

## MAT-SU TIMBER DEAL COULD MAKE HARVESTING OF BEETLE-KILLED SPRUCE ON CIRI LAND VIABLE



Spruce trees on CIRI land in the Mat-Su Valley. Photo by Ben Mohr.

hough only a quarter inch in length, spruce bark beetles can wreak outsized devastation. Over the past 35 years, spruce beetle outbreaks in Alaska have contributed to the loss of an estimated 3 billion board feet of timber. The insects feed and breed on wind-thrown, fallen or injured spruce trees. A large, downed spruce tree may contain more than 100 beetles per square foot of bark. When conditions are right, beetle populations may outgrow the supply of downed trees and move into nearby living trees.

From 1997 to 2002, CIRI harvested 16,000 acres of beetle-killed timber on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula. Unfortunately, beetle infestations are up, and CIRI land in the Matanuska-Susitna (Mat-Su) Valley has been hit hard. If a proposed timber sale on borough land in the Mat-Su Valley goes through, it could create a market of scale that would once again make a timber program viable for CIRI.

### **Chijuk Creek Timber Sale**

On April 18, the Mat-Su Borough Assembly approved a timber sale known as Chijuk Creek. It also approved a separate non-compete contract for any logs shipped from Port MacKenzie to Pacific Rim countries for three years. Chijuk Creek and the associated lease of Port MacKenzie are expected to bring in \$900,000 annually. "Now that the Chijuk Creek sale has gone through, we'll see ships coming into port and logging trucks on the road," said Ben Mohr, CIRI's surface estate manager. "That would allow CIRI to consider commercial timber sales as an option."

CIRI owns between 5,000 and 7,000 acres of harvestable timber in the Mat-Su Valley.

"If we're going to harvest timber on CIRI land, the company needs an economy of scale to enter into," Mohr explained. "The Chijuk Creek sale allows us to keep our options open. From a land-management perspective, if we can help the land by harvesting beetle-killed timber and benefit our shareholders financially, we would absolutely want to do that."

### **Environmental Considerations**

When CIRI harvested beetle-killed timber on the Kenai Peninsula, it planted nearly one million trees as part of its reforestation program. "The forests we're talking about in the Mat-Su Valley are overmature and the beetle infestation is as bad as it once was on the Kenai Peninsula," Mohr said. "You've got two options: harvest the timber, or watch it burn. That's the long and the short of it. Also, from an environmental perspective, young growing forests consume and sequester a lot of carbon and are much more productive than the overmature trees that are there now."

Modern forestry practices mimic natural regenerative processes like forest fires, but without the same danger to life and property. At the three-to-five-year mark, browse vegetation appears, bringing moose and other wildlife to the area. Complete reforestation is typically a 15-year process, and maturity is achieved at 60 to 100 years.

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## ANTI-DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE GOES BEFORE STATE SUPREME COURT



The so-called Yes for Salmon ballot initiative that would overhaul regulations affecting virtually any type of project in Alaska came before the state Supreme Court April 26. The court will decide if the initiative is constitutional

By way of background, in July 2017, the ANCSA Regional Association voted to oppose the initiative. In its letter of opposition, the association stated, "This initiative, if passed, will prevent us from developing the resources that we received under ANCSA (Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act) and destroy our ability to create a sustainable socioeconomic future for Alaska Native people." The CIRI Board of Directors also voted to oppose the initiative.

An opposition group, Stand for Alaska, was formed in October 2017 with the goal of defeating the initiative and balancing economic development with strong environmental protections. It comprises Alaska Native regional corporations, Alaska State Chamber, Southeast Conference, members of construction and transportation companies, union organizations, the visitor industry and various other industry trade groups.

On Jan. 16, 2018, Yes for Salmon signature-gatherers submitted 49,500 signatures to the Alaska Division of Elections in Anchorage – enough to earn a place on the general election ballot in November. But first, the initiative must pass the review by the Alaska Supreme Court.

Should the initiative become law, it is so widereaching that revenues from Red Dog mine, Alpine oilfield, the proposed Donlin mine, timber harvests and other responsible resource development on

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### A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sophie Minich, CIRI President and Chief Executive Officer

Thank you to all the CIRI shareholders who attended any of our recent Information Meetings, held April 21 in Kenai, Alaska, April 28 in Anchorage and May 12 in Puyallup, Wash. I was happy to see so many of you come out to learn about CIRI's business and to share your ideas for how to continue to make CIRI a successful company.

CIRI posted excellent results for the 2017 financial year – the company's strongest performance in a decade. The challenge before us is to maintain our momentum and grow in a way that continues to add value to shareholders' equity while exploring additional ways to benefit shareholders and descendants, such as the new CIRI C3 Experience and services available through our family of nonprofit organizations.

CIRI's financial performance is directly tied to its lands. When CIRI was granted land selections through the 1971 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), the acreage offered consisted primarily of mountainous, remote areas. CIRI's early leadership fought for and negotiated the historic Cook Inlet Land Exchange, passed by Congress in 1976, which profoundly affected CIRI's future success. The land exchange allowed CIRI to trade its ANCSA selections for undeveloped, resource-rich lands in the region with great potential, and to also bid on a variety of federal properties in other parts of the LLS

CIRI's podcast, CIRIosity, takes listeners behind the scenes to hear the stories and voices of CIRI's history, businesses, shareholders and descendants. The first episode, "Our Land, Our Legacy," launched in August 2015, examines the contentious and complicated quest by CIRI to gain title to its fair land entitlements promised by ANCSA. It's an excellent place to start if you're interested in learning more about CIRI's land story.

Today, entrusted with some of the richest and most delicate lands in Alaska – 1.3 million acres of subsurface estate – CIRI prioritizes striking a balance between sustainably developing resources to improve opportunities for our shareholders and protecting the land for future generations. After all, the land, with its abundant resources, is the reason CIRI exists today.

Unfortunately, the so-called Yes for Salmon ballot initiative has the potential to shut down community and economic development opportunities on CIRI lands and throughout the state of Alaska. The Alaska Native people of the Cook Inlet region have spent generations in accord with the land – growing with it, harvesting plants and animals from it, and acting as its stewards. CIRI's Alaska Native shareholders – descendants of those who benefited from and protected the region for hundreds of years – understand implicitly the importance of acting as responsible custodians of our land and its resources.

Should the initiative become law through a vote of the people, it would threaten the interests of Alaska Native people by imposing unattainable protection standards on community and resource development projects.

In advance of the August and November elections, I invite you to learn more about the Yes for Salmon initiative, as well as the other initiatives and political candidates. According to information provided by Get out the Native Vote, it is estimated that Alaska Native people constitute 14 percent of the statewide adult



population. If all Native people voted during a normal turnout year (in which 55 percent of non-Natives voted), approximately 25 percent of the electorate at the polls would be Native. One vote really can make all the difference!

I wish you all a wonderful spring and I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders, to be held June 2 in Soldotna, Alaska.

Warm regards.

Sophie Minich

### ATHENA SOCIETY HONORS CITC PRESIDENT AND CIRI SHAREHOLDER GLORIA O'NEILL



> CIRI shareholder Gloria O'Neill, left, with her daughter, CIRI descendant and former CIRI intern Ravyn Nothstine. *Photo courtesy of CITC.* 

By Jamey Bradbury, courtesy of Cook Inlet Tribal Council

While the Anchorage ATHENA Society's annual luncheon is focused on recognizing individual women who mentor and empower others, CIRI shareholder Gloria O'Neill (Yup'ik), the recipient of the 2018 ATHENA Leadership Award, chose to focus on the power of many in her acceptance speech.

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## CIRI in the COMMUNITY



**)** Olympic gold medalist Kikkan Randall strikes a pose with Girl Scouts from Troop 1002. *Photo courtesy of GSAK.* 

### Girl Scouts of Alaska Leadership Luncheon

With the goal of building girls of courage, confidence and character, Girl Scouts of Alaska (GSAK) is the preeminent leadership development program for girls in grades K-12. Through activities such as troop membership, camps, outdoor education, workshops and events, girls develop the character traits they need to grow into successful adults.

GSAK is committed to breaking the leadership barrier for girls of all backgrounds. With the help of 1,500 adult volunteers, the organization serves 5,000 girls who live in 90 communities both urban and rural. Thirty-seven percent live off the road system and 40 percent receive financial assistance. More than 30 percent of girls served by GSAK identify as Alaska Native.

In 2014, GSAK was the recipient of funds from the CIRI Golf Classic. CIRI is also a longtime sponsor of the organization's annual Leadership Luncheon, which raises funds for programs like Women of Science and Technology Day, Title 1 after-school programs and camp scholarships. (Title 1 schools receive supplementary funding to improve academic achievement for low-income students. To qualify, a school must have a certain percentage of students in its attendance area who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches.)

The 2018 GSAK Leadership Luncheon was held April 24 at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage. Nearly 400 attendees learned about the incredible work Girl Scouts are doing in our communities. Olympic gold medalist Kikkan Randall served as guest speaker.

"Girl Scouts of Alaska provides an inclusive environment where girls can develop strength of character and confidence," said CIRI Community Relations Manager Rachel Batres. "CIRI is proud to support an organization whose focus is on supporting and protecting girls, developing their leadership abilities and giving them a safe, nurturing environment where they can thrive."

For more information on Girl Scouts of Alaska, including a 2018 summer camp schedule, visit www.girlscoutsalaska.org.

## **IMPORTANT CIRI DATES**

MAY 28, 2018	Memorial Day holiday: CIRI offices closed	
JUNE 1, 2018	The CIRI Foundation General Scholarship deadline	
JUNE 2, 2018	<ul> <li>CIRI Annual Meeting in Soldotna, Alaska; registration 8-11 a.m. AKDT. Please RSVP via Qenek, www.ciri.com or phone at (907) 263-5191 or (800) 764-2474 (select option 5).</li> <li>Shareholder Participation Committees application deadline</li> </ul>	
JUNE 4, 2018	Shareholder, Elder and Youth Award nominations deadline	
JUNE 30, 2018	<ul> <li>Deadline for second quarter participation prizes: confirmed descendant, direct deposit, eNewsletter, Qenek, stock will (visit www.ciri.com for additional information)</li> <li>Youth Educational Incentive drawing entry deadline</li> <li>The CIRI Foundation Vocational Training Grant deadline</li> </ul>	

## »» SHAREHOLDERSPOTLIGHT

### Michael Kashevarof

With his boundless energy and upbeat personality, CIRI shareholder Michael Kashevarof (Aleut) has quickly established himself as a staff favorite at CIRI. In his role as the company's meeting coordinator and expeditor, Michael is responsible for providing logistical and general office support at the Fireweed Business Center, CIRI's corporate headquarters in



Michael Kashevarof and his wife, Lily, in Colombia. *Photo* courtesy of Michael

Anchorage. He also assists at the Information and Annual Meetings held each spring, and at the Friendship Potlatches in the fall.

A lifelong Alaskan, Michael grew up in Anchorage and Seldovia, a village southwest of Homer, Alaska. His family commercial fished, and at age 15, while most high-schoolers had summer jobs babysitting or bagging groceries, Michael spent his first summer commercial fishing in Seldovia. "This was the early 1980s, and the fishing was really good back then," he recalled. "When I turned 16, I was able to buy a car with the money I'd earned. The woman who helped me with my taxes that year told me she knew adults who worked full-time jobs who hadn't made what I made that summer."

An original CIRI shareholder, Michael is connected to CIRI through his mother, Georjean Scott, and his maternal grandmother, Katherine Kashevarof. Originally from Unalaska, the family relocated to Seldovia when the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands were evacuated during World War II. His father is of Irish and Scandinavian descent. Though he has light hair and eyes, "growing up I identified as an Alaska Native person," Michael said. "I didn't meet my biological father until I was an adult, so my mother's Alaska Native side of the family was the one I was close to."

After graduating from high school in Anchorage, Michael commercially fished for two seasons with his uncle in Chignik, Alaska, and later in Kodiak, Alaska. "The summer I spent fishing in Kodiak, it was just before the Valdez oil spill and it was a really good year. I'd always been intrigued by Spain and Spanish culture, so after the fishing season was over, I rented a flat and spent three months in Spain. I traveled around and taught myself Spanish.

"Here I was, a lifelong Alaskan, and I was living in Spain," Michael recalled "It forced me to really take a step back – like, what is life like for people here? Years later I met my wife Lily, a Colombian, here in Anchorage because I knew the Spanish language."

Michael's employment history with CIRI dates to the late 1990s, when he worked in the company's Accounts Payable department. He later worked a series of jobs in both Alaska and Washington State before landing at CIRI-affiliated nonprofit Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) in 2008, where he started out in a temp job and soon moved into position with the organization's recovery services program.

"Working with people struggling with addiction is a career that chose me," Michael said. "I started out as a support person driving residents to appointments and I worked my way up to a supervisor monitor.

"My first day on the job, I was scared to death," he admitted. "Walking into the Ernie Turner Center (CITC's residential inpatient unit), I didn't know what to expect. I almost quit three times in the first week. But I grew to love it. I laughed every day. It was amazing being around participants who found the humor in recovery."

Michael has been in his current position at CIRI since October 2017. In his spare time he enjoys outdoor pursuits, including fishing and visiting family in Seldovia. He recently married in his wife's home country of Colombia. "Lily and I met here (in Anchorage) and carried on a long-distance relationship for years. We're in the process of doing the paperwork so she can relocate to the U.S. Colombia's reputation as a dangerous country (due to drug trafficking and production) is left over from the '80s; it's improved a lot. Colombian people are warm and respectful, and the food is great. Lily has a great job working for the Colombian Ministry of Education as an accountant and internal auditor. Of the two of us, she's definitely the one with the brains!" he jokes.

Michel is proud of his "strong connection to CIRI" and said he's "happy and privileged to be back. The staff is great. I expect to spend the rest of my life in Alaska, but I do fantasize about being a snowbird. The summers are hard to beat, but ideally I'd like to spend a few months Outside each winter." He pauses, then chuckles. "We'll see if CIRI will let me do that!"

## »»» RECIPE»»



## **BERRY-VANILLA CRESCENT ROLLS**

Adapted from the recipe by Lyuba Brooke, www.willcookforsmiles.com

As the author wrote about this recipe, "Beautiful, sweet, fruity, aromatic and easy are just a few words to describe this delicious pastry. It's the perfect treat to make for Mother's Day."

**START TO FINISH:** 40 minutes (10 minutes active)

**SERVINGS:** 8

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 10 ounces strawberries, blueberries or your favorite berry
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 vanilla bean
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 12-ounce package crescent dinner rolls (Pillsbury™ Big & Flaky preferred)

### **Topping:**

- 2 teaspoons granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

### **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and cover a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Lightly grease the parchment paper.
- 2. Place berries in a small sauce pot. (If using larger berries, such as strawberries, chop into bite-size pieces.)
- **3.** Split the vanilla bean lengthwise using a paring knife and scrape the seeds into the pot. Add lemon juice, vanilla extract and sugar. Mix until incorporated.
- **4.** Simmer over medium heat 13-15 minutes, or until most of the liquid is cooked out. Let mixture cool to room temperature.
- **5.** Open the crescent dough, unroll it and cut the predesignated triangles.
- **6.** Spread approximately 1 tablespoon of berry mixture over each triangle. Carefully roll up the triangles, starting at the wide end. Lay on the prepared baking sheet.
- 7. Mix 2 teaspoons of sugar with 1 teaspoon cinnamon and sprinkle on rolled pastries.
- 8. Bake for 15 minutes until pastries are raised and golden brown.

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

## MINNEMORY MANAGEMENT

### Glen E. Beltz, 67

Glen E. Beltz passed away March 25 at home in Wasilla, Alaska. Mr. Beltz was born Jan. 2, 1951, in Anchorage. He was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, a boiler mechanic by trade and loved to hunt. He is survived by his children, Melissa Bowlby and Timothy Beltz; and siblings, Donald W. Beltz, Arthur G. Beltz, Dorothy A. Van Thiel, Harvey J. Beltz, John P. Beltz, James M. Beltz and Rebecca S. Czyz.

### **David John Gilbert, 69**

David John Gilbert passed away April 2 at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle. Mr. Gilbert was born Jan 17, 1949, in Two Rivers, Wis. He is survived by his wife, Kim Gilbert; children, Patti



Anhalt, Todd Gilbert, Keith Gilbert, Aaron Gilbert, Luke Gilbert and Josh Gilbert; sisters, Virginia Olsen, Gigi Zietlow, Bette Popp, Linda Taddy and Theresa Presl; grandchildren, Christopher, Kayla, Amanda, Michael, Nicholas, Ethan, Isabella, Samantha, Justin and Graham; and great grandchildren, Isaiah, Jace, Bentley, Barrett, Lexi and Atticus.

### Anne K. Golden, 84

Anne K. Golden passed away Feb. 22 at her daughter's home in Kenai, Alaska. Ms. Golden was born March 5, 1933, in Nenana, Alaska. She is survived by her children, Daniel T. Golden, Michelle Lamborn, Patsy Marston and Michael J. Golden III; and many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and extended family members.

### Susie A. Golley, 63

Susie A. Golley passed away March 8 in Eagle River, Alaska. Ms. Golley was born Nov. 9, 1954, in Mt. Edgecumbe, Alaska. She is survived by her father, Theodore S. Golley; and siblings, Ted Golley Jr., Kenneth Golley, Josephine Fulkerson and Anna Stephan.

### Linda Ann Guenthner-Graham, 68

Linda Ann Guenthner-Graham passed away Jan. 31 at Swedish Hospital in Edmonds, Wash. Ms. Guenthner-Graham was born Feb. 19, 1949, in Seattle. She is survived by her children, Dina Vodopich-



Raymond and Arthur Raymond; and sisters, Carol Kistler-Graham and Sharon Skinner-Graham.

### Michael Paul Robson, 53

Michael Paul Robson passed away Jan. 20 in Trapper Creek, Alaska. Mr. Robson was born on June 13, 1964, in Anchorage. His family remembers him as a very happy, on-the-go type of guy and a great friend. He is survived by his father, Gerald Robson; brothers, Gerald Robson and Monte Robson; and daughter, Alexis Robson.

### **Condolences**

Harold William Johns, 76 Melvin Arthur Mattson, 85 Peggy Sue Moore, 39 Velma Dorothy Peck, 87 Seraphim Stephan, 82



The Indian stick pull represents grabbing a slippery salmon. It was used traditionally to develop hand and arm strength.

## **NATIVE YOUTH OLYMPICS**





The Eskimo stick pull is a contest of sheer strength and determination.

## **2018 HIGHLIGHTS**





The blanket toss originated with an Iñupiaq hunter being tossed in the air, enabling him to see across the horizon to hunt game.



The Alaskan high kick requires the athlete to jump off both feet simultaneously, kicking a ball with any part of one foot, and returning to the floor maintaining balance on the kicking foot.



The seal hop is a variation of the Inuit knuckle hop, which was used traditionally as a game of endurance and stamina, and for sneaking up on a seal, mimicking the mammal's movement on the ice.

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### **Project Logistics**

A company called Denali Timber Management would log and chop the Chijuk Creek trees. Denali would use contracted log trucks to haul the wood to Port MacKenzie. The company plans to export round logs from the port to China and the Pacific Rim, through the company TPT Forest Products Limited. TPT is based in Tauranga, New Zealand, and is the largest exporter of round logs in the world.

"Right now, CIRI is waiting to see how Chijuk Creek plays out; we haven't made any decisions regarding our own timber yet," Mohr said. "But if a Mat-Su logexport business does become viable, we're open to considering a timber program. Local jobs, reduced fire danger, environmental benefits and economic advantages for CIRI – it's a win for all involved." ■

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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. 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 5/16/2018)

Byron Keith Abell Della Ames Matthew Jacob Anahonak Amaunei Monae Andrus Heaven Egan Hugh Askay Jonathan Michael-Brandt Averkamp Melissa Kathleen-Ann Bateman **Evonne Lee Beavers** 

Thomas Michael Bellinger

Kenneth Lawrence Boyle Richard Kenneth Bright Steven Patrick Bright Mercedes Alexandra Brown Carolyn Jane Burns Felicia Amelia Caballero Diana Marie Call Lawrie W. Campbell Jr. Kristi Leann Carlough Benjamin Conan-James Charles Anthony William Chudocken

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### **Academic Achievements**

CIRI shareholder Charlene Hall Charls is pleased to announce the graduation of her daughter, Shannon, from Arizona State University. Shannon received her bachelor's degree in electrical



### **Graduation Announcement**

Mabel Hall.

CIRI shareholder Rebecca Czyz and her husband, Albin, would like to announce the graduation of their son, CIRI shareholder Patrick Czyz, from the University of Alaska Anchorage. Patrick



received his bachelor's degree in English with a minor in history in May 2018. The family would like to thank The CIRI Foundation for its support.

### REMINDER: 2018 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Saturday, June 2 | Soldotna, Alaska

Soldotna Regional Sports Complex 538 Arena Drive, Soldotna, Alaska Registration: 8-11 a.m.

### THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO RSVP:

While it is not required to RSVP for the Annual Meeting, it helps us ensure the proper amount of food if you do. Please RSVP one of the following ways:

- 1. Via the portal at https://Qenek.ciri.com
- 2. Online at www.ciri.com/RSVP
- 3. By phone at (907) 263-5191 or (800) 764-2474 (select option 5)

# 2018 SHAREHOLDER, ELDER AND YOUTH AWARDS



**)** 2017 CIRI Elder of the Year Award recipient Gemma Gaudio, right, with CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich. *Photo by Japan Magra* 

### Nomination deadline: June 4

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

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

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

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

## **PATH TO INDEPENDENCE**

Initiative Looks at New Approaches to Solving Homelessness in Anchorage



Anchorage Mayor Ethan Berkowitz speaks April 18 about Path to Independence. Photo by Jason Moore.

A new, innovative program that seeks to quickly house individuals and families experiencing homelessness and help them remain housed permanently, Path to Independence comprises a network of partners committed to changing the way the Anchorage community views, and solves, homelessness.

Indigenous people are disproportionately represented among populations experiencing homelessness. For example, while Alaska Native and American Indian (AN/AI) people make up only 15 percent of Alaska's population, they make up an estimated 45 percent of its homeless population.

For some, a stroke of bad luck or the lack of a safety net are all it takes to make them homeless. But current and historical trauma among indigenous people also factors into the prevalence and risk of homelessness, with AN/AI populations at high risk for many of the conditions that lead to and/or sustain homelessness, including disproportionately high rates of poverty, domestic and other violence, and behavioral health disorders.

Administered by Catholic Social Services to help people in the Anchorage bowl access stable housing, in its first year, Path to Independence will work to house 40 individuals/families – half of whom are expected to be AN/AI – and will pair housing assistance with requirements to prepare for and pursue employment. This is a

model that has proven effective in other states and communities.

According to the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness, lack of employment/income is the most reported cause of homelessness in Anchorage. Path to Independence will help participants simultaneously pursue stable housing, long-term employment and additional support services. Partners include landlords, case management, referral, job training/education and supportive service providers, and funders.

CIRI recently accepted an opportunity to engage as a funding partner for Path to Independence. Along with a \$200,000 commitment from Weidner Apartment Homes, CIRI joined with the 11 other Alaska Native regional corporations to pledge more than \$50,000.

"We are pleased to support this innovative effort to provide homeless Alaskans with safe, stable housing and sustainable employment opportunities," said CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich. "Homelessness is not a new issue in our communities, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't look for new approaches to solving it. We're excited about being part of the Path to Independence network and, more critically, part of the solution to ending homelessness among our people."

For more information, contact Municipality of Anchorage Communications Specialist Katie Dougherty, (907) 310-4550, doughertykl@muni.org.

### **WINNERS' CIRCLE**

To increase participation in certain programs, CIRI holds periodic prize drawings from the names of those enrolled who meet certain criteria and have a current mailing address with CIRI. **If CIRI has returned mail, a different winner will be selected.** Visit the CIRI website or call (907) 263-5191 or (800) 764-2474 to learn more. The following shareholders have been selected as winners for the most recent CIRI drawings:

### STOCK WILL PARTICIPATION PRIZES CONFIRMED, REGISTERED

\$200 Monthly Stock Will Prize:

- January John Elliott Hagberg
- February James Wayne Boire
- March- Vanita Pearl Thurmond

First quarter drawing for Apple iPad Air 2:

Virginia Mary Rowley

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

### **DIRECT DEPOSIT DRAWING**

First quarter drawing for \$500:

Jamey Leon Huffman

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

### **ENEWSLETTER DRAWING**

First quarter drawing for a Kindle Fire HD:

• Thomas H. Teal IV

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

## DESCENDANT DRAWING

First quarter drawing for a Kindle Fire HD:

• Garret Nayokpuk

Direct lineal descendants of CIRI shareholders who are not themselves shareholders, who have submitted legal documents substantiating descent and who have a valid email address on file.

### **QENEK ACCOUNT DRAWING**

First quarter drawing for an Echo Dot:

• Andrea Julia Miller

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

"I'm inspired every day by the people we serve at our organization, and the people I work with," said O'Neill, president and CEO of Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC). O'Neill then invited those co-workers present at the luncheon to stand for recognition.

O'Neill, a 2001 inductee to the Anchorage ATHENA Society, was joined this year by new inductee Kelly Hurd, CITC senior director of development. Both women were acknowledged on March 19 during ATHENA's 2018 induction luncheon honoring this year's class, joining a distinguished roster of caring, impactful and professional women.

The Anchorage ATHENA Society is a program of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce that works year-round to encourage the potential of all women as valued members and leaders of the business community. The Society's Leadership Award is given to only one ATHENA member annually.

Each year, inductees are nominated based on several factors, including leadership, community service, and efforts in assisting women in reaching their full leadership potential. A selection committee comprised of past award recipients appoints the new members.

The ATHENA Society is named for the Greek goddess of wisdom. Now, the international society bearing her name is located in all 50 states and several foreign countries.

### **SECOND QUARTER DISTRIBUTIONS**

Payment type	Direct deposit sign-up deadline: 3 p.m.	Address change and cancel direct deposit deadline: 3 p.m.	Distribution date
CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust	Tuesday, May 29	Thursday, May 31	Friday, June 8
Dividend	Monday, June 11	Thursday, June 21	Friday, June 29

### **Elders' Settlement Trust Payments**

Second quarter CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust payments of \$450 will be mailed or directly deposited by 6 p.m. AKDT on Friday, June 8 to eligible Elders with a valid mailing address on file as of 3 p.m. Thursday, May 31. The remaining 2018 Elders' payments are scheduled for Sept. 14 and Dec. 14. 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.

### **Second Quarter Dividend**

Second quarter dividends in the amount of \$8.87 per share (or \$887 per 100 shares) will be mailed or directly deposited by 6 p.m. AKDT on Friday, June 29 to all shareholders with a valid mailing address on file as of 3 p.m. Thursday, June 21.

### **Direct Deposit/Remote Deposit**

CIRI urges shareholders who receive their dividends in check form to consider either implementing direct deposit or taking advantage of remote deposit. Both options are fast, easy and eliminate the need to drive to the bank and stand in line. (Note: When remotely depositing a check, it's a good idea to make a note on the check so you don't attempt to cash it again. If a check is cashed twice, you are legally liable to repay the amount of the overpayment.)

Shareholders who participate in direct deposit and have a current CIRI mailing address are also eligible to participate in quarterly prize drawings. Direct deposit forms are available from Shareholder Relations and at www.ciri.com. To cancel direct deposit, please submit a signed, written request prior to 3 p.m. on the specified deadline. If you have a Qenek portal account, you can cancel your existing

### **Address Changes**

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

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

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

### Tax Reminder

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.

## YOUTH **EDUCATIONAL** INCENTIVES



### Submit report cards by June 30 for a chance to win \$100!

CIRI encourages youth to attend and excel at school by conducting \$100 cash prize drawings for students who maintain a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or above and students with perfect attendance. (Perfect attendance is defined as missing no more than four classes in the reporting period.) CIRI shareholders and confirmed CIRI descendants enrolled in grades 7 through 12 are eligible to participate.

Drawings are conducted twice a year. In February, and again in July, nine winners in each category are randomly selected to receive \$100 cash cards, including three youth who reside in Anchorage, three youth who reside in Alaska outside of Anchorage, and three youth who reside outside of Alaska. Youth may not win more than one award per semester.

To enter, eligible youth must submit a copy of the report card for the immediately preceding semester to CIRI Shareholder Relations by Jan. 31 or June 30, as applicable. The report card must clearly show the minor's name, the time period being reported on, the minor's grades and attendance record, and the name and contact information of the minor's school.

CIRI will attempt to contact the winner using the contact information in its files. If the winner cannot be contacted within 10 days of attempts, the prize will be awarded to an alternative winner, selected in accordance with contest rules.

Learn more about the drawings at www.ciri.com/ shareholders/descendants/youth-programs/ youth-educational-incentives. Visit www.ciri. com/descendant to learn how to register as a descendant.

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ANCSA lands could be adversely affected, which, in turn, would reduce the amount of 7(i) revenues paid to CIRI – a portion of which are divided between CIRI and the village corporations and atlarge shareholders in its region.

"We need good-paying, year-round jobs to CEO Sophie Minich said. "Alaska Native people balancing economic development with strong protection standards on community and village development, both large and small, Alaska Native interests would be significantly affected."

To read more about the ballot initiative and its and communities, visit www.standforak.com.

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

### THE CIRI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT DEADLINES

### **General Scholarship Deadline: June 1**

The CIRI Foundation (TCF) is accepting applications from full-time and part-time degree-seeking students. The General Scholarship deadline is Friday, June 1.

### **Vocational Training Grant Deadline: June 30**

Vocational Training Grant applications will be available online approximately 30 days before the Saturday, June 30 deadline. Students enrolled in a vocational training program at an accredited or recognized institution and earning a certificate/ certification or professional license are encouraged to apply.

There are other scholarship and grant opportunities available as well. For information, visit www.thecirifoundation.org.

### **How to Apply**

CIRI original shareholders and their direct lineal descendants may complete their scholarship and grant applications online at www.thecirifoundation. org. Applications must have an approved online user account to apply.

For more information, contact TCF by phone at (907) 793-3575/(800) 764-3382 or email at TCF@thecirifoundation.org.



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**Shareholder Participation Committees** www.ciri.com/spc

Submit ideas, stories & recipes to info@ciri.com

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Shareholder Portai

- 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 an Echo Dot!

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### **ALSO MISSING**

When CIRI shareholders pass away, gathering the information necessary to settle the stock estate is often a difficult task and may delay settlement. CIRI is looking to contact the individuals listed below in connection with the following estates:

- Estate of Thomas William Highsmith Tonya Lorraine Highsmith
- Estate of Lily Mae Marshall Kamette R. Myers and Christian James Marshall
- Estate of Richard Lloyd Sargent (aka Lloyd Richard Sargent) –
   Derek Bernard Sargent and John Michael Sargent Clark
- Estate of Leonard Turgeon Ashley Moore

If your name appears above or you know the whereabouts of any of the individuals listed above, please contact CIRI Probate at (907) 263-5191 or toll free at 1-800-764-2474, and select option 4.