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## CIRI DEBUTS SHAREHOLDER PORTAL

Register today!

**Q**enek is a Dena'ina Athabascan word that means “news” or “information.” CIRI’s shareholder portal, aptly named Qenek, is a free online resource that provides shareholders easy access to a wealth of information.

The portal can be accessed through a secure link on the CIRI website. It allows shareholders the convenience of making certain record changes online, such as updating mailing addresses and other contact information, viewing payment information, printing dividend confirmations, viewing information about the shares owned, viewing and printing tax information and RSVPing for events.

### WHO CAN REGISTER?

You must be a CIRI shareholder at least 18 years of age and not subject to guardianship or conservatorship orders, provided there is an email address in the CIRI stock records and that email address was not used by another shareholder to create a Qenek account. As an example, if a husband and wife are both shareholders and have the same email address on file with CIRI, only one may create a portal account using that email address.

### GETTING READY TO REGISTER

You will need your shareholder identification (ID) number, which can be found on your shareholder ID card. Replacement cards may be requested on the CIRI website.

You will also need to enter the “primary” email address you have on file with CIRI. If you participate in the eNewsletter program, you will enter the email address to which your eNewsletters are sent. If you don’t receive eNewsletters but have communicated with Shareholder Relations by email or have otherwise provided your email address to Shareholder Relations, use that email address. If you would like to add an email address to your stock records, or have an email address on file but have forgotten it, please contact Shareholder Relations. 📧

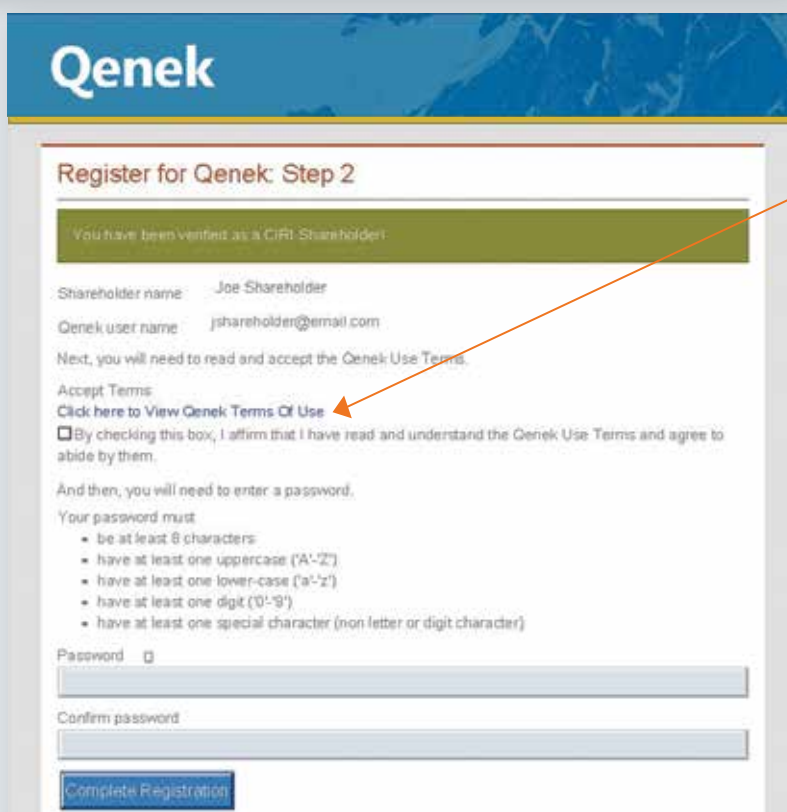
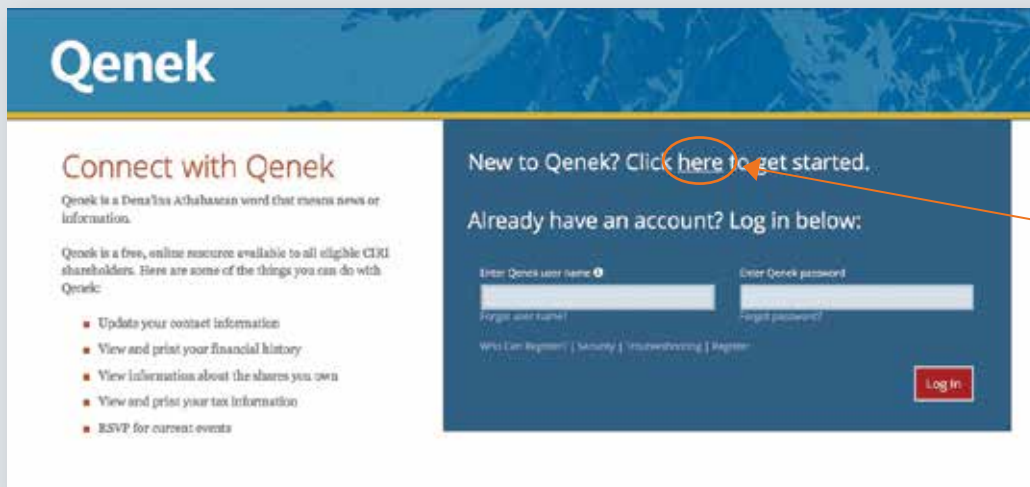


## HOW TO REGISTER

- 1 Visit the CIRI website and click on the Qenek link, or type <https://Qenek.ciri.com> into your browser.
- 2 When the Qenek sign-in screen appears, click the word “here” in the sentence “Click here to get started.”
- 3 A new screen will appear, where you will enter your primary email address, shareholder ID number, the last four digits of your social security number and your date of birth. When you are done entering the requested information, click the “Validate” button on the lower, left-hand side of the screen.
- 4 If the information you entered matches the information in CIRI’s shareholder database, you will advance to a new screen. Otherwise, a message will appear on the screen to alert you to any issues.
- 5 The final step of the registration process involves agreeing to abide by the Qenek Terms of Use and creating a password.

Once you have successfully created a Qenek account, you may sign in again at any time by visiting the CIRI website and clicking on the Qenek tab, or by typing <https://Qenek.ciri.com> into your browser, and entering your user name and password. **To maintain confidentiality and keep your information secure, your Qenek sign-in information should be treated confidentially and not shared. Additional hints for keeping your portal account secure may be accessed by clicking a link on the Qenek sign-in screen.**

If you experience any problems when using Qenek, you may find an explanation in the troubleshooting document, which is accessible on the Qenek sign-in screen or, if you are already signed in, by clicking on the link under your name on the top right-hand side of the screen. As always, Shareholder Relations is happy to assist. Contact us by calling (907) 263-5191 or 1-800-764-2474 and pressing “0.”





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sophie Minich, CIRI president and chief executive officer

When CIRI moved its corporate headquarters to the Fireweed Business Center last summer, our company occupied 40 percent of the building. The challenge before us was to lease the remaining 60 percent of the building as it is, first and foremost, an investment aimed at delivering greater returns to shareholders.

In early 2016 we secured our first tenant, Stantec. The engineering firm now occupies the second floor of the building and recently announced plans to expand to a portion of the third floor later this year. Umialik Insurance Company, which offers personal and commercial insurance, will come on as a tenant in early 2017.

**“This year the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) celebrates 50 years of hosting its annual convention. The theme, ‘50 Years: Reflect, Refresh, Renew,’ encompasses the challenges, innovations and successes within the Alaska Native community over the last half century.”**

– SOPHIE MINICH

With Stantec's expansion and the addition of Umialik, the Fireweed Business Center is 70 percent occupied and well positioned to attract additional long-term tenants. Both as an income-producing property and CIRI's home, the Fireweed Business Center is truly an investment in which we can take great pride.

As always, CIRI strives to provide the highest quality of service for you, our shareholders. Our Shareholder Relations department recently unveiled Qenek, an online portal accessible through the CIRI website that

allows eligible shareholders 18 years of age or older to update their records online.

Along with providing shareholders the convenience of making record changes 24/7, Qenek supports CIRI's respect for the environment by eliminating paper forms and correspondence that would otherwise be required. I encourage you to join CIRI in its efforts to reduce the company's carbon footprint by taking a few minutes to create a portal account and then utilizing Qenek for your routine record changes.

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CIRI is proud to be a long-time sponsor of AFN. Four CIRI shareholders serve on the AFN board of directors, including CIRI shareholder and company executive Greg Razo. The largest representative annual gathering in the U.S. of any Native peoples, AFN attendees are given the opportunity to discuss key issues, share information and set the future course for AFN. CIRI and CIRI-affiliated nonprofits host a number of booths at the convention, and CIRI shareholders have long served as keynote speakers and presenters. We are proud to count among our shareholders and descendants many past AFN award recipients such as:

- Loretta Throop of Anchorage, Alaska Health Award (2011)
- Charles Akers of Palmer, Alaska Health Award (2013)
- Dr. Shari Huhndorf of Berkeley, Calif. Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education Award (2013)



- Aaron Leggett of Anchorage, Alaska Culture Bearer Award (2014)
- Trinity Standifer of Tyonek, Alaska Lu Young Youth Leadership Award (2014)

On behalf of CIRI I encourage you to attend this year's AFN convention, to be held Oct. 20-22 in Fairbanks. Alaska Airlines is offering a 15 percent travel discount and special flights to AFN attendees. For details, see page 8.

Sophie Minich



## CIRI in the COMMUNITY

Welcome! This is the first installment of what will become a regular feature in the Raven's Circle newsletter.

CIRI has a longstanding partnership with Bean's Café – our employees have served lunch once per month at the downtown Anchorage soup kitchen for more than 15 years.

“Personally, when I go, I am always struck by how many people go out of their way to thank us,” said CIRI's Rachel Batres, manager, Community Relations. “They seem truly grateful. It is touching.”

CIRI also donates funds directly to Bean's Café every year. Recently, the scope of CIRI's donation expanded when Bean's added The Children's Lunchbox, a program that provides free meals for qualifying students in select Anchorage schools. CIRI made sure that Muldoon Elementary, our Business Partnership School, was added to the list of schools that receive food for their students to take home over the weekend. CIRI employees donate time to The Children's Lunchbox chopping veggies and fruit and putting together healthy take-home snacks for students.

For information on Bean's Café and The Children's Lunchbox, visit [www.beanscafe.org](http://www.beanscafe.org).

› CIRI employees Tanisha Gleason, Kristen Guinn, Bella Suaava and Lester Stephan helped serve lunches Sept. 7 at Bean's Café. Photo courtesy of Bean's Café.



## FIREWEED BUSINESS CENTER TENANT EXPANSION, ADDITION

Tenant changes are underway at the Fireweed Business Center, CIRI's corporate headquarters. CIRI moved into the building in the summer of 2015 and currently occupies three floors of the 110,000-square-foot, eight-story structure. With sweeping views of Cook Inlet, the Chugach Mountains and Alaska Range, the Fireweed Business Center showcases the best Alaska has to offer while offering the finest in workplace comfort and energy efficiency.

Engineering firm Stantec moved into the building and began occupying the second floor in early 2016. The company recently acquired MWH Global Inc., a Colorado-based global engineering, consulting and construction management firm. With the acquisition of MWH and its 6,800 worldwide employees, Stantec's Anchorage office needed room to expand. Rather than opening a second office, Stantec decided to lease the entire second floor and roughly one-third of the third floor, with the possibility of further expansion in the future.

**“The Fireweed Business Center reflects CIRI's values of sustainability and cultural diversity while employing the latest ecologically-minded building systems.”**

— RANDY WARREN  
DIRECTOR, REAL ESTATE ASSETS

In January 2017, the Fireweed Business Center will welcome new tenant Umialik Insurance Company to the fifth floor. The personal and commercial insurance company will occupy virtually all the space on that floor. With Stantec's expansion and the addition of Umialik, the building will be 70 percent occupied.

“The Fireweed Business Center reflects CIRI's values of sustainability and cultural diversity while employing the latest ecologically-minded building systems,” said CIRI's Randy Warren, director, Real Estate Assets. “We are excited about the changes taking place, and we continue to see strong interest from potential new tenants. There is simply nothing on the Anchorage market that can compare to the Fireweed Business Center's quality, energy efficiency and spatial comfort.”

For more information, visit [www.fireweedcenter.com](http://www.fireweedcenter.com).

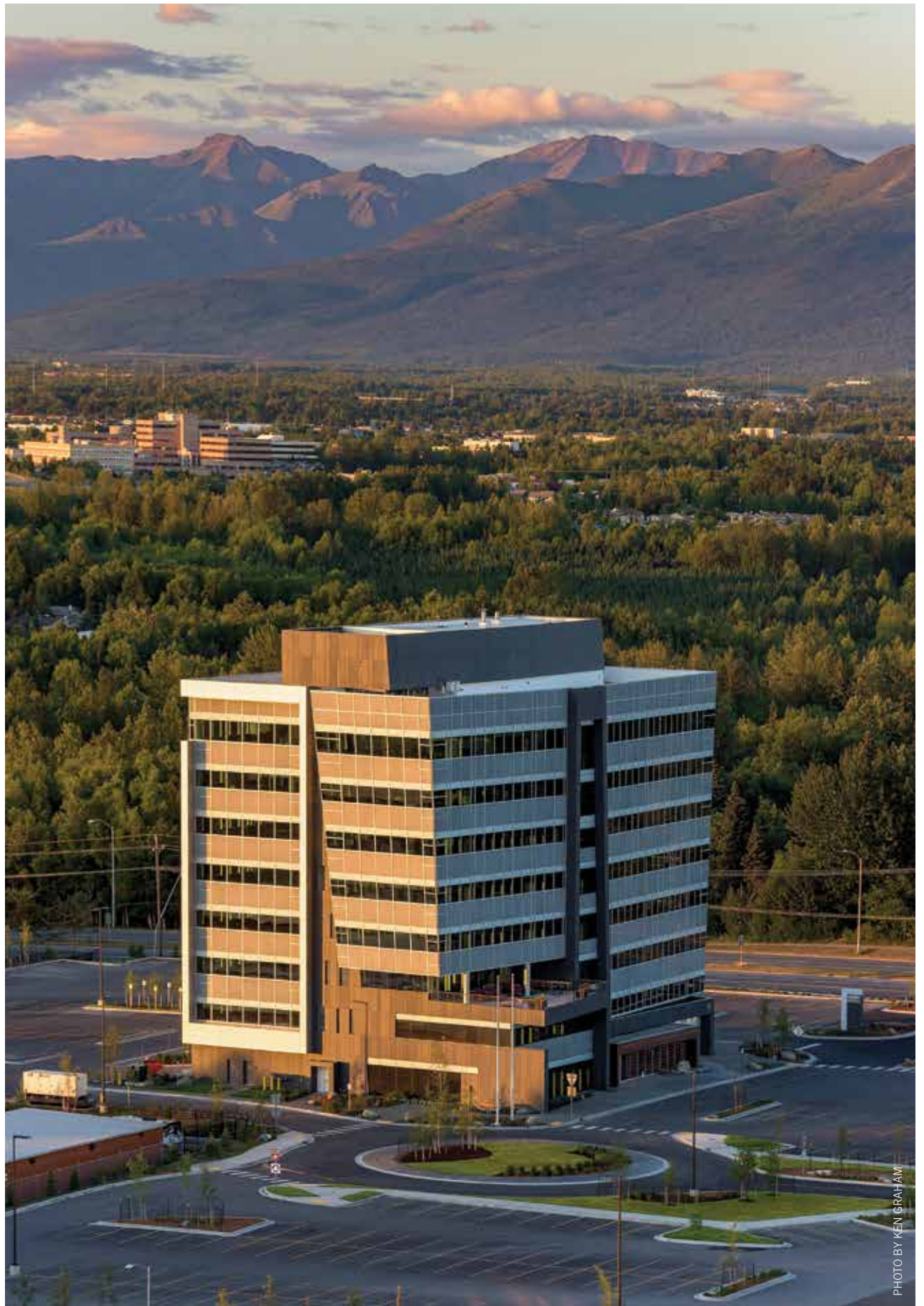


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## CIRI INVOLVED IN WILDFIRE PROTECTION EFFORTS ON KENAI PENINSULA

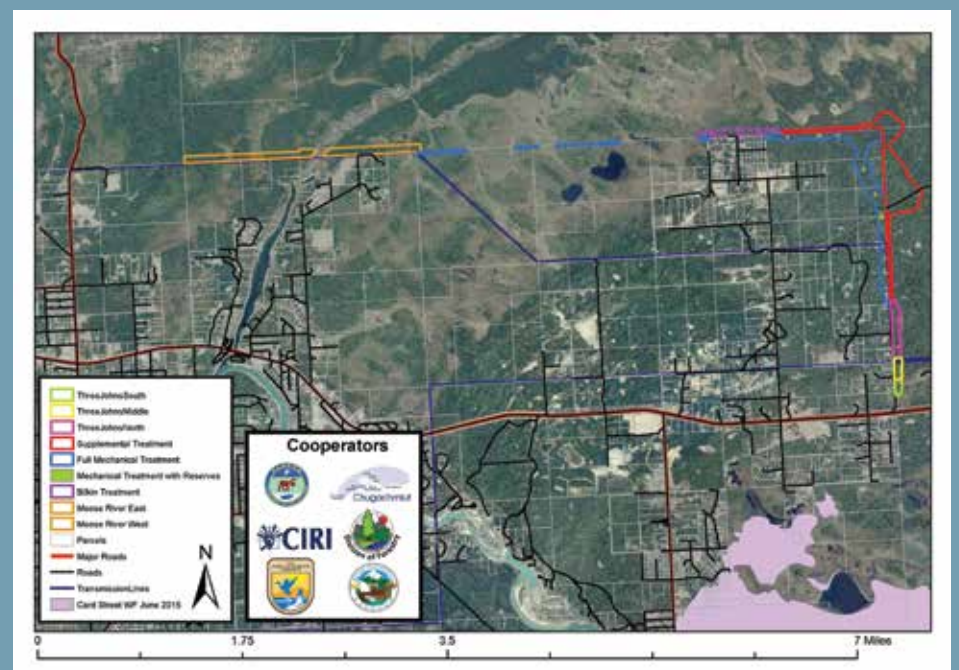
To better protect area residents, maintain firefighter safety and provide decision space in the event of a wildland fire, a cooperative effort has resulted in a multi-year project to construct a fuel break around the community of Sterling, Alaska. A portion of the discontinuous eight-and-a-half-mile-long fuel break will be located on CIRI land.

A fuel break is a strip of land on which flammable vegetation and debris have been removed so it can act as a barrier in the event of a wildfire. In addition to fire protection, the Sterling fuel break will provide increased opportunities to safely support the use of prescribed fire and wildland fire to achieve habitat and land management objectives.

Hand-cutting a portion of the break began in June and work will continue until summer 2017. Much of the planned work will be accomplished during the winter months to take advantage of frozen ground conditions, which better support the use of heavy equipment. The width of fuel break will average 200 to 300 feet, depending on topography.

Located on the Kenai Peninsula 15 miles east of Soldotna, Sterling has seen its share of wildfires in recent years. In 2014, the Funny River Horse Trail fire

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› The 8.5-mile Sterling Fuel Break will be partly located on CIRI land near the community of Sterling, Alaska. Image courtesy of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.





## LONG-SERVING CIRI BOARD MEMBER JERRY BROWN PASSES AWAY AT 82

Long-serving CIRI Director and Ciri Elders' Settlement Trust trustee Gerald "Jerry" Grant Brown passed away July 30 at home in Everett, Wash., surrounded by his family. He was 82.

Brown was born in Anchorage in 1934. Growing up, he lived in Anchorage, Homer and eventually Everett, Wash., settling there permanently when he was in the ninth grade. Brown's grandmother was of Athabascan descent from the Talkeetna area.

**"Jerry faithfully served Ciri as a dedicated and much-respected member of our Board of Directors for 25 years. He was a skillful leader and will be sorely missed"**

**– SOPHIE MINICH, CIRI PRESIDENT & CEO**

In the early 1950s, Brown began an apprenticeship in the glass business. He also developed a love of scuba diving and underwater photography, travelling the world to the best diving locations, amassing more than 4,000 photos and spending time aboard a Jacques Cousteau research vessel in pursuit of the giant Pacific Northwest octopus.

Over the course of his career, Brown owned and managed two successful businesses, Everett Skin Divers and Jerry's Auto Glass. He also held a private pilot's license.

Brown was elected to the Ciri Board of Directors in 1974 and continuously served until 1999 when he chose to retire. He served as chair of the Land Negotiation committee 1974-1977, during which time Ciri underwent rounds of negotiations with the state and federal governments leading to the 1976 Cook Inlet Land Exchange. In addition to being a Ciri shareholder, Brown was a member of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe.

Brown is survived by his wife Martha Birk Brown; children Chris (Rene) Brown of Everett, Wash., Alisa (Martin) Garrigues of Anchorage, Alaska, John (Kelly) Brown of Fairbanks, Alaska, Keith (Paige) Brown of Camano Island, Wash., and Keri Bartlett of Marysville, Wash.; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

At Brown's request, no memorial service will be held. There will be a celebration of his life at a later date. If desired, memorial contributions may be made in his honor to the Northwest Straits Foundation, which works to protect and restore the health of marine resources, at 1155 North State Street, Suite 402, Bellingham, Wash., 98225. 📧



## SAVE THE DATE \* CIRI'S THIRD ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR

**Showcase your handmade Alaska Native crafts and artwork!**

**10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3**

*\*Please note: This is a change from the date printed in Ciri's 2016 calendar.*

**Fireweed Business Center, Anchorage**

**Vendor fees waived for Ciri shareholders and confirmed descendants**

If you are an artist who wishes to sell his/her wares at Ciri's Holiday Craft Bazaar, contact Carolyn Bickley, Ciri's Administrative Assistant, at (907) 274-8638. Deadline to register: 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22. Vendor tables are available on a first come, first served basis at a cost of \$20 for a whole table, or \$10 for a half table, with priority given to Ciri shareholders and confirmed descendants.

## EKLUTNA'S ANNUAL MEETING RETURNS TO FIREWEED BUSINESS CENTER

**Conference Center available for rent**

Cutting-edge technology, spatial comfort and streamlined design – for the second straight year, Eklutna Inc. chose Ciri's Fireweed Business Center as the location of its annual meeting, held Aug. 20 in Anchorage. Approximately 75 Eklutna shareholders turned out for the event, which took place in the first-floor Conference Center.

"We've had the pleasure of holding several meetings at the Fireweed Business Center," said Eklutna CEO Curtis McQueen. "The technology, the ease of flow, the comfort – it's the ideal location for business meetings of any size and we look forward to utilizing the Conference Center again in the future."

The Conference Center offers more than 2,000 feet of meeting space, customizable to event specifications and requirements. A spacious, modern kitchen adjacent to the Conference Center is also available for use. Rooms can be rented by the hour, half day or full day, with discounts available to nonprofit organizations. 📧

For information, visit [www.fireweedcenter.com/conference](http://www.fireweedcenter.com/conference).



➤ Eklutna Inc. CEO Curtis McQueen gives a presentation at the corporation's annual meeting, held Aug. 20 at the Fireweed Business Center. Photo by Rinah Santos.





## ALASKA NATIVE CARVER GIVES 'GIFT TO THE STATE OF ALASKA'

A stage built to celebrate Alaska Native art, tradition and cultures, the Gathering Place at the Alaska State Fairgrounds in Palmer opened in 2015 and was dedicated last month.

"This is the Alaska State Fair, and we need Native culture here," said Bruce Bush, who sat on the board of the Alaska State Fair for many years. He still felt something was missing, so Bush reached out to longtime friend and CIRI shareholder Charlie Lane Jr., an artist and carver.

Lane, who grew up in Gambell, Alaska, proposed creating a permanent art installation at the Gathering Place using the lower jawbones of a bowhead whale. These particular bones had special significance – they came from the first whale harpooned by Lane's cousin, Clarence Irrigoo, back in 1978.

"This idea has been eight years in the making," Lane said. "After talking with Bruce, I decided I wanted to give a gift to the people of the State of Alaska."

Each jawbone measures approximately 18 feet in length and weighs 600 pounds. Transporting the bones more than 700 miles from Gambell to Palmer was no easy task, but Ryan Air, a freight carrier that services Bush Alaska, stepped in and volunteered to fly them free of charge. "It took six of us just to load them," Lane said.

Lane is currently in the sketching stage of the process. One bone will show a mother whale pushing her baby up for its first breath of air; the other will display a whale hunting scene. Baleen will be inserted into the depressions for contrast. "The finished carving will be an inlay and relief carving, all at the same time," Lane said. Once erected, a whale skull measuring 8 square feet will sit between the two jawbones.

This year, fairgoers got the chance to see Lane in action – he spent nearly two weeks working on his project under a white canvas tent. The bones will live at the fairgrounds and Lane will work on the carvings as his schedule allows. He expects to dedicate "hundreds of hours" to the project. A formal dedication will take place next summer at the fairgrounds. 📧



➤ **A)** Charlie Lane, who has been a carver since the age of 10, says he will devote hundreds of hours to the art installation, which will live at the Gathering Place at the Alaska State Fairgrounds. **B)** Each whale jawbone is approximately 18 feet in length and 600 pounds. Photos by Jason Moore.

## CONTROLLING INVASIVE SPECIES IN BELUGA, ALASKA

The auburn-colored flowers with the long, slender stem may look innocent enough, but orange hawkweed are an invasive (not native to Alaska), quick-spreading plant that can threaten animal and marine life by altering their habitats.

In support of locally-led conservation efforts in the Tyonek, Alaska, area, CIRI has partnered with the Tyonek Tribal Conservation District (TTCD), a nonprofit whose mission is to conserve, enhance and encourage the wise use of natural resources. The goal is to tackle important conservation issues on CIRI-owned lands in and around Tyonek. In the past, those efforts have centered on the removal of northern pike from local watersheds. Now, they have shifted to a small handful of high-priority species infestations – including orange hawkweed – in the community of Beluga, an area 50 miles west of Anchorage accessible only by boat or plane.

Of particular concern are invasive plants found on the CIRI-owned Beluga airstrip, which connects to a nearly weed-free 134-mile road system that winds through pristine wildlife habitat and crosses 13 anadromous waterways (fresh waters that connect to the ocean and that fish use for spawning).

In early 2016, TTCD reached out to CIRI to help develop an eradication plan for orange hawkweed, oxeye daisy and white sweet clover on CIRI-owned land in Beluga. CIRI worked with TTCD, Chugach



Electric and other local landowners to contract services for targeted spot herbicide application. A survival rate of less than 10 percent is predicted for invasive plants in control areas. TTCD will follow up next year to treat any surviving invasive plants.

"The work TTCD is doing to address invasive species is incredibly important, and CIRI is proud to support these efforts," said Jason Brune, senior director, Land and Resources. "By stopping the spread of non-native species such as northern pike and orange hawkweed, we are ultimately helping indigenous species to thrive, including the salmon on which so many of us depend." 📧

## IN MEMORY

### Patrick Philip Andrews, 77

Patrick Philip Andrews passed away July 23 at home in Anchorage. He was born Oct. 11, 1938, in San Francisco, Calif., and grew up in Dillingham, Alaska. Mr. Andrews loved spending time outdoors, being by the water and sharing this love with family. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Andrews; children, Phil Andrews (Elizabeth), Patrick Andrews (Laurel), Pearline Turney (Scott), Pam Erickson, Marion Hughes, Michele Murphy (Bryan) and Marcy Boeckman (Craig); brothers, William and Steve; sister, Gladys Meacock; and 21 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### Michael Everett Beltz, 60

Michael Everett Beltz passed away Aug. 10 at the Tendo Assisted Living Home in Anchorage. Mr. Beltz was born Aug. 30, 1955, in Anchorage. He is survived by his brothers, Donald, Arthur, Glen, John, Harvey and James Beltz; and sisters, Dorothy Van Thiel and Rebecca Cxyz.

### Terrence R. Earnshaw, 46

Terrence R. Earnshaw passed away on July 24 at home in Anchorage. Mr. Earnshaw was born March 3, 1970, in Nome, Alaska. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Earnshaw; children, Kenneth, Alexander, Kayla and Tai Earnshaw; mother, Cheryl Bergamaschi-Earnshaw; father, Vernon Earnshaw; and siblings, Shawn Bergamaschi, Loren Earnshaw, January Bergamaschi-Earnshaw and Michael Bergamaschi-Earnshaw.

### Angeline "Angie" Galbraith, 86



Angeline "Angie" Galbraith passed away Aug. 7 at home in Fairbanks, Alaska. Ms. Galbraith was born Oct. 31, 1929, in Koyukuk, Alaska. She is survived by her children, Carol Ann Endresen, Deborah Collins, Sandra Noble and Terry Galbraith; granddaughters, Angeli Kristovich and Dianna Andre; great-grandchildren, Shyann Bartley, Jaylynn Edwin and Tyler Welton.

### Joshua Herman John Goodlataw, 22



Joshua Herman John Goodlataw passed away on Aug. 6 after tragically being struck by a hit-and-run vehicle. Mr. Goodlataw was born July 2, 1994, in Anchorage. At the time of his death, he had nearly completed his apprenticeship with the Laborer's Local 341 and was working for Granite Construction. Mr. Goodlataw's hobbies included playing guitar and building fish wheels. He is survived by his father, Ralph Phillips; mother, Jennifer Phillips; brothers, Jacob Phillips and Brian Studie; and sisters, Jenneva Phillips and Irene Phillips.

Mr. Goodlataw's family and the Anchorage Police Department (APD) invite anyone with knowledge of the crime to come forward. Information can be provided anonymously by calling APD at 907-786-8900 or Crime Stoppers at 907-561-STOP.

### Alissa Marie Grohall, 46

Alissa Marie Grohall passed away Jan. 16 at Alaska Regional Hospital in Anchorage. Ms. Grohall was born on July 21, 1969, in Oswego, N.Y. She is survived by her

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# INTERN-al Affairs



For the final INTERN-al Affairs article, I suppose some of you are wondering if the interns successfully made it through our presentations. Perhaps we were “nervous-wrecks,” or even worse, we choked.

In fact, we crushed it. It was a show with no intermission.

This summer at CIRI has been one of the best experiences I’ve had. It’s been insightful, inspiring and influential. I asked the other summer interns to sum up their experience in three words:

- Josh Franklin, Human Resources, Real Estate and Risk Management: indulging, riveting and innovative

- Ravynn Nothstine, Land and Resources: informative, inspirational and motivating
- Raymond Redmond, Weldin Construction, a CIRI subsidiary: intuitive, awesome and instructive
- Brandi Wheelahan, Human Resources and Shareholder Relations: educational, eventful and wonderful
- William Wheelles, IT: free meals often

In this moment, I sit at my desk and take in the smell of my coffee and Tom Ford Noir cologne as I type and reflect on what my internship with CIRI’s Corporate Communications department had to offer. From creating a podcast episode to writing this column, I can say that I’m grateful for the opportunity. The thing about a CIRI internship is you’re not in competition with anyone else – you’re in competition with yourself. You must rely on your knowledge, creativity and work ethic to make the best of the experience, which is what I did.

It amazes me to think that when I first set foot into the Fireweed Business Center, I had minimal

knowledge of what CIRI did and offered to its shareholders and descendants. Now I understand that the corporation is dedicated to promoting the well-being of all CIRI shareholders, benefiting our communities and celebrating Alaska Native heritage.

As for my future, I will continue my education in media and pursue my passion for entertainment. It’s been an honor and a privilege to fill you in on all the goings-on here at CIRI this summer, and I encourage any eager youth to apply for this summer internship opportunity – it’s worth it! Word of advice, don’t be surprised when every intern luncheon involves pizza. Just pick up a slice, eat it and remember that you saved your own dough.

Sincerely,

John Sallee

## CIRI SUMMER INTERNS EMBRACE THE PRESENT, PLAN FOR THE FUTURE



› CIRI summer interns, L to R: William Wheelles, Ravynn Nothstine, John Sallee, Raymond Redmond, Brandi Wheelahan, Josh Franklin. Photo by Joel Irwin

Insight into CIRI’s culture and businesses, development and mentorship opportunities, professional networking and resume building – CIRI’s summer interns took full advantage of the myriad opportunities offered them (and had lots of fun while doing it!).

On Aug. 19, each of the summer interns presented to CIRI’s executive team, discussing what they had learned and outlining their plans for the future. Josh Franklin, a business administration major at Alaska Pacific University, interned in three departments – Human Resources, Real Estate and Risk Management. His respective tasks included updating the Alaska Native Hire website, surveying properties in downtown Anchorage and creating a spreadsheet of work-related injuries and illnesses for the purposes of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) reporting.

“We Natives have inherited this responsibility to carry out our culture, our secrets to life, and to try and help others survive,” Franklin said. “I believe that’s the mission here at CIRI, and I feel it every day. I felt it the day I walked in here.”

An intern in CIRI’s Land and Resources department and an earth sciences major at Dartmouth College, one of Ravynn Nothstine’s primary tasks was working

with the Alaska Geological Materials Center to prepare core samples for possible donation. She also went on several site visits, including to the Johnson River prospect and Marsh Lake, where she worked with the Student Conservation Association on its trail construction project.

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– JOSH FRANKLIN, CIRI SUMMER INTERN

“Something I wasn’t considering before this internship is law school, but I was inspired by the Elders that we listened to and by (author, educator and politician) Willie Hensley,” Nothstine said. “I just think that having a law degree would be really useful as an Alaska Native person.”

Raymond Redmond, a construction management major at the University of Alaska Anchorage, interned with CIRI subsidiary Weldin Construction. This was his second year as a CIRI summer intern – last year he interned with CIRI Services Corp., Weldin’s parent company.

Redmond’s duties included job site visits, project bidding and estimates, traffic control plans and work clearance requests. “The work environment these last two summers has been great,” he said. “Everyone’s working together, everyone’s helping each other out.”

Writing a column, recording a podcast and managing CIRI’s Instagram account – John Sallee did a little of everything while interning in the Corporate Communications department. A journalism and public communications major at the University of Alaska Anchorage, he plans to pursue a career in the entertainment field.

“This internship has been nothing but amazing,” Sallee said. “It’s nice to know CIRI’s mission, CIRI’s values and what they believe in, and I can honestly say I’m very proud to be a part of that.”

An intern in both the Human Resources and Shareholder Relations departments, Brandi Wheelahan applied for CIRI’s summer internship program after two years interning with Bering Straits Native Corp. Her duties included employee recruitment, event planning and promoting shareholder and descendant programs. In the fall, she will return to her studies as a business administration management major at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

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# SAVE THE DATE

## CIRI and The CIRI Foundation Friendship Potlatches

### KENAI

Saturday, Oct. 8 | 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Kenai Middle School, Kenai, Alaska  
RSVP by 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30

### ANCHORAGE

Sunday, Oct. 16 | 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Begich Middle School,  
Anchorage, Alaska  
RSVP by 3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10

### NORTHWEST

Saturday, Nov. 5 | 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Chief Leschi Schools, Puyallup, Wash.  
RSVP by 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28



Friendship Potlatches offer CIRI shareholders an opportunity to socialize and celebrate important cultural traditions with family and friends. Every year, the potlatch program includes cultural entertainment, children's activities, Alaska Native arts and crafts booths, CIRI-affiliated nonprofit information booths, door prizes and a meal that includes traditional Alaska Native foods.

The Friendship Potlatches are open to CIRI shareholders, confirmed CIRI descendants and their immediate family members (spouse, children and parents). Daycare is available upon advance request.

### PLEASE RSVP

Please RSVP and help CIRI plan for enough food for attendees and their families. Visit [www.ciri.com/RSVP](http://www.ciri.com/RSVP) by the deadlines listed above, or call (907) 263-5191 or 1-800-764-CIRI and choose option 5.

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

CIRI shareholders and confirmed descendants who are interested in displaying or selling arts and crafts can email [info@ciri.com](mailto:info@ciri.com) or call (907) 274-8638 for information.

## VOTE YES ON BALLOT MEASURE 1

### PFD Automatic Voter Registration

Alaska voters: The initiative will appear on the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot.

#### Ballot Measure 1:

- Allows eligible Alaska residents to register to vote when they sign up to receive the Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD). (The initiative includes an opt-out feature so that a PFD applicant may decline to be registered to vote via his/her PFD.)
- Has no impact on the PFD amount.
- Saves the state money and improves voter participation, especially in rural Alaska.

Get Out the Native Vote and CIRI support the PFD Automatic Voter Registration initiative. For more information, visit [www.PFDvoter.com](http://www.PFDvoter.com)



GET OUT THE NATIVE VOTE

### WILDFIRE PROTECTION EFFORTS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 03

consumed nearly 200,000 acres, and in 2015, the Card Street Fire scorched 9,000 acres not far from the Funny River blaze. Earlier this summer, fire crews extinguished several fires in the area caused by the previous years' burns.

The success of the fuel break will rely on multi-agency and landowner cooperation. "As the largest private property owner on the Kenai Peninsula, CIRI is proud to utilize these lands to help protect the community of Sterling, including those of our

shareholders who call Sterling home," said Sophie Minich, CIRI president and CEO.

The fuel break will run along the boundary of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge and incorporate multiple land owners including the Alaska Mental Health Trust, CIRI, the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Other partners include the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the Alaska Division of Forestry and Chugachmiut.

### IN MEMORY, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 05

husband, Jason E. Grohall; children, Vincen D. Grohall, Alaina M. Grohall and Reece W. Grohall; and grandson, Lorenzo H. Grohall.

### Amy Ruth Paris, 76

Amy Ruth Paris passed away May 30 in Fairbanks, Alaska. Ms. Paris was born on Sept. 21, 1939, in White Mountain, Alaska.

### Donald A. Pittman, 47

Donald A. Pittman passed away May 5 in Hiram, Calif. Mr. Pittman was born on Jan. 11, 1969, in Anchorage. He is survived by his father, Charles E. Pittman; and son, Donald C. Pittman.

### Christina L. Roberts, 56

CIRI descendant Christina L. Roberts passed away June 22 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Roberts was born November 6, 1959, in Anchorage. She is survived by her father, CIRI shareholder Harold F. Roberts; mother, Anna B. Philo; and sisters, Lorna Roberts, Teresa Roberts, Julia Lee and Sylvia Smith.

### Condolences

Wayne Allen Belardi, 53  
Helen Benedict, 86  
Gregory Lynn Hagberg, 63  
Hulda Maria Holmquist, 86  
Laura Paniptchuk, 86  
Joann Parsons, 67  
Edith Irene Sequak, 62  
Otto Richard Thiele Jr., 72  
Maria Williams, 78

## MISSING SHAREHOLDERS

The following CIRI shareholders do not have a current mailing address on record. **When CIRI mail is returned as undeliverable, the distributions are held and the shareholder does not qualify to participate in any prize drawings until the address is updated.** Shareholders can fill out the change of address form at CIRI's offices, download it from the CIRI website or send a signed and dated letter that includes the new address, telephone number, birth date and the last four digits of their social security number.

(As of 9/21/2016)

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Kenneth Lawrence Boyle	Jack Joseph Milligan
Richard Kenneth Bright	Shaun Michael Moore
Steven Patrick Bright	Forrest James Nayukok
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KNBA, the nation’s only urban, Native public radio station, is operated by Koahnic Broadcast Corp., a CIRI-affiliated nonprofit organization. Learn more at [www.KNBA.org](http://www.KNBA.org).



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## NEW EPISODE OF CIRIOSITY NOW AVAILABLE

Download the newest episode of CIRIosity, the CIRI podcast, “Moose Mamas.” Anchorage-based nonprofit Moose Mamas is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of orphaned moose calves back into the Alaska wild. Learn about the organization’s surprising success, its dedicated volunteers and how CIRI’s involvement may help subsistence hunters, many of whom are CIRI shareholders, near the village of Tyonek.

The latest episode of CIRIosity is available at [www.ciri.com/ciriosity](http://www.ciri.com/ciriosity). Or you can subscribe to iTunes, and new episodes will download automatically to your smartphone or device.



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## SHAREHOLDER ESTATES

### Also Missing

When CIRI shareholders pass away, gathering the information necessary to settle the stock estate is often a difficult task and may delay settlement. CIRI is looking to contact the individuals listed below in connection with the following estates:

- Estate of Leonard Turgeon – Ashley Moore
- Estate of Lawrence M. Wade – Alex H. Wade

If your name appears above or you know the whereabouts of the individuals listed above, please contact CIRI Probate at (907) 263-5191, or toll free at 1-800-764-2474, and select option 4.

### Notice of Escheatment

Marina Matthias (a.k.a. Marina Matthies), a deceased CIRI shareholder, passed away intestate and with no known heirs. Therefore, pursuant to ANCSA, her 100 shares of CIRI stock shall escheat unless a rightful heir contacts CIRI Shareholder Relations. Any such heirs must notify CIRI in writing of their potential inheritance right, provide legally acceptable proof of identity and a current mailing address before Oct. 14, 2016. Send written notice to Cook Inlet Region, Inc., Shareholder Relations, P.O. Box 93330, Anchorage, AK 99509-3330.

### INTERNS EMBRACE THE FUTURE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 06

“Now is the time in life when you really have to try something new – broaden your horizons, find your passions, so I decided to do an internship with CIRI,” Wheelehan said. “And I’ve been asked a few times this summer, ‘Why did you choose CIRI?’ And the answer is simple: mission, vision and values.”

A recent graduate of the Alaska Institute of Technology, William Wheelles spent his summer in CIRI’s IT department responding to help desk tickets, building and rolling out tablet computers and troubleshooting computer issues.

“CIRI and its family of companies, they do so much for the community, so much for Alaska Natives, and I’m really on board with that,” Wheelles said. “You should want to help people – I definitely feel that way, and CIRI does a lot to help others.”

CIRI would like to thank our summer interns and commend them on a job well done! 📧

For information on CIRI’s summer internship program, visit [www.ciri.com/internship](http://www.ciri.com/internship).