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➤ A 50-acre plot of land in Manassas, Va., will eventually become the Merritt I-66 Business Park, a six-building light-industrial/bulk warehouse development. Photo by DC Aerial Photos Inc.

CIRI INVESTS IN LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN VIRGINIA

Just off a busy traffic corridor 30 miles southwest of Washington, D.C., lies the city of Manassas, Va. Best known as the site of the first major battle of the American Civil War, with this geographic market's current industrial-bulk storage vacancy rates of less than 3 percent and its close proximity to the highly-dense markets of Virginia, Maryland and D.C., Manassas is a highly sought-after location for light industrial developments.

Within Manassas is an undeveloped plot of land that is the site of one of CIRI's latest major real estate investments. Once completed, the six-building, 596,900-square-foot Merritt I-66 Business Park will be a light-industrial/bulk warehouse development conveniently located along Interstate 66, the busy commuter freeway that runs between Middletown, Va., and Washington, D.C. The project is a joint venture between CIRI Land Development Company (CLDC) and Merritt Properties (Merritt), a development firm with integrated construction and property management services headquartered in Baltimore, Md. Established 50 years ago, Merritt manages more than 16 million square feet of office

space in 70-plus locations – more than any other privately-held developer in the Baltimore/D.C. area.

The project site was purchased by Merritt in June 2015, and CLDC entered the investment in March 2017. Work crews are currently focused on mass grading and utility work to prepare for the phased construction of the planned buildings. Construction of the first two buildings will commence this summer, and completion of the first phase is expected later in 2017.

“Investing in the Business Park addresses CIRI's goal of diversification, both geographically and by property type,” said CIRI's Chad Nugent, vice president, Real Estate. “The strength of this market segment positions us well for strategic growth. It's part of an investment strategy to grow shareholder dividends – CIRI's No. 1 priority.”

Merritt is overseeing all site and building construction, leasing, marketing and ongoing property management; CLDC serves as an equity partner. For more information on Merritt Properties, visit www.merrittproperties.com.

SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT



➤ Photo by Michael Conti, courtesy of Sarah Whalen-Lunn.

Sarah Whalen-Lunn

“One of the things that terrified me was the skin stitching. It was like I thought I would put one stitch into my leg, and all of my emotions and all the things that I've kept bottled up for so long would have no choice but to come out.”

So says Sarah Whalen-Lunn in the trailer for the documentary film “Tupik: Inuit Ink.” A CIRI shareholder of Inupiat descent, Sarah has for the last year and a half been working as a traditional Inuit tattoo artist. She began training in hand-poking and skin-stitching methods in October 2016 under Greenlandic tattoo artist Maya Sialuk Jacobsen and Inupiat artist Holly Mititquq Nordlum as part the Tupik Mi (“tattoo people”) program, which seeks to revive traditional tattooing as a method for healing identity and reclaiming culture. The program is funded in part through the Anchorage Museum's Urban Intervention Series of Polar Lab, which aims to empower young people through healthy creative expression.

Sarah is connected to CIRI through her mother, the late Irene Hayes of Unalakleet, Alaska; her father is of Irish and French Canadian descent. Though a relative newcomer to tattooing, she has long worked as an artist; her work encompasses large-scale oil paintings, block prints and mosaics. She became interested in

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sophie Minich, CIRI president and chief executive officer

Thank you to all our shareholders who attended any of our recent Information Meetings, held April 15 in Anchorage, April 22 in Kenai, Alaska, and May 6 in Washington State. I always enjoy meeting with our shareholders and their families, hearing about what's going on in your lives and your ideas for how to continue to make CIRI a successful company.

Information Meeting attendees had an opportunity to visit with and hear speeches from candidates for the CIRI Board of Directors. In addition to those duties set forth under Alaska law and CIRI's By-Laws, CIRI's Board of Directors is responsible for initiating and developing the policies that further the goals of the company – policies that help CIRI achieve its vision of working toward a future where Alaska Native people thrive.

Part of that vision is helping young people succeed in school. CIRI is proud to support United Way of Anchorage's 90% by 2020 Partnership, which brings individuals, businesses and organizations together to work with schools and families to find solutions to the issues that undermine student performance. Over the past decade, thanks in part to a groundswell of community support for our youth, Anchorage high school graduation rates have increased from 59 percent to 80 percent.

Both local and national statistics demonstrate the power of a high school diploma when it comes to an individual's health, income and opportunities for

success. In addition to the focus on producing more graduates, 90% by 2020 is looking at graduates' preparation for postsecondary education and career opportunities and the impact those trends have on our workforce. The national high school graduation rate is at an all-time high, but one in five students still fails to earn a diploma on time. Increasing the national high school graduation rate to 90 percent would benefit us all by creating new jobs, boosting gross domestic product and increasing annual earnings, spending and federal tax revenue. To this end, I invite full- and part-time degree-seeking shareholders and descendants, as well as individuals pursuing vocational education, to read about education funding available through The CIRI Foundation on page 08.

CIRI understands the road to graduation starts early. Children acquire new skills and knowledge rapidly during the elementary school years. According to a 2016 report by the U.S. News and World Report, average annual learning gains for children in grades K-2 are dramatically greater than those for subsequent years of school. Moreover, the outcomes of early elementary education, particularly whether or not a child can read proficiently by third grade, are a powerful predictor of later school and life success.

Thus, for seven years now, CIRI has partnered with Muldoon Elementary School in Anchorage – funding field trips and other activities, providing rewards for academic competitions, feeding students weekly through the Children's Lunchbox program and honoring its 60-member staff with an Appreciation Week every May. Last month, CIRI received the Anchorage School Business Partnerships' "Spirit of Tomorrow" award, which recognizes a school and business that have developed a strong relationship for the benefit of students. We were honored to receive the award and look forward to continuing and strengthening this partnership.

To directly encourage CIRI youth to attend and excel at school, CIRI provides educational incentives for CIRI shareholders and confirmed descendants in grades 7-12. Youth who maintain



a grade point average of 3.5 or above and/or students with perfect attendance are eligible for twice-yearly \$100 cash prize drawings. For contest rules, see page 03.

As the class of 2017 prepares to graduate, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations! Please join me in honoring our graduates by sharing your messages of support and pride. Grab your colleagues, family and friends, take a picture and post it to social media using hashtags such as #GRADUATION or #CLASSOF2017. Anchorage residents can use United Way of Anchorage's 90% by 2020 hashtag #2017ANCGRADS.

I wish you all a warm and wonderful spring, and I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders June 3 in Anchorage.

Warm regards,

Sophie Minich



› CIRI was honored April 19 at the Anchorage School Business Partnerships' 'Spirit of Tomorrow' awards luncheon. L to R: Muldoon Elementary School Principal Leroy Grant, SBP board member Anita Stevens and CIRI Community Relations Manager Rachel Batres. Photo by Carly Stuart.

CIRI in the COMMUNITY

Anchorage School Business Partnerships 'Spirit of Tomorrow' Award

Out of more than 600 business partnerships within the Anchorage School District, nine were chosen to be honored at the Spirit of Tomorrow Award Recognition Luncheon, held April 19 in Anchorage. One of those was CIRI.

For seven years, the partnership between CIRI and Muldoon Elementary School has allowed students the opportunity to explore their community and celebrate their neighborhood. Muldoon Elementary is a culturally diverse school, with Alaska Native students comprising approximately 30 percent of its population. To qualify for the Title 1 program, which provides supplementary funding to improve academic achievement for low-income students, a school must have a certain percentage of students in its attendance area who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches.

Over the years, CIRI has supported Muldoon Elementary through educational field trips to local museums, the Alaska Botanical Garden, Alaska Zoo and the Alaska

Native Heritage Center; provided rewards for academic competitions, such as spelling bees; collected and donated books to the school; and fed students weekly through the Children's Lunchbox program. Additionally, CIRI built a beautiful outdoor reading pavilion on the school's campus and has supported several school assemblies and school-supply giveaways.

"We are so honored to be nominated by Muldoon Elementary Principal Leroy Grant to receive this award," CIRI Community Relations Manager Rachel Batres said. "The relationship between CIRI and Muldoon Elementary is built on the understanding that the community is most effective when its members and schools work together to support children. The Anchorage School Business Partnerships program continues to grow and prosper, and we are proud to be a part of it."

For more information, visit www.asdk12.org/spb.



› Photos courtesy of Alaskafoto.

FIREWEED CONFERENCE CENTER MIXER DRAWS A CROWD

Meeting space available for rent

With more than 2,000 square feet of customizable meeting space, the Fireweed Conference Center offers the finest in modern technology, spatial comfort and flexible design, and may be rented for a variety of uses.

The Conference Center is located on the first floor of the Fireweed Business Center, CIRI's corporate headquarters in midtown Anchorage. The space can be utilized as one large room or divided into smaller meeting spaces. All rooms are equipped with high-definition video monitors and an integrated audio system. A full catering kitchen is available for use.

More than 50 individuals toured the Conference Center at a special corporate mixer, held March 23 to introduce the space to members of the business community. Attendees enjoyed light refreshments, a photo booth and goodie bags to take home.

"There are plenty of meeting spaces in Anchorage but the Fireweed Conference Center is truly a cut above the rest," said Rinah Santos, CIRI's business events planner, who planned and hosted the event. "No. 1 is flexibility. We have a beautiful, state-of-the-art meeting space that can be customized four different ways, depending on the size of the group. We rent by the hour, half day or full day, with discounts available for nonprofit organizations. And our supported kitchen's open catering and liquor policy means renters can self-cater or use the caterer of their choice."

For more information and pricing, visit www.fireweedcenter.com/conference.



YOUTH EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVES

Submit report cards by June 30 for a chance to win \$100!

Children need excellent schools, nutritious meals, strong families and supportive, caring communities to help them make good choices, stay on track and graduate on time. Parents and other caretakers can assist by making reading a priority, monitoring homework and limiting screen time. For its part, CIRI provides support to many organizations that promote and provide educational opportunities and activities for students (grades K to 12), and gives priority to projects that serve low-income and disadvantaged youth.

CIRI also encourages youth to attend and excel at school by conducting \$100 cash prize drawings for students who maintain a grade

point average (GPA) of 3.5 or above and students with perfect attendance. (Perfect attendance is defined as missing no more than four classes in the reporting period.) CIRI shareholders and confirmed CIRI descendants enrolled in grades 7 through 12 are eligible to participate.

Drawings are conducted twice a year. In February, and again in July, nine winners in each category are randomly selected to receive \$100 cash cards, including three youth who reside in Anchorage, three youth who reside in Alaska outside of Anchorage, and three youth who reside outside of Alaska. Youth may not win more than one award per semester.

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RECIPE



SPAM® SOUP

Start to finish: 45 minutes (15 minutes active)

Servings: Approximately 10

Ingredients:

- 1-2 large potatoes
- 2-3 carrots
- 1 can corned beef
- 1 package bacon
- 1 can SPAM®
- 1 can corn
- 1 can mixed vegetables
- 1 can tomatoes
- 1 onion

Directions:

1. Cook bacon and drain.
2. Chop potatoes, carrots, SPAM®, onion and corned beef.
3. Put all ingredients in large pot and add just enough water to cover.
4. Cook covered on medium-high heat until vegetables are soft, about 30 minutes.

Submitted by CIRI shareholder Sheila Hague. This recipe was passed down from Sheila's mother, Alexan Sandy Paisley, who was an original CIRI shareholder.

The Raven's Circle would like to feature our readers' favorite recipes! For instructions on how to submit, please visit www.ciri.com/recipe.

INTOUCH



› Photo courtesy of Ethan Schutt.

ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to the AK Selects 12U ice-hockey team on winning the 22nd Annual Minnesota Meltdown championship hockey game. The AK Selects is an elite hockey team comprised of girls ages 12 and under who played the regular season for teams from six Southcentral Alaska programs representing Anchorage, Eagle River, Kenai and the Matanuska-Susitna Valley. The AK Selects finished the tournament with a 5-0 record and beat the Minnesota Metal 12U girls' team in the

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REMINDER: 2017 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Saturday, June 3 | Anchorage, Alaska

Southcentral Foundation's Nuka Learning and Wellness Center (Alaska Native Health Campus)
4085 Tudor Centre Drive, Anchorage, Alaska
Registration: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Child care available upon advance request.

THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO RSVP:

While it is not required to RSVP for the Annual Meeting, it helps us ensure the proper amount of food if you do. Please RSVP one of the following ways:

1. Via the portal at <https://Qenek.ciri.com>
2. Online at www.ciri.com/RSVP
3. By phone at (907) 263-5191 or (800) 764-2474 (select option 5)

TRAVEL DISCOUNT

Alaska Airlines is offering a 5 percent discount to 2017 Annual Meeting attendees. Valid travel dates: May 31–June 6, 2017. Discount applies to all published fares between Anchorage and any Alaska Airlines/ Horizon Air U.S. city except Prudhoe Bay.

Go to www.alaskaair.com and click "Use Discount or Companion Fare Code," enter your origin/destination cities and travel dates, then enter **Discount Code ECMA281** and click on "Find Flights."

Or call the Alaska Airlines Group Desk at (800) 445-4435 and reference meeting code MA281. A \$15 ticketing fee will apply to all bookings made by calling the Group Desk. (There is no fee for online bookings). 📞

IN MEMORY

Stephen Mark Colovich, 58

Stephen Mark Colovich passed away on April 2 at home in Merced, Calif. Mr. Colovich was born July 13, 1958, in Miami. He is survived by his mother, Jewell Colovich.

Condolences

Olga M. Edwards, 85
Beverly Ann Hansen, 59
Gary Gene Koso, 57
Robert Ralph Kraft, 87
Thomas Munson Jr., 66
Mary Jane Omnik, 82
Russell Lynn Routt, 56
Erdman Ungaruk Simmonds, 59
Susan Carol Voyles, 54
Diane Kay Wheatley, 68

MAY IS STROKE AWARENESS MONTH



Know the Signs, Save a Life

Stroke is a disease that affects the arteries leading to and within the brain. It is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the U.S. The good news is that 80 percent of strokes are preventable.

Preventing and controlling high blood pressure (the No. 1 risk factor), maintaining a healthy weight through diet and exercise, getting quality sleep, and stopping smoking and limiting alcohol intake all help reduce the risk of stroke.

Use the letters in "FAST" to spot stroke signs and know when to call 911:

SPOT A STROKE™

FACE Drooping **ARM** Weakness **SPEECH** Difficulty **TIME** to Call 911

StrokeAssociation.org American Heart Association | American Stroke Association | Together to End Stroke™

If someone shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 911 immediately and say, "I think this is a stroke" to help get the person to the hospital as soon as possible. Stroke is largely treatable, and the faster the stroke is treated, the more likely the patient is to recover.

Recently, CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich signed on to help with the 2017 American Heart Association's Heart Walk, to be held Sept. 23 in Anchorage. The walk raises funds to help fight heart disease and stroke. CIRI invites shareholders, descendants and anyone else reading this newsletter to get involved, either as a walker, a donor or volunteer. To find out more, visit www.heartwalk.org. 📞

IMPORTANT CIRI DATES

MAY 29, 2017	Memorial Day holiday: CIRI offices closed
JUNE 1, 2017	The CIRI Foundation General Scholarship deadline
JUNE 3, 2017	CIRI Annual Meeting of Shareholders SPC questionnaire submission deadline
JUNE 5, 2017	Shareholder, Elder and Youth Award nominations deadline
JUNE 30, 2017	Deadline for second quarter participation prizes: Confirmed Descendant, Direct Deposit, eNewsletter, Qenek, Stock Will (visit ciri.com for additional information) Youth Educational Incentive drawing entry deadline The CIRI Foundation Vocational Training Grant deadline
JULY 4, 2017	Fourth of July holiday: CIRI offices closed

YOUTH EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 03

To enter, eligible youth must submit a copy of the report card for the immediately preceding semester to CIRI Shareholder Relations by Jan. 31 or June 30, as applicable. The report card must clearly show the minor's name, the time period being reported on, the minor's grades and attendance record, and the name and contact information of the minor's school. CIRI will attempt to contact the winner using the contact information in its files. If the winner cannot be contacted within 10 days of attempts, the prize will be awarded to an alternative winner, selected in accordance with contest rules.

Learn more about the drawings at www.ciri.com/shareholders/descendants/youth-programs/youth-educational-incentives. Visit www.ciri.com/descendant to learn how to register as a descendant. 📞

SHAREHOLDER-OWNED BUSINESS

Redemption General, LLC

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(360) 298-8443
382 West Henni Road
Oak Harbor, Wash. 98277
Lucy E. H. Koivisto, owner

Redemption General is owned by CIRI shareholder Lucy E.H. Koivisto. The company provides general contracting, remodeling, new construction, home repair and boat-building services.

To list your shareholder- or descendant-owned business on CIRI's website, submit an online Shareholder-Descendant Business Registration form via the CIRI website. 📞

SECOND QUARTER DISTRIBUTIONS

	Direct Deposit Sign-up Deadline: 3 p.m.	Address Change and Cancel Direct Deposit Deadline: 3 p.m.	Distribution Date
CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust	Tuesday, May 30	Thursday, June 1	Friday, June 9
Dividend	Monday, June 12	Thursday, June 22	Friday, June 30

Elders' Settlement Trust Payments

Second quarter CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust payments of \$450 will be mailed or directly deposited by 6 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time on Friday, June 9 to eligible Elders with a valid mailing address on file as of 3 p.m. Thursday, June 1. The remaining 2017 Elders' payments are scheduled for Sept. 8 and Dec. 8. Original shareholders who are 65 years of age or older and who own at least one share of CIRI stock as of these dates are eligible to receive the \$450 payments.

Second Quarter Dividend

Second quarter dividends in the amount of \$8.53 per share (or \$853 per 100 shares) will be mailed or directly deposited by 6 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time on Friday, June 30 to all shareholders with a valid mailing address on file as of 3 p.m. Thursday, June 22.

Direct Deposit/Remote Deposit

CIRI urges shareholders who receive their dividends in check form to consider either implementing direct deposit or taking advantage of remote deposit. Both options are fast, easy and eliminate the need to drive to the bank and stand in line.

Shareholders who participate in direct deposit and have a current CIRI mailing address are also eligible to participate in quarterly prize drawings. Direct deposit forms are available from Shareholder Relations and at ciri.com. To cancel direct deposit, please submit a signed, written request prior to 3 p.m. on the specified deadline. *If you have a Qenek portal account, you can cancel your existing direct deposit instruction online via the portal.*

Address Changes

Checks and vouchers are mailed to the address CIRI has on record as of the specified deadline. If your address has changed, be sure to update your address with both CIRI and the U.S. Postal Service. These addresses must match or your CIRI mail may not reach you. When CIRI mail is undeliverable,

distributions are held and the shareholder does not qualify to participate in any prize drawings until the address is updated. This is true even if a shareholder has his or her dividends electronically deposited.

If you have a Qenek portal account, you can submit an address change update online via the portal. Alternatively, CIRI address change forms can be downloaded and printed at ciri.com, or you may send a signed, written request that includes a current telephone number. Address change forms and requests can be scanned and emailed to shareholderrecords@ciri.com, mailed to CIRI at PO Box 93330, Anchorage, AK 99509, or faxed to (907) 263-5186. If faxed, please call Shareholder Relations as soon as possible to confirm receipt. Forms and information on changing your address or submitting a mail-forwarding request with the U.S. Postal Service are available at www.usps.com or your local post office.

Please be aware that if you fail to notify CIRI of a new address before a specified deadline and your check is sent to your old address, CIRI cannot reissue that check to you unless it is either returned to us, or a minimum of 90 days has elapsed. A list of shareholders who do not have a current mailing address on record is continually updated and may be found on the CIRI website.

Tax Reminder

As a reminder, CIRI does not withhold taxes from distributions; however, shareholders who anticipate owing tax on their distributions have the option of making quarterly estimated tax payments directly to the IRS. To find out more about applicable federal and state tax requirements or making quarterly estimated tax payments, please consult with a tax advisor or contact the IRS directly. 📧

IN TOUCH, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 03

championship game 5-2. CIRI descendant Addy Gularte (first row, far right) is a member of the AK Selects as is Erin Schutt, the daughter of CIRI executive Ethan Schutt (second row, far right).



Photo courtesy of Valerie Mullins-Hysell.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

CIRI shareholder Valerie Mullins-Hysell and Josh Hysell are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Haylee Hysell, born June 2016 in Oklahoma City, Okla., weighing 8.5 pounds and measuring 20 inches. Haylee is the great-grandchild of original CIRI shareholder Alma Mullins of Shishmaref, Alaska.

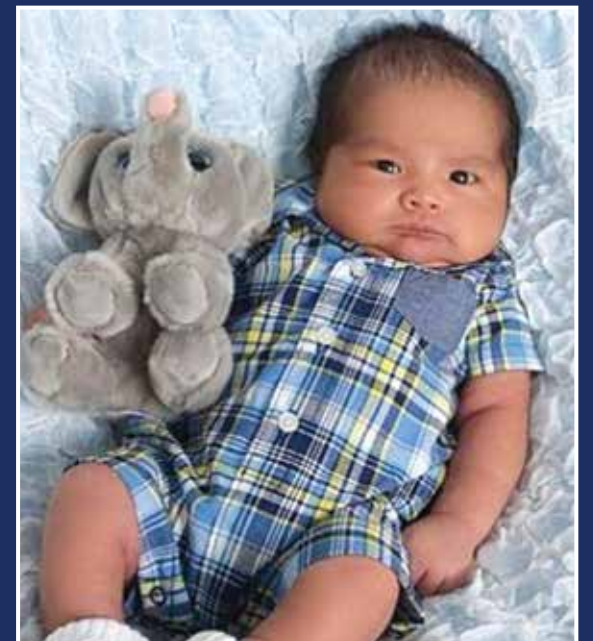


Photo courtesy of Melanie Munson.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

CIRI shareholder Melanie M. Munson and Jefferey W. Jensen-Crookham Jr. are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Reign Oscar Jensen-Crookham, born March 9 in Anchorage, Alaska, weighing 9.3 pounds and measuring 22 inches. Reign is the grandchild of original CIRI shareholders David Munson and Helen Stephan.



GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

CIRI shareholder Judy Standifer is pleased to announce the graduation of her grandson, Timothy Tyonek Standifer, from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. Mr. Standifer graduated with a degree in exercise science and was also chosen for the Dean's List. 📧

WINNERS' CIRCLE

To increase participation in certain programs, CIRI holds periodic prize drawings from the names of those enrolled who meet certain criteria and have a current mailing address with CIRI. If CIRI has returned mail, a different winner will be selected. Visit the CIRI website or call (907) 263-5191 or (800) 764-2474 to learn more. The following shareholders have been selected as winners for the most recent CIRI drawings:

STOCK WILL PARTICIPATION PRIZES

\$200 Monthly Stock Will Prize:

- January – Shirley G. Eichholz
- February – Christine Amelia Redick
- March – Hilma Bocatch

First quarter drawing for Apple iPad Air 2:

- Linda Lou Roehl

Must have a valid will on file that complies with CIRI's fractional share policy.

DIRECT DEPOSIT DRAWING

First quarter drawing for \$500:

- Milika Nichole Coppedge

The direct deposit instruction must be current with CIRI to win.

ENEWSLETTER DRAWING

First quarter drawing for a Kindle Fire HD:

- Elsie Roehl

Must be enrolled in the eNewsletter program with a valid email address on file.

CONFIRMED, REGISTERED DESCENDANT DRAWING

First quarter drawing for a Kindle Fire HD8:

- Sara Mae James

Direct lineal descendants of CIRI shareholders who are not themselves shareholders, who have submitted legal documents substantiating descent and who have a valid email address on file.

QENEK ACCOUNT DRAWING

First quarter drawing for an Echo Dot:

- Francine Louise Ball

Must have created a Qenek account or accessed an existing account during the preceding quarter. 📧

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 with Qenek portal accounts may update their addresses online. Alternatively, shareholders may visit CIRI's website or call Shareholder Relations at (907) 263-5191 or (800) 764-2474 for address change forms and information.

(As of 05/16/2017)

Byron Keith Abell
Edgar Ailak
Matthew Jacob Anahonak
Egan Hugh Askay
Roxann Christy Baker
Dorothea Marika Barron
Verena Lee Bean
Shannon Adria Bell
Thomas Michael Bellinger
Nathan Lee Bordewick
Lisa Marie Boster
John Joel Boucher
Joanne Rae Brady
Richard Kenneth Bright
Steven Patrick Bright
Raul Jose Caballero
Diana Marie Call
Darren Isaac Capsul
Beverly Ann Chilligan
Michael James Cooper
Salina Lynn Cooper
Lisa Denise Coulter
Tracy Lynn Craig
Kamakana Charles-
Nukapigak Danner
Juan Eugene Delacruz Jr.
Christy Lynn Downs
Candice Marie Elias
Elaine Nadia Evans
Lawrence Dale Evans
Elizabeth MSH Evon
Matthew Lee Fox
Anthony Lane Fry
Joann Mildred Fugatt
Randy Lee Fugatt
Marlene Ester Gillispie
Susan Helene Gonzalez
Cheryl Denise Goozmer
Cecilia Green
Charles Randolph Grosvold
Jade Ariane Grunert
Monica Marie Hall
Donna Rae Hamlin
William Earl Hand
Sandra Lee Handsaker
Wanda Jean Haugdahl
Annie Marie Heinrich
Cindy Kim Hertz
Michael Lee Howard
David Lewis Huffman Jr.
Claire Rachell Hursey
Teresa Rai Jacobsson
Keith Robert Jennings
Sundance Steven Jennings
Robert Dale Johnson
Branden J. Jordan
Rita E. Kakaruk
David Michael Karabelnikoff
Laura Keaton
Julie Marie Kenick
Crystal Rene Kirkpatrick
Michael Joseph Kolerok
Mabel Jo Larsen
Wassillie George Long
William Dean Luttrell Jr.
Anthony James Malburg
Margaret Ann Marcheck
Linnea Maria Mario
Stacy Lea McAfee
Hultman Ababuk McKenna
Chase William-
Mejia McMichael
Carrie Melinda McMillan
Jack Joseph Milligan
Shaun Michael Moore
Karina Eleanor Anne Munson
Forrest James Nayukok
Carol Ann Nelsen
Glenda Lee Nicholi
Hoyt Leonard Ogle
Kellen St-Clair Okpealuk
Lehman Rither Olson

Bryan Lee Outwater
Raymond Wayne Ozenna
Ida Gail Paniptchuk
Melonie Leone Perrenoud
Daniel Raymond Petersen
Catherine Mae Peterson
Vivian Ann Pomeroy
Norma Propst
Bryan Thomas Protzman
Barbara N. Redington
Melanie Brook Ritter
Susan Diane Sannes
William Jack Schneider Jr.
William Wayne Segura Jr.
Mark Domingo Sequak
Joshua James Sheldrick
Maryah Dorothy Showalter
Steven Shuravloff
Foster P. Simmonds Sr.
Ronald Ekosik Simmonds Jr.
Sharon Graham Skinner
Andrew David Smith
Chyna Rae Smith
James Earl Smith
Margaret Ann Sommers
Brianna Michelle Steiner
Gary Ray Stevig
Thomas Joseph Stlaurent
Corey Stanley Sylva
Veronica Ann Takeuchi
Raymond Robert Thompson
Trudi Patricia Totemoff
Charmaine Lavonne Triplett
Martin Sean Tucker
Cyril M. Tyson
Ignatius A. Tyson
Jeannie May Vanhove
Sidney William Venturi
Blake Kristopher
Edward Walker
Jerome David Walker
Thomas Dwayne Walton II
Terilyn Irene Wamser
Hayli Melissa Ward
Anthony Wayne Waterbury
Archie Alfred Watson IV
David Edward Watson
Ralph Lee Watson
Patrick James Westdahl
David Clifford Weston
Kathryn Marie Weston
Jordan Brando Wik
Lorraine Roseanne Williams
Kristina Marie Yankovic

NATIVE YOUTH OLYMPICS – 2017 HIGHLIGHTS



› Indian stick pull matches consist of three rounds—first with the right hand, then with the left; the third round (if needed) occurs with the hand determined by a coin toss.



› The Alaskan high kick is one of the most elegant and photographed events of the games.

Inuit tattooing three years ago. “Holly talked to me about it, and I kind of kept tabs on it. When a call was put out for Iñupiaq female artists to be part of a program to learn traditional tattooing, I jumped. There were 25 applicants, so I thought my chances of actually being chosen were pretty slim. But I made it through to the interview round, and in September, I found out I was one of the three women chosen to learn alongside Holly.”



The Tupik Mi program focuses on two indigenous tattoo methods: hand-poking and skin-stitching. Hand-poked tattoos are created dot by dot using a hand-held stick tool. Skin-stitching uses a needle to thread trails of ink under the skin. While the methods are rooted in tradition, the equipment has modernized: cotton thread instead of sinew, ink instead of ash and tattoo needles in place of animal bones. All equipment is either disposable or sterilized, and the artists are trained in health and safety.

Traditional tattooing “was, truly, a part of life and religion in the Arctic,” Sialuk Jacobsen says in the documentary trailer. “We have to reimplement some Inuit thinking that has been removed due to Christianity. It doesn’t mean that we have to go back to living the old ways; we just have to understand the thinking again.”

Sarah works out of a home-based studio in Anchorage. Though she’s seeing increased interest in traditional tattoo methods from people of all walks of life, she limits skin-stitching and tattoos with traditional patterns to Alaska Native people. “Those are about our culture,” she said. (She will, however, use hand-poking to create non-traditional tattoos on non-Natives.)



A mother of five, Sarah said her children and her work as a CIRI Shareholder Participation Committee member inspired her to reconnect to her Alaska Native heritage. “Going into it (the Tupik Mi program), I wasn’t sure what to expect,” she said. “Being in this experience with other Alaska Native women and bringing back this cultural rite that had been taken away, it really forced the emotional walls to come down. I’m more of an emotional person than I believed myself to be. It was transformative, and it has changed me.”

You can find links to Sarah Whalen-Lunn’s work on Instagram under the username @inkstitcher, or she can be reached via email at inkstitcher@yahoo.com. For information about the “Tupik: Inuit Ink” documentary, visit www.facebook.com/tupikfilm.



Competitors from Unalaska compete in the wrist carry competition.



The two-foot high kick was historically used to communicate the success of a spring hunt.



NYO participants compete in the Eskimo stick pull competition.

Photos by CITC’s Jamey Bradbury.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: THE CIRI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT DEADLINES

General Scholarship Deadline: June 1

The CIRI Foundation (TCF) is accepting applications from full-time and part-time degree-seeking students. The General Scholarship deadline is Thursday, June 1.

Vocational Training Grant Deadline: June 30

Vocational Training Grant applications will be available online approximately 30 days before the June 30 deadline. Students enrolled in a vocational training program at an accredited or recognized institution and earning a certificate/certification or professional license are encouraged to apply.

There are other scholarship and grant opportunities available as well. For information, visit www.thecirifoundation.org.

HOW TO APPLY

CIRI original shareholders and their direct lineal descendants may complete their scholarship and grant applications online at www.thecirifoundation.org. Applicants must have an approved online user account to apply. For more information, please contact TCF by phone at (907) 793-3575 / (800) 764-3382 or e-mail at TCF@thecirifoundation.org.



> Photo of the Fire Island Wind Project by CIRI shareholder Chet King.



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2017 SHAREHOLDER, ELDER, AND YOUTH AWARDS

Nomination Deadline: June 5

CIRI is accepting nominations for the 2017 awards to be presented at the CIRI and The CIRI Foundation Friendship Potlatches this fall.

Since 1989, CIRI has annually bestowed the **Shareholder of the Year Award** on a shareholder who has demonstrated exemplary dedication to Alaska Native culture, heritage and communities. CIRI introduced the **Elder Shareholder of the Year Award** in 2011 to recognize Elder shareholders who have demonstrated exemplary dedication to these same areas through a lifetime of contributions that have benefited Native peoples.

A third category of recognition is for CIRI youth who are already making strides toward becoming tomorrow's Alaska Native leaders. Introduced in 2013, the **Youth Recognition Award** recognizes

CIRI shareholders and descendants who are 12 to 17 years of age for superior academic achievement, demonstrated leadership qualities, dedication to Alaska Native culture and heritage, outstanding contributions to community and family, and exceptional determination and stamina in overcoming significant life challenges.

Help us celebrate individuals for any or all three category awards by visiting the CIRI website and submitting an online nomination form by 5 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time, Monday, June 5.

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 Wayne Allen Belardi – Perlita Keener
- Estate of Thomas William Highsmith – Tonya Lorraine Highsmith
- Estate of Lily Mae Marshall – Kamette R. Myers and Christian James Marshall
- Estate of Richard Lloyd Sargent (aka Lloyd Richard Sargent) – Derek Bernard Sargent and John Michael Sargent Clark
- 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 any 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.