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Tyonek's community garden

Before the plane even lands, a small group has gathered. As soon as the small aircraft rolls over to the parked trucks, families from Tyonek begin unloading boxes and bags of frozen food, canned goods and other necessities.

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"We go to Costco, Carrs, Fred Meyer, Walmart," says one Tyonek resident. "We'll fly in and do it ourselves, or we'll give a list to someone and pay them to get it, and we'll pay freight. If you buy a lot of food in one month, it'll easily cost \$500 to get it back."

Getting food from Anchorage is a problem nearly everyone in Tyonek faces—which is part of the reason why, in 2008, the village made it a priority to start growing fresh local vegetables.

" used to know everyone's phone number, until I got an iPhone," says Lindsay Bismark as she scrolls through her contact list. By "everyone" she doesn't just mean her friends and family; she means every single person in the village of Tyonek.

People from Tyonek are known as "Tebughna," or "the Beach People," a name that

With about 175 residents, "everybody here is family," Bismark adds. Located about 40 air miles from Anchorage on a bluff overlooking the northwest shore of Cook Inlet, the village of Tyonek is a short flight from the city. But the distance seems much greater when it comes to accessing things like jobs or groceries.

"Most people do whatever they can, whenever they can," describes Gwendolynn Chickalusion, who is a Tribal Council board member. She works at Tebughna

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#### VILLAGE VISIT~

Throughout 2015, this newsletter will continue to profile the seven ANCSAcertified villages in the Cook Inlet region. The series takes a look at what life is like in each village: the attractions, the opportunities, the challenges. We're also expanding the CIRI website with profiles, human interest stories and interviews that will recount each visit.

Go to ciri.com for more information.



community garden. Courtesy of Tyonek Tribal Conservation District.

"Elders in the community had been gardening for a long time, and some community members still have their own personal gardens," explains Christy Cincotta, executive director of Tyonek Tribal Conservation District (TTCD), which was formed through a partnership between the Native Village of Tyonek, Tyonek Native Corporation (TNC) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to enable the

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#### A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sophie Minich, CIRI president and chief executive officer

When I came to work for CIRI in 1993 as a project accountant, the CIRI Building had already become synonymous with CIRI itself. When people thought of our company, they also thought of the building at 2525 C Street. Recently, CIRI Senior Vice President Barbara Donatelli reminded me that wasn't always the case: At one time, when the computer hardware company IBM had offices here, locals referred to our building as "the IBM Building."

Barb also reminded me that even then, the CIRI Building stood for CIRI. "This was before we had the mask incorporated into the CIRI logo, so the image that went with CIRI was the building. If you look at our decades of prior annual reports, so many prominently featured the CIRI Building on the cover or inside. It was so integrally tied into CIRI the company," Barb said.

The CIRI Building has served as CIRI headquarters since 1976, the year it was built. Soon, our company headquarters will move to the Fireweed Business Center. In fact, this is the last time I'll write "A Word from the President" while sitting behind this particular desk, in this particular office, from this iconic building. As CIRI employee Sheila Hague said recently, "It's like moving out of your home."

Sheila has worked for CIRI for 28 years. You may recognize her name, and if you've ever dropped by our Shareholder Relations department, you've probably seen or talked with her or her colleague, Debbie Seyer, who settles CIRI stock estates and has worked for CIRI for 30 years.

"Our department was on the fifth floor when I first started, and there were only four of us," Debbie recently reminisced. "We still used typewriters then."

"We used to print dividend checks in what is now the mail room," Sheila added. "The whole room was taken up with a newspaper-style printing press. And Shareholder Relations—we've been located on nearly every floor at one time or another."

Shareholder Relations isn't the only department that's changed locations over the years. In fact, when Barb started as an administrative assistant/ office manager in 1980, all of CIRI's corporate offices were located on the first floor, where events like the annual Job Fair are now held.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

- The CIRI Building has served as CIRI headquarters since 1976, the year it was built.
- Construction of the CIRI Building was a risky endeavor for a young company (CIRI was incorporated in 1972), but the investment has paid off over the years as CIRI has grown.
- As we say goodbye to the CIRI Building, we also take an exciting step forward to CIRI's future. Please come visit the new CIRI headquarters in the Fireweed Business Center soon!

Barb remembers when public opinion about the new CIRI Building was divided. "The exterior of the building was really cutting-edge for its time. There weren't any other glass-type buildings then, and the geometric shape—it was talked about a lot." The atrium, meanwhile, was completely filled with plants that grew directly out of the ground within the foundation of the building. "A lot of people thought the building was cool and interesting; others thought it was weird."

"I've always liked the change at CIRI—that's what makes our company so interesting. I think the new building shows what CIRI has evolved into: The company is bigger, but still with strong roots."

- BARBARA DONATELLI, CIRI SENIOR VP

At that time, Midtown Anchorage wasn't yet a bustling business center. Vacant lots surrounded our building and the Wells Fargo building.

"Back in the day, for such a young company, putting this building together was a pretty risky endeavor," Barb pointed out. "It was a huge investment for the company. But it was a success. It's definitely been a good investment."

The CIRI Building has seen tenants come and go. It has seen our own company occupy more and more office space as CIRI has grown larger and more successful. It has been our home as we've weathered changes, big and small, overcome challenges and



become one of the most successful Alaska Native corporations in the state.

"I'm glad CIRI's keeping this building," Sheila told me. "There are a lot of memories here."

"It's the end of an era," Debbie said. "But the beginning of another."

"Coming to this building every day has been a good part of my life," added Barb. "But I've always liked the change at CIRI—that's what makes our company so interesting. I think the new building shows what CIRI has evolved into: The company is bigger, but still with strong roots."

All of us—employees and shareholders—will miss the building that has been CIRI's home for nearly 40 years. As we say goodbye, though, we also take an exciting step forward to CIRI's future. I hope that you'll come by the new Fireweed Business Center soon to say hello and take a look at CIRI's new home.

Joshie Minich

### **CHICKALOON BREAKS GROUND ON NEW CLINIC**

Facility will offer health services to rural areas along Glenn Highway

Men, women, children, Elders and other community members danced together in tion of the official groundbreaking for the new Ahtnahwt'aene' Nay'dini'aa c ("Ahtna People, Chickaloon Place") Gathering Place, a community health center in Sutton, Alaska, on April 9. A project nearly 12 years in development, this new health clinic will provide health and wellness services to people in the Sutton and Chickaloon area.

The new building, made possible through a partnership between the Chickaloon Village Traditional Council (CVTC) and Southcentral Foundation (SCF), will replace the two-room clinic that currently delivers essential medical services to local residents. Located on about 10 acres of Chickaloon land off the Glenn Highway, the two-story structure will house the CVTC Health and Social Services Department, the Community Health Center and a new Wellness Center with an exercise area and health education classes.

Grants from the Rasmuson Foundation and the Mat-Su Health Foundation helped make this project possible. The building was designed by the Anchorage architecture firm of Bezek Durst Seiser in collaboration with Sutton community members. SCF and CVTC officials hope to open the new clinic's doors by the end of this year.

An artist's rendering of the new Chickaloon health clinic, which broke ground last month. Courtesy of BDS Architects.



#### **ELEVATED FIRE RISK FOR ALASKA**

Almost exactly one year ago, the Funny River fire ignited and consumed over 195 thousand acres, including some CIRI lands. This year's higherthan-average temperatures and low snowpack increase the possibility for wildfires, particularly in the southwest and southcentral parts of the state. Already this year, CIRI land near Tustumena Lake experienced a small fire, and as of April 27, there were 12 active wildfires in Alaska, mostly occurring in the southcentral area. The National Interagency Fire Center anticipates higher than usual fire activity for the month of June and throughout the summer.

Please keep the elevated fire danger in mind as you plan your summer activities on CIRI lands and across Alaska. Stay informed about active fires and minimize the risk of wildfire by properly extinguishing campfires, obeying burn guidelines and staying informed. For more information on wildfires in Alaska, visit www.akfireinfo.com.



Last May, a wildfire burned through 1,906 acres near the village of Tyonek and displaced more than 100 residents for several days. Local residents fought the fire alongside firefighters. This year, authorities predict high fire risk for most of Alaska. Courtesy of Tyonek

## **CIRI AFFILIATES RECEIVE AWARDS, GRANTS**



A view of Resurrection Bay from the Kenai Fjords Wilderness Lodge on Fox Island. Courtesy of CIRI Alaska Tourism Corporation.

#### Alaska Heritage Tours package named best in U.S.

The Best of Kenai Fjords National Park tour offered by Alaska Heritage Tours (AHT) has been selected as one of National Geographic Traveler magazine's "50 Tours of a Lifetime." Now in its ninth year, this annual list features the best-guided, most authentic and most sustainable tours from around the world. The "50 Tours of a Lifetime" feature appears in the May 2015 issue of the magazine and online at http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/ tours/north-america-tours-2015/.

AHT is the Anchorage-based vacation package provider of CIRI Alaska Tourism Corporation, offering unforgettable tourism experiences throughout the state.

#### **ANTHC Patient Housing Project moves** forward with donation

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) received a \$450,000 donation from the law firm of

Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller and Munson LLP for its Patient Housing Project, a planned 202bed facility that will house patients and their families travelling to the hospital for long-term or follow-up medical care. The donation was announced at the Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation Raven's Ball on March 21. The firm also contributed a \$450,000 challenge grant toward the construction of Southcentral Foundation's new Nuka building, which will house a therapy center and offer other health and wellness services. ANTHC and Southcentral Foundation jointly own and manage the Alaska Native Medical Center.

#### Southcentral Foundation leader honored

Southcentral Foundation (SCF) President and CEO Katherine Gottlieb accepted the 2015 Harry S. Hertz Leadership Award on April 14 during the 27th Annual Quest for Excellence Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. P. George Benson, chair of the Baldrige

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### **SAVETHE DATE**

#### Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Meeting attendance is limited to CIRI shareholders and their immediate family members (i.e., spouse, children) and/or stock custodian. Shareholders must check in with their guests and present identification. Child care is available upon advance request, and food and refreshments will be provided.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

Saturday, June 6 Soldotna Sports Center 538 Arena Ave. Soldotna, Alaska Registration 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

While it is not necessary to RSVP for the Annual Meeting, doing so helps us to ensure the proper amount of food.

#### THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO RSVP

Online – www.ciri.com/RSVP Call – (907) 263-5191 or (800) 764-2474 and select option 5.



The Cupiit Yurartet Drummers and Dancers perform at the 2013 CIRI Annual Meeting. Photo by Jason Moore.

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**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT** 

Ryker Denali Reign Mack-Wills was born on April 5, 2015, to CIRI shareholder Jennifer Mack. Ryker weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces. Ryker's grandparents are CIRI shareholder Chester Mack and Sharon Stickivan; Hattie Mack is the great-grandmother. The family is pleased to announce this new addition.



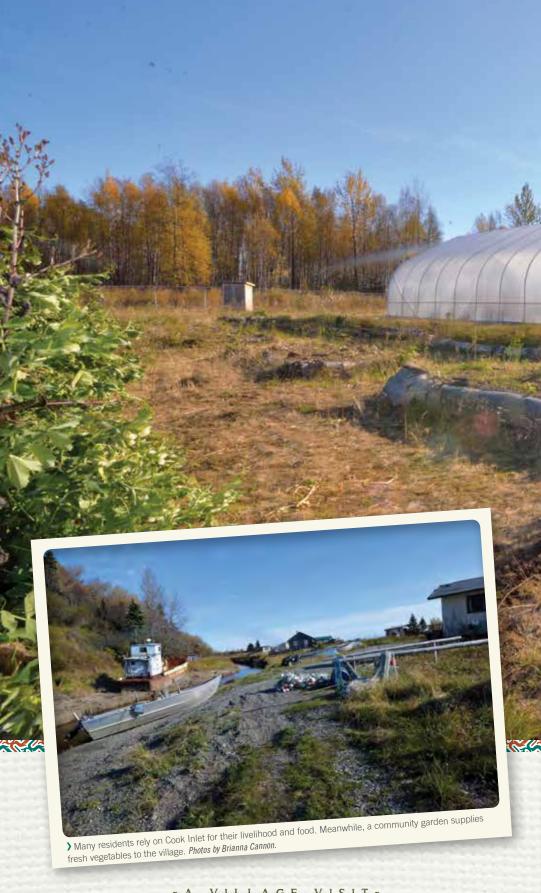
#### **PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

Congratulations to CIRI shareholder Leona Rose Riley and her daughter, CIRI descendant Judah Riley-Chute, who earned a Perfect Attendance award, made the honor roll and received an induction letter to the National Beta Club for Academic Achievements for the fall 2014 semester. Riley's son, Michael An, had only one absence during the semester and brought home a stellar report card. The Rileys support the United Way's 90% by 2020 campaign to reduce absenteeism in schools.



#### **ART INSTALLATION**

CIRI shareholder Rebecca Lyon was invited to design and install a piece of artwork along Anchorage's Tony Knowles Coastal Trail by the nonprofit Alaskans for Litter Prevention and Recycling. Located in Westchester Lagoon, her kinetic sculpture, "Transformation," is made of aluminum and recycled materials. It honors the raven and its mythological transformative abilities.



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(pronounced "Tabona") School as a cook and also operates a small store out of her house, selling soda, candy and chips. "Most of our jobs here aren't long-term. But most people do good with their CIRI checks—it depends on how well they budget."

At one time, the village was one of the largest ports in Alaska. In the 1960s, oil companies leased Tyonek lands for nearly \$13 million; the funds enabled the village to build housing, a school and a new Tribal Center, improve roads, expand the airstrip and establish a children's trust for education. The village also used a substantial portion of the funds to help finance the first-ever meeting of the Alaska Federation of Natives, which at the time was focused on resolving Alaska Native land claims

"Tyonek is a name, a place, and carries an identity all its own," explains the Tyonek Native Corporation website. The people of Tyonek are known as Tebughna, "the Beach People," and many still look to the water for subsistence. Last year, when a Beluga whale became stranded at Bird Creek, south of Anchorage, Tyonek Native Corporation and the Tebughna Foundation organized a harvest; volunteers from the village bagged meat and blubber, then distributed it to Tyonek households.

Like Chickalusion, Tom Goozmer found work for a time in Anchorage; he did landscaping for CIRI and Cook Inlet Tribal Council and worked as a carpenter. But the transition from village life to city life can be tough. "We don't get along too good in Anchorage, some of us," Goozmer says. After ten years, he returned to Tyonek. "Now I piece together work. I'm a jack of all trades."

Over the summer, Goozmer found work helping a visiting group of archeologists clear land near housing pit sites, where the Athabascan ancestors of Tyonek once lived. "It's amazing," Goozmer

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community to meet its natural resource and conservation goals. "But a lot of knowledge had been lost. The community wanted to bring back gardening."

Early on, progress was slow. Village residents cleared a piece of ground and purchased fencing, but without funding, the project stalled until TTCD became involved in 2012.

An early priority of the community garden was to involve youth. Students, as well as community members, determined what would be planted, and seeds were started in the Tebughna School's classrooms. That first year, the garden was simple: some tilled soil, a few raised beds. "We had no irrigation system," Cincotta recalls. "We were just hauling water with buckets. We had lines of kids watering the plants. An irrigation system became a priority very early on!"

Today, a solar-powered irrigation system keeps the community garden thriving. Funding from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service enabled Tyonek to build two high tunnels—similar to rudimentary greenhouses—that allow for growth of some vegetables that wouldn't otherwise survive in Alaska. A ventilation system for the high tunnels also works on solar power, resulting in a project that relies entirely on renewable energy.

The village hopes the project will also become self-sustaining. In 2014, TNC and the USDA provided funding for four youth workers who spent ten weeks planting, pollinating, harvesting, running farmers markets and delivering food to local Elders.

"Food to support the Elders was the main priority of this project," Cincotta says. "Seeing the youth workers bring the first produce directly to the Elders' homes, seeing that connection between youth and Elders—that was really rewarding."

Once the Elders receive their produce, the remainder is sold locally; surplus vegetables, like potatoes, are sent to Anchorage to be sold, and proceeds are used to keep the garden going.

Back at the airstrip, a Tyonek resident explains that the cost of freight is about 56 cents per pound. "I was thinking of switching to frozen vegetables because cans are so heavy. But now that we've got the garden, it's better. In summer, you don't have to get canned stuff shipped in. You can buy good, fresh vegetables right here in Tyonek."

Is your community interested in gardening? This winter, TTCD will host a 10-week distance learning class for those interested in learning how to start a community garden in their own Alaska Native village. For more information, visit www.ttcd.org.

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says. "I thought there was only a few pits, but there was a whole village, bigger than this one. The archeologists go in, look for graves. As long as they don't tear up the land, and give me a job, it's okay. Hopefully they'll share what they learn."

Throughout an afternoon, conversations with the folks who drop by the Tribal Center begin to follow a theme: village improvement. But Tyonek residents don't just talk about how they can continue to improve life in their village. They act.

To help offset the cost of bringing food across Cook Inlet by airplane or boat, the village partnered with Tyonek Tribal Conservation District to start a community garden program (see Local Perspective). In fall of 2014, the village opened a new health clinic in partnership with Southcentral Foundation. The Tebughna Foundation offers scholarships and assists with community and cultural events, like Chief Chickalusion Day, an annual celebration of former Tribal Chief Simeon Chickalusion's birthday that includes a carnival and snow machine race.

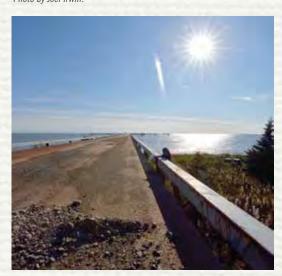
The strength of the Tebughna people's ability to work together was displayed last year when a wildfire threatened the village and displaced more than 100 residents for several days. Locals fought alongside firefighters and supported them with food and supplies. "When the fire broke out, all three of my kids were down here helping to prepare meals, clean," recalls Bismark. "They weren't even asked; they just jumped up to start helping."

On clear summer days, the residents of Tyonek can see the windows of the houses across the Inlet, high in the Chugach Mountains, reflecting sunlight. The city beckons, but it's hard to leave such a close-knit community.

"I asked my older child if she wants to move back to Anchorage," says Gwendolynn Chickalusion. "She told me, 'No. Here, I can go hunting and fishing. We have a big yard. Over there, it's boring."



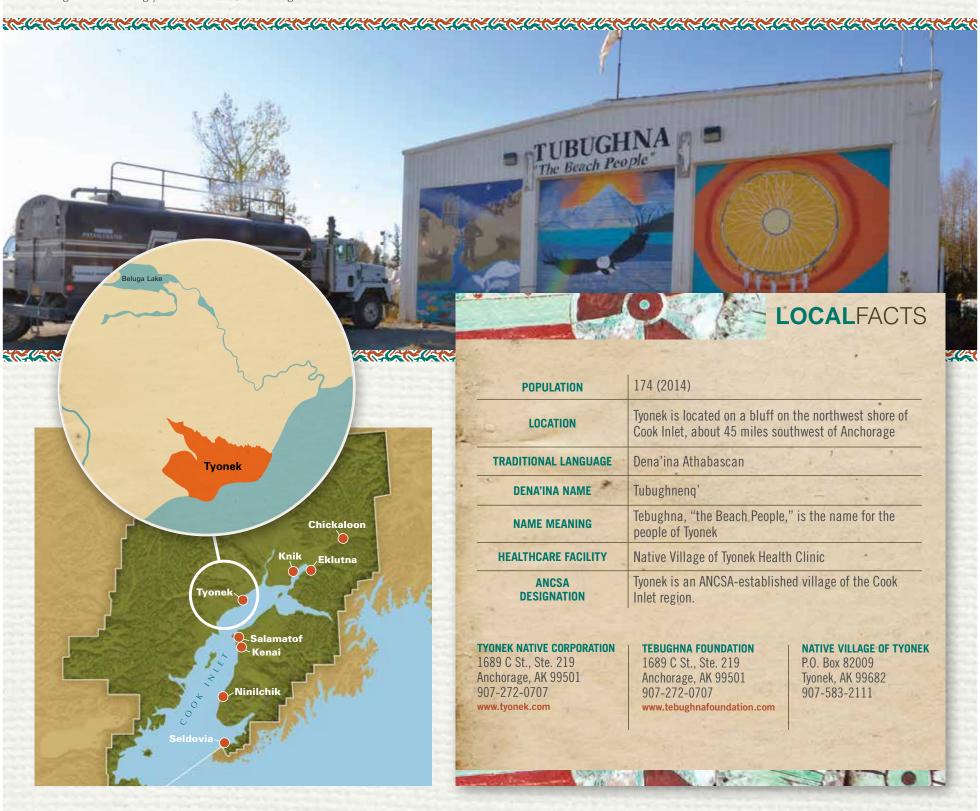
Connie Downing of Tyonek Native Corporation and Christy Cincotta of Tyonek Tribal Conservation District present a plaque to CIRI Land and Energy Senior Vice President Ethan Schutt and President and CEO Sophie Minich to thank CIRI for providing funding for a culvert replacement in Tyonek. The project replaced undersized culverts on a salmon-bearing stream in the Tyonek area, allowing for salmon to access their spawning and rearing habitat. One aim of the project is to increase salmon populations to help preserve the cultural identity of the Tebughna people, who have relied on fishing for subsistence for hundreds of years. Photo by Joel Irwin



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- GWENDOLYNN CHICKALUSION

Before Anchorage was founded in 1915, the Resurrection Creek gold rush helped Tyonek become one of the largest ports in Alaska during the 1880s. Photo by Brianna



## »»»» INMEMORY »»»»»

#### George F. Bahr, 74

George F. Bahr passed away March 10, at Providence Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Bahr was born Dec. 4, 1940, in Nome, Alaska. He will be remembered as a good husband and loving father. He is survived by his wife, Nathalia C. Bahr; and son, Robert O. S. Bahr.

#### Harriet T. Davis, 63

Harriet T. Davis passed away March 8, in Fairbanks, Alaska. Ms. Davis was born Oct. 25, 1951, in Nome, Alaska. She enjoyed beadwork, berry picking, fishing and bingo. She is survived by her sister, Adella Mullens; and brothers, Russell Walluk, Roger Walluk and Floyd Walluk Jr.

#### **Eugene David Juliussen Sr., 70**

Eugene David Juliussen Sr. passed away March 19, at home in Kenai, Alaska. Mr. Juliussen was born June 20, 1944, in Kenai, Alaska. He was a lifelong Alaskan who worked as a commercial fisherman, laborer and slope worker. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Juliussen; sons, Eugene D. Juliussen Jr., Jason E. Juliussen and Scott Juliussen; grandchildren, Jessica Crump and Cheyenne, Gabrielle and Ihupani Juliussen; great-grandchildren, Noah Juliussen and Gracelyn Moore; and brother, Michael Juliussen.

#### Kim Lee Mafileo (Crowley), 41

Kim Lee Mafileo (Crowley) passed away April 8, in Anchorage. Ms. Mafileo was born April 30, 1973, in Anchorage. She is survived by her husband, Harris Crowley Jr.; daughter, Taylor Mafileo; mother, Juanita Pelagio; father, Thomas Willis; and sisters, Liling Sherry and Monina Willis.

#### Gabriel Vernon Walker Jr., 79

Gabriel Vernon Walker Jr. passed away March 23, at the Denali Center care facility in Fairbanks, Alaska. Mr. Walker was born August 5, 1935, in Anvik, Alaska. He is survived by his brother, John Walker; granddaughter, Lisa Walker; nieces, Anna, Sharon, Suzy, Cyndy, Betty, Judy, Cathy and Sherry; and nephews, Ted, Arnold, Phillip, Patrick, Ry and Leonard.

#### Corrections

Victoria Cameron's obituary, which appeared in April's Raven's Circle, identified her birth place as Soldotna, Alaska and that she was survived by certain family members with the surname "Farnum." Ms. Cameron was actually born in Cordova, Alaska and the correct spelling of the surname for those family members is "Farnam."

#### Condolences

Thomas Lee Austin, 76 Florence M. Milton, 82

## REMINDER: JUNE 11 DEADLINE FOR 2015 AWARD NOMINATIONS

#### Shareholder of the Year, Elder of the Year and Youth Recognition awards

If you know an outstanding shareholder, Elder or young shareholder/descendant, it's not too late to nominate someone for CIRI's 2015 awards, which will be presented at the CIRI and The CIRI Foundation Friendship Potlatches this fall.

- The Shareholder of the Year Award is bestowed upon a CIRI shareholder who has demonstrated exemplary dedication to Alaska Native culture, heritage and communities.
- The Elder Shareholder of the Year Award recognizes shareholders who have demonstrated exemplary dedication to the above noted areas through a lifetime of contributions that have benefited Alaska Native peoples.
- The Youth Recognition Award recognizes young CIRI shareholders and descendants for

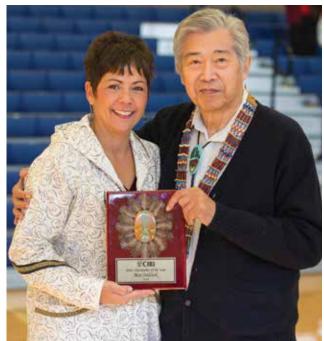
superior academic achievements, demonstrated leadership qualities, dedication to Alaska Native culture and heritage, outstanding contributions to community and family and exceptional determination and stamina in overcoming significant life challenges.

Nomination forms are available at www.ciri.com. Completed nomination forms and supporting documents must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 11 and should be sent to:

CIRI Corporate Communications P.O. Box 93330 Anchorage, AK 99509-3330 Fax: (907) 274-8836

Email: info@ciri.com





> Left: In 2014, CIRI shareholder Aaron Leggett was given the Shareholder of the Year Award. Right: CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich presented the Elder Shareholder of the Year Award to CIRI shareholder Max Dolchok at last year's Kenai Potlatch. *Photos by Joel Irwin.* 

#### PROGRAM PARTICIPATION PRIZES

**ELIGIBILITY UPDATE: Current mailing address required** 

To increase participation in certain programs, CIRI holds incentive prize drawings from the names of those enrolled who meet certain criteria. To be eligible for the stock will participation prize drawings, shareholders must have a valid stock will on file that complies with CIRI's fractional share policy, and to have their names included in the eNewsletter drawing, shareholders must be enrolled in the eNewsletter Program and have a valid email address on file.

To encourage shareholders to keep their addresses updated, an additional eligibility

requirement has been added to each program featuring participation prize drawings:

The mailing address on file with CIRI must be current. If CIRI has returned mail for the selected individual, a different winner will be selected.

Visit the CIRI website or call (907) 263-5191 or (800) 764-2474 to learn more about prize drawings or for information on how to update your address. ■

### WELDIN AND SILVER MOUNTAIN CONSTRUCTION RECEIVE GOVERNOR'S AWARD

Congratulations to CIRI subsidiaries Weldin
Construction LLC and Silver Mountain Construction
LLC, both of whom received a Governor's Safety
Award of Excellence at the Governor's Safety and
Health Conference in March. Given to companies
that demonstrate excellence in safety and health
systems that protect their employees and promote
corporate citizenship, the award recognized Silver
Mountain's perfect safety record over the past three
years. Weldin was honored for its dedication to safety
and the in-house training the company conducts.

• Representatives from Weldin Construction and Silver Mountain Construction each accepted a Governor's Safety Award of Excellence, presented by Alaska Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development Heidi Drygas. *Photo by Bryon Andres* 



### **TIKAHTNU COMMONS GROWS WITH THREE NEW STORES**

Three new stores recently opened their doors at CIRI's Tikahtnu Commons Retail and Entertainment Center, with a fourth retailer expected to open in June.

Ulta Beauty, which offers beauty products and salon services, opened a 10,875-square-foot store in March, while home decor retailer Pier 1 Imports greeted customers in mid-April with a 10,300-square-foot location. May saw the opening of Men's Wearhouse, a 5,000-square-foot building.

With Anchorage's newest Pita Pit location slated to open in June, roughly 878,000 square feet (or about 98 percent) of Tikahtnu Commons has been developed. Approximately six acres of building pad and improved land remain available for lease and development.

"I'm proud of CIRI's investment in the Tikahtnu Commons Retail and Entertainment Center, which not only provides modern shopping, dining and entertainment facilities, but offers excellent employment opportunities for CIRI shareholders and descendants."

- CIRI PRESIDENT AND CEO SOPHIE MINICH



• Pier 1 is one of three news stores now open at Tikahtnu Commons. *Photo by Joel Irwin.* 

#### SECOND QUARTER DISTRIBUTIONS

#### Elders' Settlement Trust payments

The second quarter CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust payment of \$450 is scheduled for June 12, with the remaining 2015 Elders' payments scheduled for September 11 and December 11. 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. For the June distribution, eligible Elders who have their CIRI dividends directly deposited will have their trust payments electronically transmitted to the same account by 6 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time on Friday, June 12, with checks mailed to remaining eligible Elders that same day.

#### Second Quarter Dividend

On June 30, CIRI will mail or directly deposit second quarter 2015 dividend in the amount of \$8.84 per share (or \$884 per 100 shares) to all shareholders with a valid mailing address on file as of 3 p.m. Monday, June 22. If you participate in direct deposit, your payment will be electronically transmitted to your designated account by 6 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time on June 30.

#### Direct Deposit Deadlines

Shareholders who participate in direct deposit are eligible to participate in quarterly prize drawings. Visit www.ciri.com for details. The deadline for signing up for direct deposit or changing an existing direct deposit instruction is 3 p.m. on Monday, June 1, for the June Elders' Trust distribution, and 3 p.m. on Monday, June 15, for the second quarter dividend. Direct deposit forms are available from the Shareholder Relations Department, and at ciri.com. To cancel direct deposit,

please submit a signed, written request prior to 3 p.m. on June 1 for the June Elders' Trust distribution, and 3 p.m. on June 22 for the second quarter dividend.

#### Address Change Deadlines

Checks and direct deposit vouchers for the June Elders' Trust distribution will be mailed to addresses CIRI has on record as of 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, and second quarter dividend checks and vouchers will mail to addresses CIRI has on record as of 3 p.m. on Monday, June 22. Checks cannot be picked up at the CIRI office. Please be aware that failure to notify CIRI of a new address before the specified deadlines may result in checks being sent to the wrong address. CIRI will not reissue checks unless they are either returned to us or a minimum of 90 days has elapsed. Please also note that if the address on a Shareholder's CIRI records does not match the address on file with the United States Postal Service, CIRI mail—including dividends—may not reach its intended destination. When this occurs, CIRI must place the shareholder's records on hold, and any distributions issued in connection with the CIRI shares are held pending receipt of a valid address.

#### Tax reminder

As a 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. 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.

#### ADDRESS CHANGES

On average, Shareholder Relations processes approximately 2,100 address changes annually. On top of that, the department dedicates a great deal of staff time attempting to locate shareholders with returned mail. In many instances the phone numbers and email addresses on file with Shareholder Relations are also outdated, which leads to time-consuming and difficult investigations, followed by repeated efforts to contact individuals before updated address information is received.

Currently, approximately 130 shareholders have had their mail returned to CIRI by the Postal Service as undeliverable.

To maintain eligibility for various prize drawings, ensure delivery of CIRI dividends and communications and prevent stock records from being placed on hold, shareholders must maintain a current mailing address with both CIRI and the United States Postal Service. This is true even if the shareholder has his or her dividends directly deposited.

To update your address you can submit a completed CIRI address change form (available at ciri.com) or a signed, written address change request that includes a current telephone number. Address change requests can be mailed to CIRI at PO Box 93330, Anchorage, AK 99509, scanned and emailed to shareholderrecords@ciri.com or faxed to (907) 263-5186 (if faxed, the shareholder should call Shareholder Relations as soon as possible to confirm receipt). Forms and information on changing an address or submitting a mail-forwarding request with the Postal Service are available at www.usps.com or at your local post office.

a current mailing address on record is the CIRI website. If you know any of these individuals, please ask that they contact CIRI as soon as possible.

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Foundation, shared that Gottlieb was chosen for "her visionary leadership and commitment to customerdriven quality improvement in health care." The Harry S. Hertz Leadership Award was established in 2013 as an annual award to recognize an outstanding leader who serves as a role model for performance excellence and inspirational leadership.

> SCF President and CEO Katherine Gottlieb (in blue) received the 2015 Harry S. Hertz Leadership award. Courtesy of Southcentral Foundation.



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The time is near! Soon, CIRI headquarters will make its long-anticipated move to the new Fireweed Business Center building, located on the corner of Fireweed Lane and New Seward Highway. We can't wait for shareholders and descendants to come visit the new building!

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725 E. Fireweed Lane Anchorage, AK 99503

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Come visit CIRI's new home soon!

