



My Grandfather's tools

By Maddi Keene



From left: Thaddeus John, Samuel Atchak, Maddi Keene, and Dalyn Nelson hold wooden utensils made by the author's grandfather.

I brought my grandfather's tools on November 21 to show my 5th and 6th hour class, Alaska Studies with Mr. Reames. The reason why I brought them was as a remembrance of my grandfather, Wilson Keene Sr. The tools make me think of how he was, how his voice sounded, and how and what he used the tools for. When I hold on to the tools it makes me feel closer to my grandad.

The tools are what people used in the past and are made of wood. The carving tool was used for carving masks, the butter knife was used for butter, the story knife was used for drawing out stories in dirt, and the spoon was used for mixing seal fat. The tools have more of a purpose for their use for then the modern tools we have today.

I interviewed Ms. Mutch: **Why do you think it's important to have these tools that are from the past?**

She said, *"To connect with our ancestors and their stories. I also think that many items from a long time ago were better made than modern tools."*

I interviewed 3 students, Dalyn Nelson, Sam Atchak, and Thaddeus John. **What did you think about the tools?**

Dalyn said, *"They seem good, get to memorizing them."*

Sam said, *"The carver is scary because it's curved and sharp, the spoon seems like it was used many times, the story knife looks pretty cool, the butter knife looks good for smerning."*



Thaddeus said, *"They seem useful."*

Do you think this represents the past of our Yupik culture?

Dalyn said, *"Yeah it does."*

Sam said, *"Yes because a lot of tools look like they needed to be used."*

Thaddeus said, *"Yes, they use to use wooden tools and stone."*

Did the tools make you feel more drawn to our past yupik life?

Dalyn said, *"Yeah, the carvings for masks, the spoon for mixing seal fat, the story knife for telling stories, the butter knife seems good."*

Sam said, *"Yes, just feeling it, you could tell it was handmade."*

Thaddeus said, *"Yes, just made me wonder what they used them for."*



Students and Staff are getting sick

By Zack Wassilie



In November, many students and staff were getting sick with the common flu going around the school and community.

BRHS secretary Cindy Williams commented, "Forteen staff members have called out sick, and about a hundred students in 2 weeks called in sick for school."

There has been a spike of students getting sick and forced to stay home all day and have nothing but soup, saltine crackers, and be drinking a lot of water.

Adil Zulfeari said, "What I do when I'm sick is that I eat a lot of soup, drink a lot of tea just like the British people while watching the World Cup. My mom doesn't allow me to put any sugar so it's so bitter and I hate it. The things that makes time go by so fast is sleeping and World Cup. The best thing to drink is lahorë tea but the corn dough version of it and Trilece."

Ms. Speranza stated, "All I did when I was sick was sleep and try not to die metaphorically. I watched cable tv. The best thing I like to eat is butter toast with gatorade, and also pedialyte." Take care of yourself during the flu season.

Archery practice after school

By John B



Archery practices are on Tuesday and Thursday after school for 4-8 graders and the times are 5:30-6:30 at GJE.

Then high school is from 6:30-7:30, but if you want to go earlier you can go to the 5:30 practice and stay until 7:30, only high school students 9-12.

The archers get their bows from a website called *Genesis* if you want to buy a bow for yourself, but if you don't want to get one there are plenty of bows for archers to use. At practice you will learn how to shoot, and learn the seven stances with your bow.

1. Stance (both of your feet in line with your shoulders)
2. Bow hand set
3. Knock arrow
4. Draw hand set
5. Pre-draw, Draw (knock your pointer finger in the corner of your mouth and also using three fingers)
6. Release (bring your hand across you face like you are painting your face)

At a tournament the coaches will set the arrows back until they hit 15 meters, but at a normal practice it is at 10 meters and sometimes 15. When you fire the bow you use three fingers. At tournaments you have to write down points you want to get a high score to win, and then you will have a chance to go to nationals. The coaches for archery are Mr. Johnson, Mr. LaValle, Mr. White, and Mr. Wheeler.

Military Ball is coming right up

By Shauna Nanalook



In JROTC the Military Ball is on December 17th, 2022, and being held in the BRHS cafeteria. Sergeant Calvetti is leading the ball. The doors open at 6 and start at 7. Guest are welcome, but pay \$25. We will be doing toasts, eating, awards, and dancing. This Military Ball is also a mastery grade for cadets, but also for fun. The Vice Principal Mr. Jackson is invited to come to the Military Ball. There will be speeches with our top leadership. I would say my favorite part of the Military ball is how we all get together, dressed up, and the dance. Somet cadets will wear their uniforms.

Cadet First Lieutenant Madison Keene said, " I like the food and the dance it's fun. I'm looking forward to see if I get awards."

Elenor Whitney said, "The colors are blue and white. We are going for a winter theme. My favorite part part of the military ball is the food, and Sergeant Calvetti giving out awards to see what other cadets achieve. I'm seeing towards to come all together, and people dressed up fancy."

Sergeant Cavetti said, " One, for all cadets together. Two, introduce tradition of the Military. Three, give the cadets a have fun and safe environment. My favorite part of the military ball is seeing all the cadets dressed up. I'm looking forward the interaction and the admiration."

BRHS Yuraq practice update

By E.S.



Members of the BRHS Yuraq group earlier this year. Photo by Director Sara Guinn.

In November, we hardly had any yuraq practices, only two due to the fact that Ms. Guinn had jury duty and is really busy with grading and other things that came up.

Now that she doesn't have jury duty, we have regular practice. So get ready for more practices in December. If you want to come join us and have fun because some of us make it really hilarious.

How do you feel about more practices coming up? Madison said, "I feel excited to finally yuraq."

How did it feel to hardly have practices this past month? Madison stated, "It felt odd because we usually have practice two times a week."

I am more excited about more practices because I can finally enjoy what I love the most. It is important to us to keep out culture still going and now our elders would still want it alive. That is what I love, to make our elders proud of us who still yuraq for our culture. So, come and join us and have fun, there is a possible chance to travel for the Yuraq Festival, but you'll have to keep your grades up.

OH NO THANKSGIVING IS COMING!

By- Jahira Towner

From November 14th through the 22nd, Bethel’s AC endured numerous customers for the Thanksgiving rush. Since Thanksgiving is the time families have a big supper, people were trying to catch sales and get all the food needed before the holidays so they wouldn’t have to return to the store.

Being a cashier there, I can say it was hectic firsthand. Everyone was running to get items; the store was running out of boxes, and customers lost their patience. Even I was losing my composure due to us being short of staffed, but I managed to stay calm. That can be very frustrating, especially with customers adding on to that.

In addition, the lines were very long to the point they would get within the aisles. When that happened, our manager made announcements to go to the clothing department or Marina for checkout, which sped up the process. Another incident was missing our lunch breaks or not having any written down for us employees.

On the other hand, it’s like this every first of the month; but for a whole week was wild for me. Towards the end, it got better because people had traveled elsewhere, and most families had all the food they needed for the holidays. All that was left was for me to get off work and go to my family.

It was like a weight lifted off my shoulders when I clocked out. Moreover, even though the Thanksgiving rush was a lot, I’m glad I saw some families laughing. That’s all that matters. To conclude, I hope everyone enjoyed their four-day Thanksgiving break. Now on to Christmas!



This year the BFK9 surprise children with a visit from Santa Claus

By Jeremy Thatcher



BRHS students Jeremy Thatcher (right) and Reuben Glore (left) sit next to Santa Claus, who flew down from the North Pole to visit kids and families in Bethel. Below: Photos courtesy of Bethel Friends of Canines.

Last Saturday the Bethel Friends of Canines held a fundraiser at the Lions Club where Santa Claus showed up to visit the children and their families.

I had an exclusive opportunity to have a short interview with Santa. He asked us, “What would you like for Christmas?” I replied with, “I would like to have a fun winter.”

I asked him how his day was going, and he said, “Ho ho ho, well Jeremy my day is going great. I have seen so many people, and so far I haven’t seen anyone from the naughty list.”

Families were able to take photos with Santa, and he even gave out candy canes. People brought their pets along, such as dogs, cats and even birds.

After the family photos they asked if you wanted the photo emailed directly to you and on their facebook page.

BRHS history teacher and boys basketball coach, Mr. Jung, poses with Santa, along with his daughters.



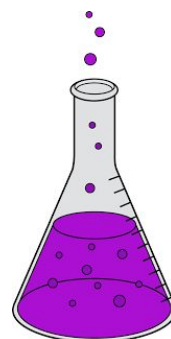
JH Science



Fresh Eyes On Ice Program students are having fun and learning how to fly their drones for future slough observations. Above, they pose with their science teacher, Ms. Chmielarczyk. Photos by BRHS Assistant Principal Mr. Jackson.



Mr. Smith's physical science students made "Elephant Toothpaste" during an experiment last week.



New Generation putting Yup'ik Culture at risk of losing our culture

By Maddi Keene



I think that this generation is possibly putting our Yupik culture at risk of fading away. In my perspective, I see that many children and teens in Bethel aren't speaking much of the Yup'ik language, it is mostly English, and most teenagers don't participate in yuraq.

Yuraq is a way of telling stories by the dancing, and the drum is the heartbeat. I feel like most of the teenagers are interested in what's more popular.

I interviewed three students, Shauna Nanalook, David Nanalook, and Sam Atchak.

Do you think our culture is fading from this new generation?

Shauna said, *"50/50 chance"*

David said, *"It is because a lot of people are forgetting the Yupik language, forgetting how our culture was."*

Sam said, *"Yes, because teenagers are spending more time on there phones and not learning our traditions."*

Should we encourage others to be more apart of Yup'ik culture?

Shauna said, *"Yes, to see how it is."*

David said, *"Yes we can, but we can't force them to."*

Sam said, *"Yes, because to the younger generation to learn more about our culture."*

Why is it important to continue our culture?

Shauna said, *"It's important, to pass it down to the next generation. If it does dies out, fight and take it back."*

David said, *"For our elders want us to live."*

Sam said, *"It is important because of how our ancestors lived."*

What is your favorite part of Yup'ik culture?

Shauna said, *"The stories of elders and stories of other people. The joy of yuraq."*

David said, *"I always yuraq my whole life, so yuraq is my favorite."*

Sam said, *"My favorite part of our culture is family and language."*

How should we make our culture more alive?

Shauna said, *"Maybe keep doing what we were doing in our culture."*

David said, *"To have families and friends pass it down."*

Sam said, *"Have the young be more active in our culture."*

We're Slipping Right Into Icy Roads Once Again!

By J.O.

This topic is pretty confusing, but I might as well slip right into it. After the first snowfall, Last month it rained quite a bit, and that's basically when it started to get pretty slithery out there.

These slick roads are big problems. So therefore, we all have to be cautious so we don't slip and maybe even break a bone, which is a low chance. Stumbling and breaking a bone can be done if you slip pretty harshly.

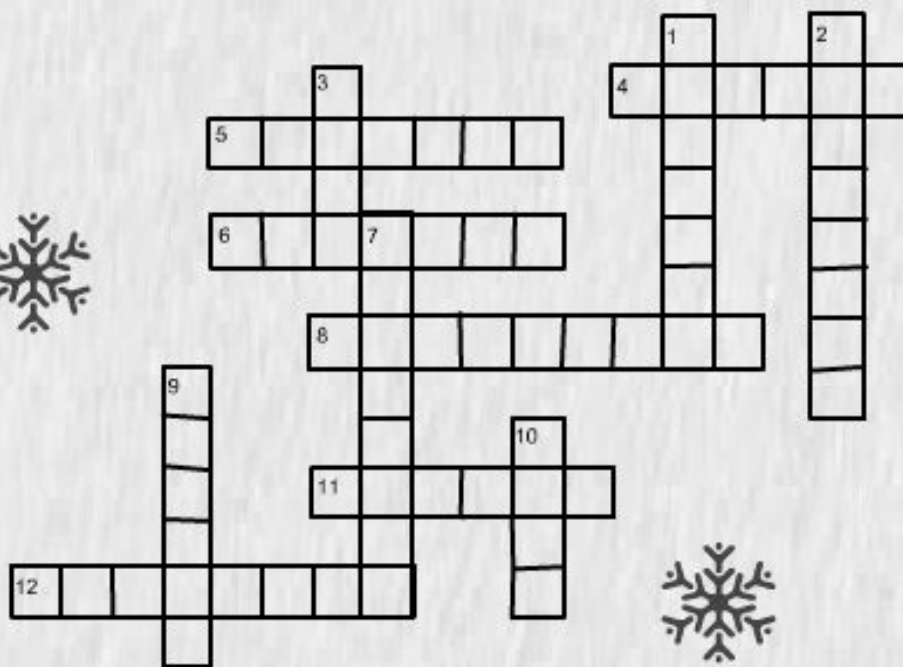
So far this winter, there have two wrecks. One was a bumper to bumper because the road was too icy, so the brakes didn't really benefit either drivers. Another wreck was more of out of control spinning, and it involved a jeep that looked like it had summer tires. It was turning off Delapp, and it lost control.

Students need to be driving carefully if and when out and in the school parking lot. Teachers should also know to be driving safely because who is going to teach us? No offense to the subs, but what do we learn if we have no teachers? So everyone should drive safely to and from school, basically everywhere they drive.





Winter Crossword Puzzle



Down:

1. A large piece of woolen or similar material used as a covering on a bed or elsewhere for warmth.
2. The twelfth month of the year in the northern hemisphere usually considered the first month of winter.
3. Burning
7. A severe snowstorm with high winds.
9. Shake slightly and uncontrollably as a result of being cold.
10. Make or become liquefied by heat.

Across:

4. A covering for the hand-worn for protection against cold or dirt and typically having separate parts for each finger and the thumb.
5. A vertical channel or pipe which conducts smoke and combustion gases up from a fire or furnace and typically through the roof of a building.
6. A large floating mass of ice detached from a glacier or ice sheet and carried out to sea.
8. (of an animal or plant) spend the winter in a dormant state.
11. An outer garment extending either to the waist or the hips typically having sleeves and a fastening down the front.
12. Wood that is burnt as fuel.

