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Shareholders are invited to submit articles for the next issue of the Kanas. The submission deadline is August 27, 2021.

For questions or more information about the Kanas, please contact the media and communications office at news@ahntna.net.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROUNDING THE CORNER AND MAKING PROGRESS

Dear fellow shareholders,

I am thankful to report that we are rounding the corner and beginning staff re-entry at Ahtna's various office locations. The Anchorage office opened at full capacity on June 7 and the Glennallen Headquarters staff has been back working from the office since March. Our employees have demonstrated amazing resiliency and flexibility in meeting our business, shareholder and client needs during these challenging times, and their collective commitment to safety is unwavering.

We were delighted to have so many of you join us online for Ahtna's virtual 48th Annual Shareholders Meeting on June 5th. For the second year COVID-19 restrictions prevented us from being able to invite shareholders to attend in person. While it was necessary to protect everyone's health and safety, we missed being able to connect face-to-face with you. We are optimistic about returning to an in-person meeting next year, and will continue to create a valuable virtual experience for those who cannot make it to Glennallen.

We are happy to welcome back newly elected director Karen Linnell (Seat A, At-Large) who previously served on the Ahtna, Incorporated Board of Directors from 2004-2019. Ms. Linnell was also elected to serve as the AI Board's Vice Chair. We would also like to congratulate returning directors Genevieve John (Seat A, At-Large), Lucille A. Lincoln (Seat G2, Kluti-Kaah), Cecil Sanford (Seat H, Mentasta) and John Dye (Seat I, Gulkana). Newly elected directors will serve 3-year terms, until the 2024 Annual Meeting. We expressed our huge appreciation to outgoing director Margie Ewan for her dedication and service to the Ahtna people.

Local COVID heroes were nominated by the eight Ahtna villages and recognized during the meeting. You can read on page 16 about the individuals and organizations who went above and beyond to care for the people of our region during the pandemic. There are countless stories of people pulling together during this crisis; what is shared is merely a glimpse of the care and compassion shown.

We have seen the Coronavirus disproportionately affect Native people and as our Elders recall, it's not the first time. The 1918 flu epidemic devastated Alaska, wiping out more than half the population of some villages. The late Lucille Brenwick was only 7 or 8 at the time, but shared her vivid memories in a 2001 interview with her great-niece, Ahtna shareholder Ruth Ann Shinn, for the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve's Project Jukebox. The changes witnessed by our Elders over the past century are remarkable. We must continue to pass down their stories so future generations can learn from their resilience and follow in their footsteps.

In a landmark decision by the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS), the unique agreement between the federal government and Alaska Native people has been upheld. The Court held that Alaska Native regional and village corporations should be recognized under the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act's (ISDA) definition of tribes. We are pleased to see the Court affirm Alaska Native corporations' eligibility for CARES Act funds. The Treasury has yet to announce a distribution timeline, but we intend to use the money to benefit our villages and our shareholders who have been disproportionately impacted by this pandemic. We extend our deepest thanks to Alaska's congressional delegation, the State of Alaska, Alaska Federation of Natives, ANCSA Regional Association, and Alaska Native Village Corporation Association for standing with us throughout this litigation.

Last year, after almost 50 years, the Gulkana Village Council reached a resolution with the State of Alaska on the return of their former village lands and traditional burial grounds. The Council and Ahtna produced in partnership a historical video to commemorate the long-awaited resolution and help preserve the land's legacy:

www.vimeo.com/563802617.

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In July 1974, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company and Ahtna, Incorporated launched a unique and special partnership by entering into an Omnibus Agreement that gives each other reciprocal benefits and creates special opportunities. Recently, our partnership with Alyeska was formally elevated with the renewed signing of a Declaration of Friendship. The friendship agreement is reviewed and updated frequently to demonstrate the continued connection between our organizations. The Trans Alaska Pipeline right-of-way crosses 55 miles of fee simple Ahtna lands and some 197 miles are within Ahtna's traditional territory. Ahtna Construction is the primary baseline contractor for the Glennallen Response Base (GRB), and we are incredibly proud of our amazing staff there! We look forward to many more years of partnership with Alyeska.



2021 Glennallen High School Graduates. Photo courtesy of ZAG Photography.

Congratulations to our class of 2021 shareholder graduates! Your commitment to furthering your education is admirable, and we are delighted to be able to share your accomplishments in this issue.

Tsin'aen,

Michelle Anderson, President
Ahtna, Incorporated



Alyeska president Brigham McCown and Ahtna president Michelle Anderson sign the Declaration of Friendship at the Glennallen Response Base (GRB), with Ahtna Board members and Ahtna and Alyeska staff looking on. During the celebratory afternoon at the GRB, Brigham and Michelle talked about the significance of the friendship agreement and the future of the partnership. Many Ahtna Board members echoed those messages and discussed additional opportunities in the region





CEO'S MESSAGE

TRANSITIONING BACK TO THE OFFICE WITHOUT MISSING A BEAT

Greetings shareholders,

Ahtna's Alaska summer field season is in full swing, and our Anchorage staff

is back in the office after mainly working remotely for over a year. Our IT Department worked closely with our subsidiaries to ensure employees had all the tools necessary for a smooth transition. Employees' return to other offices will vary by location as the lifting of restrictions will vary by region. The government has been slower to return to the office, but we are starting to plan for more face-to-face business development as military bases, government facilities and buildings open back up. Our operations continue to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID recommendations for conducting business and contact tracing.

A recent meeting with our bonding company was very successful and we were able to increase our bonding capacity across the board. Our single job bonding level went from \$50 million to \$100 million, and our aggregate capacity went from \$300 million to \$500 million. This was a huge accomplishment, and the underwriters congratulated us on our phenomenal financial results in 2020. As we continue to see more growth in our 8(a) bonded work, our increased bonding capacity will provide additional support in securing contracts.

We received some wonderful questions during the Annual Shareholders Meeting and wanted to address a couple of them here for those who were unable to join us virtually. One question was "Why isn't Ahtna involved in state road construction?" There are three things we always evaluate before pursuing work: safety, shareholder hire, and profit. Road construction in Alaska is highly competitive, and the low bidder receives the award. There are a number of strong competitors in Alaska that have large equipment fleets, and bidders must secure adequate bonding to ensure the project is viable. So far in 2021, the Ahtna family of companies has bid on three road-related projects, but we were unfortunately unsuccessful in those efforts. There are a handful of other projects in the region that we plan to pursue, but we will not take on any work that we cannot make a profit on. We have increased our civil construction and mining and materials related work with Alyeska pipeline, which provides high-paying union jobs in the region. We also own Palmer-based A.A.A. Valley Gravel, a full-service construction and aggregate production company. I encourage shareholders to look at opportunities in these areas and connect with our Shareholder Enrichment department on what training and positions are available.

Another question we received was "How have Ahtna's businesses held up during the recession?" Ahtna has been fortunate to continue to be successful in numerous states, including Alaska. Due in part to our strong bonding capacity, we have secured additional construction work in Alaska, spanning from the far reaches of the Aleutians to Ketchikan

and Haines in the Southeast. We've also done very well in other states such as California, Texas and Florida and created new shareholder positions in places like Oregon, California, Oklahoma and Florida. Thanks to the overall strength and commitment of One Team, One Ahtna, we saw record revenues, profits and shareholder dividend distributions in 2020.

Ahtna Construction has been awarded a \$5 million Alyeska H121 Cathodic Protection project. Cathodic protection is an electrochemical technique used to prevent corrosion on buried metal pipelines such as TAPS. Eight Ahtna shareholder employees will be dispatched for this new project. Our Ahtna Construction team continues to receive accolades for their outstanding performance and were recently awarded an Alyeska Atigun award for their work on the Sag River structure improvements and repairs. The team was nominated by their colleagues and Alyeska executives came together to make the final award selections. You can learn more about the award and the Sag River project on page 5.

Ahtna Marine & Construction Company, LLC (AMCC) was recently awarded an \$8 million U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Bal Harbour Dredging & Beach Renourishment project in Florida. AMCC will be conducting work to nourish the eroded shoreline by hydraulically dredging about 90,000 cubic yards of sand and transporting it via pipeline to the beach, importing approximately 110,000 cubic yards of fill and hauling material from sand sources to the beach.



Marine construction and dredging is a service area we are working to grow at Ahtna.

2020 was our first full year of dredging operations, and AMCC just acquired a new dredging vessel named in honor of the late Katie John. The Katie John was put into service on June 13th and affords us the ability to bid work beyond the Coast Guard's offshore demarcation line. The vessel is now actively pumping sediment for a \$1.5 million CEMEX pond dredging project in Florida. I was very happy to be able to attend the Katie John Day celebration in Mentasta on May 31st and am grateful to the John family for allowing us to honor their matriarch with this vessel.

Thank you,

Tom Maloney, Chief Executive Officer
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PAVING THE WAY AT TRAVIS AFB, CA

BY PATRICK ROYCE, SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER, AHTNA DESIGN-BUILD, INC.

Ahtna Design-Build, Inc. (ADB), in a joint venture with CDM Smith known as Ahtna-CDM Smith JV (the JV), was awarded a contract under its AFCEC Regional Engineering & Construction (RE&C) contract to repair aircraft Parking Ramp 400, Phases 2 and 3, along with the repair of the adjacent Taxiway November at Travis Air Force Base (AFB). The initial contract was awarded in April 2020 for \$22,417,927, and since that time the JV has been awarded three additional contract modifications bringing the contract total to \$23,256,935. As the prime contractor on this project, the JV self-performed 20 percent of the contract value while the balance of the work was performed by Southwest Concrete Paving as the JV's subcontractor.

Travis AFB, located in California near Sacramento, is home to the Air Force, Army, and Navy air units and is known for handling more cargo and passenger traffic than any other military air terminal in the United States. For this reason, the base is in a constant state of infrastructure maintenance and repair. One repair project is at Parking Ramp 400, where the Air Force parks its fleet of C-17 cargo planes while on standby waiting for their next training flight or military mission in the U.S. and abroad. After decades of usage under the weight of these massive workhorses and the exposure to the weather extremes under the northern California sun, Parking Ramp 400 was slated for removal and replacement to bring this area up to current standards and to reduce the potential for dangerous foreign object debris (FOD) from impacting these vital planes. An engineering review was performed on the parking ramp and determined that replacement was necessary, requiring a 12-phase project to allow incremental replacement while maintaining airfield operations.

This project entailed the demolition of 500,000 square feet of the existing concrete at Ramp 400, along with a portion of the adjacent Taxiway November. The concrete was removed and transported to a laydown area on base for crushing to be reused as aggregate in the making of concrete for the replacement taxiways. The JV then excavated approximately 30,000 cubic yards (CY) of existing subgrade materials beneath the removed concrete to achieve the desired subgrade elevation prior to placing new concrete. Soil analytical testing revealed that 24,000 CY of this material was determined to be contaminated non-hazardous material that required specialized transportation and disposal to meet the contractual terms of this project. The JV then introduced a mixture of 4% hydrated lime to lower the moisture level of the in-situ subgrade soils prior to placing cement to add strength to the existing soils and achieve the contractually required 200 pounds per square inch (psi) strength test. These steps were performed to meet the specifications for the subgrade and to prolong the life of the new concrete surface. The JV then added a new underdrain system to control any water that migrates into the new subgrade, from above surface (rain) or below surface (rising groundwater). The JV then added a new

8-inch aggregate separation layer and topped with a new 6-inch cement drainage layer. This will be the foundation beneath the new 17.5-inch and 22.5-inch Portland Cement Concrete Pavement (PCCP) surface, the final step to these improvements. The JV completed all subgrade improvements by the end of May 2021 and started placement of the new PCCP, which is expected to be complete by the middle of July 2021.

Following placement of the new PCCP, we will install expansion joints into the concrete and grounding points for the C-17 planes while parked on the taxiway. Approximately 2,000 tons of hot-mix asphalt paving will be placed along the edges of the new taxiways, followed by new pavement markings applied in accordance with stringent airfield standards. Following removal of all construction materials and equipment, the work areas will be cleaned up in preparation for release of these taxiways back to the Air Force and the crews at Travis AFB.

During the execution of the contract, the Ahtna team met or exceeded the expectations of the government. Our latest contract modification (003) was for a Period of Performance acceleration to complete ahead of schedule and increase our daily work week from 40 to 50 hours. This acceleration and the quality work performed in the field will allow this project to be completed 4-5 months before the contractual end date of February 7, 2022.

Southwest Concrete Paving Company (SWCP) has proven to be a very experienced, high-quality airfield concrete paving company, which specializes in military airfield concrete paving projects. The respect was mutual -- SWCP stated to our project management team that they had not previously worked with a prime contractor who is so well suited for this type of work, understands the scope, and can effectively interact with the client. This working relationship has developed into the Ahtna-SWCP JV under recent mentor protégé program certification through the Small Business Administration (SBA). The Ahtna-SWCP JV is now actively pursuing additional small business and 8(a) set-aside airfield paving opportunities and other projects that can benefit from our combined experience, specialized equipment, and professional staff.



Paving in progress at the Travis Air Force Base, CA.

SAFETY AWARD



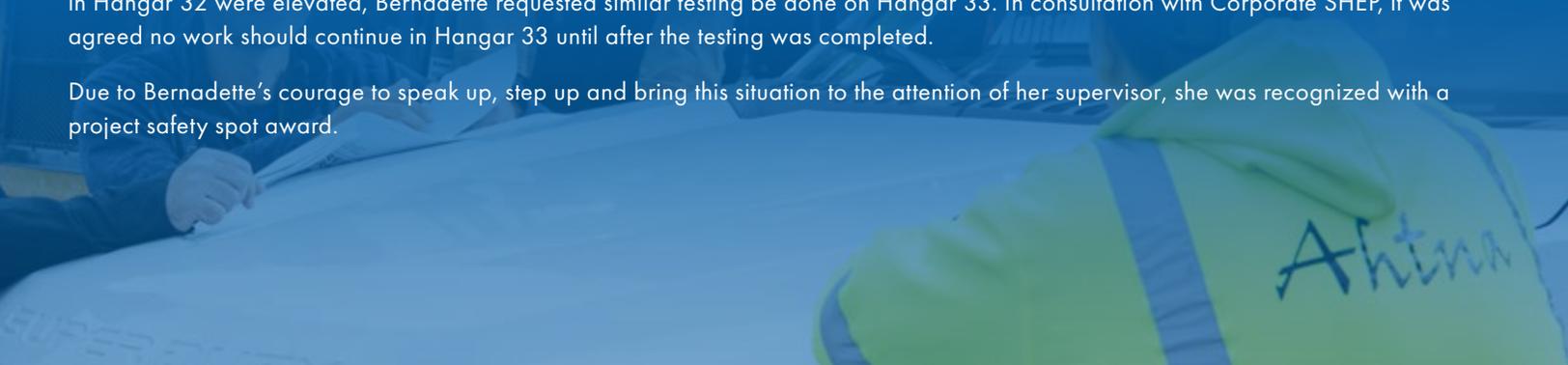
Project Safety Award, NOAA WRC:

Bernadette Shu, AEI

This spring, Ahtna Environmental Inc. (AEI) employee Bernadette Shu was requested to perform post-demolition lead dust testing on Hangar 32, an old 1940's aircraft hangar located at the NOAA Western Regional Center (WRC) Facility in Seattle, Washington. Based on the testing results, it was determined that high lead dust levels were present in the hangar and air monitoring/cleanup was needed.

Bernadette and two other employees work and have office space within nearby Hangar 33, which is of similar age. Even though the office had been remodeled, Bernadette noticed chipping lead paint above the ceiling tiles while a contractor was performing work. Out of concern for the employees working in the area, Bernadette brought management's attention to the issue. Since the lead dust levels in Hangar 32 were elevated, Bernadette requested similar testing be done on Hangar 33. In consultation with Corporate SHEP, it was agreed no work should continue in Hangar 33 until after the testing was completed.

Due to Bernadette's courage to speak up, step up and bring this situation to the attention of her supervisor, she was recognized with a project safety spot award.



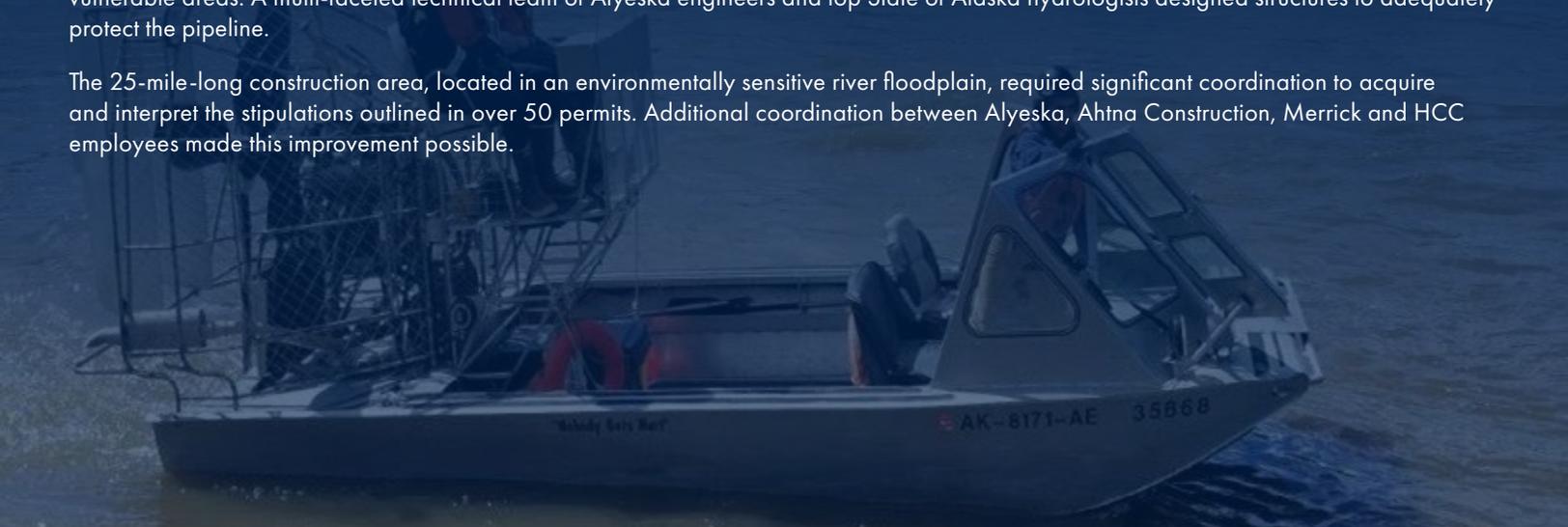
AHTNA CONSTRUCTION TEAM RECEIVES ALYESKA PIPELINE SERVICE COMPANY ATIGUN AWARD FOR TEAMWORK

Trans Alaska Pipeline System, TAPS, workers nominated colleagues for outstanding work during 2020, and Alyeska executives came together to select Atigun Award recipients. The Atigun Awards honor employees, contractors and teams who truly go above their regular job duties. Atigun Awards recognize performance excellence by individuals and teams in the categories of Environment, Innovation, Health and Safety, Integrity, and Teamwork.

Ahtna Construction & Primary Products Company, LLC (AC&PPC) was awarded the Atigun Award for teamwork for their work on the Sag River structure improvements and repairs.

In 2019, the lower Sag River between PLMP 22 and 47 experienced multiple high-water events, resulting in significant damage. Emergency response efforts in 2019 restored protection for the mainline, but not to the level warranted for changing environmental conditions which now threaten unprotected areas of the pipeline in the river floodplain. An improvement to the original design basis was warranted to protect these vulnerable areas. A multi-faceted technical team of Alyeska engineers and top State of Alaska hydrologists designed structures to adequately protect the pipeline.

The 25-mile-long construction area, located in an environmentally sensitive river floodplain, required significant coordination to acquire and interpret the stipulations outlined in over 50 permits. Additional coordination between Alyeska, Ahtna Construction, Merrick and HCC employees made this improvement possible.



AHTNA GROUP OF COMPANIES PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

BY LORI KROPIDLOWSKI, AEI, SR. BD & MARKETING GROUP MANAGER

INTERVIEW WITH KAREN MORRIS, PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT MANAGER FOR THE AHTNA GROUP OF COMPANIES (AES, AEI, AGL, AIT AND ASL)

Karen, can you tell us about your department and your team?

When I first started at Ahtna in May 2015, my position had been vacant for over two months. The department was significantly behind and needed processes developed and put into place. There were only two employees, neither of which were shareholders. Once I started digging my heels in, there were many issues that needed to be corrected, cultivated, and implemented.

I envisioned developing a department of motivated, intelligent, and happy employees. We have done an incredible amount of training sessions and webinars to get to where we are at today. With our two recent new hires, I have created my dream team – and all are Ahtna shareholders! It has taken a lot of hard work and dedication to get the department to be a well-groomed, fast-paced procurement steam engine. The department is always extremely busy. We manage all procurement activities for our 5 subsidiaries' 300-plus active construction, environmental, geomatics, and professional service projects. This includes management of more than 500 subcontractors (and thousands of vendors), for all of our 13 corporate and field office locations. It is our responsibility to assist our Project Managers in keeping their projects moving and profitable.

Let me introduce my incredible team:

Chad Faverty, Contracts Administrator (Naltsiine Clan)

Chad came to us in June 2016 as a Project Assistant I. When he was hired, he came with some accounts payable (AP) experience but none in procurement. Chad absorbed and learned very quickly. He rapidly became a person that we trust and depend upon. In 2019, he was promoted to Contracts Administrator. His responsibilities are to create, process, and track subcontract agreements and change orders. Chad is exceptionally skilled in keeping his workload prioritized, organized, and accurate. Management recognized his contribution and he was selected as a 2020 Employee of the Year.

Rachael Wasson, Procurement Specialist II (Eagle Clan)

Rachael was hired in May 2017 as a Project Assistant I. At that time, she had no procurement experience, but her determination and motivation has proven to be the driving force of our department. She is always thirsty for training, and wants to do more, learn, and grow. She has worked hard to prove herself as a valuable and necessary part of procurement. In April 2019 she was promoted to Procurement Specialist I, and she worked even harder. As she became more comfortable in her new role and learned more about procurement, Rachael started providing great suggestions for improvement to streamline our processes. In 2020, she was again promoted to Procurement Specialist II. Her responsibilities are to prepare purchase orders, subcontract change orders, and maintain procurement's email inbox. She is the glue that helps keep our department running smoothly.

From left to right: Melissa Taylor, Chad Faverty, Taliylah Patrick, Kaleb Johnson, Karen Morris, and Rachel Wasson.

Melissa Taylor, Procurement Specialist I (Taltsiine Clan)

When I met Melissa, she was the Senior Receptionist for Ahtna, and had been here for nine years. She wanted to do something different but didn't know exactly what. I encouraged her to apply for a Project Assistant position that the department had open. She applied and was hired in June of 2019. With no previous procurement or AP experience, Melissa has performed her job very well and with steadfast accuracy. During training, she is the one taking detailed notes, paying close attention, and asking questions. Her primary responsibilities are assisting Project Managers with field staff timecards and expense reports, processing purchase orders, and subcontractor pre-qualification packages. She is well liked by all staff and she is a very dedicated worker.

Kaleb Johnson, Procurement Technician III (Naltsiine Clan)

Kaleb began his journey with us in April 2021. He came to us with several years of experience in AP and some with procurement. I hired Kaleb because he was very comfortable and confident in his interview. He is ambitious and was looking for an opportunity for mentorship. In only a few short weeks he already fits right in. He is quickly learning our processes and has done it all with a smile on his face. His primary responsibility is processing invoices against the purchase orders and subcontracts. He has already proved himself to be an asset to our department.

Taliylah Patrick, Procurement Technician III (Udzisyu Clan)

Taliylah has been with Ahtna for a few years. She worked in the AP department and at the front desk prior to applying to the Procurement Department in April 2021. She aspires to grow into a career as a Project Manager, and this was a great place to start while she's attending college. Taliylah's responsibilities are processing invoices against the purchase orders and subcontracts, certificates of insurance, and vendor credit applications.

This department underwent many challenges in the beginning, and now here we are, with a dedicated team of professionals, all shareholders. We love what we do and all support each other's growth and development – and we try to have a little fun along the way! I am so proud of my team and feel lucky to work with such exceptional people.



AHTNA PLACE NAMES

BY TANA FINNESAND, CULTURAL RESOURCE TECHNICIAN, AI LAND DEPARTMENT



A collapsed high cache marks the location of an old subsistence site near Fish Lake in the Ahtna region.

For thousands of years, Ahtna people have lived in the Copper River and Susitna River valleys. Everywhere you look, you see places where Ahtna people fished, hunted, built a caribou fence, ran a trapline, camped, or lived in a village. You can find the exact spots where the people hammered out their

copper tools, or fought a battle to protect themselves, their food, or their land from marauding invaders.

The Ahtna Land Department is keeping track of these old places by creating and maintaining a cultural places catalog—a listing of all known historic and cultural sites, with their locations, backed up by files containing photographs, existing site maps, and cultural information that is known about that place. We won't know exactly how many documented historic sites there are until the catalog is finished, but there are possibly 2,000-3,000 sites.

What are we cataloging?

We are cataloging historic properties—old villages, campsites, hunting, fishing and trapping camps, cemeteries, old stone tool-making places, isolated house pits and cache pits—as well as important cultural places that Elders tell stories about, but which may not have physical signs left by people. One such example is Natsede'aayi, the woman with the baby on her back, a well-known stone outcropping visible on the way to Anchorage which marks the far side of traditional Ahtna country.

Where do we get the information from?

Archived documents are our starting point to recover information that Elders have already told to researchers in years past. Publications such as *Where Raven Stood* by Holly Reckord and

James Kari's Ahtna Place Names book are full of stories and knowledge about old places. Records of documented archeological sites in Ahtna territory are also a major source. The Alaska Office of History & Archaeology and Wrangell-St. Elias National Park both maintain confidential records of Ahtna sites they found on what is now state or federal land. Reports of sites Ahtna has received over the years will be added. Transcripts from long-ago interviews with Ahtna Elders will yield important information to include in the catalog.

Why is it important to create this catalog?

For Ahtna, Inc. to carefully use and manage the land on behalf of Ahtna people, we must know where these sites are, so damage to them can be avoided or managed. When issuing permits or carrying out projects, Ahtna must know where the historic/cultural sites are on Ahtna land. And it is just as important to know about Ahtna sites that are NOT on Ahtna land, since agencies often contact Ahtna, Inc. to ask about important cultural sites in their project areas on state and federal land. Finally, it is important to know where these sites are to help keep them in living memory! Ahtna people themselves are the greatest repository of Ahtna culture, passing knowledge and memories of cultural places down through the generations by oral history. Ahtna people keep the culture connected through this process. Ahtna, Inc. can play a role in this by maintaining this cultural catalog to document, as precisely as possible, where these important places are.

How will we protect the information?

As everyone probably realizes, the catalog must be kept confidential. In the past, cemeteries, village sites, trapping cabins, and other old Ahtna places have been damaged by recreationists, ATV users, trespassers, souvenir-seekers, and those who are simply careless. We will work with Ahtna, Inc.'s IT staff to place it on their secure computer server in a way to protect it from hackers and non-authorized users, as well as keep a hard copy in a secured location.

SHAREHOLDER PHOTO CONTEST

The Ahtna Land Department is holding a photo contest with great prizes! We want to see your photos of hunting, fishing, gathering and enjoying the Ahtna region. Photos containing scenery, wildlife and people will all be accepted.

- **Deadline:** Photo submissions will be accepted online through October 1, 2021.
- **Theme:** Our Land Sustains Us.
- **Eligibility:** Open to Ahtna shareholders and shareholder descendants age 18+.
- **Requirements:** Photographs must be submitted as high-resolution JPEG, with a minimum of 300 dpi.
- **Releases:** For a photo in which a person is recognizable, you must be prepared to provide the subject's name and a model release from the subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian.
- **Prizes:**
 - 1st Prize: Sony Alpha A6400 Mirrorless Camera
 - 2nd Prize: GoPro HERO9
 - 3rd Prize: Manfrotto Befree Advanced Tripod
 - Honorable Mention: Peak Design Capture Camera Clip
- Winners will be selected and notified by November 1, 2021.
- Winning photos will be published in the Winter Kanas and shared on Facebook.

For more contest details and to submit a photo, visit <https://www.ahtna.com/photocontest>

KATIE FINNESAND, LAND AND RESOURCE SPECIALIST



Katie with her daughter Coralyn.

Shareholder Katie Finnesand's interest in working for Ahtna began almost 10 years ago when she was hired by a survey company performing a cadastral survey on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) public lands in Ahtna's traditional territory and on Ahtna 14(h)(1) sites.

Under Section 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), Alaska Native Regional Corporations were allowed to submit applications to obtain title to lands across the state containing Native historical places and cemetery sites. Katie had the honor of visiting many remote cultural properties—some sites had obvious remaining structures, such as graves, cabins, rafts, or house and cache pits. Others were not so obvious to her inexperienced eye, and she was inspired to learn more about the history of the Ahtna people in these areas. Katie wanted to find clues about each site's geographic location near a river confluence, on a mountain or bordering a lake, for example, and figure out what made the location useful and occupiable. "This first exposure made me appreciate the land that we've inherited and was the catalyst in pursuing a career in land management," Katie remarked.

Katie has progressed in her career to become an Ahtna land & resource specialist. This year brought new experience in project management for various ventures in the Ahtna Land Department as Katie continues with field work related to forest inventory, soils inventory and wildlife. Land and resources is a dynamic field and Katie enjoys the operations aspect of her job, planning and executing projects that require the department to mobilize in some fashion.

One of Katie's most recent projects has been developing a set of public informational signs for the Chitina area. The purpose of the signage is to communicate land status and rules for the permitted use of corporation lands in that area. The northern Copper River Highway segment (locally known as the O'Brien Creek trail) reopened this year for the first time in over a decade, and there has already been

a sharp increase in fishermen and recreationists along the route this season. The Chitina Joint Task Force, a dedicated group representing Chitina Traditional Indian Village Council, Chitina Native Corporation and Ahtna, Incorporated, is collaborating to implement an area management plan that will protect vulnerable cultural resources within or in proximity to the public right-of-way.

When asked what the "Our Land Sustains Us" part of Ahtna's vision statement means to her, Katie responded, "I think of how it sustains us spiritually, socially, and physically. You draw a certain energy from being home that some aren't aware of until they leave. The land provides physical sustenance which fuels our cultural and social connections."

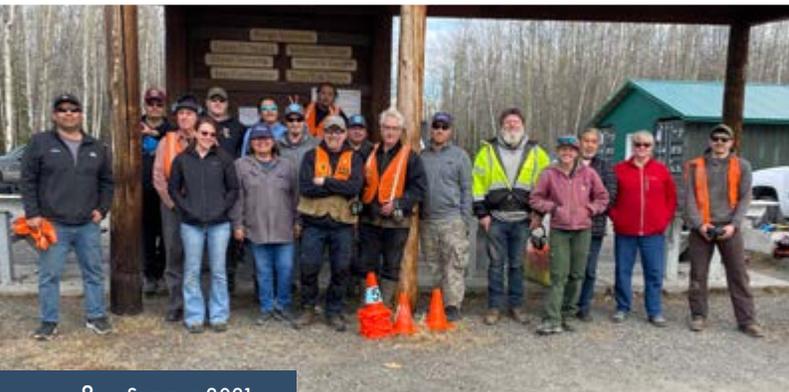
Several folks encouraged Katie to go back to school and of course she naturally gravitated toward natural resource management. Ahtna has supported her education at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) through the Walter Charley Memorial Scholarship Program and allowed her to flex her work schedule to accommodate her academics. She has served in several seasonal roles including bear guard, carbon intern, seasonal Natural Resource Technician (NRT), and wildlife/forestry technician.

Katie's advice to shareholder youth who are interested in the land and resources field is, "Get in there. There are temporary laborer or seasonal positions available at Ahtna to get your foot in the door to get experience. A few seasons of work experience or higher education can lead to a permanent position. I would recommend going to college after high school, which will make you more flexible of an employee for any agency and you can transition to a position you like easier. There's a wide range of educational fields that support land and resources, such as ecology, natural resource management, biology, wildlife biology, fire science, GIS, IT, political science, finance, tribal management, business administration, etc., so don't be afraid to dabble in different ones if you're unsure of what direction you really want to go at first."

About Katie Finnesand

Katie's parents are Martin and Taña Finnesand. Her maternal grandparents are Margaret (Lloyd) Spence and the late Jim Spence of Wenatchee, WA, and her paternal grandparents are the late Neil and Hannah (Bell) Finnesand of Chitina, AK. Katie grew up in the Copper River Valley and now lives in Copper Center.

Interested in a career in resource management? Be on the lookout for an announcement from Shareholder Enrichment on a new resource management scholarship program that will be launching in 2022.



AI LAND DEPARTMENT AND AKHI EMPLOYEES TAKE "LEARN TO RETURN" FIRST AID TRAINING AND BEAR AWARENESS CLASSES IN GLENNALLEN

From left to right: Ray Craig, Vernon Carlson, Joe Bovee, Katie Finnesand, John Leonhart, Tammany George, Keith Albert, John Goodwin, Albert Craig, Brian Horner with Learn to Return, Ray Stickwan, Bruce Cain, Scott DeBruyne, John Fillman, Lacey Andersen, Arnold Lincoln, Tana Finnesand, and Trenton Culp.

SUBSISTENCE FISHING IN THE UPPER COPPER RIVER

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET APPLIED FOR A 2021 FEDERAL FISH PERMIT, THE PROCESS IS EXPLAINED BELOW.

Federal subsistence fishing in the Upper Copper River opened on May 15. This fishing opportunity is available to qualified local rural residents and a federal permit is required. The permit is a household permit, and only one permit will be issued per household for a given subdistrict. Subsistence fish wheels must be registered by the owner through either the National Park Service or the local office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Glennallen.

To protect the health of those who live in, work in, and visit our national parks and facilities, and in support of the President's Executive Order 13991 Requiring Mask-Wearing, face masks are now required in all NPS buildings and facilities. Masks are also required on NPS-managed lands when physical distancing cannot be maintained, such as narrow or busy trails, overlooks, and parking lots. Additionally, due to ongoing public health advisories and staffing delays related to COVID-19, the permitting process has been adapted to ensure the safety of permit applicants and park staff. Modifications to the permitting process vary by location as follows:

Copper Center Visitor Center:

- **All applicants must call ahead** to (907) 822-7250 to request a permit.
- After allowing time for park staff to process and print the permit, it will be available for pick-up at the Visitor Center beginning May 14 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., seven days/week. Note that permits requested late in the day may not be available for pick-up until the following day.
- Fish wheels may be registered at the time of picking up fishing permits.

Slana Ranger Station, (907) 822-7401:

- Fishing permits and fish wheel registration are available at the Slana Ranger Station during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., seven days a week.
- Applicants do not need to call ahead at this location.

For all issuing stations listed above, a photo ID (such as a driver's license) and additional proof of the physical address of your primary residence is required when you come to get a permit. Documentation of physical address can include a voter registration card or a utility bill listing your physical address.

Permit applicants must be federally qualified subsistence users. To be eligible for a permit, your primary permanent residence must be in rural Alaska and your community must be listed for the intended species and location in the "Customary & Traditional Use Determination" (C&T) column of the Federal Subsistence Management Regulations Booklet for the Harvest of Fish and Shellfish <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/fisheries>.

For more information, contact the park headquarters Visitor Center at (907) 822-7250.

Park Headquarters
Mile 106.8 Richardson Hwy, PO Box 439
Copper Center, AK 99573



SHAREHOLDER CABINS

Last summer, the Ahtna Land Department and workers engaged through Ahtna's village-based shareholder hire program constructed two recreational/subsistence cabins for shareholder use. The Middle Lake Cabin is located approximately 7 miles west of Sourdough and 2 miles north of Ewan Lake and is accessible either by float plane or ATV. This area was historically used by the Gulkana people for trapping and hunting. The Klawasi River Cabin has been named in honor of Roy S. Ewan and is located 20 miles northeast of Copper Center. It is accessible by either small fixed-wing aircraft or ATV on a trail constructed last year by the Native Village of Kluti-Kaah.

The Middle Lake and Roy S. Ewan (Klawasi River) cabins are 12X16 and outfitted with sleeping bunks, propane cook stoves, lanterns, pots and pans, and various tools. Users must provide their own sleeping bags, food and propane fuel.

Shareholders interested in using the cabins can contact the Ahtna Land Department to make a reservation: (907) 822-3467 or landdepartment@ahna.net.

WALTER CHARLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT HIGHLIGHT: NICKI JORDAN MEDICAL RESIDENCY UPDATE



You can read more about Daryl Nicki Jordan and her health care career journey in the fall 2020 issue of the Kanas.

My post-graduate plans are to begin my medical residency training in the specialty of anesthesiology at Stanford University Hospital beginning at the end of June. This is a four-year program where I will continue to learn how to best manage patients who are undergoing surgical procedures and ensure that they remain stable and comfortable during the operation.

I also plan on continuing to mentor others, especially other Indian students, towards careers as physicians. We have the capacity to make great change to our society and to our communities by becoming leaders in the field of medicine and other science-dominated fields. I would love to see the future generations have a voice in the way that science and medicine is shaped and used to better the lives of Ahtna people.

I think the biggest lesson I have learned on this long journey to becoming a physician is that you should never be the person who is holding yourself back from achieving your goals. I think there is a tendency to doubt our abilities and assume that we are not smart enough or do not have what it takes to be successful. But if you really want something you owe it to yourself and your family to go for it and try.

2022 CALENDAR YOUTH ARTWORK CONTEST

The youth artwork contest for Ahtna's 2022 wall calendars is now open to Ahtna, Inc. shareholders and shareholder descendants between the ages of 5-17. The theme is: *Our Culture Unites Us; Our Land Sustains Us; Our People Are Prosperous*. Contest winners will have their artwork featured in the 2022 Ahtna Wall Calendar and receive a \$50 cash prize.

The deadline to submit artwork is Friday, October 1, 2021, at 5 p.m. (AKDT). Winners will be selected and notified by Monday, October 18, 2021.

Requirements:

- Artwork must be original.
- Submissions may be painted, hand drawn, photography or digital.
- Artwork is not to exceed letter size dimensions (11 inches by 8.5 inches) and should be landscape format (horizontal orientation).
- Photographs must be submitted as a high-resolution JPEG, with a minimum of 300 dpi.
- Digital artwork must be submitted as a scanned PDF or a high-resolution photo of the art, with a minimum of 300 dpi.
- A completed application, including parent/guardian signature, must be submitted with the artwork.
- Artwork will not be returned unless advance written request is made.
- Entries will be reviewed by a selection committee and judged on multiple aspects such as quality, creativity and representation of the theme.

Submission:

Complete the 2022 Wall Calendar Youth Artwork Contest Entry Form at www.ahtna.com/shareholders/art-contest. Please submit the completed form and upload a digital version of the artwork. To create a digital version of the artwork, take a high-resolution digital photo or scan of the art in good lighting.

For more information, please contact the Ahtna Corporate Communications department at news@ahtna.net.



Painting by Ruby Tansy

SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT

SHAREHOLDER EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Janet Johns, ADB

Ahtna shareholder Janet Johns graduated this year from California State University, Fullerton with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. Janet has been employed with Ahtna for over 10 years and has worked at Ahtna's Irvine, California office since 2011. Janet is the daughter of the late Vickie Johns.

Craig O'Rourke, President of AGSC, ADB and AMCC, shared, "She expressed early on her desire to obtain a college degree, and I am very happy to say that she has achieved her goal while raising her family and working full-time. She has also grown in her career with Ahtna by using her experience and knowledge obtained from her coursework in moving up the ranks from administrative assistant to senior office manager. She is extremely dedicated to Ahtna and has great potential to continue to grow her roles and responsibilities with the company as opportunities arise. We are all extremely proud of Janet for her hard work and dedication."



Tina Chapman, AN

Congratulations to Ahtna shareholder Tina Chapman, who continues to expand her safety credentials. She recently earned her Certified Safety Professional (CSP) and Associate Safety Professional (ASP) certifications and is now authorized to teach Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) General Industry 10/30-hour outreach courses. Tina is a member of the Naltsiine (Sky) clan and her parents are Doris Hernandez (Wood) and Roy Turner Jr. Her grandparents are Roy Turner Sr. and Leona Turner (Joe).



Taliylah Patrick, AGL

Ahtna Global, LLC welcomes Taliylah Patrick to the Procurement Department as a Procurement Technician III. Taliylah works in the Anchorage office and provides AEI, AES, AGL, ASL and AITL field timecard support, as well as per diem and expense reports for the Alaska Office. She first started with Ahtna as an on-call employee and in the summer of 2019 was hired as an HR intern. In June 2020, Taliylah was hired as a Front Desk employee. She is a member of the Udziysu Clan. Her parents are Ronda Lincoln from Copper Center and Drew Patrick from Mentasta, and she grew up with her Auntie and Uncle Yodene and Allen John in Anchorage. Taliylah's grandparents are Tursy Smelcer and the late Ronald Lincoln and the late Dorothy Patrick. In her spare time she enjoys the theater and reading.



Kaleb Johnson, AITL

Ahtna Infrastructure & Technologies, LLC is pleased to welcome Kaleb Johnson to the Procurement Team as a Procurement Technician III. Kaleb's main duties include: receiving invoices towards subcontract/vendor purchase orders as well as overhead invoices; receiving certificates of insurance and vendor/subcontractor prequalification packages for approval; assisting procurement staff in tracking subcontractor documentation; and preparing vendor purchase orders for approval. He is currently attending the University of Alaska Anchorage part-time and will graduate with an Associates Degree in Accounting in May. In the Fall, he plans to pursue a Bachelors Degree in Accounting. Kaleb is a member of the Naltsiine clan. His father is Shawn Johnson and his mother is Venessa Skaaland. Kaleb's grandmother is Marlene Johnson and his great grandmother is Rose V. Goodlataw. Kaleb says his primary motivation is his wife, Jennifer Johnson: "After being together for 7 years, I finally convinced her to marry me! We then bought our first house in October of 2020 and are expecting our first baby girl due in July of this year!"

KIMIMILA LOCKE NAMED 2021 BUSH FELLOW

Kimimila Locke, daughter of Dorothy Stickwan Locke, has been named a 2021 Bush Fellow (www.bushfoundation.org/news/introducing-2021-bush-fellows). She is one of 24 visionary leaders chosen for this \$100k fellowship. The Bush Fellowship is an investment in individuals to develop the skills and relationships to drive large-scale change. The 2021 Fellows are addressing a wide variety of issues in communities around the region, and every one of them is seeking to be a greater force for equity and justice.

Kimimila Locke (Dakota, Ahtna Dené & Anishnaabe) is on a quest to radically improve educational outcomes for Lakota youth. Over the past two decades, she has embedded culture and community strengths in learning to help students achieve significant academic results. Now, with a group of committed colleagues, she has returned to Standing Rock to open a high school that embraces Lakota traditions. She seeks to create safe spaces that reconnect youth to their land and to the strengths of their culture. She also wants to expand this vision to other indigenous communities struggling with such issues as loss of language and sovereignty and economic inequality. To lead this large-scale change, she will study and learn from programs around the country and world that are successfully building indigenous sovereignty and revitalizing language and other traditions with youth.

LOVE JUST NEVER DIES: A GRANDDAUGHTER'S TRIBUTE

Roy Tansy Sr. was honored posthumously as the Board Member of the Year at the 48th Annual Meeting of Shareholders. A beloved former Ahtna, Inc. president and veteran Board member, Mr. Tansy was passionate about helping the next generation to take over the company and passing on cultural and traditional ways. The following is a tribute from his granddaughter Emma Tansy.



My grandpa loved chocolate bars. Every week he would give us a large Hershey's bar. He was one of the most interesting people I've ever known in my life.

He passed away because of COVID-19 complications on January 10, 2021.

My grandpa was born in 1934. After my grandma died in 2009, my grandpa lived alone in Cantwell. He moved to Fairbanks to live with us in 2015 because his health was deteriorating and he was up here a lot for doctor appointments.

The last couple of years, he was diagnosed with dementia and could sometimes be grumpy. He was high risk in almost every COVID category. In January, he got COVID-19 and two days later he was going to get an antibody treatment. Instead, he had to be admitted to the ER because his blood pressure and oxygen level were dangerously low. He never left the hospital. Four days later, COVID pneumonia had caused his organs to start to shut down and he died.

COVID-19 infected our entire family. My parents, my siblings, and I all tested positive as well but we recovered without any serious complications.

My grandpa loved sharing stories about his upbringing, hunting and gathering and living off of the land were the basis of his childhood. He loved telling us about these things.

He loved talking in Ahtna Athabascan to other Elders his age and would teach my siblings and I different words and phrases. Nunes Niic (pronounced "New-nah-ah-sneak") is how you say "I love you;" Tsin'aen (pronounced "Chee-nan") is how you say "thank you." Those were two phrases we used daily in our house with my grandpa and we will continue to honor him by doing so.

My grandpa's dad, Jake Tansy, worked closely with professors at UAF to preserve, record and write his Ahtna language as well as understand Ahtna traditional hunting and fishing trails. It was a normal occurrence for the Elders in our family to share their

knowledge with others in hopes of preserving their language, knowledge and way of life.

My grandpa did a lot of big things in his life. He told me a lot of stories, and sometimes they were hard to believe. He told me about when he was invited to the White House, and he loved to talk about working on the Pipeline. Apparently, my grandfather even saw the motorcade where President John F. Kennedy was shot and killed.



He loved to travel and in his 60's bought an airplane and would sometimes fly to places in Alaska just to say hi to friends/family or sometimes just to get pie and coffee from a good bakery.

In 2016, we took a road trip from Indiana to Hershey, Pennsylvania. After 9 hours of driving we arrived. The next day my grandpa took us to a Hershey-themed amusement park.

He had a big heart, a big laugh, a big smile and a lot of love for his family. We were very lucky to have him live with us for the past 5 years.

"HE HAD A BIG HEART, A BIG LAUGH, A BIG SMILE AND A LOT OF LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY."

After my grandpa passed away, I got a dresser from his room. It was completely empty, but when I opened the drawer there was a single Hershey bar inside. Love just never dies.



LUCILLE BRENWICK'S REFLECTIONS ON THE 1918 FLU PANDEMIC

The following interview with the late Ahtna Elder Lucille Brenwick (07-05-1911 to 11-04-2002) was conducted by her great-niece, Ahtna shareholder Ruth Ann Shinn, Bill Schneider and Dave Krupa in Copper Center on February 1, 2001, for Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve's Project Jukebox. This portion of the interview recording (University of Alaska Fairbanks Oral History 2001-02-01) was transcribed by Ahtna with permission from UAF. The full interview recording is available at: jukebox.uaf.edu/site7/interviews/674.

I remember the 1918 flu. We were still living across the river then. We had no doctors or nurses, so there were government nurses and doctors sent up here. People were dying right and left. We lived in a big log house. I remember that both of my brothers and mother were sick. These government nurses had to come across the Copper River walking on snowshoes, you know, to get there because you couldn't drive over there. There was no road or cars running. So they came, but I wasn't sick. They kept trying to see if they could examine me and I was very scared of them. You didn't see many people in those days. So I hid behind the stove. We had a big heating stove and I stayed right behind there. They kept saying, "Come on little girl, come on out and let us examine you," you know. But no way, uh uh. I stayed right behind that stove. They couldn't even get me out for anything.

So anyway, eventually they got well. Old John McCurry, he's the man that started this experimental farm down here. They had come from Missouri I believe, the McCurry family. And he set up a farm down here and he had horses. Each night he had said to my brother, as long as you are well, come out to the point. We were right across the river from each other. And he would sing...[Lucille begins to sing]. And he said if you're okay, answer. And of course the sound would carry. And my brother John would go out and answer John McCurry and tell him that everybody was alright at our place. Because a lot of the people were dying. Half of Wood Camp was dying off, you know.

So after the 1918 flu, there was a big potlatch given at Wood Camp. And that was the first one I remember, and the potlatch was held outside because there were no halls like there are now, you know. So, it was in the summertime. I remember Jim McKinley, the first time I ever saw him. He was a young man by then, but a grown man and he was dancing with feathers. And I remember his stomping feet and the dust flying under his feet. And I remember the song they danced to. It was...[begins to sing]. It's a dance where you kind of jump back and forth and he had feathers in his hand.

Jim McKinley lived until just several years ago. He must have been quite old by the time he died. He was the son of a Chief. His father was the Chief. His father was McKinley George. And the way they got their name was that in the early days when they came up here and they found that he was a leader. He said, well then you



Courtesy Copper River Country Journal, Linda Weld.

must be the head of your people like a President, like President McKinley. So, your name must be McKinley George. And later on they turned it around and made it George McKinley. That's how the McKinley name came.

I remember the potlatch there, I remember the people coming down the Copper River in rafts. And they would come into the bay there. There was a big slough there. They would come into there. And as they did, the other Indians fired big guns off as they arrived. And those were the days when after the potlatch was over, and they ate on the ground, and they broke all the dishes, and they danced on them and stomped on them, and broke 'em. And they were beautiful dishes. But all I remember is that I was there. I don't know how long we were there, or how long it lasted. It's one of those where your memory is spotted. I remember attending that potlatch, after the 1918 flu.

There were quite a few people because they came from up the river you know and everywhere. But I've thought ever since, if they came down the river in boats and rafts, how did they get back home again? They must have walked home. Because there weren't many cars in those days. At all. Nobody owned a car until later on. I remember that Chief Andrew bought a Chevrolet and he kept it in the barn at Copper Center. And he would have to have a designated driver every time he went anywhere, because he didn't know how to drive, you know. But he owned that car.

About Lucille Brenwick

Lucille Brenwick grew up in Copper Center, Alaska and went to the BIA Chemawa boarding school in Oregon. She met her first husband in Seattle, Washington when he was in the Navy, and then lived with him in different places around the Lower 48 as his job moved him around the country. She became homesick and returned to the Copper River Basin area without her husband. Once she came back to Alaska, she married Leonard Brenwick, and ran the trading post in Tazlina for a while.

SHAREHOLDER SERVICES UPDATES

THE 48TH ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The following five directors were elected at the 2021 Ahtna Annual Shareholders Meeting held June 5:

- Seat A, At-Large: Genevieve John (Incumbent)
- Seat A, At-Large: Karen Linnell
- Seat G2, Kluti-Kaah: Lucille A. Lincoln (Incumbent)
- Seat H, Mentasta: Cecil Sanford (Incumbent)
- Seat I, Gulkana: John Dye (Incumbent)

*All newly elected directors will serve 3-year terms, which end at the 2024 Annual Meeting.

A big thank you to former director Margie Ewan (Seat A, At-Large) for her dedication and service.

The Board met after the Annual Meeting and elected the following Ahtna, Inc. Board officers:

- AI Chair – Ken Johns
- AI Vice Chair – Karen Linnell
- AI Secretary – Cecil Sanford
- AI Treasurer – Linda Pete

You can find more information about this year's Annual Meeting, including the names of the proxy prize winners, at www.ahtna.com/shareholders/annual-meeting-of-shareholders.



SHAREHOLDER SERVICES UPDATES

UNSETTLED SHAREHOLDER ESTATES

Ahtna shareholders can create a legacy for future generations by having a valid, up-to-date Testamentary Disposition on file or giving a gift of their Ahtna stock. Except for Class L stock, all classes of stock may be gifted or inherited. A Testamentary Disposition does not dispose of all of your property; it only informs Shareholder Services of your wishes for your Ahtna shares. If you wish, you can make a formal last will and testament that provides for the inheritance of all of your property, including your Ahtna shares.

When a shareholder passes on and they do not have a Testamentary Disposition on file with Ahtna, the transfer of shares becomes more complicated and could take months, or even years, delaying what could be a relatively quick and simple process.

We know it isn't easy thinking about these things, however a Testamentary Disposition protects you and your heirs. This form allows you to designate who inherits your shares, making the process much smoother and faster for your family.

The family members or executors listed below should contact Shareholder Services at shservices@ahтна.net or (907) 822-3476 regarding an unsettled shareholder estate. An affidavit claiming interest in Ahtna stock (stock transfer form) must be returned before shares can be transferred or any pending dividend payments can be processed.

Stock transfer forms for adults and custodians of minors and the testamentary disposition form can be found on the Ahtna website at www.ahтна.com/shareholders/shareholder-services.

FAMILY MEMBERS OR EXECUTORS WE ARE LOOKING TO CONTACT:

Alec T. John
Bobby Thomas
Casey Nix
Charles Gaskins
Duane Wolf Jr
Esta Gene
Glenn Cantrell

James Voyles III
Jonas Aley
Joseph Warren
Lizabeth Roberts
Mary Gene
Michael Cantrell
Michael Finch

Rene DeFrance
Rex DeFrance
Rita Kim
Sierra Oster
Wilbert Gene

2021 DIRECT DEPOSIT DRIVE

All shareholders who are signed up for direct deposit as of October 16, 2021 will be entered into a drawing for cash prizes: (3) \$200, (1) \$300 and (1) \$500!

Shareholders are strongly encouraged to sign up for direct deposit, the fastest and most reliable method to receive dividends. By choosing direct deposit, you will receive your funds faster than by mailed check. You will also eliminate the risk that your check may be lost or stolen and having to wait 90 days for replacement.

Signing up is easy and convenient. Please complete the direct deposit form with routing number and full account number: www.ahтна.com/directdeposit.

Shareholders can update their contact information using the shareholder portal (MyAhtna.com) or by emailing Shareholder Services at shservices@ahтна.net.



COVID HEROES: RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO HELPED OUR REGION

During the Annual Meeting, Ahtna recognized several organizations, the eight Ahtna tribes, and individuals who have made a positive impact in our region during the pandemic.

The Copper River Native Association, Mount Sanford Tribal Consortium, and the Copper River Basin Regional Housing Authority (CRBRHA) went above and beyond to care for the people of the Ahtna region. The Cantwell, Cheesh'na, Chitina, Kluti-Kaah, Gakona, Gulkana, Mentasta, and Tazlina Tribes also took immediate action to protect their villages and tribal members. Thank you for your dedication, commitment and courage. You and your staff have earned our deepest gratitude and admiration. You have made a difference in the lives of so many while helping to set an example of love, courage, unity and perseverance for future generations to follow. You are truly heroes.

The villages in the region were also asked to nominate individuals who went above and beyond and rose to confront this relentless challenge. Our list of COVID Heroes is by no means complete. So many people have contributed in immeasurable ways, and we cannot possibly include all the deserving and much-appreciated individuals who have made an incredible impact during these trying times. Thank you to all the unsung heroes out there. The recognitions below are in the words of village staff and members.

Gulkana Village is FULL of COVID Heroes.

Sandra Tsinnie is our "silent" COVID hero. She is the one who has kept the facilities in the village running since the pandemic hit. Last November, with over 20% of the village being sick, the maintenance staff had to be furloughed. It was a long winter and everything that could go wrong, did go wrong with our old buildings. With no maintenance person available, Sandra learned how to change a motor, she bought a snake and started clearing frozen lines, and she was out in the snow for days plowing our streets. I cannot say enough about her "can do" spirit and support.

Eveline Frank is our "behind the scenes" COVID hero. Eveline is our bookkeeper and literally spent hours and hours coordinating utility payments for local services. This outstanding effort provided each village member with funds to pay for their electricity, internet, fuel oil, and housing assistance. It is often easy to overlook staff that works "behind the scenes," but Eveline was fundamental in keeping the village running this past year.

Frank Vermillion is our "superman" COVID hero. Frank is responsible, dedicated, vigilant, a perfectionist, and he never ever quits. Frank contracted COVID and was very, very sick. For over a month, Frank crawled out of his house, at all hours of the day and night, to keep our village supplied with water. Because of Frank, our villagers were provided with water to sanitize their homes and protect their families.

Rachel Morse was our "Door Dash Driver" and cook for weeks this summer. She set up a schedule of volunteers to cook meals for COVID patients and cooked and delivered many of those meals herself. During deliveries, she would check on patients from afar. Rachel also made grocery trips to Glennallen and delivered groceries right to COVID patient's doors. Rachel is a COVID Hero because she did all of this out of love for the village. She met needs that were small, but significant to those in quarantine.

Angela Vermillion went above and beyond to make sure the village was prepared for a COVID outbreak. Within a day of the first positive case in the village, she had four quarantine places set up. She also set up the lockdown schedule for our village to help minimize the transmission. She thought outside of the box and had things purchased like water and vitamins that would help COVID patients recover. She worked long hours during the outbreak to ensure patients had what they needed and to help keep the rest of the village healthy. Angela is a COVID Hero because she was the steady person that remained calm and thought ahead to keep her staff and village members' calm.

The Copper River Native Association's Medical Staff

went above and beyond to ensure that patients had their medical needs met. Many did daily phone calls and house visits after hours dressed in full PPE, regardless of the temperature outside. Their staff was calm and confident in their medical decisions. Without such dedicated staff, the village would have suffered great loss. Their dedication to serving the Region has not gone unnoticed and we are forever grateful for them.

Mentasta Village took swift action.

We would like to recognize all the **Mentasta Village Council members** for taking quick action when the pandemic hit. Thank you **Nora David, Susie Martin, Emmanuel Baker, Robert John Jr, and Goodman Patrick**. They closed the road to non-residents and directed the tribal staff to hire people and figure out the entry schedule and protocols as well as protocols on how to deal with COVID within the village. We would also like to acknowledge the two security guards, **Abraham Albert and Nolan Debler**, for their commitment and staying until the end of the job.

8-year-old **Andrew Adams** went through the snow carrying supplies for our house when we were in isolation, smiling as he knocked on the door and waved. He left supplies on the porch for us and had to walk back home through the snow. His caring nature just warmed my heart.

Tazlina Village members live the value of sharing.

Doug LeBlanc and Wayne Bell II successfully harvested a caribou to share with the village. Doug LeBlanc donated his Community Subsistence Harvest Permit for the caribou. The men went out in January and brought a caribou back to the village, distributing parts to Native Village of Tazlina tribal households.

The Native Village of Tazlina CARES Program employees coordinated and carried out tasks to support tribal members and households throughout the last year. Thank you to:

- **Georgia Jackson**, NVT CARES Coordinator,
- **Donna Renard**, Assistant CARES Program,
- **Lucas Catledge**, Assistant CARES Program,
- **Jacob Phillips**, Ahtna HOPE Program, and
- **Timothy Pete**, Custodian and Sanitizing.

The Native Village of Tazlina Village Council prioritized a budget for CARES Relief Funds received from various resources. The Council's priority was to ensure that each tribal member household had active telecommunications services in place. That included installation of landlines and internet service, so that households would be able to call for emergency services, conduct personal

business from home, or work out of their homes when required. It also provided a way for tribal members to stay connected with family and friends through video conferencing while social distancing was mandated. Staying connected provided an avenue to support mental health and wellness during this time.

Although the Native Village of Tazlina's office had to close due to COVID-19, these employees were able to continue to coordinate and implement supplemental services for Native Village of Tazlina tribal members. These services included bulk ordering for monthly food distribution to tribal households, and working with local electric and fuel companies to provide assistance with utilities.

The Native Village of Tazlina tribal members appreciate all the staff that have effectively carried out the Council's plans to make life more manageable during a crucial health epidemic. All efforts made by these employees are commendable, and valuable to the health and wellness of our tribal members. They worked outside their normal work hours, and on weekends to provide services for our tribal members.

Chitina Village made sure their village members were prepared with supplies.

The Native Village of Chitina provided masks to community members in their post office boxes and at the store. They gave out hand sanitizer to the whole community of Chitina and tribal members in Anchorage, Glennallen and Wasilla and put together cleaning supplies and food boxes for tribal members in Chitina who needed them. They also gave personal protective equipment to the Chitina EMS to make sure they were safe when they responded to patients.

Michael Moody and the Chitina EMS made sure they were properly suited up with personal protective equipment so they could safely respond without risk of spreading COVID-19. They took every precaution they could to keep the community members they responded to from getting sick.

Elizabeth Kelly is the manager of the Taral Enterprises store and early on she made cloth masks for the Native Village of Chitina to distribute. She took steps to make the store safer for shoppers such as only allowing one person in at a time. She shopped for people with the help of her employee Samantha Leonard so that customers could do curbside pickup and made deliveries when needed.

Tana Finnesand also made cloth masks for the community that we passed out in order to help keep everyone safe. The community as a whole contributed by following the guidelines and wearing their masks.

Gakona Village recognizes the important role Tribal Administrators play.

All the village **Tribal Administrators** in the Ahtna Region went above and beyond to protect their tribal and community members. They also had to learn about and distribute the available COVID funding on a very quick schedule.

Cheesh'na Tribal Council upheld their mission of improving the health and welfare of their village.

Agnes Denny did an excellent job of working with the community to get the COVID funds distributed. She was able to get essential items (such as toilet paper, paper towels and hand sanitizer) out to tribal members, even when they were in short supply. Using COVID funds, she obtained a connex office to use as a site for COVID testing and later vaccinations.

Agnes was the community leader when it came to obtaining supplies and making sure food was distributed out to members. Freezers were

brought for Elders and delivered and filled with moose meat and other foods. Throughout the pandemic, Agnes always made sure our tribal members were covered locally in Anchorage, Glennallen and statewide with groceries. She worked to fix up and have power put into homes used for quarantine. She made all of this happen in a short window of time. Agnes did this because she lives here, and tribal members are her relatives. That is what you do, take care of your family.

Cheesh'na's health team at our village clinic has provided excellent information and response to COVID needs. In just one day they processed 35 COVID tests for a construction crew and locals. They executed the process professionally and efficiently and had folks on their way in less than 10 minutes. They set up a traffic pattern outside the clinic to allow for social distancing and made sure they were in compliance with the COVID policies put in place by Cheesh'na and MSTC.

Cantwell staff logged long hours and miles to care for residents.

Toni Suko, our CRNA Health Aide for Cantwell, did a splendid job of transforming the clinic for COVID testing. She visited Elders' homes for regular checkups to prevent them from needing to come into the clinic and possibly contracting COVID. In the beginning, there were many times that she didn't head home until after 10 p.m. and returned at 8 a.m. the following day. Toni lives in Healy which means on top of putting in long hours she commutes 80 miles round trip for work. She is our hero.

Kluti-Kaah took necessary steps to protect their village members.

We would like to thank **Bill and Brandy Hand** for delivering supplies that were very much needed and Bill's great effort securing COVID funding. We thank the many people working at the security gates and doing such a great job at keeping our village safe, the crews that built the warmup huts at the gates and, last but not least, Security Gate Manager **Shirley Ann Smelcer** who stepped up to do a tough job.

Other gate attendants included:

- **Ava GreyBear**
- **Walter Kakaruk**
- **Holland Nuipok**
- **Lucy Pete**
- **Lenard Ewan**
- **Darren Billum**
- **Clarice McConkey**
- **Nelly Ewan**
- **David Nicholas**
- **Haille Winishut**
- **Jacob Phillips**
- **Arlene Davidson**
- **Rodney Stevens**
- **Josette Johns**
- **Melinda Carlile**
- **Mark Johns**
- **Page Pete**
- **John Goodwin Sr.**
- **Harry Salinas-John**

Gate attendant building carpenters and laborers included:

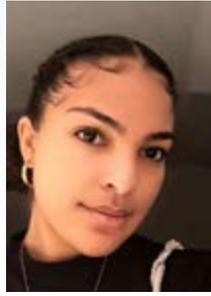
- **Raymond Craig**
- **Christopher Hobson**
- **David Bell**
- **Daniel Pete**
- **Edger Miller**
- **Stephen Davidson**

WE THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE THAT HELPED KEEP OUR VILLAGES SAFE!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AHTNA GRADUATES



Randi Kindgren
Master of Business Administration - Health Services Administration, Alaska Pacific University
Parents: Katherine Kindgren & John Kindgren Sr.



Annie-Leigh Besa
High School Diploma, McNary High School
Parents: Miranda Longs & Tinashe Besa



Talianna Munoz
High School Diploma, Bartlett High School
Parents: Michelle Rickteroff & Diego Munoz



Micah Stickwan
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Parents: Wendi & Marvin Stickwan



Frances Jackson
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Parents: Lorraine & Nicholas Jackson



Jessica Rock
BBA - Accounting, University of Alaska Anchorage
Parents: Katherine McConkey & Clarence McConkey, Jr.



Kiana Carlson
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Parents: Susan & Vernon Carlson



Malakai Odom
High School Diploma, Tok School
Parents: Danielle Ott & Travis David



Dr. Daryl Jordan
MD, University of Washington School of Medicine
Parents: Cherie & Darryl Jordan



Madisen Clark
High School Diploma, Mat-Su Central School
Parents: Jennifer & Avery Clark



Jasznia Marshall
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Parent: Michelle Marshall



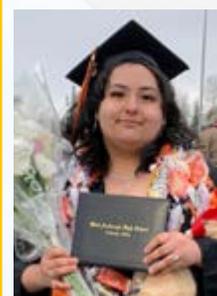
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Parents: Charlene & James Miller



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 Parents: Katrina & Timothy Bell



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 & the late Gerald Mahle



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 Komakhuk & Aaron
 Johns

Ahna sincerely apologizes for any shareholders or shareholder descendants who graduated between June 2020 and July 2021 and whose names do not appear on this list. This list was assembled using information provided to Ahna by June 5, 2021, so the information could be compiled in time for this Summer 2021 issue of the Kanas.

WISE EARTH DISCOVERY DAY

BY ROBIN MAYO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WISE (WRANGELL INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT)



Photo by Paul Boos/WISE

On May 11th, Wrangell Institute of Science & Engineering welcomed 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students for the 19th Annual Earth Discovery Day. This was held for the Kenny Lake and Glennallen students of the Copper River School District. 12 education stations were manned by staff from local agencies and organizations, including

U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve, Native Village of Tazlina, Native Village of Kluti-Kaah, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Copper River Native Association, and Ahtna, Inc. The students were engaged in place-based lessons designed to help them feel awe and wonder for the natural world, and a sense of connection and belonging in the Copper River Basin. The program nurtures a stewardship ethic and excitement for scientific discovery and exploration of nature.

Mercedes Knighten, Ahtna, Inc. Shareholder Advocate, shared traditional plant lore of the Ahtna people with 4th grade students. The spicy fragrance of cottonwood filled the air as the students

learned to pick the sticky buds and infuse it in oil to make Balm of Gilead.

The students also learned about traditional teas and other useful plants, as well as how to harvest them with respect. Scott DeBruyne, Ahtna, Inc. Forester, showed all the tools necessary for a forester and how to use them. He was able to show the students how math related to field work and explained differences in Spruce we have in Alaska versus Pine that is found in other states.

At Earth Discovery Day students also learned about careers in science, resource management, and the outdoors. Wildland firefighters from the Alaska Division of Forestry had the students predict fire conditions by taking real-time measurements using weather instruments.

Earth Discovery Day is a huge team effort, and we are grateful for all the partners who took the time from their busy spring schedules to spend the day with our youth.



Photo by Paul Boos/WISE

ELDER BIRTHDAYS

Wishing all of our Elders a birthday filled with happiness and a year filled with joy. Happy Birthday from the Ahtna Board of Directors and staff!

January

Albert L Fleury
Clarence Smelcer Sr
Diane Cronin
Donald L Fancher
Doris E Craig
Dorothy M Shinn
Edna Charley
Elmer Tyone
Fred John Jr
Frederick G Christoffersen
Gerald A Mahle Sr
Henrietta Rankin
John Billum III
Karen A Johns
Marsha M Armstrong
Nicky Nickoli
Shirley A Miller
Thelma O Barnum
Virginia Pete

February

Barbara A Bush
Curtis J Phillips
Delia E Renard
Douglas D Mac Arthur
Joanne Scroggins
John H Engebretson
John Sanford
Julia Leeper
Larry A Tyone
Lee Nicolie
Lena Charley

Leonard F John

Libby E Chavez
Loretta E Bryant
Lotha M Wolf
Margaret A Olson
Maxine H Caywood
Rebecca C Hobson
Sally A Gosnell
Smitty Gene Jr
Smitty H Sanford
Steven G Nicholas

March

Andrew R Leonard
Arnold J Engebretson
Bud J Carlson
Calvin J Justin
Carolyn Riley
Eleanor L Emily
Esther J Robinson
Evelyn L Dunlop
Geraldine C Empey
Joyce H Huennekens
Louisa Yoshimoto
Lynus Beattus
Margie N Ewan
Newell K Anderson Jr
Raymond D Craig
Rebecca E Swoboda
Rosemarie Lish
Sarah A Pence
Stoney Nicklie
Violet Robinson

April

April R Anderson
Bruce T Heaton
Cheryl King
Ernest B Craig
Evelyn P Hash-Koonuk
Mary E Fleetwood
Mary J Sanford
Merle Long
Murrell L Theodore
Nome Stickivan
Norman S Ewan
Phillip Sabon
Rosie A Beeter
Rosie I Choquette
Tony L Masters
Willard C Hash Jr

May

Bobby Neeley
Denise E Wallace
Donna L Horton
Edward C Keel
Genevieve M Jacobson
Harry E John
Laura Hancock
Leonard P Mayo Sr
Marilyn Joe
Mary A Demientieff
Maude A Foster
Merle M Phillips
Molly C Galbreath
Rose M Moody

Tamara L Neuberger
Wilbur Joe

June

Alice E Stevens
Bernice A Miller
Clifford F Gray
Darryl F Jordan
Glenda K Sinyon
Helen J Geisert
Jane Nicholas
Judy A Thomas
Karen L Morris
Lorraine L Jackson
Louise T Mayo
Mary L Wilson
Pauline A Jerue
Rose M Tyone
Roy Eskilida Sr
Susan Hansen
Timothy Bell
Vernon R Sinyon
Violet S Jamison

COMMUNITY NEWS

AHTNA EMPLOYEES IN THE COMMUNITY: LAWRENCE MOBERG AND AK CAT AND DOG RESCUE



Ahtna shareholder and AKHI employee Lawrence Moberg, a jack of all trades, has put his skills to work for a good cause. He volunteers with AK Cat and Dog Rescue, a non-profit that serves the entire state and is dedicated to providing rescue, rehabilitation and adoption services. To date, they have provided housing for about 400 animals. AK Cat and Dog Rescue is entirely foster based,

which means their animals are not held in shelters but integrated into daily family life in screened foster homes. Their adoptable pets are rescued from local animal shelter agencies before they are euthanized and given the second chance they deserve. When space allows, animals are also taken in from owner surrenders as far away as Nome and other remote villages.

Lawrence's involvement with the organization was happenstance. He had gone with his fiancé to drop off a pet donation outside of Wasilla. After talking with the staff, he discovered that some of their homes had shortfalls in basic needs. Lawrence's background is facilities maintenance, so this was right up his alley and he offered to help out on the spot. At various care houses in Palmer and Wasilla, he has installed appliances, installed two hot water heaters, repaired a gas oven, and upgraded a bathroom with double vanity sinks for washing puppies in. Lawrence continues to support the

organization by working with foster families until their pets move to the next stage of adoption, surgeries, or birthing. He drops off food, does yard cleanup and provides bulk trash haul off.

When asked what he enjoys most about volunteering, Lawrence replied, "Spending time with the various attitudes of the rescue pets and seeing improvements by making a difference in day-to-day care."

If you are interested in supporting an animal rescue organization, Lawrence recommends calling your local animal shelter for a list of organizations in your area. AK Cat and Dog Rescue is always in need of qualified foster homes. Want a hiking buddy? Loveable couch potato? AK Cat and Dog Rescue loves connecting animals with their ideal forever family. You can learn more at www.akcatanddog.com and donations are accepted at www.paypal.me/akcatanddog.

About Lawrence

Lawrence is the Facilities and Building Maintenance Manager for Ahtna's Corporate Anchorage office. In his position he coordinates the general maintenance and upkeep of buildings, grounds, and equipment. He is responsible for maintaining electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and related systems as well as moving furniture, landscaping, premises safety, and supervision of the janitorial and maintenance staff.

Lawrence's parents are Arline and Leland Moberg, and he has four siblings. His grandparents are Adena Eva George and Oscar D. Kindgren. Lawrence is an Ahtna shareholder and member of the Naltsiine (Sky) clan. He grew up in Lake George, Minnesota and went to high school in Texas. He moved to Alaska in 1989 and has lived here ever since. It is easy to see why Lawrence stayed in Alaska as he enjoys getting out in the backcountry and exploring the road/trail less traveled.

SHAREHOLDER-OWNED BUSINESSES

We encourage support of Ahtna shareholder-owned businesses by highlighting their products and services in the Kanas and on the Ahtna website. Shareholders can take advantage of this free promotion for their business by completing a short online form at www.ahtna.com/shareholders/shareholder-businesses.

Tolsona Lake Lodge

Tolsona Lake Lodge is a shareholder family-owned establishment in one of the most beautiful areas of Alaska! Tolsona Lake Lodge offers a full-service bar, restaurant, motel and laundry mat on a lake with great fishing. Breakfast is served all day long! RV camping and dry camping spaces are also available. 10% military discount.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

KATIE JOHN DAY

A smaller gathering was held in Mentasta to celebrate Katie John Day on May 31. All of Katie John's children were presented with beaded chokers and Pendleton blankets in appreciation for the family allowing Ahtna Marine & Construction Company to proudly name its new dredging vessel in Florida after their mother.



Chairman Johns gives remarks thanking the John family for allowing the use of their mother's name.



Chairman Johns presents Eva John with a beaded choker and blanket.



CRNA WELCOMES ANGELA VERMILLION AS NEW CEO



The Copper River Native Association (CRNA) Board of Directors announced in April that Ahtna shareholder Angela Vermillion will lead CRNA into the future as the new CEO. CRNA held a day of celebration as they recognized the accomplishments of the past and looked forward to continuing the tradition of caring for the region under Mrs. Vermillion's leadership. Mrs. Vermillion is an experienced leader who has served many years as a tribal administrator and as a Board member of Ahtna, Incorporated and CRNA. She was raised in Gulkana Village and is a graduate of Glennallen High School. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management and a Master of Business Administration from Alaska Pacific University.

Mrs. Vermillion's parents are Nicholas and Lorraine Jackson. Her grandparents are the late Tony and Mary Jackson and the late Traditional Chief Ben and Hazel Neeley. She has been married to her husband Frank for 25 years and they have two teenagers.

It has been Mrs. Vermillion's goal since high school to graduate from college and return home to help her people. CRNA says they are excited for the vision she brings and the possibilities on the organization's horizon. Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Vermillion on her new role!

KLUTI-KAAH CULTURE CAMP

Photos by Ray Voley



COMMUNITY NEWS

GLENNALLEN STATE COURTHOUSE HAS MOVED

New Physical Address:

Mile 187.6 Glenn Hwy

Mailing Address:

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Glennallen, AK 99588



MEET THE BOARD

KAREN LINNELL - WELCOME BACK TO THE AHTNA BOARD



At the June 5, 2021 Ahtna, Incorporated Annual Meeting of Shareholders, Karen Linnell won an at-large seat on the Board of Directors. She was also elected by the Board as its Vice Chair. Mrs. Linnell is the daughter of Lemmie and Edna Charley and comes from Tsiis tl'edze'na' (Chistochina) and Keex (Kake). Her mother taught her that you can't change things from the outside, you have to get involved. Lemmie instilled in her that everyone has value

and deserves to be treated with respect, no matter where they come from. Mrs. Linnell is a member of the Naltsiine clan on her Ahtna side and Was'ineidí on her Tlingit side. She is married to Bill Linnell, a Yupik man whose family comes from Kalskag. They have three daughters, one son, and thirteen grandchildren.

A lifelong subsistence hunter and fisher, Mrs. Linnell has nearly two decades of experience working on fish and game management issues in our region. She is the executive director of the Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission (AITRC) and has been involved since its inception in 2011.

Mrs. Linnell has previously served on the Ahtna, Incorporated Board of Directors, Land, C&T, Policy, and Audit & Finance Committees, and many of its subsidiaries (2004-2019). She served one term (2016-2019) on the Alaska Board of Game. Appointed by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior to the Wrangell-St. Elias Subsistence Resource Commission, she served as chair for four years (2011-2017), as well as the Copper Basin Fish and Game Advisory Committee as Secretary and Vice Chair (2008-2016). Mrs. Linnell brings vast experience serving on a variety of boards and community organizations including as Gulkana Village Council member, Copper River Native Association board member and vice president, Cheesh'na Council president, Copper Valley Telecom secretary/treasurer, and Ahtna Heritage Foundation director.

Mrs. Linnell is ready to use her experience and passion in working for the shareholders to protect our lands and resources while working toward responsible development and economic growth. Welcome back, Karen Linnell!

CONDOLENCES

In loving memory of our shareholders who have passed

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DAVID HENRY

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GERALD A MAHLE JR

GREGORY NICHOLAS SR

JOEY L LEONARD

MAX M NESSLAGE

RICKSON C SANFORD

VIVIAN S VINCENT

WILLIAM L NICKLIE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

 = video conference between Anchorage & Glennallen

*Due to COVID-19, the below events are subject to change or cancellation.
Please check the website at www.ahtna.com/events for the most current information.*

AUGUST

Aug 6	Land, and Customary & Traditional Committees, 10 am - Paxson Lake	Aug 10	Hunting Season Open
		Aug 10	Caribou Opens
		Aug 20	Moose Opens

SEPTEMBER

Sept 6	Labor Day (Ahtna offices closed)	Sept 24	AI Board Meeting, 9 am, Glennallen	Sept 25	Joint SVO, 9 am, Gulkana
Sept 22	AI Board Strategic Planning, 9 am	Sept 24	Settlement Trust (following AI Board meeting)		

OCTOBER

Oct 10-16	AFN Convention, Anchorage	Oct 15	Class I, Gifting, Diploma Deadline	Oct 29	Address and Direct Deposit Deadline
Oct 15	Dividend Record Date	Oct 29	Shareholder Committee, 9 am		



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Mentasta Lake Ring Around the Sun photo taken by shareholder Charles David Jr.



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