

Healy Lake Newsletter July 2017



Group at the July 2017 Corporation Meeting
(image courtesy of Sarah Gorrod)

Reminders & Upcoming Events:

- > The August council meeting is tentatively on August 8, 2017 (location not determined).
- > The Fall Subregional Meeting will be held at the Healy Lake community on August 4, 2017.

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The Latest News & Stories

Summary of the July Council Meeting

On July 14, a number of tribal members and company met at Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) for the monthly council meeting. To begin the day, the Healy Lake Constitution Amendments were revisited with the help of Lisa Yaeger. The council made a motion to mail out a packet of the Certified Constitution, Amended Constitution, and a letter regarding the proposed changes so that tribal members could easily send back comments. The comment session will be open until the end of November. A plan is in motion to have a barbeque both in Fairbanks and at the Healy Lake community afterwards to gather tribal members for further, and possibly final discussion.

Next on the agenda, the council discussed the Fall Subregional Meeting. Gary Healy Jr. was chosen to represent Healy Lake as the delegate and Evelyn Combs will be his alternate; the youth delegates are still being decided upon. A bid from the tribe's MVP for maintenance work on the roadways to the boat landing was also reported. Healy Lake will be exhausting funds to help travel easier and the landing more accessible for those that wish to attend the Subregional Meeting.

Among the other topics covered, the council was joined by a specialist to discuss the availability of education funding, IHS applications were approved, a council member was designated to work on the Tribal Safety Plan, the council discussed the MW update on eviction, IRHA and DNR topics were covered, and a resolution to adopt the youth council (written by Evelyn Combs and Alissa Healy) was presented. The council unanimously decided to pass the resolution as soon as it's formatted correctly. In all, the July Council Meeting went successfully and the council looks forward to the next meeting.

Special Shout-Outs

July Birthdays:

- > Jewelina Healy turned 37 on July 1st!
 - > Bethany Woscek turned 35 on July 22nd!
- (right image: Bethany proudly holding her new birthday rifle from family, image courtesy of Mary Healy)

Upcoming Birthdays:

- > David A. Joe Jr. (August 4)
- > Jasmine Gorrod (August 15)
- > Daniel Gorrod (August 16)
- > Lorinda Erickson (August 21)
- > Travis Gorrod (August 31)

Upcoming Anniversary:

- > Gary and Jewelina Healy will be celebrating their 17th anniversary on August 26th.



Kayanna Healy Earned Her Black Belt!

Kayanna Healy, age 14, has been training at the Fairbanks World Tang Soo Do Karate Academy since the September of 2012. She has always challenges herself to take life to the next step, whether she's in training, teaching classes, or living out her life outside of karate. In the fall of 2016, Kayanna made the big decision to pursue her black belt, which means intensive physical training every week, memorizing the content of a 64-page manual (from cover to cover), and regularly running kid/young adult classes. For about five months, she needed to stay dedicated to prepare for the arrival of her testing day. In fact, to even qualify for her black belt test, she had to complete two pre-tests, which can be a number of hours long each.



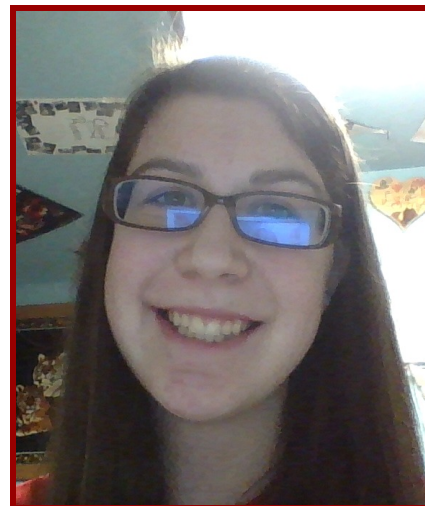
Kayanna and her parents traveled to Soldotna in April this year for the big day. She went in with a confident mind and the determination of a proud martial artist. As if hours of hard-core testing wasn't enough, Kayanna also proceeded to judge and participate in Alaska's 2017 WTSDA Regional

Championship. Along with her karate friends, she placed high in her divisions, and travelled back home to Fairbanks successful and ready to take a long, well-earned nap.

On July 17, the karate studio awarded Kayanna and her team their newly promoted ranks by holding a traditional World Tang Soo Do Assoc. belting ceremony. Families filled up on cake and posed for proud group pictures (above image courtesy of Jewelina Healy) throughout the night. Congratulations Kayanna!

Education to the Fullest

Healy Lake currently provides educational scholarships to approved tribal members and is in the process of accepting applications, including young, 17-year-old Alissa Healy (below image courtesy of Alissa). Alissa has attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) since she was 15, with the generous help of council members and the funding available through the Tribe. She is currently dually enrolled as a high school senior at I.D.E.A. Homeschool and a sophomore at UAF. Alissa would like to complete the requirements for UAF's Associate of Arts Degree by the time she graduates high school (which requires the completion of 60 college credits) and continue to earn degrees regarding education and art. As of the end of the 2017 spring semester, she has earned 34 credits, and is enrolled for this year's fall semester. Alissa wants to make the people of Healy Lake proud, so she works hard to have good grades and excel in courses that could be used to help the community. The education scholarships have been life-changing for Alissa, so she would like to send a special thank you out to all of the amazing people who have helped her throughout her journey so far!



Goals & Projects

Goals

- The majority of Healy Lake's tribal members have not updated their tribal enrollment information, so please contact any council member or the tribal administrator if you have not updated your information already.
- With the Subregional Meeting swiftly approaching, the council requests that if anyone needs assistance with their river travel arrangements to the Healy Lake community, one of the council members should be contacted.
- The Council would like to designate at least two youth delegates to participate in the Subregional Meeting.
- All tribal members with concerns or comments are urged to attend meetings. Conference calls are also available.

Projects

- council efforts in tribal wellness with Grace in Motion Counseling and other resources
- getting the clinic up and running
- safety signs posted on winter travel routes
- regular Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) wellness checks
- final preparations for the Subregional Meeting
- choosing youth delegates for the Subregional Meeting
- passing the youth council resolution
- road maintenance
- the Healy Lake Traditional Council is in the process of recognizing IRHA as the tribe's housing entity, and will soon have applications available for community homeowners

Available Jobs & Other Opportunities

Available Jobs

If interested in the following jobs, please contact the Healy Lake Tribal Office at (907) 876-5013, the Healy Lake Tribal Administrator, Bertha, at (907) 371-9361, or a council member.

- Tribal Family & Youth Services (TFYS), full time
- Community Health Aide, full time
- Tribal Wellness Development Specialist (TWDDS), part time (4-hour work days)

Other Opportunities

- Grace in Motion Counseling
3504 Industrial Avenue
Suite 214
Fairbanks, AK 99701
(907) 452-4673
- Contact the council for river travel arrangements to attend the Subregional Meeting on August 4th.
- If you would like to participate in submitting pictures, documents, articles, etc. for use in the Healy Lake Newsletter and/or Healy Lake Tribal Website, please email Alissa Healy at healylakewebsite@gmail.com.

The End!