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FIRE ISLAND WIND ACHIEVES RECORD PRODUCTION



➤ In January, the Fire Island Wind Project achieved its best-ever month of production: 7,260 megawatt hours and 99 percent availability. *Photo by Judy Patrick.*

When it comes to wind energy, it seems reasonable to assume that the windiest months produce the most energy. Not so, says Chris Jimenez, operations manager for the Fire Island Wind Project.

“The optimal range is 10 to 13 meters per second, so not overly windy,” he said. In January, wind conditions that hit right in the “sweet spot,” as Jimenez calls it, helped Fire Island Wind achieve record production: 7,260 megawatt hours of clean, sustainable wind energy delivered to Anchorage homes.

But wind conditions weren't the only reason the project performed so well. Maintenance activities generally fall under one of two categories: preventive (maintenance designed to retain the healthy condition of equipment and prevent failure) or corrective (tasks performed to resolve equipment failure). According to Jimenez, a comprehensive protocol of preventive maintenance had already helped Fire Island Wind achieve consistently high availability.

For example, during an aerial survey of the turbine blades in spring 2017, the team realized that wind had eroded some of the blade tips. Jimenez orchestrated transporting contractors to the island to carry out the repairs. Crews began by climbing 260 feet to the nacelle – the housing at the center of the blades – then rappelling 130 feet down on ropes to the blade tips. There, they chipped away the damage and applied new epoxy material to preserve the integrity of the blades.

“It's a preventative measure to stop the damage from getting any worse, and it's done in a way that minimizes the amount of downtime for the operation,” Jimenez said.

Fire Island Wind began operations in the fall of 2012. Last year, General Electric Company (GE) took over as the operations and maintenance (O&M) provider. Since that time, Jimenez said he and the O&M team have focused not only on routine maintenance, but

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ANCHORAGE VOTES BY MAIL ON APRIL 3



Voters will decide if Anchorage power utility ML&P should be sold to Chugach Electric

In December 2015, the Anchorage Assembly approved a resolution implementing a Vote by Mail election process beginning with the 2018 regular election. The goal of the Vote by Mail system is to centralize and streamline the election process, increase voter turnout and maximize voter protection. This year's municipal election will be the first time traditional polling places will not be available. Instead, ballot packages will be mailed to qualified voters in advance of the election and voters can return their ballots by mail or deposit ballots at a Secure Ballot Drop Box or Accessible Vote Center.

On Tuesday, April 3, voters will elect a mayor and three school board members and vote on seven bond propositions, an initiative, and two Charter and two Municipal Code amendments.

Shareholders may have heard CIRI's name associated with one of the matters on the ballot, Proposition 10 – Charter Amendment and Sale of ML&P to Chugach Electric. If approved, Proposition 10 will amend Anchorage's municipal charter and authorize the city to sell the assets and business of Municipal Light and Power (ML&P) to Chugach Electric Association, Inc.

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sophie Minich, CIRI President and Chief Executive Officer

We made it through another winter, and spring is just around the corner! Here at CIRI, that means we start gearing up for the annual series of shareholder Information Meetings, to be held April 21 in Kenai, Alaska; April 28 in Anchorage, Alaska; and May 12 in Puyallup, Wash. (This year's Annual Meeting will be held June 2 in Soldotna, Alaska. More information will be made available as the date draws closer.)

Information Meetings give us the opportunity to review and reflect on the previous year's financial performance. In 2017, thanks to a combination of new investments and our existing business portfolio, we achieved \$1 billion in gross assets and grew shareholders' equity. These results will be presented in more detail at the Information Meetings and in the 2017 CIRI Annual Report that will be mailed to shareholders next month.

One of my favorite aspects of the Information Meetings is the sense of community that occurs when shareholders gather together – not only to learn more about CIRI's business operations, but to reminisce with old friends, become acquainted with new ones, and share food and stories.

This sense of community extends to finding ways to give back, not only to our shareholders, descendants and their families, but to the broader Alaska Native community and society at large. To this end, CIRI is proud to offer programs and events like the annual CIRI Job and Resource Fair, Summer Internship Program and Alaska Native artist opportunities, and we are equally proud of our close affiliation with our family of nonprofit organizations.

Additionally, CIRI is committed to supporting organizations that fight hunger, poverty and homelessness, and support education. The company recently aided the fundraising efforts of the Alaska SeaLife Center, American Heart Association, Bean's Café/The Children's Lunchbox, Covenant House and Muldoon Elementary School. Since it began in 1983, the CIRI Golf Classic has raised more than \$1.9 million for local nonprofit organizations. And over the years, CIRI and its employees have invested nearly \$2 million in the Southcentral Alaska community through ongoing support to United Way of Anchorage.

It's important to remember that community service begins with each and every one of us. CIRI gives its employees two hours of paid time off per month to volunteer at the nonprofit of their choice. Additionally, employees from CIRI volunteer one morning per month at The Children's Lunchbox, which provides free meals for students in seven Anchorage Title 1 elementary schools and sends those students home with a bag of food items to get them through each weekend.

As we enter the season of park and trail clean-ups, charity walks and golf tournaments, if you're not already doing so, I invite you to find a way to give back to your community. It can be as simple as taking your vehicle through a car-wash fundraiser, giving blood or taking clothes you no longer need to Goodwill. Longer-term commitments include mentoring youth, becoming an adult literacy volunteer or serving as a senior companion.

If you're looking for a volunteer opportunity and aren't sure where to start, check with local charities or your



local United Way organization. Those who live in Anchorage can find information on a variety of volunteer opportunities at www.liveunitedanc.org. Find an opportunity that aligns with your passions, and then get out there and give back!

Warm regards,

CIRI *in the* COMMUNITY



Alaska SeaLife Center Marine Gala

When Hollywood actor Jack Black donated \$10,000 of his own money to the Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC) on the night of its annual Marine Gala, the room erupted into cheers. The gesture also inspired a frenzy of giving, with Black visiting the tables of many of the donors, including CIRI's.

The only facility in Alaska that combines a public aquarium with marine research, education and wildlife response, for 20 years the ASLC has worked to promote understanding and stewardship of Alaska's marine ecosystem. Located in Seward on the shores of Resurrection Bay, the ASLC public aquarium houses birds, fish, invertebrates (octopus, jellyfish) and marine mammals; boasts a world-class science and research program; and, through its education programs, develops methods for integrating marine science understanding with the

goal of increasing civic engagement around issues affecting our shared marine resources.

Deemed an evening of "food, fun and fundraising," the annual Marine Gala raises funds to help support ASLC's efforts around animal care and health, marine science research, education and learning, and wildlife response. Nearly 900 individuals turned out for the black-tie event, held Feb. 3 at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage.

CIRI is proud to be a long-time supporter of the ASLC. In addition to sponsoring the Marine Gala, the company supports the organization's education efforts, which include bringing every fifth-grader in Anchorage School District Title 1 schools to the ASLC for a day of exploration, observation and hands-on learning, and reaching tens of thousands

› CIRI was pleased to help sponsor the Alaska SeaLife Center's ninth annual Marine Gala. L to R: Thom Holder, vice president, Business Development and Operations; Suzanne Settle, senior director, Energy Development; actor Jack Black; Jason Brune, senior director, Land and Resources; and Community Relations Manager Rachel Batres.

of students worldwide through tele-education programs. Jason Brune, senior director, CIRI Land and Resources, has long served on the ASLC board of directors.

In addition to inspiring a record-setting amount of donations, Black served as the evening's emcee and entertainment. The ASLC is an organization close to his heart as his sister, Margaret Black, is employed there as a mammologist.

"The Alaska SeaLife Center connects people of all ages to Alaska's marine ecosystems in meaningful ways," said Rachel Batres, CIRI's community relations manager. "We are proud to support such an organization, and having Jack Black there was the icing on the cake!" 🍰

DESCENDANT SPOTLIGHT



› Photos courtesy of Danielle Larsen.

Danielle Larsen

Beadwork, painting and sewing – when it comes to creating art, CIRI descendant Danielle Larsen (Inupiaq, Koyukon Athabascan and Unangan Aleut) doesn't play favorites. Regardless of the medium, the goal, she says, is to "capture the most important qualities of people, places, memories and experiences, and transform them into my own modern Alaska Native cultural idiom."

Danielle has studied with and counts among her influences Alaska Native master artists Alvin Amason and Steve Gordon (painting); Perry Eaton (mask-making); Emma Hildbrand (caribou tufting); Sonya Kelliher-Combs, Elaine Kingeekuk and Mary Tunchuk (seal gut sewing); Hugh McPeck (sculpture); Gary Mealor (watercolor); and Florence Sheakley (two-needle beading).

She also counts among her influences her parents. As a child, Danielle's interest in art was piqued by art classes her mother took. "She showed me all the

sewing basics, taught me to read patterns and how to make kuspuks for my dolls, and has always been incredibly supportive of my creative endeavors," she said. Her father channeled his creativity into a career as an engineer and project manager, eventually owning his own consultancy firm that specialized in infrastructure projects in rural Alaska.

"After he passed away (in 2010 at the age of 63), it pushed me to go after my dream of becoming an artist," Danielle explained. She returned to the University of Alaska Anchorage and earned a second bachelor's degree in fine arts with an emphasis in painting and Alaska Native art.

Danielle grew up in Anchorage and Southcentral Alaska. She is the daughter of original CIRI shareholder Florence Wiehl of Beaver, Alaska, and John Larsen Jr. of King Cove, Alaska. "My mom raised five children and encouraged us to be creative," she said. "We spent many summers on the Kenai Peninsula camping and fishing." Today, those landscapes and wildlife feature prominently in her paintings.

Danielle is perhaps best known for her colorful, large-scale paintings of jarred smoked salmon. "After my father passed away, looking at pictures of his kippered smoked salmon made me happy," she said. "I found comfort in painting the salmon; it brought me closer to my heritage as a fishing family and being Alaska Native." She focuses on subjects that have personal meaning to her, such as an Aleut visor, her dad's glasses or her grandmother's teacup.

In January, through a Museums Alaska grant, the Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository

in Kodiak, Alaska, announced it had added one of Danielle's paintings to its collection: "Reflections of the Seasons," a large-scale, oil-on-canvas painting of canned salmon.

A former CIRI employee, Danielle recently landed her "dream job" – working in design and illustration at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC). "I work at ANTHC during the day, and I paint at night and on the weekends," she said. "CIRI has had a big impact on my life, from my first job as a college student, educational scholarships through The CIRI Foundation and even buying my first home. I'm grateful for the many opportunities I've had."

Links to Danielle's artwork can be found via the CIRI Alaska Native Artist Directory at www.ciri.com/shareholders/resources/artistdirectory. 📄



CIRI PRESIDENT AND CEO MEETS WITH YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP



› Photo by Jason Moore.

CIRI understands that young people represent our future business leaders. Where it can, CIRI is happy to share knowledge with them – whether they are CIRI shareholders or descendants, or simply members of the communities in which we work and do business.

As part of its CEO Luncheon Series, members of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce's Young Professionals Group met with CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich on Jan. 24. The group included CIRI shareholders Adam Leggett, Alaska Native program manager for Stantec, and David Kroto, lands administrator for Tyonek Native Corporation.

After touring the Fireweed Business Center, CIRI's corporate headquarters in midtown Anchorage, Sophie spoke to the group about the importance of work/life balance. Her speech was based on a 1996 commencement address by Coca-Cola CEO Brian Dyson.

"You will soon understand that work is a rubber ball – if you drop it, it will bounce back," she said. "But the other four balls – family, health, friends and spirit – are made of glass. If you drop one of these, they will be irrevocably scuffed, marked, nicked, damaged or even shattered. They will never be the same. You must understand that and strive for balance in your life."

"I thought the talk was extremely important for young professionals such as myself to hear – the importance of work/life balance coming from the top ranks of leadership," Leggett said. "I also noted that CIRI was the only Alaska Native regional corporation that participated in the luncheon series. The company's participation shows not only Sophie's willingness to invest in the younger generation, but CIRI's reputation as a leader in the Anchorage business community."

For more information on the Young Professionals Group, visit anchoragechamber.org/young-professionals-group. 📄

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predictive maintenance – that is, collecting real-time data to predict when a failure is most likely to occur. Unlike preventive or corrective maintenance, predictive maintenance usually happens while equipment is operating, thereby reducing lost production time.

"The GE folks have really gone above and beyond," Jimenez said. "They have an 'if we win, they win' approach. It's really helped the project sustain its availability."

In 2016, Fire Island Wind was lauded by GE as one of the top four wind energy projects in the country. The data looked at a project's ability to produce energy, given appropriate wind conditions. Fire Island Wind showed consistently high availability, averaging 98.6 percent availability over the calendar year—an impressive percentage by industry standards. In January, it averaged 99 percent availability.

About the Fire Island Wind Project

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. 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. 📄

SAFE TO SLEEP



Initiative Seeks to Educate, Reduce Infant Deaths

By CIRI descendant Kristin Helvey, Healthy Native Babies Project area consultant

A version of this article first appeared in the Winter 2017-2018 issue of First Alaskans magazine.

For the past year, I have had the privilege to participate in an initiative called the Healthy Native Babies Project, part of the Safe to Sleep® public education campaign, to help raise awareness about infant safe sleep. As Tribal people, we are no strangers to higher-than-average rates of a laundry list of diseases and other health disparities. Among these are sleep-related deaths, including Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, or SIDS, which are a leading cause of infant death in Alaska between two months and 1 year of age.

Infant Sleep-Related Deaths in Alaska

Unfortunately, sleep-related infant deaths happen. They happen across geographies, ethnic backgrounds and socioeconomic statuses. Thankfully, a lot has been learned about why SIDS and other sleep-related causes of infant death occur, and we know more now about how to reduce the risks.

Researchers have found that SIDS happens most often to infants between the first and fourth months after birth, and the vast majority (90 percent) of occurrences happen before a baby turns six months old.

SIDS is not caused by immunizations, choking or vomiting. SIDS is sudden and silent, and there isn't one known cause.

Researchers explain SIDS with the "Triple Risk Theory," which details three main factors that increase SIDS risk. None of these alone usually results in death, but when all three are experienced simultaneously, the risk of SIDS becomes very high.

Infant Vulnerability: Some babies may not be able to control their reflexes and basic bodily functions, like breathing, regulating body temperature and waking from sleep, as effectively as other babies.

Critical Development: During a baby's first six months of life, there are many critical development periods that occur. These correspond to natural changes in how well s/he can regulate breathing, heart rate, waking and sleeping patterns, and body temperature.

Environmental Stressors: These include things like secondhand smoke exposure, bed sharing and respiratory infections.

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MORTGAGE PROGRAM HELPS ALASKA NATIVE PEOPLE ACHIEVE HOME OWNERSHIP



Home ownership – the cornerstone of the American Dream and a traditional signpost of success. However, soaring home prices, low inventory and strict, inflexible criteria for mortgage applicants can mean the dream is all but out of reach for many Americans.

The HUD 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program is a home mortgage product specifically designed for Alaska Native and American Indian families, and Alaska villages, tribes and tribally designated housing entities. Congress established

the program in 1992 to facilitate homeownership and increase access to capital in Native American communities.

Section 184 financing offers advantages over traditional loans, including lower down payments, no monthly mortgage insurance and flexible credit requirements. While limited to single-family homes of one to four units, Section 184 loans can be used for new construction, rehabilitation, purchase of an existing home or refinancing.

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SHAREHOLDER DISTRIBUTIONS

First Quarter Dividend

CIRI will mail or directly deposit its first quarter 2018 dividend of \$8.87 per share (or \$887 per 100 shares) by 6 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time on Friday, March 30 to all shareholders with a valid mailing address on file with CIRI as of 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 21.

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 21, a resource revenue payment in the amount of \$16.3908 per at-large share (or \$1,639.08 per 100 shares) will be mailed or directly deposited by 6 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time on Monday, April 2. 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 12 regional corporations within the state of Alaska.

Other 2018 Distributions

CIRI's dividend policy states that the total CIRI dividend payment to shareholders in any given year is equal to 3.5 percent of total shareholders' equity, calculated as of Dec. 31 of the prior year. For 2018, the amounts of the first through third quarter dividends were previously calculated and will be \$8.87 per share (or \$887 per 100 shares). We are pleased to announce that CIRI's prior-year financial statements have been reviewed, and confirmed, and the amount of the fourth quarter dividend has been calculated at \$10.67 per share (or \$1067 per 100 shares).

Direct Deposit/Remote Deposit

Shareholders who participate in direct deposit and have a current CIRI mailing address are eligible to participate in quarterly prize drawings. Although the deadline for signing up for direct deposit or changing an existing direct deposit instruction for these distributions has passed, 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. Direct deposit forms are available from

Shareholder Relations and at ciri.com. (Note: When remotely depositing a check, it's a good idea to make a note on the check so you don't attempt to cash it again. If a check is cashed twice, you are legally liable to repay the amount of the overpayment.)

Address Changes

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

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

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

Tax Reminder

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

IMPORTANT CIRI DATES

MARCH 26, 2018	Seward's Day: CIRI offices closed
MARCH 30, 2018	First quarter dividend distribution
MARCH 31, 2018	Deadline to file for Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend (apply online at www.pfd.state.ak.us) Deadline for first quarter participation prizes: confirmed descendant, direct deposit, eNewsletter, Qenek account, stock will (visit ciri.com for details)
APRIL 2, 2018	Resource revenue distribution paid to at-large shareholders
APRIL 3, 2018	Anchorage Municipal Election vote-by-mail deadline
APRIL 4, 2018	Koahnic Broadcast Corp. 2018 Alaska Native Art Auction (visit www.knba.org for details)
APRIL 12, 2018	RSVP deadline for the Kenai Information Meeting: noon
APRIL 19, 2018	RSVP deadline for the Anchorage Information Meeting: noon
APRIL 26-28, 2018	Senior Native Youth Olympics at UAA's Alaska Airlines Center

SAVE THE DATE: 2018 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(s) and present identification. Refreshments will be provided.

INFORMATION MEETINGS

Saturday, April 21 | Kenai, Alaska

Kenai Middle School
201 North Tinker Lane, Kenai, Alaska
Registration opens at 10:30 a.m.
Please RSVP by noon on Thursday, April 12
Child care available upon advance request.

Saturday, April 28 | 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 19
Due to space limitations, child care services will not be available.

Saturday, May 12 | Puyallup, Wash.

Chief Leschi School
5625 52nd Street East, Puyallup, Wash.
Registration opens at 10:30 a.m.
Please RSVP by noon on Thursday, May 3
Child care available upon advance request.

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, June 2 | Soldotna, Alaska

Soldotna Regional Sports Complex
538 Arena Avenue, Soldotna, Alaska
Registration: 8-11 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 shareholder 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)

RECIPE



RASPBERRY SORBET

Submitted by Raven's Circle reader Nate Teague. As the author wrote about this recipe, "A delicious, refreshing sorbet full of yummy raspberries. Serve on its own or topped with fresh fruit."

START TO FINISH: 6 hours (includes freezing time; 15 minutes active)

SERVINGS: 8

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pound raspberries
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup sugar
- Juice of 1 small lemon

DIRECTIONS:

1. Combine the water and sugar in a medium saucepan and stir on low heat until dissolved. Continue cooking for a little longer (around 60 seconds).
2. Pour the sugar syrup into a large bowl and add the lemon juice.
3. Blend the raspberries in a food processor and then pass through a fine mesh strainer.
4. Combine the strained raspberries and sugar syrup. Cool in refrigerator for at least 3 hours.
5. Add cooled mixture to ice cream machine and churn as per manufacturer's instructions.
6. Scoop into an airtight container and freeze until hardened (2 to 3 hours).

The Raven's Circle would like to feature our readers' favorite recipes! To submit visit www.ciri.com/recipe.

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While caregivers have little to no control over the first two risks, we have much control over the third risk. By reducing or eliminating external stressors in a baby's environment, the balance may be tipped in favor of the baby's survival.

Safe Sleep Best Practices

The following is a summary of safe sleep best practices for easy reference. For complete best practice information, visit www.nichd.nih.gov/sts.

- Back is best! Place baby on back for all sleep times. (If your baby has rolled from her/his back to his side or stomach on his own, s/he can be left in that position if s/he is already able to roll from tummy to back and back to tummy.)

- Share your room, not your bed. Put baby to sleep in his/her own sleep area in the same room as parents/caregiver.
- Ensure baby always has a sober caregiver.
- Ensure a firm sleep surface. Avoid putting baby to sleep, or falling asleep with baby, on couches, chairs, mattress toppers and/or waterbeds.
- Keep sleep area free of objects. Avoid blankets, crib bumpers, toys or other items in baby's sleep space.
- Reduce/eliminate baby's exposure to secondhand smoke.
- Avoid overheating. Dress baby in a maximum of one layer more than what adults are comfortable wearing.

- Practice supervised "tummy time" when baby is awake. Placing baby on tummy to "play" strengthens head and neck muscles.

Getting Involved

It is simple to join the movement to reduce the risk of SIDS and other sleep-related causes of infant death in Alaska communities. Free safe sleep materials can be downloaded and/or ordered in bulk by visiting www.nichd.nih.gov/sts/materials (scroll through each category for the American Indian/Alaska Native materials).

If you have questions or would like to get involved, contact Kristin directly at khelvey@helveycommunications.com.

IN MEMORY

Lawaanna Lou Ditullio, 59

Lawaanna Lou Ditullio passed away Nov. 23, 2017, at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Ditullio was born Aug. 29, 1957, in Anchorage. She is survived by Jeremy, Joshua and Miranda Mariah Mae Ditullio.

Linda Christine Halverson, 47

Linda Christine Halverson passed away Jan. 8 at home in Siren, Wis. Ms. Halverson was born May 28, 1970, in Anchorage. She is survived by her husband, Marvin C. Halverson; and children, Reid A., Joseph D. and Casey E. Halverson.

Curlene Louise Harker, 85

Curlene Louise Harker passed away Dec. 27, 2017, at the Marietta House in Anchorage. Ms. Harker was born Feb. 4, 1932, in Anchorage. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 1953. Ms. Harker was active in her church, had a passion for cooking and a love of travel. She is survived by sons, Kevin (wife Debbie) and Kerry; grandchildren, Ty (wife Sarah) and Nelson (wife Alyssa); great-grandchildren, Gunner, Bowden and Sawyer; as well as many nieces and nephews.



Geddes Lee Lindsay, 56

Geddes Lee Lindsay passed away Jan. 8 at home in Salina, Kan. Mr. Lindsay was born Oct. 21, 1961, at Tachikawa AFB, Japan. He is survived by his children, John Lindsay and Becky Smith; and sisters, Bobbie Green, Dawn Kyle, Debbie Chenoweth and Theresa Smith.

Laurie A. McDougall, 57

Laurie A. McDougall passed away Jan. 8 at the hospital in Bremerton, Wash. Ms. McDougall was born Dec. 17, 1960, in Seattle. She is survived by her daughter, Dawnielle Wilson; and granddaughter, Jasmine Rafert.

Condolences

Mary Jane Adams, 80
Karl Friedrich Bernhard, 82
Elma Elizabeth Carboni, 87
Joseph Kozloff Jr., 62
Arlene Frances Kurtti, 81
Mildred Evelyn Lutz, 93
Ralph Nicholas Moonin, 73
Ione D. Shell, 87

INTOUCH



CIRI shareholder Esther Runstrom is pleased to announce the graduation of her daughter, CIRI shareholder Inga Runstrom, from the University of Wisconsin. Inga graduated in May 2017 with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She currently works as a registered nurse at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage.

2018 SHAREHOLDER, ELDER AND YOUTH AWARD NOMINATIONS



Nomination Deadline: June 4, 2018

2017 CIRI Youth Recognition Award recipient Julianne Wilson accepts her award at the Kenai Friendship Potlatch via video conference. Photo by Jason Moore.

CIRI is accepting nominations for the 2018 awards to be presented at the CIRI and The CIRI Foundation Friendship Potlatches this fall.

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

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

Help us celebrate individuals for any or all three award categories by visiting www.ciri.com and submitting an online nomination form by 5 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 2018.

SHAREHOLDER-OWNED BUSINESSES

Alaska's Best Payroll Solution Inc.

information@alaskasbestpayroll.com
(907) 345-7402
12350 Industry Way, Suite 216
Anchorage, Alaska 99515
Yvonne L. Bogart, owner

Alaska's Best Payroll Solution is owned by CIRI shareholder Yvonne Bogart. The business offers the following services: Affordable Care Act tracking and reporting, background checks, bookkeeping and accounting, certified payroll processing, IRS 1099 Form preparation, pay-as-you-go workers compensation plans (offered through trusted partners), personal and business tax preparation, and timekeeping and employee scheduling.

Layerfied Designs, LLC

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Boise, Idaho 83713
Greta Reid, owner

Specializing in digitally designed jewelry modeled specifically for 3D printing. **Offers CIRI shareholders, descendants and employees 15% off all products listed at the Layerfied webshop on Etsy.** Please message through Etsy Conversations (the "Contact" link under shop owner thumbnail) for CIRI-affiliated coupon code (required).

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

2018 SUMMER INTERNSHIP APPLICATION PERIOD NOW OPEN

CIRI is now accepting applications for its 2018 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 and shareholder programs.

Students may apply online before the May 11, 2018, deadline by visiting the careers page on the CIRI website.

- To be eligible for consideration, students must:
- Be a CIRI shareholder or registered, confirmed descendant,
 - Have a 2.0 GPA or higher, and
 - Be in junior or senior standing and enrolled in a four-year degree program; or graduated from a four-year program within the past year; or 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.

CIRI/WEIDNER PARTNERSHIP CAPITALIZES ON MARKET AND SELLS ARIZONA PROPERTY



› The 768-unit Red Mountain Villas apartment complex features timeless architectural design and an array of luxurious community amenities.

In the early 2000s, Phoenix, Ariz., was one of the fastest-growing metropolitan areas in the U.S. But in 2008, in the midst of the Great Recession, Phoenix housing prices declined quickly. Numerous Alaskans flocked to the area to purchase second homes or investment properties at bargain rates.

With a desire to diversify its real estate portfolio and take advantage of the low prices, CIRI Land Development Company (CLDC) made the strategic decision to make the most of the “buyer’s market” that occurred in the multifamily segment, ultimately investing in seven Class A and A+ Arizona properties, the majority of which were purchased in late 2010 and into 2011.

CIRI acknowledged the need for a strong, expert partner to help identify properties with growth potential. Owing to its reputation and success in the industry, CIRI partnered with Weidner Apartment Homes, a real estate investment, development and management company with strong ties to Alaska that specializes in multifamily rental housing. Weidner quickly made the Arizona properties successful and decreased vacancies while cutting operating costs as the industry recovered from the recession.

“Multifamily apartments continue to be a prudent investment. Nationwide, apartment vacancy remained tight in 2017, at just over 7 percent – a 20-year low,” said Chad Nugent, vice president, CIRI Real Estate. “These low vacancy rates, coupled with historic-low interest rates, have fueled the strong

value appreciation in our Arizona portfolio and allowed us to harvest some of that growth in the properties that have reached stabilization.”

One of the properties in which the CLDC/Weidner team invested was Red Mountain Villas, a 768-unit apartment community that offers outstanding access to many of Phoenix’s employment corridors as well as shopping, dining and recreational opportunities. In addition to its prime location, Red Mountain Villas boasts swimming pools, spas, a fitness center, and sand volleyball and racquetball courts.

To compete with newer developments in the area, the facility required significant finish upgrades. As such, it was marketed as a value-add investment, meaning the improvements would increase its level of return once completed. Marketing efforts elicited strong interest, and the property was recently sold to an investor at a healthy return.

“Real estate in Phoenix has rebounded and been great for several years – it’s now one of the top growth areas in the nation,” Nugent said. “The strength of the multifamily apartment homes market segment positions us well for growth in our remaining properties. It’s great to see the multifamily investment strategy in Arizona go as planned, and be able to harvest some of the growth so it can be redeployed in other investments and keep CIRI diversified as we work to grow shareholder dividends.”

ANCHORAGE VOTES BY MAIL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 01

Late last year, the Municipality of Anchorage reached out to CIRI soliciting an offer to purchase publicly owned ML&P. CIRI is a strategic investor and its portfolio includes investments across the nation in traditional and renewable energy and infrastructure projects. CIRI marshalled its extensive knowledge of the Southcentral Alaska energy market and financial expertise, and delivered an offer to the city in November. The following month, officials announced a deal to sell the city-owned power company to Chugach Electric Association, a member-owned cooperative. While CIRI was disappointed by the quick decision, it also raised concerns about the process and how seriously the

municipality considered CIRI’s offer as well as offers from the four other companies that submitted bids.

CIRI has not taken a position on Proposition 10 and, ultimately, Anchorage voters will decide whether to approve the purchase. However, CIRI strongly encourages voters to become familiar with the proposition and the other matters in advance of the April 3 election.

To learn more about Proposition 10 and other issues on the ballot, the League of Women Voters prepared a nonpartisan ballot review. It is available at www.muni.org.

MORTGAGE PROGRAM, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 04

When looking to finance a home in Alaska, Cook Inlet Lending Center, a subsidiary of Cook Inlet Housing Authority (CIHA), specializes in HUD 184 loans. “We’ve made it our mission to provide our Alaska Native, American Indian and tribal customers an easy and efficient experience,” said Sezy Gerow-Hanson, CIHA’s public and resident relations director. “Our staff understands the Alaska way of life. For example, having seasonal or contract careers is a norm for many in our communities. Our team offers a customer-centric approach with one-on-one homeownership counseling, as well as the ability to apply directly online for our HUD 184 loans.”

HUD 184 loans are available through HUD-approved lenders in Alaska and other participating states and counties across the country. For more information on the HUD 184 Loan Program, visit <http://bit.ly/2HFFDCA>.

ANCHORAGE VOTE BY MAIL APRIL 3, 2018



In 2015, the Anchorage Assembly approved a resolution directing the Municipal Clerk’s Office to explore implementing a Vote by Mail election process beginning in 2018. The 2018 Regular Municipal Election will be the first to implement a Vote by Mail election system, the goal of which is to increase voter turnout, maximize voter protection and safeguard community resources.

The Anchorage Municipal Election will be held Tuesday, April 3, 2018. **Traditional polling locations are no longer an option for voting on Election Day.** Instead, registered voters will be mailed a ballot package about three weeks before Election Day. Within that time period, voters will have the opportunity to vote at a time and place convenient for them.

There are three ways to return a ballot:

- U.S. Postal Service: Mail your ballot return envelope using first-class postage.
- Secure Ballot Drop Box: Place your ballot return envelope in a Secure Ballot Drop Box.
- Accessible Vote Center: Take your ballot return envelope to an Accessible Vote Center.

All ballot envelopes must be postmarked or returned to a Secure Drop Box or Accessible Vote Center by 8 p.m. on or before April 3, 2018. For more information, including a Secure Ballot Drop Box and Accessible Vote Center locations map, visit www.muni.org.

MISSING SHAREHOLDERS

The following CIRI shareholders do not have a current mailing address on record. **When CIRI mail is returned as undeliverable, the distributions are held and the shareholder does not qualify to participate in any prize drawings until the address is updated.**

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

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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 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

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.