



**September Birthdays:**

1 - A J Gooden

6 - Jon Alvarez

10 - Sandy Alvarez

20 - Olga Zackar

23 - Karl Hill

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**Editor Note**

Summer/fall covid 19 went a lot smoother than I thought it would have. Having to remember the protocols put in place to help protect my people is now the new normal. Not walking up to my summer friends (lodge owners/guides/clients) and giving them a welcoming warm hug is still something I am not use to doing. Lately it has been a lot of air hugs and air high fives. Chatting and visiting from 6 feet is the new normal and common practice and enough hand washing/sanitizing daily. Dreaming of how it use to be, the freedom of worry free hugs, and a good firm handshake seems like a distant memory. School has reopened successfully and many thanks to the LPSD school staff and parents to help make this possible. With out you all our children wouldn't be attending school today. Remember to wash your hands, stay safe, and stay kind. Have a safe and successful hunting season.



## 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.



## LPSD PARENTS – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Encourage your students to understand and comply with newly imposed safety mandates for the upcoming school year
- Practice good sanitation and hand washing habits at home
- Screen your child for symptoms at home each morning prior to putting them on the bus or sending them to school.
- Adhere to your communities' travel protocols upon return from out-of-region travel
- Keep communication lines open with the school, immediately letting your principal or head teacher know if your child is sick, showing symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19 (or anyone in your family for that matter)
- Communicate questions and concerns with your head teacher or principal. Please don't let anything fester...

## LPSD Smart Start Plan

Hello Lake and Pen,

Our isolation and economy of scale have always challenged us in operations and providing the best education possible for our students. Well, our isolation and small numbers are now the two main factors in why we believe will be able to offer an excellent education to our kids this year! Who knew...?

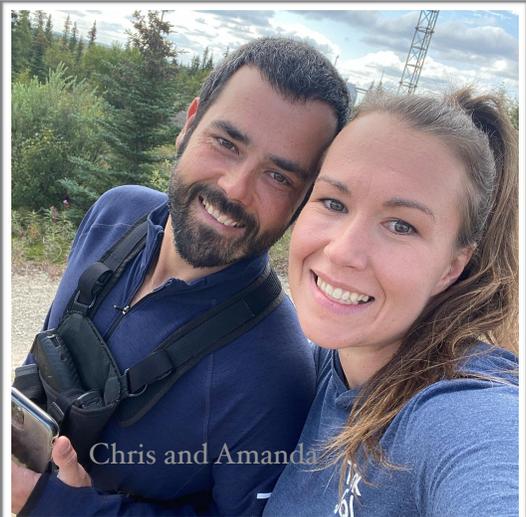
As you have probably heard, our plan is to open our doors and have students in our schools this Fall. The district challenge, in partnership with our communities, will be to keep the doors open and stay in a "low risk," or "green" zone. We plan to classify our schools/communities as low (green), medium (yellow) or high (red) risk, and have a plan to respond to a school in each scenario. Attached is our DRAFT District Smart Start Plan which identifies what our educational offerings will look like under each scenario.

Along with this district plan, we are asking each school site to develop a "site specific plan" that aligns with their community's stance on COVID. You will most likely be hearing about, and being asked for your input on, your site-specific plans in the weeks to come (please expect a call from your principal). Some individual site flexibility will be given as long as a site is in the "green zone." If a school site moves into medium (yellow) or high (red) risk, there will be more district mandates and less local control. This is not what we want, so please work with us to keep your community in the green!

We plan to take a "Common Sense Approach" to this and do everything we can to keep our students and staff safe! Please be patient with the process and please reach out if you have questions or concerns. Communication is the key for how we are going to get through this challenge!

Take Care, Ty

Editor note: please refer to the LPSD Facebook page for more information.



Hello! We are the Bybee's. Thank you Igiugig for being so welcoming to our family. We've had a great summer so far! Here is a little bit about who we are. Amanda was born in Eugene, Oregon. Her parents uprooted and moved to Alaska in 1990. We lived in Takotna, Alaska for a few years before moving to McGrath where Amanda and her 2 siblings were raised. Chris was born in Seward, Alaska. His ancestry shows that his family comes from Ouzinkie area! Chris was raised in Coos Bay, Oregon. Amanda and Chris met in 2005 and have been together ever since. We have 3 wonderful children; Colton (15), Denali (12) and Trevor (10). Chris and Amanda have raised their kids in McGrath, Alaska. Amanda has been a Community Health Aide since 2013. Before that she was an EMT and volunteering for the KQRS Rescue Squad. She enjoys teaching EMS, being in the great outdoors with her family. We are an active family who enjoy camping, hunting, fishing, hiking, traveling and spending quality time with each other. We have 2 dogs; Ellie and Ruger and one cat; Thomas. In 2018 we decided we wanted to see more of our beautiful state. We moved to the Prince William Sound, on a tiny island called Chenega. We stayed there about 9 months before venturing off to the mainland in Tatitlek - which is between Valdez and Cordova, right at the base of Copper Mountain. Tatitlek is such a wonderful and beautiful place. Amanda's job had her traveling quite a bit (being the PWS EMS Coordinator/Instructor as well as running the clinic as a CHP) which was hard on the family. When Igiugig clinic position came open we jumped at the opportunity and we are so glad we did. So here we are, and we are loving it!



Colton



Denali



Trevor

## Makuryak Minute Madness!



The front of the shirt

During the COVID pandemic, we realize that it is more important than ever to maintain a healthy lifestyle by incorporating diet, exercise, healthy activities, and mental well-being into our everyday schedules. To help our village combat chronic illness, prevent future illnesses, and to strengthen the mental behavioral health of our residents, we decided to help organize “Makuryat Minute Madness.”

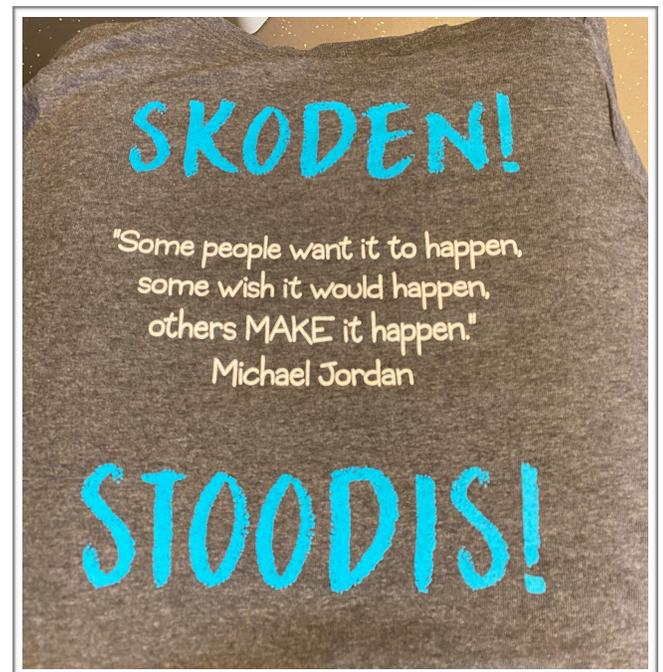
Makuryat Minute Madness is a personal health challenge that focuses on a persons’ well-being -mind, body, and soul- in a positive environment with supportive peers. Makuryat is the Yup’ik word for No-see-um, which is the school mascot for Igiugig. This challenge is broken down into 4 different age groups: 0-5, 6-12, 13-18, 19+. Participants keep track of the time they spend being active (i.e. picking berries -time spent

picking, not driving to the berry spot-, splitting fish, going for walks, etc), every 30 minutes earns them a ticket. 0-18 age groups can also include the time they spend playing outdoors to the point system. Participants can earn bonus tickets by attending public village functions (library events, cultural outings, etc), buying from the local greenhouse, cooking healthy meals, and picking up trash while outdoors (clinic has gloves available if you need some. We also have XS gloves for kids). Every week, we will do drawings for prizes...the more active you are, the more tickets you earn, the better the chances of winning some cool prizes.

We will create a Facebook group where people can post photos or comments on how they have been doing, where they can encourage other participants, get ideas from others, and to maintain a sense of community while practicing social distancing. The social page will also be used to educate followers, give health tips, and is a great way to reach the community for health needs and concerns.

Adult participants are welcome to stop by the clinic weekly to check BP, glucose levels, weight, or whatever goal they are working on. For individuals interested, we can also do blood draws at the beginning and end of the challenge to track progress,.

We will begin this challenge September 1<sup>st</sup> and will go through the entire month. If people in the community still are enjoying the challenge, we will continue with it. Kick-off begins outside the clinic on September 1<sup>st</sup> for a community walk (time to be announced). There, people can sign in, pick up their T-shirts, gloves as needed, as well as a recording sheet. If you missed the September 1<sup>st</sup> kick-off, you can still join at any time!  
SKODEN! STOODIS!



The back of the shirt

## Igiugig Village Update

By AlexAnna Salmon, President

Our workforce has been busy on all fronts, finding that balance between our rich subsistence way of life and our gainful local employment. Here are some project highlights:

**CARES ACT Master Budget:** On August 3, 2020 we held a regular meeting via teleconference on our proposed CARES ACT master budget, which was then approved and adopted. The focus areas included continuing freight and garbage hauls, logistics and purchasing coordination, sick leave and quarantine housing. Additional areas that were funded include the commercial kitchen and emergency storage facility planning and design, greenhouse expansion and long-term improvements, and powerhouse repairs for reliable electricity. Quyanana to everyone that provided input on the budgeting process.

The **BIA Tribal Resilience Adaptation Planning Grant** was completed and closed out. The end product: “The Igiugig Climate Change Adaptation Assessment” was completed and outlines our next steps for action. It was formally adopted by IVC on June 6, 2020. Quyanana to all that participated over the last two years of resilience meetings and prioritizing the subsistence resources that we are concerned about.

Our **Alaska Energy Authority “Wind Feasibility Grant”** was completed and closed out as well – which concludes many years of wind studies in the community. Quyanana to Rob Wills for his dedication to that project.

The **Igiugig Community Cultural Center (ICCC) Planning and Implementation** guide was completed in April 2020, and we are working to complete the Environmental Review Record for the site. The schematic design phase of the project has been completed, and the archeological site investigation is scheduled to take place between September 4-10, 2020. We continue to seek funding for the construction of the facility.

The **RivGen** project has received an extension through December 2021 to account for COVID delays. The ORPC team arrived mid-August to do routine maintenance. The device was turned off during fish priority windows including out-migrating smolt, and returning sockeye salmon. On July 17, we turned the device back on and took drone footage that show the salmon completely avoiding the device.

The **Alaska Native Education grant “Communities Teaching Culture”** is approaching its conclusion after 3 years. It will be over on September 30, 2020 and the Department of Education is not offering the program to Alaska so we will stay apprised if and when they decide to re-fund it. Please join our facebook page [Communities Teaching Culture!](#)

We also applied for our FCC tribal broadband license, are underway with a Preliminary Engineering Report for water service extension to three homes, are working to update the Igiugig Community Profile mapping, and are applying for Yup'ik and Dena'ina language preservation grants. We look forward to school resuming this fall and meeting our new teachers. Quyanana to our busy and dedicated workforce – our village is looking amazing and opportunities are abounding!

## What's New at the Igiugig Tribal Library?

By A.J. Gooden

At the end of May, after a week of intensive training, Renae Zackar and Martha Crow replaced A.J. Gooden as the on-site librarians for the Igiugig Tribal Library. Through the internet and cell-phones, AJ continues to work for the Library from Kansas, helping with training and administrative paperwork.

Thanks to Martha and Renae, library activities have continued throughout the summer despite the challenges and facility-closures due to covid-19. Patrons are able to check-out materials and use the internet from outside the building; children have participated in outdoor reading activities; adults participated in cooking and yoga classes; the Big Readers' Book club continues, with discussions on the beach; and summer readers logged books using the State-sponsored website, Beanstack Summer Reading Challenge. The Challenge ended on August 31, and those who completed it will receive banana split ingredients to celebrate their efforts in their own homes.

With the start of school, the Library will change its hours to sometime after 3:30 pm, as per the agreement with the school district. Once determined, the new hours will be posted on the InfoZone. The Librarians are glad to help students and adult patrons find the information and resources they need for school and recreational reading, so do not hesitate to contact the Library with all of your reading needs. You can now call the Library at its new number: 907-533-3059. As a reminder, if our Library doesn't have what you're looking for, books and movies can be borrowed from other libraries through the Inter-Library Loan service. Ask Martha or Renae for more details.

In bigger libraries across the country, there are people who share every aspect of a library's operation. There are individual librarians for circulation, reference, interlibrary loan, children's programming, youth programming, technology programming, cataloguing, community outreach, and grant-writing. In our small, remote library, the bulk of these responsibilities fall on just two people, Martha and Renae. As the previous on-site librarian, I can say that Renae and Martha have done a dedicated job of navigating the myriad responsibilities related to library work during these challenging first few months on the job. They continue to receive training and desire to develop activities that meet the community's needs. Thanks also to Sandy for keeping the Library's accounts in order, and to Levi for providing tech support. And thanks also to the Igiugig Tribal Council, whose members support the Library's efforts with funds and advocacy.

Just as a heads up, the Library now has all of this year's Battle of the Books on the shelf and ready for check-out, in addition to the available Kindle and Audible versions of the books. Stay tuned for more information regarding this year's Battle Books Club for young readers.

As ever, the Library's goal is to provide "quality materials and services to the community in a welcoming and respectable atmosphere to meet community educational, informational, cultural, health, and recreational needs" (Igiugig Tribal Library Services Plan). If you have suggestions for the Library, please submit them in writing to [igiugiglibrary@gmail.com](mailto:igiugiglibrary@gmail.com), leave a note in the Suggestions Can on the Library desk, or talk with Martha, Renae, or AJ in person.

Kenkamken, Igyararmiut!



## United States Department of the Interior

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Dear Igiugig Village Council members,

The Partnering with Elders project began in 2018 to improve our relationships with Alaska Native villages traditionally affiliated with Katmai National Park & Preserve. Our project responds directly to cultural knowledge needs and suggestions made by tribal members. The primary goals of Partnering with Elders include:

- 1) identifying cultural preservation projects of interest to our local and tribal communities,
- 2) improving how we communicate with local and tribal communities.

Bristol Bay community members have recently discussed the urgency of maintaining traditional plant and medicinal knowledge, especially amid the COVID-19 global pandemic. We have adapted a response from Rae Belle of Curyung Tribe LaRece Egli's "Health is Wealth" campaign to create a community-based project illustrating traditional plant knowledge. Designs from this project could include drawings of plants, their traditional uses, and Native plant names. We envision the drawings could be supported through a school or home activity packet for any age group that follows current social distancing guidelines. A preview of the design by LaRece Egli is shown below.

The illustrations will also be incorporated into a final design, to be printed on custom fabrics to encourage retention of traditional practices—for example, a steambath towel design that includes the traditional plants used in a *banya* or *maqii*. The designs could also be placed as a chapter in a future book on the People and Cultures of Katmai Country. In a recent discussion with Igiugig Village Council President Alexanna Salmon, we learned about the important work Igiugig elders and tradition bearers have contributed to in your book, *Naut Cungcaun-Ilu Igyaraamek: Select Indigenous Plants and Their Uses in Igiugig, Alaska*. We would like to invite Igiugig Village to consider joining us on this project and we look forward to strengthening our relationship with your community.

Most Sincerely,

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# Activity Card

## Learning from Elders

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# Wild Celery

## Plant Sample


### Following the Seasons

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## Subsistence Photo Collage



# Subsistence Photo Collage





Jeff and Kaylee fishing Bristol Bay 2020



Jon and Merrik to go work on the RivGen



Avery and Katia in a hammock at Black berry patch



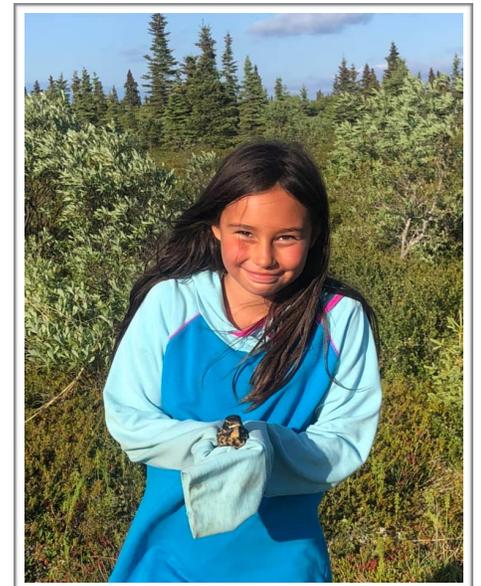
Luke and Addi watching returning fishing boats



Tanya and AlexAnna going on a berry hunt



Keil with his surfboard



Avery holding a baby bird



Gabby in a boat going berry hunting



Davy and Jon on the river



Shea paddling on the Kvichak



Kaleb and Kaylee



Julie holding on to her hat on the Kvichak



Baby Tinney announcement 1/1/21



Sharolynn with a king salmon

# 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.

Prefer to read or listen to books on your own device?

It's as easy as 1-2-3!

Check out e-books & audio books

from the



- 1) Go to <https://adl.overdrive.com/>
- 2) Sign in with your Library User # and last name.
- 3) Download books to a Kindle or reading app.

For your Library User # or more information on how to access the Alaska Digital Library, contact AJ at the Library.

## *The Store Hours!*

Located by the post office

Monday to Friday: 4:00pm to 5:00 pm

Saturday: 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
*Closed Sunday*

## Freight Handling:

An employee from the Village Council will 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 health aide in the village*, please call the Nilavena Clinic at 907.571.1818 or 907.571.7111 for after-hours emergencies.

# Igiugig Village

## IVC Board & Main Staff

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Christina Salmon - Member

Sandy Alvarez - Director of Accounting  
& Finance

Alicia Tinney - Social Services Director/  
Member

Ida Nelson - Tribal Clerk, Newsletter Editor,  
Member

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First Class Mail

Front Page Photo Credit: AlexAnna Salmon: two handfuls of berries

Back Page Photo Credit: Martha Olympic: larger than life blueberries

## Igiugig Tribal Council Newsletter