

# Healy Lake Newsletter

## June 2017



Group at 2017 Annual Meeting  
(image courtesy of Jewelina Healy)

### Reminders & Upcoming Events:

- > The July council meeting is on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. at Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC)
- > The Fall Subregional Meeting will be held at the Healy Lake community on August 4, 2017.

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## The Latest News & Stories

Dear readers,

Healy Lake is proud to present Healy Lake's first newsletter, written by the newly established youth council. The newsletter will be published monthly, following each council meeting as soon as possible, and will contain information about the latest tribal business, projects, job openings, opportunities, etc. Anyone can access the newsletters by visiting the Healy Lake Tribal Website ([healylaketribealwebsite.wordpress.com](http://healylaketribealwebsite.wordpress.com)) or by contacting the office for a free mail subscription. Stay tuned!

### Catching Up

This is Healy Lake's first newsletter, so it would only seem fit to mention some news from the past months, as well as in June. To begin with, a team rebuilt the deck on the community hall, which now includes a ramp on the left front side and a porch for the tribe's grill on the back right. It was finished shortly before the passing of elder David Joe Sr., who's potlatches were held both at Dot Lake and at the Healy Lake community hall. Throughout 2017, people have also been working hard to refurbish and add to Healy Lake's community facilities. As of the end of June, the community has had functioning plumbing in the washeteria, a new maintenance facility, there is an operational landfill site, and the council has purchased new equipment.



### Healy Lake Tribal Website

During the month of June, many things were either established or restored. The tribe's first official website was launched on June 21<sup>st</sup>, by Alissa Healy, one of the newly instated youth council members. The website is available to anyone, and features any content needed to keep tribal members up to date on projects, available jobs, etc. You can visit the site at <https://healylaketribealwebsite.wordpress.com/> and follow posts by email or by Liking the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/healylaketribealwebsite/>.

### Taking the First Steps for a Youth Council

In recent times, the Healy Lake Tribe and its youths have spoken more about initiating a youth council. The intention in creating the youth council is that the youths can get more involved with the tribe by doing things such as sitting in on official meetings and participating in group projects. As of now, it's still in the developing process, but the youths have already begun to form plans...

The main focus of the youth council will be on education and wellness. The youths are mainly interested in learning about the functions of the tribe, cleaning up the community's school, and taking courses such as First Aid. The group will be small, but the members will be able to learn and grow together and someday make a difference for the Healy Lake Tribe.

As each of the youths has gotten older, the level of interest in a youth council has grown. Currently, the tribe is taking the steps needed to understand how to officially start a youth council. It's time to make it happen, so hopefully we can work together and have Healy Lake's youth council up and running as soon as possible!

### **2017 Annual Meeting**

On June 17, the annual meeting was held in the Healy Lake community hall. There was a great turn-out of people, which included a number of youths and elders. Normal meeting business was conducted, reports were given, Alissa Healy spoke about her goals for the Healy Lake Tribal Website, and votes were cast for this term's council members. The council members are as follows:

Melissa Erickson (President)  
Gary Healy Jr. (Vice-President)  
Evelynn Combs (Secretary/Treasurer)  
Anita Luke (Council Member)  
Gary Luke (Council Member)

Once the meeting was concluded, everyone enjoyed one another's company while eating dinner. We were treated to chicken, rice, vegetables, fruit, and you name it! Thank you to the Healy Family for preparing the food!



## 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

- resolution for youth council
- 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

## 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
- Community Planner Position, part time and temporary

### 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 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 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](mailto:healylakewebsite@gmail.com).

The End!