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Twenty youth attended the second annual CIRI C3 Experience, held Aug. 12-15 in Anchorage and Chugiak, Alaska. Sweatshirt design by Ainsley Fullmer. Photo by Darla Graham.

CIRI SETTLEMENT TRUST: THIRD QUARTER UPDATE

At the 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders in June, shareholders voted to establish the CIRI Settlement Trust (CST). A settlement trust can provide a range of benefits to its beneficiaries, including shareholder distributions, burial assistance, training and internships, cultural programs and other activities.

On Aug. 1, the CST Board of Trustees—comprised of the chair, vice chair, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer and chair emeritus of the CIRI Board of Directors—approved shareholder distributions from the third quarter onward to be paid from the CST. Please refer to the Third Quarter Distributions article on page 7 for additional information.

SECOND ANNUAL CIRI C3 EXPERIENCE BIGGER AND BETTER THAN BEFORE

Whether delving into Alaska Native culture, preparing for college or figuring out what it takes to make it in the “real world,” participants at the second annual CIRI C3 Experience were eager to embrace it all.

Held Aug. 12-15 in Anchorage and at Birchwood Camp in Chugiak, Alaska, the CIRI C3 Experience is an overnight camp designed to foster leadership skills in CIRI shareholders and descendants ages 15 to 19, help prepare them for higher education and careers, and teach them about the rich and varied cultural heritage of CIRI’s Alaska Native shareholders. Campers came from cities and towns across Alaska—including Anchorage, Kotzebue, the Matanuska-Susitna Valley and Unalakleet—and the Lower 48.

“Last year’s inaugural camp was so much fun, and we came away with some valuable lessons too,” said Darla Graham, senior manager, shareholder engagement. “This year, we were fortunate to be able to accommodate more campers—20 instead of 15—and we also expanded the camp from three days to four.

“There’s so much to do, from guest speakers and workshops to outdoor exploring and just getting to know one another,” Graham continued. “Having an extra day helped us not only incorporate some new activities, but also to delve deeper into some of the activities the campers said they’d wished they had more time for last year.”

Activities new to 2019 included:

- **Budget simulation.** Campers engaged in a “Financial Reality” budgeting game/challenge that boosted their awareness of the real-life challenges of money management.

- **Career fair.** Last year’s mini-mentoring sessions were expanded to allow campers more time to explore their career interests, which included time with career professionals who specialize in the areas of agriculture and botany, communications and marketing, law enforcement, teaching and video-game design, among others.
- **College admissions counseling.** Amy Potter, an admissions counselor from Alaska Pacific University, shared tips for applying for college and finding the best higher-education fit based on personality, goals and interests.
- **Fresh salmon processing.** Vicki Otte, director of the CIRI Golf Classic, took the campers through each step of processing a salmon, from cleaning and filleting to smoking and storing.
- **Nature hike.** A representative from the Eagle River Nature Center and CIRI shareholder Tanisha Gleason, who works as a revenue analyst in CIRI’s Land and Resources department, led a nature hike and a discussion of company-owned lands. Afterward, representatives from Southcentral Foundation taught campers about the use of native plants for medicinal purposes and led a salve-making demonstration.
- **Opening and closing circles.** “Sharing circles play a role in many indigenous cultures. They allow us to express ourselves while also fully experiencing the art of sharing and listening. In the opening circle, campers shared what they hoped to gain; during the closing circle, they reflected on what they had learned,” Graham explained.

C3 stands for culture, college and careers. These elements form the pillars of the annual camp and were the result of feedback received from young

shareholders and descendants when asked what CIRI could do to better engage and support them. The feedback was provided in connection with a survey CIRI conducted on behalf of its Shareholder Participation Committee.

“This year’s CIRI C3 Experience provided ample opportunity for participants to immerse themselves in Alaska Native culture, hone their communication, relationship-building and teamwork skills, and make connections that will foster future involvement with their corporation,” said CIRI summer intern Aubrey Nay, whose four-week internship focused on preparations for the C3 camp. Aubrey also participated in the 2018 C3 Experience.

“The opportunity for Alaska Native youth to share their stories was such an important part of the C3 Experience,” said CIRI descendant Piper Tolbert, who assisted Story Works Alaska with its storytelling and college-essay workshops. “Sharing honest, first-person stories with one another builds connections and community, makes the space for people’s experiences to be recognized and cherished, and grounds us within our culture.”

Special thanks to summer interns Rachel Crosley, Ainsley Fullmer, Aubrey Nay, Jordyn Ransom and Piper Tolbert; CIRI staff and executives; representatives from CIRI-affiliated nonprofit organizations; and the many community members who donated their time and talents to the 2019 CIRI C3 Experience.

The deadline to apply for the 2020 CIRI C3 Experience is March 20, 2020. More information will be made available in the coming months and can be found at www.ciri.com/nextgen.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sophie Minich, CIRI President and Chief Executive Officer

Earlier this summer, I was fortunate to attend a meeting of the Tikahtnu Forum. It is gratifying when individuals and organizations come together to work toward improving the lives of Alaska Native people.

The Tikahtnu Forum started as a way to gather representatives from CIRI and Cook Inlet region Tribes, villages and nonprofits for business collaborations and a discussion of issues that impact Alaska Native people. This most recent meeting included a presentation by Ralph Townsend, director of social and economic research at the University of Alaska Anchorage Institute of Social and Economic Research, who discussed Alaska's budget and economy, including the state's employment outlook and its rapidly changing demographics.

While the U.S. experiences a record-breaking streak of job creation and low unemployment rates, the Anchorage and Alaska economies continue to struggle. In January, the U.S. unemployment rate hovered at 3.7% while Alaska's was 6.3%—more than 50% higher than the national average.

For years, the state has depended heavily on oil revenues to fund our government. Between 2005 and 2014, 90% of Alaska's general fund revenues came from oil revenues, but Alaska's oil revenues have fallen significantly due to lower oil prices and lower production. In 2014, West Coast oil was \$113 per barrel; it now hovers around \$70 per barrel.

Alaska's economy is in what Mr. Townsend described as a "fragile recovery." It will take us four or five years to regain the 11,000 jobs lost since 2015, and oil production in Alaska will continue to fall significantly until 2026.

Alaska is changing, and the change is this: Never in the state's history have we experienced five years of a flatlined growth rate. It may be tempting to blame oil prices—low oil prices cripple job creation and growth, forcing residents to look Outside for work—but the change has more to do with fewer births and, as baby boomers age, an increasing number of deaths. Economists predict 100,000 fewer Alaskan workers by 2040. In a state with a population of only 737,000, that's significant.

As we look to the future, the Alaska Federation of Natives has identified four priority areas: infrastructure, public safety, health care and education.

Of these, there is a clear business case for tackling the education crisis, which is why education is fast becoming a front-and-center issue for corporations like CIRI. Nationally, a quarter of freshman high-school students fail to graduate on time. And in Alaska, only 55% of Alaska Native students graduate in four years.

Education imparts self-esteem, confidence and pride; it provides a path to long-term career opportunities and keeps Alaska competitive. CIRI is proud to support causes such as United Way of Anchorage's 90% by 2020 Partnership, the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program and the Anchorage School District's School Business Partnership Program. Additionally, CIRI is on the frontlines with innovative programs and opportunities of its own, such as the CIRI C3 Experience, educational incentives and Next Gen Day.

Since its establishment in 1982 by the CIRI Board of Directors, The CIRI Foundation has contributed more than \$33 million to the educational and cultural pursuits of CIRI shareholders and the descendants of



original CIRI enrollees. And CIRI-affiliated nonprofit Cook Inlet Tribal Council has also developed several programs that are steadily improving Alaska Native and American Indian academic performance.

As the economy and demographics of Alaska change, we must make education a statewide priority and implement proven and innovative programs to improve learning and close our state's academic performance gaps. Working together, I am confident we can meet the future head on.

Warm regards,

Sophie Minich

CIRI in the COMMUNITY

CIRI Golf Classic

With more than \$120,000 raised, three Anchorage charities scored a hole-in-one at the 2019 CIRI Golf Classic, held Friday, Aug. 2 at the Moose Run Golf Course in Anchorage. The recipients of this year's funds include:

- Alaska Children's Services/AK Child & Family, which brings hope to troubled youth through a range of mental health services;
- Camp Fire Alaska's Before and After School Programs, which offer kids challenging activities and learning experiences while also providing support for working families; and
- Catholic Social Services' Clare House, a 24-hour emergency shelter for women and children.

The sold-out event drew 150 participants. Generous corporate sponsors included Platinum sponsors Construction Machinery Industrial LLC, Kodiak Brown Bear Center and Weidner Apartment Homes, and Major sponsors Alaska Airlines, Alaska Communications, Doyon Limited Group, GCI, Marsh and McLennan Agency, North Wind, Northern Powerline Constructors Inc., Pape-Dawson Engineers Inc. and Stoel Rives LLP.

This year's Golf Classic was dedicated in loving memory of Michael O'Connor, who worked at Price/



› Photos by Yuit Comms.

CIRI Construction and then served as president and CEO of Peak Oilfield Service Company from 1987 until his retirement in 2014. He passed away Jan. 31 at the age of 66. Mr. O'Connor started the CIRI Golf Classic (then called the Peak Alaska Invitational Golf Tournament) in 1983. The tournament initially raised funds for The CIRI Foundation, a CIRI nonprofit. More recently, proceeds have gone to other charitable organizations dedicated to youth and education.



Through the years, the tournament has raised more than \$2 million.

A hole was also dedicated to Jason Moore, who served as senior director of CIRI's Corporate Affairs department from 2013 to 2018. Mr. Moore passed away Sept. 8, 2018, at the age of 51.

For more information, visit www.cirigolf.com.

Ben Baldwin

By CIRI summer intern
Ainsley Fullmer



Ben Baldwin (Inupiaq) can best be described as a Renaissance man. Whether he's hand-fashioning watercraft, passing down Indigenous knowledge to younger family members or engaging in subsistence activities, he is constantly learning, growing, helping and teaching.

One constant for Ben is his love for Alaska, and for the Kenai Peninsula in particular. "I've moved twice, and both times I was like, you know what? I want to go back home," Ben laughed.

Ben was born and raised in Soldotna and now resides in neighboring Kenai. Though his family is of Inupiaq descent, culturally, Ben identifies with the Kenaitze Indian Tribe, whose heritage is Dena'ina Athabascan. "When my family moved down to the Kenai Peninsula, the Tribe adopted us," he explained.

Ben is grateful for the family members and Elders who have shared their culture with him over the years, particularly his father and his grandmother.

"Even though Soldotna is predominately white, I grew up with a strong connection to my Alaska Native heritage," Ben said. "I've always been involved with the Tribe. As a kid, I did Native Youth Olympics. I worked at the K'beq' Interpretive Site; for four years I was a cultural interpreter, so I taught

people about the culture and history of the Kenaitze and Dena'ina Athabascan people. My dad was on the Tribal Council when I was a kid and also on the board of Kenai Natives Association. My grandmother lived with us the last 10 years of her life, and she was full-blooded Inupiaq. And my grandfather, Dick Baldwin, wrote a book about Alaska's native plants."

Ben was gifted CIRI shares from his father, original enrollee Allan Baldwin, when he was a child, so he also grew up with a strong connection with CIRI. Allan regularly brought Ben to CIRI meetings, making sure Ben knew he was part of something special and demonstrating to him that it was important to participate. Thus, as he grew older, Ben realized that being a CIRI shareholder comes with responsibilities, such as voting in CIRI elections, keeping his address of record updated with CIRI and completing a will for his CIRI shares.

"I remember attending Annual Meetings starting when I was about 8 years old and asking questions: 'Why are we doing this?' I didn't have good questions, but I knew—this is our regional corporation, this is what we do. We're shareholders, we're Native, we're trying to maintain our culture and a bright future for our people."

Those early experiences laid the foundation for Ben's involvement as an adult, and in 2018, he was selected to serve on CIRI's Shareholder Participation Committee (SPC).

With the goal of increasing two-way communication between CIRI and its shareholders, identifying issues of immediate and long-term importance to shareholders and descendants, and educating shareholders and descendants on the corporation's



CIRI shareholder Ben Baldwin enjoys making watercraft, including this 17-foot kayak. Photo courtesy of Mr. Baldwin.

mission, business operations, corporate policies and other matters, the SPC provides a vital link between CIRI and its shareholders.

The SPC is comprised of three subcommittees – the Anchorage Committee; the Alaska Committee, made up of shareholders who live in Alaska outside Anchorage; and the Lower 48 and Hawaii Committee. Ben serves on the Alaska Committee.

SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT, CONTINUED ON PAGE 07

YOU CAN HELP REDUCE CIRI'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



Online access lessens the environmental impact of the paper industry, keeps waste out of landfills and helps CIRI save on printing, processing and postage costs.

From the comfort of their own homes, shareholders can read the latest CIRI news, update their mailing addresses and other contact information, RSVP for events and even vote in Board elections. Ready access to online resources—including eNewsletters, eVoting and Qenek—makes it possible.

In addition to being more convenient, online access lessens the environmental impact of the paper industry, keeps waste out of landfills and eliminates fuel usage and pollution associated with items sent by mail. It also helps CIRI save on printing, processing and postage costs.

Read on for information about these innovative programs!

eNewsletters

CIRI shareholders and confirmed, registered descendants have the option of enrolling in CIRI's

eNewsletter program to receive interactive versions of the Raven's Circle newsletter.

- Receiving eNewsletters eliminates the need for paper newsletters to be produced and mailed.
- Participants receive their CIRI news faster.
- eNewsletters contain links and other features not available in the paper newsletter.
- CIRI conducts quarterly drawings for a Kindle Fire or Amazon gift card for those enrolled in the program with a valid email address on file.
- Participants may request paper copies of editions that are meaningful to them.
- Full copies of the paper newsletter will continue to be posted to the CIRI website in PDF format.

Enroll at <http://qenek.ciri.com> or www.ciri.com/enewsletter.

eVoting

For the first time this year, shareholders had the option of completing an electronic proxy (eProxy) using CIRI's web-based proxy system. eVoting was available to shareholders who own voting shares to elect members of the CIRI Board of Directors and determine whether to establish the CIRI Settlement Trust.

- Voting online eliminates the need to return a paper proxy.
- eProxies submitted by the appropriate deadlines qualified shareholders for Early Bird and Annual Meeting prize drawings, as well as \$3,000 in eVote prizes.
- eVoting is convenient, fast and available 24/7.
- eProxies eliminate common voting mistakes, such as not allowing shareholders to vote more shares than they own.

- eVotes are automatically counted, reducing the time and costs associated with manual tabulation.

While 2019 marked the first year eVoting was available to CIRI shareholders, CIRI anticipates being able to continue to offer this technology going forward.

Qenek

Qenek (Dena'ina Athabascan for "news" or "information") is a free resource that provides shareholders convenient online access to their CIRI records and other CIRI resources.

- Certain record changes can be made online, instead of returning forms:
 - Updating contact information
 - Viewing payment information and printing payment confirmations
 - Requesting check replacements
 - Viewing and printing tax information
- Qenek allows shareholders easy access to a wealth of information, including:
 - Information about the shares owned
 - CIRI news and announcements
 - Links to forms and resources
 - Event RSVPs
- Shareholders who maintain a current mailing address and access their Qenek accounts quarterly are entered in a quarterly drawing for a YETI cooler.
- Qenek is available 24/7.

CIRI shareholders who are at least 18 years of age and who are not subject to guardianship or conservatorship orders are eligible to create Qenek accounts.

To register for a Qenek account, visit <https://Qenek.ciri.com>.

Intern-AL AFFAIRS

My name is LEEANNE SMOKE and I hail from the Athabascan tribe of Tyonek, Alaska. I recently graduated from Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas, where I received my bachelor's degree in business administration.



I am connected to CIRI through my grandfather, Stan Mishakoff, who is also the one who encouraged me to apply for the CIRI Summer Internship Program. I've been working summer internships for seven years, and I have to say, this one with CIRI has been special.

Through a CIRI-funded external placement, I have been assisting the Tyonek Tribal Conservation District (TTCD) with its community garden program. So far, I have helped establish a point-of-sale system and trained employees on how to use it, researched how to better care for existing perennial fruits and explored the possibility of adding apples to our garden.

Other highlights have included accompanying my younger sisters to the YEAH! Summit, a program of RurAL CAP that empowers, engages and inspires Alaskan teens and youth to fight for healthier communities.

I have also learned about a culvert-replacement project happening right here in Tyonek. Culverts are structures that allow water to flow under a road system. But many are undersized and block salmon from moving upstream. So far, TTCD has opened up 36 miles of upstream habitat and 548 lake acres to salmon for spawning, rearing and overwintering through culvert replacements.

I can't be more thankful that I've been afforded this chance to work with CIRI and the people of Tyonek. Everyone I've met has been helpful and welcoming, and I couldn't ask for a better work environment. 🍃

Leeanne Smoke

SHAREHOLDER-OWNED BUSINESS

Beaver Tales Coffee

<http://beavertalescoffee.com>
beavertalescoffee@gmail.com
PO Box 328, La Conner, Washington 98257
(206) 495-1174
Fredrick Bell, owner

Beaver Tales Coffee is owned by original CIRI shareholder Fredrick Dean Bell. This small-batch, Alaska Native-owned coffee roaster is described as "Coffee with a Tlingit Kick!"

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

NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

Immunizations prevent disease and save lives. The facts are irrefutable: According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2013 prevented 332 million illnesses (more than the current population of the entire U.S.) and saved an estimated 732,000 lives. Along with antibiotics, germ theory, imaging and sanitation, vaccines are considered by physicians and scientists to be one of the greatest medical breakthroughs of the last 180 years.

A program of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Immunization Awareness Month is held each August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages.

Vaccines use very small amounts of antigens—parts of germs that stimulate the body's immune response—to recognize and learn to fight serious diseases. Thanks to scientific advances, today's vaccines protect individuals from more disease using fewer antigens: Thirty years ago, vaccines used 3,000 antigens to protect against 8 diseases by age 2; today, vaccines use 305 antigens to protect against 14 diseases by age 2.

What about vaccine safety?

Data show the current U.S. vaccine supply is the safest in history, and there has never been a single credible study linking vaccines to long-term health conditions. For example, according to the CDC, studies have shown that there is no link between the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine and autism, and recently released results of a Danish study, which analyzed data collected from 657,461 children born in Denmark between 1999 and 2010, also found no evidence that the vaccine increases the risk of autism.

As for immediate danger from vaccines, in the form of allergic reactions or severe side effects,



› On-time vaccination throughout childhood is essential, and adults need to keep their vaccinations current because immunity from childhood vaccines can wear off over time.

the incidence of death is so rare it can't even truly be calculated. When side effects do occur, they are usually very mild and can include a low-grade fever, rash, or soreness or swelling at the injection site.

Who should get immunized?

Babies and children: On-time vaccination throughout childhood is essential because it helps provide immunity before children are exposed to potentially life-threatening diseases. For age-specific vaccine information from birth through 18 years, visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/by-age.

Adults: Adults 19 years of age and older need to keep their vaccinations up to date because immunity from childhood vaccines can wear off over time. Most adults need a yearly influenza shot and a Td (tetanus, diphtheria) booster every 10 years. Other vaccines may be needed based on age, health conditions, job, lifestyle or travel habits.

Southcentral Foundation (SCF) offers health and wellness services, including vaccines throughout all stages of life, for Alaska Native and American Indian people living in the Cook Inlet region of Alaska. For information or to schedule an appointment, visit www.southcentralfoundation.com or call (907) 729-4955 / (800) 478-3343. 🍃

CIRI SUMMER INTERNS HELP OUT AT KNIK CULTURE CAMP

By CIRI summer intern Ainsley Fullmer

On July 9, CIRI summer interns Rachel Crosley, Aubrey Nay, Jordyn Ransom and I all drove out to Knik, Alaska, to assist Knik Tribal Council (KTC) with Shan Qayah, its annual summer culture camp.

When we arrived at the Goose Bay landing strip, we were instantly greeted by dozens of little kids and directed to help them pick fireweed leaves. After gathering two boxes' worth, we made our way down a trail and arrived at three holes dug into the ground (caches).

In the caches, we first laid birch bark, and then the fireweed leaves, which we were told helps prevent food from freezing to the bark. We covered blueberries and dried meat with Crisco (traditionally, this would have been animal fat) to help stave off mold, and then set the food in the caches. Next year's campers will dig up the caches to see how well the food was preserved.

Mosquitos and horseflies aside, this was a great experience. It is heartening to see Tribes like KTC working to preserve and revitalize Alaska Native culture by sharing time-honored traditions and practices with the next generation.



› Photo by Ainsley Fullmer.

Shan Qayah is open to Mat-Su students in grades K-6 who hold a valid Certificate Degree of Indian Blood, which can be obtained from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). For more information, search for "Knik Tribal Council" on Facebook. 🍃

UPDATE: ALASKA NATIVE VETERANS LAND ALLOTMENT

Eligible veterans asked to update addresses ASAP; VA to provide list of potential applicants by Sept. 19

A public lands bill that was signed into law March 12 includes a provision to help Alaska Native veterans of the Vietnam War era select up to 160 acres of land in Alaska. It received bipartisan support and was championed by the three members of Alaska's congressional delegation.

Known as the John D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act, the bill authorizes eligibility to include all Alaska Native veterans who served between Aug. 5, 1964, and Dec. 31, 1971, and who have not previously received an allotment.

Before applications can be accepted by the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management, within 180 days of enactment (Sept. 19, 2019), the Department of Defense, in coordination with the Department of Veterans Affairs, will prepare a list of potential applicants based on their service dates.

If you believe you are eligible under the act, please update your address with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of Veterans Affairs as soon as possible.



- **Bureau of Indian Affairs**
Enrollment Verification
(907) 271-4506
- **Department of Veterans Affairs**
www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits
(907) 334-0874

For more information, visit www.blm.gov and type in "Alaska Native veterans" in the search bar. 📄

NORTH WIND GROUP OPENS NEW OFFICE IN GUAM



▶ Pictured left to right: Debbie Morgan, North Wind Group (NWG) chief of staff; Doyon Morato, Silver Mountain Construction operations manager, Guam; Brady Bigelow, NWG chief business development officer; John Bukowski, North Wind Solutions president; Chris Leichtweis, NWG president/CEO; Lou Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam; Speaker Tina Muña-Barnes; and Jeff Clark, NWG Pacific Rim regional business development manager. *Photo courtesy of NWG.*

CIRI subsidiary North Wind Group's new office in Guam was commemorated Feb. 7 with an open house and partner outreach, which included a traditional Chamorro blessing ceremony.

North Wind is committed to working in the Pacific Rim. With staff and offices in Alaska, Hawaii and now Guam, the company will continue to build and strengthen long-term relationships with subcontractors, vendors and teaming partners in the area. North Wind is actively involved in the Society of American Military Engineers, Guam Contractors Association and National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) Guam.

"We are thrilled to have a permanent office presence in Guam," said North Wind Group President and

CEO Chris Leichtweis. "Our growing company has a very entrepreneurial spirit, and our core capabilities of environmental management, construction, facility operation, engineering and aviation services have helped us grow to over 1,250 employees with offices in 35 states and now this new territory."

North Wind's Guam office is located at 118 East Marine Corps Drive in the J&G Commercial Plaza. One of North Wind's subsidiary 8(a) companies, Alaska-based Silver Mountain Construction, will also maintain a presence in the new office space.

For more information, visit www.northwindgrp.com. 📄

RECIPE



RHUBARB BBQ SAUCE

Adapted from the recipe by Maya Wilson, www.alaskafromscratch.com.

As the author wrote about this recipe, "Use to baste chicken, ribs, pork chops, or seafood on the grill, make pulled pork in the slow cooker or as a sauce for barbecue chicken pizza."

START TO FINISH: 45 minutes

SERVINGS: About 2 cups

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 cup chopped rhubarb
- 1 canned chipotle pepper in adobo, chopped
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- Salt and coarsely ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons molasses
- 1 tablespoon Dijon or spicy brown mustard
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

DIRECTIONS:

1. Heat oil in a medium-size pot over medium heat.
2. Sauté the onions for about 90 seconds, or until tender. Add the garlic, cooking another 1 minute.
3. Stir in the rhubarb, chipotle and tomato paste. Add the paprika and season generously with salt and pepper.
4. Add the ketchup, water, vinegar, molasses, mustard and Worcestershire sauce, stirring until combined.
5. When the mixture begins to bubble, lower the heat to a simmer and cook for 20-30 minutes, stirring often, until the rhubarb is very tender and the sauce has reduced a bit.
6. Remove the sauce from the heat and allow to cool at least 10 minutes. Transfer the sauce to a food processor or blender and process until smooth. The sauce will be thick. Water or chicken stock can be added as needed for desired consistency.

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

Rita Jean Bonner, 38

Rita Jean Bonner passed away July 9, 2018, at home in West Columbia, Texas. Ms. Bonner was born July 11, 1979, in Galveston, Texas. She is survived by her son, Jacob Joe-Ellis Hernandez; father, Hilliard Ellis Bonner; and brother, Michael Bonner.

Candace Marie Hathaway, 55

Candace Marie Hathaway passed away May 30 in Anchorage. Ms. Hathaway was born March 14, 1964. She is survived by her husband, Bruce Hathaway; children, Brandon Bahr, Renee Hathaway and Jennifer Meyer; mother, Lorraine Chapman; siblings, Norma Kautz, Henry Bahr Jr. and Johnny Walker; stepsiblings, George Chapman, Oliver Chapman and Louanna Pickles; and uncle, Willie Eben.

Marlee Ann Jacobsen, 73

Marlee Ann Jacobsen passed away April 13 at Kingsburg Care Center in Kingsburg, Calif. Ms. Jacobsen was born October 26, 1945. She is survived by her husband, Don Jacobsen; daughter, Dana Jacobsen; and siblings, Frank Barnett and Dana Markey.

Rita E. Kakaruk, 83

Rita E. Kakaruk passed away May 21 at Cascade Park Gardens in Tacoma, Wash. Ms. Kakaruk was born July 31, 1935, in Teller, Alaska. She is survived by her children, Harold M. Ahmasuk III and Carol Jean Ahmasuk; and sisters, Rose Okboak and Sara Kakaruk.

Evonne M. "Chaz" Natter, 56

Evonne M. "Chaz" Natter passed away June 6 at Washington Regional Hospital in Fayetteville, Ark. Ms. Natter was born May 8, 1963, in Anchorage. She is survived by Barry Natter, Christian Carey, Marvin Greenberg, Thomas Greenberg and Loretta Greenberg.

Marie E. Siverly, 81

Marie E. Siverly passed away June 13 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Siverly was born April 7, 1938, in Tanana, Alaska. A mother of six children, she retired from the federal government in 1994 and spent her retirement years bowling, camping, picking berries, playing bingo, sewing and traveling. She is survived by Geno Cyphers; children, Kathleen Barnes (Robbie), Theresa Mattingly (Butch), Michael Wilcheck, Ralph Wilcheck (Kim), Jeffrey Wilcheck (Christie) and Kevin Wilcheck (Carrie); sister, Margaret Pickett; brother, John Pickett; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Condolences

Gregory Charles Allen, 62
 Maribeth Forrest, 68
 Gilbert Ole Johnson, 77
 David Benjamin Kimball, 57
 Virginia Lee King, 75

Note: In the July 2019 Raven's Circle obituary for Edward Komakhuk, Myrtle Komakhuk's name was incorrectly listed as Myrtle Sabatis.

YOUTH EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE PRIZE WINNERS



To encourage youth to attend and excel at school, CIRI conducts twice-yearly prize drawings for students in grades 7-12 who maintain a GPA of 3.5 or above and students who miss no more than four classes in the reporting period. Each winner receives a \$100 gift card. Please join us in congratulating the following CIRI shareholders and confirmed descendants who qualified for the drawing on the basis of their second-semester GPA, attendance record or both:

In Anchorage:

Kristopher Anaruk
Yup'ik and Filipino
 Child of Samuel Anaruk
 Anchorage, Alaska

Winter Anaruk
Yup'ik and Filipino
 Child of Samuel Anaruk
 Anchorage, Alaska

Joseph Butzke
Iñupiaq
 Child of Jonathan Butzke
 Anchorage, Alaska

Mauri Butzke
Iñupiaq
 Child of Jonathan Butzke
 Anchorage, Alaska

Terry Tuttle
Aleut and Athabascan
 Child of Troy Tuttle
 Anchorage, Alaska

In Alaska (outside of Anchorage):
Denali Bernard
Iñupiaq
 Child of Michael Bernard
 Kenai, Alaska

Mikylah Pinnow
Aleut, Athabascan and Shoshoni
 Child of Christina Pinnow
 Ninilchik, Alaska

Outside of Alaska:

Brenna Brown,
Athabascan
 Child of Catherine Brown
 San Antonio, Texas

Katelynn Carroll
Aleut
 Child of Michael Carroll
 Chandler, Ariz.

Thomas Carroll
Aleut
 Child of Michael Carroll
 Chandler, Ariz.

Kayla Colburn
Aleut
 Child of Leslie Colburn
 Casper, Wyo.

Ashley Kashevaroff
Aleut
 Child of Norman Kashevarof Jr.
 Monticello, Minn.

Aleshanee Nikita
Athabascan
 Child of Daniel Nikita
 Santa Fe, N.M.

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 – Florence Lister
- May – Neal Crandall
- June – Nancy Sanders

Second quarter drawing for Apple iPad Air 2:

- Georgia Tolbert

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

DIRECT DEPOSIT DRAWING

Second quarter drawing for \$500:

- Maria Coleman

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

NEWSLETTER DRAWING

Second quarter drawing for a Kindle Fire HD or Amazon gift card:

- Elaine Stefanowicz

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

CONFIRMED, REGISTERED DESCENDANT DRAWING

Second quarter drawing for a Kindle Fire HD or Amazon gift card:

- Rachel Crosley

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.

QENEK ACCOUNT DRAWING

Second quarter drawing for a YETI cooler:

- Ronald Simpson

Must have created a Qenek account or accessed an existing account during the preceding quarter.

THIRD QUARTER DISTRIBUTIONS

Payment type	Direct deposit sign-up deadline: 3 p.m.	Address change and cancel direct deposit deadline: 3 p.m.	Distribution date
CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust	TUESDAY, SEPT. 3	THURSDAY, SEPT. 5	FRIDAY, SEPT. 13
CIRI Settlement Trust Distribution	MONDAY, SEPT. 9	FRIDAY, SEPT. 20	MONDAY, SEPT. 30

Elders' Settlement Trust Payments

Third quarter CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust payments of \$450 will be mailed or directly deposited by 6 p.m. AKDT on Friday, Sept. 13 to eligible Elders with a valid mailing address on file as of 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5. The remaining 2019 Elders' payment is scheduled for Dec. 13. Original shareholders who are 65 years of age or older and who own at least one share of CIRI stock as of these dates are eligible to receive the \$450 payments.

As previously reported, CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust funding will run out in 2019. The CIRI Board of Directors has approved providing the necessary funding to cover any shortfall through the end of 2019, thereby ensuring all eligible Elders receive full payments through the end of the year. Thereafter, the Board proposes to provide Elders' benefits through the CIRI Settlement Trust (CST)—which was established by a majority vote of the shareholders at the 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders—maintaining the current level of payments and eligibility requirements of the CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust.

CIRI Settlement Trust (CST) Distribution

As has been previously explained, given the tax advantages to CIRI and CST beneficiaries, distributions from the CST are expected to replace some or all of CIRI's dividends. Accordingly, the CIRI Board of Directors has approved contributing the amounts that CIRI would have issued as dividends in the third and fourth quarters of 2019 to the CST, and the CST trustees have agreed to distribute the contributed amounts to CST beneficiaries who hold shares of Class A stock of CIRI on the record dates previously established for the third and fourth quarter dividends.

CST payments will be processed in the same manner as CIRI distributions—by mail or direct deposit using address or account information on file with the CIRI Shareholder Relations department. Third quarter distributions in the amount of \$9.03 per share (or \$903 per 100 shares) will be mailed or directly deposited by 6 p.m. AKDT on Monday, Sept. 30 to all shareholders with a valid mailing address on file as of 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20.

Direct/Remote Deposit

CIRI urges shareholders who receive their distributions 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. (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.)

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 www.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 direct deposit instruction online via the portal.

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 is signed up for direct deposit.

CIRI address changes may be submitted online via the Qenek portal. Alternatively, you may submit a completed CIRI address change form – available at www.ciri.com – or 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

Neither CIRI nor the CST withhold taxes from distributions; however, shareholders or beneficiaries who anticipate owing tax on their distributions have the option of making quarterly estimated tax payments directly to the IRS. 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.

As a reminder, distributions made by the CST are expected to be tax-free to beneficiaries in most cases. 📩

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPT. 2, 2019	Labor Day: CIRI offices closed
OCT. 14, 2019	Indigenous Peoples' Day
OCT. 17-19, 2019	Annual AFN Convention, Fairbanks

ANNUAL CHECK PROGRAM CHANGE: CHECKS TO ISSUE IN SEPTEMBER

Enrollees encouraged to update their addresses

To address the problems associated with owners of fractional or small amounts of CIRI stock not cashing their checks, some years back, CIRI implemented an Annual Check Program wherein the distributions for shareholders owning five or fewer shares of stock who do not sign up for direct deposit or "opt out" of the program are cumulated and paid in one annual check, with no interest paid. All other CIRI mail is sent to the shareholder's address of record.

Historically, annual checks have been mailed in December. But beginning this year, the checks will be mailed in September, after third quarter Elders' payments have been mailed, and before the third quarter distribution is mailed.

2019 annual checks will include held liabilities associated with the 2019 first and second quarter dividends and, if applicable, the 2019 resource revenue distribution and any other payments holding for program enrollees. Thereafter, annual checks will include held liabilities from prior-year third and fourth quarter and current-year first and second quarter distributions and, if applicable, the resource revenue distribution and any other held payments. 📩

SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 03

"For CIRI shareholders, the No. 1 thing is to get involved, stay involved, seek out knowledge and take an active interest in your corporation. Also, gifting shares to young people when they're still young so they have access to all the opportunities (that CIRI has to offer) is a huge benefit.

"That was one of the things that came out of the SPC meeting this past spring, the importance of stock ownership," Ben continued. "Even though I only have five shares, because I'm a CIRI shareholder, I was able to become a member of the SPC and speak with CIRI Board members and executives and share my perspective. That was a huge benefit not only for me, but for the Board and executives to hear an informed, young voice."

In Ben's spare time, he enjoys camping, hiking and building watercraft. A recently completed project of note is a 17-foot kayak with a cedar-stripped hull and a ribbed and skin top.

As for the future, "I see myself continuing to serve Alaska Native people," Ben said. "Being an Alaska Native person means something; it's the driver behind most of the decisions I make. I want to help as many people as possible, as best I can, for as long as I can."

For more information about the CIRI SPC, visit www.ciri.com/spc. 📩

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.

(As of 08/26/2019)

Edgar Ailak	Dimitrios Konstantinos
Jennifer Jean Anderson	Macheras
Angela Baker	Jessica May Marks
Kelley Dawn Barr	Jessica Ann-Marie Merlino
Kenneth Lawrence Boyle	Gerald Dean Mogg
Carolyn Jane Burns	Shaun Michael Moore
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Victor Charles Leviness	Fred Zimin
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SAVE THE DATE 2019 ANNUAL AFN CONVENTION

October 17-19, 2019
Carlson Center, Fairbanks, Alaska

"Good Government — Alaska Driven"

The annual Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Convention serves as the principal forum and voice for the Alaska Native community in addressing critical issues of public policy and government. In addition, the Convention features a trade show of 100 exhibitors and 170 artists, cultural performances, a health fair, walk-in legal clinic and closing banquet. For more information, visit www.nativefederation.org/convention.

Travel Discount

Alaska Airlines is offering a 15% discount Oct. 11-23 on all published fares to Fairbanks from any Alaska Airlines or Horizon Air city in Alaska, the Lower 48 and Canada.

To take advantage of the discount, visit www.alaskaair.com and click "Use Discount Code." Enter your origin and destination cities and travel dates. Enter **Discount Code ECMC452** and click "Find Flights." All eligible flights will display for you to choose from.

You can also book by phone by calling (800) 445-4435. A \$15 ticketing fee will apply for bookings made over the phone.



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Connect with Qenek Shareholder Portal

qenek.ciri.com

- Print dividend confirmations and tax forms
- Update your contact information
- RSVP for shareholder events
- View information about your stock
- View and print payment information
- Request replacement checks

Maintain an up-to-date CIRI mailing address and access your Qenek account quarterly to be eligible for quarterly drawings for a YETI cooler!

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 Patrick Joseph Gutmann – Buffy Switzer
- Estate of Francine M. Morris – Flo Steitz
- Estate of Amy Ruth Paris – Ron Sprouse

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.