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➤ **A.** U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch said she hopes to generate more dialogue between the Department of Justice and Native leaders.  
**B.** Lynch discusses issues of public safety with Alaska's tribal leaders June 10 at CIRI's Fireweed Business Center. *Photos by Jason Moore.*

## U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH VISITS ALASKA

With the goal of improving public safety in rural communities throughout Alaska, U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch met with Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) and Alaska tribal leaders June 10 in Anchorage. Chosen as the location for the hour-long meeting was the Fireweed Business Center, CIRI's corporate headquarters.

In a letter dated June 10, U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, welcomed the attorney general and thanked her for her willingness to discuss the difficult issues affecting Alaska's remote and rural communities – such as heroin and opiate abuse, Alaska Native trust lands, loss of coverage for Native languages under the Voting Rights Act, and criminal justice reform and reinvestment in Alaska.

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– U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL LORETTA LYNCH

The issues were set forth by AFN, the largest Alaska Native organization in the state, whose mission is to enhance and promote the cultural, economic and political voice of the entire Alaska Native community.

CIRI shareholder and executive Greg Razo sits on AFN's board of directors and was recently recognized as a White House “Champion of Change” for his efforts to improve Alaska's civil and criminal justice systems.

During the meeting, Lynch raised with the group two proposals: establishing a working group of federal, state and tribal organizations to address Alaska Native public safety issues; and adding a new position – Senior Counselor for Alaska Native Affairs – to the U.S. attorney's office in Alaska to work on Native issues.

In a brief press conference, Lynch described the meeting as “thought-provoking and substantive.”

“In the days ahead, we will continue to speak up, to speak out and to stand with Alaska Natives to guarantee that every eligible individual can make his or her voice heard,” she said.

The idea for the Alaska meeting was proposed by Sen. Murkowski during a Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations Subcommittee hearing, held May 7, 2015, in Washington, D.C. “The public safety challenges that face Alaska Native villages run the gamut, everything from the absence of full-time law enforcement officers in some villages, inadequate resources devoted toward community-based prevention and restorative justice efforts,” Sen. Murkowski said. “I would like your commitment that you will work with me, you will work with AFN to really be involved to a personal extent and degree with some of these

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➤ Construction of the battalion headquarters at Fort Wainwright was completed in May 2016. *Photo by Joel Irwin.*

## SILVER MOUNTAIN AIMS FOR GOLD

Whether battling subzero temperatures in the winter or swarms of mosquitoes in the summer, Silver Mountain Construction is up to the challenge. The Palmer, Alaska-based company recently completed a battalion headquarters at Fort Wainwright, an Army base just east of Fairbanks.

“We're experienced working in Interior Alaska and contending with severe weather conditions,” said Tom Selmer, Silver Mountain's project manager. “On this project, we were pouring concrete at 10 degrees below zero.”

Construction on the two-story, 20,000-square-foot building began July 2014. The project was the first for Silver Mountain Construction since it was created and certified by the U.S. Small Business Administration as an 8(a) company, a designation that allows it access to certain contracting advantages with the federal government.

Silver Mountain is a subsidiary of CIRI Services Corporation, along with sister company Weldin Construction, and ANC Research & Development. Silver Mountain served as general and electrical contractor on the Wainwright project and Weldin served as the mechanical contractor.

The project represents Silver Mountain's foray into LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) construction. A program of the U.S. Green Building Council, LEED buildings use less water and energy and reduce

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sophie Minich, CIRI president and chief executive officer

I hope you are enjoying the summer thus far. We have experienced record-high temperatures here in Alaska and throughout much of the Lower 48. While the warmer weather has encouraged us to get outdoors to camp, fish and hike, last year's devastating wildfires – especially the Sockeye Fire in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley – remind us that, unlike many natural disasters, most wildfires are caused by people and can therefore be prevented. Show your commitment to wildfire prevention by using caution and common sense when creating fires, using grills or smokehouses, or setting off fireworks. And be prepared – know what to do before a wildfire strikes your area. For information on ways to make your home and community safer, visit [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

**“By bringing to the forefront the issues faced by Alaska Native people and communities, we can see them more clearly and work to identify options or solutions we may not have thought of before. As a corporation, CIRI is committed to improving the lives of our shareholders and others in our community.”**

– SOPHIE MINICH

Scientists believe wildfires are just one indicator of the climactic transformation taking place, and CIRI is acutely aware of the concerns facing our state as we confront warmer temperatures. According to the

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, over the past 60 years, the average temperature across Alaska has increased by approximately 3 degrees Fahrenheit – an increase more than twice the warming seen in the rest of the U.S.

Good stewardship of our lands is essential to CIRI's future success. To that end, CIRI has taken measures and made significant investments to reduce our reliance on carbon emissions. An investment we are especially proud of is our Fireweed Business Center, which employs the latest innovations in energy-efficient design to reduce our carbon footprint. The building is in the process of being LEED certified.

We were honored that the Fireweed Business Center was selected as the location to host U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch as she met with members of the Alaska Native community in early June. During the hour-long meeting, Ms. Lynch addressed the most critical issues facing Alaska Native people, including child and domestic violence, drug abuse and trafficking, high incarceration rates, lagging voter turnout and a suicide rate more than twice that of non-Natives.

To develop solutions related to these concerns, Ms. Lynch proposed adding a new attorney position to the U.S. attorney's office in Alaska to work on Native issues. The meeting itself was held as part of an ongoing dialogue between the Obama administration and American Indian and Alaska Native leaders. President Obama held his own private session with Native leaders during his Alaska visit late last summer.

CIRI is encouraged by these meetings. By bringing to the forefront the issues faced by Alaska Native people and communities, we can see them more clearly and work to identify options or solutions we may not have thought of before. As a corporation,



CIRI is committed to improving the lives of our shareholders and others in our community. Every decision we make is guided by our reason for being: to provide economic, social and cultural benefits to current and future generations of shareholders. ☰

*Sophie Minich*



# SAVE THE DATE

## Unity in Community Voter Picnic

**Saturday, August 20**

1-4 p.m.

**Mountain View Lions Park  
501 North Pine Street, Anchorage  
(907) 301-6041**

Join the Alaska Federation of Natives and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for a picnic to celebrate summer and get energized for the 2016 elections. **FREE** food, fun and family activities!





## HILCORP BEGINS STANDALONE EXPLORATION PROJECT ON CIRI LEASES

Hilcorp, one of the nation's largest privately-held oil and natural gas exploration companies, continues to make significant investments in the Cook Inlet region. The company spud its Greystone well with the Saxon 169 rig in May on the southern Kenai Peninsula, making it the only on-shore exploration well to be drilled in the area this year. The project is located on CIRI leases between the Deep Creek and Nikolaevsk units, both of which are producing fields operated by Hilcorp. CIRI recognizes Hilcorp as a safe and responsible operator here in Alaska and we wish them success in this latest endeavor. 🏹



➤ **A.** Hilcorp's Greystone project on the southern Kenai Peninsula against the backdrop of Mount Redoubt. **B.** CIRI's Ethan Schutt, senior vice president, Land and Energy Development (right), discusses the project with Rance Pederson, Hilcorp's drilling supervisor. **C.** A section of drill pipe being inserted into the well. **D.** The Greystone project is Hilcorp's first exploration venture outside of existing units. **E.** The project is located on CIRI leases approximately 12 miles south of Ninilchik. *Photo A courtesy of Hilcorp. Photos B-E by Jason Brune.*

## 'NEVER ALONE' VIDEO GAME LAUNCHES ON MOBILE PLATFORMS



*Image courtesy of Cook Inlet Tribal Council.*

A video game that delves deeply into the traditional lore of the Iñupiat people, "Never Alone" was developed in collaboration with nearly 40 Alaska Native Elders, storytellers and community members. A unique feature of the game is that it allows players to guide both characters – Nuna, an Iñupiat girl, and her animal companion, Fox – in single-player mode or with another player as they encounter frozen tundra, treacherous ice floes, underwater ice caverns and numerous enemies in a journey to save Nuna's village.

"Never Alone" launched worldwide in November 2014. Last month heralded the arrival of "Never Alone: Ki Edition" for iPhone, iPad, Android and Google Play.

Developed in partnership between CIRI-affiliated nonprofit Cook Inlet Tribal Council and New York-based E-Line Media, "Never Alone" is the first title in a new genre of "World Games" that draw upon unique cultures to create complex game worlds for a global audience. The game is available in 16 languages. For more information, visit <http://neveralonedgame.com>. 🏹





PHOTO COURTESY OF OLIVE BLUMENSTEIN

## SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT: OLIVE BLUMENSTEIN

An uprooted childhood, a Navy career fueled by wanderlust, family lost and found – Olive Blumenstein’s life reads like the most incredible fiction.

Born Olive Joanne English in 1956 in Marshall, Alaska, a community 75 miles north of Bethel, Olive entered the foster care system when she was only a year and a half old. Her mother died unexpectedly from a brain aneurysm, “and after that, I completely lost track of any relatives,” Blumenstein said. “In fact, growing up, I was told I had no living relatives, but I always had a memory of my sister Olga – we weren’t separated until I was 7 years old and she was 6.”

Blumenstein lived with foster families scattered throughout the Lower 48 – Washington, Nevada, California and Arizona, respectively – before settling in Fairbanks with an older foster sibling. At 20, she joined the Navy.

“What else was I supposed to do? I had no family, no family ties and no home. I saw an ad that said ‘Join the Navy and see the world,’ and I thought, well, that has my name written all over it,” Blumenstein recalled.

That decision led to a 16-and-a-half-year career. “The Navy became my family – I just fell in love with it,” Blumenstein said. Ports of call included Australia, Guam, Hong Kong, the Philippines and Thailand, as well as a seven-year stint in Japan and a ship assignment during the Gulf War.

In October 1997, Blumenstein was working as a Navy recruiter in Washington State when she received the call from CIRI’s Shareholder Relations Department that would change her life. “I was told that I was a lost shareholder and that I had family eagerly waiting to hear from me. I was very polite when I told them, ‘I’m sorry, I’ll be happy to talk to them, but you have the wrong person,’ though I couldn’t imagine two people with my name.”

**“CIRI has been almost like a life-changing experience for me – a shocking experience, but a wonderful experience.”**  
– OLIVE BLUMENSTEIN

A few hours later she received a call from her cousin Mary in Bethel, “and she had all of my other cousins there.” Five months later she flew to Alaska to meet her family.

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› Tabettha Toloff (left) recently gifted shares of CIRI stock to her daughter, Allison Houston. Photo courtesy of Ms. Toloff.

## EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

Dividends, increased access to education, hiring preference, discounts, cultural benefits – these are just a few benefits enjoyed by 8,700-plus CIRI shareholders. Apart from dividends, many of these same opportunities are available to CIRI descendants – regardless of shareholder status. And CIRI also provides a variety of opportunities for CIRI youth.

Why does CIRI do this? Simply put, we believe CIRI descendants should be part of the CIRI community. Those born after the passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) (Dec. 18, 1971) cannot receive ANCSA stock; however, subsequent amendments enable shareholders of ANCSA regional corporations to vote to issue new shares of stock to Alaska Native descendants born after the passage date.

Over the years, CIRI has reached out in various ways to gauge how shareholders feel about “open enrollment,” or the issuing stock to descendants. Although opinion has always been mixed, to date, the majority of shareholders do not support open enrollment as it would dilute share value; they have expressed that passing stock to relatives through inheritance and gifting is sufficient.

So where does that leave CIRI descendants? Well, countless descendants receive shares through inheritance, and some others receive gifts of CIRI stock from related CIRI shareholders.

As an example, Allison Houston was recently gifted CIRI stock by her mother, Tabettha Toloff, who serves as vice president for institutional advancement at Cook Inlet Tribal Council, a CIRI-affiliated nonprofit organization.

“She had been talking about it for a while, but she was waiting for the time to come when I realized the importance of it,” Houston said. “A big part of being a shareholder is voting to elect the Board members

who make the big decisions for us. Being part of this Alaska Native organization [CIRI] means I get a say in determining what’s best for us.”

And descendants that never become CIRI shareholders? They are still part of the CIRI family. Over the past couple of years, CIRI has worked to increase the advantages available to descendants, regardless of whether they own shares. CIRI has also introduced a variety of youth programs – such as youth voting, an annual art contest, educational incentives and other activities – that allow young shareholders and descendants to be involved with our company.

CIRI’s mission 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.

“Bringing CIRI descendants into the fold follows the CIRI value of unity, the power of many working together to fulfill one mission” said Betsy Peratrovich, senior director, CIRI Shareholder Relations.

“Even if they never own shares, we encourage all descendants to become involved in the corporation and learn about the many benefits that apply to them.”

To learn more about descendant and youth opportunities or apply for a CIRI descendant identification card, visit [www.ciri.com/shareholders/descendants](http://www.ciri.com/shareholders/descendants).

For information on gifting shares, visit [www.ciri.com/shareholders/wills-and-gifts/stock-gifting](http://www.ciri.com/shareholders/wills-and-gifts/stock-gifting).



## 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:**

- April – Wendy Jean Raymond
- May – Belinda Sue Creeden
- June – Elvina Yvonne Mueller

**First quarter drawing for Apple iPad Air 2 with Smart Case:**

- Jennifer Lee Stephan-Jacoy

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

### DIRECT DEPOSIT DRAWING

**Second quarter drawing for \$500:**

- Lewis Douglas Stephan

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

### ENEWSLETTER DRAWING

**Second quarter drawing for a Kindle Fire HD:**

- Garrett C. Rowe

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

### CONFIRMED, REGISTERED DESCENDANT DRAWING

**Second quarter drawing for a Fitbit:**

- No winner selected; awaiting response to advisory e-mail

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. 📧





## Interns Delve into *history and culture*



**A.** Interns gather inside the Eyak, Tlingit, Haida, Tsimshian Village Site. **B.** ANHC is home to six authentic life-sized Native dwellings situated in a wooded area around Lake Tiulana. **C.** Elders welcome summer interns from ASRC, CIRI and NANA. **D.** ANHC Cultural Programs Director Yaari Walker instructs ASRC intern and CIRI descendant Rosie Berg during the language session. *Photos by John Sallee.*

With the opportunity to interact with board members, explore shared culture and heritage and address issues facing Alaska Native youth, approximately 20 college students and recent graduates gathered for a summer intern workshop, held June 17 at the Alaska Native Heritage Center (ANHC) in Anchorage.

Sponsored by the participating Alaska Native regional corporations CIRI, Arctic Slope Regional Corp. (ASRC) and NANA Regional Corp. (NANA), the event opened with an invocation and prayer led by Elder Ron Adams, a NANA shareholder and employee.

For their first activity, interns were asked to represent how they viewed their culture through an artistic drawing. "I drew a bunch of figures to represent my family and me," said CIRI descendant and CIRI Land and Resources intern Ravynn Nothstine. "They mean a lot to me, so it's nice to represent it through a drawing."

That activity was followed by a tour of the center led by ANHC Cultural Programs Director Yaari Walker. The morning wrapped with a panel discussion led by Elders and board member representatives from ASRC, Eklutna Tribal Council, Knik Tribal Council and NANA, who delved into some of the issues facing Alaska Native youth.

Elders, panel members and interns then gathered for lunch, which consisted of traditional foods such as muktuk (frozen whale skin and blubber), seal oil and caribou soup.

"I loved the lunch! No better way to come together than with soul food!" said ASRC Legal Department intern Stephanie Nelson.

After lunch, Ron Panigeo, secretary of ASRC subsidiary Alaska Growth Capital, led a history lesson on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980.

For their last activity, interns chose an Alaska Native language they would like to learn, such as Yup'ik or Iñupiaq. "I learned how to say my name, where I came from and who we came from," Nothstine said.

The intern workshop closed with the students sharing the lessons they had learned from the day. "During the panel I found it very inspirational hearing the stories of the board members on their journey to be where they stand today," said Nelson. 📝

## INTOUCH



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHERYL CASTILLO

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

CIRI shareholder Cheryl Castillo is pleased to announce the birth of her grandchild, Liam Pierre Haynes. Liam was born Feb. 22, 2016, in Arizona to LaTasha and CIRI descendant Medgar Haynes Jr. He was welcomed by older brother Trey.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DOROTHY PETERS

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Richard "Richie" Joseph Anthony Peters was born to Dorothy and Joseph Peters on Jan. 21, 2016, in Bethel, Alaska, weighing 5 pounds, 11 ounces, and measuring 18¾ inches. He was welcomed by older brother Derek. Richie is the grandson of CIRI shareholder Tania Bismark and her late husband, Fred Sr. of Tyonek, Alaska, and the late Axinia and George Peters of Holy Cross, Alaska.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LANORA CLYDE

### ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENT

CIRI shareholder Richard Clyde Sr. and his wife LaNora celebrated 55 years of marriage with a vow renewal June 17, 2016. The couple drove from their home in Carson City, Nev., to Anchorage, Alaska, to renew their vows. Joining them were Richard's sister, Grace Slayter, and his nephew, Larry Clyde, along with Larry's wife Maria.



IMAGE COURTESY OF BARBARA TURNER

### SHAREHOLDER RECOGNITION

CIRI shareholder Barbara Turner, a Burney, Calif.-based artist, was featured in a recent edition of The InterMountain News. Born in Alaska and of Aleut heritage, Turner says art runs in her family.



# INTERN-al Affairs



Internships are generally thought of as bottom-of-the-barrel work – scanning files, serving coffee and maybe even sorting the recycling.

My internship?

Not so much.

When I applied for the CIRI internship, I didn't know what to expect. Four weeks into it, I can honestly say I feel comfortable and valued.

First off, I'm John Sallee. I was born and raised in Anchorage and am currently a junior at the University of Alaska Anchorage, where I major in journalism and public communications. The career field I will be pursuing is entertainment, so when the opportunity to intern with CIRI arose, I thought, what a challenge!

Scholarships from The CIRI Foundation are helping fund my education and I thought the internship would be the perfect way to learn about the corporation and show my appreciation for my heritage, as my father, John Sallee III, is a CIRI shareholder.

As an intern in CIRI's Corporate Affairs department, my duties include managing the new CIRI Instagram account (@ourciri), writing and recording a podcast (CIRlosity), attending various workshops and writing this column.

I can't even begin to tell you how welcome everyone has made me feel. I'm getting used to the question every Monday morning, as we begin our team meetings, "Did you watch *Game of Thrones*?" (Meanwhile, I contemplate the latest episode of *Keeping Up with the Kardashians*.)

Feeling comfortable that first week was challenging; I never knew which important figures I would meet or what kind of tasks I would be assigned. But by remembering my strengths and talents, I was able to fully engage and now I'm sitting here at my desk writing this column – not pouring coffee for my supervisor.

CIRI blessed me with this opportunity, and now it's up to me to make the most of my time here. In addition, of course, to convincing the Corporate Affairs team that Khloe Kardashian is every bit as relevant as Daenerys Targaryen.

Until next time...

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greenhouse gas emissions. Projects pursuing LEED certification earn points across several areas that address sustainability issues. Based on the number of points achieved, a project receives one of four LEED rating levels: Certified, Silver, Gold or Platinum. "We were originally aiming for a Silver rating, but we're on track to get Gold," Selmer said.

The battalion headquarters was fully designed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; as such, Silver Mountain was required to have a superintendent/site safety and health officer and quality control manager on site at all times. All told, Silver Mountain dedicated 730 days to the project from the time of award in May 2014 to the time of completion, May 8, 2016.



► The 20,000-square-foot structure contains 3,000 square feet of classroom space. Photo by Joel Irwin.

"There were 60 days of pre-construction activities before we were actually on site, so we lost a couple of months," Selmer said. The limited work window, he said, was "just another challenge. We can work just about anywhere. Our ultimate goal is to keep our customer satisfied."

Silver Mountain provides comprehensive construction services specializing in military fueling projects, process piping and civil/underground construction projects for local, state and federal government agencies, as well as the private sector. For more information, visit [www.silvermountainconstruction.com](http://www.silvermountainconstruction.com).

## EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

Alaskans can now register to vote online in both the 2016 Primary Election (Tuesday, Aug. 16) and the 2016 General Election (Tuesday, Nov. 8). Eligible shareholders and descendants may also register when visiting CIRI's Shareholder Relations department.

Regardless of your position on issues and candidates, CIRI encourages ALL Alaska Native people to voice their opinions and take a stand at the polls this November. Working together, we can make a visible difference in national, state and local elections.

Register or update your registration online at <https://voterregistration.alaska.gov/>. Additional voting information, including information on absentee voting, can be found at [www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov).



## IN MEMORY

### Charlotte R. Fitzhugh, 86

Charlotte R. Fitzhugh passed away May 3 at home in Fairbanks, Alaska. Ms. Fitzhugh was born Jan. 9, 1930, in Chicago, Ill. She is survived by her daughter, Shirley Mace; daughters-in-law, Jonah Stoltzner and Mary Stoltzner Litteri; grandchildren, Jeremiah, Joshua and Nicki Stoltzner, Steven Gaulodel, Frank Stangel, Michele Mowrer, Doraine Stangel, Charlene Daly and Jeremiah Stangel; and many great-grandchildren, including Shawn, Nathan and Michael Stangel.

### Florence Anderson Kalmakoff (aka Florence Rodriguez), 65

Florence Anderson Kalmakoff passed away May 6 at Hima San Pablo Hospital in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. Ms. Kalmakoff was born Oct. 19, 1950, in Anchorage. She is survived by her son, Jose Luis Rodriguez Anderson; and sister, Maria Cristina Rodriguez Anderson.

### Robert Vernon Meehan Sr., 79

Robert Vernon Meehan Sr. passed away May 13 at Providence Hospital in Anchorage. Mr. Meehan was born Sept. 5, 1936, in Seldovia, Alaska. He worked as a commercial fisherman and enjoyed camping, fishing and long drives. He is survived by his children, Susan L. Gibson, Patricia P. Meehan, Michele L. Meehan and Robert V. Meehan Jr.; grandchildren, Robert C. Meehan, Lora J.

Newell, Racheal Newell, Sara Gibson, Mason Gibson, Mandi M. Gibson, Blake A. Gibson, Christopher A. Radague, Dustin P. Meehan, Alexandra M. Meehan, Efen A. Leal Jr., Brandon J. Leal, Tessie P.J. Meehan and Austin J. Leal; and three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

### Van C. Price, 84

Van C. Price passed away May 13 at South Peninsula Hospital in Homer, Alaska. Mr. Price was born Sept. 12, 1931, in Barton, N.M. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette Price; daughter, A. Gay Fraker; grandchildren, Amy Dunmire, Angie Fraker, Christopher Fraker, Nathaniel Hockley and Mathew Hockley; and great-grandchildren, Peter, Naomi, Ethan, Katie Harmony, Annika and Emily.

### Keith Lawrence Stanford, 51

Keith Lawrence Stanford passed away May 31 at Alaska Regional Hospital in Anchorage. Mr. Stanford was born Sept. 3, 1964, in Kenai, Alaska. He was a board member for Kenai Natives Association and served on the CIRI Shareholder Participation Committee. He is survived by his brothers, Lonnie L. Stanford, Vernon L. Stanford and Gary L. Stanford; sister, Ruby L. Stratton; nephew, Lonnie Stanford Jr.; nieces, Katrina Pierce, Tamara Grass and Chandy Rector; and many other family members.



► Frances "Dolly" Vartanian

### Frances Marie "Dolly" Vartanian, 67

Frances Marie Vartanian passed away June 20, 2016, in Anchorage. Ms. Vartanian was born Aug. 14, 1948, in Teller, Alaska. She is survived by her children, Ted Rader III, Yeghsapet Olganna Vartanian, Sose Vartanian and Tamar Vartanian; brother, Albert "Al" Miller Jr.; sister, Sara "Babe" Tweet; grandchildren, Robert Lee Rader, Heather Renee Rader, Roupén Tavo Magonna Vartanian and Devyn Orion Mayuriaq Rivers; and great-grandchildren Amaia, Elijah and Arlowe.

## Condolences

Victor Bowers, 75  
Agnes Rose Devlin, 76  
Marcella Florence Malpica, 64  
Nathan David A. Toots, 79

## YOUTH OPPORTUNITY DEADLINES FAST APPROACHING

### SPC Youth Representatives: We want to hear from the next generation!

CIRI shareholders and confirmed, registered CIRI descendants 13 to 17 years of age are invited to apply for one of three Shareholder Participation Committee (SPC) youth representative positions. Youth reps participate in a two-day October SPC meeting, and a one-day meeting in June, providing input to the SPC as it works with the corporation on issues or activities identified by the SPCs, the shareholders or the corporation.

Applications may be downloaded and printed at [www.ciri.com](http://www.ciri.com) or picked up from Shareholder Relations and must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Wed., Aug. 10. Completed packets received by the deadline will be reviewed by a selection committee and winners will be contacted.

### Youth Art Contest Submissions: 'What do you want to be when you grow up?'

To enter the 2016 Youth Art Contest, CIRI shareholders or confirmed, registered descendants aged 5 to 12 must submit original artwork interpreting the theme "What do you want to be when you grow up?" along with a completed



➤ Aleshanee Katherine Nikita received second place in the ages 9 to 12 category in the 2014 Youth Art Contest.

entry form. Winners receive cash prizes and their entries will be displayed at the CIRI and The CIRI Foundation Friendship Potlatches this fall. Entry forms may be downloaded and printed at [www.ciri.com](http://www.ciri.com) or picked up from Shareholder Relations. Completed forms and submissions must be received by CIRI on or before 5 p.m. on Wed., Aug. 10.

For additional information on youth opportunities or how to register as a descendant, visit [www.ciri.com/shareholders/descendants/](http://www.ciri.com/shareholders/descendants/).

#### SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 04

Two years after reconnecting with her cousins, Blumenstein conducted an Internet search in an attempt to locate her sister. Six months later, she found her living in South Carolina. "I flew Olga out see me, and she ended up moving to here [to Washington]," Blumenstein said. Olga Roseanne Goodman passed away in October 2015, but the two did get to know each other. And Blumenstein still speaks to her cousins, who are dispersed throughout Anchorage, Juneau and Marshall.

Blumenstein resides in Washington State, along with her husband Glenn, a test pilot. She has three children from a previous marriage – daughters Christyna and Shannon and a son, William. She earned an Associate Technical Arts degree in chemical dependency counseling, graduating with honors in 2013, and currently works as an outpatient chemical dependency counselor, where she helps individuals struggling with addiction to drugs or alcohol. "Addiction is a rampant disease that affects people of all backgrounds," she said. "I've had family members suffering from this

disease, and I've had clients who are judges. We can't sit idly by; we have to step up to the plate and do something." Blumenstein previously worked as an inpatient counselor for Olalla Recovery Centers, which utilize Native American cultural and spiritual-based recovery choices. Through her work with Olalla, she traveled to Anchorage and saw the CIRI building for the very first time.

"CIRI has been almost like a life-changing experience for me – a shocking experience, but a wonderful experience," Blumenstein said. "The initial check I received after being a found shareholder enabled me to purchase a home and helped put my son through college. I enjoy the potlatches. After meeting my cousins, I found out that my great-grandfather is Oliver Amouak. You may recognize him – he's the man whose picture is on the tail of Alaska Airlines planes." 📧

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challenges that we are facing as they relate to rural justice in our Native areas, in our rural areas."

"I would look forward to such a meeting, and I would welcome it," Lynch said.

Following the June 10 meeting at CIRI's headquarters, the attorney general visited CIRI-affiliated nonprofit Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) for a roundtable discussion with nine Alaska Native youth, including CIRI shareholder Dajonee "Nene" Hale, current CITC intern and former CIRI intern, who shared her concerns about homelessness and substance abuse, particularly among teens. The event was co-hosted by First Alaskans Institute.

"While there's so much wisdom to be gained from our Elders, there's so much truth to be heard from our young people," Lynch told the group. Issues raised

during the discussion included depression and suicide risk, public safety and domestic abuse.

"The stories that you all have really are the ones that will inform me and my team as we go back and try to make sure the Department of Justice can answer you, can answer your questions, can answer your concerns," Lynch said.

"While we have much work to do to overcome the many challenges facing rural Alaska, we are encouraged by the attorney general's visit," CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich said. "By addressing the social, economic and educational issues facing Alaska Native people and their communities, we can start working today for a brighter tomorrow." 📧

## MISSING SHAREHOLDERS

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

(As of 7/18/2016)

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Renetta Rae Haggard	Brian Lee Morissette
Eric Bruce Hamilton	Alma Mullins
Sherenna Lorraine Hansen	Forrest James Nayukok
June Maynet Hardy	Wanda Marie Newman

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## SHAREHOLDER ESTATES

### Also Missing

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

- Estate of Marlene Pettijohn – Petriva A. Rouleau
- Estate of Leonard Turgeon – Ashley Moore
- Estate of Lawrence M. Wade – Alex H. Wade

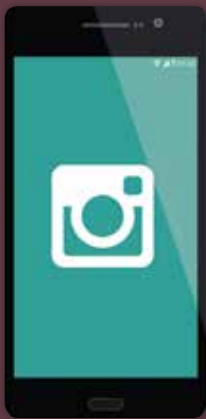
If your name appears above or you know the whereabouts of the individuals listed above, please contact CIRI Probate at (907) 263-5191 or toll free at 1-800-764-2474.



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| Kellen St-Clair Okpealuk   | Veronica Ann Takeuchi      |
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### "A Dip of Cool, a Sip of Swagger."

CIRI shareholder Storme Webber describes herself as an in-between person: "Born into a crossing-over place where Indigenous met African met Texan met Alaska Native," Webber writes in the introduction of her collection of poetry called *Blues Divine*. This African American, Native American and Alaska Native artist is being recognized for giving a voice to the marginalized. And it's that voice that sets Storme apart.

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



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Theme: CIRI Perspectives

We would like to see photos that exemplify the diverse lifestyles, cultures and places that define our shareholders and descendants.

Only electronic .jpg files will be accepted. If you submit photos, please be sure to include the highest resolution possible.

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Or a nonreturnable thumb drive can be mailed to:  
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