

Igiugig News and Notes

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Birthdays:

- December 2nd
Amara Decker
- December 10th
Tony Wassillie
- December 11th
Alex Salmon
- December 12th
Dave Hostetter
- December 24th
Sheryl Wassillie
- December 25th
Avery Salmon
- December 28th
Danni Wassillie
- December 29th
Willy Nickoli
- January 3rd
Aiden Wassillie
- January 8th
Kaleb Hill
- January 23rd
Annie Wilson

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Friday Night Fright Night by Dolly Ann Zharoff

On Friday, October 27th at 7PM there was a Halloween party at the Igiugig School. It was really fun and almost everyone in the village attended. There were games such as cake walk, bingo, silent auctions for desserts and prizes, and bobbing for apples. Spooky Halloween music and loud laughter filled the gym. There also was a No-see-um store that sold snacks, food and drinks. There were other set ups too, like a table to make Halloween decorations, a bean bag toss, and a "Stab the Vampire" booth. Contestants got to win prizes of candy. People also got to dress up in costumes and judges voted on which one was funny and scary and most original.

The greatest thrill of the Halloween party was the Haunted House. The haunted house was assembled upstairs in the library where it is usually held. Three at a time, people were escorted upstairs to a dark, scary lobby with screeching sounds. A clown with green hair ushered you in the front door and then locked it. Ahead, you walked through a shredded and soaking wet curtain into a gloomy room with a moaning zombie. In the maze you ran into a black bear, an air compressor shooting air, a swamp monster, and other horrifying encounters before finding the backdoor. A couple of kids even ended up crying because of it, but the rest just wanted to go in again and again to have fun. Karl Hill said: "I had a really good time setting up the Haunted House." He was a Death Eater from Harry Potter. Ida Nelson was a Vampire Witch and she thought the party was "Absolutely fantastically fun."

Around 10 PM everyone was all partied out and sugared up. It was time to rest up for trick-or-treating.



IVC PRESIDENTIAL REPORT by AlexAnna Salmon 2011 Program Highlights and 2012 Pursuits

In 2011, Igiugig Village Council leaders, employees, program directors, and subsidiary companies continued fulfilling our Comprehensive Community Strategic Plan. Below are snapshots of our highlights and 2012 pursuits.

BIA Program & ICWA Social Services

The BIA continues to fund our main government staff: Administrator, Administrative Assistant, Accountant, Tribal Clerks, Maintenance and Janitor Personnel, and all of our office supplies. It also funds our Indian Child Welfare Assistance Program.

Environmental Program—IGAP

Igiugig is still the cleanest rural Alaskan Village according to all our visitors and inspectors. Thanks to a legislative grant we received a new landfill burn unit. In 2012 our Environmental Director will pursue mini-trucks for dump/chicken duty as well as represent Igiugig in the Rural Alaska Self-Reliance Partnership, a sustainable communities initiative.

Tribal Library

Igiugig Tribal Library continues to operate from IMLS and State funding, and under a Memorandum of Agreement to use the Igiugig School library space. In 2011 and continuing until the end of 2012, we are working on a major project to digitize our historic photos. This work is done under a 2 year IMLS Enhancement Grant and the elders that have participated so far include: Annie and George Wilson, Gabe Gust, and Mary Olympic. You can find their photos online, as they share the history of our community through photos digitized by Betsy. Thank you for your participation and we look forward to more!

IVC Rental Homes and NAHASDA Services

IVC now has 6 rental homes, 5 occupied. Our NAHASDA services and rental subsidies are budgeted to continue through 2013 right now.

Igiugig Clinic

The new Igiugig Clinic was completed and we have a notice to move clinics on January 23, 2012 if the fiber optic is live. By the end of this month we will have a new BBAHC Field Coordinator and his family moving to Igiugig. In 2012 I will be pursuing a heated building to store an Emergency Patient Transport Vehicle.

VPSO Program

2011 has been a big year for the VPSO Program. Congratulations to Dan Decker for achieving First Sergeant status! In November, ILC finished construction of our AHFC Public Safety house, it is the beautiful mansion in High Ridge Subdivision. This summer we also added a patrol vehicle to our fleet.

Igiugig Electric Company

We received an entire new generator building with three new generators and a waste-heat upgrade. In 2012 and onward we are pursuing renewable energy integration to assist our diesel generation and someday we might see cheaper electricity.

Public Water System

In 2011 we secured funding for a Surface Water In-take System and a Water Treatment Plant Upgrade. After months of re-evaluation, we have requested to re-scope the project and instead extend the ground water line and complete the upgrade. We are uncertain if this will be accepted by the granting agencies.

Local Foods Program/Greenhouse Production

The Igiugig Greenhouse has achieved statewide fame and attention, especially after Christina and Stacy's recent presentation in Anchorage. We have since then been invited to both Bethel and Kodiak. There is opportunity to make agriculture a career for an interested resident.

Roads Program

In 2012 we will be pursuing the Barge Landing/Big Mountain Road and Phase II of the High Ridge Road to Float Plane Lake.

2012 ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PURSUITS

Hydrokinetic Project

In 2011 we had 17 visitors from AEA, TerraSond, and four hydrokinetic device companies. This project is under AEA's management, and this summer TerraSond completed bathymetric profiling of our river. We have applied for another Renewable Energy round of funding, and in Spring of 2012 we may be deploying three demonstration devices in the river IF all goes according to plan.

Wind Monitoring Project

Have you noticed a big MET Tower at the landfill site? Thanks to the Lake and Peninsula Borough, we have been included in the regional wind study, and our wind resource will be monitored and measured for one year, which is necessary for a "feasibility study".

Wood Boiler Project

Also thanks to the Borough, Igiugig is one of five villages included in the Wood Boiler Project. Currently, bids are due on December 31, 2011 for the installation of a wood boiler on Igiugig's Hangar Building. In 2012, we plan to import more cord wood from surrounding communities.

Capital Improvement Projects

In 2011 we acquired a brand new skidsteer, and a few other pieces of equipment. In 2012 our CIP priority list includes: barge landing, public landing dock repair, Hydrokinetic project, maintenance building, runway extension.

Dan Salmon Scholarship Fund

The Fund continues to gain and in 2011 we funded two college students: Sheryl Wassillie and April Hostetter. Sheryl will graduate from Fort Lewis College in late April.

Iliamna Lake Contractors and Iliaska Environmental

2011 has been a multi-project year from installing fiber optic cable, to providing camp services, road work, and constructing the Public Safety House to name a few. 2012 includes more roadwork and perhaps some marine contracts as well.

Igiugig's future success depends on our ability to continue growing local capacity. There are countless trainings available that are necessary to operating and maintaining our assets and running this Tribal Government. There are training funds also available so I encourage residents to seek out new

opportunities to contribute to your community. This is an incredible team effort, and so THANK YOU for another wonderful year serving this community.

Quyana,

Alexanna Salmon

VPSO Update by Dan Decker, Sr

Hi folks,

Well with the weather being as it is (COLD!), it is time we stopped to check our chimneys and smoke detectors. For those of us who use our wood stoves more often it is in our best interest to make sure our chimneys are clean and clear of any soot. One of the major causes of home fires in the winter is chimney fires. So if you are able get up there and look down your chimney and make sure it is free of soot and creosote.

As the New Year is fast approaching it is wise to test your smoke detector and make sure the batteries are working. I like to tell people to do this when the clock changes for daylight savings time but I also recommend this be done at least once a month for peace of mind.

Remember as the temperature drops the risk of frostbite increases. So, when you're out enjoying the winter wonderland be sure to cover any exposed skin to prevent cold weather injuries. The faster you go on your snow machine or four-wheeler the colder it gets.

I want everyone to have a SAFE and happy holiday season!

Quick New Year's Facts by Tanya Salmon

Celebrating the New Year on January 1st is a relatively new phenomenon. The earliest recording of a New Year celebration is believed to have been in Mesopotamia around 2000 BC. However, they celebrated around the time of the vernal equinox which occurs in mid-March. Other ancient cultures, such as the Egyptians, Phoenicians, & Persians began their New Year with the fall equinox while the Greeks celebrated on the winter solstice.

The first time people celebrated the New Year on January 1st happened in Rome in 153 BC (the month of January did not exist until around 700 BC, when the 2nd King of Rome added the months January & February). However, this New Year date was not always observed & the New Year is sometimes still celebrated on March 1st.

In 46 BC Julius Caesar introduced a new, solar-based calendar & January 1st became consistently observed as the start of the New Year.

In medieval Europe, celebrations accompanying the New Year were considered pagan & unchristian like. So in 567 the Council of Tours abolished Jan. 1st as the beginning of the year. At various times & places throughout medieval Christian Europe, the New Year was celebrated on Dec. 25th, March 1st, & March 26th.

In 1582 the Gregorian calendar changed & restored January 1st as the New Year. Although most Catholic countries adopted the Gregorian calendar almost immediately, it was slowly being adopted among the Protestant countries. The British, for example, did not adopt the reformed calendar until 1752. Until then, the British Empire, & her American colonies, still celebrated the New Year in March.

Although the actual New Year date has changed throughout the years, people have been pledging to change their ways in the New Year (whether it be getting into shape, quitting a bad habit, or learning a new skill) for an estimated 4,000 years. The tradition is believed to have started with the ancient Babylonians who made promises in order to earn the favor of the Gods & to start the year off on the right foot. So, remember, whether you celebrate



Environmental Report by Christina Salmon



Nervously practicing, numerous bloopers, poor transitions, all while stuffing our faces with delicious sandwiches, to the untrained eye, Stacy Hill and I would have looked like we were well on our way to a train wreck! But in fact, we were just warming up for a killer presentation on Trials, Tribulations, and Triumphs of Running a Full Swing Greenhouse in Rural Alaska. After several botched practices in the "Anchorage House," we decided we would be fine and went on a wing a prayer that tomorrow, during the real presentation we would have our stuff together. We sure did! Stacy was invited to live in another community in rural Alaska, became known throughout the conference at The Greenhouse Guru, and topped off her first presentation appearance with an environmental excellence award in volunteering! The Alaska Tribal Council on Environmental Management conference proved to be another successful event to attend. I was lucky enough to follow up with a real winner, a topic that covered the Landfill Inspection Process with ADEC. Nothing is as fun as prepping for a landfill inspection. It was still well attended and received. After those two presentations were under our belts, Stacy and I were able to spend the rest of the week attending and I myself moderated several sessions.

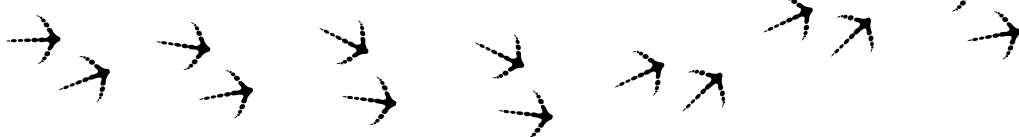
Besides planning and attending conferences, I am currently working on a grant application through RurAL CAP, hopefully for some mini-trucks to use in improving our landfill and recycling programs.

We finally heard back from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Solid Waste Program in regards to our landfill inspection. " I would like to commend your hard work in maintaining the Igiugig solid waste program and recycling efforts. The Village of Igiugig's environmental program is exemplary and serves as a model of what collaboration and dedication can accomplish." -Kitrina Persson, Environmental Program Specialist for ADEC. Using ADEC's new Waste Index Scoring Criteria, we scored a 93% or 176/190 possible points. We have plenty of room for improvement and told Ms. Persson to expect a perfect score the next go around.



THANKSGIVING, VILLAGE STYLE by Christina Salmon

In Igiugig, if one wants to have a great time, you simply throw together a massive dinner feast. Nothing beats good food, amazing friends to visit with and kids crying in the background. Food from turkey, ham, Kvichak River Salmon, to agutaq and a wide variety of side dishes spread over three tables was available for people to chow on. And to think we worried about not having enough to feed our community. After filling our stomachs to the max, it looked like we hadn't even touched anything! With a trip to Vegas ending the day before, I was rushed into proper planning, something I don't enjoy doing (the rushing, not the planning). With the help of amazing community members, no one could even tell we rushed into planning and organizing our dinner. It is events we enjoy like this that make me proud to call Igiugig home and the few residents who live here, good friends.



Igiugig Native Corporation Annual Meeting by Tanya Salmon

Although it was a weekend, people were gathering at the Hangar. Today was a special day & every shareholder in Igiugig made sure to make an appearance. Why? It was the Annual Igiugig Native Corporation (INC) meeting & everybody saw dollar signs in their eyes. Non-INC shareholders also attended for the excellent company, & in true Igiugig fashion, the delicious snacks.

The meeting opened with several "measly" \$100.00 door prizes. Kids were chosen out of the audience to pick from the can of names. The yearly report, which was handwritten by Jerry Liboff, the INC Accountant & the Lands Manager, showed how much money we made & spent. Not surprisingly, the Native Corporation racked in the dollars & also made several generous contributions to the Igiugig Students & various community projects.

AlexAnna, the Bookkeeper & Assistant Lands Manager, updated the community on everything that happened throughout the year & the behind-the-scenes activities that she has been up to. Christina & Tanya, the Trespass Officers, reported on their scouting endeavors & charging tourists with land-use fees. Locals voiced their concern of lodges that have too many customers for the Kvichak River to handle & praised the outcome of the River Etiquette class that the Native Corporation held in June. And of course, Liboff, in-between bites of food & sips of coffee, would explain the financial report. Mike Andrew Senior's position as INC member was up & Kevin was elected in his position. In between reports, money drawings occurred & slowly increased in amount.

The 2011 INC Annual Meeting ended with a round trip ticket to Anchorage through Denaina Air Taxi, Mike Andrew Sr. was the lucky named picked! A humongous thanks go out to the INC Board (Christina & AlexAnna Salmon, Mike & Dallia Andrew, & Mary Olympic) for running such a successful, positive corporation, to Denaina Air Taxi who graciously donated the round trip ticket, Dan Decker Sr. who has helped the Corporation Land Use Program on several accounts, to the Trespass Officers who worked all hours bringing strangers bills, & Jerry Liboff for being such a dedicated Manager. Quyana! I must add that I am very proud to be a member of the Igiugig Native Corporation...& who wouldn't be?!



Tri-Fold Seal Skin Wallet made by Ida Nelson

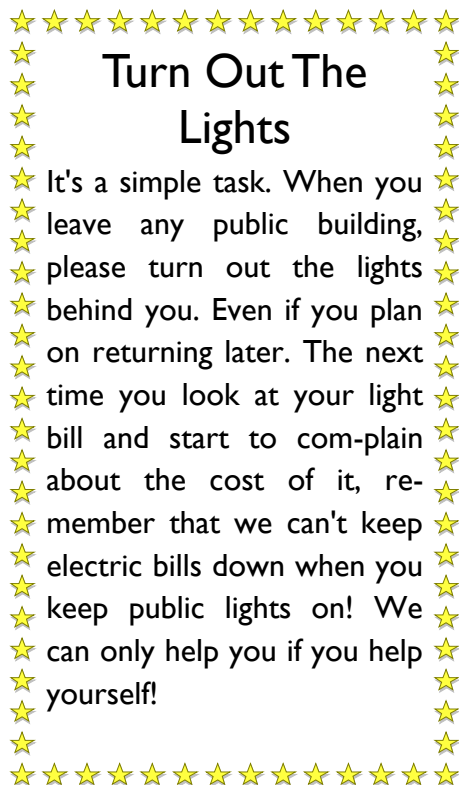
Hello folks of Igiugig, Ida Nelson here. I am still doing Minguq Night at my house every Tuesday, Thursday evenings at 7 PM and 2 PM every Saturday at my house. So far we have people making mittens and key chains. We just received new supplies from Black Elk leather and beads and from the Alaska Fur Exchange. So stop by my house and tell me what you want to make and I'll see what we can do. Come out of the snowy weather and into the mood of Minguqing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to Matt & his handy little helpers, the hangar Recycling center has been neatly organized. We would like to keep it well maintained & clutter free! So remember to separate **#1 plastics, aluminum cans, glass, food scraps, & cardboard**. Signs have been hung around the hangar directing you where to dispose of your trash. Properly segregating your trash will help keep the cost of dump fees down. Thank you for your cooperation & understanding!



- 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!

2011 Citizen of the Year By AlexAnna Salmon

This is our third year of awarding a “Citizen of the Year”—it is the highest honor a resident of Igiugig can achieve for their valiant efforts in volunteerism, community service, and overall improvement of the quality of life in this village.

Past recipients are Dave Hostetter in 2009, for keeping a watchful eye on Igiugig's Powerhouse, Water Treatment Plant, the School, and all the boilers/heaters/machines that need his mechanic skills without a moment's notice.

2010's award went to Mary Olympic for her lifetime of community service to Igiugig. At 79-years of age, she demonstrated to all of our residents how to continue “giving back” in any means possible. When our dump/chickens crew stopped showing up for work, she filled in. When the janitors failed to come in, she took out trash, vacuumed, and tidied the hangar building. When office staff was out doing other errands, she even covered the phones or brought in lunches for the work crew.

2011 Award is unique—it is being awarded to a family of good citizens: Karl, Stacy, Kaleb, and Kaylee Hill. Karl has worked relentlessly on so many village water projects we have dubbed him: Water Warlord. Stacy volunteered to manage the greenhouse for its first operative summer and quickly became the “Greenhouse Guru”. If there is a pile of glass to crush, boxes to bale, cans to bag—she is in action and the two kids are working right alongside. If the chickens are not producing eggs, she investigates why. If packages arrive, and Stacy is around, she will deliver them to residents. The Hill family's volunteerism is exemplary and I am so excited they are setting examples of citizenship to their offspring.

Sometimes, in the mayhem that is village life, we forget to say “thank you” in return. Awarding a Citizen of the Year helps IVC to remember. This type of dedication is exhausting, and with outstanding citizens like those mentioned above, it makes rural living easier on everyone. When I think of all the things residents like these three individuals do on a daily basis for the Village of Igiugig it makes me aspire to be a better person, to think about others, and to always provide 100% effort whether it is a job I am being paid for, or volunteer work. They pay their bills to the council on time, buy local as much as possible, and their consistent work ethics feed our local economy. On behalf of the Village of Igiugig, thank you Citizens of Year: 2009, 2010, and 2011!

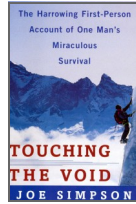


Igiugig's Citizens of the Year: Karl, Stacy, Kaleb, & Kaylee Hill

Library/Computer News by Betsy Hostetter

Merry Christmas! Vacation starts on the 23rd of December through the 13th of January. The library will be closed during that time. For the enhancement grant I am on "round 2" with Mary Olympic, and Georgie and Annie Wilson's photographs. We have 220 photographs on www.vilda.alaska.edu. Gabe Gust just gave us permission to use some of his photographs. The library gathering for November was the Thankfulness tree. Thank you all for making it so beautiful.

"Snails"? This cookbook is for you!



Biography

Touching the Void by Joe Simpson

***** BOB for high school*****

The true story of one man's miraculous survival.



Easy fiction

Snow is Falling - By Franklyn M. Branley

"...The snow may fall all day. The snow gets deeper and deeper."

Alaska fiction

Love finds you in North Pole, Alaska By

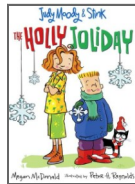
Loree Lough

"A former marine is no match for the spunky Sam Sinclair.."



Young Adult Fiction

The Holly Holiday by "Judy Moody" is making a list and checking it twice, but all Stink really wants this year is snow."



WEBSITE

www.allrecipes.com

With Christmas around the corner, try some of these recipes: Apple crisp cupcakes, and Bread pudding III. If you like cranberries try these: Cranberry pumpkin bread and buttery cranberry pie. If you do make any of these treats, please let me know.



Alaska nonfiction

Best of the Best from Alaska

Cookbook by Gwen McKee

Want to know how to make "Chocolate Moose Latte" and how about



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Andrew in his Ghillie Suit & Benise the Witch at the Halloween Party.

Keilan And Fish Eggs by Keilan Wassillie

Written November 23, 2011

This is Keilan! I'm five years old and I'm a rockstar in Kindergarten.

Our salmon eggs got here today and now they're in the tank. Josh flies a big white airplane for Dena'ina Air Taxi. He brought our eggs to us in a box. The eggs were wrapped in a cheese cloth and then another piece of cloth. I think it was burlap. We took 'em out of the box and had to hold 'em in the water so they could acclimate to the water in the tank. That means they had to get used to the water. We did that for ten minutes. After that we put them in a basket and put the basket in the water. We let them stay in there and we watch 'em. They're gonna hatch, but we don't know when.

We're doing math right now. We do math papers. I'm practicing counting. I'm good at counting but I always skip fifteen.

Goodbye!



Left- Salmon eggs in a box. Middle- The fish eggs! Right: Jolynn holding the bag to acclimate the eggs.

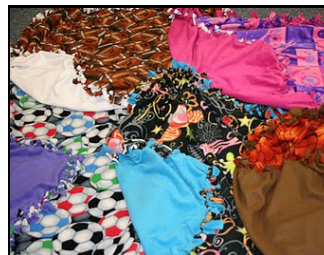
Blankets, Movies, and Eggs by Dolly Ann Zharoff & Benise Tinker

Written December 9, 2011

Hi. This is Benise and Dolly.

We have been making blankets and also we have been making a movie, and a lot of eggs have hatched.

The blankets are made out of fleece. The whole class is making them for the Christmas Bazaar. They are colorful and warm. We make them by tying knots and we have to do a lot of cutting. Well, we first lay down the fabrics and line them up until they are both even. Then we cut the four corners out and then start cutting fringes out on all the sides about 1 inch. Then start knotting.



Left- Andrew helping Dolly Cut. Middle Left- Benise & Kaylee knotting blankets. Middle Right- All of the completed blankets. Right- Laying out the fabrics.

Our movie that we are making is only going to be about 15 minutes. We have made and came up with the whole movie. We didn't use any script, we made it all up and made the movie from all our ideas. We filmed

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outside and inside and we came up with the costumes and made the props. The movie is a secret so you have to come to our Bazaar to see what it is about!



Left– Kiara the artist. Middle Left– Keilan trying on high heels. Middle Right– Kiara, Benise, & Kaylee helping out on the props. Right– Betsy making lights.

Well, the eggs are silver salmons, also known as coho. A lot of eggs have hatched and many have died. We are out getting clean water for them almost every other day. Right now they are called alevin, they have a yoke sack and they have not yet grown fins.



Left– Aiden, Jolynn, Keilan, Benise, & Kaleb watching the eggs hatch. Right- Close up of the eggs. See the little fish inside?

To know & see more about what our students are up to, log onto <http://www.igischool.blogspot.com/> to read their school blog: “Life as a No-see-um.”



Karl the Death Eater & the Baby Duck Erika.

Cole, the Skeleton.

Ninja Aiden, Death Eater Kaleb, & Keilan the Wolverine at the apple bobbing booth.



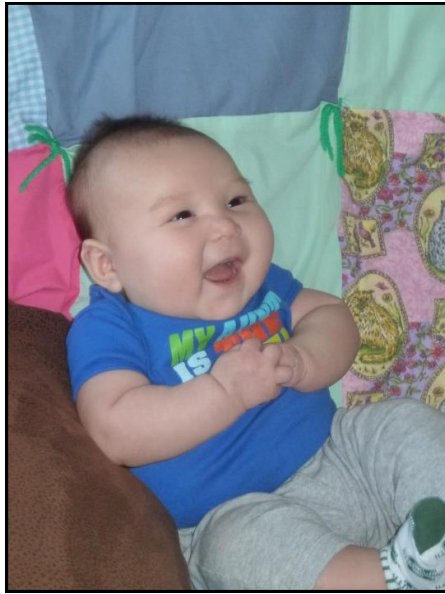
Cousins (Aiden, Avery, Danni, & Keilan) having a movie night.



Kaylee, Kaleb, & Karl with their Christmas tree.



Blaise, Cole, Amara, Benise, & Jolynn trick-or-treating.



Erika laughing at something amusing!



Hermione (Kaylee) and Benise the Witch try to Stake the Vamp.



Lydia & Mary celebrating Mary's 80th b-day in Vegas!



Tanya, Jonathan, Shea, & Leif in pre-school.



Aiden showing off the salmon eggs.



Shealayla & Dolly Ann looking beautiful!



Andrew, Kiara, & Benise getting H2O for their fish.



April back from UAF & Mary's from "the Slope."



Everybody playing BINGO at the Halloween Party.



Terek, Karl, & Andrew with their catch of the day...wolves.

Igiugig Village Council

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Christina Salmon, Member
Mary Olympic, Member
AlexAnna Salmon, Interim Village Administrator
Sandy Alvarez, Director of Accounting & Finance
Christina Salmon, Environmental Director
Tanya Salmon, Social Services Director
Betsy Hostetter, Library Director
Dan Decker Sr., VPSO & Fire Chief
Tanya Salmon, Newsletter Editor

Igiugig's November Weather:

High temp: 43 on Nov 10

Low temp: -17 on Nov 26

Days below freezing: 30

Days below zero: 12

Average wind speed: 9.8

High wind: 62 on Nov 12

Dominate direction: NW

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Sun rise over the hills.
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Looking at Lake Iliamna.

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