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> Portage is an expert at environmental cleanup work, which includes excavating, loading and hauling waste, and accepting, placing and compacting that waste at separate disposal sites. *Photos courtesy of North Wind Group*.

## NORTH WIND ACQUIRES PORTAGE CONTRACTS, PAST PERFORMANCE HISTORY

Opurred by global demographic trends and natural events, environmental cleanup is on the rise. According to the most recent numbers released by Environmental Business International (EBI), a publishing and research company that generates market intelligence on the environmental industry, the industry grew 3.5 percent in 2015 and generated \$363 billion in revenues. EBI forecasts continued growth in the 2017-2019 timeframe, with an average annual increase of 3-4 percent.

Ready, willing and able to take on environmental challenges ranging from small site assessments to large-scale remediation projects is CIRI's North Wind Group, an Idaho Falls, Idaho-based company that grew to more than 850 employees last year.



> An excavator removes contaminants at a project site.

## Portage's recent past and current contracts of note include:

LUCKEY SITE CONTAMINATED SOILS REMEDIATION PROJECT

Client: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

## FIREWEED BUSINESS **CENTER ACHIEVES** 'GREEN' BUILDING DESIGNATION



CIRI's Fireweed Business Center, the company's achieved LEED Gold certification. Certain sustainable technologies, such as solar panels that were affixed to the building's roof last summer, helped the building achieve the higher-than-expected certification.

A program of the U.S. Green Building Council, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) buildings use less water and energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Projects pursuing LEED certification earn points across

As previously announced, North Wind recently acquired Portage Inc., which, like North Wind, is an Idaho-based leading small business in the federal environmental services market. The acquisition brings important new contracts to North Wind.

Portage's well-known brand and proven track record of successful past performance for clients that include the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. military will serve to enhance North Wind's qualifications as it bids for new work with these and other customers. In government contracting, when you buy a company, you also "buy" its past project performance, and are therefore able to claim its successful performance as your own.

Years active: 2017-2022 (mobilization activities began 2016). Location: Luckey, Ohio

Project description: As part of the Corps' Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP), Portage provides environmental services activities including cleanup of soils and debris contaminated with beryllium, lead and radiological waste - near the community of Luckey, 22 miles southeast of Toledo.

### MOAB URANIUM MILL TAILINGS REMEDIAL ACTION (UMTRA) PROJECT Client: DOE

Years active: 2011-2021. Original contract: 2011-2016. Five-year extension awarded in 2016 for work through 2021. Location: Moab, Utah, just south of Arches National Park

Project description: Environmental cleanup work to include

PORTAGE CONTRACTS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 04

"The Fireweed Business Center is an excellent friendly design with quality and spatial and CEO. "CIRI is always seeking innovative solutions that are better for our environment, and better for our communities."

For more information on the LEED program, visit www.usgbc.org/leed. For information visit www.fireweedcenter.com. 🗎

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## **A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Sophie Minich, CIRI president and chief executive officer

As the days grow longer, we embrace all that spring has to offer and anticipate the warmer days ahead. As for me, I know I look forward to getting outside – biking, fishing and golfing are just a few of the activities I enjoy during the warmer months of the year.

I was fortunate to speak at Southcentral Foundation's 20th Annual Gathering celebration, held Feb. 4 in Anchorage. A family-friendly health fair that is free and open to the general public, The Gathering shares health information and celebrates the benefits of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Indian Health Service, Alaska Native people have long experienced lower health status when compared with other Americans. In some cases, this can be attributed to inadequate education, discrimination in the delivery of health services and other qualityof-life issues rooted in economic adversity.

The prevalence of obesity in Alaska Native populations has increased dramatically over the past 30 years, bringing with it numerous chronic diseases including type-2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, arthritis and respiratory problems. Studies show that obesity begins early for many Alaska Native children and it is also a significant problem for the adult population.

Exercise is one way to counteract obesity and it boasts numerous other benefits as well, such as reduced stress, improved mood and energy and better sleep. We are fortunate to live in a region that makes getting outdoors easy. And we need not wait for summer to enjoy the recreational bounty the outdoors has to offer – downhill and cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and ice skating are activities available to us during the colder months of the year.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that adults get a mix of moderate- or vigorous-intensity aerobic activity and musclestrengthening activity each week. The minimum amount of aerobic activity recommended is 30 minutes of moderate-intensity activity five days a week (walking counts!), 25 minutes of vigorousintensity activity three days a week or an equivalent combination. Muscle-strengthening activity is recommended at least two days a week.

Of course, exercise is only part of the equation. As in many health categories, when it comes to nutrition, Alaska Native people often fall short. Of a percentage of adults who report having eaten at least five servings of fruits and vegetables per day during the past month, Alaska Native people statewide are 3 percentage points behind other Alaskans (9 percent versus 12 percent). In the Northwest Arctic (Kotzebue region), among Alaska Native people, that number is as low as 2.5 percent.

Thankfully, many of the wild foods our ancestors relied upon are nutritionally rich and readily available in our region. Salmon, halibut, moose, berries, sea lettuce, pineapple weed and spruce tips can be hunted or harvested. In-season produce at your local grocery store is generally more nutritious and less expensive, and farmers markets sell locallygrown fruits and vegetables year round. Although, in some areas of the state, fresh produce is limited and prohibitively expensive, more and more villages are starting to grow produce locally. Within our own region, the Tyonek Tribal Conservation District administers a community garden where



everyone works together to care for the plants. In 2016 the garden produced over 1,800 pounds of produce, a remarkable achievement!

In the end, it is important to recognize that health and wellness begins with each and every one of us, and it is something we should work on each and every day. By continuing to strive to lead healthier lives, and ensuring our children eat well and are physically active, we achieve better productivity, improved work performance and deeper fulfillment.

Warm regards,

Jophie Minich

## CIRI in the COMMUNITY

## Ethan Schutt, CIRI Executive and Youth Ice-Hockey Coach

Leading CIRI's land and energy departments, Senior Vice President Ethan Schutt must remain focused on the goal. His approach doesn't change when he gets off of work; it only becomes more literal. That's because he often finds himself at a hockey rink coaching kids on how to score goals.

A notoriously time-intensive sport, ice hockey requires players, parents and coaches to contend with early-morning "ice time," commutes to games and practices, and demanding tournament schedules. But youth sports have lasting and far-reaching benefits for kids: Research links participation to better grades and selfesteem, long-term improvements in education and employment, and lower obesity rates.



Schutt played hockey while growing up in Tok, Alaska, a community about 200 miles southeast of Fairbanks. His father helped coach. Now, four of Schutt's children – three boys and one girl – are involved with the sport.

Schutt coaches two teams – a Mite Red team (birth years: 2008 and 2009) and a Squirt Major team (birth years: 2006 and 2007). "It's a pretty serious time commitment," he said. "The season > CIRI executive and youth hockey coach Ethan Schutt, far left, with his Squirt Major team. Photo courtesy of Mr. Schutt.

runs from September to the end of March, and by the beginning of February, we'd already played 50plus games. The Squirt team I have, there are only three teams in Alaska playing at that level, so they 'play up' a lot. We went to Phoenix right after the holidays and they played 12 games in six days."

CIRI encourages its team of dedicated employees to participate in opportunities to improve our communities. CIRI staff serve without compensation on a large number of non-affiliated nonprofit boards, donating many hours of personal time annually. On top of that, each month, CIRI employees are allowed two hours of paid time to volunteer for the nonprofit organization of their choice.

In spite of the countless hours spent on the ice, Schutt's reasons for coaching are simple. "It's fun," he said. "You get to see the kids develop as players. Most won't play elite hockey, which is fine. You give them the best opportunity, help them to love the game and develop as people, too."

For information about Alaska youth hockey, visit www.alaskastatehockey.com.



## »» SHAREHOLDERSPOTLIGHT

## **Sharon Padilla**

CIRI shareholder Sharon Padilla and her husband, Perry, were settling happily into life as empty nesters. Their only child, a daughter named Sarah, was in her early twenties and enrolled in college. Both had steady, long-term jobs with the Federal Aviation Administration – she as a logistics management specialist and he as a National Airspace System operations manager. When Sharon received an email in 2008 "out of the blue" asking her if she would be interested in adopting her cousin's granddaughter on her mother's side of the family, she was taken aback – at that point, she had been unaware of the little girl's existence.

"My mother was the eighth of 13 kids and I didn't know all my aunts and uncles," Sharon explained. "This was the great-granddaughter of my mom's oldest sibling. I knew very little about that side of the family."

The email came to Sharon from Terri Corey, a CIRI shareholder who works as an Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) coordinator/behavioral health aide for the Native Village of Eklutna. "It was sent to my sisters and me. I asked my husband, 'What do you think?' We decided at that point that we needed more information before making any kind of decision," she said.

Sharon is connected to CIRI through her mother, the late Virginia Nickita-Call, and her grandmother, the late Delia Nickita-Stephan of Knik, Alaska. She is a lifelong Alaskan of Dena'ina Athabascan descent.

The child, a little girl named Aniya, was living in foster care in Redding, Calif. "The California social workers basically tried to slam the door on us, but through Terri Corey being so tenacious, we were able to meet Aniya," Sharon said.



> Sharon and Perry Padilla with their daughter, Aniya, on her adoption day. *Photo courtesy of Ms. Padilla*.

A federal law that seeks to keep Alaska Native and American Indian children with Alaska Native and American Indian families, Congress passed the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in 1978 in response to the high number of American Indian and Alaska Native children being removed from their homes by both public and private agencies. A new federal regulation that went into effect in late 2016 put legal force behind federal directives for implementing ICWA.

A disproportionately high number of Alaska Native children account for the state's out-of-home foster care placements – roughly 55 percent, though they account for only about 20 percent of the state's overall child population. According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, nationally, Native children are 2.5 times more likely to end up in state foster care than white children.

"ICWA is such a controversial law, and not everyone was in favor of Aniya moving with us to

DESCENDANT SPOTLIGHT, CONTINUED ON PAGE 07



## FIRE ISLAND WIND PRODUCES RECORD ENERGY OUTPUT

## **TRADITIONALRECIPE**

## HALIBUT WITH CREAM SAUCE (two options)

**Start to finish:** 60 minutes (15 minutes active)

Servings: Approximately 4

## Ingredients:

Large halibut fillet (approximately 1½ pounds) Onion salt Black pepper Parsley Dill Lemon Onion Red bell pepper

## Jesse's Fish Sauce

 1 can (10.5 ounces) cream of chicken condensed soup
¼ to ½ cup whole milk, depending on the consistency you prefer
2 ounces diced green chilies

## Larry's Special Sauce

½ cup milk ⅓ cup mayonnaise

## 1 cup ranch dressing

## **Directions:**

- 1. Heat oven to 400 F.
- 2. Split halibut lengthwise into two fillets.
- 3. Spray a baking dish thoroughly with cooking spray and line with foil.
- 4. Place one fillet in baking dish and season with onion salt, pepper, parsley and dill.
- 5. Cover with foil and cook 15 minutes.
- 6. While fish is cooking, mix up one of the cream sauces above.
- 7. Spread half the cream sauce over the first fillet and repeat seasonings.
- 8. Layer second halibut fillet over sauce, cover with remaining sauce, and top with lemon and onion slices.
- 9. Cover with foil and bake for 30 minutes.
- 10. Remove foil and add red bell pepper slices. Bake for 20 minutes.
- 11. Sprinkle with dill and cook an additional 10 minutes.

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

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A wind turbine project three miles off the coast of Anchorage, Fire Island Wind supplies clean, renewable energy to approximately 7,000 homes in southcentral Alaska. The project is owned by Fire Island Wind LLC, a CIRI company. Operations began in 2012. In 2016, thanks to favorable wind conditions, Fire Island produced record-high energy output: 55,580 megawatt hours (MWh), up from 50,170 in 2015 and 47,470 in 2014.

For 2016, energy production was 8.6 percent above budget while operating expenses were 5.3 percent below budget. "In addition to better-than-expected energy production, we saved money on operating costs since many of the items we had budgeted for didn't require maintenance," said CIRI's Suzanne Settle, senior director, Energy Development. Wind turbines automatically stop producing power if the monitoring computer system senses a potential mechanical problem. In 2016, there was only one such stoppage, causing the project to lose a mere 285 MWh (one-half of 1 percent) of energy. This statistic demonstrates the impressive response time of CIRI's operational staff in troubleshooting issues and quickly returning turbines to service.

Through a long-term power purchase agreement with Anchorage utility Chugach Electric Association, Fire Island Wind eliminates up to 500 million cubic feet of natural gas consumption annually. For more information, visit www.fireislandwind.com.

#### ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to CIRI shareholder Troy Hills on the release of his new album, "The Man." The liner notes describe the album as "blistering rock... that reminds you of classic AC/DC mixed with the pounding rhythm of the Cult." To sample the album, visit https://trock.hearnow.com.

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## SAVE THE DATE: 2017 SENIOR NATIVE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

APRIL 27-29 Alaska Airlines Center at UAA 3550 Providence Drive, Anchorage

www.citci.org/partnerships-events/nyo-games

## SAVE THE DATE: INFORMATION MEETINGS, ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Meeting attendance is limited to CIRI shareholders and their immediate family members (i.e., spouse, children) and/or stock custodians. Shareholders must check in with their guest and present identification. Refreshments will be provided.

### Information Meetings Saturday, April 15 | Anchorage, Alaska

CIRI Fireweed Business Center 725 East Fireweed Lane, Anchorage, Alaska Registration opens at 11 a.m. Event concludes at 2 p.m. Please RSVP by noon on Thursday, April 6 Due to space limitations, daycare services will not be available.

### Saturday, April 22 | Kenai, Alaska

Kenai Middle School 201 North Tinker Lane, Kenai, Alaska Registration opens at 10:30 a.m. Please RSVP by noon on Monday, April 17 Child care available upon advance request.

### Saturday, May 6 | Puyallup, Wash.

Chief Leschi School 5625 52nd Street East, Puyallup, Wash. Registration opens at 10:30 a.m. Please RSVP by noon on Thursday, April 27 Child care available upon advance request.

## Annual Meeting Saturday, June 3 | Anchorage, Alaska

Southcentral Foundation's Nuka Wellness and Learning Center (near the Alaska Native Medical Campus) 4085 Tudor Centre Drive, Anchorage, Alaska Registration: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. While it is not required to RSVP for the Annual Meeting, it helps us ensure the proper amount of food if you do. Child care available upon advance request.

## THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO RSVP:

Letting us know you will attend and how many people will be in your party helps us plan for the appropriate number of guests. Please note the RSVP deadlines listed for each event and respond by the indicated date one of the following ways:

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

## »»» INMEMORY »

## Laura Roseann Harman, 61

Laura Roseann Harman passed away on Dec. 2, 2016, at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Harman was born Nov. 7, 1955, in Juneau, Alaska. A lifelong Alaskan, she worked as a tax accountant and paralegal in Anchorage, Kodiak and Soldotna. Ms. Harman counted among her hobbies outdoor pursuits, music, reading, gardening, baking, beading, embroidery and basket weaving. She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Kasilof Chapter. Ms. Harman is survived by her mother and stepfather, Irene and Arthur Robinson; father and stepmother, David and Eloise Harman; children, Samuel Lee Yoder and Rhonda Irene Thompson; sisters, Theresa C. Carroll, Denise Cox, Kathleen Harman and Jacqueline Tagaban; brothers, David Jeff Harman, Richard Harman and Thomas Harman; grandchildren, Lucas Sheldahl, Samantha Thompson and Parker Thompson; stepbrothers, Sean Robinson, Aaron Robinson and Luis Beltran; stepsisters, Teresa Kessler, Cecile Cruz, Delana Haag and Karen Aguirre; 27 nieces and nephews; and extended family too numerous to name but greatly loved.



> A bird's-eye view of the Moab UMTRA project.

excavation, conditioning and packaging of uranium mill tailings and debris at the project site in Moab, and transporting the waste via rail twice per week 30 miles north to a disposal site in Crescent Junction, Utah, also operated by Portage. The project site encompasses 435 acres, of which approximately 130 acres was covered by 16 million tons of uranium mill tailings up to 60 feet thick. To date, the project has removed and disposed of approximately half the tailings pile. In addition, Portage is responsible for the excavation, size reduction and disposal of debris from the mill buildings and associated structures buried in the tailings pile, and for remediation of vicinity properties, which are properties in the local community where contamination from past mill activities has been identified. compliance, nuclear and mining facility engineering and operations, international waste repository and scientific programs, and WIPP repository recovery.

## IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY (INL) TECHNICAL SUPPORT CONTRACT

Client: Battelle Energy Alliance Years active: 2005-2015 Location: Idaho Falls, Idaho Project description: Provided technical support in radioactive material, fuel and waste retrieval; waste

management planning; cost estimating; waste storage/ treatment and program management; permitting; engineering and project management; material inventory development, tracking and control; nuclear component engineering design, manufacturing and testing; facility design and construction procurement/ oversight; chemical inventory management; and Superfund response at every facility at the INL.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP WORK AT LOS Alamos National Laboratory (Lanl)

Client: Los Alamos National Security, LLC, the management and operations contractor for DOE at LANL **Years active:** 2007-2012 Location: Los Alamos, New Mexico Project description: Provided environmental cleanup services, including excavation/packaging of soils and debris in waste trenches contaminated with uranium, heavy metals, plutonium and other fission products, asbestos and volatile organic compounds. This six-acre site, known as Material Disposal Area (MDA) B, housed a former landfill utilized in the 1940s for disposal of WWII-era research and production operations, which consisted of 10 trenches up to 35 feet deep. The cleanup goal was to achieve residential soil screening levels for hazardous constituents and residential screening action levels for radionuclides in accordance with the MDA B Investigation/Remediation Work Plan approved by the New Mexico Environment Department. This cleanup was the highest-profile and most complex remediation project undertaken in the history of the laboratory and part of a broader DOE initiative to transfer the area to the City of Los Alamos. ≒

### Myrtle V. Jorgensen, 82

Myrtle V. Jorgensen passed away Jan. 24 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Jorgensen was born Feb. 16, 1934, in Juneau, Alaska. She is survived by her children, Albert R. Jorgensen and Kamilla D. Diamond; grandchildren, Angela English, Richard Powell III and Sondra Powell; and great-grandchildren, Gabriel McCasland, Kahri English and Lukas English.

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## WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT (WIPP) Technical assistance contractor

### Client: DOE

Years active: 2010 – 2021. Original contract: 2010-2015. Five-year extension awarded in 2016 for work through 2021. Location: Carlsbad, New Mexico

**Project description:** At the nation's only underground repository for the safe disposal of transuranic radioactive waste, Portage is providing quality assurance, technical oversight and administrative operations support. The WIPP repository is located approximately 2,150 feet below ground in a thick deposit of bedded salt. More specifically, Portage's support to the DOE includes: transuranic waste certification and transportation, emergency safety and worker health, environmental



## **SHAREHOLDER DISTRIBUTIONS**

First Quarter	Direct Deposit Sign-up Deadline: 3 p.m.	Address Change and Cancel Direct Deposit Deadline: 3 p.m.	Distribution Date
Dividend	Monday, March 13	Wednesday, March 22	Friday, March 31
Resource Revenue Distribution	Monday, March 13	Wednesday, March 22	Monday, April 3

## **First Quarter Dividend**

First quarter 2017 dividends in the amount of \$8.53 per share (or \$853 per 100 shares) will be mailed or directly deposited by 6 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time on Friday, March 31 to all shareholders with a valid address on file with CIRI as of 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 22.

## **Resource Revenue Distribution**

For shareholders who own at-large shares and have a valid mailing address on file as of 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, a resource revenue payment in the amount of \$10.233 per share (or \$1,023.30 per 100 shares) will be mailed or directly deposited by 6 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time on Monday, April 3. Resource revenue payments for shareholders who own village-class shares are mailed directly to their village corporations, as required by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). If you have a Qenek portal account, you may access information on the type of stock owned via the portal. Resource revenue payments are made in accordance with Section 7 (j) of ANCSA, which directs the sharing of resource revenues among the twelve regional corporations within the state of Alaska.

## **Other 2017 Distributions**

CIRI's dividend policy, which may be viewed on CIRI's website, states that the total dividend payment to shareholders in any given year is equal to 3.50 percent of total shareholders' equity, calculated as of December 31 of the prior year. As the first step in calculating dividend amounts, CIRI's prior-year accounting books must be "closed," which means all prior-year expenses and income must be received and either paid or properly accounted for. Next, the finance and accounting department prepares CIRI's prior-year financial statements, after which an independent accounting firm is retained to review the statements and confirm their accuracy. This process determines CIRI's total shareholders' equity upon which current-year dividends will be based.

Prior to the completion and audit of the financial statements, the accounting and finance department has enough information to estimate the ending shareholders' equity balance, enabling the amounts of the first through third quarter dividends to be declared. For 2017, the amounts of the first through third quarter dividends have been calculated and will be \$8.53 per share (or \$853 per 100 shares). As in the nast once the financial statements have been

reviewed and confirmed, the amount of the fourth quarter dividend will be calculated. The amount of the resource revenue distribution will also be calculated at that time. Once known, those amounts will be announced and the website distribution schedule will be updated.

## Direct Deposit/Remote Deposit

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

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

## Address Changes

Checks and vouchers are mailed to the address CIRI has on record as of the specified deadline. If your address has changed, be sure to update your address with both CIRI and the U.S. Postal Service. These addresses must match or your CIRI mail may not reach you. When CIRI mail is undeliverable, distributions are held and the shareholder does not qualify to participate in any prize drawings until the address is updated. This is true even if a shareholder has his or her dividends electronically deposited.

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

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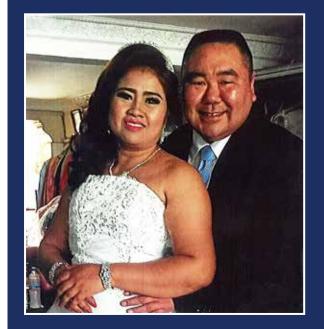
## **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

CIRI descendant Shawna Mae Stephan and her fiancé, Eddie David Myas, are pleased to announce the birth of their twin sons, born Feb. 4. Eddie Jr. was born at 6:02 p.m. weighing 5.2 pounds and measuring 18 inches, and Eliejah Rocky was born at 6:09 p.m. weighing 4.1 pounds and measuring 18.5 inches. They join a sister, Tiana Mae Doll Myas, who was born just 11 months prior. Grandparents are CIRI shareholders Annie Mae Stephan and Leon Rocky Stephan, and great-grandparents are CIRI shareholders Alberta E. Stephan and Leo Stephan.



### **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

CIRI shareholder Lucy E. Koivisto and Michael Tuttle are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Laec Koivisto Tuttle, born Jan. 17 in Anacortes, Wash. Paternal grandparents are Ray and Nancy Tuttle of Jordan Valley, Oregon, and maternal grandparents are Clifford Koivisto and CIRI shareholder H. Lucy Standifer of Alaska.



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## IMPORTANT CIRI DATES

March 27, 2017	Seward's Day: CIRI offices closed
March 31, 2017	Deadline for first quarter participation prizes: Confirmed Descendant, Direct Deposit, eNewsletter, Stock Will (visit ciri.com for additional information)
April 13, 2017	Koahnic Broadcast Corp. 22nd Annual Alaska Native Art Auction (visit knba.org for additional information)

#### **MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Congratulations to CIRI shareholder Walter A. Kalerak who married Ouk Nimol on Jan. 25 in the bride's home country of Cambodia. 🗎

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## MISSINGSHAREHOLDERS MANN

The following CIRI shareholders do not have a current mailing address on record. When CIRI mail is returned as undeliverable, the distributions are held and the shareholder does not qualify to participate in any prize drawings until the address is updated. Shareholders with Qenek portal accounts may update their addresses online. Alternatively, shareholders may visit CIRI's website or call Shareholder Relations at (907) 263-5191 or (800) 764-2474 for address change forms and information.

### (As of 03/21/2017)

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## ARCTIC AERIAL CAPTURES IMAGES 'FROM THE EARTH, TO THE AIR'

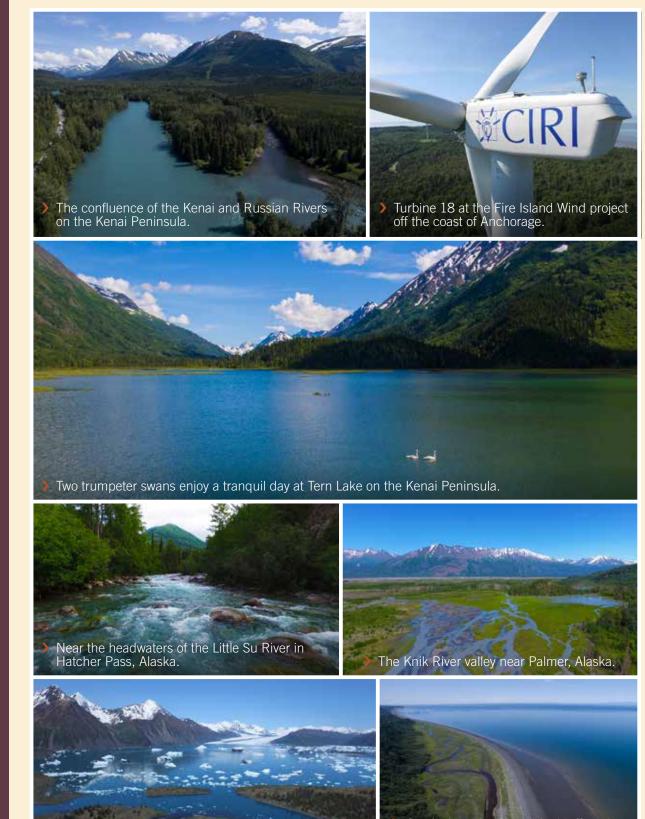
Harnessing cutting-edge technology to capture inspiring aerial imagery, Arctic Aerial, a CIRI company, utilizes unmanned aerial vehicles, known as UAVs or drones, for photography, videography and data-collection services.

The technology is well suited to a range of applications, including agriculture, construction, environmental services, extractive industries, fisheries, real estate, and travel and tourism.

Bear Glacier outside Seward, Alaska

Arctic Aerial is fully licensed, bonded and insured. Its experienced UAV pilots are certified under the Federal Aviation Administration's Small Unmanned Aircraft System Rule (Part 107).

Below is a sampling of Arctic Aerial's portfolio. See more at www.arcticaerial.com.



Overlooking the Cook Inlet bluff on the Kenai Peninsula near Ninilchik, Alaska.

Wassillie George Long William Dean Luttrell Jr. Maria Elizabeth Malven Hultman Ababuk McKenna Jack Joseph Milligan Shaun Michael Moore Forrest James Nayukok Carol Ann Nelsen Hoyt Leonard Ogle Kellen St-Clair Okpealuk Lehman Rither Olson Bryan Lee Outwater Matthew Walter Phillips Mary Jane Rastetter





## 2017 SUMMER INTERNSHIP APPLICATION PERIOD NOW OPEN



#### > CIRI's 2016 summer interns.

CIRI is now accepting applications for its 2017 Summer Internship program. Whenever possible, students' interests are aligned with positions we have available within the company and through partnerships in the community, which could include accounting and finance, communications, construction management, environmental sciences and engineering, human resources, IT, land and resources, project management, real estate, risk management and shareholder programs.

Students may apply online before the May 12 deadline by visiting the careers page on the CIRI website.

To be eligible for consideration, students must:

- Be a CIRI shareholder or registered descendant,
- Have a 2.0 GPA or higher, and
- Be in junior or senior standing and enrolled in a four-year degree program or recently graduated, or be enrolled in or recently graduated from a relevant vocational program.

For more information, visit www.ciri.com/internship. For any questions regarding the program or application process, contact CIRI Talent Management Manager Darla Graham, dgraham@ciri.com. For information on other employment opportunities, visit AlaskaNativeHire.com.

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Alaska," Sharon said. The non-Native family who was fostering her was especially opposed, as was the California Department of Social Services. Sharon said she is grateful to those who advocated on her behalf. "Terri Corey helped me intervene in the court case in California. Knik Tribal Council ICWA worker (and CIRI shareholder) Geraldine Nicoli-Ayonayon helped me identify resources to help cover expenses. And California Indian Legal Services assisted us as well.

"ICWA workers have a tough job," Sharon continued. "They hear so many stories of abuse and neglect and deal with fractured families, but they're our warriors for our children in so many ways."

Aniya arrived in Alaska in September 2009 and

"Because I get so wrapped up in issues around adoption, I thought I needed an outside interest," she said. "As a member, I've really encouraged people I know to register their descendants because there are so many opportunities available to them (through CIRI). I was really excited for Take the Next Generation to Work Day for Aniya. We need to bring in more shareholders and young people and get them involved."

Aniya's adoption by the Padilla family "was a real journey," Sharon said. "It came with its challenges, but we wouldn't have it any other way. People sometimes say she's lucky to have us, but if she were truly lucky, she never would have needed us. Perry and I are the lucky ones to have the opportunity to have Aniya in our lives and to be her parents. I've truly learned more about life from her than anybody else."

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#### Gerald D. Moore, 83

Gerald D. Moore passed away Dec. 28, 2016, at home in Nikiski, Alaska. Mr. Moore was born April 14, 1933, in Otsego, Mich. He served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War and, while stationed in California, met and married his wife of 60 years, Loretta J. Moore. Mr. Moore was a commercial fisherman and block layer by trade, and retired as a longshoreman. His hobbies included fishing and hunting. He is survived by his wife, Loretta J. Moore; children, Brandon D. Moore and Mary Moore; brother, Darrell Moore; sister-in-law, Judy Moore; sisters, Fran Hall, Betty Spencer and Snooks Walsingham; and many loved nieces and nephews.

#### Laura Irene Nelson, 73

Laura Irene Nelson passed away Jan. 8, 2016, at St. Elias Specialty Hospital in Anchorage. Ms. Nelson was born Sept. 14, 1942, in Teller, Alaska. She is survived by her brother, Albert Miller Jr.; sister, Sara Tweet; children, Terri Denmark, Robert R. Nelson, Kris T. Dunphy and Richard Nelson; and several grandchildren.

#### Colleen I. Patrick, 40

Colleen I. Patrick passed away Jan. 19 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Patrick was born Jan. 2, 1977, in Bethel, Alaska. She is survived by her mother, Bessie D. Wassillie; brothers, Hal G. Wassillie and Michael T. Wassillie; sisters, Mildred Lupie, Cherleann Rego, Emilianne Atkinson and Kristen Pauilia; daughter, Angelee Azean; and grandchildren, Evon, Taisha and Prinston Azean.

### Daniel Soxie, 87

Daniel Soxie passed away Dec. 24, 2016, at home in Unalakleet, Alaska. Mr. Soxie was born Jan. 16, 1929, in Shaktoolik, Alaska. He is survived by his daughters, Hilma P. Soxie and Dalene R. Soxie; grandchildren, Melissa McLeod and Daniel J. Soxie; greatgrandson, Everett W. Juan; and sisters, Cicelia B., Janet F., Betty B. and Violet.



Paul Stephan, 74

Paul Stephan passed away Jan. 14 at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Long Beach, Calif. Mr. Stephan was born on March 27, 1942, in Knik, Alaska. He is survived by his wife,

> Paul Stephan Zenobia Stephan; sister, Pauline Chilligan; brother, Ray Stephan; sister-in-law, Karen Stephan; son, David Stephan; daughterin-law, Trinity Newton; nieces, Rachel Stephan, Michelle Edwards, Tina Hummingbird, Laura Chilligan and Irene Sanford; nephew, Norman Chilligan; grandchildren, Michael Stephan, Skylar Osorio and Katie Newton; and grandnephews, Joseph Edward and Raymond Stephan.

was formally adopted by the Padillas in July 2011. Now a busy and active 10 year old, she is a talented soccer player and recently spent the day at CIRI as a participant in the company's Take the Next Generation to Work Day.

Though she maintains full-time employment and a busy family schedule, Sharon still finds the time to serve on CIRI's Shareholder Participation Committee (SPC). With the goal of better increasing two-way communication between CIRI and its shareholders, the SPC advises CIRI on specific issues and activities identified by committee members, the corporation and its shareholders and descendants. Sharon joined the SPC in October 2015. Sharon is a strong advocate of Alaska Native foster families for Alaska Native children. For information about becoming a foster parent, visit www.dhss.alaska.gov/OCS. To learn about descendant registration and descendant and youth opportunities, visit www.ciri.com/descendants.

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## **2017 SHAREHOLDER, ELDER AND YOUTH** AWARD NOMINATIONS



2016 Youth Recognition Award recipient Parker Pickett with CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich.

#### Nomination deadline: Monday, June 5

CIRI is accepting nominations for the 2017 awards to be presented at the CIRI and The

Since 1989, CIRI has annually bestowed the Shareholder of the Year Award on a and communities. CIRI introduced the Elder Shareholder of the Year Award in 2011 to recognize Elder shareholders who have demonstrated exemplary dedication to these same areas through a lifetime of contributions

A third category of recognition is for CIRI youth who are already making strides toward becoming tomorrow's Alaska Native leaders. Introduced in 2013, the **Youth Recognition** Award recognizes CIRI shareholders and descendants who are 12 to 17 years of age for leadership qualities, dedication to Alaska Native culture and heritage, outstanding contributions to community and family, and exceptional determination and stamina in overcoming significant life challenges.

category awards by visiting the CIRI website and submitting an online nomination form by 5 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time, Monday, June 5. 🗎

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

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

- Estate of Wayne Allen Belardi Perlita Keener
- Estate of Thomas William Highsmith Tonya Lorraine Highsmith
- Estate of Lily Mae Marshall Kamette R. Myers and Christian James Marshall
- Estate of Richard Lloyd Sargent (aka Lloyd Richard Sargent) **Derek Bernard Sargent and John Michael Sargent Clark**
- Estate of Leonard Turgeon Ashley Moore
- Estate of Lawrence M. Wade Alex H. Wade

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

## **Tax Reminder**

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

