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## CIRI ADDRESSES TRESPASS ISSUES

### A Message from CIRI's Land and Resources Department

The story of CIRI's lands is the story of CIRI itself. Passed in 1971, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) would become the largest land claims settlement in U.S. history and the first settlement of its kind between Native people and the federal government.

ANCSA settled Alaska Native aboriginal land claims in exchange for title to about 44 million acres of land, a \$963 million cash payment from the federal treasury and additional oil revenue sharing. In an effort to enable statewide economic development, the act also created more than 200 village corporations and 12 Alaska-based regional corporations, including CIRI.

CIRI's Land and Resources department takes the management and protection of CIRI lands very seriously. In all, the department manages approximately 650,000 surface acres spread out across Alaska and largely concentrated in the road-accessible Kenai Peninsula and Matanuska Valley.

Unlike many other Alaska Native corporations, CIRI's landholdings are noncontiguous. In addition to landholdings in Southcentral Alaska, CIRI owns land to the north, in and around Fairbanks; in remote areas west of Denali National Park; in Southeast Alaska, in Elfin Cove and Gustavus; and as far east as Lake Louise, near Glennallen. As you can imagine, managing and protecting CIRI lands is a challenge!

The company prioritizes striking a balance between sustainably developing resources to improve opportunities for our shareholders and protecting the land for future generations. The Land and Resources department is tasked with managing, overseeing and participating in the development and administration of the use of CIRI's subsurface resources—including oil, gas, minerals, coal, sand and gravel, hard rock and other resources—and its undeveloped surface estate.

Additionally, the department participates in negotiation and evaluation of new lease proposals, oversees property taxes and the tax appeal process, participates in the implementation of corporate strategies related to land and resources, and serves as CIRI's primary liaison with the oil and gas industry within the Cook Inlet basin.

CIRI is the largest private landowner in Southcentral Alaska. Its parcels include resource-rich lands, such as those within the various gas fields of the Kenai Peninsula; urban tracts, such as the land on which the Tikahtnu Commons Retail and Entertainment Center was built; and other parcels, including those attractive to tourists, sightseers, sportsmen and outdoor enthusiasts.



Like many rural properties, CIRI land is vulnerable to trespass. Trespass activities run the gamut, from recreational and vehicular trespass to timber harvesting and illegal camping. Land and Resources is working to develop a more robust and comprehensive trespass program that includes permanent signage, active local enforcement and geographic information system (GIS) tracking.

When it comes to mitigating trespass and protecting CIRI lands, we need your help!

First, if you see something, say something! If you observe trespass activity, gather as much information as you safely can—including time and date of the suspected violation, identifying features of the suspect or vehicle, and location and description of the violation—and report back to CIRI by calling (907) 274-8638 and asking for the Land and Resources department. (For your protection, do not attempt to confront trespassers.)

Second, the insight of CIRI shareholders into the causes of trespass and how to mitigate it is invaluable. Accordingly, the Land and Resources department is asking for your feedback. Some of the ideas under consideration include:

- Are there areas that should be closed off to nonshareholder/descendant activity?
- Are there currently closed areas that should be opened to shareholder- and descendant-only activity?

Please email your questions, suggestions and thoughts to [resources@ciri.com](mailto:resources@ciri.com). 📧

## DESCENDANT SPOTLIGHT

### Piper Tolbert

Piper for president!

With a background in political science, a heart to help and a passion for activism, it doesn't seem too far-fetched that CIRI descendant Piper Tolbert (Athabascan)



could one day hold the highest office in the land. For the moment, she is content to finish her senior year at Western Washington University and dedicate her time to causes she cares about.

Piper is connected to CIRI through her paternal grandmother, Bertha Thiele Tolbert, and her father, Reinhold Tolbert. Having grown up in Anchorage, "I wasn't raised within Alaska Native culture," she said. "I was fortunate to spend a lot of time with my grandmother, who lives in King Salmon (a village in Alaska's Bristol Bay region), but I lived primarily with my mom, who's white and whose family hails from Texas."

Being selected as a 2019 CIRI summer intern "helped me feel much more connected to my Alaska Native heritage," Piper said. "And with everything that was going on (with the state budget crisis) this summer, it presented some really cool opportunities to engage with Alaska Native groups that are doing amazing things in terms of advocacy and political activism."

Through a CIRI-funded external placement, Piper spent her summer at Story Works, an Anchorage nonprofit that supports youth voices through storytelling and writing workshops. "It's such a cool program and I love telling people about it!" she enthused. "I also volunteered with Story Works last summer, just two days a week while I was working. I would go in on my days off and do administrative work, and I even helped write some grants and plan the first back-to-school fundraiser. It's a small organization; there's only one full-time employee. When I was asked to come back and help out over the winter break, I applied to and received financial support through The CIRI Foundation. And then I was back this summer as part of CIRI's summer internship program."

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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sophie Minich, CIRI President and Chief Executive Officer

For those of you who turned out for either of our recent Potlatches, held Oct. 13 in Kenai, Alaska, and Oct. 20 in Anchorage, thank you! I truly value our time together and the traditions we share. When we eat traditional foods, enjoy Alaska Native entertainment and cultural events, and memorialize those who have passed with the Athabascan cloth ceremony, we instill cultural self-esteem, dignity and pride.

As a reminder, the Northwest Potlatch will be held Nov. 9 at the Chief Leschi School in Puyallup, Wash. I hope to see you there!

The 2019 Alaska Federation of Natives Convention, held Oct. 17-19 in Fairbanks, Alaska, gave us another chance to come together to discuss strategic opportunities and challenges, listen to memorable keynote speeches, hear reports from political leaders and presentations from expert panels, and share stories about resilience, experiences, strengths, knowledge and hope for the future. This year's theme, "Good Government—Alaska Driven," was a call for securing a stable financial future for Alaska amid the state's current fiscal challenges.

As we move into the holidays, there will be many more chances to come together. I hope to see you at CIRI's annual Holiday Craft Bazaar, which will host Alaska Native artists selling an array of unique handmade items. This year's event will be held Dec. 7 at the Fireweed Business Center in Anchorage.

Shopping locally is an easy way to give back to your community, and supporting local artists by visiting local art galleries or purchasing their work creates a relationship between culture and community. In the case of Alaska Native artists, their work often embodies a distinct geographic region or people.

What's more, each dollar spent locally returns three times more money than one spent at a chain store, and almost 50 times more than buying from an online mega-retailer.

Giving back is such an important part of the holidays. When we think of "giving back," we often think of volunteering or donating money to the organizations or causes we care about. While time and money are certainly important, there are many ways to spread holiday cheer that involve little to no personal time or financial output:

- Perform random acts of kindness. Smiling, opening a door for someone, giving genuine compliments to others and picking up trash when you see it are easy ways to make the world a better place!
- Donate clothing, books and household items to a charitable organization.
- Download charity apps, such as Charity Miles, Donate a Photo or Freerice.

If you or someone you know is in need of help during the holidays or at any other time of the year, 2-1-1 is a good place to start. A program of United Way, 2-1-1 is a one-stop resource for finding help in communities across the U.S. Simply dial 2-1-1 or visit 211.org to be connected to a specialist who will work with you to understand your needs and connect you to programs and services that can help.

Warm regards,



**2-1-1**<sup>TM</sup>  
Get Connected. Get Answers.



## BOARD CORNER

A Message from CIRI Board Chair Doug Fifer

Welcome to the inaugural Board Corner! This will be a regular feature over the next several months, as it will give our shareholders a chance to better know their Board, both as a group and as individuals.

The CIRI Board is comprised of 15 Directors who bring a mix of knowledge, skills, abilities and perspectives to their respective roles, yet we are united in our desire to build and sustain a long-standing, profitable corporation that promotes the economic and social well-being of our shareholders.

I came on as Board chair following the 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders in June, succeeding Chair Emeritus Tom Huhndorf. I have served on the CIRI Board since 2006 and as vice chair since 2013.

With the goal of bringing new ideas, differing viewpoints and diversity to our Board, in 2018, the CIRI Board implemented a term-limit policy that limits the number of terms a Director may serve. In the coming years, your Board will be seeking out shareholders who are qualified and interested in Board service.

The Board strives to elect Directors who are active in their corporation, so if Board service is of interest to you, I recommend attending CIRI events, such as Information Meetings and the Annual Meeting in the spring and Potlatches in the fall. And don't

be afraid to introduce yourself and share your background with us!

Another avenue that can prepare aspiring Board candidates is service on CIRI's Shareholder Participation Committees (SPC). SPC members regularly interface with CIRI Directors, with seven SPC members going on to serve on the CIRI Board thus far. I simply can't say enough about how valuable the SPC program has proven to be for CIRI.

CIRI also has a number of programs that allow the younger generation to get more involved with their corporation, beginning with our Youth Art Contest and culminating with CIRI's Summer Internship Program, with many other opportunities along the way. I invite you to learn more about youth programs at [www.ciri.com/nextgen](http://www.ciri.com/nextgen).

If you have questions, comments or suggestions as to how your Board might better serve our shareholders, I encourage you to email [board@ciri.com](mailto:board@ciri.com). 📧



## 2020 BOARD ELECTION

The CIRI Nominating Committee is seeking CIRI shareholders interested in nomination to the 2020 CIRI Board of Directors' candidate slate.

Among other eligibility requirements, candidates must be a voting CIRI shareholder at least 18 years of age. Additionally, in selecting the Board-recommended slate, the CIRI Board looks for demonstrated decision-making, leadership experience and communication skills.

Applicants should have a strong understanding of business and basic financial knowledge, along with a college degree or equivalent business experience. In addition, an applicant should exhibit professionalism, sound judgment, level-headedness and integrity. Familiarity with the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and involvement in the Alaska Native/American Indian community are also essential.

CIRI's primary business segments include energy and infrastructure, financial investments, government services, land and natural resources, oilfield services and real estate. Shareholders with relevant industry experience in one or more of these segments are encouraged to apply.

Candidate nominee applications are due mid-January. More information will be made available via the Raven's Circle and on CIRI's website in the coming months. 📧

## NONPROFIT SPOTLIGHT

### Alaska Native Justice Center

The second in a series highlighting the CIRI family of nonprofits

Alaska Native people face increasingly disproportionate rates of victimization, incarceration and other justice-related issues in Alaska. Through culturally based advocacy, prevention and intervention initiatives, the Alaska Native Justice Center (ANJC) works to restore dignity, respect and humanity to all Native peoples.

ANJC was established as a Tribal nonprofit in 1993 by CIRI. In 2016, it became a subsidiary of another CIRI-affiliated nonprofit, Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC). The new partnership more closely aligned ANJC's services with CITC's and provided ANJC additional administrative and funding support.

ANJC's "Pillars of Justice" include:

- **Social Justice Advocacy:** Bringing partners together to advocate for fair and equitable treatment of Alaska Native people within the justice system.
- **Restorative Justice:** Providing those returning to society after incarceration the tools they need to successfully rebuild their lives.
- **Advocacy for Victims:** Standing up for the rights of Alaska Native people and providing the tools they need to advocate for themselves.
- **Education:** Equipping individuals with knowledge about the criminal justice system.

ANJC serves individuals from across Alaska and in every Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act region. For the most up-to-date information, visit ANJC's Facebook page. 📱



### PAUL H. CHAPMAN AWARD

Congratulations to the Alaska Native Justice Center (ANJC) for being one of six organizations nationwide to receive the Paul H. Chapman Award. ANJC received the award for its efforts in advocating for statewide legislative reform to fix gaps in Alaska's sexual offense laws.

In 2018, ANJC partnered with the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) to successfully create two resolutions advocating for more rigorous sexual assault laws and greater equality for victims. ANJC's advocacy came after a case involving the sexual assault of an Alaska Native woman exposed a loophole in state law and led to extremely lenient sentencing for the white male perpetrator.

The resolutions, which were adopted at the annual AFN gathering, later prompted Alaska lawmakers to propose and pass Senate Bill 12, legislation that rectified loopholes in sentencing structure and better protects Native people and others from predators.

## VOICES FOR JUSTICE FUNDRAISER

5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Nov. 6  
CIRI Fireweed Business Center, Anchorage

Join the Alaska Native Justice Center (ANJC) for its annual Voices for Justice Fundraiser, featuring a silent and live auction, light hors d'oeuvres and good company. Funds raised will support the ANJC's mission of addressing Alaska Native people's unmet needs regarding the Alaska civil and criminal justice system.

Suggested contribution: \$250-\$1,000 for individuals, \$1,000-\$10,000 for corporations. For more information, visit [citci.org/annual-anjc-voices-for-justice-fundraiser-is-nov-6-2019/](http://citci.org/annual-anjc-voices-for-justice-fundraiser-is-nov-6-2019/).

### DESCENDANT SPOTLIGHT, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 01

Story Works' story workshops bring volunteer story coaches into high-school language arts classrooms to encourage and support student storytellers. The organization also offers free, out-of-school support to students developing college admissions essays. Piper and several other Story Works volunteers helped out at this year's CIRI C3 Experience—an overnight camp that aims to instill leadership and college prep skills in young shareholders and descendants—assisting campers with their own stories and essays.

"The opportunity for Alaska Native youth to share their stories is so important," Piper said. "Sharing honest, first-person stories with one another builds connections and community, makes space for people's experiences to be recognized and cherished, and grounds us within our culture."

Piper just began her senior year of college, majoring in political science with a minor in law, diversity and justice. She has her eye on law school and would like to pursue a policy career. As far as going into politics, "I don't know!" she laughed. "When people ask me that, my default answer is that I feel like I need more experience. But women often assume they need more experience whereas men are like, 'Yeah, I'd be great at it!'"

"I don't have a clear vision of myself getting into it (politics) currently, but I won't say I'd never consider it," Piper continued. "When I see people like (U.S. Representative) Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, it's so inspiring. She started out as a bartender, and as someone who's worked in food service for a long time, I can say that I've never met people who are more qualified. When you work in the service industry, you deal with everyone and every type of situation."

In her free time, Piper spends her time baking, engaging in outdoor activities and volunteering for causes like the American Civil Liberties Union and Planned Parenthood. Inspired by her 95-year-old grandmother, she's also learning how to knit and crochet "so that when I go to King Salmon it's something we can do together."

Piper for president. You read it here first. 📱



▶ A team of 20 CIRI Board members, employees and their friends and family participated in the 2019 Anchorage Heart Walk.

## CIRI in the COMMUNITY

### Anchorage Heart Walk

The Heart Walk is the American Heart Association's premier event for raising funds to save lives from this country's No. 1 and No. 5 killers—heart disease and stroke.

The Anchorage Heart Walk was held Saturday, Sept. 21, with a team of 20 CIRI employees and their friends and family participating. In all, the Heart Walk raised approximately \$220,000 to fund innovative research for new treatments, provide programs and services for survivors and their families, and help individuals lower their risk of heart disease and stroke.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women—about one in four deaths in the U.S. annually (approximately 610,000 total).

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Indian and Alaska Native people die from heart diseases at younger ages than other racial and ethnic groups in the United States, and 36% of those who die of heart disease die before age 65.

Preventing and controlling high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes, abstaining from tobacco use, consuming only moderate amounts of alcohol, engaging in regular physical activity and consuming a healthy diet all help reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease.

For more information, visit [heart.org](http://heart.org). 📱

**Wedding Announcement**

Congratulations to CIRI descendant Angie Constantine, who married Kurt Cleary July 20 along the Tanana River in Tanacross, Alaska. Angie is the daughter of CIRI shareholders Charlene Constantine and the late Raymond Constantine Sr. of Anchorage, Alaska, and the granddaughter of late CIRI shareholders Jefferson Trenton, Betty Russell and Fedora Constantine of Anchorage and Tyonek, Alaska. Angie and Kurt reside in Tok, Alaska, with their three children and are expecting twins in January 2020.



**Recently Appointed**

On Aug. 22, Alaska Gov. Mike Dunleavy announced the appointment of original CIRI shareholder Lydia Heyward (Yup'ik and Ojibwe) to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. She will serve a one-year term. Lydia holds a bachelor's degree in justice from the University of Alaska Anchorage and a master's degree in legal studies from the University of Oklahoma. She has served as a volunteer liaison with the Alaska Native Women's Sexual Assault Committee and is currently employed as a case manager with Cook Inlet Tribal Council's Child and Family Services program.



**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY – OCT. 14, 2019**

Eight states now recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of Columbus Day



A recognition of America's First Peoples and a celebration of Native survival and endurance, Indigenous Peoples' Day, observed the second Monday of October, has replaced Columbus Day in eight states.

South Dakota held its first Indigenous Peoples' Day in 1989. Seven other states—including Alaska, Maine, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon and Vermont—have since followed suit and renamed the holiday.

When former Alaska Governor Bill Walker signed legislation in 2017 recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day in Alaska, he said it was "just one way we, as a state, can acknowledge and celebrate the contributions made by First Peoples throughout the history of this land."

CIRI descendant Caleb King was instrumental in getting the city of Bloomington, Ind., to proclaim Indigenous Peoples' Day. It is also observed in at

least 130 other U.S. cities, including Albuquerque and Santa Fe, N.M.; Austin, Texas; and Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Seattle. Celebrations around Indigenous Peoples' Day often include traditional foods, educational lectures, games, dances and songs.

"Indigenous Peoples' Day recognizes that Alaska Native and American Indian (AN/AI) people are the first inhabitants of the present-day United States," said CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich. "As a proud Athabascan person, this day urges us to rethink history and raise awareness of the rich culture, history and traditions of AN/AI people in the Americas. I invite our shareholders, descendants and their families to annually commemorate Indigenous Peoples' Day by strengthening connections to their heritage, taking action for the rights and needs of Indigenous peoples, and simply celebrating the fact we have thrived and survived in our homelands for more than 10,000 years!"

**2019 CIRI SHAREHOLDER, ELDER AND YOUTH AWARDS**

**ELDER OF THE YEAR**

**William "Bill" English Sr.**  
Anchorage, Alaska

William "Bill" English Sr. (Inupiat) was born in Coldfoot, Alaska, and spent his youth in nearby Wiseman, Alaska. After seeing his first airplane at the age of 2, he knew he wanted to become a pilot.



English holds the distinction of being the first Alaska Native commercial airline pilot, the first Alaska Native person to earn an airline transport rating and the first Alaska Native person to be designated as an FAA pilot examiner. He flew commercially for 37 years and was honored as an Aviation Legend by the Alaska Air Carriers Association in 2012 and inducted into the Alaska Aviation Museum's Hall of Fame in 2014.

English co-founded the World Eskimo-Indian Olympics in the 1960s and served as its first master of ceremonies. He has served on the CIRI Board of Directors and the Cook Inlet Housing Authority board of commissioners. Since 2005, he has served on Cook Inlet Housing Authority's Finance Committee.

Now in his 90s, English continues to emulate the values his parents instilled in him—hard work, adapting to inevitable changes, serving others, and being kind and true to his values.

**SHAREHOLDER OF THE YEAR**

**Chief Gary Harrison**  
Chickaloon, Alaska

Chief Gary Harrison (Ahtna Athabascan) was born and raised in Chickaloon, Alaska, one of seven ANCSA villages in the CIRI region. He is the Traditional Chief, chairperson and longest-standing member of the Chickaloon Village Traditional Council.



A longtime advocate of health and wellness in the Native community, Chief Harrison has played an integral role in the success of the C'eyiits' Hwnax Community Health Center in Sutton, Alaska, and the Benteh Nuutah Valley Native Primary Care Center (VNPCC) in Wasilla, Alaska. He has also served on the board of directors of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and on the VNPCC joint operating board.

Chief Harrison's community involvement includes Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Tribal-justice advocacy groups, Indigenous and environmental working groups and forums, and the Organization of American States. He has dedicated his life to serving people in the Cook Inlet region and is widely recognized for his efforts to defend Alaska Native rights and promote traditional ways of life.

**YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD**

**Kiona Kuhn**  
River Falls, Wisconsin

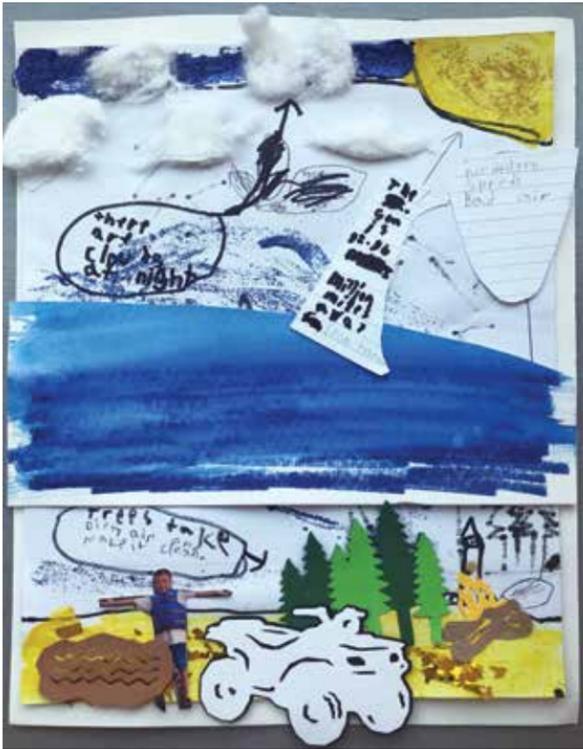
Sixteen-year-old Kiona Kuhn (Aleut, Yup'ik and Athabascan) has overcome challenging family circumstances while remaining positive, maintaining excellent grades in school, acting as a role model to her peers and fulfilling various volunteer commitments.



A descendant of original CIRI enrollee Ruth Faith Hansen, Kuhn serves on the Have-A-Heart Inc. youth board of directors for the Child Respite Program, which, in association with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Resources, provides families a break on weekends from caring for dependent children and adults with disabilities. She has also worked with the Feed Our Starving Children program, organizing and assembling meals for children in need.

In addition to volunteering and persistently applying herself to her education, Kuhn continues to develop her talent in nature photography while making plans to pursue a college degree. She is a former CIRI Shareholder Participation Committee youth representative who was recognized for providing excellent insight into how to better engage with young shareholders and descendants.

# 2019 YOUTH ART CONTEST WINNERS



## 'What do you love about the great outdoors?'

Thank you to all our Youth Art Contest participants! The preservation of our natural environment depends on young shareholders and descendants who find joy in nature. We appreciate all the young artists who, through original works of art, shared their interpretations with us!

**Aidan Gilliam,**  
Aleut

Soldotna, Alaska

First Place Award

Category: 5-8 years of age

Parent: Denise Gilliam (mother)



**Brooklyn Koenigs,**  
Alutiiq

Snohomish, Wash.

Second Place Award

Category: 5-8 years of age

Parent: Matthew Koenigs (father)



**Zoe Pagano,**  
Aleut

Lakewood, Colo.

First Place Award

Category: 9-12 years of age

Parent: Theodore Pagano (father)



**Malaya Meyer,**  
Yup'ik and Tlingit

Anchorage, Alaska

Second Place Award

Category: 9-12 years of age

Parent: Justina Meyer (mother)

## RECIPE



## CINNAMON TOAST FRENCH TOAST

Adapted from the recipe by Deb Perelman, [www.smittenkitchen.com](http://www.smittenkitchen.com).

As the author wrote about this recipe, *“Piles of buttery, cinnamon and caramelized sugar-crusted toast fan out in a pan before absorbing a simple vanilla custard and being baking into puffed, layered breakfast perfection.”*

**START TO FINISH:** 50 minutes

**SERVINGS:** 6-8

### INGREDIENTS:

½ cup granulated sugar

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

16 slices bread from a standard-size, pre-sliced loaf (Hawaiian bread or sourdough preferred)

½ cup butter, softened

3 cups whole or 2% milk

6 large eggs

2 teaspoons real vanilla extract

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees.
2. Combine cinnamon and sugar together in a small dish. Line two large baking sheets with foil. Place the bread slices on the baking sheets in one layer.
3. Spread each slice of bread with approximately 1 teaspoon of butter, then sprinkle each slice with the cinnamon-sugar mixture.
4. Toast the trays of bread in the oven until the bread is golden, and until the cinnamon-sugar makes a caramelized crunch on top (about 7 to 10 minutes). Reduce the oven temperature to 375 degrees and let the toast cool slightly.
5. Generously butter a 9×13-inch baking dish. Arrange the cinnamon toast down in two rows along the width of the pan.
6. Whisk the milk, eggs, salt and vanilla in a medium bowl and pour evenly over cinnamon toast in baking dish. Let sit for 15 minutes (or overnight, if preparing ahead) so that the custard absorbs a bit.
7. Bake for 30 minutes, until puffed and golden and until no liquid seeps out of the toasts.
8. Cut into squares to serve. Delicious with maple syrup or whipped cream and berries.

The Raven's Circle would like to feature our readers' favorite recipes! To submit visit [www.ciri.com/recipe](http://www.ciri.com/recipe).

**Steven Patrick Bright, 45**

Steven Patrick Bright passed away Nov. 27, 2015, in San Jose, Calif. Mr. Bright was born Feb. 26, 1970. He is survived by his mother, Susan Helene Gonzales; siblings, Richard Kenneth Bright, Faye Marie Shoulders and Anthony Franklin Gonzalez; nieces, Raven Aliyaah Golden, Layla Marie Dehughes, Greta Gonzalez and Aniya Helene Gonzalez-Padilla; and great-nephews, Kayden Skye Coonan and Eli Thomas Coonan.

**Joseph "Joe" Eningowuk, 72**

Joseph "Joe" Eningowuk passed away Mar. 29 in Nome, Alaska. Mr. Eningowuk was born April 15, 1946, in Shishmaref, Alaska. He is survived by his siblings, Meta Mae Eningowuk-Nelson, Shirley Ann Thornton, Helena Rose Seetot, Carolyn Jane Crowder and Frederick Albert Eningowuk.

**William Frost, 81**

William Frost passed away Aug. 14 at home in Lynnwood, Wash. Mr. Frost was born Aug. 15, 1937, in Afognak, Alaska. He graduated from Kodiak High School in 1955 and from Washington State University (WSU) in 1961. He spent the majority of his career as an accountant and served in the National Guard. Outgoing and friendly, Mr. Frost loved social gatherings and watching sports of every kind, especially WSU games. He is survived by his wife, Joane A. Frost; children, Jeffrey R. Frost and Tami M. Peterson; brother, Robert C. Frost; and grandchildren, Zachary D. Peterson and Carlie J. Peterson.



**Bertha Marie Oquendo, 65**

Bertha Marie Oquendo passed away Aug. 8 at Marliere Hospice Care Center in New Port Richey, Fla. Ms. Oquendo was born Mar. 6, 1954, in Kodiak, Alaska. She is survived by her children, Jesus "Chu Chu" Oquendo, Rosa Oquendo Rodriguez, Georgia Martinez Sanchez and Jeri Baisden; grandchildren, James, Cynthia, Michael, Xavier, Natalia, Carla and Ariya; and siblings, Izair Ronald Chute, Roy William Chute, Barbara Voegtle (Tim) and Loretta Lover (John).

**Martin Wassili, 75**

Martin Wassili passed away Aug 14 in Anchorage. Mr. Wassili was born Feb. 2, 1944, in Bethel, Alaska. He is survived by his sister, Lucy Demantle; nieces, Sharon Kasak and Katherine Wassilie; and nephews, Joseph Demantle Jr., Willie Kasayulie and Joel Kasayulie.

**Condolences**

John Richard Cheemuk III, 30  
Violet Jeanne Cleveland, 75  
Mabel Virginia Deshong, 75  
Andrew Gene LaFrance, 62  
Constance L. Severino, 76  
Lillieth Strout, 74  
Tony Lee Yakasoff, 53

SAVE THE DATE  
NORTHWEST FRIENDSHIP POTLATCH



CIRI and The CIRI Foundation Friendship Potlatches offer CIRI shareholders and confirmed descendants an opportunity to socialize and celebrate important cultural traditions with family and friends. Each year, the potlatch program includes cultural entertainment, children's activities, Alaska Native arts and crafts booths, CIRI-affiliated nonprofit information booths, door prizes and a meal that includes traditional Alaska Native foods.

Friendship Potlatches are open to CIRI shareholders, confirmed CIRI descendants and their immediate family members (i.e., spouse, children and parents). The wearing of traditional regalia is encouraged! Child care available upon advance request.

**Northwest**

Saturday, Nov. 9 • 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Chief Leschi School, Puyallup, Wash.  
**RSVP by 3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 28**

**Please RSVP**

Please RSVP and help CIRI plan for enough food for attendees and their families:

- Via the shareholder portal at <https://qenek.ciri.com>
- Via the CIRI website at [www.ciri.com/potlatch](http://www.ciri.com/potlatch)
- Or by phone at (907) 263-5191 / (800) 764-2474 (choose option 5).

**OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**



When their favorite players take to the field wearing pink cleats, gloves and helmet decals, NFL fans know it's Breast Cancer Awareness Month. But there's much more to the annual campaign than pink-accented sports gear—it's an opportunity to increase awareness of breast cancer and help those affected by the disease through early detection, education and support services.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, roughly one in eight women born today in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer at some point. Rates of breast cancer are 8% higher in Alaska Native female populations. The good news is that most women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early.

- If you are a woman age 40 to 49, talk with your doctor about when to start getting mammograms and how often to get them.
- If you are a woman age 50 to 74, be sure to get a mammogram every two years. You may also choose to get them more often.

- If you have a personal history of cancer, a known genetic mutation (such as BRCA) or a first-degree relative who's been diagnosed or has a genetic mutation, received radiation therapy to the chest between the ages of 10 and 30 or have certain syndromes, talk to your doctor. High-risk screening recommendations may include self- and clinical exams, earlier annual mammograms and MRI imaging.

It's also important to remember that a man's breast cells and tissue can develop cancer. Male breast cancer can exhibit the same symptoms as breast cancer in women, including a lump. Anyone who notices anything unusual about their chest or breasts, whether male or female, should contact their physician immediately.

For more information, visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>NOV. 3, 2019</b>	Daylight savings time ends
<b>NOV. 9, 2019</b>	Northwest Potlatch: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Chief Leschi School, Puyallup, Wash.
<b>NOV. 28, 2019</b>	Thanksgiving: CIRI offices closed
<b>NOV. 29, 2019</b>	Native American Heritage Day: CIRI offices closed
<b>DEC. 7, 2019</b>	CIRI Holiday Craft Bazaar: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., CIRI Fireweed Business Center
<b>DEC. 24, 2019 – JAN. 1, 2020</b>	Christmas and New Year's holidays: CIRI offices closed

## FOURTH QUARTER DISTRIBUTIONS

Payment type	Direct deposit sign-up deadline: 3 p.m.	Address change and cancel direct deposit deadline: 3 p.m.	Distribution date
<b>CST Distribution</b>	<b>MONDAY, NOV. 18</b>	<b>MONDAY, DEC. 2</b>	<b>TUESDAY, DEC. 10</b>
<b>CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust</b>	<b>MONDAY, NOV. 18</b>	<b>MONDAY, DEC. 2</b>	<b>FRIDAY, DEC. 13</b>

### CIRI Settlement Trust (CST) Distribution

Fourth quarter CST distributions in the amount of \$10.51 per share (or \$1,051 per 100 shares) will be mailed or directly deposited by 6 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on Tuesday, Dec. 10 to all CST beneficiaries who own CIRI stock and have a valid mailing address on file with CIRI as of 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2.

### Elders' Settlement Trust Distribution

Fourth quarter CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust distributions of \$450 will be mailed or directly deposited by 6 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on Friday, Dec. 13 to eligible Elders with a valid mailing address on file as of 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2. Original shareholders who are 65 years of age or older and who own at least one share of CIRI stock as of the distribution date are eligible to receive the \$450 payments.

As previously reported, CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust funding ran out in 2019, with the CIRI Board of Directors approving providing the necessary funding to cover the shortfall and ensure all eligible Elders receive full payments through the end of the year. Beginning in 2020, Elders' benefits will be provided through the CST—which was established by a majority vote of the shareholders at the 2019 Annual Meeting—maintaining the current level of payments and eligibility requirements of the CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust.

### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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. 📧

## ANCHORAGE PLASTIC BAG BAN



› According to one estimate, 100 billion plastic shopping bags were used in one year in the U.S.

Effective Sept. 15, Anchorage retailers stopped providing plastic bags to shoppers. Instead, shoppers must bring their own bags, or they may purchase paper bags from some retailers at a minimum cost of \$0.10 per bag and up to \$0.50 per transaction. On Oct. 8, the Anchorage Assembly voted to amend the ordinance to exempt restaurants, food sellers and markets from charging a fee for alternative bags.

According to one 2009 estimate, 100 billion plastic shopping bags were used in one year in the U.S., and somewhere between 500 billion and 1.5 trillion bags were used worldwide. Currently, more than 400 states or cities across the U.S. tax or have banned plastic bags.

In Anchorage, the prohibition does not apply to a plastic bag that is:

1. Used by customers inside stores to contain a product that does not have other packaging, such as bulk foods, fruits, nuts, vegetables, bakery goods, etc.;
2. Used to contain dampness or leaks from items such as frozen foods, meat or fish;
3. Used only to contain ice;
4. Used only to contain or wrap flowers or potted plants;
5. Provided by a pharmacist for the sole purpose of containing prescription drugs;
6. Used only to package an unconsumed portion of a bottle of wine;
7. Used only to contain a newspaper, laundry or dry cleaning; or
8. Sold in packages containing multiple bags intended for consumer use off the retail seller's premises, such as for the collection and disposal of garbage or pet waste.

CIRI supports the Municipality of Anchorage's plastic bag ban. The synthetic material does not biodegrade, meaning it doesn't break down naturally in landfills and can last for centuries; some marine animals mistake plastic bags for food; and there is no systematic way to recover plastics once they enter our waterways.

We encourage all shareholders and individuals, regardless of where they live, to utilize reusable shopping bags. For more information about Anchorage's plastic bag ban, visit [muni.org/plasticbagban](http://muni.org/plasticbagban). 📧

## 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 10/23/2019)

Edgar Ailak  
Sandra Marie Andersen  
Jennifer Jean Anderson  
Cherise Anne Armstrong  
Angela Baker  
Howard Rock Batt  
Maia-Sabrina Linn Beaty  
Corrine Ann Bismark  
Kenneth Lawrence Boyle  
Aine Aislyn Branch  
Carolyn Jane Burns  
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Gary Lee Dean  
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Jeanette Marie Whiteley  
Timothy Clyde Williams

## SAVE THE DATE



**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Dec. 7**  
**CIRI Fireweed Business Center**  
**725 East Fireweed Lane, Anchorage**

CIRI's Holiday Craft Bazaar will host approximately 60 Alaska Native artists selling an array of unique handmade items, including beadwork, carvings, clothing, jewelry, woven baskets and more. A silent auction will be held in conjunction with the Craft Bazaar, with all proceeds benefitting Cook Inlet Tribal Council's child and family, education, employment, and recovery and re-entry programs.



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- 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

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.