

# Healy Lake Newsletter

## August 2017



Guests of the Fall 2017 Subregional Boarding Boats  
(image courtesy of Alissa Healy)

### Reminders & Upcoming Events:

- > The September council meeting is on September 4th, at Healy Lake.
- > On October 25, there will be a sub-regional tribal court session.
- > There will be a “Special Convention” from October 26-27.
- > There is UAF-Interior Alaska Campus training in Tok from October 2-6, 2017 and October 30-November 4, 2017.

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## The Latest News & Stories

### Fall 2017 Upper Tanana Sub-Regional

On August 4, 2017, Healy Lake hosted the Fall Upper Tanana Sub-Regional Meeting, for probably the first time ever. Gathered in the community hall, there was an estimated 63 people throughout the day! Along with Victor Joseph (President of Tanana Chiefs Conference), Julie Roberts-Hyslop (Vice-President of TCC), and Chaaiy Albert (Northway TCC Executive Board Member), representatives from every region were present. Gary Healy Jr. of Healy Lake, Daisy Northway of Tok, Tracey Charles-Smith of Dot Lake, Jim Stevens of Eagle, Robert Beach of Northway, Nathaniel Gene of Tetlin, and Herb Demmit of Tanacross were the meeting's official delegates.

The meeting began with reports by Victor Joseph and Julie Roberts-Hyslop. Their statements mostly reflected the work being done with the focus of wellness, such as having routine wellness checks from VPSOs and restoring or opening community health clinics. They moved on to TCC's financial future by speaking about TCC's current budgeting and that we have 6-7 months of finances set aside for possible future hardships. Victor wrapped up his report by discussing the blood quantum debate with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). It has been proposed that tribes should link opportunities through TCC by tribal membership rather than by blood quantum. Comments are welcome.

Throughout the day, Lisa Jaeger spoke about the logistics of intertribal court, Tonya Garnett spoke about the possibilities in hosting wellness culture camps, Renee Linton spoke about the ins and outs of community plans, Edward Alexander provided an ESSA update and introduced two new scholarships geared towards serving communities, and we were visited by two VPSO officers and two Alaska State Troopers for their own reports. The Troopers made their entrance to Healy Lake by helicopter, and spoke of visiting communities more often. They would like to get to know community members, become more familiar with the different terrains, and monitor the peace of villages. Marilyn Andon followed by speaking about behavioral health, and Eagle's tribal administrator, Joanne Wallis, followed with comments on Eagle's construction training, portable wood sawmills, and a new way to work with IRHA.

The meeting was drawn to an official end after each of the delegate's village reports. When the time to speak came around to Jim Stevens, he presented Gary Healy Jr. with a wonderful knife from Eagle to recognize him as an outstanding leader and to thank Healy Lake for hosting the meeting (thanks go out to Eagle from Gary!). He also presented his chief's necklace to the boss of the A2A Railway project to commemorate Eagle's partnership with the company. Before closing, Healy Lake presented custom glasses (look at pg. 6) to each of the delegates to thank everyone for attending. At 5:17, only 17 minutes over the schedule, the meeting wrapped up and people started boarding boats for their journeys home...

A special thanks goes out to those who helped prepare for the meeting- from making food to putting paperwork together- and to everyone who made the trip out! See everyone for the Spring Sub-Regional !





# Fall 2017 Upper Tanana Sub-Regional August 4, 2017



## Healy Lake, AK



(images courtesy of Jewelina Healy and Alissa Healy)



### **Summary of the August Council Meeting**

On August 8, council members Gary Healy Jr., Melissa Erickson, Anita Luke, and Evelyn Combs, along with youth council member Alissa Healy, met at the Healy Lake Traditional Council Office for the August council meeting in Fairbanks. Intertribal court was first on the agenda, so the council discussed the leadership that would be needed to represent Healy Lake; Evelyn volunteered to become the delegate to report information back to the council. The next item was culture camps. Healy Lake is scheduled to host a 4-7 day culture camp in 2019, so the appropriate season and activities need to be decided upon soon. Further discussion was also opened about the development of constructing two 2-bedroom apartments and one 1-bedroom apartment in the Village, as well as making improvements on public facilities, such as refurbishing the community hall. The council and youth council will have worked to create a constitution for the youth council in August and continue into September.

Shortly after the meeting, a Biomass Study of Healy Lake and a Community Feedback Survey were posted on the Healy Lake Tribal Website. The council would like to get as many responses as possible to provide information to Renee Linton (Community Planning Coordinator) for Healy Lake's Community Plan. A community plan is revised every 5 years, so it is important to have current feedback from tribal members.

### **Fall 2017 Government-to-Government at Fort Wainwright**

Every few months, Fort Wainwright likes to host Government-to-Government to tribal representatives across the region. Archaeologists, researchers, and leaders in departments give reports, tribal members meet the Fort Wainwright's colonel, and networking can be made.

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, tribal members from Nenana, Healy Lake, Dot Lake, and Northway were present. Everyone welcomed the newest member of Fort Wainwright, Colonel Fisher, got a plate of food, and the meeting began...

Through a collection of slides, the first representative explained the access that the public has to the Tanana Flats Trail. He said that one must obtain a free permit from the Alaska Railroad and check in to pass. Other topics covered were about Arctic Anvil 2018, Fort Wainwright archaeological sites (there are currently 696 known sites in the within the areas Fort Wainwright has scouted), bat research (such as where the creatures go in the winter, their white-nose syndrome, and how many there are in Alaska), and USA RTRAK (tracking hunters by permit, etc.). Overall, everything was very educational and a great opportunity to network.

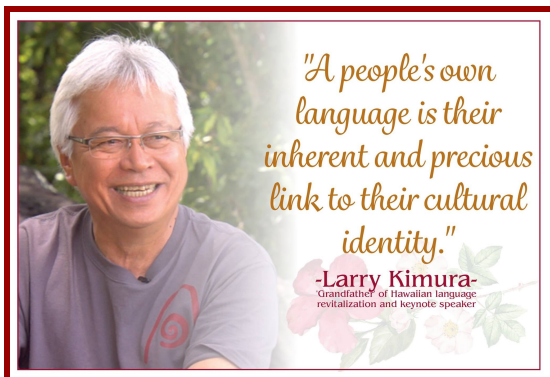


(image courtesy of Tracy Charles-Smith)

## 2017 TCC Education Summit

Education Summit is an annual event hosted by TCC to express the accomplishments and needs regarding statewide education. Multiple representatives come together for this event to inspire others, address issues, and hear the voices of the people who attend. On August 11, Alissa Healy attended the 8½-hour summit.

Throughout the day, there were many topics covered- from Victor Joseph's invocation about the importance of having households value education to awards given to youths for completing an Education Summit Track, which are camps designed to be career-oriented. State Education Commissioner Michael Johnson, Youth Manager Katina Charles, the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Chancellor Dan White, and keynote speaker Larry Kimura (from Hawaii) were just some of the guest speakers. TCC catered a wonderful lunch, handed out amazing t-shirts, and even partnered with the Fairbanks Literacy Council to give those who found their building, free fair admission tickets!



## Congratulations to the Woscek Family!



For the past couple of months, Jason and Bethany "Healy" Woscek have been making some amazing, life-changing strides! They recently purchased their very own shop for their family business, Flat on the Spot Mobile Tire Services LLC in Anchorage (image courtesy of Jewelina Healy), and have announced that they will be having a baby girl on January 4<sup>th</sup>! Bethany and Jason are really excited for their soon-to-come Abigail, and family wishes them all the best for both baby and business to grow wonderfully!

## Special Shout-Outs!

### August Birthdays:

- > David A. Joe Jr. (August 4)
- > Jasmine Gorrod (August 15)
- > Daniel Gorrod (August 16)
- > Lorinda Erickson (August 21)
- > Minnie Healy (August 24)
- > Travis Gorrod (August 31)

### August Anniversary:

- > Gary and Jewelina Healy (August 26)

### September Birthdays:

- > Kiowa Fifer (September 1)
- > Odin Erickson (September 25)
- > Melissa Erickson (September 26)
- > Rochelle Phipps (September 29)
- > Kaleb Holloway (September 29)



## 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.
- All tribal members with concerns or comments are urged to attend meetings. Conference calls are also available.
- Conduct all meetings in a PG manner.

### Projects

- council efforts in tribal wellness with Grace in Motion Counseling and other resources
- have a meet-and-greet wellness barbeque at Healy Lake with Grace in Motion Counseling at the latest accessible time in September
- getting the clinic up and running
- safety signs posted on winter travel routes
- regular Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) wellness checks
- road maintenance
- getting responses from the Community Feedback Survey and developing a Community Plan
- Once the Community Plan is completed, there will be grant opportunities for a biomass project pertaining to public facilities.
- writing a youth council constitution
- 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
- 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).