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## September dividends surpass major milestone

If you are one of the CIRI shareholders who has your dividends directly deposited to your bank account, you probably know that Sept. 30 is the day your account will see the next dividend deposit from CIRI. The third quarter dividend of \$8.41 per share will go out that day. For a shareholder with 100 shares, that's \$841 dollars. But the distribution signals something else – an unprecedented achievement for an Alaska Native corporation.

With that payment, cumulative dividend distributions to CIRI shareholders, since the company's inception, will top \$1 billion.

“This is a great milestone for CIRI and it demonstrates the company's commitment to deliver results for our shareholders,” said Sophie Minich, president and CEO of CIRI. “We can thank the wisdom, vision and tenacity of all of the past CIRI leaders and Directors for this – those who fought for our land entitlements, made the smart investments and struck the right balance between funding growth and giving back to shareholders.”

There were approximately 6,280 original shareholders when CIRI was formed and the \$1 billion figure translates into approximately \$160,000 for each original shareholder owning 100 shares. The dividends have helped shareholders afford everything from basic family needs to buying a home.

“The dollars I received allowed me to offset the cost of a college education for my daughters,” said Denise Morris, an original CIRI shareholder and mother of two. “I've also been able to assist my other family members with financial challenges they may be experiencing.”



“And, when you look at the large dividend, members of my family were able to become homeowners. The impact was not only significant, it was life-changing for those who had the opportunity to find affordable housing for the first time in their lives,” Morris said.

CIRI delivered its first dividend to shareholders in March of 1980. That first dividend totaled \$1.15 per share, for a total payout of \$115 to those with 100 shares.

At that time, Roy Huhndorf was president of the company. He remembers the lengthy debate among Board members at the time.

“There were valid concerns about reinvesting as much capital as possible so we could keep the company growing,” Huhndorf said. “At the same time, it became clear to the Board that the only direct monetary benefit for shareholders would be dividends. I think the Board did a good job of balancing dividends with the longevity of the corporation.”

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## Going vertical CIRI launches plans for new real estate investment

It's a name you will hear frequently in the coming years – the Fireweed Business Center. Starting fall 2013, CIRI will begin site preparation work on the 8.35-acre lot that once was home to the Fireweed Theater in Anchorage. The Fireweed Business Center will become Anchorage's newest upscale office campus with construction set to begin on the eight-story building next spring.

Once finished, the building, at the intersection of Fireweed Lane and the New Seward Highway, will become CIRI's new corporate office. CIRI also plans to lease more than half of the space in the building to generate income.

“We are very excited about this project,” said CIRI president and CEO Sophie Minich. “Foremost, we want this building to be a good investment, but we also want a unique design that reflects the values and culture of CIRI shareholders. It is going to be magnificent and I think, once completed, all of us – our shareholders, employees and our community – will be very proud of this development.”

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View the Fireweed Business Center video developed by CIRI's corporate communications department online at [www.fireweedcenter.com](http://www.fireweedcenter.com).

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A word from the president

# President's Message

By: **Sophie Minich, CIRI president and chief executive officer**

It is a privilege to deliver the news that, with the September dividend distribution, CIRI's cumulative dividends paid to shareholders since the company's inception will surpass the \$1 billion mark. This is an accomplishment that we can all be proud of and it reinforces CIRI's commitment to fulfill its mission statement to "promote the economic and social well-being and Alaska Native heritage of our shareholders."

No other Alaska Native corporation has achieved such an impressive record of giving back to shareholders. This commitment began decades ago, even before the first dividend was paid, and while there have been changes among the Board members and executive team over the years – the commitment has remained the same.

As this milestone approached, I reflected back on the time when CIRI issued its first dividend. It was in 1980 and it wasn't a very large dividend, but the event itself was significant. It was interesting to read the President's Message in the March 1980 CIRI shareholder newsletter. At the time, Roy Huhndorf was CIRI's president and his message described how the board grappled with finding the right balance between economic benefits for shareholders and ensuring the company had the capital necessary to invest and grow so future shareholders could also benefit. He wrote:

"The decision to begin paying dividends involves a crucial judgment on the part of the Board of Directors affecting the long-term welfare of the corporation and its shareholders. They must decide the proper balance between the amount of dividends to be distributed and the need to retain cash for future corporate expansion if the payment of dividends is to be continued year after year."

That was 33 years ago and CIRI was a very different company back then. However, the fundamental premise of finding the right balance between shareholder dividends and funding future growth remains as relevant today as it did 33 years ago.

Throughout our history as a corporation, CIRI shareholders have benefited from Board members who have taken this balancing act seriously – combining a real desire to deliver meaningful and consistent monetary returns to shareholders while always being mindful of the need to make the necessary investments that will keep CIRI on a trajectory of growth.

Nearly a decade ago, CIRI gave out large, special distributions to shareholders, following windfall profits from investments. While those distributions certainly helped CIRI achieve the \$1 billion threshold, as the corporation said at the time, the special distributions were not sustainable.

The current dividend policy, put in place by the Board of Directors four years ago, seeks to strike the right balance between shareholder benefits and future growth. It allocates 3.5 percent of the previous year's shareholders' equity to be distributed as dividends. This year, nearly \$22 million in quarterly dividends will be distributed to shareholders.

The policy gives the CIRI Board of Directors and management a tangible objective for managing its investments – to grow shareholders' equity. This is primarily achieved by increasing our profits. More importantly, the policy aligns the interests of either end of the spectrum – those wanting larger dividends and those seeking more capital to invest and grow the company to ensure continued growth of dividends. Sustaining a larger dividend for shareholders requires greater profits, and for CIRI to boost its profits, it needs the capital to make the investments that will generate a greater return to CIRI.

CIRI has a solid track record of delivering strong financial returns and, in turn, significant shareholder dividends. It is important to remember that, despite the best attempts to forecast economic conditions, business can be unpredictable. There are good years and bad. However, in our 40-plus-year history, we have benefited from the many CIRI leaders who wisely managed our investments and carefully balanced the economic rewards of today with the responsibility to benefit the shareholders of tomorrow.



*Sophie Minich*

## CIRI Board of Directors

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## North Wind recognized as a top environmental firm

For the fifth consecutive year, Engineering News Record (ENR) has named North Wind as a top environmental firm. A wholly owned CIRI subsidiary, this year North Wind came in at number 111 in the annual ranking of the top 200 firms in the nation.

ENR is the national news magazine for the engineering and construction industry.

According to North Wind President, Chris Leichtweis, "North Wind Group is extremely proud to once again be recognized as a top environmental company. We are committed to providing outstanding technical service with the highest standards of professionalism and quality, and this listing demonstrates that commitment."

For more information visit [www.northwindgrp.com](http://www.northwindgrp.com).



Courtesy of North Wind

A waste consolidation area is being built by North Wind to properly store contaminated soils produced by silver mining operations.

## Our Business

### Sam's Club opens on Muldoon

Sam's Club has moved into a new 146,000-square-foot building at Tikahtnu Commons in Anchorage. The grand opening was commemorated with a ribbon-cutting attended by the Mayor of Anchorage on Sept. 5. The Sam's Club on the Old Seward Highway in the Dimond area remains open and the

Sam's Club near the Northway Mall is now closed.

Tikahtnu Commons is Alaska's largest shopping and entertainment center and is a one-stop shopping and dining destination for the whole family. It is located on 95 acres of CIRI land in northeast Anchorage.



Photo by Joel Irwin

Sam's Club at Tikahtnu Commons, first day of business.

## CIRI Spotlight: Jorie Paoli

Over a decade ago, CIRI descendant Jorie Paoli worked for CIRI as the community relations intern, then moved into a clerk position within the data records management department. From there she began her professional career in serving Alaska Native people and giving back to the community began.

She accepted a position with Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) – the social services arm of the CIRI family of nonprofits – where she served for nearly nine years. Throughout her work within CITC, she actively developed her skills and education to maximize her potential to positively contribute to developing the potential of CITC employees and CITC's Alaska Native and American Indian participants. Paoli began as CITC's Tribal Scholarships Counselor and prior to joining First Alaskans Institute (FAI) in 2010, she served as CITC's Institutional Advancement Officer.

This May, Paoli was promoted to director of organizational advancement at FAI in Anchorage after serving for three years as FAI's policy and research coordinator. The position evolved from a new initiative area within First Alaskans focusing on empowering FAI's indigenous organizational effectiveness.

"Jorie brings an unwavering love and deep appreciation for our Alaska Native peoples and communities along with an exceptional commitment to our vision and mission," said Liz Medicine Crow (Haida/Tlingit), President/CEO. "In this position, she will be able to maximize her indigeneity and strong background in non-profit management, organizational development, and team building to accelerate our work to advance our community."

With financial support from The CIRI Foundation, CITC and Kawerak's scholarship and grant programs, Paoli graduated with a Bachelors in Organizational Management with a Nonprofit Emphasis from Alaska Pacific University.

Paoli's other achievements include being an alumna of several professional programs including the Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Foraker Group and Leadership Anchorage. She served three terms as Chair of the Alaska Native Professional Association board and served as the Vice Chair on the Beyond Borders board of directors.

"I have been incredibly blessed to have so much support throughout my career thus far," Paoli said. "I look forward to giving back through the meaningful work I get to do every day for our community."

Paoli is the granddaughter of Stanton and Irene Katchatag from Unalakleet and daughter of CIRI shareholder Vernita Herdman and Doug Herdman.

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Jorie Paoli

## In Touch with shareholders



Coyote Shasta Aurora  
Sue Fabrizi

### Birth announcement

CIRI shareholder Dolly Carrie Rivera and Mikko Epperson are proud to announce the birth of their first granddaughter Coyote Shasta Aurora Sue Fabrizi. She was born on June 16 to CIRI descendant Thalia Fabrizi and Alberto Fabrizi and weighed 6 lbs and 15 oz.

## Shareholder's band plays bass guitar for Nokie Edwards



CIRI shareholder Laurie  
Kerslake playing bass guitar  
with Nokie Edwards.

It's not every day that an Alaskan band has the honor to play music with a Legendary Hall of Fame guitarist known for his music all around the world. However, CIRI shareholder Laurie Kerslake and her band, Northern Comfort, were invited to play with Nokie Edwards during his performances at the Alaska State Fair for the second year in a row.

"In 2012, when I was rehearsing at home learning all Nokie's songs from The Ventures, songs like 'Walk Don't Run', 'Secret Agent Man' and 'Hawaii 5-O', to name a few, I got a lump in my throat because I couldn't believe that I would ever be playing bass guitar with the man that made these songs popular on the radio and in the movies," said Kerslake.

The 2013 two-day performance occurred Aug. 23 and Aug. 24 and included the Northern Comfort band members keyboardist Taylor Caldwell, drummer Rob Rood, bass guitarist Lauri Kerslake, and two additional guitarists, Ron Wise and Stu Schulman.

"I would never have had this opportunity beginning in 2012 if it wasn't for Alaskan musician and friend Ron Wise. It has been an experience of a lifetime."

Nokie Edwards celebrated his 78th birthday this year and released a new album "Nokie Plays Latin," in August.

## 2013 Call For Nominations for the Alaska Native Visionary Awards

Alaska Native Heritage Month is seeking nominations for the 2013 Alaska Native Visionary Awards. The awards aim to recognize and honor Alaska Native people who are perpetuating and preserving culture through artistic and visionary ventures such as film, photography, music, visual and literary art, performance art and so much more.

The mission of the Alaska Native Heritage Month is to celebrate Alaska Native and American Indian cultures and share our traditions and contributions during the month of November.

Nomination forms are available online at [www.alaskanativeheritagemonth.com](http://www.alaskanativeheritagemonth.com). Please consider nominating an Alaska Native person that you feel deserves recognition. The deadline for submission is Oct. 25, 2013.

## Save the date CIRI, TCF Friendship Potlatches

Mark your calendars: CIRI and The CIRI Foundation's annual Friendship Potlatches are nearing. CIRI held its first annual Friendship Potlatch in 1985 to celebrate family, culture and heritage through traditional and modern means. The Friendship Potlatches feature cultural entertainment, children's activities, Alaska Native arts and crafts booths, information booths for CIRI-affiliated nonprofit organizations, door prizes and a meal that includes traditional Alaska Native food.

Please RSVP by visiting [www.ciri.com/potlatch](http://www.ciri.com/potlatch) or by calling (907) 263-5191 or (800) 764-CIRI and selecting option 5 to ensure that CIRI provides enough food for shareholders and their families. CIRI shareholders who are interested in displaying or selling arts and crafts should email [info@ciri.com](mailto:info@ciri.com) or call (907) 263-5113.

### Kenai Friendship Potlatch

Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013  
Kenai Middle School  
Kenai, Alaska  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
RSVP by 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 7, 2013

### Anchorage Friendship Potlatch

Sunday, Oct. 20, 2013  
Mears Middle School  
Anchorage, Alaska  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
RSVP by 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 14, 2013

Due to limited parking, shareholders are encouraged to carpool. CIRI has also arranged shuttles from the CIRI building to Mears. Shareholders who wish to use the

shuttle service are advised that, beginning at 10:30 a.m., busses will depart from the CIRI building every 30 minutes for Mears. Those wishing to catch the return shuttle to CIRI may wait at registration. The last bus will depart from Mears 15 minutes after the potlatch program ends.

### Northwest Friendship Potlatch

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2013  
Chief Leschi School  
Puyallup, Wash.  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
RSVP by 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 1, 2013

# Koahnic, KNBA to broadcast AFN live

Coverage marks 17th consecutive year of convention reporting



*Courtesy of KNBA*  
KNBA News Director, Joaqlin Estus.

Listen for KNBA's live coverage of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Convention proceedings Oct. 24 through Oct. 26. Koahnic is broadcasting from the Carlson Center in Fairbanks to public stations across Alaska.

and National Native News Producer and Anchor Antonia Gonzales (Navajo). Estus and Gonzales will host the hour-long "Alaska's Native Voice" live panel discussion from the Convention each day at mid-day.

KNBA 90.3 FM and radio stations across Alaska will carry the AFN gavel-to-gavel coverage. Stations from Barrow to Bethel to the Aleutian Chain will be carrying the broadcasts this year, as well as KRFF, a new, Native-operated station that serves Fairbanks and the Interior region. Complete audio streaming for internet listening and mobile devices will be available at [knba.org](http://knba.org).

In addition to the live, gavel-to-gavel coverage, KNBA will produce 5-minute updates each day of the convention in English with translations in Athabascan, Inupiaq, Tlingit and Yup'ik.

This year's AFN Convention theme, "Traditional Family Values," will facilitate much-needed discussion and potential solutions for the challenges faced by Alaska Native families and communities.

KNBA's AFN Convention coverage will be hosted by KNBA News Director Joaqlin Estus (Tlingit)

## Special train to run to Fairbanks for AFN

The Alaska Railroad Corporation is pleased to welcome the Alaska Federations of Natives Convention to Fairbanks in October 2013. In the true Alaska spirit, Alaska Railroad Corporation extends an invitation to all Convention attendees to receive a \$99.00 one-way discounted rate on the Alaska Railroad Aurora Train from Anchorage and Fairbanks or reverse in October.

The train schedule runs north from Anchorage to Fairbanks on Saturdays, and south from Fairbanks to Anchorage on Sundays. Other flight and rail packages are also available. Visit Alaska Railroad online at [www.alaskarailroad.com](http://www.alaskarailroad.com) or call (800) 544-0552 to begin planning your Alaskan Adventure. In Anchorage, call 265-2494.

Reference code for discount is AFN. Offer is valid for October 2013.

## Cultural Advisors needed for CITC school program

Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) is seeking volunteers to serve as cultural advisors for the CITC Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Techno-Culture (STEM-TC) in Elementary, Middle, and High School program. The advisors will work with the STEM-TC instructors to help bring cultural knowledge into the classrooms the program serves.

Through the STEM-TC in Elementary, Middle, and High School program, CITC infuses Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) into daily lessons and classroom activities while simultaneously integrating Alaska Native culture in the lessons and activities.

For further information regarding the volunteer opportunity, please contact CITC Cultural Advisor Gerald Trigg at (907) 793-3284 or by email at [gtrigg@citci.org](mailto:gtrigg@citci.org).

## New corporate headquarters

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CIRI Land Development Company (CLDC) is managing the project and has partnered with RIM Architects to design the structure. RIM First People President Michael Fredericks facilitated interviews with numerous shareholders to help guide the design team. A scholarship recipient of The CIRI Foundation herself, Fredericks said she is excited about the progress.

"The shareholders we interviewed echoed some common values – connection to the land, sustainability and cultural diversity," Fredericks said. "These are the themes we are striving to incorporate in the design so the building itself helps to tell CIRI's story."

The Class A building will be approximately 110,000-square-feet, with 60,000-square-feet available for lease. CLDC is actively marketing the building for prospective tenants. To learn more, visit [www.fireweedcenter.com](http://www.fireweedcenter.com).

Elizabeth Peratrovich legal clinic

## Need legal advice?

In honor of civil rights leader Elizabeth Peratrovich, volunteer lawyers will assist Alaska Federation of Natives Convention attendees and other Alaska Native people by appointment with civil legal issues including family law, difficulties with receiving public benefits, safe housing, consumer issues and completing estate planning with a will. The Alaska Native Justice Center, a CIRI-founded nonprofit, is cosponsoring the event.

For questions about this event, please contact the Alaska Bar Association at (907) 272-7469.

### When

By appointment  
Thursday, Oct. 24, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Carlson Center, Fairbanks, Alaska

### RSVP

Email [eplc@alaskabar.org](mailto:eplc@alaskabar.org)

## CIRI shareholders receive National Indian Health Board awards



*Courtesy of SCF*  
CIRI shareholder Terry Simpson at NIHB award ceremony.

Congratulations to Southcentral Foundation (SCF) Board Member Dr. Terry Simpson and SCF President and CEO Dr. Katherine Gottlieb for being awarded the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Area/Regional Impact Awards at the 30th Annual

wild game, fish, berries and root vegetables. Simpson, who has been part of SCF's visionary growth, also helps SCF share its story so that other organizations interested in improving their health systems can learn from what he considers "the greatest health care system in the world." Simpson also maintains a blog that focuses on healthy lifestyles and has authored several books to help others on their journey to wellness. Learn more about Simpson online at [www.yourdoctorsorders.com](http://www.yourdoctorsorders.com).

Gottlieb has served as SCF's President and CEO for more than 20 years, playing a key role in transforming SCF's health care system into SCF's unique and innovative Nuka System of Care model, a customer-owned and driven system of health care. By listening to the voices of Alaska Native people – and providing new avenues for them to be heard – Gottlieb has helped develop an unparalleled range of services that serve as a model for innovations in health care nationwide. As a result, health care professionals and leaders from around the world have visited the Alaska Native Health Campus to learn more about SCF's best practices and improvement strategies.

Learn more about SCF at [www.southcentralfoundation.com](http://www.southcentralfoundation.com).

Consumer Conference Aug. 28 in Denver, Colo. Both Simpson and Gottlieb are CIRI shareholders and Simpson formerly served on the CIRI Board.

The awards are presented to individuals or organizations whose work has contributed to improving American Indian and Alaska Native health care or affected change on an area or regional basis.

According to SCF, Simpson's impact has been in the areas of health education and health systems governance. As a physician, he champions the importance of a healthy diet and the health benefits of traditional Alaska Native subsistence foods such as

## Swartz wins Stock Will Prize

The winner of the July 2013 \$200 Stock Will Participation Prize is Brandon Myles Swartz. To be eligible for the \$200 monthly prize drawings and the quarterly iPad drawings in 2013, you must have a valid will on file in CIRI's Shareholder Relations Department and your will must comply with CIRI's

fractional share policy. The CIRI Stock Will form, instructions and additional information on the fractional share policy may be found on the CIRI website. Contact CIRI's probate staff at (907) 263-5191 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474 and select option 4 to verify whether you have a will on file.

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For 33 years, CIRI has paid steady and consistent dividends and has also, at times, distributed special dividends as a result of windfall profits from certain investments.

CIRI's dividend policy has evolved over the years, with the Board setting the current policy in 2009. It calls for annual dividend amounts to be calculated based on 3.5 percent of the total shareholders' equity, calculated as of Dec. 31 of the prior year. According to the calculation, CIRI will distribute close to \$22 million in dividends in 2013.

"There are several benefits with the current policy," Minich said. "It ensures dividends will be consistent year-to-year so shareholders know what to expect, and it gives the Board and CIRI management a tangible objective – to increase shareholders' equity – in our strategic planning and when considering investments."



The \$1 billion figure is particularly remarkable when you think back on how CIRI began. The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 resulted in a cash settlement of a mere \$34 million for CIRI along with its

land entitlements. Unsatisfied with the land offered to CIRI by the federal government, the company's early leaders fought for a more equitable solution. The resulting Cook Inlet Land Exchange wasn't settled until 1978, but those early battles provided the foundation for the thriving corporation CIRI would become.

Huhndorf readily admits the early leaders of CIRI didn't have a lot of experience. "But, we did a lot of research and ultimately made good decisions," he said.

"Looking back, I'm pretty proud of what we were able to do," Huhndorf said. "There will always be a debate about the size of dividends, but this accomplishment should make us all feel good. CIRI has done well."

## CIRI IT is actively working with CITC to recruit for the next IT intern

CIRI's information technology (IT) department began a partnership with Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) and Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC) in 2012 that is delivering results in opening career pathways for CIRI shareholders and CIRI descendants interested in entering the information technology field.

In May, CIRI shareholder Kristofer Franke graduated the AVTEC Information Technology program and began at CIRI as an IT intern recruited through the partnership. CIRI IT recently hired Kris as a full-time employee to help with CIRI, CIRI Services Corp. and other CIRI subsidiary IT needs.

CIRI shareholder Bob Crowe interned at CIRI and CIRI Alaska Tourism Corp. (CATC) then began the AVTEC nine-month program in August. After Crowe graduates, he and CIRI IT look forward to continuing to work together by placing him in a position with CATC or within CIRI or another CIRI subsidiary.

Based on the success of the partnership, CIRI IT is actively working with CITC to recruit for the next IT intern. This is a great opportunity for CIRI shareholders and CIRI descendants who want to work in IT.

To learn more about the program and the open internship position, please contact the programs manager Eric Watson at (907) 793-3320.

### Are YOU interested in IT?

CIRI, Cook Inlet Tribal Council and AVTEC are partnered to help you.

**Train. Gain real-world experience. Get a lead on your career goals. Get ahead of the game.**

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## Scenic trail near the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge complete

Long before former CIRI President and CEO Margie Brown led the company, she was part of the team responsible for selecting CIRI's land entitlements.

Her research went beyond viewing maps and analyzing resource samples. It also entailed schlepping her way through the Alaskan wilderness to determine the potential use and profitability of the land open for selection.

That trek led Brown and her team to the parcel on which CIRI Alaska Tourism Corp.'s (CATC's) Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge is built. Brown immediately recognized the land's value, and it had nothing to do with oil and gas and mineral potential.

"We bushwhacked our way up this hill and it was at this spot that we saw Denali, and at that moment we knew this land would be a prime location for a lodge with trails for visitors to be able to explore Alaska at its finest," said Brown during a ribbon cutting ceremony.



SCA crew and Margie Brown cutting the ribbon to the new trail.

Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge opened its doors in 1999. But this summer, close to 30 years after acquiring the property, a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrated the completion of a trail on CIRI land offering scenic views of Denali, the Alaska Range and the Talkeetna River valley.

For the past three years, CIRI and CATC worked with the Student Conservation Association (SCA) and sponsored crews of Alaska Native youth each summer to build the one-mile trail adjacent to the lodge.

Through collaboration with Cook Inlet Tribal Council, SCA was able to identify and recruit crews consisting of six to eight Alaska Native youth along with two SCA crew leaders.

Each year, the team spent 21 days living outdoors during the summer working on the trail. Members of the 2013 SCA crew, SCA board member Margie Brown, CATC President Paul Landis and other CIRI and CATC employees attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony commemorating the completion of the three-year project.

"SCA's commitment to Alaska to help Alaska youth learn valuable work/life skills and inspire lifelong stewardship of our environment coupled with CIRI's capacity to fund, has been a rewarding partnership. It is a wonderful experience to see the crews each year and the tremendous amount of work they have accomplished on CIRI land," said Brown.

It is envisioned that the trail could be extended to connect to state trails bordering the property. According to Paul Landis, "Each summer, I had the opportunity to watch this trail being developed and watch the young crews learn new skills and take pride in their work. I look forward to continuing to work with SCA for there is potential for more partnerships in Talkeetna and near other CATC lodges."

SCA's programs also include internships for college students and community programs in more urban areas of the country. To learn more about SCA and view a video about SCA projects in Alaska, visit [www.thesca.org](http://www.thesca.org) or call (907) 274-8343.

# In Memory

## Inga Ann Caffrey, 74

Inga Ann Caffrey passed away May 30 at home in Seldovia, Alaska. Ms. Caffrey is survived by her daughter, Sondra Caffrey, and brothers, Frederick H. Elvsas and Herman M. Elvsas.

## Tanya Esther Lochbaum, 51

Tanya Esther Lochbaum passed away on Monday, July 29, at home in Wasilla, Alaska. Ms. Lochbaum was born Dec. 17, 1961, in Anchorage. Raised on the Kenai Peninsula, she graduated from Kenai Central High School then worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant and later worked in the middle of the Cook Inlet on the Osprey Platform where she met her life partner Michael Hartman. She enjoyed camping, berry picking, crafting and was known to be always giving to others. Mostly, she loved being with family and friends. She is survived by her life partner, Michael Hartman; daughter, Chassie Rea Bernsten; sister, Jeanette Tautfest; and numerous family members.

## Irene Betty Lougheed, 93

Irene Betty Lougheed passed away July 16 at Central Wyoming Hospice in Casper, Wyo. Ms. Lougheed was born Jan. 3, 1920. She is survived by her daughters, Sharon Costalez and Barbara Staniforth; and son, Bobby Lougheed.

## Francine Morris, 67

Francine Morris passed away March 18 at Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas, Nev. Ms. Morris was born Sept. 5, 1945, in Anchorage. She is survived by her brother, Eugene R. Tagala.

## Sava Stephan Sr., 93

Sava Stephan Sr. passed away June 1 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Stephan was born in 1920 at Susitna Station, Alaska. He was part of the group of over 30 Dena'ina from Susitna Station who moved to Tyonek in 1934 at the invitation of Chief Simeon Chickalusion. As Shem Pete's nephew, Sava was well-versed in Dena'ina thought and traditions and served as the long-time starisda (church warden) of the Tyonek Orthodox Church. During the past twenty years, he made many contributions to the Dena'ina language. He was a major technical contributor to the 2003 edition of "Shem Pete's Alaska" publication and in 2005 the Alaska Native Heritage Center published "Upper Inlet Dena'ina Language Lessons" spoken by Mr. Stephan. Sava Stephan's Dena'ina nickname was "Duggel," the Russian word for "handle". A patient teacher and a fascinating storyteller, Stephan filtered all his thoughts through the Dena'ina language. In 2003, CIRI acknowledged Sava Stephan's contributions with the CIRI shareholder of the year award. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Isaac and Ellen Stephan; grandchildren, Ruth, Becky, Shawn, Michael and Justin Stephan, Theresa

Cooper and Juliana Crandall; great-grandchildren, Amanda, Breanna and Alex Stephan, Christian and Crystal Cooper, and Joanna Raduege; and great-great-grandchildren, Malichi Stephan and Sava Crandall.

## Croix Johnathan Whitbeck, 4 Months

Croix Johnathan Whitbeck passed away on July 19. Croix was born March 4 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. From the first minute of Croix's life to his last, he showed fighting strength, working to overcome a congenital heart defect. His parents remember Croix's wonderful grin, bright eyes, incredible attentiveness and always-happy personality with a smile. Croix is survived by his parents, Rick and Debra Whitbeck; biological mother, Ruth Ann; paternal grandparents, Rick and Vicki Whitbeck; maternal grandparents, Ed and Lil Strout; uncle, Randy Whitbeck; aunt, Susie Strout; cousins, Caleb, Hannah, Brooke and Rowan Whitbeck; and biological and adoptive family throughout Alaska and the Lower 48.

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