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In Memory of Agafia Nelson November 13, 1943—December 21, 2005



Agafia Nelson was a caring daughter, sister, mom, gram, and a great friend to all. We have many unforgettable memories, and we wish that we were able to have more.

Agafia was born across the river at Second Lagoon on November 13, 1943. Born to Andrew Gust from Branch River and Dolly Gust from Newhalen, Agafia was the sixth child of eight to the Gust's. Agafia and her seven siblings lived in Igiugig before she moved to Kokhanok, and eventually to Newhalen before moving on to Levelock for school.

In Kokhanok, Dallia Gregory, Mary Wassillie, and Agafia joined the church choir. Agafia liked singing in the choir and carried this hobby on into her life in Igiugig. Unfortunately, for Agafia, she had to move from Kokhanok to Newhalen and then to Levelock, where her

choir book was borrowed by Nick Apokedak and was accidentally burned in the Levelock church.

In Levelock, Agafia worked as a cook for the school and later in Igiugig, as a custodian. After moving to Igiugig, Agafia was married to John D. Nelson in Levelock, but was remarried to John D. again in 1992, in Newhalen by the Russian Orthodox Church. Agafia and John had their first child, a daughter, when Agafia was twenty-one. Maria, Howard, and Sherry were raised mostly in Levelock, then when Eileen and Ida were born, Agafia's children were raised in Igiugig.



While living in Igiugig and raising her five children, Agafia was a very caring and understanding mother; she offered unending support for her kids in every way and made sure anyone that came to visit her, or anyone she knew, felt loved and cared for. People from other villages had a place to stay when they came to Igiugig; Agafia always had room for traveling friends and family.

Agafia loved to take steam baths and without them, she became cranky, but when she couldn't steam, she had more time to work on sewing projects for her children and grandchildren. I will always re-

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Mary Hostetter
- February 9
Kristin Hathhorn
- February 14
George Wilson, Sr.
- February 26
Tess Hostetter

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member Agafia dressed in her summer clothes, working in her garden every time I passed by her. Each time I saw her, it seemed that she had just added another flower or plant to the garden...it was a beautiful garden.



We all miss Agafia and were sad to see her go. All we can do is remember her, remember the love she gave to all of us, and the moments we had with her.

- By Mary Hostetter, 10th Grade, Igiugig School



Battle of the Books

By Jeremy Salmon, 8th Grade, Igiugig School



The High School team—Dawsey, Mary, and Jon

Books, books, and more books. This is what the Battle of the Books is all about. To prepare for the Battle of the Books competition on January 24th-27th, the school held practice competitions for the students and the students split the books among themselves to read and memorize.

So far this year, we have had five practice competitions with the whole school, once every month. The two that I liked the most though, were when we had to run to one end of the gym, get a balloon and pop it. Inside the balloon, there was a question, so whatever question was in the balloon was the question we were asked. If we got the question right, we got a point. The other competition I liked best was when we were asked a question, and if we got it right, we got a ticket, and whoever had the most tickets at the end got candy. I still liked it best even though we didn't win. In this competition, we middle school students were teamed with the high school students, the fifth and sixth graders were teamed with the third and fourth graders, and the first and second graders teamed up with the kindergarteners.

To help us prepare for the Battle Books Competition, we split the books among the students. For example the High school students chose four books each and the Middle school students also picked out four books each to be responsible for. Doing this, all the students didn't have to read all the books, which made it easier for the students to memorize the books, which has worked great so far.

This week, January 23rd-27th, the LPSD had the Battle of the Books Competition. All the teams did their best. The High school students came in third place, Port Alsworth was second and Pedro Bay won. The Middle school came in second behind Pilot Point, losing by about two questions. The fifth and sixth graders came in third place in the first round, but didn't make it to the second round. The third and fourth graders also came in third place in the first round, and were unable to advance to the second round. The second grade team which included two first graders gave it their best, but came in second place behind Perryville who didn't miss one question. Finally, the kindergarteners tied for third in the first round, but didn't make it to the second round in the last battle on Friday afternoon.



The 3/4 team—Shaun and Tess



The 7/8 team—Jeremy, Alicia, and April



The 2nd grade team—Gregory, Dolly Ann, and Camille



The 5/6 team—Clara, Sharolynn, and Corey



The Kindergarten team—Tatyana and Fewnia

This year's Battle of the Books went great, but next year, it would be nice to see one of the teams come in first place in the district. To do this, maybe all the students should read all the books so they all know them, not just part of them.

Student Government

By April Hostetter, 8th Grade, Igiugig School

Our student government is busy with all of our fundraisers, travel ideas, goals, and helping out Juliet Biribawa, the Uganda student we are sponsoring.

We are doing very well with our budget and fundraisers. So far we have raised \$9642. A lot of that money has come from our monthly fundraisers like movie nights, pizza nights, hamburger nights, and others like the craft fair. We have also received generous donations from Brian Kraft, the Jardines, Royal Wolf Lodge, and Paul Tibby.

At the beginning of the school year, the secondary students set a lot of goals, some of which are to present at least two plays with one-hundred percent involvement in each; placing 1st or 2nd place in the district for Battle of the Books, and at least one to state; winning both of our iDidaMovies; getting 100% proficient on standardized tests; place 1st in volleyball and basketball; helping Juliet Biribawa, and receiving all of our grants. We have already had one play with one hundred percent involvement which was our Christmas play (The Gift of the Magi).

Sadly, no one placed first in the Battle of the Books, but the 7th/8th grade team and the second grade team placed second, and the high schoolers placed third in the district competition. The secondary students have started work on their entries for the iDidaMovie contest. The high school students are producing a movie about the hairy man, and the middle school students' movie is about the Iliamna Lake monster.

We are hoping to receive a grant to get out to the DDF (Drama Debate and Forensics Tournament) in Anchorage at the end of April. We are also hoping to go to a different state or country next year. In sports we want to win first place in volleyball and basketball. We got first place in volleyball, and our first basketball game will be on Friday, January 27th, 2006 against Nondalton at Pedro Bay. Juliet Biribawa is a sixteen-year-old Ugandan who we are sponsoring to go to school, and so far, she is doing a great job academically. In grant writing we have received a grant to bring Ossie to Igiugig to help with drum making, a grant for a new basketball court, and are hoping for the grant to travel to the DDF tournament.

So, in conclusion, I think we have had an excellent first half of the year in achieving most of our goals.

Christmas Cheers

By Dawsey Apokedak, 11th Grade, Igiugig School

"You are going to be stuck here for Christmas," were AlexAnna's words of wisdom the day before Christmas. She was wrong... I left Igiugig on the 24th of December.

For awhile, many people thought they were going to be spending their Christmas here in Igiugig because of the foggy weather. But, on the morning of the 24th many planes were flying in and out of Igiugig, transporting people back home, including me - after getting bumped off of four planes in a row. Then, when I finally arrived in Levelock, I found out that my dad and sister were still in Naknek, so I couldn't get a ride to my dad's house.

However, I lucked out because Brian Apokedak had driven out to the airport to see if there was any mail. After he loaded the truck with mail, he drove me home where I watched T.V. and played games until my dad and sister came back from Naknek. Right away, we set up the tree with its many ornaments. This year my dad wanted to save a tree, so he bought us a fake tree which took up less space than the real thing.

On Christmas morning, we had a surprise visit from my Grandpa Peter and Grandma Ida who watched me open my presents with happy smiles. When my Grandparents got tired of sitting in my dad's little shack of a house, they said to come and eat dinner later on at their new home. The dinner was great! Dad's family and my uncle S's family was there also, so we had a huge family dinner. After Christmas the weather finally started to get cold and it froze the river just enough for people to start ice fishing. Everyday there were at least ten people down at the river smelting

There were a bunch of enjoyable activities while I was in Levelock, especially when it snowed. Then New Year's was just around the corner and my Uncles Sergie and S had both returned from Naknek with a lot of fireworks. We lit them off at Pump Lake and had hot cocoa afterwards. Then a couple of days after New Years, it looked like we were finally going to have a white winter.

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Library/Computer Lab News

Battle of the Books have come and gone. All of our students participated in the district battle. Next year we hope to do better. Here are some exciting books and some interesting websites you may want to look into.



Nonfiction

The Dream is Alive! By Barbara Embury

“From the vivid, bone-shaking launch in “Riding a Column of Fire” to the graceful, dramatic touchdown in “Coming Home” *The Dream Is Alive* takes young readers on an exciting space flight of discovery aboard the space shuttle.”

Adult Fiction

Earth Medicine By Jamie Sams

“The true spirit of Native American ways of knowing shines through in these heartfelt meditations, poems, and stories.”

Alaska Nonfiction

The Northern Lights By Lucy Jago

“The true story of the man who unlocked the secrets of the aurora borealis.”

Fiction

Poppleton and Friends By Cynthia Rylant

“Poppleton was tired of being landlocked. He wanted to go to the shore.”

Easy Fiction

Franklin’s Valentine’s By Paulette Bourgeois

“Today was Valentine’s Day, and Franklin was counting the valentine’s he’d made for his friends. He wanted to be sure he hadn’t forgotten anyone.”

INTERESTING WEB SITES OF THE MONTH

www.avo.alaska.edu

Augustine volcano! It is 75 miles due East from us. It has been in the statewide news... occasionally it even made the National News! Click on the activity page and learn about the latest rumblings. Want to know which direction the ash will fall? Look in the NOAA Ash Trajectory Forecast.

www.homeschoolzone.com

Want yummy recipes all year long? Needing ideas for those cold fridge days for the in-bound kids? Wanting to keep up with what will be “HOT” for plants? You came to the right place. Want to know more about repairing your home? This site has a “FIX IT!” place too.

Health Fair

By Corey Olympic, 6th Grade, Igiugig School

Have you gone to a health fair before? I have. At this year's health fair, health aides talked about cancer, what tobacco can do to you, and what is healthy for you.

There are two different kinds of cancer caused by using tobacco. They are mouth cancer and lung cancer which you can get by chewing or smoking. When you have mouth cancer your tongue gets hairy, then it damages your gums. When you have lung cancer your lungs get black and become covered with tar. Afterwards, you can't run as far as you used to, and you start to breathe hard. After all that, you may need to have a hole in your throat which a doctor makes for you so you can breathe. This is from using tobacco.

Tobacco can be used in two ways, chewing tobacco and smoking tobacco. They both have the same drug. It is nicotine. Nicotine makes you want to continue smoking or chewing and causes mouth cancer and lung cancer. Tobacco is a plant that people cut in little strips and stuff into a can which is called snuff, or they roll it in paper, then stick a filter at one end and this is a cigarette.

Next, I'm going to write about healthy things for you, like eating right and exercising. Foods you eat should have items like proteins, vitamins/minerals, and carbohydrates. You should exercise everyday and brush your teeth. Other things that are healthy for you are not eating lots of fatty foods and not eating lots of junk food like candy and sodas.

My advice is not to use tobacco, to exercise, and eat healthy. If you use tobacco, please stop, and if you don't exercise, you should. When I'm older I will not use tobacco and I will exercise everyday.

WORD BUILDING

Use the following letters to make words in the slots provided.

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Answers can be found on page 9.

Elementary Science Project by Shaun Andrew, 3rd Grade, Igiugig School

"What is the elementary class doing in science?" asked Kristin. The elementary class is learning about constellations.

"We're going to learn about constellations for our next science project," exclaimed Mark. A constellation is a group of stars that form a picture. Some constellations are Cassiopeia, Orion, the Little Dipper, the Big Dipper, Cancer, Pegasus, and many more constellations.

Where can you find constellations? In the dark evening sky is the answer. You and your family will see many constellations, especially if you wait until about 7:30. If you lay down on the snow or ground and you have a star chart, you might see everything on your star chart.

On Wednesday night January 25, 2006 at 7:30 P.M., Corey, Sharolynn, Tess, Clara, Alicia, Mark, and I went outside and found these constellations: the Big

Dipper, North Star, Little Dipper, Cassiopeia, Orion, Sygnus, Pegasus, and Great Square of Pegasus. We also saw Mars, Moon, and Saturn.

On Thursday, January 26, 2006, Mark told us the plans for our new science project. During the weekend Mark made the background on the bulletin board. On Monday Mark told us we had to go on the internet and find a picture of our constellation. After we found our constellation, it was 3:15 and also time to go home, so I will tell you what we are going to do on the bulletin board. First, we will cut out stars and then we will put them on the bulletin board, but Mark said that we will make our stars stick out about half an inch. Near the bottom of the bulletin board we will put the names of our constellations.

I think learning about constellations is cool. We probably won't be finished with the bulletin board for a while. Good luck to the elementary class.

Elementary News

By Tess Hostetter, 4th Grade, Igiugig School

Have you ever wondered what the elementary class is doing? Since the last newsletter the elementary class has been very busy.

I first want to tell you about our new student, Clara Savage. Her personality is quiet and smart. Let me tell you how she looks. She has black short hair, brown eyes, and she is really skinny. She was supposed to go to Kokhanok after Slavi was done, but she wanted to go to school here in Igiugig. Her favorite subject in school is P.E. In Kokhanok Clara read for two hours, worked in her math book, wrote, and had a snack.

Let's see what else is going on in Mark's room. Hmmm – oh, they had Battle of the Books. It was very fun. The 2nd graders competed against and Perryville. Igiugig lost to Perryville in the second round. The score was 128 for Perryville and for 56 for Igiugig. The 5th and 6th graders went against the Lagoon and Port Alsworth. The final score was eight for Igiugig, 88 for Port Alsworth, and 16 for the Lagoon. Last, but not least, the 3rd and 4th graders competed against Perryville and Port Alsworth. The points were 56 for Perryville, 64 for Port Alsworth, and 48 for Igiugig. None of us went to State but, it was very fun to try our best against other teams that we didn't know.

This last paragraph is about what activities we do in school. The elementary class is starting to feed the fish. Gregory, Camille, and Sharolynn are working on making books to put up in the library so people can read them. The elementary class is still saving money to go to Naknek. The elementary class is doing a bulletin board on constellations.

If you don't have anything to do, maybe you should come to the elementary class. I'm sure you will have a blast.

GARDENER GOODIES

Since the garden should be under snow and we all ended January with some, let's talk about that this month

Many of us have lived under the mistaken idea that all snowflakes are six sided and never identical, but always very similar. Actually, they can even have 12 points or be lopsided. Information from the following website will set us all straight on that:

www.SnowCrystals.com

A Field Guide to Falling Snow

Stellar Dendrites



Needles



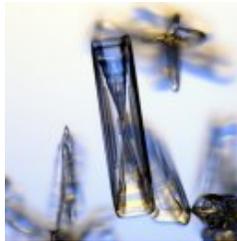
Sectored Plates



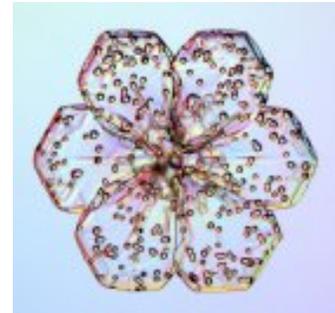
Capped Columns



Hollow Columns



Rimed Crystals



Irregulars



Spatial Dendrites



Winter

By Clara Savage, 5th Grade, Igiugig School

Have you ever wandered outside in the winter? Sledding and towing are my favorite activities in the winter because we go really fast. For Christmas my mom got me a new sled and now I have two sleds. Mostly when we go sledding on a big hill we have more fun. If we go towing and the driver goes fast it will be fun. Winter is lively. Winter has lots of fun and excitement.

Winter is the opposite of summer. In the winter we can't grow vegetables in the garden. Winter is five months long and we have to dress really warm or we will get cold. There are no bugs in the winter because it is too cold for them to survive. All the spring birds fly south. Christmas is in the winter and winter comes after fall. Winter can be very dangerous when the ice is not safe, and when we don't know what we are doing.

In the winter, it is very cold. On Wednesday, January 25, 2006 it was 35 degrees below zero. In the winter people can freeze to death if they don't dress well. We have to dress with ski pants, gloves, winter boots, hat, and a coat. If we don't wear a hat we will freeze our ears off. Sometimes the temperature can be 50 below zero.

I like winter because all the bugs go away. Winter is my favorite season of the year.

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It had started to snow early in the morning and didn't stop until the next day, so there was enough snow for everyone to ride around on. Then, the day after it had snowed, I went home and pulled out the snow-machine and gassed it up at the store and went out to Levelock Hill where we saw many wolf tracks. We didn't find any wolves, but they had been near the village the day before.

The night it had started to snow, Willie, Greg, Pete, Fewnia, and Dolly Ann came down and got stuck out on the river because the tide was in. They were coming down for Mary Tallekpalek's funeral. After the funeral, Slavi was coming up and I was going to head back up here to Igiugig, but my sister convinced me to stay a while longer with her. After we had Levelock's Slavi, there were a bunch of people heading up to Igiugig on Hondas so I jumped on with my brother and came back here. And that was my Christmas break.

iDidaMovie

By Alicia Zackar, 8th Grade, Igiugig School

A trip to Hawaii for winning a two minute movie, that's impossible! That's what you may think, but it's not impossible because a school wins every year! This year the secondary students are competing in the iDidaMovie contest for which high school and middle school students make a two minute movie in "cultural," "make me laugh," or "teach me something" categories. This year the high school students are entering "make me laugh", and the middle school students are going to produce a movie for the "teach me something" category.

The high school students are making a funny movie about the hairy man using stories from Mike Andrew and George Wilson. They picked the "make me laugh category" because they already had ideas for the humor in their heads and thought that category was the most appropriate.

The middle school students are going to produce a "cultural movie" about the Iliamna Lake monster. We will include stories told by Mary Olympic, George Wilson, and Annie Wilson. Then we are going to have a conclusion that ties these stories together. It has been fun filming and interviewing people about the lake monster, but it was very challenging to film the lake because it has been so foggy out.

Those who enter the iDidaMovie Contest will be competing for several prizes including: six round trip tickets from Anchorage to Honolulu (Hawaiian Vacations,) or 1 Canon Elura 80 Digital Video Camera (Teachers4Schools,) or 1 isight camera (ASTE.)

So, now you know that it *is* possible to make a two minute movie and possibly win a trip to Hawaii, a video camera, or an isight camera. We are hoping to get the tickets to Hawaii, but you never know what you will get, so keep your fingers crossed...

This month's featured expository essay . . .

Myths Essay

By April Hostetter, 8th Grade, Igiugig School

Large hairy creatures creeping about the forests of Alaska, northern lights predicting the future and a monster dwelling in Lake Iliamna are all stories drifting throughout northern cultures. Some of these well-known myths originated from around the lake, like the hairy man, the northern lights, and the lake monster. I wanted to put some of the stories in writing.

The hairy man, otherwise known as *Bigfoot* or *Sasquatch* across most of America, the *Abominable Snowman* in the Himalayas, *Mapinguari* in the Amazon, the *Yowie* in Australia, and *Yeti* in Asia hangs about the forests in Alaska. It is amazing that most of the cultures in the world have their own version of the hairy man.

In the region around the lake, people say that this creature is a very large, tall animal, with long arms, red eyes and a very hairy body. Some say that he is simply a man who was kicked out of a village, and has adapted to the wild. It seems that sightings of these amazing creatures have decreased over the years and very few people have actually seen one. Even though there is some proof of this huge hairy creature lurking among the large Alaskan terrain, only some experts believe that the creature exists. However, there are some captivating stories around our own village of Igiugig.

Some people say that the hairy man tried to lure themselves towards him, but we have not heard a story about one person being literally taken by one. Other times the hairy man is said to be a silent stalker; he/she follows you quietly, not making a sound. Among the people of Iliamna Lake, there have been many stories suggesting that the hairy man just disappears into the ground in deep grassy areas. For example, one person said that a hairy man was in the grass, and it watched the person walk by, turning its head slowly, and then disappeared into the ground. How do they just disappear into the ground? Nobody knows, and there hasn't been any real proof, just people believing the stories of the elders. Perhaps this is a fictional creature, made up by adults to keep their children from getting lost, or saving them from a real danger? Well, maybe we will find out someday. Until then, people will simply choose to believe in the stories or not.

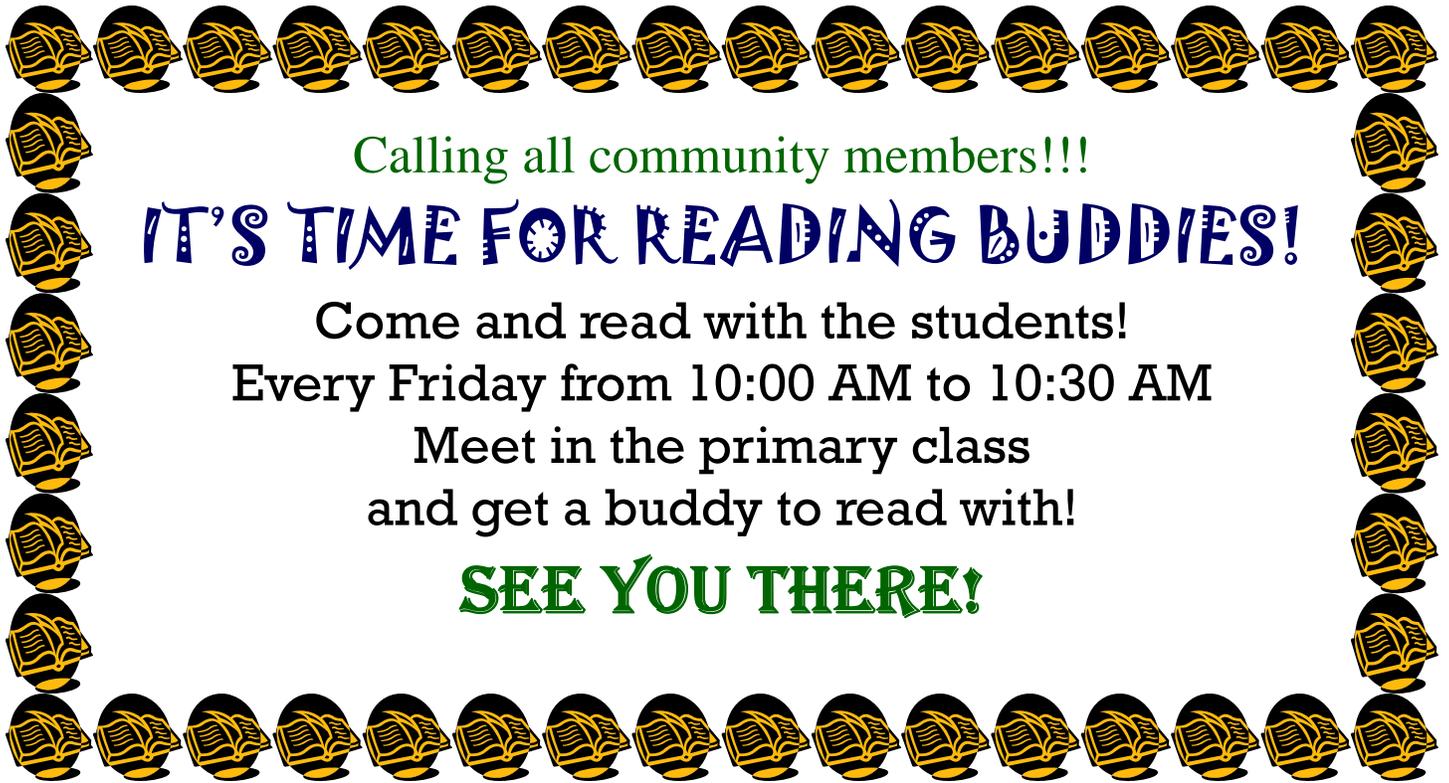
The next myth I am interested in is the Northern Lights. Elders say that when the northern lights come out you should never whistle, or they will descend from the skies and take you from the Earth. Before most Native Americans learned about the aurora borealis, they were deathly afraid of them. Many Native Americans thought that God himself had lit up the skies. A Nordic culture thought that they could summon spirits and ghosts by whistling to the lights. Another old Nordic tale stated, "God is angry when the aurora flames." Others said the aurora foretold catastrophes (disasters, plagues or wars) which were predicted by the flaming lights. But now, we know more about the lights, and we see them as something beautiful, flaming in the northern skies, not something to be feared.

The final myth or legend I wanted to write about is the Iliamna Lake Monster. This is a creature that dwells among the waters of our beautiful lake. Some people describe it as having a bulb-shaped head and its body becoming skinnier towards the tale. Others say that it is black, or green with spikes, and is ten to fifteen feet long. Other people say there is more than one. Some people refuse to think that there is a creature in our lake, and say that it is a lost sturgeon. There have been some attempts to capture evidence of this mythical creature, but they have failed to find rock-hard proof of the lake monster. So again, we have to either choose to believe the stories, or deny them.

Even though I have heard many of these myths, I do not know if I believe them or not. Someday, I hope to see the lake monster or the hairy man, to know that they aren't something made up by the elders to keep the children closer to home.

Answers to WORD BUILDING on page 6

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Calling all community members!!!

IT'S TIME FOR READING BUDDIES!

Come and read with the students!
Every Friday from 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Meet in the primary class
and get a buddy to read with!

SEE YOU THERE!



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2. Alicia was the spokesperson for the 7/8 grade team.
3. Mary was the recorder for the high school team.
4. Jeremy and Alicia look for the part of the book for the challenge.
5. Shaun and Tess search the book to try and win a challenge.
6. Mark and Kristin were there for every team as either a coach, mentor, timekeeper, or scorekeeper.
7. Clara was the spokesperson for the 5/6 grade team.



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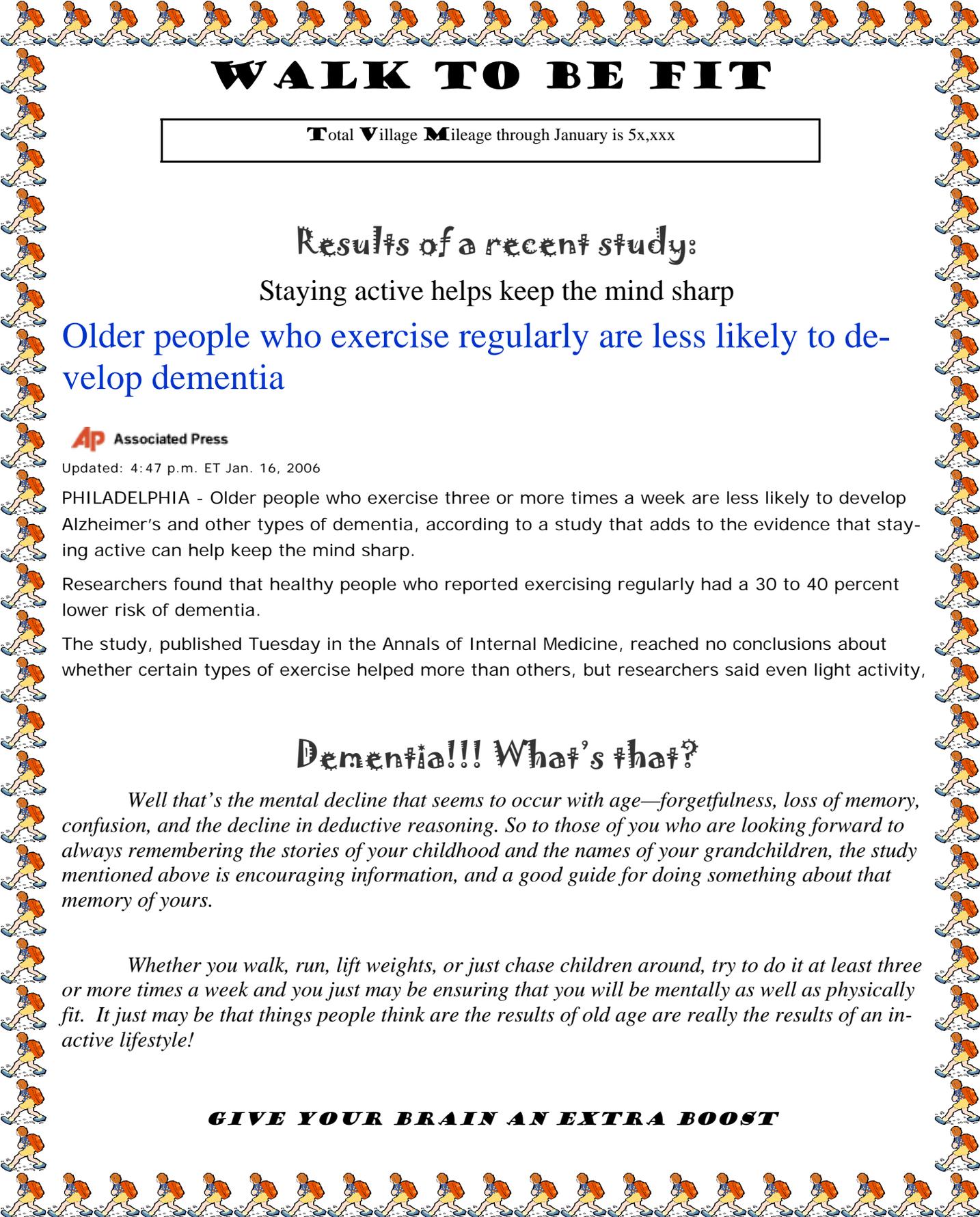


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1. The Igi Bay No-Chief-Ums
2. Port Alsworth Lynx
3. Simeon playing during half time.
4. Bianca tries to dribble inside.
5. No-Chief-Ums time out.
6. The three little cheerleaders: Fewnia, Camille, and Dolly Ann.
7. Jon gets the ball and heads to the basket.
8. Jon and Daniel jump for the ball.
9. Dawsey goes for the block against Joel.
10. Kiska on the drive.
11. Future No-See-Um Madison Lily, already sporting a fat lip.





WALK TO BE FIT

Total Village Mileage through January is 5x,xxx

Results of a recent study:

Staying active helps keep the mind sharp

Older people who exercise regularly are less likely to develop dementia

AP Associated Press

Updated: 4:47 p.m. ET Jan. 16, 2006

PHILADELPHIA - Older people who exercise three or more times a week are less likely to develop Alzheimer's and other types of dementia, according to a study that adds to the evidence that staying active can help keep the mind sharp.

Researchers found that healthy people who reported exercising regularly had a 30 to 40 percent lower risk of dementia.

The study, published Tuesday in the Annals of Internal Medicine, reached no conclusions about whether certain types of exercise helped more than others, but researchers said even light activity,

Dementia!!! What's that?!

Well that's the mental decline that seems to occur with age—forgetfulness, loss of memory, confusion, and the decline in deductive reasoning. So to those of you who are looking forward to always remembering the stories of your childhood and the names of your grandchildren, the study mentioned above is encouraging information, and a good guide for doing something about that memory of yours.

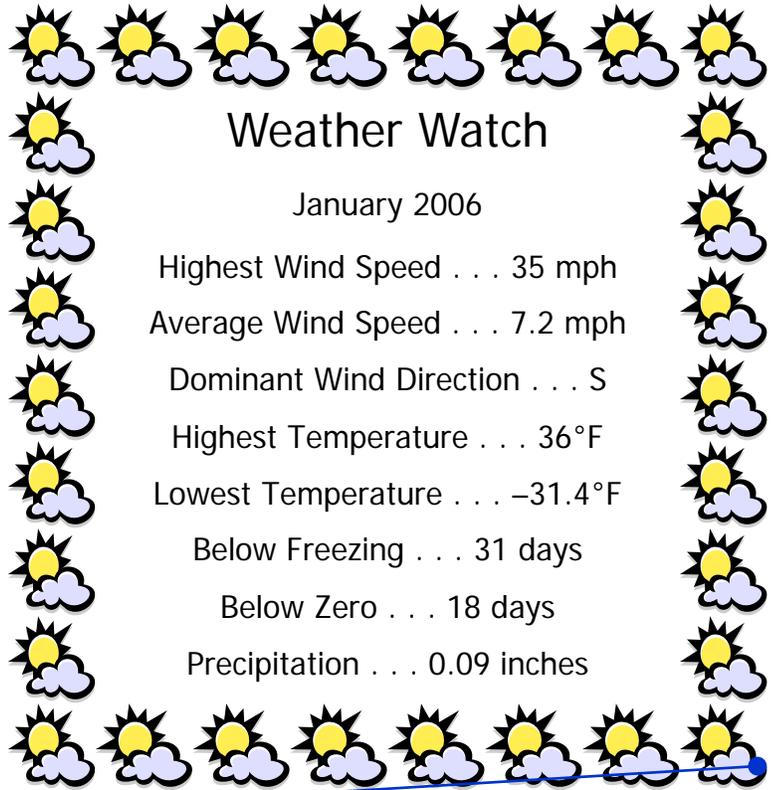
Whether you walk, run, lift weights, or just chase children around, try to do it at least three or more times a week and you just may be ensuring that you will be mentally as well as physically fit. It just may be that things people think are the results of old age are really the results of an inactive lifestyle!

GIVE YOUR BRAIN AN EXTRA BOOST

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Recipe Corner

RASBERRY-SWIRL CHEESECAKE

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
 - 2 tbsp. melted butter
 - 1 3/4 cups sugar
 - 1 1/2 cups raspberries
 - 2 pounds cream cheese, room temperature
 - 1/8 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
 - 4 large eggs, room temperature
- Preheat oven to 350*, with rack in center. Use foil to wrap exterior of a 9-inch springform pan (pan should have a removable bottom); set aside.
 - Stir graham crackers, butter, and 2 tablespoons sugar; press into prepared pan. Bake until golden, about 10 minutes. Let cool completely on a wire rack. Reduce oven temperature to 325*.
 - Puree raspberries in a food processor. Strain; discard seeds. Whisk in 2 tablespoons sugar; set aside.
 - Put cream cheese into the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Mix on medium speed until lightened, about 3 minutes. Mix in remaining 1 1/2 cups sugar, salt, and vanilla. Reduce speed to low. Mix in eggs, 1 at a time. Pour over crust in pan.
 - Drop teaspoons of raspberry sauce over filling in random pattern. Using a skewer, pull sauce through the filling, swirling decoratively. Place pan in a shallow roasting pan; transfer to oven. Carefully ladle hot water into roasting pan to come halfway up sides of springform.
 - Bake until set, 60 to 65 minutes. Remove from water; let cool completely on wire rack. Run a knife around edges of cake, remove sides of pan. Refrigerate, uncovered, at least 6 hours or overnight. Cheesecake can be refrigerated in an airtight container up to 2 days.