



June Birthdays

- 4 - Ruth & Olivia Sinyon
- 5 - Christina Salmon
- 15 - Kevin Olympic

July Birthdays

- 1 - Kiara Nelson
- 1 - Kristin Henke
- 8 - Ida Nelson
- 9 - David Alvarez
- 12 - Stacy Hill
- 12 - Trevor Bybee
- 16 - Fewnia Zharoff
- 18 - Dolly Ann Zharoff
- 19 - Betsy Hostetter
- 21 - Keilan Wassillie
- 25 - Mavrik Salmon-Anelon
- 29 - Alicia Tinney



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Summer 2022

in Igiugig started off busy with fishing boats zooming on the Kvichak and kids playing in the pristine waters of Lake Iliamna. We have been experiencing very hot and dry weather, so please remember to burn responsibly! Later this summer, Igiugig will once again be the host of this year’s BBNC Culture Camp, which will be taking place in late July. Other village plans include completing the school duplex, building another duplex, and inheriting two Tiny Homes to be turned into safe houses. We want to remind everyone that we have subsistence salmon permits available at the Hangar and that we are running our Summer Reading Club this year - don’t forget to join!

This issue of our newsletter includes some beautiful and exciting stories from the community. First of all, we are happy to celebrate our 2022 graduates Kiara Nelson and Kaylee Hill. AlexAnna then has some lovely updates to share about the Iliamna Communities Teaching Culture through Native Languages project. Then there are some community photos to showcase Alice’s 90th birthday and a beautiful class project that some of our kiddos completed this year. A.J. has some wonderful pieces to share about upcoming library projects. You will also have the chance to meet a few newcomers to town and read a letter from Irmelin, friend of the village. Finally we will be remembering the precious people that we have lost in the past year, and taking time to appreciate the beauty of the local fiddlehead. Thank you for reading, and we hope you enjoy!

Congratulations

Class of 2022



Kaylee Hill has graduated from Bristol Bay High School! She was the valedictorian of her class and active member of the basketball, volleyball, and cross country teams. She will be attending Boise State University in Fall 2022 to study Diagnostic Sonography. Congratulations Kaylee!

Kiara Nelson graduated from Igiugig School! She played on the No-See-Ums basketball and volleyball teams and is a proud member of the National Honor Society. She is a valued and hardworking member of the Igiugig Village team, and we will be proud to see her begin her journey as a student of computer science starting in Spring 2023!



Alaska Native Education Grant

In Fall 2021, Igiugig Village was awarded a three-year \$2 million grant from the Department of Education to develop the **Iliamna Communities Teaching Culture through Native Languages** (CTC-NL) project. This project will capture a fleeting opportunity for students to learn local Alaska Native Languages in their own villages. Research shows that students that learn languages experience improved test scores, increased high school graduation rates, better self-esteem, and a stronger sense of place and identity. With this funding, we will increase language learning opportunities for LPSD students, provide students with job skills in language revitalization, and create and deliver a holistic cultural curriculum tailored to virtual language learning in the Lake Iliamna dialects of Dena’ina and Yup’ik languages.



Cohort Training



SNAP Meet

We recently hired an Alaska Native Education Career Counselor specializing in Alaska Native Language and culture who will be a resource for LPSD students and have recruited village coordinators who will be additional language education supports for our students. We are currently working to develop Virtual Language Labs to offer more learning resources. So far in 2022, the project team has been able to participate in several events including the BBNC Indigenous Language Gathering and the LPSD SNAP Meet. The Native Language & Activities Workshop that we led at the SNAP Meet was a huge success with students. An LPSD staff member shared that they would like to involve the project team more in the future after so many students remarked that it was their favorite workshop. We are grateful to have had this opportunity to support student reflection, community relationships, and cultural connection!

MEET OUR NEW REGIONAL CAREER COUNSELOR



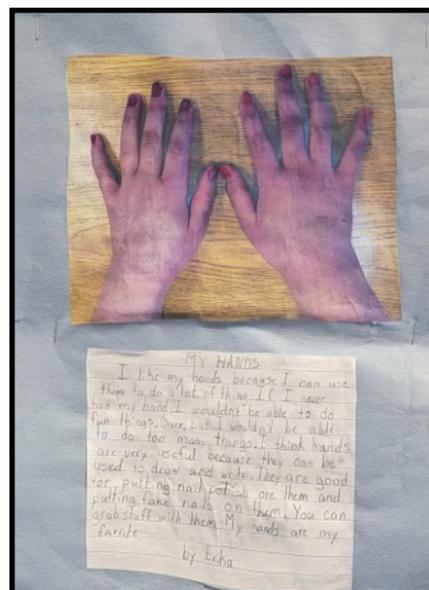
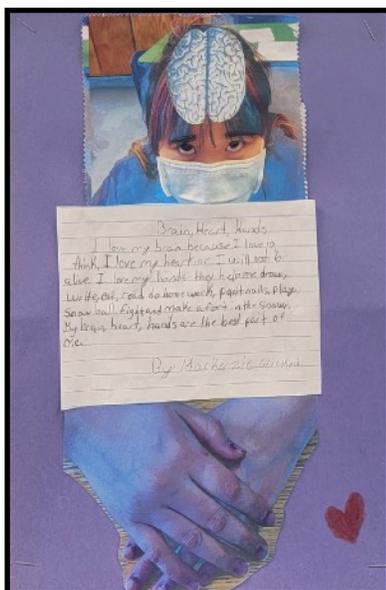
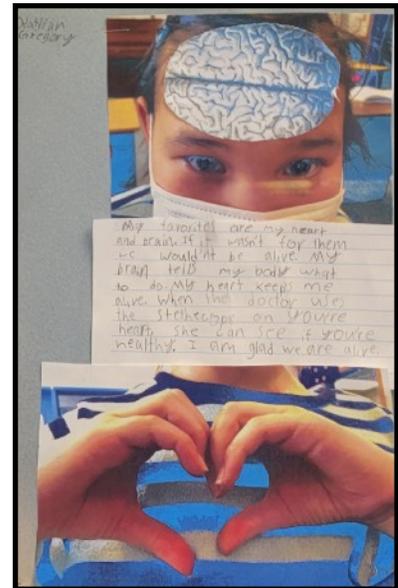
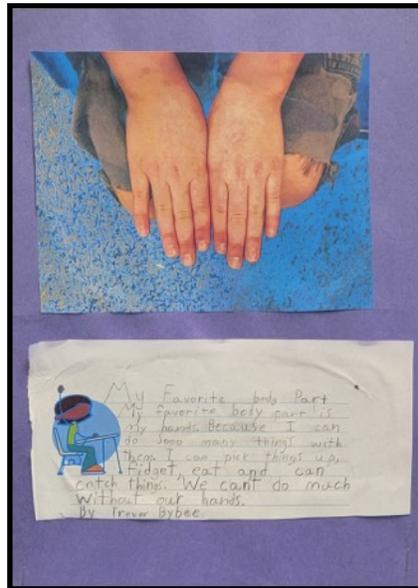
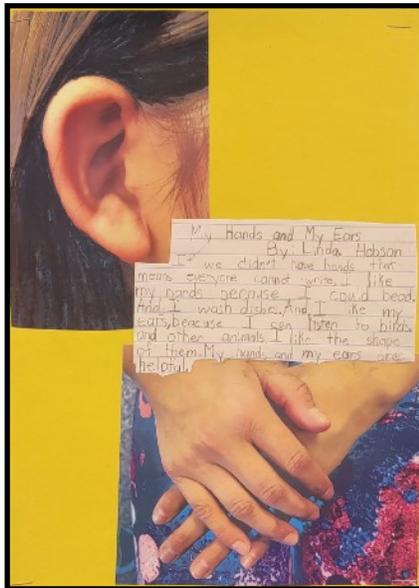
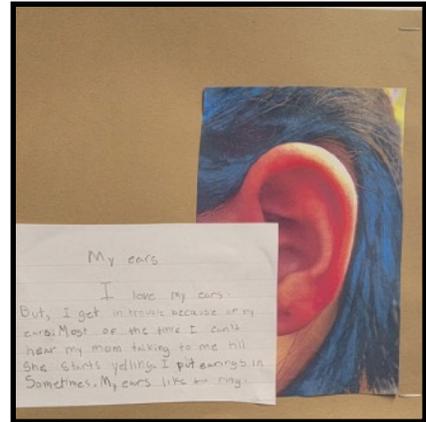
The new ANE Career Counselor is Atkiq Michelle Ilutsik-Snyder. She grew up in Alaqnaq and Curyung (Aleknagik and Dillingham) and is currently living in Dgheyaytnu (Anchorage). A life-long subsistence and commercial fisherman, she has spent most of her summers harvesting fish in Iquk (Ekuk). She received her Bachelor of Arts from Brown University, and her Master of Arts in Teaching from the University of Alaska Southeast. A former secondary educator, she is passionate about the importance of cultural teachings and language revitalization.

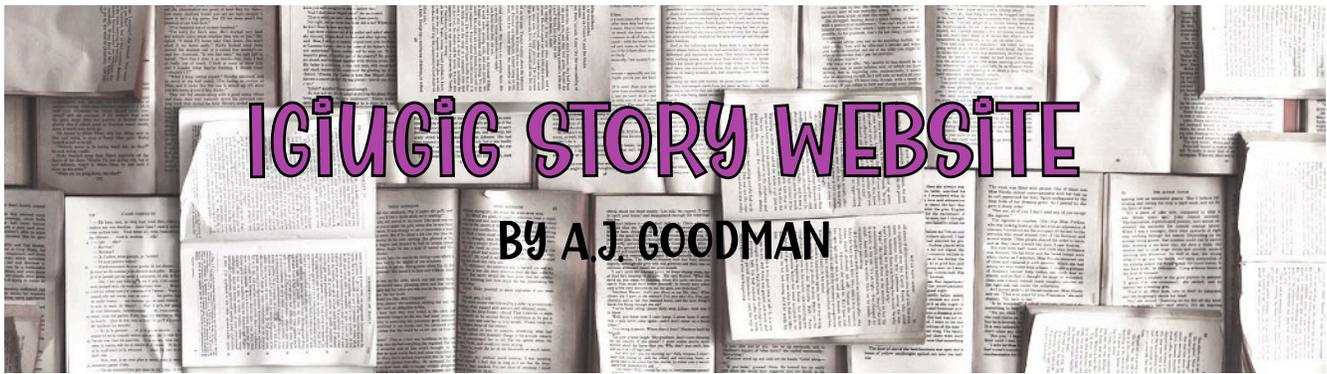
Beloved Elder Alice Zackar Turned 90

May 8, 2022



CLASS PROJECT: WE ♥ OUR BODIES





Igiugig Tribal Library is pleased to announce that the Niraqutaq Qallemcinek (Bridge of Stories) website is ready for visitors, with eight recorded stories, two of which have been translated into Yup'ik. Go to www.igiugigstorybridge.org to hear stories like "A Close Call" and "What the Elders Told Us Not To Do." Niraqutaq Qallemcinek is a multi-year local history project that collects and organizes audio stories and related photographs from community members to share Igiugig's rich social and cultural history and support Yup'ik language learning. Library staff would like to invite ALL Igiugig residents to share at least one story about this incredible place and the people who live here. The four story categories are:

1. **Yuut | People** (fond memories, things they taught you, etc.)
2. **Unguva Unuaqaqan Yuungnaqsaraq-llu | Daily Life and Subsistence**
3. **Ellami cayarat Qanemciit-llu | Outdoor Adventure and Local Lore**
4. **Akallaat Piyarat Cimimimi-llu | Traditions and Changing Times**

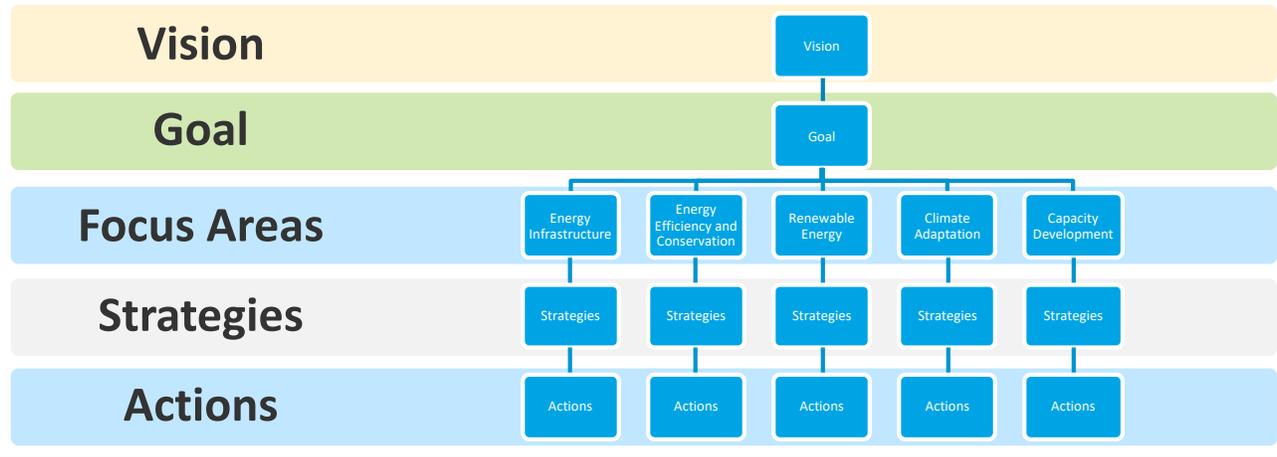
On-site librarian Kiara Nelson is trained to use the recording software and ready to gather stories, and if you come with a story in mind, the whole process only takes about 30 minutes. While first-time storytellers admit to feeling a bit nervous when they get started, afterwards they discover the process was easier than they expected. A few things to keep in mind is that only your voice will be recorded, and the stories are meant to be conversational, just as if you are sitting around talking with friends. Your story will not be instantly posted on the internet; you can re-record until you are happy with it. Finally, you may not think your stories are important, but they most definitely are. Think what a gift it is to family, friends, and people around the world to tell your own story in your own voice. Quyana to those who have shared stories so far, and to those who will share stories.

This story project was made possible by a grant from the Alaska State Library. The Library also received another grant from the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums and the National Endowment for the Humanities for a second story project called, Qanemcimta Pinirituakut (Our Stories Make Us Strong), which allows Igiugig Tribal Library to help three other tribal/public libraries or other cultural organizations in Alaska to start their own story projects. On October 25-27, library staff Kiara Nelson and A.J. Gooden will present Niraqutaq Qallemcinek and Qanemcimta Pinirituakut at the Association for Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums Conference in Temecula, California. We hope to have gathered many of your stories to represent Igiugig.



IGIUGIG ENERGY

- **Igiugig’s Energy Vision** is to improve energy self-sufficiency using local, renewable resources and village workforce with the goal to minimize environmental impact and maintain cultural identity.
- **Igiugig’s Energy Goal** is to reduce diesel fuel usage for producing electricity by 50% by the year 2030 while lowering energy costs (adopted February 9, 2022).



STORYWALK

Igiugig Tribal Library was recently awarded a small grant from the Alaska State Library to create our very own story walk in Igiugig. “StoryWalk® is an innovative and delightful way for children – and adults! – to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Laminated pages from a children's book are attached to wooden stakes, which are installed along an outdoor path. As you stroll down the trail, you're directed to the next page in the story. StoryWalks® have been installed in 50 states and 13 countries including, Germany, Canada, England, Bermuda, Russia, Malaysia, Pakistan and South Korea! StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and has developed with the help of Rachel Senechal, formerly of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. The site for our first story walk is yet to be determined, but when it is installed and ready, we will post on the Igiugig Infozone and the Library’s Facebook page, Igiugig Naaqivik. Parents, if you have favorite children’s books from your own childhood you would like to see appear in story walk form, please let us know!

NEW KIDS IN TOWN



Kendall is originally from Texas but since becoming an adult has led a fairly nomadic existence. She has lived all over the Lower 48, but is experiencing the beauties of Alaska for the very first time! Her professional passions include community development and sustainable agriculture, so she is very excited to be working this summer with the Local Foods Program as a farmer and hen wrangler. She has previously worked on organic vegetable farms in several states, an apiary in Colorado, and a dairy goat farm in Washington. She was also a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ecuador from 2018 to 2020. She is so grateful to be spending the summer here with this beautiful community. Kendall has been thoroughly enjoying swimming at the beach and looks forward to hanging with all of you there!

Sahir is a Master of Public Health student at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, studying health and social behavior in ecological contexts. Originally from New Jersey, Sahir is an avid pilot and has spent time flying in Alaska over the years. His work focuses on advancing equity in communities with a history of injustice, including BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ people. This summer, Sahir is grateful for the opportunity to assist Igiugig Village Council with its projects related to water security as well as learn from the successes of Igiugig's Tribal governance. Sahir is also an Executive Producer of 'Alaskan Nets,' an award-winning documentary depicting the importance of basketball to lives of the people of Metlakatla Indian Community in Southeast Alaska.



Laurinda (aka "Karl's sister") spent her childhood just down the river in Naknek. Her formative summers revolved around salmon fishing, picking berries, getting as much cousin time in as possible, and trying to keep away from the bugs. She looks forward to a chance to spend time in her home country during this season and is excited to have the opportunity to work for Igiugig village this summer. There are many projects here that she's eager to learn more about, but she's especially happy to be spending time at the greenhouses helping grow things as part of the Local Foods project. Outside of work she typically spends a lot of time tending her houseplants, renovating her garden, watching too much TV, baking delicious sweets at random, and spoiling her little dog, Brynn.

Dear wonderful people of Igiugig,

Greetings from Norway, where more than five years of work as a Ph.D. student will soon result in earning my doctorate degree. Although this degree is awarded to me, the work that supports it has been done in collaboration with all of you. I am eternally grateful to you all for all of your amazing community work and your willingness to share your thoughts and stories with me.



The defense will take place both physically and via Zoom on June 21st at noon Oslo time - which is 2am Alaska time! So, it might be difficult to you all to join. But in case you want to, the Zoom link will become available on this website (I will also share on Village Info Zone a few days before): <https://www.sv.uio.no/iss/forskning/aktuelt/arrangementer/disputaser/2022/disputas-irmelin-gram-hanssen.html>

AlexAnna has gracefully agreed to be present for the defense, so she will join me physically in Oslo. To say that I am elated is an understatement! I am so grateful that someone from Igiugig can be present in the room, and only wish that I could have brought you all to Norway!

Instead, I am planning on coming to visit Igiugig again sometime next year, in order to share and give quyana to you all. I will keep you all informed about my plans as they materialize.

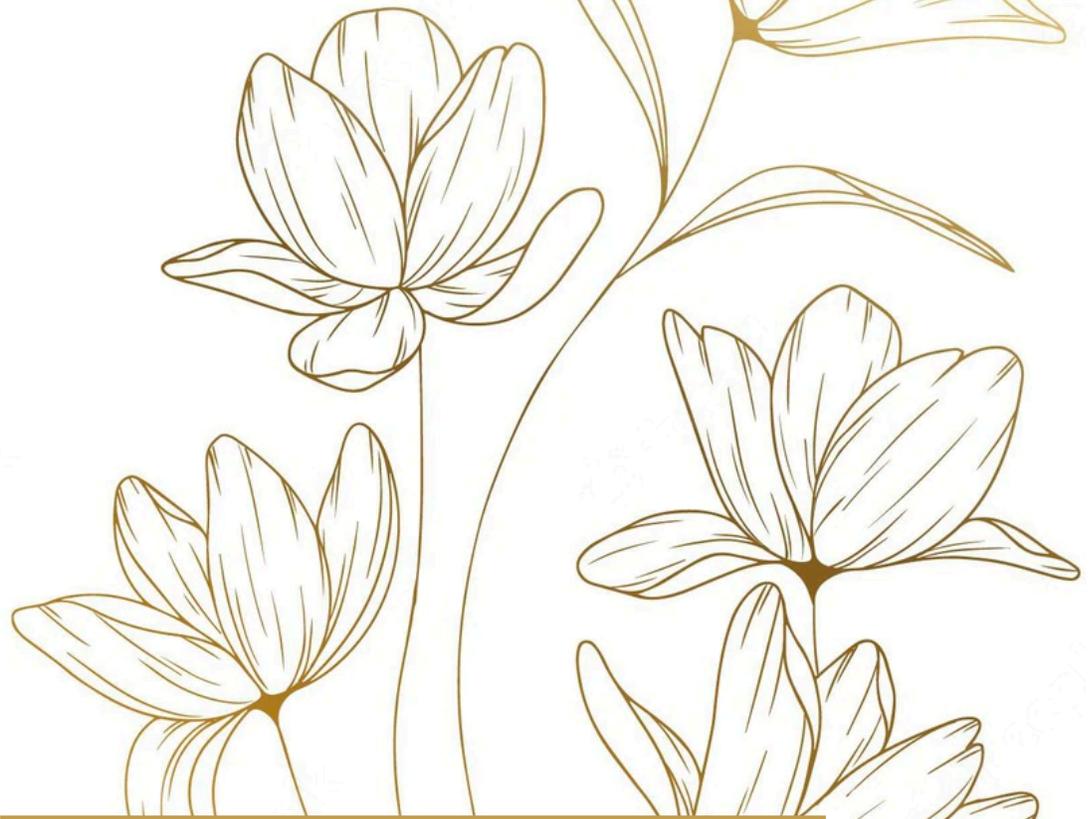
Love,

Irmelin

(Igyararmiut-in-training)

IN MEMORIAM

2021 — 2022



Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am in a thousand winds that blow,
I am the softly falling snow.
I am the gentle showers of rain,
I am the fields of ripening grain.
I am in the morning hush,
I am in the graceful rush
Of beautiful birds in circling flight,
I am the starshine of the night.
I am in the flowers that bloom,
I am in a quiet room.
I am in the birds that sing,
I am in each lovely thing.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there. I do not die.

Jonathan David Alvarez

September 6, 2008 — March 7, 2022



Jonathan David Alvarez was born in Anchorage to Maureen Maude Wilson and David James Alvarez on September 6, 2008. Jon has always been a fun-loving kid full of smiles, jokes, and sometimes silly pranks. His outgoing ways make being his “best friend” a common occurrence among most who know him. Even before he was old enough to go to school, he was roaming the halls of rest homes while visiting his “Great-Pa” and making friends among people almost a century older than him. Hunting birds, sport fishing and shooting his guns were some of his favorite things to do. He and his friends spent many hours on the shores of Iliamna Lake and Kvichak River doing what village kids do. Riding downriver to go hunt geese and ducks with his Dad, Pa, and friends was one of his favorite activities. Snow-going out to get firewood with Pa and Seth, hunting for ptarmigan along the way were special times. Our Jonny passed into the presence of the Lord on March 7, 2022. We are all so proud of the man he was becoming and will miss him dearly in the coming days and years, and love him into eternity.

Eileen Rose Nelson

July 1, 1973 — January 17, 2022



Eileen Rose Nelson was born on July 1, 1973 to John and Agafia Nelson in Dillingham, AK. Eileen was raised in Igiugig and graduated from Igiugig School and joined the United States Coast Guard on September 16th, 1991. Eileen was a Coast Guardsman for 23 years, retiring as a YN1, on August 31, 2014. While in the Coast Guard, she served on the USCGC Gallatin WHEC-721. Lovingly called Auntie Kip, she passed away on January 17, 2022. She joins her family in Heaven: John D. Nelson, Agafia Nelson, brother Howard Nelson. She leaves behind her Sisters and their families: Maria Anelon, Sherry Nelson, and Ida Nelson. Numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and her Godchildren, Chadalin Washington, Kiara Nelson, and Kyle Rockelege.

Derek Leichliter

October 7, 1982 — November 7, 2021



Derek was born Oct. 7, 1982, in Soldotna to Harold and Judy Leichliter. Derek was known for his bright smile and quick easy laugh. Derek thrived working for himself. He loved complex challenges, like building six airplane hangars at the Kenai Airport. He grew his business and took on more projects every year. Though he loved his work, Derek's true passion was the place he lived his whole life—the Kenai Peninsula. He was on the Kenai River almost every day all summer. He was an accomplished fisherman and loved sharing his sport with other people. He enjoyed fishing with old pros or taking new friends out to catch their first salmon. He'd dreamed of flying since he was a kid and worked hard to have a plane and a hangar and to get his pilot's license. He loved taking friends and sharing photos of his adventures. Derek made friends quickly and easily and will be missed by many people who fell in love with his ready laugh and intense charm.



Here in Igiugig, we're still seeing some delicious fiddleheads on our foraging trips! Did you know that fiddleheads are eaten in many ways all over the world? You can find them salted in Russia, in coconut sauce in Indonesia, pickled in India, in salads in the Philippines, and roasted in Japan. Many of us have eaten fiddleheads before, but this recipe adds a cheesy twist!



Ingredients:

- 1 lb fiddlehead ferns
- 3 tbsp butter
- 3 tbsp flour
- pinch of salt
- 1/2 cup cream
- 1 egg yolk, beaten
- 2 tbsp Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup bread crumbs

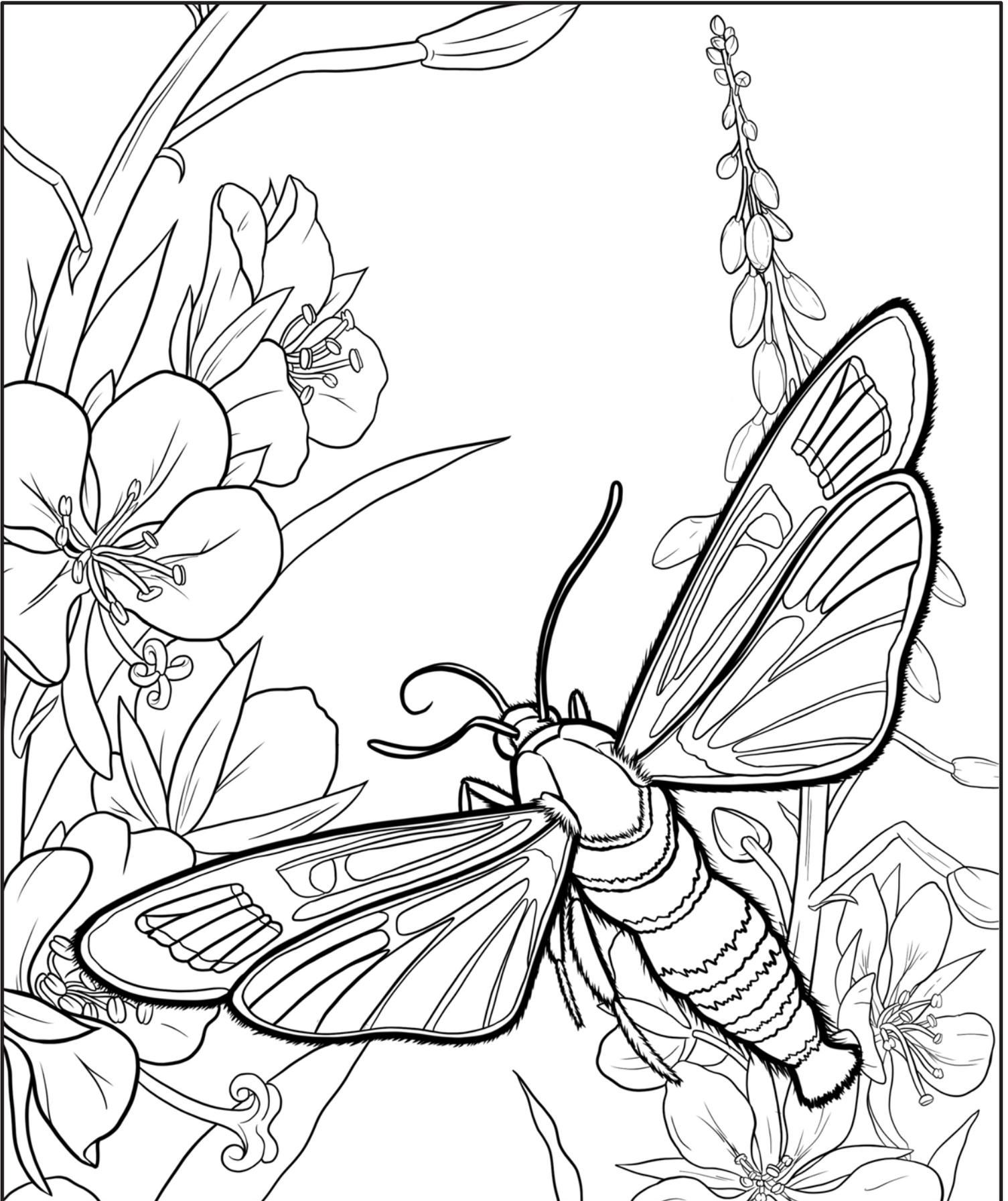
Baked Fiddleheads

- Collect fiddleheads in springtime. Wash the fern heads and cook in boiling salted water until partly cooked.
- For the sauce, melt butter, stir in flour, salt, cream, and a cup of the water in which fiddleheads were cooked. Add beaten egg yolk and cheese. Stir until cheese melts.
- In greased oven-proof dish alternate layers of fiddleheads, sauce, and a sprinkle of cheese. Sprinkle final layer with bread crumbs.
- Bake at 375°F (190°C) for 20 minutes.

Fireweed clearwing moth

Albuna pyramidalis

The caterpillars of fireweed clearwing moths feed on the roots of fireweed. Unlike most caterpillars that munch on leaves, these caterpillars dig under the ground to find the roots. The adult moths eat nectar and resemble bees or wasps.





Mavrik, Luke, Addi & Erika eating akutaq



Kaylee's successful duck hunt



Aiden in Hawai'i



Shea, Ida & kids in the boat



AlexAnna meets Deb Haaland



Andyn, Kiara, Seth, Shea & Danni going to SNAP Meet



Peter, Seth & Linda at Easter



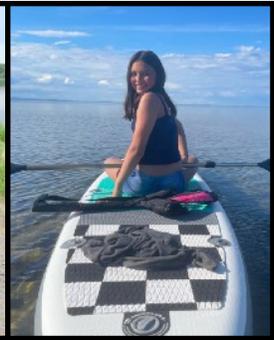
Denali, Keilan, Kiara, Shea, Colton & Chris in Perryville



Denali on the beach



Kiara & Shea at the Naknek



Avery on a paddle board



Keilan & Kvichak



Tanya & Michael



Kaya's Birthday 🎂



Sandy & Randy



Renae, Effie & Greg



Levi



The Salmon Family in New York



Effie



Shea & Taty on the Naknek



Avery, Tanya, Danni, Christina,
Keilan & AlexAnna at Dudie's funeral



Keilan on the water



Beatrice & Jeff
at Kaylee's graduation



Jaxon & Trevor in the lake



Luke, Addi, Erika, Beatrice,
Bode, Trevor & Mavrik



Alice & Effie



Leif & Martha



Katia



Alicia, Ruth, Olivia, Sharalyn & Linda



Jeff & Christina



Mavrik & Luke eating herring roe



Kenzy



Beatrice in Hawai'i



Katia & Leif



Leif & Martha at Native Youth Olympics



Denali, Trevor, Chris & Colton at the Grand Canyon



Teagan at Easter



Bode in the snow



Ruth & Olivia



Addi & Trevor cleaning up the land



Amanda & Chris



Brian, Dawn & Effie



Alicia & Levi



Kvichak, Erika & Avery



Martha



Mavrik in kayak



Ruth, Effie & Olivia



Kindergarten Graduation

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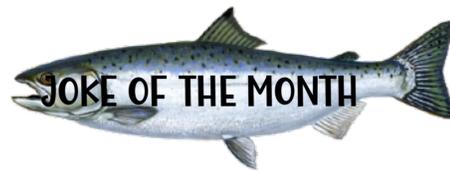
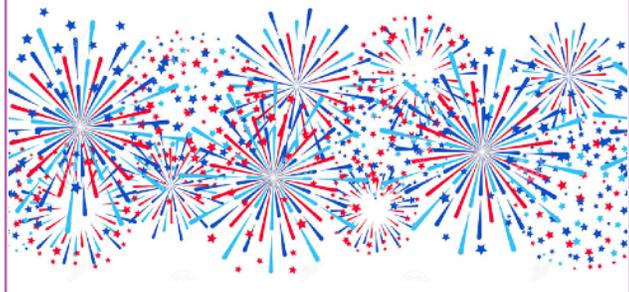


Important Dates

June 6th to 12th - Fly Fishing Camp

July 4th - Fourth of July Parade

July 24th to 30th - BBNC Culture Camp



Why don't salmon watch cable television?

They prefer streams.

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
- Love our village? Join Igiugig Village Info Zone on Facebook if you haven't already.

Clinic

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

If there is no health 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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