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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### A SUMMER OF HEARTWARMING AND SOULFUL HAPPENINGS

Dear fellow shareholders,

It was wonderful to see many of you at the Annual Meeting this year. I know the early June weather this summer was cold and unpredictable. I really appreciate those who made the trip to Glennallen to attend our meeting. We are so thankful to everyone who participated, whether in person or virtually through the live stream.

There were many positives to this year's Annual Meeting. A standout was the opportunity to recognize the Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) and Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS). They played an integral role in the formation of Ahtna, Incorporated and our success. The ANB and ANS helped the Ahtna people establish a regional organization called Ahtna' T'aene Nene' which later led to the formation of the Copper River Native Association. Those involved in these organizations were the same men and women who helped form the Alaska Federation of Natives, worked to pass the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and formed Ahtna, Incorporated. After the annual meeting, several Ahtna men and women met at the Glennallen Headquarters building with our ANB/ANS guests to reactivate our ANB & ANS Camp 31. ANB Grand President Heather Gurko and ANS Grand President Daphyne Albee swore in our new officers: ANB Camp 31 President is Edward GreyBear, ANB Camp

From left to right: Dennis Charley, Camp 31 ANB Vice President; Katherine McConkey, Camp 31 ANS President; Edward GreyBear, Camp 31 ANB President; Donna Renard, Camp 31 ANS Vice President; Daphyne Albee, ANS Grand Camp President; Phyllis Yazzie, Camp 31 ANB/ANS Secretary/Treasurer; Cecilia Tavoliero, Former ANS Grand Camp President; Nelly Ewan, Camp 31 ANB/ANS Sergeant of Arms; and Heather Gurko, ANB Grand Camp President. Photo courtesy of Katherine McConkey.

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Secretary/Treasurer
and Nelly Ewan as
ANB/ANS Camp
31 Sergeant of Arms.
Congratulations to

A Memorial Potlatch for Traditional Chief Fred Ewan was held at the Gulkana Hall on June 9th and 10th. As the traditional leader of the Ahtna people, Chief Ewan was the embodiment of the Ahtna culture and way of life. He found joy in drumming and singing traditional Ahtna songs, and he loved to fiddle dance. He also took great pleasure in celebrating his birthdays, where he graciously hosted friends from both near and far. Chief Ewan played a significant role in Gulkana Chapel, warmly greeting those who came for the service and patiently waiting until he was called upon after each sermon to deliver the closing prayer.

I will always remember him for his boundless energy, remarkable knowledge of our land, language and traditional Ahtna practices, his contagious laughter, and his embodiment of an older Ahtna era. He was a beloved chief, and his people realize how fortunate we were to have him as our traditional leader. Many Ahtna staff took part in the two-day event. We are fortunate to have staff who value and honor our culture and want to participate whenever there are opportunities for their involvement.

Employees enjoyed the Ahtna Day holiday on June 19th. Our Board created the holiday to recognize our Ahtna culture, traditions, and traditional use of our lands. Our ancestors worked hard and fought to give us land for hunting and access to rivers for salmon fishing – so we would always have access to our traditional foods. Our ancestors were strong, practical, hardworking, nonmaterialistic people who knew what it took to survive and thrive on our homelands. Ahtna Day honors their contributions and helps to educate our staff about our traditional ways.



Ahtna successfully hosted a Yakutat-Ahtna Cultural Exchange in Glennallen. The purpose of the event was to bring Ahtna and Yakutat people together to share cultural ties and pass down important knowledge about our peoples' connections — according to oral history, centuries ago some of the Yakutat people originally migrated from the Copper River area. The exchange included discussions on plants, dance, language and sharing of the oral history of our peoples. The gathering was special and meaningful to all who participated. I am deeply thankful to our staff who participated and made sure our visit was successful! Thank you to our shareholders who were able to take part in the 3-day event as your schedules allowed. The first day was at the Klutina Culture Camp, 2nd day at the Ahtna Cultural Center and the 3rd day in Chitina.

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Many of us also received an Ahtna language lesson from Board Member Jessica Denny which was awesome! We talked about what's next and it was unanimous that it's time to bring a group of Ahtna people to Yakutat to continue this journey of educating, learning, and sharing of traditional knowledge so our special history is never forgotten.



Our Shareholder Records department has been hosting a series of Testamentary Disposition workshops in our villages. A Testamentary Disposition form provides clear and concise instructions to Ahtna for determining the heirs of your Ahtna shares. This process is different from gifting shares when a shareholder is still living. A Testamentary Disposition is not a complete personal will, but directs us on your wishes for your Ahtna shares. The Testamentary Disposition form also allows you to appoint a representative to handle any memorial fund donations you are eligible for from Ahtna after your passing. It is extremely important for shareholders to have a valid Testamentary Disposition on file with Ahtna.

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. Without a Testamentary Disposition or a formal will, when you pass your shares will be transferred according to Alaska intestate law, which may not match your wishes.

Congratulations to our class of 2023 shareholder graduates! It is your time to shine, and we are delighted to be able to share your accomplishments in this issue. Your commitment to furthering your education is admirable, and you are making not only your family proud, but everyone here at Ahtna. New this year, we hosted Graduate and Student Banquets in Anchorage and Kluti-Kaah. The events were held simultaneously and connected online so that each room could see the other. It was a lot of fun and I am glad that our graduates felt encouraged and celebrated. Great job Tracy Parent and Mercedes (Starr) Knighten for making it possible to connect both locations so we could celebrate the accomplishments of both Glennallen and Anchorage Ahtna Graduates.

There have been many heartwarming and soulful happenings this last quarter. We are truly blessed, and I am very thankful.

Tsin'aen,

Michelle Anderson, President

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Ahtna, Incorporated

### **AHTNA WELCOMES NEW VP OF IT**



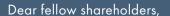
We are pleased to announce that Brian Robbins joined the Ahtna family of companies on August 21 st as our new Vice President of IT. He is based out of Ahtna's Anchorage Corporate office and reports directly to the Ahtna, Incorporated President. Brian will oversee the information technology needs for the entire family of companies.

Brian is an accomplished IT professional with a proven track record in the industry. With a diverse background in multiple technology and leadership roles, he brings a wealth of expertise to his new position. Brian holds a double major Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Administration and Cyber Security. He is also a Veteran of our Armed Forces, where he began his career in IT.

We are excited to have Brian join the Ahtna family of companies!

### **CEO'S MESSAGE**

#### A BUSY SUMMER DESPITE THE WEATHER



I hope you have been able to get out and enjoy the summer season. A

couple highlights for me were attending the Annual Meeting and Traditional Chief Fred Ewan's Memorial Potlatch. It was great to see everyone and have the chance to honor Chief Ewan in our traditional way.

Our subsidiaries are currently in one of the busiest times of the year as our construction contracts are in full swing, large service contracts have been coming up for bid, and we are working hard to position ourselves for potential sole source 8(a) contracts for the government's fiscal year end.

Extreme spring weather in some areas made for a rough start for our operations this year. The 26-inches of rain that fell on Fort Lauderdale, Florida in 24 hours impacted our work at Las Olas and Tiger Tail, the heavy rains in California impacted our Redding Airport project and Natomas Reach project in Sacramento and our environmental work in the Los Angeles area. Additional impacts from Hurricane Ian and snow events also pushed many of our projects to the right. Despite these challenges, we are seeing continued progress on growing our backlog, while keeping our expenses down.

We will be holding Ahtna Netiye' (AN) Strategic Planning sessions with the Board and leadership in October, where we will discuss our long-range plans and AN growth, direction, organization, succession planning, and future subsidiaries. Part of our future growth will include acquisitions and procurement of strategic equipment and technology assets that will enable us to self-perform more projects. The Palmer Airport project has helped us to grow our equipment inventory with the purchase of multiple crew trucks, two 980 loaders, dozer, compactor, excavator, dirt roller, water truck, skid-steer, traffic control truck and devices, and a side-dump trailer. We have also been conducting pre-due diligence on potential acquisitions that could diversify our operations and grow our presence in new locations.

Ahtna Construction & Primary Products Company (AC&PPC) continues to have success with their guardrail project for the Department of Transportation in the North Central area of Alaska. The \$11.3M project kicked off in May, and we are partnered with Mt. McKinley Fence. The crews have finished up work on the Parks Highway and are currently working locations on the Glenn Highway. They have received several compliments for their work and staying ahead of schedule with this project.

AC&PPC was recently awarded the Rivers & Floodplains contract from Alyeska for \$3.1 M. The work is a pipeline-wide program created to efficiently and proactively deal with flood damages occurring during spring break up and the summer rain season. This is a multi-year maintenance program that seeks to reduce risks to the Trans Alaska Pipeline System and minimize emergency repair situations.

Our Ahtna-Advancia Joint Venture received an award for the National Records Center (NRC) in Independence, Missouri. This work is for the Social Security Administration, and the award is for 5 years and \$35M. This is especially good news as we have been looking to grow or maintain our service contracts. We have been at the NRC for over 20 years and will continue to provide the government with reliable and exemplary service.

Ahtna Engineering Services has had a mentor-protégé agreement with the Potawatomi Tribe of Milwaukee, Wisconsin since 2016. This was our first relationship as a mentor and is focused on government contracting, particularly in the Midwest. We recently met with the Potawatomi Business Group in Anchorage and talked about existing projects we are working on and potential opportunities. Currently, we are partnered at the NRC, Western Regional Center for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Seattle, and U.S. Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

We were recently notified that Ahtna Global was awarded a grant under the Alaska Energy Authority to conduct Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) training. The training will be specifically designed to develop a local workforce for EVCS maintenance in and around Anchorage. We are coordinating with Shareholder Enrichment to provide shareholder employment opportunities in this area.

We have officially sold the Ahtna pad on the North Slope to Alaska-owned Alyeschem, LLC for a profit. Alyeschem is looking to develop the first petrochemical facility in the U.S. Arctic. The small chemical plant will use stranded North Slope natural gas to manufacture methanol and ultra-low sulfur diesel. Harvest Alaska LNG played a pivotal role in this transaction, as they will be utilizing the pad to construct a natural gas liquification facility and truck LNG to Fairbanks for the Interior Gas Utility.

I am happy to report that Ahtna has selected a new Vice President of IT. He will report directly to Michelle Anderson, but I will assist in the transition. I have been lucky enough to lead this group for the last eight years and I am pleased with the many projects we were able to accomplish.

I appreciated being able to share more about Ahtna's current performance and future plans at the Annual Meeting and look forward to connecting at upcoming events!

Thank you,

Roy Tansy Jr., Chief Executive Officer Ahtna Netiye', LLC

### SUBSIDIARY NEWS



# AHTNA MARINE & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY BEGINS CONSTRUCTION ON SIESTA KEY PROJECT IN FLORIDA



On April 24, 2023, Ahtna Marine & Construction Company (AMCC) commenced construction on the \$8.3M South Siesta Key Project for Sarasota County along the west coast of Florida. The project was designed to conduct the necessary repairs from the erosion sustained at Turtle Beach as a result of the passing of Hurricane Hermine in 2016. Sarasota County secured funding for this project through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Florida Department of Emergency Management.

For Sarasota County to obtain the grant funding from FEMA, the project had to move at a rapid pace and be completed prior to the end of June 2023. The notice to proceed for this project was issued on April 21, 2023, and the contract duration was only 60 days, requiring the AMCC crew to work at an efficient pace. The AMCC crew worked long hours and weekends and completed the project safely, professionally, and ahead of schedule.

The South Siesta Key Project was designed as a truck haul project, obtaining beach quality sand from an approved sand mine located approximately 120 miles from the project site. The truck-hauled material was placed into a large sand stockpile at the landward-most edge of the beach. Material was then removed from the stockpile by excavators and placed into dump trucks that continuously ran up and down the beach, placing the material along the shoreline. Over the period of performance, the project averaged over 180 truck trips and 3,200 cubic yards of sand placement, totaling 93,0000 cubic yards upon completion on June 15, 2023.

The project presented many challenges prior to even arriving on the site, including additional shoreline impacts from the passing of Hurricane Ian in 2022 which further exacerbated the already deteriorated beach. AMCC was forced to revise the proposed means and methods of placing sand on the beach.

With very little shoreline to work with (less than 30 feet wide), AMCC created beach haul roads with off-road dump trucks to create safe passage to the north and south portions of the project. This had to be done without disturbing or destroying vegetation, and while monitoring for sea turtles and birds.

Not only was there very little access to the project area, but the County also promised the residents and visitors that portions of the public beach would stay open during the duration of the project. This added to the challenges that AMCC faced, as they had to provide access for not only the residents but also



tourists. The project was constructed during peak tourist season, spring break and holiday weekends. AMCC was able to work with the locals and the tourists to provide access to the beach while not slowing down production and still finishing ahead of schedule.

Another challenge AMCC faced prior to construction commencement was with the resident gopher tortoises claiming space within the project area. The tortoises were not identified in the plans and specs during the bidding process; however, AMCC was able to pivot and work with the County and the state permitting agencies to create safe access on an already small and challenging beach and keep the wildlife safe. Upon completion of sand placement, the entire beach project area was tilled 36" for sea turtle nesting.

Many locals were vocal about their skepticism of the project when AMCC first put boots on the ground. However, by the end of the job, the AMCC crew received accolades from the residents and some locals even brought them snacks and water on a daily basis.

### SUBSIDIARY NEWS

#### STAR AWARDS-

**Recent STAR Level 1 Award recipient:** 



The ACPPC crew was faced with the challenge of manually removing a beaver dam that was causing water encroachment/flooding to the pipeline right-of-way access (ROW) leading to the mainline dig project site. Though beaver dams have had to be removed in the past, most could be accessed and removed by mechanical means, e.g., equipment. In this case, the dam was not accessible for the use of equipment. Water hazards, body positioning, steep access, and fatigue were recognized hazards, so appropriate measures had to be implemented. The supervisor and crew took the time to complete a well-thought-out Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) recognizing the hazards, implementing mitigation measures, and adjusting their work processes as needed during the manual dam removal. The successful, safe, and efficient implementation of this task resolved the water encroachment/flooding hazard and allowed safe access to the ROW and work site for the project to continue.

The final JHA, with lessons learned, will be used to develop a job loss analysis to be implemented for future manual dam removal on the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS).



Jason Hockin, Equipment Operator



HSE specialist Jim Horton presenting to Nicolas Morin,



HSE specialist Jim Horton presenting to Jim Fowler, Site Supervisor



HSE specialist Jim Horton presenting to Dusty Crandall, Equipment Operator



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Josh Bartholomew presenting to Brandon Nikolai, Laborer

### LANDS SPOTLIGHT

### PROTECTING AHTNA'S LAND AND RESOURCES

The primary goal of the Land & Resources Department is to protect and responsibly develop land and resources for the benefit of Ahtna shareholders. Protection of Ahtna's lands and resources is done in partnership with state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Natural Resource Technicians, or NRTs, are tasked with patrolling and protecting Ahtna lands from trespass and disposal of waste, junk vehicles, garbage and hazardous materials. NRTs also monitor hunting and fishing activities, unauthorized removal of resources, and theft or damage to cultural and historical sites. Ahtna NRTs and Trespass Enforcement Specialists completed 343 trespass control checks, patrolling 19,457 miles of Ahtna lands in 2022.

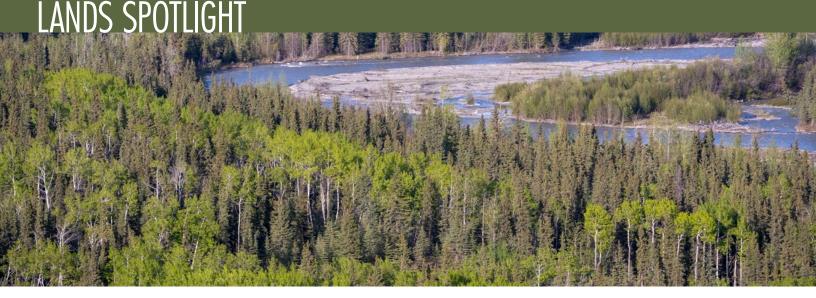
Use of Ahtna lands without a permit is considered trespass under Alaska State law. The majority of the land under Ahtna, Inc. ownership is on the State Road System or accessible by water, which often leads to unauthorized trespass entry by members of the general public.

#### IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.

For emergencies that require immediate attention, please call 911. For non-emergency issues, you can reach the Alaska State Troopers at (907) 822-3263 in Glennallen or (907) 768-2202 in Cantwell.

Often shareholders or Tribal members who observe an illegal activity are reluctant to report it to the Alaska State Troopers, federal law enforcement or Ahtna staff. Or if they do report it, they can share only limited information, making it difficult to press criminal charges and obtain a conviction through the court system.

Ahtna now has an online reporting system which affords shareholders an easier way to report illegal activities. Illegal activities may include, but are not limited to, general trespass, firewood cutting, fish theft, and non-permitted hunting or camping. Reports can be filed online at <a href="https://www.ahtna.com/IncidentReport">www.ahtna.com/IncidentReport</a>. It's important to note the date, location, number of persons in the party, and the make, model and year of vehicles involved. Photographs are also extremely helpful and can be shared via the form!



### INTERIOR DEPARTMENT OPENS ADDITIONAL LAND TO SELECTION BY ALASKA NATIVE VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS

The Vietnam Veterans are known as the forgotten veterans. This is even more true for the Alaska Native veterans who served courageously, but unfortunately were excluded from receiving Native Veterans Allotments in the late sixties and early seventies.

Through passage of the 2019 Dingell Act, Alaska Native Vietnamera Veterans who served between Aug. 5, 1964 and Dec. 31, 1971 are allowed to select from 2.5 to 160 acres of federal unencumbered lands. The available federal lands for selection are limited in quality and location.

### ALASKA NATIVE VIETNAM VETERANS LAND ALLOTMENT UPDATE

The Department of the interior released the following update:

"Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland today announced a Public Land Order opening about 812,000 additional acres of public lands managed by BLM Alaska to selection by eligible Alaska Native Vietnam-era veterans under Sec. 1119 of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act of 2019.

The Alaska Native Vietnam-era Veterans Land Allotment Program allows eligible individuals to select an allotment of up to 160 acres from available Federal lands in Alaska. The Secretary opened 27 million acres to selection in August 2022. With the opening of these additional lands, there are now approximately 29.5 million acres of available Federal lands open for selection by eligible Alaska Native Vietnam-era Veterans. The 812,000 acres made available today were not included in the August 2022 announcement, as the State of Alaska holds top filings on them. Subsequently, some Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans expressed interest in parcels among that acreage, which led to today's action.

The PLO becomes available for public inspection in the Federal Register on August 8 and officially publishes August 9.

Subject to valid existing rights, the lands described in the order will be open to selection at 8 a.m. Alaska time on September 8. All valid applications received prior to the opening date will be considered simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing. Anyone interested in the program should contact BLM Alaska or see the Alaska Native Vietnam-era Veterans Land Allotment Program website."

The newly opened land is visible on the BLM website at <a href="https://www.blm.gov/alaska/2019AKNativeVetsLand">www.blm.gov/alaska/2019AKNativeVetsLand</a>.

#### **STEPS TO SELECT STATE LANDS:**

To select State lands, first identify lands that the Alaska Native Vietnam Veteran desires to own.

Then meet with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) staff and fill out an application.\* The veteran will need to have their current contact information updated and military records available at the time of application. The application period opened on December 28, 2020, and will expire on December 29, 2025. Contact the BLM Native Allotment Section with questions at (907) 271-5998 or CGrimes@blm.gov.

The BLM will provide the Vietnam Veteran's land selection to the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water. The State will make a determination on the selection within 30 days.

\*BLM Field Office staff in Glennallen are available to assist Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans with the application process.

Get the latest updates, a map of lands available for selection, and answers to frequently asked questions about the program at <a href="https://www.blm.gov/alaska/2019AKNativeVetsLand">www.blm.gov/alaska/2019AKNativeVetsLand</a>.

If a Vietnam Veteran or their heir needs assistance in identifying available State lands in the Ahtna Region, please contact the Ahtna Land Department at (907) 822-3476 or <a href="mailto:landdepartment@ahtna.net">landdepartment@ahtna.net</a>.

# 2024-2025 COPPER BASIN MOOSE COMMUNITY SUBSISTENCE HARVEST PERMIT PROGRAM

The Community Subsistence Hunt (CSH) program will be starting the first of the two-year commitment application period on **November 1st, 2023**, and ending on **December 15th, 2023**. Ahtna's Customary and Traditional Coordinator will be traveling to each of the villages to assist community members with their applications and to answer any questions about the CSH program. The applications for the **2024-2025** CSH Program will also be available online.

All household members subscribing to the Copper Basin Moose CSH hunt must meet the following eligibility requirements.

- No member of the household can hold any state drawing/Tier I/Tier II/registration moose hunts, hold general season moose harvest tickets, or hold federal moose permits outside of the CSH hunt area. After the CSH hunt has ended, unsuccessful individual household members may hold state harvest tickets or permits for areas where the bag limit is greater than one moose per person.
- No member of the household can hold any state or federal registration/Tier I/Tier II/drawing caribou permits outside the Copper Basin CSH hunt area.
- All household members agree to the hunt conditions herein.
- A member of the household can be on the Failure to Report (FTR) list and be counted as a group member but will not be allowed to participate in CSH hunting activities.
- A "community" or "group" is a mutual support network of people who routinely (at least several times each year) provide each other with physical, emotional, and nutritional assistance in a multigenerational and inter/intra-familial manner to assure the long-term welfare of individuals, the group, and natural resources they depend on. A "community" or "group" shares a common interest in, and participation in uses of, an identified area and the wildlife populations in that area, that is consistent with the customary and traditional use pattern of that wildlife population and areas as defined by the board (5 AAC 92.072 (i)(2)).

#### **CSH MOOSE HUNT SEASON:**

The Copper Basin Moose CSH hunt season dates and general season antler restrictions are listed below:

Area	CSH Season Dates	General Season Antler Restrictions
Unit 11	August 20–September 20	Spike/fork, or 50 antlers, or 3 or more brow tines on at least 1 side.
Unit 13	August 20–September 20	Spike/fork, or 50 antlers, or 4 or more brow tines on at least 1 side.
Portion of Unit 12	August 24-August 28 & September 8-September 17	Spike/fork, or 50 antlers, or 4 or more brow tines on at least 1 side.

#### **DESIGNATED HUNTERS:**

The CSH program allows a community or group to designate members (from within the group) who may possess hunting expertise to harvest wildlife resources on behalf of the members of the community or group.

To take a moose on behalf of another CSH harvest ticket holder (beneficiary), a hunter must carry both the beneficiary's and their own CSH moose harvest ticket in the field while hunting.

If a designated hunter is hunting an "any-bull" for a beneficiary, the hunter must also have the "any-bull" locking-tag in their possession.

"Any-bull" locking-tags may only be transferred to a designated hunter belonging to the same group as the beneficiary. The harvested moose must be delivered to the beneficiary. The beneficiary is responsible for all reporting requirements.

#### **HUNT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

All participants in the Copper Basin Moose CSH hunt must salvage\* for human consumption:

- the head, heart, liver, kidneys, stomach, and hide, as well as all edible meat from the forequarters, hindquarters, ribs, neck, and backbone; and
- 2. meat of the forequarters, hindquarters, ribs, brisket, neck, and back bone must remain naturally attached to the bones until delivered to the place where it is processed for human consumption.

\*These salvage requirements apply to all bulls harvested under a CSH Moose permit, regardless of potential changes in bag limit in-season. At least one communal sharing event featuring moose harvested under the terms of a Copper Basin CSH hunt must be held.

#### **REPORTING HARVEST TICKET REPORTS:**

Successful harvest ticket holders must report in person or by phone (907-822-3461) within 24 hours of kill.

Harvest ticket holders who did not hunt, or were unsuccessful, must mail, report online, or call in Copper Basin CSH harvest reports to ADF&G within 15 days of the close of the season.

Reports must be complete to meet reporting requirements. Failure to report may result in citation and/or placement of harvest ticket holders on the state Failure to Report (FTR) list.

If a group member is placed on the FTR list during the first year of the group's two-year commitment requirement, the group member will still be locked into the CSH hunt conditions, prohibiting them from hunting outside the Copper Basin CSH for moose and caribou during the next regulatory year, and he or she will not be able to participate in CSH hunting activities.

#### **HOUSEHOLD REPORTS:**

Households are requested to complete a Household Community Harvest Report provided by the department.

Completed household reports should be sent to the C&T Coordinator and included in the group report.

Future information and updates will be available through our website, social media, and will also be emailed.



## DOUG TANSY MAKES HISTORY AS FIRST ALASKA NATIVE PRINCIPAL AGENT OF A LABOR UNION IN ALASKA



The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 1547 has announced that Ahtna shareholder Doug Tansy was elected to a three-year term as Business Manager/Financial Secretary of the organization. Mr. Tansy is the first Alaska Native to be elected as Principal Agent of a labor union in Alaska.

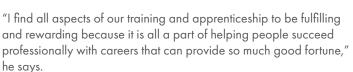
"I am beyond humbled to be elected by the membership to serve as Business Manager," Tansy said in a news release. "I am committed to doing my best to represent all members. This

organization has changed my life, and I aim to continue to convey to young people the importance and need for skilled craftspeople to pursue careers in any of the fields we represent plus the equal pay, benefits and retirement the IBEW offers."

A graduate of the Kornfeind Training School, Doug holds a Journeyman Electrician License, and the State of Alaska Electrical Administrators License for Unlimited Commercial Wiring. Doug's main responsibility in the IBEW is to represent and work for the membership of the Union, but this representation happens in many ways. He is perpetually working in politics and policy-making at the Municipal, State, and Federal level; advocating for good jobs/projects; pushing for policy that will benefit the middle class; and fighting for equity in opportunities for all people. Doug serves as a trustee of the Alaska Electrical Defined Benefit Pension Plan, the Alaska Electrical Health & Welfare Plan, the Alaska Electrical Legal Plan, the Alaska Electrical Apprenticeship Training Trust, and the Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center Trust.

Some of Doug's favorite and most rewarding work is his impact on the IBEW's Apprenticeship Schools statewide. He serves on the Trust which helps chart the direction of the entire program, as well as on the Local interview and disciplinary committees. These duties put him out in the community promoting the opportunities the IBEW has to offer, speaking at local high schools, job fairs, military transitions

events, University of Alaska, etc.



"During my apprenticeship I was supported by many Elders who advised and encouraged me along the way. I also received financial help during my schooling from the Walter Charley Scholarship.

Ahtna helped my development on the job through subsidiary Ahtna Construction, where I was able to earn money while I learned the trade and work for my corporation at the same time."



Doug was recently appointed by Governor Dunleavy to the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation's board of directors. His community involvement is vast and includes service on the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital Board, the Alaska Governor's Safety Advisory Council, Alaska Workforce Investment Board, Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation, President of the Fairbanks Central Labor Council, and President of the Fairbanks Joint Crafts Council.

### SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT

#### **About Doug Tansy**

Doug is the son of Roy and Irene Tansy, grandson of Jake and Lily Tansy of Cantwell (paternal) and Alfred and Carmel Widmark (maternal) of Klawock. He is originally from the Ahtna village of Cantwell, Alaska and a member of the Udzisyu (Caribou) clan. Doug's late father was also from Cantwell and Ahtna Athabascan of the (Naltsiine) Sky clan. His late mother was from Klawock and was Tlingit of the (Yéil /L'eeneidí) Raven/Dog Salmon clan.

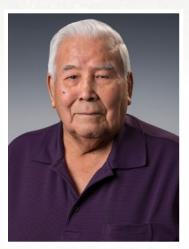
Doug's childhood was primarily spent in the Copper Valley (Copper Center), going to school there, but every summer was enjoyed in Cantwell. For high school, his parents allowed him to move to Fairbanks with his cousin, Paul Mayo, so he could attend a larger school and have the opportunity to play football and wrestle at a higher level.

Doug and his wife, Kristine, have six children, so they are nonstop at their sporting events or school activities. They also enjoy hunting, fishing and berry picking as a family. Now that the kids are getting older, they are enjoying skiing, hiking, 4-wheeling and snowmachining. Doug says he also enjoys giving back to his community – coaching his children's sports teams, and volunteering with his whole family working at the food bank, soup kitchen and senior center.





### BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR: NICHOLAS JACKSON



Mr. Jackson was born and raised in Copper Center, Alaska, where living off the land was the way of life for his family. He served in the military from 1958 to 1964. Afterwards, Mr. Jackson worked in the field of construction, including as a manager for roughly twenty years. A resident of Gulkana, Alaska, he also has many years of service on the Gulkana Village Council. Mr. Jackson is currently the Chair of Ahtna Inc.'s Board of Directors and serves on multiple committees and boards including the Copper River Native Association (CRNA). He is a member of the Udzisyu (Caribou) clan. Mr. Jackson is the son of Tony and Mary Jackson, is married to Lorraine Jackson, and has four children, Harvey, Angela, Frances, and Elton. Throughout his life, he has been committed to preserving the hunting and fishing rights of the Ahtna people and protecting the habitat and renewable resources necessary to support a subsistence way of life.

Mr. Jackson has a long history of serving the Ahtna people. He served on the first Board of Directors for both CRNA and for Ahtna, Inc. Mr. Jackson was also a member of the initial Ahtna Land Selection Committee and served as President of Ahtna, Inc. from 1980 to 1983. In total, Mr. Jackson has served on the Ahtna Board of Directors for more than 40 years.



# RETURN OF THE AHTNA SPECIAL FORCES INTERN PROGRAM

After a three-year hiatus, we are excited to announce the return of the Ahtna Special Forces Program! The Ahtna Special Forces is an intensive intern study program that provides work experience to Ahtna shareholders to assist them in achieving successful employment.

We give interns the opportunity to fully participate in the company by performing real work that helps the company and their own development. This summer, our three Ahtna Special Forces interns participated in training events; staff, board and leadership meetings; cultural experiences; and visits to the region.

#### **MEET THE 2023 AHTNA SPECIAL FORCES**



#### Kiana Carlson, Legal Department, Al

Parents: Vernon and Susan

Carlson

Grandparents: Bud and Edna

Carlson

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Clan: Taltsiine (Water)
Education: Currently enrolled in Mitchell Hamline School of Law's Native American Law and Sovereignty certificate program. Earned an Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Arts in History from

#### Why did you choose your major?

I grew up learning from and listening to stories from my family, which inspired me to get my degree in history. Those stories, growing up on the land, and watching my dad be involved in protecting our subsistence rights led me to go into law to further protect what my family has continually practiced and preserved.

#### What are your goals or plans for after graduation?

I want to possibly pursue a clerkship after graduation, but my biggest goal is to pass the bar first and take it from there.

#### Who has been an inspiration to you in your life and why?

My parents. They paved the way for me and my brother. They're the coolest people I know, and I can only hope to be as cool as them one day.

#### What advice do you have for Ahtna youth?

You don't have to do anything alone, and you shouldn't have to. So find those people who support you! If you have a great support team behind you, then you can do anything you put your mind to.

#### What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I love being outside hiking, walking, hunting, snow machining, and skiing/ski-joring. If I'm not outside though, you can either find me watching my favorite tv shows and movies or in the kitchen baking cookies and making ice cream.



### Lillian Scully, Ahtna Diversified Holdings

**Parents:** Rhonda Oliver and Sean Scully

**Grandparents:** Raye Nelson and Jim Scully (paternal) and Maggie and Thomas Oliver (maternal)

Clan: Taltsiine (Water)
Education: Will begin her
senior year this fall at Pacific
Lutheran University in Tacoma,
Washington. Majoring in
Kinesiology with a concentration
in Exercise Science and a minor
in Exercise and Sport Psychology.

#### Why did you choose your major?

I have always had a passion for helping others, and a love of athletics made kinesiology a good fit for me. Within kinesiology, I am around athletics all the time and am helping people along the way with different exercises and how they move.

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### What made you want to join the Ahtna Special Forces and what excites you about the program?

I wanted an opportunity to understand more of how my corporation worked and operated to see where the opportunities they have given me came from. With going to school in Washington, I do not have a lot of time to connect with my Ahtna heritage, and being a part of the Special Forces has given me the chance to do just that. What excites me is the ability to be in the depth of something that I've previously never been around. The ability to learn what it means to actually help my corporation, and not just be a shareholder, is really exciting.

#### Who has been an inspiration to you in your life and why?

My mother Rhonda Oliver is a major inspiration in my life because she has shown me what dedication and work ethic is. The long days and early mornings are a drive and dedication that I admire, and I want to have even a fraction of what she has. She has pushed me to be the absolute best I could for my own education. I am grateful for it now being a senior in college and it has made me want to work harder than ever to reach my goals.

#### What are your goals or plans for after graduation?

After I graduate in May of 2024, I plan on going straight into graduate school for a Master's in Athletic Training. After graduate school I would like to work in athletics.

#### What advice do you have for Ahtna youth?

Make your education a priority and spend as much time as you can in the region. Take everything as a learning opportunity; you can learn from every experience. Experience is everything from shadowing to doing projects; it is all in how you can apply it and use it in different places.

#### What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I love to read in my free time – reading brings me so much joy. Although if I am not reading, I am probably watching hockey or some sports.

### Would you recommend the Ahtna internship program to other shareholders?

I would absolutely recommend the internship program because even if your field is not offered within Ahtna, it is still a good learning opportunity. It also gives the chance to network with different professionals in different fields to determine what area could suit you best.



#### Brianna Reyes, Ahtna Construction & Primary Products Company (AC&PPC)

Parents: Mariam Ketcham and

Travis Reyes

**Grandma:** Beverly Harris

Clan: Eagle

Education: Attending UAA and

majoring in Finance.

#### Why did you choose your major?

I like money and I like math.

### What made you want to join the Ahtna Special Forces and what excites you about the program?

I was excited to gain experience in my field and work with people who love their jobs.

#### What role has Ahtna played in your education?

Ahtna has played a huge role. Without Ahtna's scholarship I probably wouldn't have been able to afford school.

#### Who has been an inspiration to you in your life and why?

The biggest inspiration in my life is definitely my grandma. She is very hard-working and the most loving and caring person I have ever met.

#### What advice do you have for Ahtna youth?

Take advantage of all the opportunities you can because you will miss them when they are no longer available.

#### What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I go for walks, watch sitcoms, cook and sleep.

#### Can you tell us about a highlight of your internship?

One of my favorite things so far during this internship was definitely the culture camps with the people from Yakutat. I learned so much and it was really nice to see everyone sharing their dances and songs.



### AHTNA 50TH ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES VIDEO

It is truly an incredible accomplishment for Ahtna to have reached the milestone of hosting our 50th Annual Meeting this year. This is a testament to the strength, resilience, and perseverance of the Ahtna people, who have been working tirelessly to protect and preserve our culture and traditions for generations. We would not be where we are without the wisdom and guidance of our Elders and early leaders. They instilled in our minds that our lands are our corporation's most precious gem. Respect and care for the land and it will provide.

A special 50th anniversary milestones video documenting the timeline of Ahtna's amazing history debuted at the Annual Meeting. The video demonstrates how far Ahtna has come in developing opportunities for shareholders as well as protecting the land, culture, and future prosperity. We invite you to view the video, at <a href="https://vimeo.com/838459651">https://vimeo.com/838459651</a>.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AHTNA GRADUATES**



Joyell Acuña Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering. University of Alaska Parents: Donna Jordan/ Acuña & Marco Acuña



Jade'liah Dahl Diploma, Glennallen High School Parents: Colleena Ketcham & Fred Dahl Sr.



Kristin Ewan-Dye Diploma, Glennallen High School Parents: Eileen Ewan & John Dye



Keith Albert II Diploma, Glennallen High School Parents: Ruedevora Hicks & Keith Albert



Micah David Diploma, Mentasta Lake Katie John School Parents: Rachele & Marvin Sanford



Amanda Frenzel Bachelor's Degree, University of Alaska Anchorage Parents: Season & Matthew Frenzel



Jasmin Brollier
Bachelor of Fine Arts in
Interior Architecture,
Cornish College of the Arts
Parent: Stephanie
Brollier/Spurlin



Illeana Debler Diploma, Mentasta Lake Katie John School Parents: Stephanie & Nolan Debler



Julia Hagen Associate Degree of Nursing, Charter College Parents: Meg & Jason Nesslage



Marina Carew Diploma, Nikiski High School Parents: Carey Lyn & Tom Carew



Johnathon Duke Diploma, Alaska Middle College School Parents: Anita Moran & Patrick Duke



Avery Hart
Diploma,
Slana School
Parents: Tiffany Williams
& Garry Hart



**Tiana Cozzen**Diploma, Glennallen High
School
Parents: Carol & Troy
Cozzen



Shaun Ewan Diploma, Glennallen High School Parents: Nelly Ewan & Carson John



Charlene Holloway Master of Social Work, Idaho State University Parents: Olga Sinyon (Mohammad) & Dick Rice

Ahtna sincerely apologizes for any shareholders or shareholder descendants who graduated between June 2022 and July 2023 and whose names do not appear on this list. This list was assembled using information provided to Ahtna by May 26, 2023, so the information could be compiled in time for this Summer 2023 issue of the Kanas.



Barbara Johnson-Tow Master Degree, Addictions Counseling, University of South Dakota Parents: Barbara & Franklin David Leonard



Jack Retherford Diploma, Palmer High School Parents: Deborah & Keenan Retherford



Michael Jordan Diploma, Mentasta Lake Katie John School Parents: Honalee Sanford & Michael Jordan



Rebekah Veldstra Diploma, A. J. Dimond High School Parents: Jessica & Jason Veldstra



Shaluana Kaase Diploma, Mentasta Lake Katie John School Parents: Virginia John & Duane Kasse



Ethan Vollema
Diploma, Glennallen High
School
Parent: Elizabeth Vollema



Dalia Macpherson
Diploma, A.J. Dimond
High School
Parent: Desiree
MacPherson



Ashlyn Wilson Diploma, Marshfield High School Parents: Heather Harlow & Dell Wilson



David Miller Diploma, Glennallen High School Parents: Charlene & James Miller



Corinne Wilson
Diploma, Marshfield High
School
Parents: Heather Harlow
& Dell Wilson

#### Lillian Besa

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

#### Rebecca Butler

Degree, South Puget Sound Community College Parents: Lori Waisanen & Daniel Bogdansky

#### Rita Duffield

Associate Medical Billing and Coding, Charter College Parent: Catherine DeWitt

#### Olivia Engebretson

Diploma, King Tech High School Parents: Tonya Stokes & John Engebretson

#### Victoria Goneau

Master of Science Education in School Counseling, University of the Southwest Parents: Bessi & Warren Sinnok

#### Brian Goodlataw-George

Diploma, Career Education Center - Star of the North 1 Parents: Brenda Goodlataw-Posenjak & Kevin George

#### Sosepatra (Koda) Ketcham

Diploma, Mt. Edgecumbe High School
Parents: Colleena Ketcham & Frederick Dahl Sr.

Ellijah Neeley-Sanders Diploma, Glennallen High School Parents: Raedeen Neeley & Jeffrey Sanders II

#### Freddy Nicolai Jr.

Certificate, Alaska Laborers Training School Parents: Katherine Sanford & Freddy Nicolai Sr.

#### **Jennifer Puckett**

Master of Business/Accounting, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Parents: Dawn Kuzik-Michal & Kenneth Wasson-Michal

#### Cora Rainie

GED, Salpointe Catholic High School Parents: Stephanie Carroll & David Rainie

#### **Destin Rush**

GED, Chugiak High School Parents: Tawnya Connor & Jesus Perales

#### Sheila Tyone

Associate Degree, Southern New Hampshire University Parents: Linda Tyone & James Segerquist II

#### Parker Vacura

Washington State EL-01, PSEJATC Parents: Loann Smith & Mark Vacura

#### **Charles Villarreal**

Bachelor Degree Accounting, Missouri State University Parents: Lisa Huennekens & Charles Villarreal

#### Jamison Wagner

Diploma, Alaska Military Youth Academy Parent: Leana Savage

### SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT

### **AHTNA VOCATIONAL PROGRAM**

Ahtna Vocational Scholarships are available to shareholders with 10 or more voting shares (Original, Inherited, Gifted, Class L). Upon approval, the Ahtna Vocational Scholarship offers up to \$12,000 for tuition to be paid directly to the training program. If your program costs more than \$12,000, Ahtna Shareholder Enrichment can recommend other financial aid programs.

#### TO APPLY

To apply for an Ahtna Vocational Scholarship, please visit <u>www.ahtna.com/vocational</u>. Supplemental documents must be provided prior to the start date of the training.

For associate, bachelor and master level degree programs, please apply for our Walter Charley Memorial Scholarship at <a href="https://www.ahtna.com/scholarship">www.ahtna.com/scholarship</a>.

### **VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHT: ROBERT LEONARD JR.**



Robert Leonard Jr. took advantage of the Vocational Scholarship to assist with his Commercial Driver's License (CDL) training through Alaska Driving Academy. Robert is the son of Robert Charles Leonard Sr. and Gertrude Bartman and the grandson of Melvin Leonard Sr and Maggie Eupharenia. He grew up in Palmer and currently resides in Wasilla.

Robert raved about the scholarship program helping him to get ahead of his training goals and obtain a promotion. Working for Big Green Trucking has offered him the opportunity to understand his current job better and improved his performance.

"If you have the opportunity, I recommend getting ahead of it and applying for the scholarship and going for it!"  $\frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{1}{2} \int_$ 

Robert also highly recommends Alaska Driving Academy (ADA). "They do a great job training, and the environment is a family-like experience. They do a great hands-on training with us! I was awarded 'Most Improved!'," he shared.

#### **CDL TRAINING**

Getting a CDL can open a world of employment opportunities and is not limited to truck driving. An abundance of job positions require a CDL. You need one if you want to work as a school bus driver, city bus driver, tour bus driver, hazmat carrier, ice road driver, or sanitation worker. It's smart to get CDL training if you're planning on a career as a heavy equipment operator. Many heavy equipment operator jobs require the applicant to be skilled at operating multiple types of vehicles, including ones that require a CDL.

### ALASKA DRIVING ACADEMY: CDL, HEAVY EQUIPMENT TRAINING

Many shareholders have successfully completed the ADA training with financial assistance from Ahtna's Vocational Scholarship Program. ADA boasts an impressive graduation rate of 98% and job placement rate of 96%. The ADA program is recognized by the Professional Truck Driver Institute (PTDI) and is based on the standards set by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for Entry Level Driver Training requirements. PTDI is a nationally recognized and highly respected standard in the trucking industry. Training consists of classroom instruction, demonstrations, hands-on basic maintenance, off road maneuvers, and on-the-road driving. Training is offered monthly. Learn more at www.alaskadrivingacademy.com/entryleveldrivertraining.

#### **CONTACT SHAREHOLDER ENRICHMENT**

To learn more, contact Shareholder Enrichment at (907) 868-8250 (Tracy Parent – Anchorage), (907) 822-3476 (Starr Knighten – Glennallen) or email <a href="mailto:shenrichment@ahtna.net">shenrichment@ahtna.net</a>. We look forward to assisting you with your career goals!

### SHAREHOLDER SERVICES UPDATES

### **50TH ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

The following directors were elected at the 2023 Ahtna Annual Meeting held June 3 in Glennallen, Alaska. They were announced by the Inspector of Elections (Swalling & Associates, P.C.), the independent accounting firm retained to assist with vote tabulation.

- Seat A, At-Large: Nicholas Jackson (Incumbent)
- Seat C, Cantwell: Grant C'edahwdeldiixen Rebne (Incumbent)
- Seat G1, Kluti-Kaah: Ken Johns (Incumbent)
- Seat J, Tazlina: Clint R. Marshall (Incumbent)

All newly elected directors will serve 3-year terms, which end at the 2026 Annual Meeting.

The Board met after the Annual Meeting and elected the following Ahtna, Inc. (AI) Board officers and Ahtna Netiye' (AN) Executive Committee members:

- Al Chair Nicholas Jackson
- Al Vice Chair Karen Linnell
- Al Secretary Genevieve John
- Al Treasurer Linda Pete
- AN Chair Jason Hart
- AN Vice Chair Clint Marshall
- AN Secretary Cecil Sanford
- AN Treasurer Linda Pete
- AN Executive Committee Member Grant Rebne
- AN Executive Committee Member Genevieve John

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

### **CLASS L STOCK**

Ahtna Class L stock was created in 2008 for the purpose of enrolling Ahtna descendants who were born after December 18, 1971, provided they meet certain eligibility requirements. To become a Class L shareholder, applicants must be a descendant of an original Ahtna shareholder; have ¼ or more Alaska Native blood quantum; be born after Dec. 18, 1971; be a United States citizen; and must not already be a shareholder of another regional corporation, except by gift or inheritance.

To enroll for Class L stock, applicants must submit an application form, original birth certificate, and original Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB). Application forms are available at <a href="https://www.ahtna.com/shareholder-services">www.ahtna.com/shareholder-services</a> and at the Ahtna Glennallen and Anchorage offices.

#### **Number of Shares**

A total of 100 shares of Class L stock will be issued to each eligible enrollee. Initially, 30 Class L shares will be issued to every enrollee upon enrollment and 70 additional Class L shares will be issued upon reaching 18 years of age and receiving a high school diploma, GED or equivalent, or reaching 21 years of age without a high school diploma, GED or equivalent, for a total of 100 shares.

Note: If you are a Class L shareholder, are of age and have received your high school diploma, GED or equivalent, please submit a copy of your diploma or other proof of graduation/completion to Shareholder Services so they can issue your remaining Class L shares. Class L stock is managed separately from Graduate Gift requests and requires its own submission of proof of graduation for shares to be issued.

#### **Dividends & Distributions**

As part of our commitment to providing for the economic well-being of our shareholders, Ahtna has distributed a shareholder dividend annually since 2009. Class L shareholders receive Ahtna dividend distributions on the same basis as other classes of Ahtna shares, except that Class L shares are not entitled to share in distributions of natural resource revenues under ANCSA §7(j).

#### Voting

One of the main responsibilities of being an Ahtna shareholder is to vote in Ahtna elections and on other matters presented to the shareholders for a vote. Shareholders who own voting shares are responsible for ensuring the long-term strength of Ahtna by electing the Board of Directors. Class L shares are voting shares. If you are under 18 years of age, your 30 shares of Class L stock may only be voted by your custodian until you reach the age of 18.

#### **Inheritance, Gifting and Transfer Rights**

Class L stock is "life estate" stock, which means that it is issued only to you for your lifetime. Upon your death, the stock is cancelled without compensation to your heirs. Class L stock and the right to receive dividends and distributions may not be sold, pledged, or assigned, even if transfer restrictions end for other Ahtna stock. Class L stock may also not be transferred by gift.

#### **Benefits of Class L Stock Ownership**

Besides sharing in dividend distributions, Class L shareholders are eligible to receive benefits such as:

- Ahtna Shareholder Hire Preference
- Memorial Fund
- Graduate Gifts
- Youth Recognition
- Shareholder Enrichment programs such as:
  - Walter Charley Memorial Scholarship
  - Vocational Scholarship
  - Professional Development Programs
  - Career Assistance Program
  - Ahtna Special Forces

To learn more about these benefits, please visit: www.ahtna.com/shareholders/benefits.

### 2023 DIRECT DEPOSIT DRIVE

All shareholders signed up for direct deposit as of November 3, 2023, 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 way 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.ahtna.com/directdeposit.

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



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

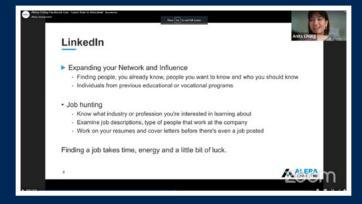
Oct 9, 2023	Indigenous Peoples' Day
Oct 13, 2023	Class L, Gifting, Diploma Deadline
Nov 3, 2023	Address Change and Direct Deposit Deadline
Nov 10, 2023	Veterans Day observed (offices closed)
Nov 11, 2023	Veterans Day
Nov 15, 2023	Spring WCM Scholarship Application Period Opens
Nov 23, 2023	Thanksgiving (offices closed)
Nov 24, 2023	Day after Thanksgiving (offices closed)

# SHAREHOLDER ENRICHMENT FACEBOOK LIVE EVENTS

Shareholder Enrichment regularly hosts a series of Facebook Friday Live events. Shareholders are invited to join us on Facebook to learn about our various shareholder programs, including the Helping Our People Excel (HOPE) program. Live sessions have been held on our Vocational Scholarship Program, local Union Apprenticeship opportunities, job interview skills, and Ahtna's PATH Program. Please visit the Ahtna Facebook page for information on upcoming live events and to check out the recordings from past events.



PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK TO VIEW UPCOMING FACEBOOK FRIDAY LIVE EVENTS! HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/AHTNA.INC/





### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



# YAKUTAT-AHTNA CULTURAL EXCHANGE IN GLENNALLEN

Ahtna recently hosted a Yakutat-Ahtna Cultural Exchange in Glennallen. The primary objective of this event was to foster a strong bond between the Ahtna and Yakutat communities, promoting the exchange of cultural heritage and preserving essential knowledge about our shared ancestry. According to oral traditions dating back centuries, ancestors of a tribe in Yakutat originally migrated from the Copper River area.

The cultural exchange comprised engaging discussions on various topics, including plant life, traditional dances, language, and the invaluable sharing of our peoples' oral history. Through this event, both communities had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of each other's customs, beliefs, and traditions, creating a stronger sense of unity and mutual appreciation.

























### NATIVE VILLAGE OF TAZLINA RECLAIMS ANCESTRAL LANDS IN HOMELAND RECOVERY PROJECT

The Native Village of Tazlina has successfully concluded its homeland recovery project. On June 21 st, a significant milestone was reached as all the necessary documents were signed, officially transferring ownership of over 400 acres from the Archdiocese of Anchorage to the Village. With the completion of this project, the Native Village of Tazlina has taken a crucial step in reclaiming and preserving its ancestral lands. This ownership transfer signifies a moment of triumph for the community, as it allows them to regain control and stewardship over their traditional territory.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate this achievement was held at the site on Friday, July 21, 2023.

The dedication and hard work invested in this endeavor highlight the Village's commitment to preserving their cultural heritage, protecting their sacred connections to the land, and ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come.

This accomplishment not only solidifies the Village's sense of identity and connection to their roots but also opens new possibilities for cultural activities, economic endeavors, and community development that align with their values and traditions. The regained ownership empowers the Native Village of Tazlina to make decisions that will positively impact their community and shape the destiny of their homeland.















### **2024 CALENDAR YOUTH ARTWORK CONTEST**

The youth artwork contest for Ahtna's 2024 wall calendars is now open to Ahtna, Inc. shareholders and shareholder descendants between the ages of 5-17. The theme is: Our Heritage; Our Land; Our People. Contest winners will have their artwork featured in the 2024 Ahtna Wall Calendar and receive a \$50 cash prize.

The deadline to submit artwork is Friday, September 29, 2023, at 5 p.m. (AKDT). Winners will be selected and notified by Monday, October 16, 2023.

#### Requirements:

- Artwork must be original.
- Submissions may be painted, hand drawn, photographic, 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 an advance written request is made.
- Entries will be reviewed by a selection committee and judged on multiple aspects such as quality, creativity and reflection of the theme.

#### Submission:

Complete the 2024 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 highresolution digital photo or scan of the art in good lighting.

For more information, please contact the Ahtna Corporate Communications department at <a href="mailto:news@ahtna.net">news@ahtna.net</a>.



### **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!

#### JULY

Annette Louise Levenberger Barry L. Dunlop Sr. Bettý Bianchini Billy J. Williams Jr. Catherine M. Lincoln Chaille Yasuda Charles Smelcer Christine Craig Daniel A. Leblanc Jr. David Allen Goodlataw Dianne Cecelia Fier-Navratil Edna A. Beliew Edward Lee Billum Elizabeth Marie Kruzick Frank J. McConkey Franklin Jordan Helga Wiebe Jenny Sanford Karen Rebecca Higgins Lana Jean Huennekens Lemmie L. Charley Leona Lydean Blankenship Linda Pedro Lorraine Nicklie

Lucille Ann Lincoln Marlene Ann Macy Mary Theresa Gober Patricia Lee Cronin Richard Darrel Miller Roberta Jean Neeley Sandy Katie Koyukuk Sharon Diane Tyone Steven Wayne Wasson Vivian E. Greybear Wayne Charles Bell

#### **AUGUST**

Ada M. Wilson
Annie Nelson
Arline Ruth Moberg
Barbara Anne Fier
Bradley Fred Sinyon
Brenda Lee Tyone
Carolyn Craig
Charles David Craig
Curtis James Rice
Dale Myers
Darlene Fay Stemp
David Nicklie
Donna Mae Cooper

Elizabeth Ruth Orczewska Eveline Evelyn Frank Fred Eugene Johnson Gail Annette Savage James Albert Stevens Josephine Faye Puff Joyce Ann Clark Julia Lynn Frederick Margaret K. Horton Michael Ray Routt Mildred Ann Thomas Paul David Tony Peter Agustus Tony Richard Wheeles Roberta Marilyn Delia Ronald Alfred Craig Sherry Lynn Krivosheyff William John Major William Jousha Kanipe Wilson Justin

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Alice Vera Hand Annie Florence John Arlene F. Drashner Ben Nicolai Carolyn J. Ogilvie Cheryl Lynn Kroener Christine Widmark Duke Julia Ann Freeman Kelly Creekmore Laura Ann Hobson Linda Jenkins-Nephew Lisa Joanne Rogers Mark Savage Martin Nelson Finnesand Mary Louise Tony Maureen Kay Jackson Roy Turner Jr. Shirley A. Collins Susan Iris Jones Teresa Jeane Myers Victor Timothy Fleury

Lucille Thomas

#### **CONDOLENCES**

In loving memory of our shareholders who have passed

# CARL NICHOLAS PETE CYNTHIA JANE SABON DOROTHY STICKWAN-LOCKE LLOYD HENRY THOMAS SMITTY SANFORD

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

= video conference between Anchorage & Glennallen

The events below are subject to change or cancellation. Please check the website at <a href="www.ahtna.com/events">www.ahtna.com/events</a> for the most current information.

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Sep 4 Labor Day (offices closed) Sept 20 Hunting Season Closes Sept 30 Al Board Meeting, 9 am,

Glennallen

#### **OCTOBER**

Oct 5 Land Committee, 10 am Oct 19-21 AFN Convention, Oct 23 Shareholder Committee,

Oct 9 Indigenous Peoples' Day Anchorage 1 pm

Oct 13 Class L, Gifting, Diploma

Deadline

#### NOVEMBER

Nov 1 Audit & Finance Comm, Nov 11 Veterans Day Nov 23 Thanksgiving (offices 9am Nov 15 Spring WCM Scholarship

Nov 3 Deadline Address and Application Period Opens Nov 24 Day After Thanksgiving

Direct Deposit (offices closed)

Nov 10 Veterans Day observed

(offices closed)



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