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# CIRI, Eklutna to develop Birchwood land

CIRI to extract sand, gravel to pave way for Eklutna industrial park

CIRI recently signed agreements with Eklutna, Inc. and Wilder Construction, a subsidiary of Granite Construction, to begin sand and gravel operations on a parcel of Eklutna land in Birchwood, Alaska.

The parcel is adjacent to the Birchwood Airport and is part of Eklutna's land conveyance from the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Eklutna owns the surface rights to the land, while CIRI owns the subsurface rights, including the sand and gravel.

The sand and gravel will be extracted from the site over the next three summers and will be railed to Central Paving Products, a company in south Anchorage, for sale in the Anchorage construction market. The rail transportation will begin after the installation of a rail spur under a separate agreement between Eklutna Inc. and the Alaska Railroad Corp. The rail spur will allow rail access to the property for Eklutna's planned development of industrial lots once the sand and gravel operations are completed.

Eklutna Inc. and CIRI have worked cooperatively to bring the pieces of the project together for the benefit of all participants and to provide a needed resource to the market. This project is the second

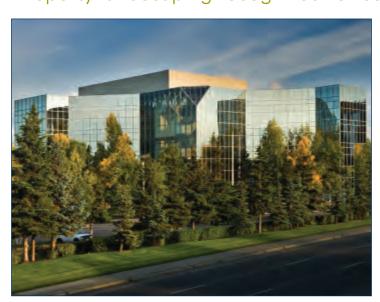


Diagram of Eklutna's proposed industrial park in Birchwood, Alaska. CIRI will extract sand and gravel from the site prior to development.

joint sand and gravel project between CIRI and Eklutna, Inc. The first agreement, which included Alaska Interstate Construction LLC, began in June 2007. This development of the Eklutna gravel pit which provides sand and gravel and other value-added products to the local community and the Anchorage Bowl.

# CIRI building campus is TREErific

Property landscaping recognized for community beautification



The CIRI building and the many trees on its surrounding property can be seen fronting Anchorage's C Street.

CIRI was recognized for the aesthetic use of trees on its C Street property from TREErific Anchorage at an awards ceremony on May 5. The award noted CIRI's exceptional use of landscaping and preservation of natural vegetation and the property's beautifying effect on Anchorage's C Street corridor.

"CIRI realized long ago the responsibility that being a significant landowner in the community brings," said Margie Brown, CIRI president and chief executive officer. "We will continue to do our part to improve the community we live and work in, and appreciate TREErific's recognition of our efforts thus far."

The CIRI building was built in 1977 and was the first building in Anchorage with an

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## **2009 CIRI** annual meeting

Saturday, June 6 Soldotna Sports Center 538 Arena Avenue Soldotna, Alaska

Attendance is limited to CIRI shareholders and their immediate family members (i.e., spouse, children and/or stock custodian). Shareholders must check in with their guests and must present identification.

Child care is available upon request.

CIRI shareholders are invited to display and sell their arts and crafts. A limited number of tables is available at no charge on a firstcome, first-served basis. E-mail Justina Meyer at CIRI at info@ciri.com to reserve a table.

Please help CIRI make sure there is enough food by letting us know how many will be in your party. Call 263-5191 or (800) 764-2474 (CIRI) and select option 5.

#### **Live Webcast**

Can't attend the annual meeting? Watch the annual meeting on your computer via CIRI's live Webcast. Webcast viewers will be able to watch and listen to the meeting only.

Shareholders must be physically present to ask questions, vote or otherwise participate in the meeting.

To register for the Webcast, go to www.ciri.com/annualmeeting. You must enter the six-digit sequence number (including all the zeros) that is printed in the upper right hand corner of your CIRI proxy to register for the Webcast. Your login information for the Webcast will be e-m to you by CIRI's Web provider. Shareholders may register any time prior to logging on to watch the meeting.

Email info@ciri.com prior to June 5 for assistance with Webcast registration.

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A word from the president

# Alaska Native Heritage Center turns 10, still teaching . . . and learning By: Margie Brown, CIRI president and CEO

Congratulations to the Alaska Native Heritage Center (ANHC) for reaching an important milestone – 10 years of operation. CIRI takes great pride in this accomplishment because it grew out of the actions of former CIRI President and CEO Roy Huhndorf, former Executive Director of The CIRI Foundation, Lydia Hays and Paul Tiulana, a well-known Inupiaq mask maker, dancer and singer.

These individuals first started discussing the idea of building an Alaska Native cultural center in the 1970s. They thought Anchorage was the best place for a statewide cultural center because the city was Alaska's largest Native village, with a significant population of Alaska Native people who had connections with literally every other community in the state. Their vision was to build a center that would serve as a gathering place where Alaska Native cultures would be nurtured and shared with visitors, both Alaska Native and non-Native, from all over the state and the world.

CIRI staff members and associates did much of the early work to promote the cultural center concept and they won support for the project from the Alaska Federation of Natives in 1987. Less than two years later, in 1989, ANHC incorporated as a non-profit educational and cultural organization. Supporters raised \$14.5 million in public, private and Alaska Native regional corporation contributions to construct the Center on 26 acres of CIRI land in Northeast Anchorage. It opened to the public and started operation on May 1, 1999.

ANHC encountered many challenges during its first decade, from revenue shortfalls to the demands of trying to simultaneously operate a successful tourist attraction, culture center and education facility.

But the Center is working and achieving success in its cultural and educational missions. Walk across the grounds and you will see a microcosm of village life, and life in Alaska. Recently the scene included out-of-state tourists watching Alaska Native dancing and inspecting traditional village sites while nearby young iPod-clad ANHC staff members sat on a blue tarp, in the middle of a parking lot, learning to field dress ducks.

It is an exciting time for the ANHC because, like Alaska Native cultures, it is still growing to meet its full potential. I am especially interested in some of the Center's new education initiatives, especially the cultural proficiency program being developed by Ethan Petticrew, vice president of cultural and educational services.

Petticrew came to the Center last June after a long career as a teacher and then as curriculum and assessment coordinator in the Aleutian Region School District. There he worked with Outside consultants to develop a curriculum that combines national education standards with village



Margie Brown

practices to improve student success and graduation rates. They came up with a concept, similar to the national Quality Schools Initiative, that replaced K-12 grades with three broad levels and replaced traditional report cards and grades with quarterly progress reports that evaluate where students stand on a continuum of well-defined academic objectives. This system improves learning by enabling students to learn at their own speed. It rewards highachieving students by moving them through the three levels more quickly and encourages slower learners to stay in school and keep learning because it doesn't fail students at the end of a school year and then make them restart from the beginning of a grade level when they fail to reach certain objectives.

The ANHC is adopting a similar program to improve its employees' cultural proficiency. The goal is to improve guest experiences while also increasing young Alaska Native staff members' cultural awareness and helping them develop work and learning skills that will improve their future success in a modern world.

Petticrew has developed 11 different educational rubrics for different job categories, ranging from greeters to gift shop employees and maintenance workers, that assess staff members' knowledge about each of the five major Alaska Native culture groups. Workers will demonstrate their cultural skills and knowledge by choosing to give a demonstration or presentation to ANHC guests or co-workers and they will be rewarded with pay raises that are correlated with growth in cultural competency.

If successful, this program will benefit both guests and workers while also helping the Center satisfy certain grant requirements and educational standards. More importantly, it will help young Alaska Native people know themselves better by knowing more about their own heritage.

I wish the ANHC a bright future and great success in meeting all of these goals, because the idea of having a cultural center that nurtures Alaska Native cultures and promotes cultural education is just as important today as it was when Mr. Huhndorf, Ms. Hays and Mr. Tiulana started discussing it more than 30 years ago.

## **CIRI Board** of Directors

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# **Our Business**

#### More new stores at Tikahtnu Commons

Sports Authority joins Target, Kohl's, Lowe's

Sports Authority opened a sporting goods store at Tikahtnu Commons on May 9. The national retail chain's new 52,000-square-foot store joins Tikahtnu Commons anchor tenants Target, Kohl's and Lowe's.

Sports Authority operates more than 450 sporting goods stores in 45 states, including four in Alaska. The chain is headquartered in Colorado.

Upcoming major store openings at Tikahtnu Commons include BestBuy, a multinational technology and entertainment retailer whose new store will open in the first week of June. Recently opened smaller shops at Tikahtnu Commons include Marble Slab Ice Cream, Fruitland Fresh, Gamestop, Great Clips, AT&T, Subway, Celebrity Nails, GNC and Sally Beauty.

Tikahtnu Commons is a regional retail and entertainment center in northeast Anchorage being developed by CIRI and its partner, Walnut Creek, Calif.-based Browman Development Co. The retail center is located on a 95-acre parcel of CIRI land acquired as a result of the Cook Inlet Land Exchange. Tikahtnu Commons is expected to include 12 to 15 major retail stores and numerous smaller stores, restaurants and other businesses. Construction of the retail center began in 2007 and is expected to last five to seven years.



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# **CIRI Shareholder News**

#### CIRI to pay second quarter dividend

CIRI's second quarter 2009 dividend of \$8.50 per share will be mailed or direct deposited, on Tuesday, June 30. Shareholders who own 100 shares of stock will receive a second quarter dividend of \$850.

The deadline for shareholder address changes for the second quarter 2009 dividend is 3 p.m. on Monday, June 22. Address change forms can be downloaded from CIRI's Web site and mailed to CIRI at P.O. Box 93330, Anchorage, AK 99509-3330, or faxed to (907) 263-5186. Please call the Shareholder Relations Department at 263-5191 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474 to confirm receipt of the fax.

Shareholders can visit CIRI's Web site, www.ciri.com, for dividend, address change, direct deposit or lost and missing dividend information. Shareholders can also call CIRI's dividend hotline, (907) 263-5100 or toll-free (800) 764-2435.

#### Octuk wins May Stock Will prize

Lydia Adena-Marie Octuk won the May 2009 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. To verify whether you have a Will on file, contact CIRI's probate staff at (907) 263-5191 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474.

#### **CIRI's Next Generation**

CIRI descendants may be eligible for scholarships and other important benefits. CIRI and The CIRI Foundation are collecting information to improve communications with CIRI descendants. Find out more at www.ciri.com/content/sharesholders/scholarship.aspx.

Shareholders who are thinking about gifting some or all of their CIRI shares should carefully consider ALL of the implications of the gift because the transfer of shares is irrevocable. Learn more about inter vivos gifting by visiting: www.ciri.com/content/shareholders/gifting.aspx. Information is also available from CIRI's shareholder relations department. Call (907) 263-5191 and select option 6, or (800) 764-2474.

# **CIRI Spotlight: Katherine Wade**

### Chickaloon Clan Grandmother dies at 86

The matriarch of Chickaloon, Alaska, Katherine "Katie" Wade, died March 22, as she would have wanted, peacefully and surrounded by family.

Her passing marks the end of an era and leaves an emptiness for many in the close-knit village.

"There was no one like her; she was strong," said Chief Gary Harrison.

Officially her title was Clan Grandmother, but unofficially she was simply "Auntie Katie," the one many turned to in happy times, in sad times and in confusing times.

The woman who went to jail for her beliefs in supporting subsistence and other Alaska Native rights had a soft side. "She was tough, but she was very soft," said Lisa Wade, eldest granddaughter and health and social services director for the village, explaining that her grandmother gave the best hugs. "It wasn't just a hug, it was a full-on embrace. That's the way she felt about her family; she embraced them all and didn't want anybody falling through the cracks."

Harrison and Wade both spoke in interviews on May 14, the day friends and family were participating in the ceremony to put a spirit house on Katie Wade's grave.

"The main thing is, she was the boss, the real matriarch," Lisa Wade said. "If something was really important, we would go to her."

In 2002, Wade was named CIRI Shareholder of the Year, honoring her for promoting pride in Alaska Native culture and heritage, commitment to the economic and social well-being of Alaska Natives and working to preserve Native customs, folklore and traditional arts.

Wade earned the honor on all counts. Besides her outspoken political activism, she also took great pride in her beadwork and skin-sewing, her cooking and her village leadership.

"She was a really good person, a good-hearted person who really loved her family and a hard worker. I have memories of when she would take all us young guys hunting for moose and climbed mountains into Boulder. Her drive-in 'Katie's Drive-In' and all the rocks she packed to make her rock garden. I admired her for all the good things she done for people and her hard work," said Dan Corey, whose family is from Chickaloon and who now lives in Palmer.

Corey's daughter Lauri Corey, a CIRI employee, had this to say: "My memory of Katie as a child was her drive-in, the jukebox and her good food, she was a great cook and she made the best pies. When she got smoked salmon, she would call the family to come up and enjoy it with her. She would make 'Siwash bread' to go with hot tea and smoked salmon."

Katie Wade was born Dec. 15, 1922, in Chickaloon. She was the mother of four children. She and her late husband "Tiny" bought 40 acres of land near Moose Creek where they raised their family. She opened and ran the Moose Creek Drive-In from 1956 to 1976. She was a cook at various restaurants in the Palmer area. Her cooking was so well known throughout the Matanuska-Susitna Valley and in Anchorage that pilots and flight attendants visiting Anchorage would make the

drive north just for the food at the Moose Creek Drive-In.

Katherine Wade

Her influence and leadership flowed through all aspects of the Chickaloon Village. In June of 1992, as matriarch of the village, Katie founded a Saturday Ya Ne Dah Ah School. The school eventually evolved into a full-time school teaching kindergarten through fifth grades. On June 18, 2002, the Ya Ne Dah Ah School received Harvard University's Highest Honor Award for Governance in Native America.

Wade spoke the Chickaloon dialect of the Ahtna Athabascan language fluently and clearly understood her responsibility to teach it to students and tribal members. She also published a book about her life history, Chickaloon Spirit, published in 2003. The process of writing the book was a testament to her determination, because she was a self-taught writer. She never attended traditional public school, but learned on her own how to read and write.

In 2007, she was awarded the Governor's Award for Native Arts and Languages.

"I'll share one of my memories of Mom when I was probably 8 or 9 years old," said daughter Patricia Wade. "We were getting ready for a church service, and we were poor and didn't have fancy clothes to wear. She told us God didn't care what we wore to church, He wasn't looking at that. He was only interested in what was in our hearts. So the best way to honor and remember her is for us to be kind to one another, appreciate each other, and respect each individual's way of honoring her."

"Happy Trails to you, Mom, you were an amazing woman."

Katie Wade was 86. She is survived by her children, Lawrence, Patricia, Larraine and Douglas; grandchildren Lisa, Gregory, Tony, Angie, Ryan and Alex Wade, Justice McPherson, Dimitrios and Alexander Macheras, and Daniel Fry; and great-grandchildren Kaylan Wade, and Tara and Ayla Agnew. She leaves her brothers Albert and Harold Harrison and Norman Oleson, and sisters Shirley Sorenson and Mabel Harrison, as well as the entire Chickaloon Village Tribe. She was preceded in death by her brothers Raymond and William and sisters Helen, Jesse and Angeline.

# **Nonprofit News**

# Education, training provide long-term benefits

The CIRI Foundation continues to provide shareholders, descendants opportunities

The CIRI Foundation (TCF) is proud to support original enrollees of CIRI and their direct lineal descendants in reaching their goals for higher education and training. Today, TCF's core mission is the same as it was 27 years ago – to encourage education and career development through post-secondary scholarships and grants, and to perpetuate and enhance the heritage of the Cook Inlet region's Alaska Native people.

Since 1982, TCF has awarded more than \$15 million toward post-secondary education. Even during these tough economic times, TCF is proud to provide students with an opportunity to succeed and to share some of the heart-felt thanks they have received in return:

"Thank you for the opportunity. I could not have made it with far without the support of your program!!" Marie S., original enrollee of CIRI

"I very much appreciate the TCF scholarship award. Thank-you. I am continuing to make progress on my doctorate and hope that it will be useful to benefit myself and others in the future. Again, thank-you." Leslie S., CIRI descendant

"I would like to tell all of you at The CIRI Foundation that I really do appreciate all of the hard work you do to make our world a better place to live. In the past 20 years I have not been the best upstanding member of society, I have had some issues and I have had to deal with them the last four months.... so I intend not to waste any of the money that has been given to me, it is a new experience for me to be in school again, and I am enjoying every minute. So I am saying 'thanks' to all of you, and keep up the good work." Alan T., original enrollee of CIRI

TCF scholarship and grant recipients have a higher household income, are more likely to have earned a college degree (36 percent versus 18 percent), and are more likely to be fully employed (56 percent versus 38 percent).

If you are a student seeking financial aid for higher education and training opportunities, please be aware of the upcoming application deadlines. June 1 is the deadline for students enrolled full-time in a degree seeking program. June 30 is the deadline for students enrolled part-time in a degree seeking program or full/part-time in a vocational training program. Please visit the TCF Web site for more information: www.thecirifoundation.org.

The CIRI Foundation, as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, continues to help fulfill one of CIRI's corporate goals, "to improve the lives of its shareholders."

#### **CIRES** offers property leasing services

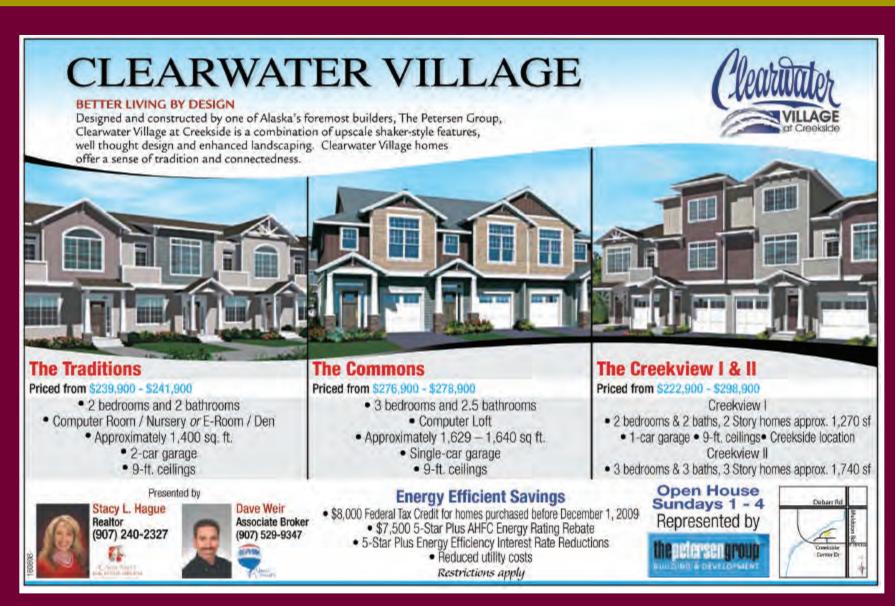
Cook Inlet Real Estate Services (CIRES), a full-service property management company, is looking to provide leasing services to property and rental owners. CIRES services can include:

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- Care and skill



CIRES is a partnership owned by Cook Inlet Housing Authority (CIHA) and Re/Max Properties Inc. CIRES is a Re/Max Properties Inc. branch office offering property management services, real estate sales and acquisitions. Revenues generated by CIRES are used to further the affordable housing missions of parent company CIHA.

For more information, call (907) 793-3054 or visit www.cookinletrealestate.com.



Clearwater Village is a joint venture of Cook Inlet Housing Authority and Cook Inlet Real Estate Services (CIRES) in East Anchorage. CIRES has funds available to assist Alaska Natives in purchasing these homes. For more information, go to www.cookinletrealestate.com.

## In Touch with shareholders



Hallie Bissett (far left) and Debra Bissett





Destiny Breeze Key

#### Science exhibit

Alumna of the Year

CIRI shareholder Hallie Bissett was

Alaska Alumna of the Year Award in

Alaska Anchorage College of Business

presented with the University of

April 2009 by the University of

and Public Policy. Hallie is the

CIRI descendant Destiny Breeze Key won second place at Aquarian Charter School with her exhibit on king fish. Her science project on rocks from Tyonek, Alaska, won her first place in 2008. Destiny is in the fourth grade at Aquarian Charter School. She is the daughter of CIRI shareholder Ronnie McCord Key and Travis Key of Anchorage. Her proud grandparents are Ronald and Freida McCord.



Justin and Heather **Marsing** 

#### Wasilla wedding

CIRI shareholder Justin Marsing and Heather Wilson were married March 15 in Wasilla, Alaska. Heather's parents are Kit Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Speer. They joined Justin's parents, Kathy Wright and Michael Wright, and family and friends to witness their ceremony.



Kylie Marie Maliepaard

#### CIRI shareholder Cathrine Marie and Laurens Maliepaard are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Kylie Marie. Kylie was born April 1 in Fayetteville, N.C., weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long. Kylie was born one month early, but has steadily gained a half-pound each week since her birth.

Baby Ember

**Baby Kylie** 



Ember Cate-Janae Marsing

CIRI shareholder Nicodemus and Thrina Marsing are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Ember Cate-Janae Marsing. She was born April 4 at 10:17 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ember weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

"We want to thank Elisabeth W., our nurse midwife, and also all of our family and friends who supported us through love and patience on our first pregnancy," said Nicodemus and Thrina.



Lindsay Keener

#### NCAA basketball champion

CIRI descendant Lindsay Keener is a reserve player on the George Fox University Bruins women's basketball team that won the 2009 NCAA Division III Women's Basketball National Championship. The Bruins, based in Newberg, Ore., defeated the Washington University-St. Louis Bears to clinch the championship and a perfect 32-0 season record. Lindsay's parents, CIRI shareholder Marilyn and Tim Keener of Kenai, Alaska, spent months traveling to their daughter's games across the U.S.

## 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/content/shareholders/change.aspx. 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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## Shareholder/descendantowned business

CIRI shareholder Hannah and Terry Karis have owned Academy Press, a quality printing company in Seattle, since 1985. We specialize in medium size multicolor sheet-fed offset printing. We offer cost-effective alternatives to medium or larger pressruns normally scheduled to run on a web-press. Typical products include postcards and small direct mail brochures in the 100,000 to 500,000 range. Our smaller presses are available for shorter runs, including foil stamping, embossing and die cutting. Our Seattle facility houses a full service prepress department with state of the art electronic equipment.

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# Condolences

#### Henry "Mark" Allen, 42

Henry Mark Allen died March 7 at home in Anchorage. Mr. Allen was born in Bremerton, Wash. He is survived by his daughters, Zana and Jenna; son, Trevon; the mother of his children, Anita Allen; mother and stepfather, Carole and Rod; and brother, Bryon Allen.

#### Harold Andrew Anderson, 52

Harold Andrew Anderson died March 24 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Anderson was born Sept. 4, 1956, in Anchorage. He graduated from West High School. He loved art work, drawing, painting models and puzzles. He loved going to the beach and making camp fires, and he was a lifelong fisherman. He acquired his passion for fishing from his grandfather, "Moose Meat John". He is survived by his sisters, Alice J. Callahan and Beverly Pfluger; nephews, Wayne Johnson, Glen Johnson, Patrick Nutt, John Pfluger and Billy Pfluger; nieces, Angela Herb and Pearl Nestor; cousin, Pete Ekstrom; and friends Raymond Robinson and Dennis.

#### Marie B. Anderson, 75

Marie B. Anderson died March 26 at Alaska Regional Hospital in Anchorage. Ms. Anderson was born Aug. 2, 1933, in Afognak, Alaska. She is survived by her daughters, Sam V. L. Hodena, Valerie J. Anderson and Debra K. DeJesus; sister, Margaret; and brothers, Paddy and Nick Mullan.

#### Mary Crosley, 93

Mary Crosley died April 13 at Fox Hollow Residential Care in Eugene, Ore. Ms. Crosley was born July 27, 1915, in Ninilchik, Alaska. She is survived by her daughters, LaVae Gillis, Bonnie Gesh and Mary Ann Mills; and son, Britton Crosley.

#### Bobby Ray Gafford, 60

Bobby Ray Gafford died Oct. 31, 2008, at Wilson N. Jones Medical Center in Sherman, Texas. Mr. Gafford was born in Houston, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; daughters, Jewell, Charlene, Mary, Bobbie and Roann; son, Larry; mother, Lillie Gafford; and sisters, Fave Idleman and Linda Young.

#### Roscoe Layland, 53

Roscoe Layland died Dec. 6, 2008, at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Layland was born May 26, 1955, in Glennallen, Alaska. He was raised by his grandparents, Elma and Ruth Layland in Idaho and graduated from Idaho Falls High School. He is survived by his wife, Mabel Layland; daughters, Tasha Layland and Caitlan Metcalf; sons, Keith Layland and Gerald Alexie; sisters, Helen Geisert, Rose Moody and Josephine Puffin; brothers, Leroy and George Layland; grandson, Christopher Brown; and granddaughters, Lena and Elenor Layland.

#### Mildred Ellen Maddox, 68

Mildred Ellen "Millie" Maddox died Feb. 9 at her home in Chugiak, Alaska. Ms. Maddox was born in 1941 in Sitka, Alaska. She was Wooshkeetaan and was raised by the Richard Katlian family until her early teenage years. She resided in Anchorage for many years before moving to Chugiak 20 years ago. She is survived by her only child, Tamara Lee Childs and her husband Jay Childs of Anchorage; brother, Gil and his wife Shirley Truitt of Sitka, Alaska; sister, Corrine and her husband Ted Heaton of Bellevue, Wash.; and nieces and nephews.



Jessie Nelson

Jessie Nelson, 101 Jessie Nelson died Feb. 2 at Northern Inyo Hospital in Bishop, Calif. Ms. Nelson was born May 1, 1907, in Hope, Alaska. She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth (Liz) Nelson; granddaughter, Terri

Nelson; great-grandchildren, Sabrina Hartwick, Jenifer Buchanan, Leah, Philip, Stephanie and Samantha Westberg; and greatgreat-grandchildren, Angelica, Ashley and Kabrina Jackson and Dominic Buchanan.

#### Frank Lee Oksoktaruk, 51

Frank Lee Oksoktaruk died Feb. 20 in White Mountain, Alaska. Mr. Oksoktaruk was born Jan. 13, 1958, in White Mountain, Alaska. He is survived by his sisters, Doris Williams and Lena Oksoktaruk-Wood; brothers, John, Ernest and Abraham Oksoktaruk; nieces, Patricia Lillie, Theresa Lincoln and Jessie Marie Phillips; and nephews, Robert, Curtis and Martin Williams, Craig-David Wood, Arnold and Jacob Oksoktaruk and Benjamin Oksoktaruk Ir.

#### Jack Thomas Sambo, 51

Jack Thomas Sambo died March 27 at the VA Hospital in Vancouver, Wash. Mr. Sambo was born Oct. 2, 1956, in Anchorage. He is survived by his mother, Sassa A. Sambo, and numerous relatives.

#### CIRI recognized as TREErific

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indoor garden. The company wanted the surrounding grounds to match that environment, so it transplanted spruce and birch trees from another parcel of its land in northeast Anchorage, which now houses the Alaska Native Heritage Center. CIRI has since added other tree species.

The TREErific Anchorage luncheon where CIRI and its fellow recipients Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility and the Natural Health Center were recognized was held at Russian Jack Springs Park Municipal Greenhouse, in conjunction with the Municipality of Anchorage's third annual TREE City USA Celebration.

TREErific Anchorage is an Anchorage nonprofit organization dedicated to community enrichment through the planting, caring and promotion of trees. The group has organized educational and tree planting events throughout Anchorage since 2004.



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