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## CIRI, Eklutna work cooperatively to develop sand and gravel

Project to supply future Anchorage construction needs

CIRI, in cooperation with surface landowner Eklutna Inc., has entered into an agreement with Alaska Interstate Construction LLC (AIC) to extract sand and gravel in the Eklutna area. Alaska Aggregate Products (AAP), a wholly-owned subsidiary of AIC, will extract and transport the sand and gravel from Eklutna to



*Margie Brown, CIRI president and chief executive officer, joined Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich and representatives of Alaska Interstate Construction LLC and Eklutna Inc. for the agreement signing at the CIRI building on Sept. 29.*

Anchorage, for use in area construction projects. AIC is a jointly-owned subsidiary of CIRI and Nabors Industries Ltd. AAP will offer both unprocessed gravel and other aggregate products.

“Developing Eklutna sand and gravel will cut current transportation distances in half,” said Kim Cunningham, CIRI land and resource manager. “This should reduce construction costs in Anchorage.”

Eklutna Inc. owns the surface lands in the development area, and CIRI owns the subsurface rights. CIRI, Eklutna and AIC have been working in unison to reach agreements that would provide an avenue to take advantage of

upcoming projects and market conditions that anticipate heavy volumes for the projects slated to occur in the Anchorage Bowl during the next several years.

Past development by other agencies and industries re-routed the river, killing the fish population and eliminating the salmon run. AAP will carefully extract the sand and gravel, utilizing advance planning, appropriate agency involvement and engineering designed to clear excess rock and gravel. The reclamation plan AAP is currently developing includes the construction of an over-wintering pond to help salmon fry survive through the winter.

AAP plans to construct a conveyor belt that will transport extracted sand and gravel under the Glenn Highway at the Eklutna River. The conveyor will reduce the village of Eklutna’s exposure to truck traffic. AAP is exploring all transportation options for delivering sand and gravel products to Anchorage and the Matanuska Valley. AAP recognizes that the Glenn Highway is a vital transportation corridor between Anchorage and the Valley. The company wants its operations to have as little impact on the road system as possible.

### Reminder: Friendship Potlatches

**Anchorage Friendship Potlatch**  
Sunday, Oct. 22 • 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Dimond High School – Anchorage

RSVP no later than Oct. 13 by calling 263-5191 and selecting option 5.

**Northwest Friendship Potlatch**  
Saturday, Nov. 11 • 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Chief Leschi School – Puyallup, Wash.

RSVP no later than Nov. 3 by calling 1-800-764-2474 and selecting option 5.

More information can be found at [www.ciri.com](http://www.ciri.com).



*Joshua Grosvold performs with the Dena'ina Jabila'ina Dancers on Sept. 9 at the 2006 Kenai Friendship Potlatch.*

Image courtesy of Chugach Electric Association.



*Trees such as this one that line the coast of Fire Island provide a telling natural clue to the wind capacity. The tree branches and needles wear off on one side over time from wind exposure.*

## Wind testing resumes on Fire Island

CIRI, utilities considering wind farm

CIRI, in cooperation with a consortium of Railbelt electric utilities, continues to explore the feasibility of a wind farm on Fire Island. Precision Power, a subsidiary of Peak Oilfield Service Co., is installing a total of five wind testing towers on the island. The towers accumulate data on wind and the weather and periodically communicate that data to wind consulting engineers in Seattle. Testing to date shows Fire Island receives enough wind to operate a number of turbines, but more research is needed before a final decision can be made.

“We’re not looking for a place where the wind blows all the time, although

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### Top photo:

*Twenty one walrus figures intertwine along the full length of this ivory sculpture made from a walrus tusk. Natural stress lines accentuate the carving. The walrus eyes are inlaid with baleen. The Nuniyak Island style of fully carving ivory tusks is unique to that region of Alaska. The artist, Bryon Amos, states that these types of tusks were made by men who were known to be good shamans or hunters.*

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that would be nice," said Steve Gilbert, Chugach manager of energy projects development. "So far, the data indicates a 33.8 percent capacity factor."

Capacity factor is the wind turbines' estimated energy output compared to the ideal energy output if it operated steadily every day of the year. The industry considers capacity factors of 25 to 30 percent to be reasonable. A very good capacity factor would be 40 percent. CIRI and the utilities are looking for a capacity factor of at least 30 percent.

Gathering long-term wind data is important for determining the reliability of Fire Island's wind and the profitability of generating energy with wind turbines in that location. Chugach Electric Association started collecting wind data on the island in February 2000 with a small 10-meter tower. Two 40-meter towers gathered more data from 2001 to 2003. Precision Power is currently installing one of the Chugach 40-meter towers and new 50- and 60-meter towers. These towers measure wind at different heights, because the strength and frequency of the wind can change. The towers also send their data through wireless transmitters, eliminating the need for physical retrieval by a technician.

CIRI, as the majority landholder on Fire Island, continues to explore the feasibility of a major wind project on the island. CIRI and Chugach are working with the Federal Aviation Administration to resolve challenges the wind turbines might pose to radar and other airplane navigation systems.



*This 60-meter tower on Fire Island is equipped with anemometers, or wind measuring instruments, at different levels to measure wind at various heights. The orange balls warn aircraft from colliding with the tower.*



*An aerial view of Precision Power raising one of the wind testing towers on Fire Island.*

## Our Business Alaska Interstate Construction

Alaska Interstate Construction LLC (AIC) is one of Alaska's top construction and oilfield services companies and is expanding its civil construction business. AIC focuses on oil, gas and mining construction projects including exploration and production islands, pipelines, gravel roads, dams, bridges and other structures. In Alaska, AIC has ongoing projects at Pogo, Red Dog, Kensington and the North Slope. AIC's international projects include the north Caspian Sea of Kazakhstan and Sakhalin 5 in the Russian Far East. AIC is jointly owned by subsidiaries of CIRI and Nabors Industries Ltd.

### Port of Anchorage expansion project on schedule

AIC's Port of Anchorage expansion project is on schedule to complete by Nov. 15 despite weather difficulties. AIC won a \$13.3 million contract on June 26 for the first construction phase of the port expansion, building a 2,500-foot lineal dike and placing up to 1 million cubic yards of fill into Cook Inlet. This will provide the Port of Anchorage with a 25-acre expansion.

"The biggest challenge we had was the heavy August rains," said Ronald Desgranges, AIC project manager for the port contract. "The fill material was becoming too muddy, so we concentrated on the dike until the rain stopped. We're about 70 percent done with the dike."

AIC's original source for non-frost susceptible material, or clean gravel, was across the inlet at Point MacKenzie. AIC has since negotiated access to a new gravel source on Elmendorf Air Force Base.

"This eliminated the barging and Mat-Su Borough royalty costs," said Desgranges. "That saved a lot of money."

AIC has transported from the Elmendorf source approximately 400,000 yards of fill material for the expansion, and hauled about 100,000 yards of shot rock from a quarry in Chugiak to construct the dike.



*Alaska Interstate Construction LLC constructs a 25-acre expansion of the Port of Anchorage.*

Image courtesy of AIC.

# CIRI Shareholder News

## Shareholder-owned businesses

*CIRI shareholders own and operate a variety of small businesses, ranging from promoting wellness to construction to commercial fishing and loans – and a lot in between. Call (907) 263-5146 or e-mail [pr@ciri.com](mailto:pr@ciri.com) to submit shareholder-owned business information for CIRI's Web site. Supporting your fellow shareholders by frequenting their businesses is a great way to keep it all "in the family"!*

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*Description:* I promote wellness in the home. I make people aware of the toxins in their home and how it affects them and the environment. I then present an option for them and show them how they can supplement their income.

**Owner: Ray Bouwens**  
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*Description:* High Five provides awards for all sports, religious and professional needs. Additionally we provide a full line of advertising specialties. Lapel pins, medallions and coins are available with custom art and ideas are our specialty. We also do plaques, laminated plastic signs, name badges, trophies of all sizes and custom work.

**Owner: Myra J. Cook**  
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678-946-0100 (ph)  
[myra@novationmortgage.com](mailto:myra@novationmortgage.com) (e-mail)  
[www.novationmortgage.com](http://www.novationmortgage.com)

*Description:* Novation Mortgage specializes in all types of residential and commercial loans, including 100 percent sales price investment property loans, in Alaska, Georgia and Florida. The company was created by a small personal loan received from the owner's father and decedent CIRI shareholder Alec R. Wik in April 2001. The company has grown to over 16 employees.

**Owner: Wendy Darien**  
**Business: John L. Scott** (independent real estate office)

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*Description:* Whether you're buying or selling your home, I'm here to help. From your primary residence, to land or even a vacation home, I'm can get the job done.

**Owner: William H. Doss, John H. Doss Jr., Barbara Doss**  
**Business: Journeyman Construction Services, Inc.**

3015 N. Inspiration Circle  
Wasilla, Alaska 99654  
P.O. Box 871273  
Wasilla, Alaska 99687  
907-357-1239 (ph)  
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*Description:* JCS Inc. is a general contractor performing both public and private construction work. We are an 8(a)-certified company.

**Owner: Curt H. Evers**  
**Business: Alaska Locksmith**

907-243-0822 (ph)

*Description:* Alaska Locksmith provides locksmith services for the Anchorage area, specializing in commercial hardware.

**Owner: Cynthia A. Fairbanks**  
**Business: Clearly Alaskan Soaps**

Clearly Alaskan Soaps  
911 W. 74th Ave.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99518  
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*Description:* Clearly Alaskan Soaps offers handmade soap, lotion, shower gel, lip balm and body spray in a wide variety of fragrances and colors.

**Owner: Shiela Fern**  
**Business: Bear Alaska LLC**

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Palmer, Alaska 99645  
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[www.bearalaska.net](http://www.bearalaska.net)

*Description:* Started in 2004, Bear Alaska LLC is a residential builder of quality and affordable homes in the Matanuska Valley.

## Stock Will participation prize winner

Rita V. Kostenborder, of Roseburg, Ore., won the August 2006 Stock Will participation prize. To be eligible for the monthly \$200 prize drawings, shareholders must have a Will disposing of their CIRI shares on file in CIRI Shareholder Relations. The CIRI Stock Will form and instructions are located on the CIRI Web site at [www.ciri.com](http://www.ciri.com). To verify whether you have a Will on file, contact CIRI's probate staff at (907) 274-8638 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474.

## A R E F E R E N C E I N T I M E

### October 8, 1908

Laura Beltz Hagberg Wright is born in Candle, a mining community in Northwestern Alaska. A CIRI Elder, Wright was well known for the company she started in Anchorage, Laura Wright Alaskan Parkys. She was featured in an oral history book *Our Stories, Our Lives*, published by The CIRI Foundation.

**Owner: David Greiner**  
**Business: Kachemak King Sportfishing**

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*Description:* Join us in Homer, Alaska, on our 37-foot fishing vessel, the "Kachemak King." We offer halibut day charters and long-range multiple day charters. Our overnight charters provide you the opportunity to fish for halibut, ling cod, rockfish and salmon.

**Owner: Paul Jensen, Eric Jensen**  
**Business: Palo Alto Egg & Food Service Co.**

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*Description:* Founder Thor Jensen (son of Martha Jensen of Ninilchik) left a safe accounting career with Ferry Morse Seed Co. to become an entrepreneur. Since Thor's passing, sons Paul and Eric manage the wholesale food distribution business serving Fortune 500 cafeterias in Silicon Valley.

**Owner: Charlene Koutchak**  
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[info@feelingbettercenter.com](mailto:info@feelingbettercenter.com) (e-mail)  
[www.feelingbettercenter.com](http://www.feelingbettercenter.com)

*Description:* The Feeling Better Center provides empowering therapy, counseling and nutritional counseling for the purpose of healing and growth. Our office is located in Anchorage, but phone counseling is available nationwide.

**Owner: Henry Kroll**  
**Business: Comp Tune**

4200 E. 4th Ave., #147  
Anchorage, Alaska 99508  
907-277-0951 (ph)  
[www.CompTune.com](http://www.CompTune.com)

*Description:* CompTune offers expertise in computer repair, security, firewalls, networking, wireless, Web sites, servers, Windows, Mac and Linux installation. Maintenance contracts are available. 20 years of experience and A+ and Network+ certified.

**Owner: Wm. D. Kvasnikoff**  
**Business: Alaska Native Resource Consultants, Inc. (ANRC)**

P.O. Box 39567  
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907-567-7461 (ph/fax)  
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*Description:* This consulting business specializes in land management, right-of-way compliance, contract administration and compliance, roads, bridges, culverts, sand and gravel/borrow pits, permitting, trail and river bank restoration and tree removal (beetle kill) and reforestation.

**Owner: Paula LaBarbera, Charles LaBarbera**  
**Business: L.D.L./United Union Inc**

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[www.ldlunitedunion.com](http://www.ldlunitedunion.com)

*Description:* LDL United Union holds a licensing agreement to manufacture and sell a new technology, a patented safety harness for the construction and maintenance industries. This new safety harness holds the highest certification in fall protection history. Distribution opportunities are now available.

**Owner: Betty Ivanoff Menard**  
**Business: Anchorigines Laughing Club**

907-301-5743 (ph)

*Description:* I'll come to your group or meet at an announced public location. We'll laugh for the pure joy of laughing - no jokes. Laughter releases endorphins in our brain, eases muscle tension and relieves stress. If you have an hour to promote personal well-being, call me to set up a time to laugh - for the health of it!

**Owner: Mary Montgomery**  
**Business: Mary's Alaskan Closet**

BTI Building, first floor  
Whittier, Alaska

*Description:* We sell new and used household items and Alaskan-made items, and can accept consignment items. Our current winter hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 1 - 5 p.m., and will expand in the summer. An ATM machine is available at the shop 24/7. Look forward to seeing you!

**Owner: Roseleen (Snooks) Moore**  
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*Description:* Northern Enterprises is a 28-acre dry land marina and commercial yard operating year round. It offers 90,000 square feet of shop/warehouse and office space, a 70 and 75 ton marine travelift and space for over 450 vessels.

**Owner: Akiko Morrison**  
**Business: Hummingbird Flights of Fancy LLC**

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Toluca Lake, California 91610  
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800-771-1126 (toll-free)  
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*Description:* Hummingbird offers custom-themed gift baskets and gift trays for every occasion, including specially-themed Native American gift baskets. A Hummingbird gift basket creates the much-sought-after aura of traditional good will. Volume orders receive a discount courtesy.

**Owner: Cynthia L. Palmer**  
**Business: Flowers for the Moment Inc.**

2210 E. Northern Lights Blvd. #11  
Anchorage, Alaska 99508  
907-274-2825 (ph)  
800-488-7251 (toll-free)  
[www.flowersformoment.com](http://www.flowersformoment.com)

*Description:* Flowers for the Moment offers fresh flower arrangements for all occasions, silks, plants, gifts, candy, balloons, fruit/gourmet baskets, weddings and funerals. Delivery is available citywide, statewide and worldwide.

**Owner: Sheri Pexa**  
**Business: A Better Mortgage Company Inc.**

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*Description:* A Better Mortgage Company Inc. offers construction loans, purchase loans and refinance loans in Alaska and Colorado.

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## Non-Profit News: health, culture, education, social programs

### Governor signs law

#### Alaska Native Medical Center hosts signing

Alaska Gov. Frank Murkowski signed the Colorectal Cancer Screening Coverage Act of 2006 on Aug. 2 at the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC). The signing, a rare occurrence outside of Juneau, was witnessed by a host of onlookers. This Act requires state-regulated insurance plans to cover screening tests for colon cancer, the nation's second most lethal form of cancer.

This new law is especially important for Alaska Native people, since cancer is the leading cause of death among Alaska Native people, and colorectal cancer is the number one cancer among Alaska Natives, according to Don Kashevaroff, chairman and president of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

"Insurance coverage will increase the number of screenings for colorectal cancer, and will also provide some financial strength to the Alaska Native Tribal Health System, particularly for care providers in rural Alaska, where costs are so high," said Kashevaroff. "More importantly, it will increase the number of people who get screened, and will save lives in the process."

Kashevaroff, Katherine Gottlieb, Southcentral Foundation president and chief executive officer, and many employees and guests packed the lobby of ANMC to welcome the governor and witness the brief ceremony. One of those attending was Florence Busch, a colon cancer survivor who credited early screening with saving her life.



Image courtesy of Southcentral Foundation.

**Alaska Gov. Frank Murkowski, pictured with state Rep. Lesil McGuire, signs the new law at ANMC.**

### CITC's Two Spirits Gallery travels and grows

#### Gallery's artists attend world's largest Native American art market

Kay Klose, Two Spirits Gallery director, accompanied three of the gallery's featured artists, Henry Koonook of Point Hope, Alaska, Moody Charles of Koyuk, Alaska, and Frank Perez of Metlakatla, Alaska, to Santa Fe, N.M. in August.

The Institute of American Indian Arts' Museum invited the Gallery artists and staff to Santa Fe to participate in the Southwestern Association for Indian Arts' Indian Market. The market is an annual event, occurring each year in August. It ranks as the world's largest and most highly acclaimed Native American art market.

Henry Koonook was thrilled when a private collector from California bought a large sculpture carved from fossilized whale bone for \$5,500. Henry used the proceeds from the sale of his artwork to purchase supplies for his whaling crew in Point Hope.

The Gallery is dedicated to artists whose lives have been affected by mental illness, substance abuse or homelessness, connecting them to community-based services and employment opportunities. Open since May 2005, the Gallery's success has already expanded it beyond capacity. The Two Spirits Gallery plans to expand into a full Art Center to provide a larger venue.

Two Spirits Gallery is currently located in downtown Anchorage in the Ship Creek Mall at 333 West 4th Avenue. Please call (907) 952-0659 for more information about the Gallery or visit their Web site at [www.twospiritsgallery.com](http://www.twospiritsgallery.com).

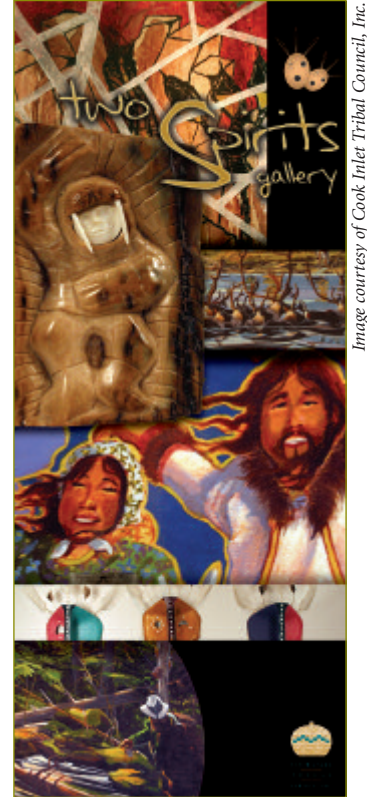


Image courtesy of Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc.

## A R E F E R E N C E I N T I M E

**October 18, 1966** First meeting to create the Alaska Federation of Natives draws 300 people from around the state. The meeting is called the first Statewide Native Conference, and it is held in Anchorage through October 22.

## Shareholder Businesses continued from page 3

**Owner: Elizabeth (Betsy Demientieff) Reppen**  
**Business: E.J. Reppen & Associates Inc.**

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Anaheim Hills, California 92807  
714-974-9970 (ph)  
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*Description:* We work with employees of the public school system and their spouses and friends on their financial and retirement planning.

**Owner: Shelley Robertson**  
**Business: Car Cleaners Mobile Car Wash**

909-879-2570 (ph)  
909-877-1606 (fax)  
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www.carcleanersmobilecarwash.com

*Description:* Car Cleaners Mobile Car Wash is a mobile car wash and detail service that has been operating for two years out of Highland, Calif.

**Owner: Bonnie J. Rud**  
**Business: Bella Farm and Gardens LLC**

9067 W. Lilly Lake Road  
Wasilla, Alaska 99654  
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bellafarm@gci.net (e-mail)

*Description:* Bella Farm and Gardens is a greenhouse and gift shop specializing in Himalayan blue poppies, oriental and hardy lilies, perennials, bedding and vegetable plants. Open May through August.

**Owner: Shirley Ann Russell (Skipper)**  
**Business: Metro Music and Book & Cafe Felix**

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*Description:* We sell new and used books and CD's and lots of fun gift items. In our cafe we sell espresso, crepes, sandwiches, soups and pastries. We have Internet services and free Wi-Fi. We are an alcohol-free venue, and have live music on Tuesday, Thursday and most weekends in the cafe.

**Owner: Peter Allan Joseph Shepard**  
**Business: Prudential Real Estate Professionals**

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Salem, Oregon 97302  
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503-371-3013 (ph)  
marshepard@comcast.net (e-mail)  
www.BuyMarsha.com

*Description:* Real estate residential sales in Salem, Ore. Marsha Shepard, broker; Pete Shepard, marketing director.

**Owner: Chrystal Van Sky**  
**Business: Miowak Care**

53908 Tiaga Way  
Kenai, Alaska 99611  
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*Description:* I am an Independent Care Coordinator and sole proprietor. My goal is to assist individuals in maintaining their greatest quantity of independence, dignity and respect while meeting their long-term care alternative needs.

**Owner: Richard Weldin**  
**Business: Weldin Construction Inc.**

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www.weldin.com

*Description:* Weldin Construction Inc. performs civil construction, vertical and design/build construction, mechanical, HVAC, electrical, concrete and fire protection projects mostly for government projects. Its most recent project was the \$7 million C-17 Flight Simulator building on Elmendorf Air Force Base.

**Owner: Johnna Wilhelm**  
**Business: Accessory Powder Coating (APC)**

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*Description:* Powder coating is an advanced method of applying decorative and protective finish to a wide range of metals. We do fencing, car accessories, motorcycle parts, and so much more. Powder coating is much more environmentally friendly than wet paint.

**Owner: Linda Wilson**  
**Business: C-J's Butcher Boy Burgers**

2803 N. Arkansas Ave. ( Hwy 7N and I-40)  
Russellville, Arkansas 72802  
479-968-2300 (ph)

*Description:* C-J's Burgers is a family-owned, '50's-style restaurant. We specialize in burgers and fries, grinding our own USDA chuck shoulders daily for the freshest meat available and slicing #1 Idaho potatoes to offer the best tasting home fries around.

## CIRI Spotlight: Bonnie Vlasoff

CIRI shareholder's book becomes journey to heritage

CIRI shareholder Bonnie Vlasoff listened to her heart three years ago and realized that she was being called to author a book about her family's Russian and Aleut history. Since she began her work, she has never wavered in her determination. Today she has a draft for her book that is nearly 150 pages long, documenting detailed information about some of her forebears that will be a priceless family heirloom as well as a wealth of information for others hoping to learn more about Alaska history.

"I wrote my story with a pencil and an eraser," said the 61-year-old whose family is originally from Ouzinkie on Spruce Island, 12 miles from Kodiak. "I was always running around with a tablet, asking questions."

Vlasoff made up for lack of education – her schooling ended at eighth grade – with an unquenchable desire to learn more about her heritage for herself and everyone else in her extended family.

Vlasoff's mother, Katherine Katelnikoff Helmig, moved to Anchorage with her two children, Bonnie and Paul in 1957, when it became apparent there were no employment opportunities available to her on Spruce Island. Helmig, 84, was the youngest of nine children, including Matrona, Herman, Phillip, Nick, Gladys, Dora, Steve and Alex Katelnikoff. They grew up speaking Russian. Helmig's mother Marie was Aleut and Tlingit, and her father Paul was Russian and Aleut.

"Mom didn't know English when she started school. The first words she learned were, 'Good morning, Teacher,'" said Vlasoff.

Vlasoff said she greatly admires her mother's intelligence and her hard work. Helmig graduated from the Wrangell Institute in Southeast Alaska and undertook a number of community service efforts when she returned to Ouzinkie, including delivering two babies. Vlasoff also credits her mother with providing her children with a solid base that gave them the resilience to face adversity.

"She told us to always be proud of who we are," Vlasoff said. "We were prepared and ready."

Vlasoff always wondered about the grandparents she never knew, and also wanted others in her family to be more aware of their history, especially the next

generations. There are 35 grandchildren between her brother and herself, and Vlasoff will soon become a great-grandmother.

"I'd always heard so many good things about Grandma and Grandpa. They were hard workers," she said. "I felt so sad I never got to know them, so I started to do research."



Bonnie Vlasoff

Image courtesy of Bonnie Vlasoff

Vlasoff said Dr. Katherine Arndt, a genealogist at the University of Alaska Fairbanks put her on the right track in beginning her research.

Vlasoff's research led her in many unexpected directions. She learned that some of the family had come from Siberia.

"My Grandpa Paul's father's side of the family came from Okhotsk," said Vlasoff. "My Grandpa's mother's side of the family, the Sorokovikovs, were from Irkutsk."

She also learned that her great-great-grandfather had married Varvara Amacheman, a Kashaya Pomo Indian from Fort Ross, Calif.

"What always impressed me was how hard they worked," said Vlasoff. "They prayed together, worked together, raised cattle, had gardens, and they were always putting up fish and salting down beef. They lived mostly off the land."

The book's title reflects the path the family has taken and uses the original spelling of the family's name: *The Kotelnikov Journey from Okhotsk to Fort Ross to Ouzinkie, Alaska*.

She says it was her mother who got her started on the path that led to success.

"I thank God for our Mom who raised us up and taught us always to be giving and loving and never forget our dear Lord," said Vlasoff.

Vlasoff says creating the book has had a profound effect on her.

"I feel at peace now. I know a little bit about my grandparents," said Vlasoff.

### A R E F E R E N C E I N T I M E

#### October 1, 1804

The Russian gunboat Neva and three other ships begin bombardment of the fort at the Shee Atika site where Kiks.adi Tlingit had withdrawn after tensions mounted between the Tlingit and the Russians beginning in late September. Following the bombardment, Russians and Aleuts then stormed the fort and were repulsed in a bloody battle with the Tlingits. A six-day siege then began, and on the seventh day, the Russians found the fort abandoned. The Tlingit, out of flints and gunpowder, had silently exited by night. The Russians lost no time in building a settlement on the very spot where Shee Atika had stood, calling it "Novo Arangelsk," "New Archangel," the name Sitka would be known by until the United States purchased Russian interests in Alaska in 1867.



## Alaska Native Professional Association invites organizations to Business Expo

Public event will be at Egan Center on Oct. 25

Alaska Native Professional Association (ANPA) invites organizations to participate in its annual Business Expo on Oct. 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Egan Convention Center in Anchorage. ANPA is holding the Expo in conjunction with the Alaska Federation of Natives Convention. ANPA's mission is to build relationships, leadership and community development among Alaska Native professionals and organizations.

The Business Expo will be open to the public, allowing for a hospitable atmosphere while providing networking opportunities and featuring organizations' promotions. Financial and non-profit services, retail, wholesale and public relations companies can promote doing business with companies across Alaska.

For additional information, please visit ANPA's website at [www.anpa.net](http://www.anpa.net) or email Tabettha Toloff at [ttoloff@thecirifoundation.org](mailto:ttoloff@thecirifoundation.org). Tabettha is the chair of ANPA's board of directors and a CIRI shareholder.



## Mission

The mission of CIRI is to promote the economic and social well-being and Alaska Native heritage of our shareholders, now and into the future, through prudent stewardship of the company's resources, while furthering self-sufficiency among CIRI shareholders and their families.

## News You Can Use

### Alaska Native hospital passes FDA inspections with flying colors

Alaska Native Medical Center, SCF Primary Care Center mammography programs receive perfect reports

The Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) and the Anchorage Native Primary Care Center (PCC) mammography programs both received perfect reports by the Food and Drug Administration following its annual on-site facility inspections on Aug. 30.

To provide mammography services, both programs must pass detailed inspections of a multitude of departmental functions, including quality control tests, personnel qualifications, medical records and more.

The ANMC and PCC site inspections, which typically take up to nine hours each to conduct, were both completed in one day. According to Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium chief of imaging services John Midthun, it is uncommon for any facility to make it through these inspections without a citation or comment from the reviewer. Midthun commended the mammography team on a job well done and acknowledged lead mammographer Jo Seaman as the person primarily responsible for the success.

“(Seaman) handles the necessary quality control and keeps all of the records, keeping us in compliance,” said Midthun. “She is a perfectionist, and we owe her a huge debt of gratitude for the exemplary work she does.”

Seaman attributes the inspections’ timely completions to having a well-organized mammography team. These inspections are conducted under the Mammography Quality Standards Act and are one of two types of inspections all programs must pass to provide mammography services.

### CIRI descendant registration

Sign up online, at Friendship potlatches

CIRI and The CIRI Foundation invite CIRI descendants to register online at [forms.ciri.com/descendant](http://forms.ciri.com/descendant). Descendants can also sign up at the registration tables at the Anchorage and Northwest Friendship Potlatches.

CIRI and The CIRI Foundation are collecting this information to improve communications with descendants who may become CIRI shareholders and/or be eligible for scholarships and other important benefits.

Descendant information is confidential and will only be used for CIRI and The CIRI Foundation purposes. Descendants may review, update or remove their personal information online or at the potlatches.



Photo by Chris Avenud.

CIRI descendants enjoy a family tree activity provided by Southcentral Foundation at the 2005 Anchorage Friendship Potlatch.

## A R E F E R E N C E I N T I M E

**October 6, 1979** The Dena’ina people of Kenai celebrate their first potlatch in 70 years. More than 300 people attend. Potlatches had been stopped by the Russian Orthodox Church in 1907.

## News you can use

### Municipality honors Dena’ina at Kincaid Park anniversary

Anchorage gathering features Dena’ina welcome

The Municipality of Anchorage recognized the Dena’ina heritage in the Kincaid Park area of Anchorage at a gathering they sponsored to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Kincaid Park. They held the event at the Kincaid Chalet on Sept. 13. The gathering featured the 1st Annual Kincaid Stampede Rollerski Race, activities for kids and live bluegrass music by Wellstrung.



Image courtesy of Anchorage Parks and Recreation.

CIRI shareholder and Native Village of Eklutna president Dorothy Cook welcomes the gathering to Dena’ina lands.

CIRI shareholder and Native Village of Eklutna president Dorothy Cook welcomed the visitors to Dena’ina lands. CIRI shareholder Aaron Leggett also gave a short talk about the area’s history, including telling a Dena’ina war story. Leggett noted that recognition of the Dena’ina presence was due in no small part to Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich and his administration.

### AFN annual convention reminder

Alaska Federation of Natives 41st Annual Convention  
Oct. 23 - 28

William A. Egan Civic & Convention Center, Anchorage

For more information, go to [www.nativefederation.org](http://www.nativefederation.org) or call (907) 274-3611.

### CIRI shareholders, employees, affiliates get discount at Anchorage airport parking

Shareholder or employee ID card required

Diamond Airport Parking offers CIRI shareholders, employees and affiliated company employees a 20-percent discount on covered and uncovered parking. Diamond requires a shareholder or employee identification card, or a picture ID and RBMS health insurance card, a business card or a recent pay stub from CIRI or an affiliated company.

Diamond Airport Parking is open 24 hours a day, and offers free shuttle service from your vehicle to the airport and back. Diamond is located near Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, at 5401 Northwood Drive, just west of the International Airport Road and Minnesota Drive interchange.

## In Touch with shareholders



Image courtesy of John Waisanen.  
**Jason M. Waisanen**

### Flight instructor

CIRI descendent Jason M. Waisanen graduated magna cum laude from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, N.D., on Aug. 4. Jason received a bachelor's degree in Professional Aviation. Jason is currently employed as a flight instructor at his alma mater, the University of North Dakota. He is the son of CIRI Shareholder John Waisanen and Lorielle Waisanen and the grandson of CIRI Elder Pauline Waisanen.



Image courtesy of John Waisanen.

### Baby Gabriel

Gabriel Guulot Gimbo Anagick celebrated his first birthday on Sept. 1. His mother, LaVerne Anagick; Papa, "Gimbo" Walter Anagick; "Amm," Alice Anagick; Uncle McGann; uncle, Langford Adams Jr.; cousins Chasity, Langford Adams III and Kimberly Adams; and Amouk, Anna Etageak, all from Unalakleet, Alaska, wish Baby Gabriel a happy birthday.

**Gabriel Anagick, tied for 3rd place with cousin "Toni" Sarren at the 4th of July Baby Traditional clothes contest.**



Image courtesy of the Illoilo family.  
**The Illoilo family**

### Baby Simone

Three-year-old Annalise welcomed her baby brother Simone Davis Iloilo III to the world on May 12. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 1/2 inches long. The proud parents are Simone Iloilo Jr. of American Samoa and CIRI descendant Amber Davis of Palmer, Alaska. Amber is the daughter of CIRI shareholder Isabelle Davis and William Davis Jr. of Palmer. When the big sister heard the news of the new baby she said, "Oh my Gosh!!!" and decided to call him Nuk Nuk.



**Alexander Glen Quick**

### Baby Alexander

CIRI shareholder Robert A. Poggas announces with great pleasure the birth of his first grandson. Alexander Glen Quick was born Sept. 6 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage weighing 10 pounds, 13 ounces. He was named for his grandfathers.

## A R E F E R E N C E I N T I M E

### October 1, 1998

Roy M. Huhndorf is presented the William A. Egan Outstanding Alaskan Award by the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce during their annual conference in Valdez. Huhndorf is the first Alaska Native to receive the award since it was first presented in 1964.

## State general election on Nov. 7

### CIRI encourages shareholders, descendants to vote

The State of Alaska general election is on Tuesday, Nov. 7. The election is for Alaska governor, lieutenant governor and state legislators, and will include ballot measures. The polls will be open on Nov. 7 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The deadline for registering to vote or updating your registration information is Sunday, Oct. 8. Regional Division of Election offices will be open from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. that day.

For more information about deadlines, poll locations, voter registration, absentee voting and other questions, go online to [www.elections.state.ak.us](http://www.elections.state.ak.us). You can also e-mail [elections@gov.state.ak.us](mailto:elections@gov.state.ak.us) or call (907) 522-8683 in Anchorage, (907) 451-2835 in Fairbanks, (907) 465-3021 in Juneau and (907) 443-5285 in Nome.

The excerpts on Alaska Native history from the book "A Reference in Time, Alaska Native History Day By Day," were compiled and edited by CIRI Historian Alexandra J. McClanahan and published by The CIRI Foundation. E-mail [tcf@thecirifoundation.org](mailto:tcf@thecirifoundation.org) for any questions or comments. Call (907) 793-3575 or toll free at (800) 764-3382 to purchase the book from The CIRI Foundation, ISBN 0-938227-04-01.



## Shareholder Change of Address form

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Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Shareholder Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Shareholder Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+ 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (Select one)  Cell  Work  Message  2nd Phone

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a stock custodian, for which CIRI shareholder? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your name changed?  No  Yes, due to:  marriage  divorce  adoption (select one)

Old Name: \_\_\_\_\_ New Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If your name has changed, please send a copy of the legal document authorizing the change (i.e. marriage license or divorce decree).

**Electronic Newsletter Notification?** If you no longer wish to have the CIRI *Raven's Circle* mailed to you, and wish to instead receive an email notification advising you when the latest newsletter has been added to CIRI's website, please check the box below:

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## CIRI needs your help locating shareholder addresses

CIRI strives to ensure correspondence, reports, newsletters and dividends reach shareholders in a timely manner. It is important for shareholders to notify CIRI Shareholder Relations and the U.S. Postal Service of all address changes. The following CIRI shareholders do not have a current mailing address on record with the shareholder relations department, and should fill out the change of address form in this newsletter, at CIRI's offices, or download it at [www.ciri.com/shareaddress.cfm](http://www.ciri.com/shareaddress.cfm). You can also write a letter, signed by the shareholder, which includes the new address, telephone number, birth date and social security number.

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## Condolences

**Roy J. Evans Sr., 72**  
Roy J. Evans Sr. peacefully passed on Aug. 20 surrounded by his family, many of whom were CIRI shareholders. He was born in Rampart, Alaska, on April 7, 1934, to Jesse and Elaine Evans. He is survived by his three sisters, two brothers-in-law, five children, 34 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Patricia G. McDonough, 47**  
Ms. McDonough died July 10, at home in Tacoma, Wash. Ms. McDonough was born Nov. 29, 1958, in Anchorage. She is survived by her mother, Sophie Pattee; sister, Shirley Neff; brothers, Ernest Pattee and Patrick Pattee; and eight nieces and two nephews.

**Condolences**  
**William Churchill, 85**  
**Mary R. Floresta, 83**  
**Dorothy Ellen Gregory, 66**  
**Helen Robertson, 93**

## Kenai Fjords Tours invites shareholders to name new tour boat

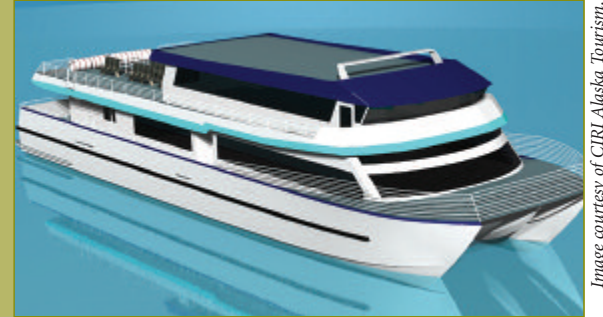
Contest winner receives free night at lodge and catamaran voyage

CIRI Alaska Tourism (CATC) invites CIRI shareholders to submit a name for Kenai Fjords Tours' new 150-passenger catamaran tour vessel. The winner of the contest receives a free night's stay at the Seward Windsong Lodge and a free sightseeing tour on the catamaran next spring.

CATC is looking for a name that reflects various aspects of their operations, such as their Alaska Native ownership; the southern Kenai Peninsula region, including Kenai Fjords National Park (glaciers, wildlife or heritage); or the sense of adventure inherent in KFT's tours and activities (sea kayaking, dog mushing, glacier and wildlife viewing or flightseeing).

This custom-made sightseeing vessel, built by All American Marine Inc., features:

- Walk-around decks
- Reduced thresholds for greater handicap and elderly access
- Independent fuel tanks
- Hydrofoil-assisted design for reduced fuel consumption and low wake wash



A digital rendering of Kenai Fjords Tours' new catamaran.

**Enter!**

**Submit your name, contact information and catamaran name suggestion to:**

**Mail:** CIRI Corporate Communications  
P.O. Box 93330  
Anchorage, AK 99509-3330

**Online:** Go to [www.ciri.com](http://www.ciri.com), click on the "Contact Us" button, fill out your information, select the "Catamaran Contest" message subject and write your name for the catamaran in the "Message" area.

**Fax:** (907) 263-5183

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