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- June 2nd
Jolynn Decker
- June 5th
Christi Salmon
- June 15th
Kevin Olympic
- June 20th
Jeremy Salmon
- July 1st
Kiara Nelson
- July 4th
Katelyn Geffe
- July 8th
Ida Nelson
- July 9th
David Alvarez
- July 16th
Fewnia Zharoff
- July 18th
Dolly Zharoff
- July 19th
Betsy Hostetter
- July 21st
Derrick Nickoli
Keilan Wassillie
- July 29th
Alicia Zackar



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Summer is officially here! After spending the winter holed up from the cold, everybody has been excited for the warm season. Already, I have seen families collecting tern, seagull, & duck eggs to eat (finding them is the best part!). The salmon are slowly trickling in & subsistence nets are in the river. Lodges have opened in full force & the river is humming with the sound of boats cruising up & down the highway. Bug dope has become the most popular perfume, noise complaints consist of dogs barking at bears wandering into yards, the skies are full of planes ferrying fishermen from place to place, kids are heard laughing on the roads as they zip around on their bikes, & the beach is busy as people watch the barge come & go & the screeching of people jumping into the freezing lake. Soon the village will smell like smoked salmon as people tend to their smoke houses. Women will be donning their scarves & puddle boots as they search the swamps for salmon berries & later tromping through the tundra to look for blue & black berries as well. Man Camp will soon be open & the roads will be rumbling with the heavy equipment as the men continue working on our roads. We may not have movie theaters, shopping malls, or beauty salons, but I am content with the summer activities village life has to offer. The annual 4th of July picnic is right around the corner & every day brings a new adventure! Enjoy the warm weather & all the enjoyments that summer brings! Have a safe, fun, & prosperous summer!

~Tanya

The 4 1 1 In The 5 3 3

By AlexAnna Salmon

Now that the sun is shining and the fish are running, it is time to begin a very unpopular discussion. It is time to think ahead to another cold winter, **with heating fuel at \$7.79 a gallon** and fresh food supplies low. It is time, because the Igiugig Village Council is beginning to deny customers any services (electricity, fuel, water/sewer, landfill, etc) that have a delinquent account.

This discussion is unpopular, but it is a lot more fun to have it at the height of a glorious summer, rather than during the deep, dark, and depressing winter. Right now, we have access to unlimited amounts of salmon, gallons galore of berries, space in a first class greenhouse to grow vegetables for eating fresh, canning, and freezing. Living in such a subsistence rich environment **there is no excuse for going hungry!** Our ancestors had to rise each day and do something productive, or surely they would not survive the winter. **With the rising cost of living in rural Alaska, we need to think and act more like our resourceful ancestors.**

So, please enjoy the beautiful weather. Think about stockpiling wood, subsistence foods, turning down heat, conserving electricity while we have all this sunshine, and prepare for winter.

With that being said, I am proud of our workforce. They are showing up to work on time, have goals in mind, are trying their hardest even at new tasks, and are earning their own. IVC is a big operation—with all of our companies, utilities, infrastructure...we need everyone helping in earnest.

Happy Splitting, Smoking, and Swatting Bugs!



Top Left: Kannon & Annie had a net full of Salmon. Top Middle: Fresh SALMON. Top Right: Annie with her ulu filleting fish. Bottom Left: Jonathan helping in the greenhouse. Bottom Middle: Dave & Betsy are already stockpiling their wood pile for the winter. Bottom Right: Martha Crow's delicious Salmon Berry Jelly (which she sold at the Gift Shop & in Anchorage).



Environmental Report

By Christina Salmon

We pulled an awful joke and let you all believe I was stepping down as Environmental Program Director and Sheryl was taking over. I'm still here and Sheryl has decided to live a nomadic lifestyle, testing other work arenas until she finds her true calling.

We've been loving the warm summer weather and our worker men have been doing some vast improvements in our landfill department. The entry way of the landfill is looking amazing, better than it has since it was brand new! Now we have organized piles of junk. I also took a long road trip to Anchor Point to buy brand new baby chicks, pit stopping in Homer to visit Martha and Jocko's baby Katia. Now we need to wait for our new chickens to start laying us fresh eggs.

I started our Class III Landfill Permit application and will have that finished by mid-July. Also, I am redoing our budget and work plan again.

Just a few reminders to keeping our community clean:

- ♦ We are all enjoying the summer sun on the beach, please take out all you bring in. Do not leave trash on the beach, no one enjoys seeing that.
- ♦ A lot of trash is being left around main areas of the community, store, hangar etc. Please talk to your children about littering. Don't make me get mean, I will enforce littering fees (already, we have raised the cost of cigarettes by two dollars after warning the community several times that it will happen if they don't dispose of their butts properly. Smokers quickly learned we weren't joking. We don't want to raise the price of candy as well!)
- ♦ We have a lot of visits through the community for the next few months, if you see trash on the side of the road, stop and pick it up. It takes a few seconds and we can all be proud of the clean community we live in.

I have funding available to hire part time teenagers to clean once a week. Please stop by the office if interested.

Have a great summer and best of luck to all the fishermen/women we have out in the Bay!



Igiugig Trading Post was built around 1922. Today the long white building still stands, but is no longer used as a trading post. For more pictures of Igiugig, please log onto <http://vilda.alaska.edu> & type in "Igiugig." If you have photographs that you would like to share, please don't hesitate!

Igiugig in Retrospect by Sandy Alvarez

Changes!

I don't view my generation as old (although I guess 50-something sort of is), and in doing life day by day it seems like things never change, but in pondering the developments since taking up residence in Igiugig I realize that this is a completely different place from what it was in 1983.



Back then:

- ◆ There was no such thing as an electric bill because we didn't have village power.
- ◆ There were no water/sewer bills because there was not a public system and most everyone used an outhouse.
- ◆ Running water meant the guy bringing it was in a hurry.
- ◆ No one paid rent because we either lived with relatives or lived in whatever size cabin we could afford to build and maintain.
- ◆ No quarters were required for laundry because there were only a couple wringer washers around and the east wind did the drying.
- ◆ There were no fuel bills because we all bought our winter supply from Mr. Moody's barge in the fall after fishing season.
- ◆ Propane came from either Pile Bay or Naknek and you had to either take your bottles there yourself to get them filled or buy new ones that could be shipped to you full.
- ◆ Roads were almost never plowed in winter because there was only a couple hundred yards of them and most people just walked where they wanted to go anyway. There was not an actual road to the school—if you had a vehicle you drove from the village onto the runway and then back off the runway by the school.
- ◆ The only use for a credit card once you left Anchorage was to scrape your windshield or wings if you accidentally flew into icing conditions.
- ◆ No one worried about phone bills because nobody had one—the only phone in town was located in a tiny room in the village building (now known as the store) and was paid for at the end of the month with the cash that collected in a small cookie tin where people left what they owed for long distance charges after each call.
- ◆ Television was intermittent at best on the RATNET system—if you aimed your antenna just right.
- ◆ There was no such thing as hazmat—"blazo", gas jugs, torches, propane, animals, food, other supplies and passengers all flew together to their destinations.
- ◆ The Village Council had two employees.
- ◆ Mail flew in on Fridays and was sorted on Gabby Gregory's living room floor by whoever was available.
- ◆ Much bigger planes landed on a much shorter runway.
- ◆ A helicopter brought Santa every year, all his little helpers wore army fatigues and you could see Rudolf's blinking red "nose" all the way from Sugar Loaf when he was incoming.
- ◆ The school had one classroom and a gym the size of a large living room...and one year school started with only one student!

Check out the marked photo on the next page, for what wasn't here back then.



Find and “like” us on Facebook (Igiugig Village) and stay tuned for developments on the timeline (I’m looking for some spare moments to put things on, so don’t hold your breath, our internet is slow).

Also be sure to check out the photo history that our library staff is in the process of putting together and has available online—you can find the link under the library section at the village’s website

www.igiugig.com

Thanks for visiting!



Left: Moody’s barge bringing fuel & other goodies. Right: a Curtiss C-46 about to take off on the “old” runway (before the hangar even existed, before the runway extension, even before there were any airport lights!)

NORTH TO ALASKA by Sheryl Wassillie



A little over 4,000 miles and many memories later, Mary and I ended up in Anchorage alive and well after driving from Durango, Colorado. Our journey started on Sunday, May 6th right after I picked Mary up from the airport. We figured we needed to do about 500 miles a day to get into Anchorage in time for Mary and I to get back to work which was by the 14th of May.

Day 1: Durango, Colorado to Montpelier, Idaho

We left Durango and headed west toward Utah. Our plan was to stop in Moab and explore there for a minute and head north and stop in Montpelier, Idaho (heading to Wyoming to Yellowstone National Park), where we would hit our 500 mile mark for the day. We stopped at this place called 'Hole in the Rock' and it was this house that was built in this rock and there was also a Zoo that had some weird animals. We also stopped at Wilson's Arch and climbed to the top. It was an amazing view. We drove onward to Salt Lake

City, and then to Montpelier which is home of the National Oregon/California Trail center. We stayed there for the night and ended up leaving in the morning.

Day 2: Montpelier, Idaho to Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming

Our plan was to make it to Yellowstone and camp for the night. We drove north and tried to get to Old Faithful from the south but that road was closed; we didn't know this until we came to the 'Road Closed' sign. So we back tracked, went around and drove toward Old Faithful from the West. We stopped at this camp site about 25 miles away from Old Faithful. We set up camp and had a wonderful dinner that was cooked over the fire. We were told that the temperature gets down to twenty degrees Fahrenheit and were they right. Mary and I froze our butts off; I got up at three in the morning, started my car and warmed up. The bathroom was even warm! So, I hung out in there for a little while. Mary and I were up by six and decided to leave as soon as we could because we were so cold.

Day 3: Yellowstone, Wyoming to Hungry Horse, Montana

On the road again! On our way to Old Faithful we stopped at many different spots and checked out what Yellowstone had to offer. We saw a lot of Geysers, bubbling mud and bright blue water. Since we left by 7 in the morning we didn't run into much tourists which was great. It wasn't until we reached Old Faithful that we ran into a few more people. Old Faithful is timed to go off roughly every 90 minutes and we still had about 45 minutes until it would erupt again. We weren't sure if we wanted to stay but we ended up waiting and saw it erupt, which we were glad we waited. We took off from Old Faithful and planned on making it into Canada by the end of the day. Our plans changed and we decided to check out Glacier National Park which was in western Montana. We hit Glacier National Park and got to this town called Browning; we didn't like the feel of that place so we kept on driving until the next town, which was called Hungry Horse. We stayed the night there and we were about 50 miles to the United States/Canadian border.

Thursday, Day 4: Hungry Horse to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

The next morning we were on our way to the border and I was worried they wouldn't let us cross, for some weird reason like my windows didn't work. We got to the border where British Columbia and the U.S. meet and showed our passports to the very rude Customs guy and went on our merry little way. We had to stop by the British Columbia sign and take a picture with Carlos, my pet pen-



guin that sits in my car. I'm sure the Customs guy wasn't all too happy with us after that. We ended up stopping in this town called Sparwood, BC, where it was known for the World's Largest Truck. We passed through Calgary, Alberta and went onward to Edmonton, Alberta, the capital of Canada. We stayed the night there and had a good night's rest in a decent hotel.

Friday, Day 5: Edmonton, Alberta to White Horse, British Columbia

We got up the next morning and decided to explore Edmonton but the high winds discouraged us so we just drove around and explored that way. Mary and I were wanting to make it to Dawson City, Alberta and cross back into American soil through that way. Our plans changed yet again. We drove about 15 hours and made it to White Horse, BC where we decided to stay for the night and have a fun night in Canada. Mary and I tried to find a place to stay; we checked every Inn and hotel in White Horse but couldn't find a cheap place. We found ourselves at a hostel and ended up settling in for the night. We met a few nice people, a few odd people and enjoyed our time there.

Saturday, Day 6: White Horse, British Columbia to Anchorage, Alaska

Mary and I woke up around eight and was ready for the last stretch to home and cell phone service that wasn't \$15 a megabyte. Except! I couldn't find my keys. Mary and I searched high and low in the hostel, and my keys were nowhere to be found. Mary checked in my car and they were still in the ignition! I didn't know where to begin to try and find someone to open my car door. I asked the French owners of the hostel if they knew who I could call but they didn't really understand. Then I remembered that in Alaska cabs unlock car doors so I started there. I looked in the phone book and saw that there were seven numbers for cabs. I started with the first one, they said that they don't unlock car doors. I called the second one and it was the same guy! He said that they were 5 of the 7 cab companies that were in White Horse. So, I called the other two and the lady at the last cab company I called said to see if a towing company unlocks doors. The only towing company I got directed to put me straight to voice mail and started off by saying they were closed and good thing I listened to the entire message; at the end of it, the guy said if you need to get into your locked car call this towing company. Finally after an hour of waiting, my car doors were open and Mary and I were on the road again. We drove for six hours and stopped at Customs to get back into Alaska.

Customs was a piece of cake and we were eight hours away (according to Maps on my iPhone) from Anchorage. It was four when we got to customs so we would have gotten to Anchorage at one in the morning. Mary and I were determined to get to Anchorage that night. We drove and drove. Going through the mountain pass heading to Anchorage from Tok was breath taking! Everything looked so fake and no picture can really capture what it looks like in person. We got into Anchorage at 10:30pm and cut three hours out of our drive from the border.

Mary and I couldn't believe that we made it to Anchorage with my car. The weather we had was amazing! It rained on us once or twice and we also ran into some snow in Canada. We couldn't have asked for better weather. Overall, it was an amazing journey and I had an amazing time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Need gas? If you have a Village Council or an Electric bill over 30 days past due, you must **PRE-PAY** at the Office before filling up. Please fill up during office hours: Monday– Friday 8:30-4.
- The Hangar is now locked. Please drop your trash off during Office hours.



Summer Reading Club meets **EVERY** Tuesday from 11-12.

Be sure to swing by the library to turn

in book numbers, return old books & check out new ones!

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 apron where airplanes need to taxi, park, or unload & **DO NOT** park right in front of the hangar doors, or office door. Thanks!

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 tjsalm-on@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!

KANNON'S KORNER

Just a few things:

Fence:

The bear fence is active so do not cross through without first turning off the electric current (located on the right side at entrance under the solar panel). **A red blinking light indicates that the fence is active.** When reconnecting fence, please place the hooks as you found them and make sure the ropes that stretch across the entrance are untangled.

Compost pile:

Please do not place plastic bags, trash, tins, or produce tags in compost. **Use only biodegradable bags.** No red meat products, including poultry products. We welcome your fish entrails, in fact we encourage this. There is a compost bin located near the trash bin in the hangar for convenience.

Greenhouse:

When something is ready to be picked it needs to be weighed and documented. If you have a grow box, please make an effort to come by and water more than twice a week (temperatures reach 100+ degrees, which rapidly dries the soil and causes a plant to transpire at a greater rate). Prolonged exposure to excessive heat and little water will cause the plant to wilt, stunt growth, and eventually die. If someone is out of town, as many of us will be, plants need to be watered.

Please monitor children and place boundaries before entering greenhouse (do not pick, do not dig, do not run, etc).

Starting in July, designated days will be set aside to come by the greenhouse or another designated building to pickup/purchase produce.

Outdoor Plot/Downtown Plot:

Explain boundaries with children (it is not a sand box). Dogs should be chased out whenever they are seen in plots

Chickens:

They are small and still growing. We expect eggs by September at which time, a designated **"Coop Captain" will take on the responsibility of collecting eggs, organizing distribution, and caring for the birds.** Phase 1 of Coop renovation is completed. I would like to thank Tony Wassillie for the amazing job he did by building the nest box attached to the Coop. Tony will begin Phase 2 of the renovation in the coming weeks.

Further improvements will begin in July. We need more Tony's, but unfortunately, we only have one.

Choose the Best Workout Routine for You

By Susie Decker

Before you pick your perfect workout routine, you need to look at your life style, personality, and what works for you. Ask yourself questions before you start:

- ♦ What does your body clock prefer? If you're a morning, afternoon, or evening person, do your exercise routine at those desired times.*
- ♦ How do you feel about other people? Are you nervous about working out around other people or do you find that they motivate you? Your answer could mean the difference between signing up for a Zumba Class and purchasing you own elliptical.*
- ♦ What is your personality like? Do you need a goal to work toward or are you happy just working out to be fit? Do you like aggressive high-intensity workouts or fun no-pressure exercises?*

Find a workout routine based on your personality. If you're a home body, a super swimmer, or a couch potato, it's important to find a workout routine that fits you.

Finding your style will make the difference between exercising as an enjoyable experience and a torturous one!



Left: The kids (& adults) enjoyed looking for tern eggs. Right: a nest of duck eggs

Library/Computer News By Betsy Hostetter

I went to an annual Enhancement Grant conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma on the 2nd of June through the 7th of June. What an experience! The temperature was 89 degrees Fahrenheit and the people who lived there say that WAS warm!!! And most of us from Alaska were so so very hot! And the wind was hot too!!! The conference was held at the Hard Rock Casino, which was quite noisy, when you would pass the lobby. Some of the conferences were held at the golf course building. I went to the oral history events and the other events where there are many other ways to preserve our past. Some are recording and videoing. I would not mind doing that. Some were teaching people how to make grass baskets, and gathering herbs for healing. I had a "post session", before I went down, I made brochures, and photos, and some samples of the before and after of the photographs that we scanned. I stood nervously by our poster, but as people came by asking what we did, I showed them the before photographs, which were not touched. And the after photographs that I fixed up, people were amazed what a different! And I told them I was self-taught by using "Youtube.com". I had made fifty plus brochures and I came back with 9! Not bad, not bad! Thank you for sending me out to see the many ways to preserve our past. And our way is one way!



Left: Before. The original photograph. Right: After: retouched. Sassa Sambo, my favorite auntie. This photograph is in the Gabe Gust Collection.

The pictures of Moody's Barge & the C-46 taking off on pg. 5 were photos that Betsy fixed up & put on the <http://vilda.alaska.edu> website. If you have any photos of Igiugig that you would like retouched, please contact Tanya at the office or April & Betsy at the library 533-3220.



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Julie meets her new niece Katlian Kvichak Gregory.



Sheryl, Christi, & Brian at a concert in Anchorage.



Kaylee, Kaleb, & Zach out fishing.



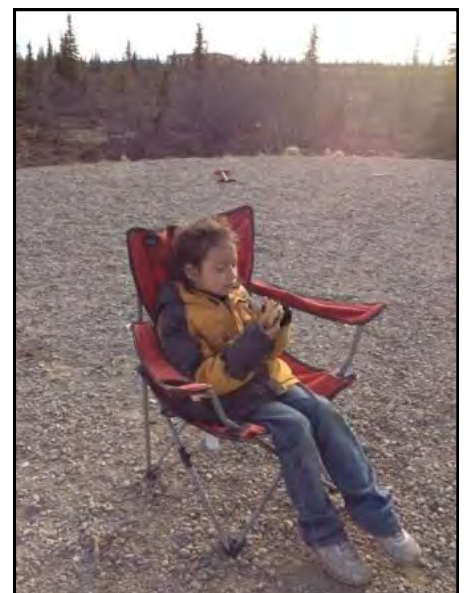
Ida & Shea going for a boat ride.



April enjoying boating season!



Avery & Danni at the beach.



Jolynn enjoying S'mores.



Alicia & Tess leaping off the barge.



Mary testing out the new Village equipment.



Gordy, Tony, Stacie, Sheryl, & Tanya taking a skiff ride up Kaskanak Creek.



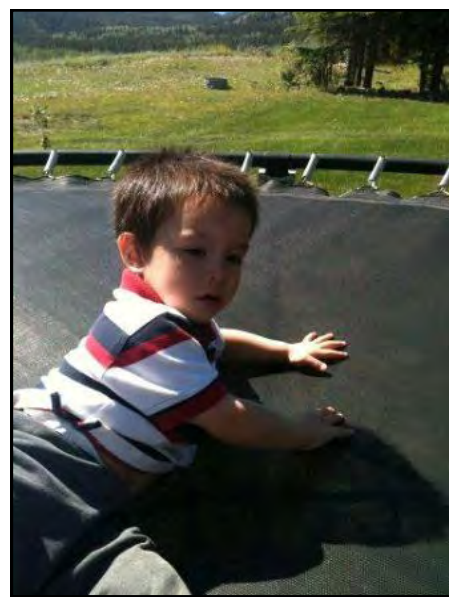
Safety first! Erika's village "car seat." Her bum-bo!



Kiara looking for eggs at Shoulder Blade Island.



Bobby on his new bike.



Cole bouncing around on a trampoline.

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May Weather

High Temp 79* F on the 22nd
Low Temp 19.7*F on the 2nd
Days Above 32*F=13
Days Below 0 *F=0
High wind =50 mph
Average =9.8 mph
Prevailing ENE
Days Higher than 40mph =7
Higher than 50mph =1

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Flying over Igiugig in 1982 (retouched by Betsy)
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Flying over Igiugig in 1982 (different angle).

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