

## Igiugig's First Pine Car Derby

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by Bernadette Andrew

On Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, we held our first pine car derby in the school gym. During the previous three weeks, we gathered in the RecHall and carved, sanded, and painted our cars. There were quite a variety of car designs and names. Mrs. Thurston's car, "Hot Pepper", took the first place ribbon for traveling the farthest distance. Kevin's, "Slow Jo", took second place and Shaun's, "Shaun Shine Mobile", came in third. Kevin's car also took the first place ribbon for the fastest car. Angel's car, "Sandy/Randy", won the first place ribbon for being the slowest and traveling the shortest distance.

After the races, everyone voted for their favorite cars in the following categories: coolest, most colorful, most original, and best named. Here are the results:

#### Kid's group

Coolest: Jon's "Jonny Monopoly"  
Most Colorful: Jeremy's "Fast!"  
Most Original: Kevin's "Slow Jo"  
Best Named: Kevin's "Slow Jo"

#### Adult's group

Coolest: Mrs. Thurston's "Hot Pepper"  
Most Colorful: Mrs. Thurston's "Hot Pepper"  
Most Original: Sonny's "Road King"  
Best Named: Shaun's "Shaun Shine Mobile"

(Shaun competed in the adult group because it was made by his mom.)

The other contestants and their cars were as follows:

Tanya: "The Box"  
Ida: "Slappy"  
AlexAnna: "Running Retrograde"  
David: "Daisy BB"  
Annie: "Spirit Snow"

It was a fun time for all involved. Watch for this event next year so that you can get involved too!

### Respecting Others Property

by Bernadette Andrew

There have been numerous complaints from residents about keys being taken from Honda's, sno-go's, heavy equipment, and boats. There have also been incidence's of lights, etc. being turned on in truck's resulting in batteries being run dead. Honda and truck ignitions have also been turned on resulting in dead batteries. Items from boats have been thrown into the river or are missing.

If any adult sees children doing any of these things, we ask you to please correct them, so that we can bring an end to this problem. Parent's, please talk to your children about the importance of respecting the property of other's. Our community is one of the few places where vandalism and destructive things don't happen. Let's all work together to keep it that way!

### Last LSAC

by Sandy Alvarez

The last regular LSAC meeting of the school year was held May 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in the school gym. It was very well attended by community members and showed good support of our school. The following items of note were discussed:

- ▶ Bernie reported that the legislation aimed at cutting budgets to rural schools did not pass in that form, so our school's budget is at about the same level as previously.
- ▶ Commendation was given to Christina for taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place for literature in this year's Goose Calendar competition.
- ▶ People were reminded to purchase their school yearbook soon.
- ▶ The School District gave approval for the Village Council to staff a preschool program at the school building next

- year.
- ▶ Christina reported on her competition at the State NYO meet in Anchorage.
- ▶ A petition was circulated that calls for a statewide vote on the subsistence issue.
- ▶ Bonnie requested suggestions of topics for a wellness conference being planned for next year.
- ▶ Part time student and home schooling issues were discussed with the LSAC's formal statement that they do not support such alternative educational methods.
- ▶ Everyone was reminded that the cook only should be in the kitchen. It is not healthy or wise to have other people eating or sitting in the kitchen.
- ▶ As a final comment from the LSAC, it was noted that the teachers and staff have done a wonderful job this past year, our students have made huge strides forward in their educational journey, and all parents expressed their thanks for the caring, yet firm methods employed to help make this happen.

### Remember!

Dr. Powers will be here June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Please call the clinic to make an appointment if you need to be seen.

### We saw . . .

The swallows . . . by the RecHall on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

The robins . . . by the village council office on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Recycling

by Bernadette Andrew

This past month the kids got all of the aluminum cans in the village ready to be shipped out. We will be continuing these efforts through the year. So if you have any cans for recycling, please bag them and put them in the shed at the dump. It would also be appreciated if the cans were crushed.



## Summer Reading Club

by Bernadette Andrew

Our first meeting will be on June 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:30am until noon at the RecHall. We will meet every Monday at this time through August 31<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is welcome to join. There will be individual awards and group prizes. Come to our first meeting and join the club!



Christina Salmon	June 5
Kevin Olympic	June 15
Jeremy Salmon	June 20

Happy birthday everyone!

## No Cavity Club!

The following kids formed the no cavity club at the dentist's recent visit: Shayna Nelson, Sharolyn Zackar, Angel Alvarez, Kevin Olympic, Tanya Salmon, and Shaun Andrew. Stop by the clinic and check out the poster on display! Congratulations and keep taking good care of your teeth!

## Coming Home

by Martha Crow

On October 17, 1997, I left home to join my husband, Andrew Crow, in South Royalton, Vermont.

I've been asked, "What you do there?" While AC studiously studied, I did odds and ends' kinds of jobs. I mainly baby-sat for AC's classmates, and worked in an organic farm. I also went to various schools to show slides to school students in grades 1 to 8. The slides were taken from Katmai National Park, Bering Land Bridge National Preserve, commercial fishing in Bristol Bay, and the Salmon kids when they were babies. The slides and presentation were to educate the students about Alaska and to help eliminate the stereotype that Alaska is always cold - and Eskimos live in igloos.

So time passed along. Quite often I longed for my family, and it made me lonely, sometimes I'd cry too. Calling home helped to alleviate my homesickness - and getting letters from the Salmon girls

made the weeks quickly pass. Finally it got near departure time. I was so anxious to come home that it felt like someone was physically holding my heart in their hand and slowly squeezing their hand. It was a heart wrenching wait. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of April 1998, I departed from Boston's Logan Airport, my destination - Portland, Oregon to visit my sister Lydia. Lydia and I went to the coast my first day in Oregon - the other times we explored, as she is new to Oregon. Even while visiting my much beloved sister, I longed for the mountains of Alaska, the big wide open, and my family and friends. Finally on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May at 7pm I arrived in Anchorage - my friends Cindy and Kenny were at the airport. At last I got to see the Chugach Mountains and my best friend - home! But not quite! The big day! On the 10<sup>th</sup> of May I made it to Iliamna - bad weather kept me away from Igiugig for one night. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 1998, I arrived - MY HOME - the saying "Home is where the heart is" is true. Igiugig is where my heart will always be - my home.

## LETTERS . . .

I would like to thank the people that came to our church wedding on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We've been married to each other for 32 years. But to participate in the Russian Orthodox church functions, we had to be legally married according to Russian Orthodox rules. I also would like to thank my family members that came up from Levelock for our wedding.

Also, thank you to the Igiugig school children for their support in wanting me to be their P.E. instructor for this coming new school year. Also to their parents for their support. We all care for our young.

I hope I don't get people to mad at me for writing this, but I think it has to be said that our younger children have to be disciplined at all kinds of gatherings which we have in our village. What goes around at home comes around at these places of gathering.

- - - Annie Wilson

A new air service, Flight International, is now flying from Anchorage and servicing the Bristol Bay

area including Igiugig, Levelock, Pedro Bay, Pile Bay, Port Alsworth, and Nondalton. Since the airline has strong ties within Igiugig (Brian Kraft, The Alaska Sportsman Lodge), the residents of Igiugig will be able to use the aircraft at half price. That means a round trip Anchorage-Igiugig space available ticket is only \$175.00. Freight can be hauled from Anchorage to Igiugig for 50¢ per pound, and from Igiugig to Anchorage for 25¢ per pound, as long it is not bulky. This aircraft can haul boats, 4-wheelers, and snow machines. Call Brian at 533-2121 to make a reservation or for more information. Hopefully this will benefit us all.

- - - Brian Kraft

### SCHOOL NEWS

by Bonnie Thurston

Congratulations to our students who made the honor roll for the fourth quarter.

AlexAnna Salmon

Jonathan Salmon

Also to those who made the merit roll:

Tanya Salmon

David Alvarez

### STUDENT ARTICLES

#### Native Youth Olympics

by Christy Salmon

The Native Youth Olympics are held annually at the University of Alaska Anchorage sports complex. This year I competed in the Alaskan High Kick and Kneel Jump. This was my second year doing the Alaskan high Kick, but my first time participating in the Kneel Jump. This year the way the games were set up were much different. Usually we have one station for all of the girls to kick, but this year we were split into two groups. Dividing us into groups was much better because we got through our events much faster and didn't spend as much time sitting on the floor waiting. While doing the Alaskan High Kick I missed 62". My furthest jump in the Kneel Jump was 37 1/2". On my second jump I was over forty inches, but my right heel slipped from under me. That was upsetting, but I now know how to prepare better for that event.

As a team we did not place, but we had several individuals who did an excellent job. Ray Wassillie took first in the One Arm Reach, rookie-senior, Ashley Brandel took fourth in the Stick Pull, and Ray Wassillie took fifth in the Scissor Broad Jump. None of the girls from our team placed, which shows that the girls from our team did not practice hard enough, nor concentrate on their events. A student from one of the northern school districts was hitting 110" in the One Foot High Kick. He tried to break the state record but missed it by an inch. Too bad that this was his Senior year, so he won't be back to set the state record next year. This wasn't my best trip. I didn't do as well in my events as I liked, and I also let my parents down a bit. I have learned a valuable lesson this year. Next time I travel some where, with my parents money I am only going to buy what's needed, not what I want for pleasure.

#### Our Five Graduates

by Kevin M. Olympic

As you know we had five kindergartners graduating into the first grade. They were Shayna Nelson, Jacob Askoak, Angel Alvarez, Jeremy Salmon, and Alicia Zackar. All of them were cute in their caps and gowns. They looked proud walking down the aisle. The principal Mr. Gurule and Mr. Thurston handed out the awards.

Mrs. Thurston had Jonathan Salmon, David Alvarez, and Ponty Askoak sing "North to Alaska" by Johnny Horton. The five graduates also gave a rousing rendition of "Skidamarink." "My grandmother was tickled by it," said Christy Salmon.

After the presentation most of us shook the graduates' hands, congratulated them, and wished them luck. Then we put out the snacks and punch. The graduates got to open their presents and got their pictures taken by their family's banner. Each family had their finished banner hanging around the gym, which decorated the hall nicely. "The banners were a sign that we are a close community," said AlexAnna Salmon.

Later, we sat around and talked about what we are going to do over the summer.

### Igiugig School Clean Up and Picnic

by Ida Nelson

In the morning of May 18, 1998. 9:30 A.M. on a windy morning we gathered together around the school to pick up trash. We were put in groups, and scattered every where, cleaning the village. Around 11:30 A.M. after two and a half hours of picking up and throwing away garbage, people started to return to the school and set up for the school picnic. The school clean up was directed by Bernadette Andrew, while the picnic was prepared by Bonnie Thurston and Dallia Andrew, while the students organized games and activities. We had a whole bunch of food: hot-dogs, hamburgers, chips, sodas, oranges and apples, juice, ect. "It was a shame about the weather; however, I think everyone had a good time, especially those who won ribbons," said a tired, limping Jeff Thurston.

After everyone had stuffed themselves with food, they rested a bit and visited with each other. Before the games, AlexAnna Salmon gave a presentation about the garbage around Igiugig. To tell what can't break down and what can break down naturally. "When you pollute you don't do any good to the environment, the people, or the animals," said a concerned garbage picker. "Our goal next year is not to have any pop cans around the village."

The activities that the students put together were bowling, three lagged race, free throw and 3 point shoot out, wheel barrow race, relays, and ping pong ball race. Every one joined the events. For each event ribbons were awarded. A student went around and asked questions about the clean up, and here are the remarks: Most interesting and grossest piece of garbage:

"Rotten oranges behind the teacher's house," Annie.

"Old diaper," Ida.

"Big drums buried in the swamps," Julie.

"Moldy socks," Tanya.

This years clean up:

"Not much trash like last year and went fast," Annie.

"Cold, windy, frozen fingers," Christi.

"Quick and easier," Yako.

How to keep Igiugig a clean and beautiful

village?

"Learn how to put garbage in your pockets and put the cigarettes (butts) in your pockets and throw it away when you see a trash can," Marie.

"Put up sign," Kevin.

"Do not litter," Yako.

We would like to thank the everyone who helped with the school picnic and village clean-up. We would also like to thank the Igiugig Village Council for organizing the village clean up each year. We all benefit from each other's efforts. Also, we would like to thank the teachers that helped with the picnic and their teaching this year was wonderful. Thank you all very much.

## The Wellness Conference

by Tanya Salmon

From May 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, there was a Wellness Conference at New Stuyahok. Six people from Igiugig participated. They are Julie Salmon, Mary Olympic, Anecia Olympic, Johnny Zackar, Helen and Joshua Nelson, and Agafia Nelson. At the wellness conference they had a dance, pot-luck, classrooms were set up and elders told stories. Julie Salmon went in classes called SAFE, 1 for tobacco, 1 on aides, drugs and alcohol, which they called the Spiritual Counseling, and suicide prevention. They had Eye On Awareness and Native Cycle, which they cancelled because the person who was conducting the program did not show up.

We are having a wellness conference next year in Igiugig, and here are suggestions from Julie Salmon: "A talking circle, teaching people to express their feelings, little work shops like a table for aides ect. Like our Health Fair. Lots of people liked the wellness conference and I enjoyed going to the wellness conferences, seeing old friends, meeting new friends, and learning."

I think that wellness conferences are good for people who have troubles so that they can fix them, and for people who don't have problems so that they can learn how to help people with problems.

## Wedding in Igiugig

by AlexAnna Salmon

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1998, George and Annie Wilson got their wedding blessed in church. They have actually been married thirty-two years now by a justice of the peace. When I asked Annie how she felt after getting remarried after thirty-two years, her reply was, "Not excited."

Although her daughters were very enthusiastic about the wedding, the bride and groom were nonchalant. George and Annie had to be legally married in the Orthodox Church in order to participate in church functions, but it took them thirty-two years to get the exact date.

Friends, relatives, and family came to the wedding. The service was short, but nice. Her granddaughter, Spirit Snow, kept saying, "All done?," which many people got a kick out of. After the service was over, people threw rice at the bride and groom while they walked down the church ramp.

After church, people filled the Wilson house for a dinner, and cake. AlexAnna made a cake, and Annette and Georgette brought another cake. The dinner was delicious, consisting of ducks, chicken, bread, agutak, and many other foods.

Afterwards, we all ate cake, and watched the bride and groom open presents. The whole wedding and reception was nice, and everybody enjoyed it.

Congratulations!

Mountains

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- Alaska Range
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- Blue Ridge
- Catskill
- Cumberland
- Grand Canyon
- Great Smoky
- Himalayas
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ACROSS

- 1 Winglike
- 5 To be ill
- 9 Taking instrument
- 14 A Turner
- 15 Arrange
- 16 Tanker
- 17 Annoying
- 20 Farewell (fr)
- 21 Aggravate
- 22 R.R. depots (abr)
- 25 Adjective suffix
- 26 Pesticide
- 29 Prune
- 31 Barley
- 36 God of war
- 38 Exaggerated sense of self-importance (pl)
- 40 Equipped with paddles
- 41 After all
- 44 \_\_\_ as a whistle
- 45 Certain eastern European
- 46 Parched
- 47 Lg. African Antelope

DOWN

- 1 \_\_\_ mater
- 2 Stretched out
- 3 Computer standard
- 4 Speed contests
- 5 Bee (prefix)
- 6 Anger
- 7 Son of Jacob
- 8 Germs
- 9 Anschauung
- 10 Admonishment
- 11 Olive genus
- 12 Chick shelter
- 13 Gaelic
- 18 Crude makeshift dwellings; shacks
- 19 Cremation jars
- 23 Dill herb
- 24 Weary exhales
- 26 Move to music
- 27 Slow, awkward person
- 28 \_\_\_ tete
- 30 One who poses
- 32 Young men
- 33 L. ram
- 34 Type
- 35 Brinks
- 37 Ugly duckling
- 39 A narrow grove
- 42 Commerce
- 43 Dextrously
- 48 Manuscript encl.
- 50 Hiding, on the \_\_\_
- 53 Middle
- 55 Listens to with care
- 56 Org. (abr)
- 57 Bristlelike part of an organism
- 58 Click your fingers
- 59 Storied lawman
- 60 Expensive
- 62 Labor Relat. Act (acr)
- 63 Cease
- 64 Cleopatra's executioners

answers to last month's crossword