

**January Birthdays**

3 - Aiden Wassillie  
 8 - Kaleb Hill  
 23 - Annie Wilson

**February**

2 - Mary Hostetter  
 7 - MacKenzie Nickoli  
 14 - George Wilson, Sr.  
 26 - Tess Hostetter

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**Editor's Note**

Welcome to 2021! We've all made it safely to 2021 despite a world pandemic we are currently enduring. If you're not willing to accept change, then you'll never be able to learn. Our Covid-19 travel restrictions and quarantine guidelines have been updated to follow the CDC guidelines. Igiugig students provided us with a little update on what they've been doing in the Makuryat School Update as well.

We all love the challenges the Igiugig Clinic staff Tanya and Amanda put together that you'll read about in their update. AlexAnna Salmon, Village President, wrote an update on several of the grants she's been heading up in her Presidential Report. Irmelin has written a summary of the event she had at the library in October on "Three Perspectives on Social Change in Igiugig". Due to COVID, she wasn't able to do the meeting in person, so we met virtually.

Denali interviewed Amanda Bybee at the clinic on Covid-19 and the impact it's had on their jobs. Featured next to her article is a photo of both of our health aides receiving the Covid-19 vaccine, which is a tremendous step forward to returning to an almost normal life we've know before March 2020.

Last but not least, congratulations to Levi and Alicia Tinney on their baby girl Afanesia Lorraine Tinney, born December 31st, 2020 at 11:41 pm, 7 lbs 9oz & 20 inches long!



December 2020

## **IGIUGIG VILLAGE COUNCIL UPDATED TRAVEL AND QUARANTINE MANDATES:**

Effective December 2020

- ⇒ No Inter-Village Travel allowed, unless essential.
- ⇒ IVC approval is needed to come to Igiugig. Please email: [igiugig.vc@gmail.com](mailto:igiugig.vc@gmail.com)
- ⇒ Before flying into Igiugig, please have a negative test in hand, but quarantine is still needed.
- ⇒ Quarantine for 5 days, test on the 5th day if negative free on the 7th day
- ⇒ To get tested please contact the clinic for more information. If your 5th day falls on a weekend please wait til the next business day to ask for a test. **Getting a covid test on the weekend isn't an emergency.**

As COVID-19 slowly grows in our region, we ask residents to remain diligent and safe.



## The Turkey Shoot

By Keilan

The annual turkey shoot took place on November 25th, 2020. There were about 20 participants in the turkey shoot this year. The prizes were a ham, a turkey, yams, pumpkin pie, and a can of spam. Everybody was shooting with .22 long rifles. They were trying to hit a little popsicle stick to knock down the prizes. Here's how the turkey shoot works - everybody lines up and we go down the line each shooting one time and if you knock down a prize you keep it. The winners for this year's turkey shoot were Chris Bybee, Jeff Bringhurst, Seth Hobson, Shea Nelson, and Keilan Wassillie.



Your 2020 Turkey shoot winners: Shea: yams, Keil: pie filling, Seth: turkey, & Jeff : spam



Mavrik with Uncle Jon's help



Katia



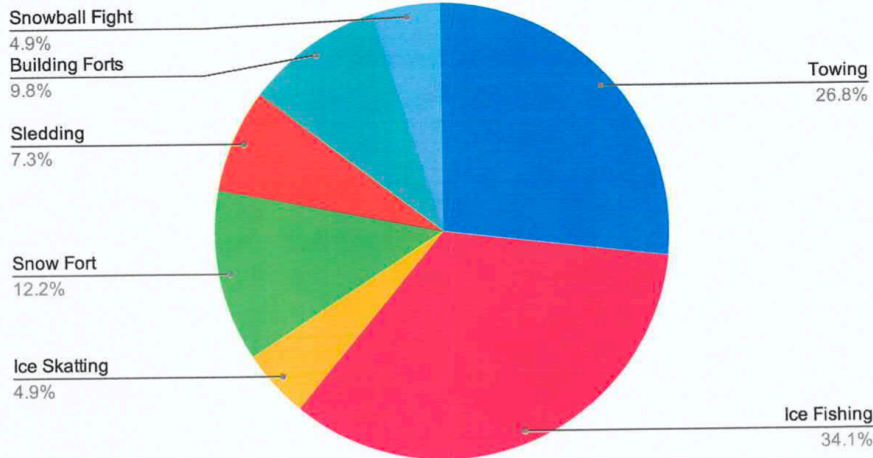
Turkey shoot 2020 participants



Kevin aiming for a prize



## Favorite Winter Activities of Igiugig School Students



To the left is a survey taken by Danni

Below: Photos of favorite winter activities by Igiugig School Students



Sledding



Towing



Jon with his art by using surrounding items



Shea using materials around her to create abstract art



Denali & Danni eskimo stick pulling



Shea's sun set made by materials around the school





By Tanya Salmon, CHA II

The Makuryat Minute Madness started off as a month long active challenge but has quickly evolved and expanded from one to four. A Facebook community page was created so participants can share their

photos, stories, and goals. Categories have now grown from active minutes to posting healthy family oriented indoor/outdoor activities, giving RAKs (Random Acts of Kindness), practicing village safety (such as wearing helmets when driving ATVs), sharing healthy recipes & why they are special, reminiscing about elders, sharing stories that make them laugh, participating in community events (i.e. looking for “mouse food,” or trying your luck at shooting down a can of spam in the annual Turkey Shoot), or volunteering to help the community (like picking up litter).

The communities’ favorite category, by far, has been giving and receiving RAKs. It has been pointed out that people have always done nice things for others, but it feels special being recognized for doing good deeds, especially during Covid times when we need a positive outlook the most. Every week, we draw prizes for the four active minute age categories, RAKs, and events/volunteering. We make the drawings LIVE on the Facebook page so participants can watch. Prizes range from outdoor survival equipment, board games, and SCF swag. The Igiugig Village Council has generously donated over \$2,000 to purchase prizes and SCF has given t-shirts, sweaters, water bottles, and fresh fruit/vegetable prizes. We are very thankful for the support and enthusiasm for the program!

Below, we share some stories that were posted to social media.

### **Story That Makes Me Laugh:**

“In the winter of 1989-90 Tanya often came over to “have a tea party” with Davy. At that time he was still so small he couldn’t even roll over on his own yet. So I would set him up in his baby seat and she would put out settings for two places on a footstool between them, fill the plates with cookies, nilla wafers, raisins, peanuts or whatever other snacks my pantry had. Make two cups of tea (tang) and proceeded to “visit” until everything was gone.

She carried on quite long conversations and consumed the snacks while Davy just stared and made hand motions since he wasn’t even getting solid food yet. She never invited any of her siblings along and they probably never even knew where she went.”



### Elder Story:

“One day my Gram told my Glusna something was going on, “Yaadini.” My Glusna asked what yaadini meant. Gram said, “You know, yaadini.” Making hand gestures to make her point. My Glusna said, “I see you, but WHERE is yaadini?” Gram in a fluster yelled even louder, “Yaadini IS Yaadini!!” Gram was trying to say, “Something was going on, down over there!” So to this day we still laugh and say, “Yaadini is Yaadini!”

“Everyone knows we aren’t used to traffic, it was even more unexpected when we were kids. One day, three vehicles met at the cross roads by the school. Everyone stopped, then tried to go at the same time, then stop. No one followed the stop & yield signs. Ol mostly blind Mike got frustrated, threw his Honda into reverse, & drove around all the vehicles, in the frozen swamp across from the sewer, and cruised home in second gear, going full speed.”

### Why I Love Living in Igiugig:

“The unlimited amount of love that goes to our children. Here you know that no matter where these kids roam they are welcomed into each and every single household and that most kids feel comfortable enough to knock (sometimes) and walk right on in.”

“I love the ‘Can do attitude’. Being a single Parent with one child; every single person who lives in Igiugig have helped one way or another. Ever so thankful and appreciative.”

“All of the people. This is probably hands down THE kindest village I've ever been to in my life. It's not just the adults - The kids are very kind too, a reflection of what they are learning at home, I have always been thoroughly impressed. Great parenting.”

## 2020 Presidential Report

By AlexAnna Salmon

**Cama’i Igyararmiut! Alussistuakegcikici cali allrakukegtaarmek piamci!**  
(Merry Christmas and Happy New Year)

As we wrap up the most challenging year in recent history, we end with a grateful heart for the health and wellbeing of our community, and the hard work that went into protecting each other and our village. Since our annual meeting and Christmas party has been postponed, I am providing a Presidential Report via the newsletter to share our major activities of 2020 with our community and network.

Surprisingly, we were able to maintain business-as-**unusual** in our village – with the usual (if not increased) level of employment for most; our fishermen and crews were able to commercial fish in safety; our subsistence activities continued over social distancing and we enjoyed an especially bountiful year of berries; our 7-8 rental units continue to be at full capacity; our community received a face lift in landscaping and upgrades to some buildings.

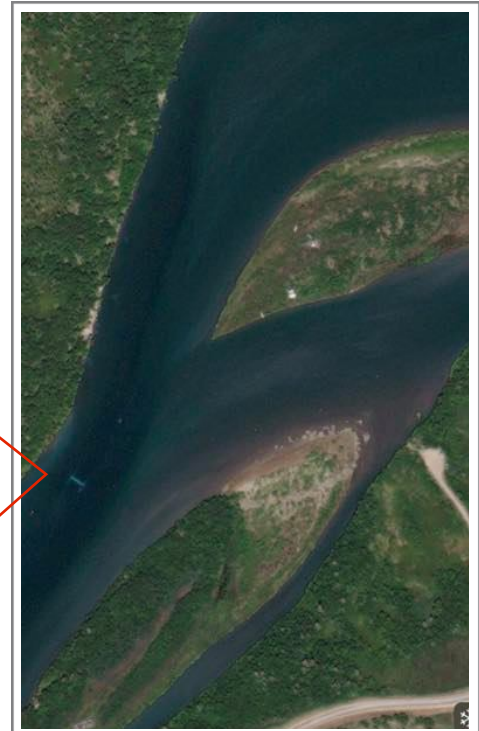
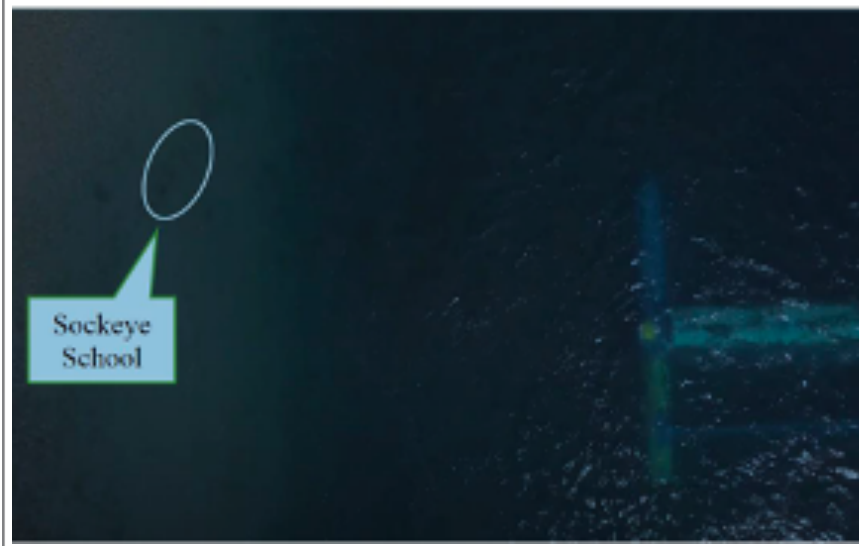


Other than routine activities, some major projects that were underway in 2020 include:

- The Alaska Native Education Program grant titled “Communities Teaching Culture” ended September 30, 2020 after three wonderful years. Our project team will have a close-out meeting in early January. We intend to re-apply for a Lake Iliamna Yup’ik and Dena’ina language revitalization program in 2021. Meanwhile, through various other language grants we have been continuing recording and are waiting for a building space to continue unglu or “language nest” activities for the youth.
- Our RivGen project has been very involved. Last summer we saw no adult returning sockeye salmon harmed by the device. We completed the planned maintenance event on RivGen in October. Our main goal now is to keep the device and cameras running through early spring to capture and document the salmon smolt outmigration – the last environmental permitting piece that needs proving. Our project is funded by multiple sources which means many team meetings, monthly and quarterly updates, and expectations to present to wider audiences. We ordered a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and transformer which are being manufactured, and will be shipped by early 2021. We are working on proposals now for the “smart” portion of the proposed “SMART Microgrid”. These involve technical meetings with many different companies and agencies and basically our goal is to get to a system where our generator facility has the capability to say: “batteries turn on, RivGen turn on, diesel generators turn off”.

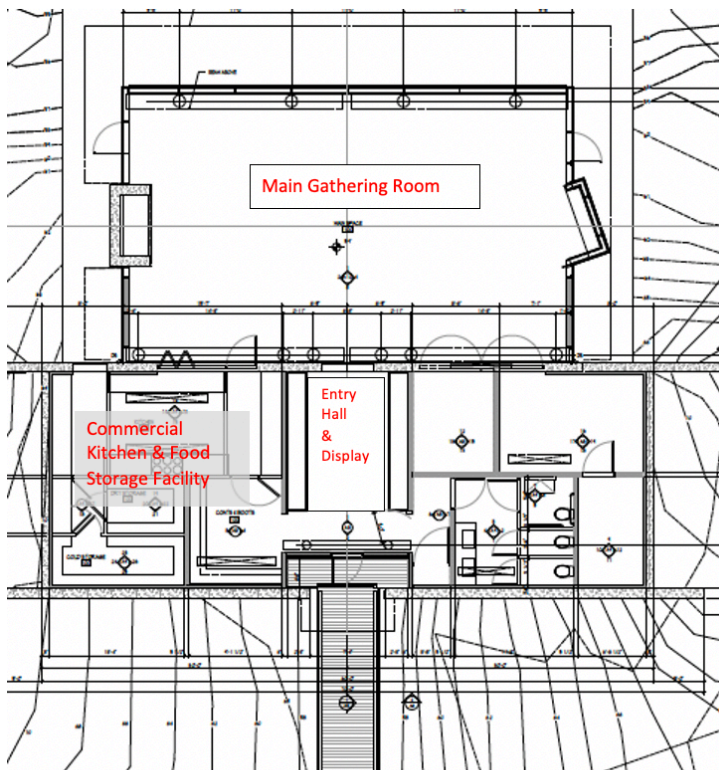


### Drone Footage from July 16, 2020





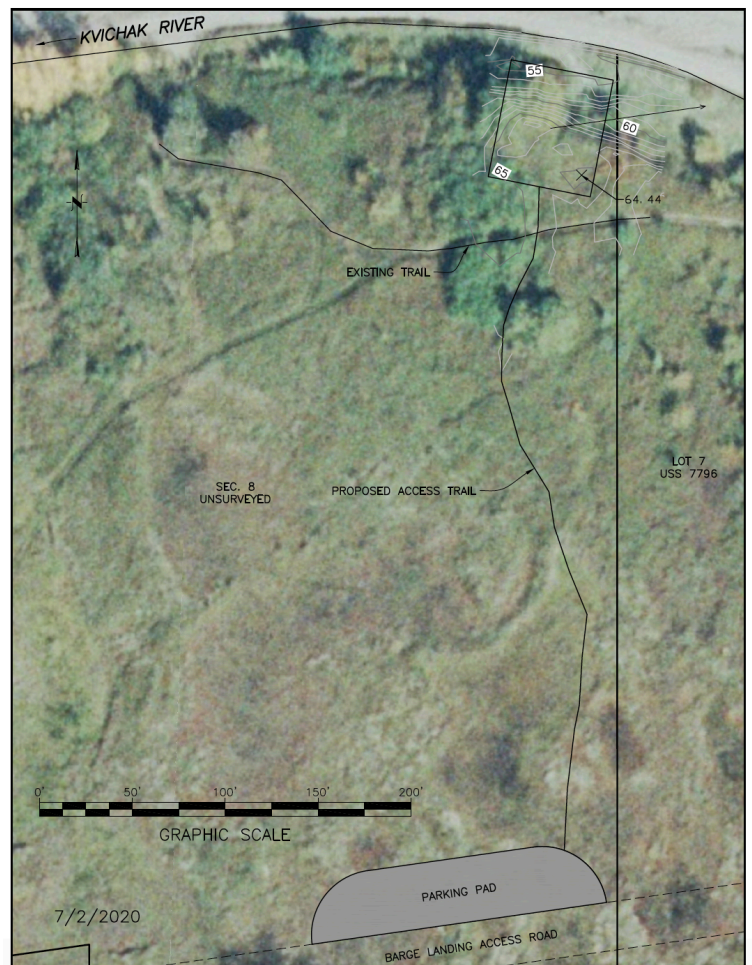
- This means our diesel powerhouse has to be upgraded because ultimately in any event, we need to have electricity. This means we are working with Alaska Energy Authority on another upgrade to the controller system in our powerhouse.
- We continued meeting with the architecture firm Cutler-Anderson as a community for our “Igiugig Community Cultural Center.” The environmental review record is nearly complete because the archeological survey for the site was conducted in fall 2020. We initially had a round-shaped building, but by late fall we defaulted to a rectangular floor plan for easier construction.



The draft floor plan of the ICCC. The main entrance will be accessed from the Barge Landing Road via boardwalk. A second side entry will be on the West side, to enter directly to the commercial kitchen and food storage facility. The entrance is designed from a “qasgiq” or Yup’ik community hall and will feature displays of our history and culture. The main gathering room will overlook “igyaraq”, where Lake Iliamna flows into the Kvichak River. A bay window on the East will

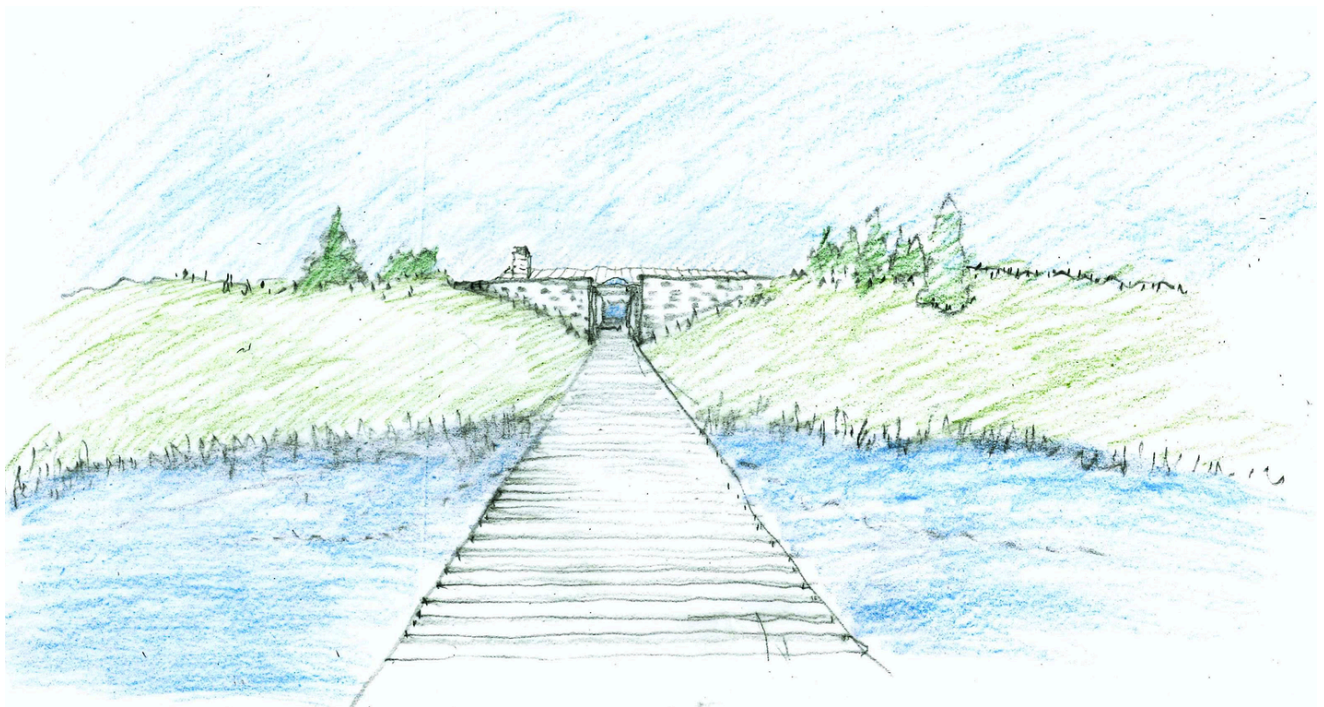


Jon (IVC) and Merrick (ORPC) heading out to do maintenance on the RivGen



Site Layout Plan of ICCC off Barge Landing Road





Schematic design of the main entrance of the Igiugig Community Cultural Center (ICCC). It will be accessible from the south, from the Igiugig Barge Landing Road. The wall will feature layered geography (strata) representing over 8,000 years of our existence in this homeland.

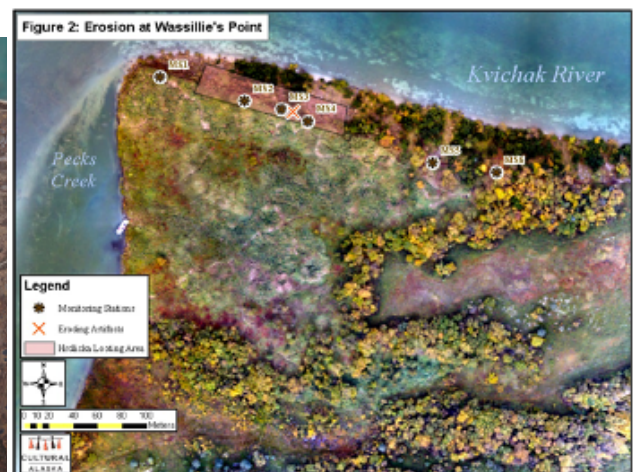


- With complete reluctance, we said “tua-ingrituq” (this is not the end to our teachers of nearly a decade – the Gooden Family – and welcomed new teachers Hannah Middleton, Ms. Gabbie and Miss Zenovia. We also gained the Bybee family and an incredible healthaide which has helped to fill the void of losing long-time community members. Below is a word art created from some of our favorite memories with the Goodens. It’s a good time to reflect on all our together times.





- COVID-19: Igiugig was provided Cares Act assistance and we adopted a budget after a public meeting on August 3, 2020. The budgeting process allowed for our village to react quickly to prevent the spread of “Corona Virus” in Igiugig. This has been an entire community effort, but I’d like to personally thank Christina Salmon for managing the food bank, the sanitizing kits to households, and logistics involved in the entire operation. To this day, I’ve never met anyone more competent at logistics than her, and those skills deployed during this pandemic are a true example of teamwork. Halay Turningheart, our Grants Administrator, has managed the entire master CARES ACT budget and all of its moving parts with agility and grace, as well as tackling all of our other COVID related grants, all while having a third child. She’s one-of-a-kind. Sandy, our Chief Financial Accountant, managed the insurmountable accounting workload that has accompanied all the funding. Needless to say, this pandemic has taken an entire village effort whether you said “no” to a visitor, or were in charge of disinfecting our public spaces or handling the finances. We appreciate the incredible dedication of all, and together we will make it. Although our team was on track to expend the entire budget by December 31, 2020, we accepted the recent opportunity to extend through 2021.
- Our archeologist Monty Rogers and crew were also able to conduct a site visit of the “Wassillie’s Point Monitoring” which is our former village of Qasgiviik located near the confluence of Peck’s Creek and the Kvichak River. The site is slowly eroding, and we are monitoring the rate of erosion. We are also working on project to document the history of the Upper Kvichak along with our significant sites. Igiugig contracted for an aerial LiDAR survey and ortho-imagery data to update our community profile maps for improved emergency response planning, and to assist in our Upper Kvichak history project of documenting our former villages. LiDAR stands for Light Detection and Ranging, which is a remote sensing method that is particularly useful for delineating cultural depressions that are hard to detect using other methods (for example, think Old Igiugig site which is completely grown over in grass). We selected the company FlightEvolved to perform the work in



October 2020, which we were lucky to fit in before the first real snow-fall. The project area encompassed about 35 square miles, and everything panned out seamlessly including the weather. We are grateful our own surveyor Steve Smith was able to perform the ground survey with the assistance of Jon Salmon. We look forward to sharing our updated maps with the community as they are produced. Profile mapping was last completed in 2003 and our community has nearly doubled in size since then.

**We are looking forward to a prosperous 2021, and our next update will be on the projects we have lined out for the new year! Stay safe and healthy!**

## Three perspectives on social change in Igiugig

By Irmelin

Waqaa Igyararmiut! Qu yana to those who joined the library event in October. I am thankful for your good comments and reflections, and it was good to get a little glimpse of Igiugig life again! To those of you who could not attend, this article is meant to give you a brief summary of what I shared.

### Drivers of social change in Igiugig

In short, the research is about the drivers of positive social change in a community setting, with Igiugig as a case study. I am interested in how you work to create positive community change that increases wellbeing and long-term sustainability. You are experts on sustainability in your community, and my aim has been to learn from your knowledge and share your insights with other and people working with sustainability. Also, I hope that this work can support you in your efforts.



Example of a Q-sort by an Igiugig community member, November 2017

### Three perspectives

When I visited Igiugig in 2017, I did interviews with 28 community members about the drivers of positive social change in the community. This included the sorting of different statements into a grid of agree or disagree. I used a computer software program to find similarities and differences between how you had sorted the statements, and found three different perspectives on the question of what drives positive social change in Igiugig: passionate individuals who “walk the talk”; knowledge and protection of cultural practices; and collective visioning and decision-making.

**Perspective 1:** *Passionate individuals who “walk the talk.”* This perspective sees passionate individuals as the main driver of change in Igiugig, focusing on being a leader through the actions you take rather than by telling other people what to do.

**Perspective 2:** *Knowledge and protection of cultural practices.* This perspective finds that engaging with cultural practices like Native dancing and being on the land is central for individual and community health and that cultural values is what guides positive community development.

**Perspective 3:** *Collective visioning and decision-making.* This perspective takes an “eagle eye” on community change and focuses on the process of coming together as a community to make decisions, emphasizing the importance of having a shared vision based on common values and long-term thinking.

Even though the three perspectives are different, they also have a lot in common. All community members in the study could see the importance of passionate individuals, cultural practices and collective decision-making, but what they found most important differed from person to person.



## What I have learned

One of the biggest insights I have gained from this work is the importance of being grounded in collective values while also being flexible in day-to-day decision-making. My sense is that you are able to do what you do because you are deeply connected to the place that you live and to each other, but also keep an eye on what happens out in the world. You are also flexible with each other – you respect and make room for different opinions and beliefs. Differences among people in the community is a strength because you share a certain understanding of how you would like Igiugig to be, now and in the future.

## Next steps

My hope was to come to Igiugig this past summer to present these results as well as do a few more interviews. Due to Corona, this was not possible. I plan to ask some of you for a follow-up interview that we could do over Zoom. Also, if it becomes safe to travel again, coming to Igiugig will be a first priority for me!

For more information about the research project, see here: <https://www.sv.uio.no/iss/english/research/projects/adaptation/>

To download the article that presents this research, click here: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0016718519300430>

Quyana,  
Irmelin

## COVID-19 Clinic Interview

By: Denali Bybee

### 1.) What's your name and job?

Amanda Bybee, Community Health Practitioner

### 2.) How has your job changed because of COVID19?

It is riskier and busier.

### 3.) Is your job harder or easier now? Why?

It is harder, more people to worry about and more patients.

### 4.) How do you feel while taking COVID19 tests on other people?

Worried for risk of exposure, but also happy to help.

### 5.) How do you feel about COVID19 overall?

It is draining and exhausting.

### 6.) Do you have any good tips for avoiding getting COVID19?

Wash your hands, use a mask, and stay at home if you are sick!



Top: Amanda getting her COVID vaccine. Bottom: Tanya getting her Covid vaccine.





Afanesia Lorraine Tinney  
12/31/2020  
at 11:41pm, 7lbs 9oz  
20 inches long

New to the family: Afanesia Lorraine Tinney



It's A Girl

Welcome baby Tinney



Tanya and Avery out adventuring with  
guard dog Krickett



Seth and Kenzie



Mr. & Mrs. Bybee





Mav, Erika, Addi, Luke



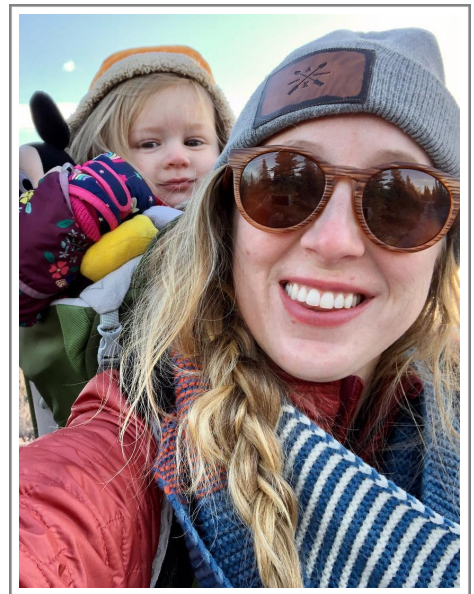
Kaleb, Stacy, Kaylee, & Karl



Seth, Colton, Jon



Levi, Linda, Peter & Olivia



Hannah and Annika



Kenzie and Hannah



Danni, Shea, & Keil in Hawaii

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember in IGIUGIG We:

- Keep Our Dogs Tied Up or on a leash.
- Turn Off Lights when leaving a public building
- Recycle: #1 (keep caps on bottles), aluminum, glass, tin cans. We also separate batteries and e-waste.
- Do Not Park in front of the hanger or the white trash trailer.
- We compost! Bring it to the greenhouse, please no dairy or meat products.
- Contribute to the newsletter! Send photos, news, important events to Ida @ [igiugignewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:igiugignewsletter@gmail.com)
- Love our village? Join Igiugig Village Info Zone on Facebook if you haven't already.

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Check out e-books & audio books  
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- 1) Go to <https://adl.overdrive.com/>
- 2) Sign in with your Library User # and last name.
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## *The Store Hours!*

Located by the post office

Monday to Friday: 4:00pm to  
5:00 pm

Saturday: 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm  
*Closed Sunday & Holidays*

## Freight Handling/Trash

Happy Friday, Igiugig! Just a heads up that UPS will not be dropped off to your home anymore. It will be set back in Post Office like it use too. Freight will return to being delivered. Trash pick up will not start until after 3:30 pm on Tuesday and Friday to make sure people are home from work. Remember if you are capable, you need to bring your own trash to the truck. Quyanana!

## Clinic

The Igiugig after-hours emergency number is **907.533.6020.**

If there is *no heath aide in the village*, please call the Nilavena Clinic at 907.571.1818 or 907.571.7111 for after-hours emergencies.



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Front Page Photo Credit: Martha Crow: Shores of Lake Iliamna

Back Page Photo Credit: Amanda Bybee: Cold sunset to 2020

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