



# IGYARARMIUT QALLEMCIIT

**March/April Birthdays:**

**March**

- 1- Chaske Turning Heart
- 3-Martha Crow
- 10-Lydia Olympic
- 21-Jon Salmon
- 26- Jeff Bringhurst
- 28-Lukas Zackar

**April**

- 5- Sherry Nelson
- 14- Renea Zackar
- 18- Halay Turning Heart
- 27th- Randy Alvarez
- 30th- Teagan Wassillie

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Flying By 2020

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**Flying by 2020**

Winter has gone by a lot faster than I would have anticipated. With the changing times of this pandemic, I’m shifting from working with my co-workers in one office to working safely from my own home. Schools are closed and we’re homeschooling with guidance from our teachers, who my daughters miss.

Waiting for the snow to melt is like watching paint dry, long and not so interesting. I look forward to spring birds returning. A few swans have been spotted down river. The snow is slowly melting away and giving way to the warming sunshine of spring. My crafts have been gathering dust lately because it’s been so beautiful outside. Working day by day reminds me of what one of our elders Dallia Andrew use to tell us, “slow by slow we will get there,” Slow by slow we will and shall get to where we need to be. I ask that you be patient with us as a Village Council because we are always evolving as this pandemic plays out. The following is what we have arranged:

- 1.To minimize physical contact there has been a box set up at the post office for you to drop off your outgoing mail. Your incoming mail will be dropped off after it’s been sorted.
- 2.UPS is now being picked up by our freight haulers, Jeff and Aiden, and dropped off at your door step.
- 3.Trash is currently being picked up on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please toss your own trash into the back of the truck when it pulls up to your house. Elders, please leave your trash outside your door and our interns will pick it up for you.

If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns please feel free to email us at [igiugig.vc@gmail.com](mailto:igiugig.vc@gmail.com)

Please read the travel restrictions and quarantine guidelines that we passed as a tribe.

Please remember to wash your hands, follow the CDC recommendations, State, and Tribal mandates. We are in this together and the only way we can slow the advance of this virus is to be mindful and respectful of those around us.



## Igiugig Village Council COVID-19 Travel Restrictions and Quarantine Guidelines

March 24, 2020

In response to the developing world-wide COVID-19 virus pandemic, the Igiugig Village Council with support from the community members of Igiugig, has developed recommendations for restricting travel to our community, as well as quarantine guidelines for community members returning to Igiugig.

**Travel Restrictions** – Igiugig Village, hereby restricts travel to Igiugig to those individuals that are essential to community health and village utility and service operations, as well as community members wishing to return to Igiugig. If you're aware of someone wishing to travel to Igiugig, please check in with the Village Council President (AlexAnna Salmon 907-444-5530), or the Village Administrator (Karl Hill 907-230-1312). Community members wishing to return to Igiugig should do so as soon as possible.

**Quarantine Guidelines** – Anyone arriving in Igiugig from another community is to complete a 14-day quarantine in their household, without exhibiting signs of being affected by COVID-19, prior to being able to enter other dwellings or community buildings. If a person arrives in Igiugig and is quarantined in a home that has other people living in it, the people within that home or having contact with the individual will also be asked to complete a 14-day quarantine starting on the date of contact. Community members wishing to work for IVC during their quarantine may work from home or do outside work, as available, while maintaining a minimum six feet separation from other people. Fliers with specific guidelines and suggestions for proper cleaning and virus avoidance will be provided by the village clinic, will be distributed to residents, and will also be available in the entrance to the hangar.

**Other Considerations** - IVC employees recognize that there is risk involved with working and do so by their own choice.

We've also learned the virus can be transferred during the handling of freight and mail. Community members should ensure that they are protecting themselves by wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment (i.e. gloves, protective outerwear, etc.) when handling freight and mail.

We realize that the above recommendations will not fit every situation, and that this is an ever-changing environment. Please contact the IVC President or Village Administrator if you have a situation which may need further evaluation. Thank you all for your diligence during this challenging time. Let's work together and slow the progress of this virus so we can protect ourselves and those around us.

# Storytelling workshop held in Igiugig

By Walt Gooden

During the week of January 13<sup>th</sup>, world renowned storyteller Brett Dillingham came to Igiugig to teach the students how to tell stories in a captivating and interesting manner. He gave some examples of what professional story telling looked like. And if I do say so myself, it was the MOST fun I have ever had listening to a story. He then taught the students how to write their own stories. After the stories were written, he taught us the most important things in storytelling: sound, movement, and expression. Then, we did something he called Storytelling Wall. It's literally telling your story to a wall, actions and expression incorporated, followed by some performances to the entire classroom. He also taught us how to critique each other so that we knew what we were doing to make our storytelling good, and what we could do to make it even better. That way we began to teach ourselves and we "owned it".

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, the community met for a chili and moose soup dinner. Then the Makuryat Dance Group performed a few cultural dances for the community. Next, over 50 people (over 70% of our entire village!) crammed into the high school classroom for the highlight of the night: Storytelling. The performances by students and community members were captivating. It was a huge success, and several students and community members asked for another storytelling night, saying it was the most fun that they have had at a school/ community event. Why? I asked Brett Dillingham this very question and he said....." The most recent archaeological evidence indicates that modern humans have been around for about 300,000 years. During that entire time, the only way we had to teach each other and pass on information was by storytelling. In recent history, humans developed writing about 5,000 years ago, radio about 125 years, television just under 100, etc. interestingly, all of these inventions were created to... tell stories. Storytelling was, and has always been, what humans crave, what drive us: the stories we hear from others, the stories we tell ourselves in our brains, the stories we tell others. Humans eat, make things with our hands, we do many things to exist- but through it all, we listen to and share stories. It is what we are. Even when we sleep- our dreams are stories..."

This storytelling workshop was made possible through a grant from the Bristol Bay Native Corporation Education Foundation (BBNCEF). Head Teacher, Tate Gooden learned of the grant opportunity through the Igiugig Village Council. About the storytelling workshop, Gooden says, "Brett Dillingham inspired every single student in our school through his process of storytelling. The importance of this medium is the source of all of what it means to be human. He covered all the bases of literacy- reading, writing, speaking and listening. Then, he did us another good turn by hosting an evening of storytelling bringing the community together to fellowship, laugh, and enjoy the goodness that only storytelling can teach."

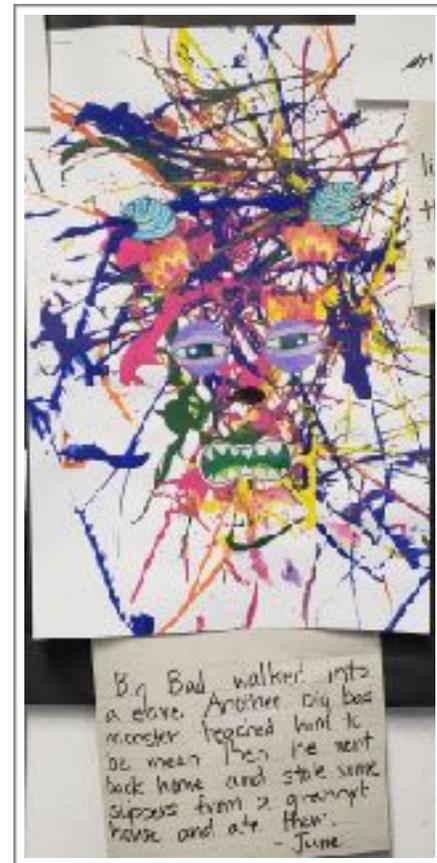
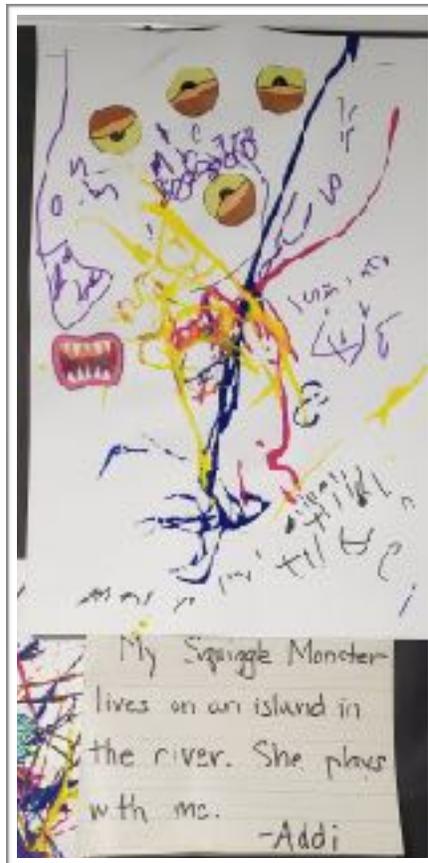
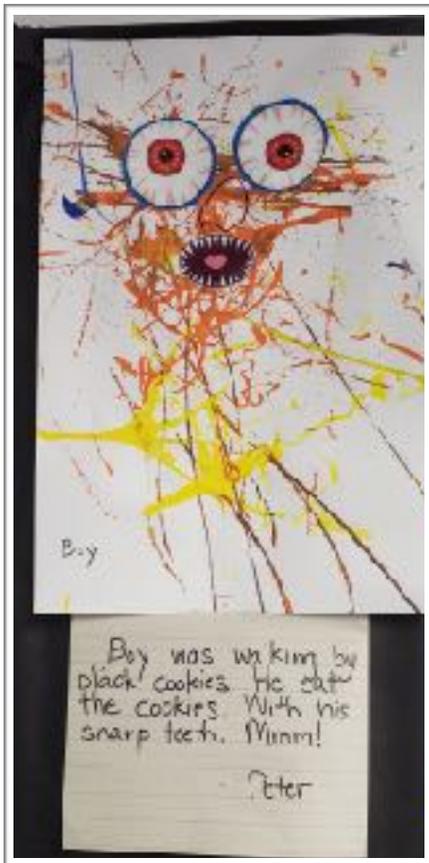
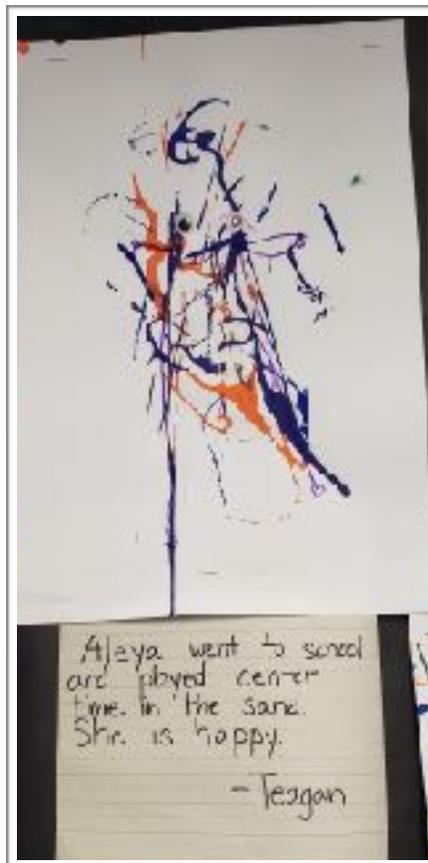
The next day, Brett Dillingham left with a final story, before his plane carried him back off to his home in Juneau (just because his last name is Dillingham doesn't mean he lives there). It was loads of fun learning from him and hearing his stories. Many of the students went up to him as he left and asked if he would be back. All in all, it was a VERY fun week. – Walt Esai

# Kinder-garden/Pre-school Art work & Stories

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# Poet and Pilot

By AJ Gooden

This semester, Igiugig studied some of Shakespeare's sonnets. This form of poetry has a particular rhythm which make it challenging, and fun, to write--12 lines of iambic pentameter, where the accent falls on every second syllable in a line, and a rhymed couplet at the end. If you've read any of Shakespeare's sonnets, you'll know they are chiefly about the ins and outs of love. Together, students worked on the following sonnet for a well-loved air taxi service.

## Sonnet for Denaina

If I must fly upon a plane today  
 And soar so high above the golden clouds  
 I'll choose Denaina Air without delay--  
 Prepare to leave the earth, all worries cowed.

The front-desk girls call me to say, "Check-in!"  
 They load the cake and bird without a fuss  
 The pilots--Josh or Daniels, all good men--  
 ("No smoke, no tears, no puke!")--engender trust.

The King Air's wings beam brightly in the sun  
 To carry us o'er mountain, sea, and storm;  
 Propeller's spin, ears fill with engine's hum,  
 Like magic, I am on my way to home

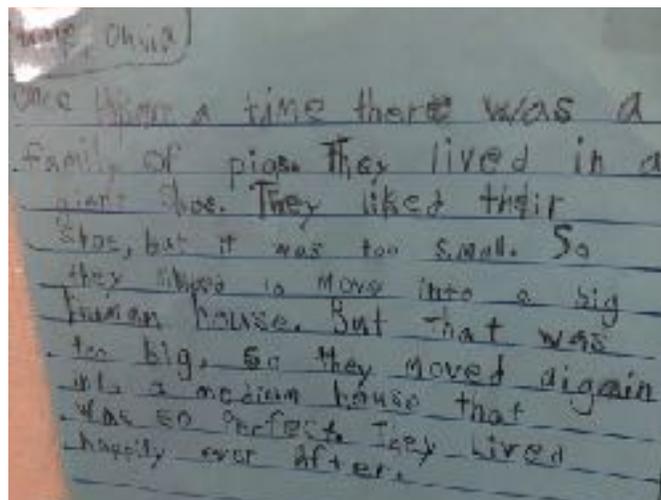
In weather foul or fair, their equal is not found--  
 Dependable Denaina is on the ground!

So what do William Shakespeare and Josh Jacko have in common (besides having really cool last names)? They are both widely-known and well-loved.

## Spring Time

Jem Gooden

The days are bright  
 Frost does not bite  
 The sun is out  
 Animals are all about  
 Ducks fly high in the sky  
 The flowers no longer die  
 The days are clear  
 Spring feels sincere  
 So goodbye, dear Winter Friend,  
 Your cold is at an end.



## The Basketball Season in Hindsight

By Walt Gooden



Districts Champions! Igiugig No-See-Ums: Kiara, Ella, Aiden, Walt, Keilan, Christina, & Tate

Basketball season was a fun experience. We practiced hard, learning transition defense drills, footwork, and offensive plays. The team had fun (I think) traveling to different villages, getting to meet new people, and most importantly, playing basketball.

We first traveled to Kokhanok, where the North teams competed in the Kokhanok District Duel. Igiugig led the pack, going undefeated, in a jamboree that included a hard-fought battle with Nondalton.

Later in the season, Igiugig traveled to Naknek to play against the South teams. Igiugig once again went undefeated, playing Port Heiden and Perryville. There was also a retired NBA player, Neil Roberts, who led an instructional class in basketball, teaching us what dedication really means (a.k.a. He made us get up really early and work out butts off).

On March 9-11, the District Tournament was held in Igiugig. It was originally scheduled to be in Nondalton, but due to complications with their water system, the Tournament was switched to Igiugig. The No-See-Ums entered as the number one seed. They played against Nondalton Team A in the 1st round, won, and advanced to the 2nd round, where they played a game against Perryville, featuring a nail-biting first-half, and then an unclimactic second-half finish, as Igiugig pulled away to advance to the championship game. The No-See-Ums played Nondalton Team 1 for the championship. The first half was close due to some miraculous shooting by All-Tourney Warrior forward Clarence Harried. But Igiugig pulled away in the second half, bringing home an undefeated season and a first-place plaque.



Keilan & Aiden with their All-Tourney award mates



Kiara with her good sportsmanship awardees

On other business, both Keilan and Aiden Wassillie received All-Tourney honors, averaging 27 ppg (points per game) and 17 ppg. Kiara also go the good sportsmanship on and off the court, way to go Kiara! Coming off the bench, Walt Gooden averaged 16 ppg. Keilan also won the Boys' District Three Point Contest.

In the end, everyone contributed. Kelian scored a lot, running the fast break. Aiden played brilliant defense, grabbing boards and scoring in the paint. Walt . . . scored off the bench (hey, I'm being realistic). Ella played killer defense, while Kiara grabbed rebounds and always stayed positive.

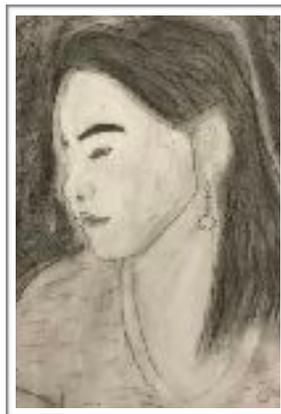
# Igiugig Artists

By Ella Gooden

Among the many exciting activities that have taken place with the start of the new year, artist Ann Luthy’s visit was one of the best. During the week of February 10-14, Ann worked with all ages on a variety of projects: preschool students learned to mix colors and paint; elementary students created cut-out action art focused on shapes; and community members learned how to draw charcoal self-portraits. There was great participation in all the classes, especially the self-portrait class.

The first step of the process was taking a high-contrast picture and printing it out. After that, the charcoal came out and things got messy. Each participant covered the back of their photo with a thick layer of charcoal. Then, carefully laying the charcoaled picture on top of textured art paper, everyone began tracing the details from their photo. After all the essentials were drawn, we lifted up our photos to reveal an outline of our self-portraits. Then we started the fun part: shading. Ann made sure to tell us that charcoal drawings are made up of light and dark and getting them right is all about seeing the contrast. Each evening, we sat together shading, blending, and definitely erasing! The whole process took about six hours. At the end of the week, everyone’s hard work was displayed in the gym for community members to enjoy over a cup of coffee and dessert.

Overall the art classes were a success; everyone enjoyed themselves and learned something new. No matter how daunting the task seemed, community members stepped up to the challenge. Ann commended us for being the “bravest village” she’s ever been to. Ann grew up in Alaska and was the art teacher at Bethel High School for several years. She now resides and paints in northern Utah.



# Kokhanok Winter Carnival 2020

Keilan Wassillie



On the weekend of March 13, 2020, our entire family except Bea drove up to Kokhanok for their annual winter carnival. We had two Hondas and a snow machine; it took us two hours to get there. The drive was very slow, Aiden didn't dress properly and needed to borrow our Mom's scarf.

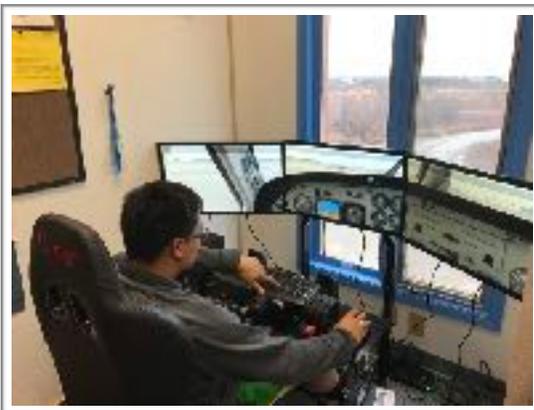
Once we got into Kokhanok, we went straight to the Old School. Jeff, Aiden, and my Mom participated in a wood-chopping competition. Aiden beat Jeff and my Mom lost to Alexis. After we dropped all our gear off, we went to the Fun House at the school. My Mom went straight to bingo and did not win any money. We then watched a basketball game, New Stuyahok vs. Newhalen. There were a lot of fouls called in that game; in the end Newhalen was the winner.

Each day we had all our meals at the Old School, played games in the gym, went to the dances and hung out with our friends. On the last night we went to the Banquet. I bought raffle tickets on a drone. My Mom and Jeff bought tickets on the \$2,000 and \$1,000 Sweepstakes, a cool qayaq, and some other smaller things.

On Monday morning, we went to our friend's house and had breakfast. Jordan made us biscuits and gravy; it was delicious. We then packed up and hit the ice for home. It was a warm, sunny drive. We had fun at carnival this year but were ready to be in our own beds! Now we are on COVID-19 lockdown and I dream of the days when I was able to run and play freely with all my friends.

## Flying High

Aiden Wassillie



Last October our Village Council got a Gleim Virtual Cockpit Flight Simulator and installed it in the school office. It felt like it took forever to set up because I couldn't wait to start flying. The first time I got to sit in the cockpit I was so excited. It has a real yolk, throttle and pedals. My first attempt to take off in the simulator, I was flying a Cessna 172. It did not end well--I ran straight off the runway! It took me several tries to be able to take off successfully. Once I mastered taking off, I had to learn the hard way to land. After many crash landings, I was thrilled when I could actually land a plane. I was free to fly whatever and wherever I wanted. The simulator

takes me anywhere in the world I want to fly. My favorite planes to fly are the Cessna 172 and the Baron. I fly the simulator any chance I get, I love getting into the air and just losing myself in the sky. I space out and fly around the world for hours! It's my go to place to find peace and quiet.

# Comments on Corona

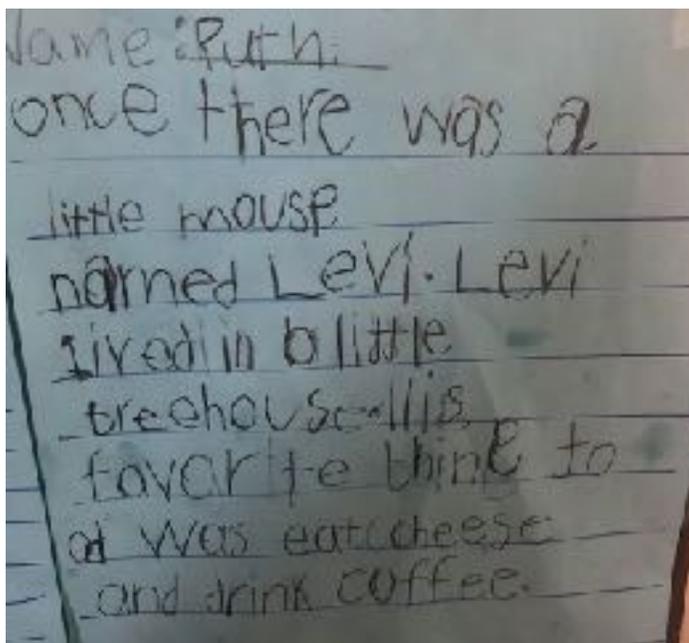
Kiara Nelson

Ever since the first coronavirus case in Wuhan, China in the beginning of December, the world has been reacting not so organized. From bare shelves in the stores to the rapid decline of oil prices, it seems as though the only solution to getting our “crap” together is to buy an unearthly amount of toilet paper. Leaders have been taking initiative by ordering people to stay indoors, practice social-distancing, and keep hands and surfaces clean. Employees expressing symptoms of the cold or flu are required to stay home, and if possible, work from home too. It's only a matter of time before people begin to lose their minds from staying inside and not socializing with those around them.

It is hard to tell if the COVID-19 virus would mutate into something serious or develop a high mortality rate causing governments to shut down and the economy to collapse. People are worrying if they should start buying large amounts of food to last themselves for a couple months or just wait the virus out. It is totally unpredictable what could happen in the next few months.

In the village of Igiugig, the community is taking extreme precautionary measures by taking social distancing very seriously and encouraging working at home. There are usually two clerks/interns at the office answering phones if needed. The Igiugig school has shut down because of the corona virus until the end of March but it is highly unlikely that it will open back up immediately. Students are sent home with homeschooling packets and breakfast packs. People are beginning to buy out the stock at the store in a mild panic or with a “just-in-case” attitude.

Meanwhile, I, a sophomore in high school, have no idea how to process the over-exaggerated chaos that is happening in the world. I see it as a “it is what it is” thing and that we have the advanced technologies and responsibility to make sure that this virus doesn't go haywire. I wouldn't express my opinion about how society reacts to the corona virus on the behalf of the community, but only myself. I am saddened that the corona virus has canceled a lot of school events and courses I was looking forward to, but there is always next year. It's not the end of the world unless *you* make it that way.



## I am here

By Shea Nelson

You been here for me  
 I always been there for you  
 You have been there for me  
 I have helped you when you need  
 All of us have been here for you  
 Now we need to go  
 But you can call me if you need help.  
 Life is hard  
 But it will be ok  
 Remember I'm here for you  
 It's okay to be sad  
 And it's okay to be afraid  
 Life isn't easy  
 But you will be okay because the world isn't perfect  
 And it doesn't mean you have to change  
 Just be yourself  
 Remember you are a kind person and remember  
 I am here for you



No-See-Ums vs. Nondalton during the Kokhanok District Dual



Grampies treats: Addi, Bea, Mav and Quya



AlexAnna and Halay in Las Vegas



Larval League: Jon, Seth, Jem, Danni, Tamera, & Shea



Alicia with Old Man and Sassandra



Teagan, Jessa Joy, and Sheryl



June, Molly, & Jem



Alicia, Quya, Mav, Peter, Sharolyn, Old Man, Addi, Teagan



Braiding Miss Molly's hair: Kotia & Danni



Seth & Peter



Sleep over: Quya, Erika, Addi, Mackenzie, Bea, Avery, May, Danni



Kaylee and Micheal with a lynx trapped @ big Mountain



Randy, George, Davy, Annie, & Sandy during the Valentines day dinner



Jon with his snowmen friends



Kokhanok Carnival bound: Erika, Addi, Quya, & Mav



Randy teaching how to strip nets with Aiden and Keilan



Teagan fishing



Christina and Michell enjoying the California sun



Pa in below zero weather



Karl & Christina distancing munyaq



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember in IGIUGIG We:

- Keep Our Dogs Tied Up or on a leash.
- Turn Off Lights when leaving a public building
- Recycle: #1 (keep caps on bottles), aluminum, glass, tin cans. We also separate batteries and e-waste.
- Do Not Park in front of the hanger or the white trash trailer.
- We compost! Bring it to the greenhouse, please no dairy or meat products.
- Contribute to the newsletter! Send photos, news, important events to Ida @ [igiugignewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:igiugignewsletter@gmail.com)
- Love our village? Join Igiugig Village Info Zone on Facebook if you haven't already.

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### Frigh Handling:

Jeff & Aiden have volunteered to be our designated Freight Haulers so that we don't have large groups of residents gathering at the airport at once. They will be wearing gloves and delivering freight to your doorstep. Please take the precautionary efforts of using gloves and washing hands after handling freight as well. This is a work in progress and realize it may not always run perfectly, but please be patient with us as we try and get a good routine down. The airlines have been contacted and are working with us on this as well. Quyana.

## Clinic

The Igiugig after-hours emergency number is **907.533.6020.**

If there is *no heath aide in the village*, please call the Nilavena Clinic at 907.571.1818 or 907.571.7111 for after-hours emergencies.

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### Igiugig Tribal Council Newsletter