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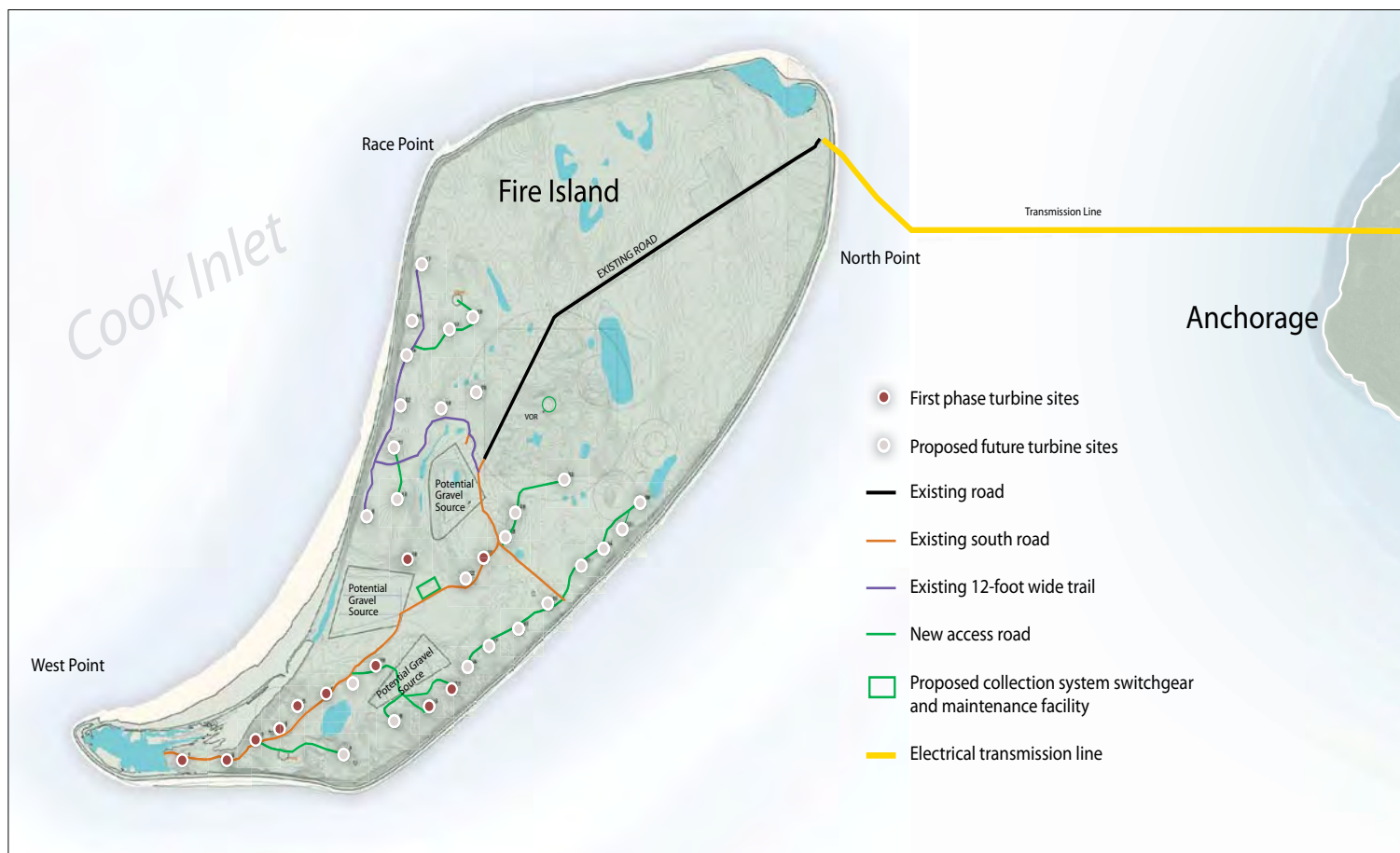
## RCA approves Fire Island deal

### Wind farm scheduled to be built and online in fall 2012

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) approved Chugach Electric Association's power purchase agreement to buy Fire Island wind power on Oct. 10. The RCA's approval comes in time for Fire Island Wind LLC, a CIRI subsidiary, to move forward with construction and complete, commission and produce power before the end of 2012, as scheduled.

Southcentral Alaska currently depends on Cook Inlet natural gas for about 90 percent of its power generation. The project may marginally increase Chugach ratepayers' residential utility bills initially, but is expected to protect Chugach ratepayers from natural gas cost increases due to declining Cook Inlet natural gas reserves in the mid- and long-term because wind power is not affected by

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*Fire Island Wind LLC, a CIRI subsidiary, is developing an 11-turbine wind farm on Fire Island that is scheduled to come online fall 2012. Construction of power transmission infrastructure is currently underway.*

## Shareholder remembers her father's ANCSA efforts

Donald Wright was AFN president in 1971

Darlene Wright remembers exactly where she was 40 years ago when the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) became law. She was among those crammed shoulder-to-shoulder in a room at what is now Alaska Pacific University as President Nixon announced via speakerphone he had signed legislation that would shape the future of Alaska Native people, as well as development of the state.

A teenager at the time, the now-CIRI shareholder recalls how her family's home became a gathering place for settlement activists, a place of constant coming and going, where her mother's moose soup and her grandmother's bread and cinnamon rolls helped fuel the fight. Her father, CIRI shareholder Donald Wright, was president of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) back then. Under the slogan, "Take our land, take our life," he was among those working tirelessly on the issue.

"I told President Nixon that the historical dimensions of this legislation are immense," he reported to AFN. "Either it will go down in history as the most enlightened and equitable act of the U.S. Government toward

Native Americans, or it will be recorded as merely the last chapter of a tragic record of expropriation of Native American land and property rights. The president and the Congress must decide whether this last chapter is to be written in dignity or dishonor."



*Don Wright and his wife Carol celebrate the passage of ANCSA with former U.S. Senators Mike Gravel and Ted Stevens.*

Photo courtesy of Darlene Wright

The effort to secure Alaska Native land rights began when the serious implications of the state's land selection of more than one hundred million acres under the Alaska Statehood Act of 1958 came to be understood. The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission's proposed plan to detonate a string of nuclear devices at Cape Thompson on Alaska's North Slope in 1958 also helped to galvanize Alaska Native leaders to take action to establish aboriginal land rights. In 1966, then-Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall imposed a land freeze that halted the issuance of oil leases on federal lands.

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The first installment of a series about ANCSA and its impact on Alaska Native livelihood.

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A word from the president

# AFN evolving to unify, better serve

By: Margie Brown, CIRI president and CEO

Two years ago, as a delegate to the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Convention, I was pleased to vote to approve resolution 09-05, a resolution directing the AFN board to undertake a process to reorganize AFN. It seemed then that a strong call from delegates on the convention floor was needed to establish momentum behind what was proving to be a difficult but important task.

I feel strongly that Alaska Native people still have a stake in whether AFN is a vibrant, innovative organization representing their collective, yet broad interests. On Dec. 18, we will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). More than forty years ago, Alaska Native leaders, some quite young at the time, were determined that Alaska Native people should have a say in the structure of the Act itself. They knew that they needed to become more politically active if they were to remain at the negotiating table. They knew that a statewide organization was needed to take input from across the state and to bridge cultural and regional differences.

Information, in the time before cell phones and instant communication, needed to flow through an entity such as AFN. Thus, AFN, the first Alaska Native institution organized on a statewide basis, was created for the purpose of participating in negotiating the provisions of ANCSA. Alaska Native representation would come through seats on the AFN Board and from participation in the annual convention.

AFN remains today the only organization that has legitimate authority to call all Alaska Natives into a statewide convention. AFN is widely recognized for this role by Alaska Native community members and others throughout the state and nation. But AFN has challenges presented by the sometimes competing special interests of the constituencies it serves.

Resolution 09-05 resulted from calls to widen representation on the AFN Board while streamlining its governance and decision-making so that AFN can reclaim its effectiveness and relevance in addressing the many issues facing Alaska Native people and institutions. It has proven to be difficult to reconcile the seemingly contradictory goals of wider representation and timely, stream-lined decision-making. There have been several false starts on the effort.

Resolution 09-05 went further than simply calling for reorganization: it formed a special committee, ultimately titled the Leadership Committee, to develop reorganization proposals for the AFN Board's

consideration. The Leadership Committee included one representative from each of the twelve regions. The CIRI region representatives selected Gloria O'Neill, president and CEO of Cook Inlet Tribal Council, to serve on the Leadership Committee.

The Leadership Committee studied AFN, its mission and its purpose and brought forward several options. The committee report at the 2011 AFN Convention told delegates that the vote on reorganization is scheduled for a special AFN Board meeting in early December.

As I attended the AFN convention this year, I carried with me a sense of history of the role the organization played in the passage of ANCSA and therefore, the creation of CIRI and all other Alaska Native corporations. I recognize the important work that AFN still has before it. And I salute its powerful 2011 theme of Strength in Unity, a yet-to-be accomplished goal. Even within our CIRI region, where the path toward unity and understanding between our region's Alaska Native corporations and the region's tribal interests seems at times to be a slow dance of two steps forward and one step back, I remain hopeful.

On a statewide basis, AFN can play a role as we strive to reach understanding and accommodation of each other's missions, particularly the legitimate roles of both the tribal interests and the ANCSA corporations.

I extend my thanks to the Leadership Committee for caring enough about AFN to step forward and do the hard work leading up to the 2011 Convention. AFN, for its past history and its future accomplishments, deserves this thoughtful, purposeful attention.

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*Margie Brown*



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Our Business

## CIRI to conduct seismic tests for Stone Horn Ridge UCG project

CIRI will conduct high-resolution seismic tests to complete geologic modeling for an underground coal gasification (UCG) project being developed by Stone Horn Ridge, a company owned by CIRI and Houston-based Laurus Energy. CIRI has identified approximately 300 million tons of coal in subsurface estate it owns on the west side of Cook Inlet. UCG converts coal into synthesis gas (syngas), a bridge fuel that can be used for power generation, upgraded into synthetic natural gas or used as feedstock for producing clean-burning liquid fuels. Learn more by visiting [www.stonehornridge.com](http://www.stonehornridge.com).



## CIRI among top Alaska companies

CIRI ranks 19 on Alaska Business Monthly's 2011 list of the top 49 revenue-producing Alaska-owned and-operated companies, having posted \$188,357,000 in revenue in 2010. Eight of the top 10 companies on this year's list are Alaska Native corporations and the 21 Alaska Native businesses on the list created more than 16,000 Alaska jobs in 2010. Last year, CIRI was ranked 43rd on the list.

## CIRI Spotlight: Christopher Dahl

Alaska Airlines pilot achieves dreams through focus, hard work

"I had to pinch myself the first time I had a layover in Honolulu," CIRI shareholder and Alaska Airlines pilot Christopher Dahl reminisced. "All that hard work and there I was."



Christopher Dahl with his mother, CIRI shareholder Linda Dahl, in the cockpit of an Alaska Airlines jet.

Dahl, who is Yup'ik and Aleut, has been a commercial airline pilot for 11 years. His mother is CIRI shareholder Linda Dahl. His father, Jerry Dahl, passed away when he was 10 years old. His mother remarried Owen Freeman. He lived in Bethel until he was 12 years old and then in Anchorage, graduating from West High, until he left the state to earn a college degree in geology.

"My college degree is the foundation of my career. In college I honed the practice of fully applying myself," said Dahl. After graduation he purchased a set net boat and became a commercial fisherman based out of Sand Point, Alaska. But his love of aviation that grew since he was a boy never left him. "I started focusing on what I needed to do to achieve my goal of becoming a pilot."

He earned his private pilot's license and ratings, the first building block for anybody who wants to become a commercial pilot, in a quick 18 months. Financial support from The CIRI Foundation helped substantially with his flight training costs, and his passion and love of flying made any other professional obstacles imperceptible to him. Dahl started his career as a pilot flying for Alaska regional airline PenAir and joined Alaska Airlines in 2006. Flying for Alaska is an honor, he says, because Alaska Airlines pilots are all highly skilled aviators and the airline outfits its planes with cutting-edge technology.

The journey Dahl took to become a pilot mirrors his flying style. Good choices means that he's never had a scary flying experience. He's goal-oriented, but has never had a "gotta get there, no matter what" attitude, and minimizing risks and mastering his trade sums up his professional approach.

"Resources are available to CIRI shareholders who want to achieve their goals," said Dahl. "I felt a responsibility to maximize the support I was given from The CIRI Foundation by applying myself 110 percent."

He's flown all of Alaska Airlines' routes, but his favorite places to fly are in Alaska where he can visit with friends and family during a layover. In his free time, he enjoys biking, cross-country skiing, running, hiking and thinking about flying.

## In Touch with shareholders



Ryan Baird Galuz

### Little league all star

CIRI descendant Ryan Baird Galuz earned a spot on the Eastlake Little League All Star team for the second year in a row. He also plays on a traveling baseball club, the San Diego Cherokees, year-round. Galuz is the son of CIRI shareholder Kristene Baird Galuz and her husband Eliseo G. Galuz and the grandson of CIRI shareholder Robert D. Baird.



Baby Ruby Mae

### Baby Ruby Mae

CIRI shareholder Keri Bartlett proudly announces the birth of her granddaughter, Ruby Mae. She is the daughter of CIRI descendant Jussi Ann Phenis and her husband, Alan. Ruby Mae is the great-granddaughter of CIRI shareholder and retired CIRI director Jerry Brown and his wife, Martha. Ruby Mae was born Aug. 4 at 4:06 a.m. in Everett, Wash., and weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 inches long.

## Shareholder receives AFN award

Loretta Throop recognized for contributions to health care



Loretta Throop

CIRI shareholder Loretta Throop earned an Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) President's Award for her longtime commitment to bettering the physical and mental health of Alaska Native people. Throop, who is the recipient of the 2011 AFN Health Award, is a Southcentral Foundation board member.

Throop grew up in Ninilchik, Alaska. She received her bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Oregon and returned to Alaska in 1969. Throop later earned a master's degree in teaching and has worked as a Public Health Service nurse, school nurse, community health aide instructor and youth and family counselor. She is a former member of the Alaska Native Health Board and has served as director of the American Indian Nurses Association.

The AFN Health Award recognizes an Alaska Native person who has demonstrated strong commitment, competence and sensitivity in the health fields and whose accomplishments have improved health care for Alaska Native people. Learn more about AFN by visiting [www.nativefederation.org](http://www.nativefederation.org).

## CIRI honors Elder Shareholders and Shareholder of the Year

Kenai siblings and Cook Inlet Native Head Start leader recognized

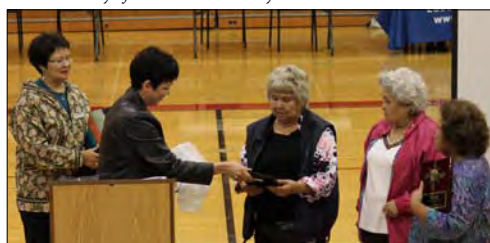
CIRI honored three Kenai sisters as Elder Shareholders of the Year and the head of Cook Inlet Native Head Start as Shareholder of the Year. This year's Elder Shareholder of the Year award is the first of what is planned to be an annual honor for an Elder CIRI shareholder.

Kenai-area sisters Marjorie Jordan, Edna Linderman and Virginia Trenton, along with their extended family, are known for their generosity toward the Kenai Peninsula community. The sisters and the Sisterhood of the Holy Assumption of the Virgin Mary Russian Orthodox Church have provided delicious food for the Kenai CIRI Friendship Potlatch since 2005. Edna Linderman has served on the Kenaitze Indian Tribe health committee for 20 years, is a member of the Kenaitze Elders' Commission and she is a supporter of the Dena'ina health and dental clinics. The family has a long-standing history of dedicated service to the Russian Orthodox Church and the sisters are said to be the backbone of their church's sisterhood.



Connie Wirz is named CIRI Shareholder of the Year at the Anchorage Friendship Potlatch.

Photos courtesy of CIRI descendant Taylor Tuttle



Sisters Marjorie Jordan, Edna Linderman and Virginia Trenton were honored as CIRI Elder Shareholders of the Year at the Kenai Friendship Potlatch.

Connie Wirz is the executive director of Cook Inlet Native Head Start, a nonprofit that provides early childhood education services, family and health-related services to Alaska Native people. She has dedicated her career to improving the

lives of the working poor in the Southcentral Alaska region by maximizing available services to children and parents. While Wirz worked as an outpatient pediatrics administrator at Southcentral Foundation, she saw the need to bridge services with the Head Start program. Now, thanks to her efforts, a pediatrician is on-site at Cook Inlet Native Head Start for two hours each day.

Wirz has served as executive director for the Kenaitze Indian Tribe, as a board member for Salamatof Village Corp., on the Cook

Inlet Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse and is a former Cook Inlet Tribal Council director. Her dedication to building and sustaining important programs and organizations that benefit Alaska Native people stems from her belief in the importance of Alaska Native peoples taking ownership of their well-being and building healthy Native communities.

## CIHA's Carol Gore wins national housing and redevelopment award

Vision, achievements recognized by leading housing, advocacy organization

Photo courtesy of CIHA



Carol Gore

affordable housing and community development advocacy organization.

The M. Justin Herman Memorial Award is NAHRO's preeminent honor and is bestowed on one recipient each year. It is awarded to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to bettering lives through service in the field of housing or community development and is made on the basis of extraordinary accomplishments and contributions.

Cook Inlet Housing Authority (CIHA) President and CEO Carol Gore is the 2011 recipient of the prestigious M. Justin Herman Memorial Award from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). NAHRO is the

nation's leading

affordable housing and community development

advocacy organization.

"Carol's vision and business acumen has led CIHA to exceptional places," said CIRC President and CEO Margie Brown. "I congratulate Carol on receiving this celebrated award and thank her for the important work she does for our community."

Gore has led CIHA for 11 years. CIHA's mission is "to create housing opportunities that empower our people and build our community." The programs offered by CIHA are designed to encourage clients' transition toward self-sufficiency through homeownership or quality, affordable rental housing.

Under Gore's leadership, CIHA has more than doubled the portfolio of affordable rentals it owns and manages, diversified its business to include homes for immediate homeownership and expanded accounting and project management services. Gore also led CIHA to create Cook Inlet Lending Center, a nonprofit subsidiary of CIHA that helps eligible low and modest income families purchase homes in the Southcentral Alaska region. Visit [www.cookinlethousing.org](http://www.cookinlethousing.org) to learn more about CIHA.

## NIHB recognizes Roy Huhndorf, SCF RAISE program

Awards commend Alaska Native, American Indian health care leaders

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) presented CIRC shareholder Roy Huhndorf and Southcentral Foundation's (SCF) Responsible Adolescents in Successful Employment (RAISE) program with awards at its 28th Annual Consumer Conference in September. Huhndorf was recognized with an Area/Regional Impact Award for his contributions to Alaska Native and American Indian health and wellness. Huhndorf is a director of both CIRC and SCF and a former CIRC president.

The NIHB is a nonprofit that advocates for tribal governments that operate their own health care delivery systems and for patients receiving care from the Indian Health Service. The NIHB also provides policy formation and analysis, research on Indian health, training, project management and legislative and regulatory tracking.

Huhndorf was involved in strengthening the Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) in the 1970s. The program now consists of a network of about 550 Community Health Aides/Practitioners in more than 170 rural Alaska villages.

"This was totally unexpected. I feel honored. But as Iditarod champion John Baker said at his

keynote speech during the NIHB conference, it takes a community to ensure that beneficial projects and programs are implemented. It is not just one person; it is a community that lends its intellect to make a project work. I've worked with a lot of people who have made progress happen. So I accept this award on behalf of the community and their efforts," said Huhndorf of the award.

NIHB also recognized SCF's RAISE program with a Local Impact Award. The year-round RAISE program helps Alaska Native teenagers gain work experience and leadership skills through on-the-job training and mentoring. More than 300 teenagers have participated in the program since its inception in 1997. Learn more about SCF by visiting [www.southcentralfoundation.com](http://www.southcentralfoundation.com).



CIRC and SCF director Roy Huhndorf received a NIHB Area/Regional Impact Award from NIHB Board Vice Chairman Buford Rolin.

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## CITC hosts Health Secretary



Photo courtesy of CITC

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, third from right, toured Cook Inlet Tribal Council's Nat'uh Service Center with CITC's Gloria O'Neill, Sen. Begich and program participants on Aug. 30.

Visit highlighted positive impact of public-private partnerships

Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) hosted Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on Aug. 30 at the Nat'uh Service Center. Sebelius; Sen. Begich; Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, director of the Indian Health Service; Lillian Sparks, commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans; Paul T. Dioguardi, HHS director of intergovernmental external affairs; Susan Johnson, HHS regional director and Stacey Ecoffey, principal advisor for HHS tribal affairs toured the Nat'uh facility and heard from program leaders and participants about CITC's programs, services and positive outcomes for the greater community.

"Our mission at CITC is based on the single, unshakeable belief that every person possesses gifts and capabilities waiting to be unlocked," said CITC President and CEO Gloria O'Neill. "We believe that strengths, not weaknesses, are the proper starting point for designing our programs that achieve population-level impact while connecting people to their potential."

O'Neill stressed the importance of public-private, multi-faceted partnerships that provide innovative approaches to community needs. CITC provides social, educational and employment services for Alaska Native and American Indian people and partners with a variety of organizations to achieve its goals, including schools, universities, health care providers, governmental entities, corporations, nonprofit organizations and foundations.

CITC serves more than 12,000 people annually with diverse programs including family and parenting strengthening, youth after-school and summer programs, individual and family crisis assistance, in-school support programs, adult and youth worker training, education and certification programs, career and job search assistance, entrepreneurial skills development and drug and alcohol treatment. Learn more about CITC at [www.citci.org](http://www.citci.org).

## Evans Smith named ANHC head

Promoted from VP of community relations and development

The Alaska Native Heritage Center (ANHC) board of directors has chosen Annette Evans Smith as new president and CEO. Evans Smith replaces CIRC shareholder Jon Ross, who completed his contract in early June.

Evans Smith joined ANHC as vice president of community relations and development in 2003. She managed ANHC's public relations functions, developed its giving program and cultivated funding relationships. Evans Smith holds

a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and a minor in Native American Studies from Stanford University. Evans Smith was raised in the Bristol Bay area and is of Athabascan, Yup'ik and Sugpiaq descent.

ANHC is a cultural and educational center that provides cross cultural exchanges, workshops, classes, demonstrations and guided tours. Learn more about ANHC by visiting [www.alaskanative.net](http://www.alaskanative.net).



Photo courtesy of ANHC

Annette Evans Smith

## CIRI needs your help locating shareholder addresses

The following CIRI shareholders do not have a current mailing address on record and should fill out the change of address form at CIRI's offices, or download it at [www.ciri.com/content/shareholders/change.aspx](http://www.ciri.com/content/shareholders/change.aspx) or send a signed and dated letter that includes the new address, telephone number, birth date and social security number.

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## Shareholder presents November art show

Artist Gretchen Sagan to explore migrations at Alaska Native Arts Foundation gallery



*Gretchen Sagan*

"Is our navigation system pre-programmed, as in fish, whales or birds, or are we learning as we go?" muses award-winning artist, independent curator and community volunteer Gretchen Sagan. "Whales that get off course and end up in Australia instead of Japan, is that an accident or are they being rebels?"

Sagan explores this theme in "Migrations," her upcoming solo show of abstract paintings. The Anchorage-born CIRI shareholder first felt her own push-pull pangs of migration during epic road trips across the country with her parents, and later exploring exotic lands overseas on her own. Landscapes, people, and attitudes encountered along the way gave her an appreciation of all cultures, as well as a ping-ponging of the heart between the wider world and home.

Backed by the CIRI Foundation scholarships, Sagan earned a fine arts degree from Eesti Kunstiakadeemia in Estonia. She has shown her paintings, woodcuts, monotypes, etchings, jewelry, sculpture and short films from Hong Kong to Homer.

"Migrations" will run Nov. 4 through Dec. 31 at the Alaska Native Arts Foundation (ANAF) Gallery, with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. on opening night. Sagan will also discuss her work as a Smithsonian Spotlight lecturer on Nov. 3 at noon at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art.

ANAF is a nonprofit organization that was established in 2002 to improve the economic well-being of Alaska Native artists. ANAF works to create awareness of Alaska Native art by providing opportunities for showcasing artwork. Learn more by visiting [www.alaskanativearts.org](http://www.alaskanativearts.org).

## CATC offering deals for Puffin Pass subscribers

Reserve before Dec. 31 for 2012 getaways!

Do you want to take a relaxing and fun Alaska getaway at the right price? CIRI Alaska Tourism Corp. (CATC) is offering great deals for travel during the 2012 season for Puffin Pass subscribers. Book before Dec. 31 for a great deal!

Are you looking to explore Talkeetna, dine on gourmet cuisine and wake up to awe-inspiring views of Denali and the Alaska Range? CATC is offering 50 percent off a second-night stay at the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge. CATC is also offering packages for fly-in and hike Denali; a two-night, one-cruise deal for the Seward Windsong Lodge and Kenai Fjords National Park Tour; a special for viewing migrating California gray whales with one night of accommodations at the Hotel Seward and admission to Seward's famous SeaLife Center and packages for peaceful rest and gourmet meals on Fox Island with either Northwestern Fjord Tour or kayaking adventures.



*CATC is the parent business of Kenai Fjords Tours, a leading Alaska marine day-cruise company.*

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In October 1967, AFN members met, resolved their differences, including overlapping land claims, and became a unified voice. The discovery of oil and plans to build the trans-Alaska pipeline in 1968 magnified the issue to the nation and created further pressure to settle.

After decades of struggle, the ANCSA settlement, signed by President Nixon on Dec. 18, 1971, provided about 44 million acres of land and \$963 million for the creation of 12 regional and

more than 200 village corporations charged with improving shareholders' quality of life. The pen Nixon used to sign the Act was given to Donald Wright as a gift.

His daughter doesn't remember any big celebration.

"In our home it was relief. And then it was, 'What's next?'"

## Fifer wins September stock will prize

The winner for the September 2011 stock will participation prize is Larry F. Fifer II. To be eligible for the monthly \$200 prize drawings, shareholders must have a will disposing of their CIRI shares on file in CIRI's Shareholder Relations Department. The

CIRI stock will form and instructions are located on the CIRI website. Contact CIRI's probate staff at (907) 263-5191 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474 to verify whether you have a will on file.

## 2011 Alaska Federation of Natives Convention

CIRI's representatives were busy at this year's Alaska Federation of Natives Convention. Greg Razo, CIRI Vice President, headed the Resolutions Committee and conducted the session where the resolutions were considered. Gloria O'Neill, CITC President and CEO, acted as moderator for both the morning and afternoon sessions on strengthening relations with the state of Alaska. And Ethan Schutt, CIRI Senior Vice President, gave the convention's closing remarks. Schutt's address was well received and it is reprinted here in its entirety.



Ethan Schutt

# Words have power to drive change

"Strength In Unity," AFN closing remarks by CIRI Senior VP Ethan Schutt

### Introduction

May we live our lives so that Our Words Have Power.

Good Evening elders, youth, delegates and guests. My name is Ethan Schutt. I am the grandson of Josephine and the late Lawrence Roberts of Tanana. I was born to Jeanette Roberts/Scannell and am the son of David and the late Joyce Schutt. Many of you may know my twin brother, Aaron, who is now the President and CEO of Doyon, Limited, the regional corporation for our Interior River villages. I am also joined here tonight by my wife Kristina and our children. I am honored to speak to you as we close our 2011 AFN Convention.

Our theme this week has been "Strength In Unity". It is a message with strong meaning and resonance for us as we attempt to navigate the challenges of our modern world. We are diverse in culture, geography and background.

We represent tribes, villages and Alaska Native Corporations. We represent ourselves, our villages, our grandparents and our grandchildren.

Because we share common challenges, we require a unified and concerted effort to overcome them. To meet these challenges, to become united so that we are strong, I believe we must relearn how to live our lives so that our words have power.

### Neal Charlie message

Last summer I was blessed with an important lesson. I was at home in my wife's village of Minto as we were preparing for a funeral and potlatch. In the Interior Rivers ways, we were at the family home for tea. Grandpa Neal Charlie began to speak, sometimes in English, sometimes in his Native language. I listened. And although there were others there with us, it felt for all the world like we were alone, he the master teaching me the student. I can still feel the Power of his words, the force and truth of his conviction.



Neal Charlie

He spoke about the Old Ways and about change. And he used one of his Native words as a theme. He talked about this word that was used to describe the situation of when you get too far to one side of a river and it makes it difficult to get back to the other side. He used this word and its meaning as a metaphor for where his Native people are today.

His message was clear: we have gotten too far to one side of the River. In many ways we have become too westernized at the expense of our Native ways. And now it is very difficult to get back.

I'm afraid Grandpa Neal was right. We are too far on one side of the River.

### The Challenge

Because of the lessons in Grandpa Neal's words, I am here to challenge you tonight, especially those of my generation and those who are younger. We have real work to do and we must come together to get this work done.

*Our grandparents, many who were born in tents, have brought us into a world of opportunity*

Our grandparents have done enough for us. They have done the difficult work of navigating our People across the River. Our grandparents, many who were born in tents, have brought us into a world of opportunity, of cross-cultural competence and of education. Some of them literally took beatings in their youth, beatings that were required to get us to this place and time of opportunity. Many of them taught themselves English from a Bible or a dictionary so that they could advocate on behalf of their communities and stand up for their values in the broader society that came at them so fast.

They protected our ancestral lands and established our Native institutions. They fought for an educational system that would serve us. They fought discrimination and prejudice to assure that we would have opportunity. And their efforts, their sacrifice, their wisdom has brought us to where we are today: the masters of our Place, opportunity all around.

And so I challenge you tonight to honor our grandparents' collective sacrifice by taking full advantage of the opportunities they have provided and by ensuring that the Native ways they hold so dear remain vibrant and alive.

We, the men and women of my generation, and those younger, we must step up to the challenges of today. We must not rely on our Elders to take care of us. We are not children and so we must not act like children. Instead we must do the hard work of meeting the challenges of our communities, of realizing the opportunities created from so much hard work and sacrifice.

### Words Have Power

One way we can begin this journey is by realizing that our Words have Power. Speech is the communion of the physical and the spiritual. Words, and the act of physically speaking, connect us with a powerful spiritual world.

'I have a Dream!' how many of us know those words? . . . We all know these words, but how many people in this room heard them directly when they were spoken? And how many knew the man who spoke them? Maybe no one in this room. But we all know the words, we all know their meaning, and we all know their context and hear the echo of their speaking in our heads. The simple act of repeating those words still invokes their power and the force of their truth. Those four words embodied a movement that corrected and superseded one of our country's greatest evils. Words do have power. And our words have power.

Our Native languages are particularly strong in this way. The words of our Native languages have deep and subtle meanings about place and season. They are loaded with the how and the why in addition to simple meanings about what and where.

Our ancestors tended to use their words carefully, saving powerful speech for powerful occasions. They spoke about certain subjects and used certain words only at specific events and in a specific context. They did not confuse simply speaking in an unthoughtful and casual way for speaking careful, thoughtful speech when it was required. We must relearn this way. We must relearn this ancient knowledge about how to Make Speech rather than simply speaking.

We must take care that our words educate, guide and inspire, and, when necessary correct and even judge. We must take care that our words are words of wisdom, of encouragement, of truth.

We must be careful about how we talk about ourselves and our communities. Just as words have an infinite power to build up, so too do they have a terrible and lasting power to tear down. We must respect this dual nature of our words and use them accordingly.

We are not poor. We are the wealthiest people on Earth. We are the heirs to our ancestral lands, to our rich and ancient cultures.

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We are not pitiful. We are capable, adaptable and wise. We do not require any government to treat us as children, as wards. No, we are responsible for our own destinies.

We are not drunks. We are not abusers. And we are not criminals.

Accordingly, we must be vigilant not to talk about ourselves and our communities in these terms. Your words are real. God gave you the power to speak a binding truth on yourself, on your community, and on your Place. Just as Martin Luther King Jr. spoke freedom and racial justice into being, so too do we define our future with our words. No federal grant is worth calling your village poor and making it so. No state program justifies characterizing your community as lawless, ensuring that it is.

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And so we must relearn our thought and our speech. Powerful speech requires careful observation—sometimes for years—listening and learning. It requires us to know the essence of our Place. Only then will the River speak to us. Only then will we know the wisdom of our ancestors. Only then will we understand the needs of our Place and of our people and how to speak to them and for them.

### Courage

Finally, we must do the hard work of preparation. We must be the hands and feet of an army of doers to get things done for Native Alaska and in our rural villages. And we must be courageous.

Grandpa Neal's brother Cerosky Charlie, my wife's grandpa, once called me over during a potlatch. He said, "you need to make speech." But I was afraid and I did not speak that night. It was some time before I spoke at a potlatch. I wasn't sure what I would say. So I prepared. I took a long time to make a speech. I have spoken, and now I speak to you tonight as my grandfathers once spoke at potlatch, as Grandpa C challenged me to do.

### Close

Let me be clear, I do not speak so that your life will be easy or your challenges trivial. I speak so that your life will be good, respectful of your grandparents and responsible to your grandchildren.

Accordingly I speak strength and power to you. I speak knowledge and wisdom to you. I speak courage and perseverance over you. And lastly, I speak to you with deep love and respect.

Our Words Have Power.

God Bless you Native Alaska, especially those watching in the villages. And may God Bless you as you travel home safely. Together we will live our lives so that our words have power. Together we will do the hard work to make sure we are successful on both sides of the River.

Good Night.

## Wind farm, continued from page 1

fuel costs. Chugach's purchase of Fire Island wind power is expected to reduce Southcentral Alaska natural gas consumption by 0.5 billion cubic feet per year.

"I applaud the RCA's decision to approve the power purchase agreement," said CIRI President and CEO Margie Brown. "Domestic alternative energy development is important to Southcentral Alaska and I hope this decision signals that Alaska regulatory agencies are ready to support and encourage private-sector projects that benefit energy consumers."

The first phase of the wind farm includes 11 turbines capable of producing up to 17.6 megawatts of power, enough energy to power more than 6,000 Southcentral Alaska homes. Chugach agreed to purchase an expected 48,500 megawatt hours of electricity annually from Fire Island Wind LLC at a 25-year fixed cost of 9.7 cents per kilowatt hour. Chugach estimates that the wind power will save the company nearly \$3 million during its 25-year contract.

Chugach's power purchase contract begins on Jan. 1, 2013. Construction on the wind farm will provide 80 to 100 local jobs. Interested applicants can submit a resume to [info@ciri.com](mailto:info@ciri.com). Learn more about the Fire Island wind project at [www.fireislandwind.com](http://www.fireislandwind.com).

## CIRI dividend, Elders' payment news

CIRI will mail or directly deposit its fourth quarter 2011 dividend of \$9.72 per share on Dec. 8. Shareholders who own 100 shares of stock will receive \$972. Payments from the CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust will be mailed or directly deposited on Dec. 9 in the amount of \$450.

The deadline for signing up for direct deposit or changing an existing direct deposit instruction for the fourth quarter dividend is 3 p.m., Nov. 28. If you wish to cancel direct deposit, please submit your signed request in writing no later than 3 p.m., Nov. 28.

The deadline for shareholder address changes for the fourth quarter dividend is 3 p.m., Nov. 30. Address change forms can be downloaded from CIRI's website and mailed to P.O. Box 93330, Anchorage, Alaska 99509-3330, or faxed to (907) 263-5186. Please call the Shareholder Relations Department at (907) 263-5191 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474 to confirm receipt of the fax. For information on dividend amounts, address changes, direct deposit or lost and missing dividends, visit CIRI's website. Shareholders can also call CIRI's dividend hotline at (907) 263-5100 or toll-free at (800) 764-2435.

## Apply online to TCF

All applications must be submitted via website

Since 1982, The CIRI Foundation (TCF) has provided more than \$19 million in scholarship and grant assistance to support original enrollees of CIRI and their direct lineal descendants in the pursuit of post-secondary education. Looking ahead to the future and with the goal of streamlining the application process, TCF is transitioning to an online application.

During 2010-2011, TCF worked with a web developer to create an online application through which students can submit their entire application. At the upcoming Dec. 1 scholarship and grant deadline and in 2012, paper applications will no longer be accepted for general semester, career upgrade, and vocational training categories.

To ease into this transition, there are several steps you can take to better prepare for submitting an online application:

- **Scan your eligibility documents and supporting materials** – The application requirements have not changed and you will be asked to attach the supporting documents.
- **Plan ahead** – In general, the online application period will open 30 days prior to the application deadline. You will have four weeks to submit your application materials online. Gather your documents ahead of the deadline.
- **Remember to finish and submit your application** – Your online application will only be considered after you reach the final step of the application and click "finish." Incomplete online applications that are not submitted will not be considered for funding.

Applicants to TCF are strongly encouraged to set up a user account now. You can find more information by visiting our website at: [www.thecirifoundation.org](http://www.thecirifoundation.org).



Use your smartphone camera to scan the QR code to the right and it will connect you to TCF's website to create an online user account.

## U.S. Dept. of Energy seeks Alaska Native interns

Interns to gain experience in renewable energy

The U.S. Department of Energy is accepting applications for Alaska Native and Native American college students to support tribal energy program efforts as 2012 summer interns. Interns will gain hands-on experience working on renewable energy projects in Arizona, California, New Mexico and Utah. Learn more by visiting [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov). Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 17, 2012.

## In Memory

### Charles "Charlie" Anderson Jr., 53

Charles Anderson Jr. was born Feb. 2, 1958, in Anchorage to Chuck and Georgia Anderson. He was an accomplished athlete, earned degrees in criminal justice and psychology and was a leader in Anchorage's Alaska Native community. Mr. Anderson was president of Marsh USA, Anchorage division and was a Cook Inlet Tribal Council director. In 2005, he was diagnosed with a brain tumor. His recovery was beset by an embolism that left him legally blind and confined to a wheelchair for two years. His determination helped him regain the ability to walk, run, ski, dance, bike and swim. In 2007, Mr. Anderson met Carole Chambers, a volunteer ski coach for Challenge Alaska. They were married in Hawaii in 2008. In March 2011, the tumor returned and he passed away April 15 at home in Anchorage. He is survived by his wife, Carole Anderson; son, Chas Anderson; parents, Chuck and Georgia Anderson; sister, Patti and her husband Jim Juliussen and many other family members and friends.



### Leonardine L. Crawford, 93

Leonardine L. Crawford died June 18 at the Mat-Su Regional Hospital in Wasilla, Alaska. Ms. Crawford was born in Salt Lake City, Utah. She moved to Alaska in the mid-1930s. She enjoyed bowling, berry picking, collecting rocks, camping, crafts, pets and spending time with her family. She is survived by her daughters, Janice Anderson, Joy Allen and Paula Warner; son, David Crawford; three granddaughters; seven grandsons and eleven great-grandchildren.

### Sandra Fuentes, 47

Sandra Fuentes died Jan. 21 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Fuentes was born May 27, 1963, in Kotzebue, Alaska. She worked at Providence Hospital for NANA Management Services as a housekeeping supervisor. She was known professionally for her strong work ethic and personally for her warmth and compassion. She is survived by her husband, Mario Fuentes; children, Alina Ancell, Felida Fuentes, Stephen (Margaret) Nelson, Jovan Fuentes and Dante Fuentes; grandchildren, Ashlyn and Tiana Nelson; and siblings, Wanda Hyatt, Carolyn Bickley and Ricky Nelson.



### Tessie Patricia Crosley (aka Patricia Crosley), 85

Tessie Patricia Crosley died June 27 at the Whidbey General Hospital in Coupeville, Wash. Ms. Crosley was born May 25, 1926, in Ninilchik, Alaska. She is survived by her daughters, Barbara Cargill and Janet O'Neal.

### Gerald Bobby LaMont, 83

Gerald Bobby LaMont died Aug. 5 at home in Fleming, Colo. Mr. LaMont was born in McLean County, Ill. He is survived by his daughter, Linda M. Clifford; sons, Gerald B. LaMont, Jeffrey "Reid" LaMont and Michael B. LaMont; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

### Lucile M. Oliver, 92

Lucile M. Oliver died Feb. 12 at the Northwest Hospital in Seattle, Wash., with her children present. Ms. Oliver was born June 8, 1918, in Ketchikan, Alaska. She is survived by her children, Marian Nelson and Glenn Oliver; sister, Lela Walicki; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and her dog, Tiki.

### Alma F. McCormick, 88

Alma F. McCormick died Aug. 18 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. McCormick was born July 8, 1923, on Unga, one of the Shumagin Islands on Alaska's Aleutian Chain, to John and Cecilia (Isberg) Foster. In 1941, she became a nurse's assistant in Unalaska, where she survived a World War II bombing attack in early June 1942. She eventually moved to Anchorage, where she worked in community services for Cook Inlet Native Association and met the love of her life, Robert 'Ned' McCormick, in 1965. She is survived by her husband, Ned McCormick; daughters, Fern Potts, Cecilia Lobdell, Sharon Kay, Delores Tuttle, Mona Robison and Diane Shrader; sons, Harold and Joseph Rudolph; grandchildren, Danny Potts, Wayne Potts, Michelle (Potts) Best, Christopher Rudolph, Johnny Kay, Shara Thompson, Kelly Kay, Tammy Tuttle Ashley, Troy Tuttle, David Morgan, Michael Morgan, Danny Shrader, Kenny Huff, Stephen Goozmer, Stephanie Jacobson, Alma Goozmer, Amy Siples, Harold Rudolph, David Rudolph, Kenneth Rudolph, Jolene Rudolph and Susie Rudolph; brother, Bruce Foster; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



### William Beach, 88

William Beach died June 28 in Eugene, Ore. Mr. Beach was born in Seldovia, Alaska. He is survived by many nieces and nephews.

## Condolences

**Robert Joseph Baker, 52**

**William Dee Bentti, 50**

**John W. Malidore Sr., 88**

**Donald Theodore Newton, 75**

**Kevin Curtis Reamer, 39**

**Albert Jacko Wassillie Jr., 57**

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### Portable framing square

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CIRI shareholder Albert Lindstrom is the owner and creator of the Portable Framing Square, a patented carpenter's square tool designed to fit into a tool box. It is smooth on both sides, making it easy to slide around on surfaces, and the full-sized version is 16 by 24 inches when assembled.

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