

Happenings I Never Want to Forget

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Summertime finally is here. Here on St. Lawrence Island, after a long wintry season, nice mild climate come along, how nice. It is very nice during July and August here. How happy we are to have comfortable outdoors. Some people are using new aluminum boats to travel with, some their walrus hide boats. Those walrus hide boats are still good for here, but we always go crazy for new things, lots are going around in their aluminum boats.

There was a large airplane earlier this summer bringing some things and aluminum boats. They bring them to G. and E. Store here. G. and E. Enterprises is quite a popular store here run by a couple from here.

I have been away at Anchorage for two weeks, doing some writing at the University. I got 7 legends written in Siberian Yupik, hope to see them in book form soon. It will be something new:

"This is something new,
for an Eskimo,
of the land of ice and snow.

The forth of July came right at the middle of our two weeks there. So my relatives there at Anchorage took me to Valdez for me to see my son there. It was a wonderful trip, especially when you travel through the cool and dim night hours along the mountainous roads miles and miles. It took us more than six hours to get there from Anchorage.

After two weeks we traveled back to St. Lawrence Island., oh it really was a never-to-be-forgotten experience. I used to wish I have wings like birds and travel places to the inlands and along the rivers and make the animals to jump up and move.

All the animals we saw on the way were two moose, some porcupines and some squirrels. I wanted to see brown or a black bear as those are the ones we don't have on the island, but none of them showed up.

When we got back the snow was almost all gone and ice in the lake was all gone.

My daughter got married to a Swiss guy last month, which is June. He came a few years ago once, but this time he lived with us our way of life here. He is such a nice man. They will go back to Switzerland soon.

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