgeted a one time down-payment for one HUD Section 184 loan program applicant. A shortage of adequate housing is an ongoing problem. Recommendations for Igiugig include: 1. File housing applications with BBHA. 2. Request IVC to apply for BIA Housing Improvement Funds if you are an eligible applicant. 3. File for HUD Section 184 for a guaranteed low interest loan to have a new home constructed. 4. Rent a home from IVC.

Igiugig Clinic & Emergency Services

In 2015 we transferred all of our health services from Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation to Southcentral Foundation. Our 2 health aides were retained in transition, one is undergoing training. Our emergency response vehicles have been maintained (fire truck, PTV, rescue boat) and we have 5 ETT certified responders. The emergency building is also complete.

VPSO Program – no funding through BBNA for FY2016.

Igiugig Electric Company

Our primary operator Dave Hostetter continues to do an outstanding job. We had 2 secondary operators recently trained – Alicia and Sharolynn Zackar.

Public Water System

In 2015 we upgraded from the community well to the surface water source. Our new water system is now in compliance with federal and state regulations for water quality; however, it is much more involved in operating and maintaining. A big thank you to Dave, Stacy, Joel and Sheryl who has stepped up to the plate to take care of our new system.

Dan Salmon Scholarship Fund & AVT Funds

6 Individuals were authorized funding by the Dan Salmon Scholarship for AVTEC, flight school, and HAZWOPER training in 2015. 1 individual received AVT funds in 2015 to attend power house training.

Wanguta Qanriarait Nanvarparmiut Yugestun & Cultural Revitalization Efforts

2015 was the beginning of our 3 year language preservation and maintenance grant. A project director, project coordinator, 5 apprentices, and 4 elders are hard at work in Year 1. Year 2 we will begin 3 hours a week of Yup'ik headstart immersion and Year 3 will be 15 hours a week. We also received a grant titled, "A Yup'ik Understanding of the Plants Around Us" and it will be completed in early 2016. An ecotourism study was finished by Kattijo Deeter and the results are displayed for the community to see. We also started our own Yuraq group and will be embarking on the New Zealand cultural exchange trip!

IVC Presidential Report

Continued

Local Foods Program/Greenhouse Production

In 2015 Jeff Bringhurst rose to the challenge of Local Foods Program Manager. 2 new hoop houses were constructed, and we had our second "WWOOFers" which is the World Wide Opportunities in Organic Farming volunteer laborers and once again it was a wonderful experience. We are already craving fresh produce for 2016! We also have funding for canning and preserving our locally produced food and bought a food cart to sell healthy meals this summer.

Moving Ahead for Progress MAP-21 à FAST

Iliamna Lake Contractors manage our roads program. We are continuing our Government-to-Government Program Agreements with the BIA that allows for more self-management of the program.

2015 ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PURSUITS

* Hydrokinetic Project

The Kvichak River RISEC Project deployed and tested the Ocean Renewable Power Company's RivGen for a second season. ORPC, in cooperation with IVC, is seeking additional funding to acquire a device to remain in Igiugig and completing FERC permitting for the first commercial hydrokinetic device in Alaska, planned for 2017.

* Our Wind Resource

IVC has one open grant with AEA for the design of a wind turbine project for Igiugig. Meanwhile, the Gordon and Betty Moore foundation is still supporting the vertical axis wind turbine test study, and are committed to installing a high penetration wind system if it works.

Capital Improvement Projects

In 2015 we will finally installed the gas card system and completed the Emergency Building, and secured funding for the repair of the bulk fuel farm retaining wall. The fitness center –Aquivik— was also upgraded with new equipment. We have applied for an elder/handicapped van and are in progress of purchasing a tugboat. It is time to vote for 2016 CIPs.

Iliamna Lake Contractors and Iliaska Environmental

This report is being provided by Karl Hill, ILC Assistant Manager, and Christina Salmon, Manager IE.

THANK YOU for another wonderful year serving this community and IVC Board.

"Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success."
--Henry Ford

Quyana,

Alexanna Salmon



2015 Review



Top left: Igiugig students show off their art projects. Top right: Keilan and Kiara with their summer snack stand. Middle left: Annie and Lydia at a school function. Bottom: Igiugig School campout at Big Mountain Lodge, across the river





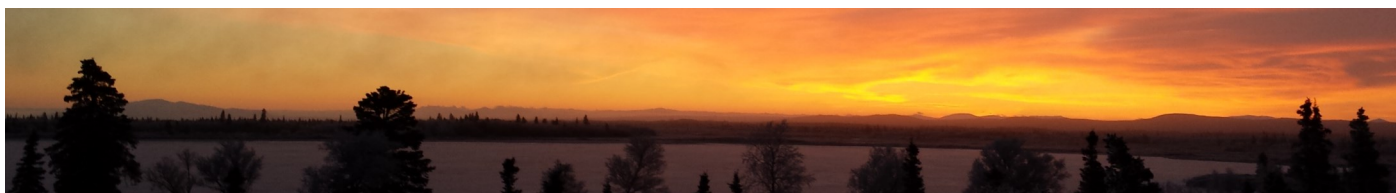
Left: Locals wearing homemade Kuskpuks!

Middle Left: Julie, Betsy, and Sandy line up for grub at a birthday luncheon

Middle Right: Siblings Kaleb and Kaylee Hill

Bottom 1: Sunset over treetops

Bottom 2: Fresh salmon in net



Right: Mr. Gooden and Igiugig School students at the Annual Goose Camp

Middle left: Upgraded Igiugig water equipment

Middle right: Jeff showing kids how to feed pigs

Bottom left: The late Mary Olympic with her great grandson, Mavrik

Bottom right: Igiugig No-See-Ums received the Sportsmanship Award while Tia was chosen as all-tournament player





Top left: The newest addition to Igiugig, the Askoak family

Top right: Igiugig Dancers perform for village

Middle left: Thanksgiving turkey hands made by the kindergarteners

Bottom left: Mackenzie celebrating her birthday

Bottom right: The people who made our river generator possible!





Above: Santa's snowmen at the annual Christmas play. Right: A collection of many-aged people. Below: Igiugig dance group practicing with Byron Nicholai, I Sing, You Dance, instructing. Below right: Annie Wilson showing off her dance fans and headdress. Bottom: Igiugig villagers and visitors celebrating Fourth of July





Top left: Joe Page, Igiugig teacher, helps student during the Annual Boat Regatta



Top right: Sandy cutting the opening ribbon to upgraded water facilities

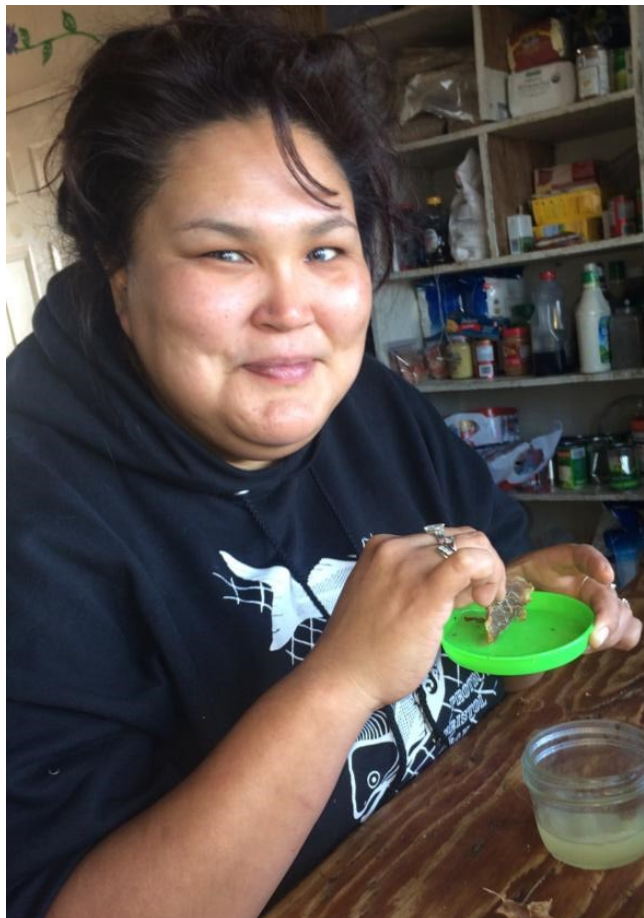


Bottom left: Christina and Dannika selling their wares at the Annual Craft Fair

Bottom right: Late Willy with two of his daughters, Dolly-Ann and Fewnia



2015 Citizen of the Year: Ida NELSON!



Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to Igiugig village

Announcements

IVC Board and Main Staff

AlexAnna Salmon, President
 Randy Alvarez, Vice-President
 Kevin Olympic, Member
 Christina Salmon, Member
 Karl Hill, Member
 Joel Jacko, Administrator
 Sandy Alvarez, Director of Accounting & Finance
 Tanya Salmon, Social Services Director & Librarian
 Stacy Hill, IGAP Director
 Ida Nelson, Tribal Clerk & Newsletter Editor
 Renee Grounds, Grant Administrator
 Jiles Pourier, Tribal Clerk
 Loretta Peterson, Tribal Clerk
 Sheryl Wassillie, Tribal Clerk

Igiugig General Store
 Hours: Monday to Saturday
 3:00 PM to 5 PM *

*Newly relocated to the white house near the Zackar's house-call 907-533-3069 to open or for questions

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

The village council is accepting donations for the Dan Salmon Memorial Fund, if you'd like to donate you can find the form online at <http://www.igiugig.com/forms-publications>

Important Dates:

December 17: IVC Annual Meeting

December 18: School Winter Break

December 22: Village trip to New Zealand!

December 24: Christmas Eve

December 25: Christmas Day

December 31: New Years Eve

Clinic News

The Igiugig Emergency On-Call # is:

907-533-1206.

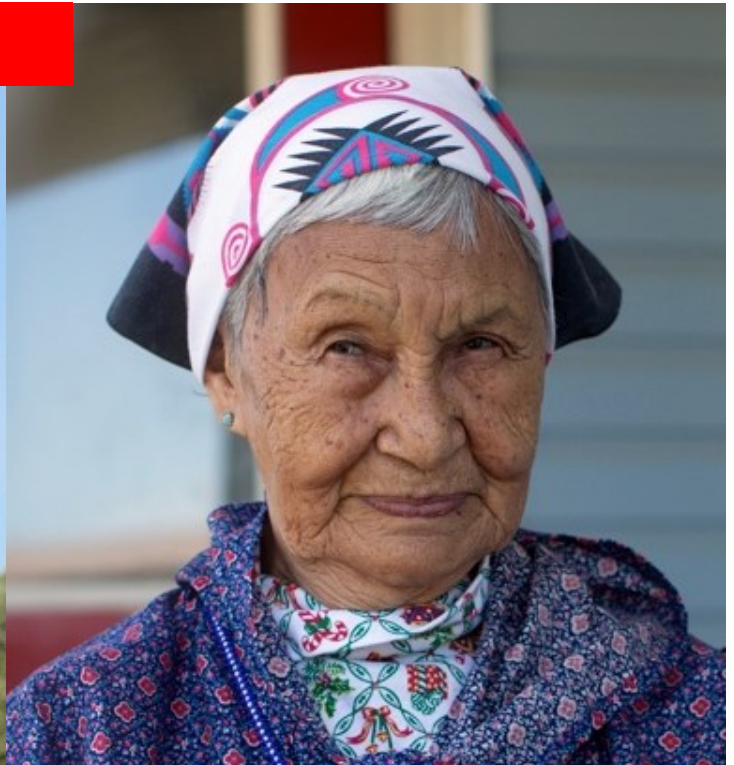
If you have an emergency you can call the Nilavena Emergency On-Call PA phone at **907-444-4588** for the Physicians Assistant on duty.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Igiugig Village Council



William Nickoli
December 29, 1978 to
November 3rd, 2015



Two Amazing Souls
Missed and Cherished, Loved and Lost
Resting in Heaven

Mary Ann Olympic
November 21st, 1931 to
April 14th, 2015



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Front Page Photo Credit: Dolly Zharoff: Christmas tree ribbon decoration
Back Page Photo Credit: Our beloved friends Willy Nickoli and Mary Olympic

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