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# Igiugig News and Notes

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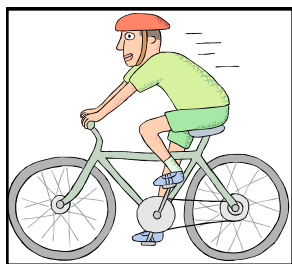
## ANGEL'S GRADUATION

Attended by all the local residents, some school staff that traveled in for the festivities, and a plane load of friends from Port Alsworth, the celebration began with the awarding of many certificates for standards met by all of Igiugig's students. Following that, the one graduate, Angel Danielle Alvarez walked the star strewn trail marking the end of her life as school student and beginning of adulthood. Speeches were given, flowers dispersed, diploma awarded, cake eaten and gifts received all amid lots of hugging, laughter, and a few quickly wished away tears. We are pleased and proud to launch off another "graduating class of one" into the world, surely to make a mark to be proud of. Congratulations Angel!





## Spring has Sprung by Dan Decker, Sr.



Happy spring everyone.

As the boating season is fast approaching I want to remind everyone to have fun and be safe on the

water this year as you go about your summer activities. Remember to have a Personal Flotation Device in your boat for all adults and anyone under the age of 13 must be wearing one.

I am currently working with Christina and Stacy Hill on some fun biking activities that we as a community can enjoy this summer. Kids, as you're having fun biking around the village this summer watch out for cars, trucks and four wheelers. It is fun to ride your bikes but it makes it even more fun if you do it safely.

And to finish I would like to give a shout out to our local "biker gang" the Flaming Wheels! You kids have fun and make sure you watch out for traffic while riding your pedal choppers (what they used to call motorcycles in the old days).

Have fun this summer everyone.

*Sgt. Dan Decker Sr.*

Village Public Safety Officer



## Igiugig's Walking Program by Stacie Garrison

The Clinic is starting a walking program, which has gotten off to a slow start but will pick up once I get everything more organized! We have some pedometers and water bottles for those interested in participating and keeping a log of their progress. Donations are welcome to help provide awards for the walkers, joggers, bike riders, dog walkers and strollers. The walking program can be a group or independent effort so you can get motivation from peers, or walk at your own rate. Weigh-in will be every Saturday at 3 at the Clinic. I hope to see everyone out walking and enjoying the outdoors this summer! Good luck!

## VILLAGE CLEAN UP by Tanya Salmon

May 19<sup>th</sup> was a cold & gloomy day, but that didn't keep the Igiugig students & adults indoors. In fact, pretty much every single person in the village was out & about & moving around by 9 AM. May 19<sup>th</sup> wasn't any ordinary day, it was Igiugig's Annual Village Clean-Up Day & the last day of school! Volunteers met at the school, broke into groups, & tackled the roads & swamps. Within a few hours yellow trash bags lined the roads for the "pick-up" crew to do exactly as their name implies: pick up the trash & bring it to the dump!

The chilly temperatures had people working extra fast & before 11:15 everybody was done! Kids, adults, elders, & babies met at the ball field where Martha & Kevin were busy cooking burgers & hot dogs. I did a quick award ceremony for Keilan since I was absent during graduation & had an upset pre-school boy (he saw all the other kids receive awards, so he was very disappointed when he didn't get any), kids & adults had a game of baseball going on, & others, like me, visited & feasted.

A huge thanks goes out to all of the volunteers & students who helped with the village clean-up & school picnic. Your caring attitude truly reflects the pride we all carry for Igiugig. Thanks!

Picture Left: The wind turbines take a breather on this calm day.



## Why Ruin A Good Thing? By Tanya Salmon

70.71% of the earth's surface is covered in water. Out of that, only .007% is readily accessible for direct human use. The current world population is estimated to be approximately 7 billion people. Out of that 884 million of these people lack access to safe water (approximately 1 in every 8 people). Because of that 3.575 million people die from water-related diseases every year. In the developing world 24,000 children under the age of 5 die every day from preventable causes like diarrhea contracted from unclean water. That means that every 20 seconds a child dies because of contaminated water. The United Nations estimates that by 2025, 48 nations will face freshwater scarcity. After hearing these numbers it is amazing to know that people are still pushing for Pebble Mine to be located at two freshwater rivers & the largest salmon run in the world.

I believe that the Kvichak River water is some of the best water on earth. Twice we have submitted water samples & twice, we received the same response "what did you do to tamper with the water?" Honestly, we did nothing. Our water is THAT fresh, clean, & unpolluted. I am proud of our crystal clear lake & river. Tourists come through every summer & are amazed at the clarity & purity of our water. I would hate to see it contaminated.

On May 10-15<sup>th</sup> I was invited to go on a mine tour with Nunamta Aulukestai (Caretakers of the Land) to learn about the negative effects of mining. Although I visited the same mines last May through Pebble Limited Partnership, I was excited for the opportunity to check out the opposing side. I traveled with 6 other Bristol Bay residents: Sally Gumlickpuk from Dillingham (originally from New Stuyahok), Victor Seybert from Pilot Point, Tara Balluta from Nondalton, Lydia Olympic originally from Igiugig, & Tina Mann & Matrona Wassillie from Kokhanok.

While in Utah & Nevada, we were able to visit mines, such as Bingham Mine, which is currently the largest producing copper mine in the world. You hear stories of it being 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles across at the top &  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles deep, but it is hard to register how BIG that hole in the ground really is until you actually see it! I can't imagine a mine even bigger than that one in my front yard, and sadly, upstream from me.

Not only were we given the opportunity to visit mines, we were also able to meet with some of the local Natives in Elko, Nevada. We listened as they talked about the negative experiences the mine has brought: contaminated water (some cases are so bad that the town has to have all of their drinking water imported), drugs, ruined ancestral grounds & spirited areas, influx of workers who don't care, & their battles for their rights. It was sad to hear how mining operations hire outside people who have no ties to the area & their "I

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don't care" attitude. They don't care if the company is using unsafe mining methods, whether they leave their trash, etc. because it is not their home. I was able to experience this first hand as I was talking to several mine employees. At one point, one of the men in the group claimed "who cares if we are polluting it here. This ain't our home," he said this as he tossed his trash on the ground, not far from a garbage can. That is the kind of mentality that scares me.

After Elko we drove to Yerington to visit an abandoned mine located smack-dab in the middle of town. Farmers grow their vegetables a few miles down hill from the mine, most likely with traces of contaminated water (the town has high uranium & cyanide levels in their water). Houses surround at least 3 sides of the mine & I was sad to see residential homes (with children) less than 100 feet away from the mine that was barricaded by a flimsy fence with barbed wire at the top, bearing signs that read "Danger! Unsafe Mine. Stay out. Stay Alive." The open pit mine has long since filled with contaminated water. Locals stated that a flock of geese flew to the pond & landed...never to fly again. The mine made millions if not billions of dollars & high tailed it out leaving the State of Nevada to deal with the high cost of keeping the contaminated materials under control. Could that happen here?

In conclusion, I am not against mining. I am, however, against mining in the Bristol Bay region. If mining companies manage to contaminate water in the desert, how do they expect to have safe mining techniques in our water shed? Already the world is going through a water shortage. Right now, our clean water is our most valuable resource. While in Yerington, I read the headlines to the Mason Valley News. One that got my immediate attention (which was also on the front page) read "Five willing seller water deals closed at \$22 million" (Volume 94, No. 21. Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>). Why ruin a good thing?

### Resources:

<http://water.org/learn-about-the-water-crisis/facts/>

<http://www.census.gov/main/www/popclock.html>

<http://www.enotes.com/science-fact-finder/earth/how-much-earths-surface-land-how-much-water>





Spring is a time of awakening from long, cold, dark winters. It is also “baby” season for a variety of species. Speaking of which, do you know the different names for different animals & their offspring? What do you call a baby porcupine? Look below to find out. Some answers just may surprise you!

Photo from [www.elementsvillage.com](http://www.elementsvillage.com)

Animal	Male	Female	Baby	Group of Animals
Bear	Boar	Sow	Cub	Sleuth, Sloth
Beaver	-	-	Pup, Kitten	Colony
Moose/Caribou	Bull	Cow	Calf	Herd
Fox	Tod/dog	Vixen	Kit/pup/cub	Skulk, Leash
Mouse	Buck	Doe	Pup/pinkie	Horde, mischief
Rabbit	Buck	Doe	Bunny	Colony, Leash, Drove
Squirrel	Buck	Doe	Pup, Kit	Dray
Porcupine	Boar	Sow	Porcupettes	Prickle
Owl	-	-	Owlet	Parliament (adults) & Clutch (babies)

### WORD BUILDING

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

S D C S O L

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13. □□□□□□

Answers can be found on page 10.

## How PCE Helps You

By: Tanya Salmon

RECAP from last month: Power Cost Equalization (PCE) was created to provide economic assistance to Alaskan communities where electricity charges are usually many times higher than urban areas of the State.

The PCE bill was created so that every eligible community has electricity rates down to just 20% more than the weighted average of Anchorage, Fairbanks, & Juneau. Currently, PCE compensation is cost based. Therefore, utility costs, up to the State determined ceiling, drive the amount of an electrical bill paid by the State of Alaska for the customer. PCE rates are determined on the power consumed by the community and the current cost of fuel.

The bill may change the minimum electrical rate a community must experience to be eligible for PCE and raises the amount PCE will cover. For example, Igiugig residents currently pay .803 per kilowatt hour. With PCE, however, customers pay .3932 up to 500 KWH. After 500 KWH, they must pay the full price.

PCE isn't mandatory, it is a privilege. Pay your bills in a timely manner & you will continue receiving your PCE credits. If you happen to fall behind on your monthly payments, Alaska Energy Authority will more than likely contact the Electric Company stating that if the customer does not make a payment towards their bill soon, then they will no longer receive PCE. If you feel you are having trouble making your monthly payments, please don't hesitate to contact me at the office & I can set up a payment plan for you.

For more information, log onto: <http://www.akenergyauthority.org/programspce.html>



Above Left: May 31st Alaska Sportsman's Lodge had to land in the pond by the new subdivision because the river was jammed with ice.

Above Right: May 29th ICE JAM on the mouth at the Kvichak River.

*"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want to —oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heartache, you want it so!"*

*~Mark Twain*

# GARDENERS GOALS

By Sandy Alvarez

## JUNE garden activities:

**EARLY JUNE** – Rainy days—watch your weather and pick a time when there should be a few rainy days in a row if you want to direct seed to the garden or scatter wild flowers or grass seeds. A few days of good drizzle will give them the perfect start, helping to work them into the soil, and keeping them moist enough to germinate well. If you don't get a good rainy stretch, be sure to water generously for the first week to avoid the soil drying out.

**EARLY JUNE** – Plant out! With June comes the promise of frost free days—hopefully. Before planting out, be sure to harden off the starters you've so lovingly tended over the last few months (putting them out each day and lengthening their exposure gradually until they are out all day). Direct seed cool weather crops like lettuce, radishes, and turnips.

**JUNE** – Continue to pay attend to your young plants' most basic needs!!

- 1 - Temperature
- 2 - Lighting
- 3 - Fertilizer.

The same as when they are small--providing for good growth in the early stages helps your plants to be healthy and produce well as they mature throughout the season.

**JUNE** – Give kids their own spot in the garden or their own plant to water and care for and you will be inspiring a love of gardening in the next generation.

**JUNE** – Check out the greenhouse space! Things are growing beautifully. If you've not gotten your own space going be sure to talk to Stacy Hill soon and get your spot. If you are moving plants into the greenhouse be sure to do some pest control before putting them in—at least a good rinse down with diluted insecticidal soap or some other mild soap solution that your plants will tolerate. Despite the ladybugs hard at work eliminating pests, it's always courteous not to bring new pest bugs in.



Notice our little ladybugs, please be careful **NOT** to kill these little helpers who are busily zipping around the greenhouse eating pest bugs and their eggs and larvae. They are helping us naturally grow healthier plants!

### **REMEMBER those Re's**

**Reduce – Refuse – Reuse – Renew – Recycle – Remodel – Refurbish – Rebuild – Recharge – Refill – Refinish – Repurpose – Recover – Reclaim – Reload – Reinvest – Reinvent – Re...something.**



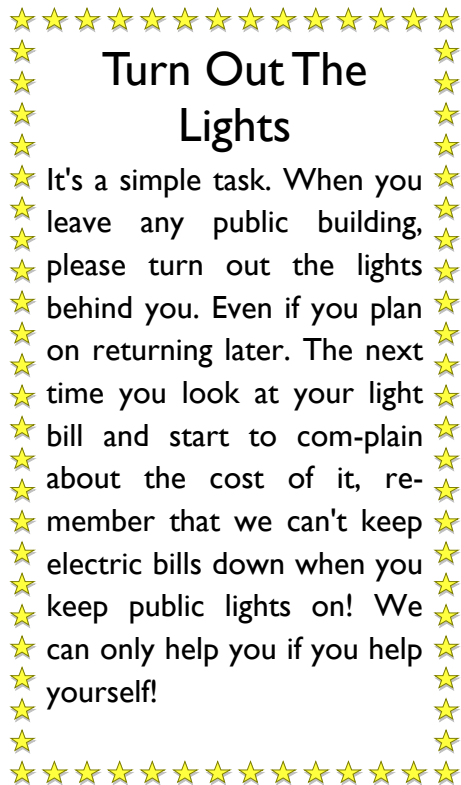
# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for contributing to our compost pile, but please remember that plastic bags DO NOT get thrown into the mix. The only bags that can be thrown in have to be **bio-degradable**.

SUMMER IS APPROACHING WHICH MEANS CONSTANT TRAFFIC THROUGH THE OFFICE. THE OFFICE EMPLOYEES ARE ASKING THAT RESIDENTS LIMIT THEIR CALLING & VISITING TO THE OFFICE, UNLESS, OF COURSE, IT IS TO TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS OR TO VOICE A VILLAGE CONCERN.



- The Village Council is accepting applications (& donations) for the Dan Salmon Scholarship Fund. Stop by the Office to pick up an application or e-mail Tanya at tjsalmon@hotmail.com & she can send you a copy online.
- Interested in having an **article or picture(s)** published? **Please submit an article or photos to Tanya.** A variety of authors always make the newsletter a more interesting read!



## Turn Out The Lights

It's a simple task. When you leave any public building, please turn out the lights behind you. Even if you plan on returning later. The next time you look at your light bill and start to complain about the cost of it, remember that we can't keep electric bills down when you keep public lights on! We can only help you if you help yourself!

## Vehicle Parking Notice

- If you are leaving on a flight, please park on the sides or back (North Side) of the hangar.
- If you are at the airport working, doing business, garbage, etc., & need to stop in front of the hangar (South side) **please park within 30' of the building.**
- **DO NOT** leave your vehicle out on the tarmac where airplanes need to taxi, park, or unload & **DO NOT** park right in front of the hangar doors, or office door. Thanks!

## Eggs for Sale

Our fresh chicken eggs are for sale! \$4 per dozen, free for local elders. The eggs are in the hangar refrigerator. Please pay in the office & don't forget to return your cartons!

## WALK TO BE FIT

By Tanya Salmon

On average, an adult should take at least 10,000 steps a day. After reading that fact, I thought that I took way more steps compared to the Average Jo. I was proved wrong once I picked up a pedometer at the clinic & could actually see my results! Before I knew it, I was making excuses to leave my desk so I could take a few extra steps to add to my unsatisfactory pedometer numbers.

In true Salmon fashion, I had to find a way to make my numbers actually mean something. So of course, Stacie Garrison & I made it a competition to see who has treaded the most miles within a day. Throughout the day, we compare to see who took the most steps & who burned the most calories. Some days are better than others: I find myself running around more on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, which happen to be our mail days!

So I burned over 350 calories in a morning (WAHOO). Sounds like a BIG number. "Oh yeah, weight loss" runs through my head as I see how many calories I burned. But those are exactly what they are, numbers. Again, I became discouraged when I read a random fact that said that in order to burn off ONE (yes, ONE) plain M&M you need to walk the entire length of a football field! So, if you're like me & cannot possibly stop at ONE M&M, here are a few walking health tips. Maybe it will help persuade you to don your walking shoes & strap on a pedometer!

- Longer, moderately-paced daily walks (40 minutes at 60% to 65% maximum heart rate) are best for losing weight while shorter, faster walks (20-25 minutes at 75% to 85% maximum heart rate) are best for conditioning your heart and lungs.
- Walking raises your metabolism so you are burning calories faster, even while you rest.
- Walking helps control your appetite, increase your energy, helps relieve stress, & slows aging.
- It reduces levels of cholesterol in your blood, lowers high blood pressure, and reduces risk of some forms of cancer including colorectal, prostate, and breast.

*"Everywhere is walking distance if you have the time" ~ Steven Wright*

Summer Reading Club has officially begun as of May 24th! If you have yet to join, it is not too late. Members meet at the library every Tuesday morning from 11-12. Betsy is away on vacation so April & Tess have taken over their Mom's position until she returns. Library Hours: 11-12PM & 6-7PM Monday-Friday & 11-12PM on Saturday. The library is CLOSED on Sunday.

### WORD BUILDING ANSWERS

#### SDCSOL

1. OLD

2. COD

3. SOD

4. LOSS

5. CLOD

6. COLD

7. SODS

8. SOLS

9. SOLD

10. CLODS

11. COLDS

12. SCOLD

13. SCOLDS



# Cultural Week



Lukas and Dan Jr. busy beading for their slippers.



Linda teaches Aiden how to use the sewing machine



Annie & Susie volunteering with skin sewing



Caleb cutting out his pattern



Ida helping Kiara with her slippers.



Jolynn hard at work



Kaylee & Kaleb posing with some moose.



Alex & Julie with the new college graduate.



Zack, Kaleb, Kaylee, & Timberlyn racking up on books for the Summer Reading Club while camping!



The generator getting a face-lift! The generator has been stripped to the beams & is being completely re-built.



Martha cooking up a storm for the picnic



Although it was cold, everybody enjoyed the picnic food



Keilan proudly shows off his awards.



Avery snatched a baseball glove.



Danni showing off her tern egg.



Jeremy pulling his broken down skiff.



Most likely snipe eggs.



Jonathan feeding his dog.

## Igiugig Village Council

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Tanya Salmon, Newsletter Editor

## Weather Watch

**Highest Wind Speed...78 MPH**  
**Average Wind Speed...10 MPH**  
**Dominant Wind Direction...ENE**  
**Highest Temperature...74°F**  
**Lowest Temperature...2°F**  
**Below Zero...0 days**

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A moose & her two calves  
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Spring has finally reached Igiugig!

Igiugig Tribal Village Council Newsletter



# June 2011



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June Facts: National Rose Month & National Dairy Month Gems for June include the pearl, alexandrite, & moonstone The Rose is the flower for the month of June			1	2 <b>Happy Birthday</b> <i>Jolynn Decker</i>	3	4
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26	27	28	29	30 <b>IVC Time-sheets Due</b>		