



RAVEN'S CIRCLE

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LEFT: CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich (third from right) and Chief Strategy Officer Sarah Lukin (second from left) present a check to the Kenaitze Indian Tribe. Photo courtesy of KIT. RIGHT: This halibut won "best original design" at the CIRI Can Sculpture contest, with all cans donated to the Food Bank of Alaska. Photo by Kevin Bennett.

CIRI INVESTS IN COMMUNITY

Sharing what you have with others is an important Alaska Native value, and CIRI is dedicated to corporate philanthropy. CIRI Board Directors and employees personally engage in community activities through volunteerism, personal giving and sharing, leading local and statewide fundraising efforts, and serving without compensation on the boards of many nonprofit and community organizations. Additionally, CIRI encourages employees to volunteer with the nonprofit of their choice and provides the opportunity to volunteer with several of our community partners throughout the year.

CIRI corporate giving is focused on organizations that benefit children and education, Alaska Native culture and heritage, and that serve those experiencing housing instability and food insecurity.

"I could not be prouder of CIRI and our team of employees this year," said CIRI Board of Directors Chair Doug Fifer. "From dedicating their time and talents to a variety of worthy causes to raising money for organizations that improve our community, they have gone above and beyond and truly embodied CIRI's values of Respect—treating people with dignity, showing empathy—and Unity, the power of many working together to fulfill one mission."

2022 CIRI charitable giving highlights include:

Alaska Community Foundation: In September, former Typhoon Merbok morphed into a powerful storm that impacted communities along more than 1,000 miles of Western Alaska coastline, with a federal disaster declaration made Sept. 24. The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) established a disaster recovery fund for individual donations to which CIRI was pleased to donate \$5,000. Thanks to support from the Rasmuson Foundation, 100% of ACF donations went to relief efforts in Western Alaska.

Alaska Native Heritage Center: CIRI is thankful for our

partnership with the Alaska Native Heritage Center (ANHC), a community nonprofit that serves as a cultural and education center dedicated to celebrating Alaska Native heritage. Throughout 2022, CIRI coordinated with ANHC on our Alaska Native Word of the Week—audio recordings and translations of words in the Dena'ina, Inupiaq and Yup'ik languages—and traditional recipes. In August, CIRI was pleased to donate \$50,000 to ANHC's Garden Party fundraiser.

Anchorage Park Foundation: The Indigenous Place Names Project is a step toward recognizing and honoring the Dena'ina language, knowledge and innovations in Alaska. The Anchorage Park Foundation, in partnership with ANHC, Anchorage Museum, Native Village of Eklutna and Rasmuson Foundation, is working to install Dena'ina place name signs in Anchorage's parks, along trails and in public spaces. CIRI is proud to be a contributor, and CIRI Shareholder and employee Darla Graham (Yup'ik) serves on the project's advisory committee.

Food Bank of Alaska: As part of CIRI's Values Week celebration (held Sept. 26-30), employees divided into seven teams to construct sculptures from cans and nonperishable food items. CIRI provided 100 cans per team, and teams were encouraged to purchase additional cans. The contest theme was "honoring all cultures." An award was given for best original design, and honorable mentions went to most cans used and best use of labels. In all, more than 2,500 cans and packaged food items were donated to the Food Bank of Alaska.

Kenai Peninsula Food Bank: The Kenai Peninsula Food Bank provides food to more than 70 nonprofit agencies throughout the Kenai Peninsula borough. In June, its Spring Festival raised money to purchase locally grown foods for the food bank. CIRI was pleased to offer a \$5,000 matching grant, bringing the total raised to \$10,000.

2023 NEXT GEN DAY

Next Gen Day will be held Jan. 16. Shareholders and Descendants ages 10-17 are encouraged to apply by the Friday, Jan. 6 deadline.

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ALASKA NATIVE HERITAGE WINTER SCHEDULE

ANHC is now open for its first ever winter season!

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Kenaitze Indian Tribe: This fall, CIRI presented a check for \$50,000 to the Kenaitze Indian Tribe for the construction of its Kahtnuht'ana Dena'ina Community Hall and Harvest Pavilion. The project will enhance the tribe's food sovereignty and youth-education programs through modernized facilities and honor the location's traditional spiritual and cultural importance as a gathering place for community events.

United Way of Anchorage: CIRI has long supported United Way's efforts in the areas of education, income and health. Over the years, CIRI and its employees have invested approximately \$2 million in Southcentral Alaska through ongoing support to United Way of Anchorage. This year's employee giving campaign, held Nov. 9-16, resulted in 99 individual employee pledges that totaled more than \$46,100. Thanks to CIRI's 50% corporate match, \$69,150 will go to United Way of Anchorage.



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy holidays to our Shareholders, Descendants and their families! As we gather with family and friends to share food and stories, love and laughter, I hope you will take a moment to share what you are grateful for.

As for me, I am grateful for the special family we have here at CIRI—our Shareholders and Descendants, Board of Directors and employees. Each and every one of us plays a special role in our corporation. Our Elders bring wisdom and perspective, and our young people bring new energy and fresh ideas. Our diversity is our strength, and I feel immense pride in the way we have worked over the last 50 years to make CIRI not only a financial success, but a united and visionary leader that serves as a cultural champion for Alaska Native people.

This issue of the Raven's Circle is all about sharing and how we work together to uplift and empower our people and strengthen our communities. As you read through this issue, I encourage you to consider how you might contribute to your own community.

One common misconception people have about charity and giving back is that it's only for those who have a lot to spare—time, money or both. But it can be as simple as shopping locally, donating gently used items to a charitable organization

such as the Salvation Army or Goodwill Industries, or bringing a meal to an elderly neighbor.

If you or someone you know needs help during the holidays or at any 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.

If you live in the Anchorage area, Cook Inlet Tribal Council—a CIRI tribally designated organization—serves families in immediate need with financial support for living expenses, housing and connections to employment, child-care services and transportation. For more information, call (907) 793-3132.

Wishing you a blessed and joyous holiday season.

Warm regards,

Sophie Minich
CIRI President and CEO

APPLY NOW: 2023 NEXT GEN DAY

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: 2023
NEXT GEN DAY WILL BE HELD
MONDAY, JAN. 16!**

CIRI Shareholders and Descendants ages 10-17 are invited to:

- Learn about CIRI, connect with staff, and explore opportunities available to young Shareholders and Descendants.
- Engage in Alaska Native culture activities.
- Play games and win prizes!
- All attendees will receive a custom gift box.

2023 Next Gen Day will include in-person and virtual options. The application deadline is Jan. 6, 2023. For more information, scan the QR code or visit ciri.com/nextgen.



BOARD CORNER

CIRI explores the question of open enrollment

By CIRI Board Chair Doug Fifer

One of the key mandates of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) was the formation of 12 land-based, for-profit Alaska Native regional corporations that would represent 12 geographic regions of the state. ANCSA would provide seed capital and land to each corporation, and Alaska Native people born by the enactment date (Dec. 18, 1971) would enroll in regional and/or village corporations, receiving 100 shares of stock.

I was born in 1971 and am therefore one of the youngest original enrollees of CIRI. The only way to become a Shareholder today is to receive stock through gifting or inheritance.

Over the years, Shareholders of six of the 12 regional corporations—Ahtna Incorporated, Arctic Slope Regional Corp., Calista Corp., Doyon, Limited, NANA Regional Corp. and Sealaska Corp.—have voted to open enrollment and issue stock to Descendants of original Shareholders.

The benefits of open enrollment are clear: Descendants born after Dec. 18, 1971, have access to ownership of the corporation and, in some ways, this strengthens their connection with their cultural heritage. There are also other benefits to becoming a Shareholder, such as receiving distributions and voting in board elections. On the other hand, opening enrollment can significantly impact current Shareholders. For example, increasing the outstanding shares of a company dilutes the ownership of

current Shareholders and directly affects distribution amounts.

In 2021, CIRI conducted an in-depth survey to assess the thoughts and opinions of Shareholders and Descendants related to certain aspects of our corporation, including whether to open our rolls. Support for open enrollment has increased slightly since CIRI's 2014 survey, with half of Shareholder survey participants—and more than three-quarters of Descendants—now indicating support for open enrollment.

However, Shareholders who indicated support for opening enrollment are split on how much they are willing to reduce their distributions to accomplish this. If a corporation opens enrollment, the same amount of profits are shared among a larger number of people, thus reducing the amount Shareholders receive from their distributions. Other concerns include increased administrative costs for CIRI, which would impact annual net income, and more votes being cast, which would diminish the weight of an individual's voting power.

In focus groups, Elders questioned and discussed open enrollment. They wanted CIRI to look closely at open enrollment from all angles and understand the potential benefits and drawbacks.

At this time, based on results from the survey and focus groups, and after in-depth review and analysis, the CIRI Board of Directors has elected not to pursue open enrollment. As always, Shareholders may transfer stock through gifting or



inheritance, which allows the number of outstanding shares of the corporation to remain constant. CIRI was created to transcend generations, and gifting shares to the next generation ensures the future success of our corporation. Many CIRI benefits—including access to education, hiring preference, Shareholder and Descendant programs, and discounts—are available to CIRI Descendants, regardless of Shareholder status.

The conversation about open enrollment is an ongoing dialogue that the CIRI Board of Directors intends to continue with Shareholders and Descendants in the coming years. We realize that attitudes and circumstances change over time, and your corporation is committed to providing and supporting opportunities for all CIRI stakeholders. Opening enrollment is a decision that will ultimately be decided by CIRI's voting Shareholders. Your Board and executive team are aware of both the pros and cons of such a decision.

My fellow Directors and I are always open to feedback, questions and suggestions. Please feel free to reach out to us directly at board@ciri.com.

IMPORTANT 2022 FINANCIAL UPDATE

CIRI finances impacted by market volatility

By CIRI Chief Financial Officer Daniel Mitchell

2022 will be defined by challenges stemming from geopolitical uncertainty, rising inflation and Federal Reserve interest-rate hikes. The cost of capital for U.S. firms are at the highest level in a decade, negatively impacting the value of CIRI's investments in marketable securities. Ultimately, the challenges experienced by CIRI's marketable securities portfolio will negatively impact the Company's 2022 net income, Shareholders' equity and distributions to Shareholders.

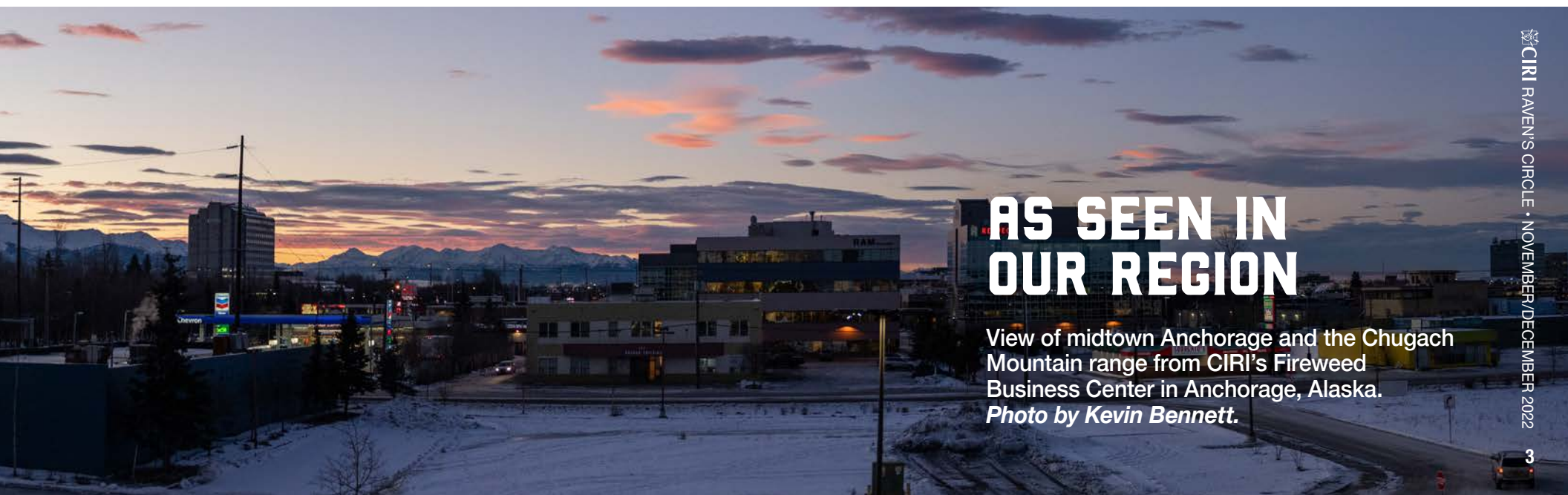
Coming off strong market performance over the last three years, with record returns in 2021, CIRI's portfolio is well positioned to withstand the challenges brought about by this year's market volatility.

The Company delivered healthy financial performance over the last three years despite significant headwinds from the COVID-19 pandemic, a contentious presidential election and the subsequent change in administration. Between 2019 and 2021, CIRI's marketable securities portfolio brought in operating income of over \$62 million. With 2022's unfortunate market performance, this specific portfolio is forecasted to see losses that will claw back much of the marketable security gains reflected in the previous three years. Some of this year's portfolio losses have the potential for recovery in the future, highlighting the importance of CIRI's long-term investment strategy.



Excluding marketable securities, the Company's projected net income is in line with expectations, helping to mitigate losses from this business segment.

CIRI and our auditors will be compiling the Company's financial results in the first quarter of 2023 and will report our final 2022 financial performance in the upcoming Annual Report.



AS SEEN IN OUR REGION

View of midtown Anchorage and the Chugach Mountain range from CIRI's Fireweed Business Center in Anchorage, Alaska. Photo by Kevin Bennett.



RECIPE

LASAGNA WITH MOOSE BOLOGNESE

RECIPE BY CIRI SHAREHOLDER NIKKI GRAHAM (YUP'IK), DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND HUMAN RESOURCES, ALASKA NATIVE HERITAGE CENTER

This recipe is inspired by the people of Tyonek, Alaska, and the Tyonek Tribal Conservation District's Tyonek Grown program. For a step-by-step video demonstration, view the recipe portion of the 2022 Friendship Potlatch by scanning the QR code or visiting ciri.com/potlatch.



BOLOGNESE SAUCE:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 carrots, finely diced
- 2 celery stalks, finely diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1½ pounds ground moose or beef
- ½ pound ground Italian sausage
- 2 cups dry red wine, such as cabernet or merlot, or use beef broth
- 2 28-ounce cans peeled tomatoes (San Marzano preferred)
- 3 heaping tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- ½ teaspoon sugar
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Red chili flakes, to taste

TO ASSEMBLE THE LASAGNA:

- 2 cups ricotta and/or cottage cheese
- 1 egg
- 1 cup shredded parmesan cheese
- 1 cup shredded low-moisture part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 13 ounces no-boil/oven-ready lasagna sheets
- 17 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, sliced
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, for topping (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Brown ground moose meat/beef and Italian sausage. Drain fat if necessary and set meat aside.
2. Sauté onion, carrot and celery over medium heat until soft. Season with salt and pepper and red chili flakes.
3. Add garlic and tomato paste to the sautéed vegetables. Deglaze with red wine or beef broth and let simmer until liquid has reduced.
4. Stir in tomatoes, browned meat and Italian sausage. Simmer, uncovered, for about 90 minutes, stirring occasionally.
5. While meat sauce is cooking, in a bowl, mix ricotta, egg, salt and pepper, oregano and basil.
6. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9x13-inch cooking dish.
7. To assemble lasagna, spread a thin layer of Bolognese on the bottom of the baking dish. Arrange noodles over the sauce. Spread with half the ricotta cheese mixture. Top with fresh mozzarella slices. Spoon more meat sauce over mozzarella, and sprinkle with shredded parmesan and mozzarella cheeses. Repeat layers, and top with remaining shredded parmesan and mozzarella cheeses.
8. Cover lasagna with foil. To prevent sticking, either spray foil with cooking spray or make sure the foil does not touch the cheese.
9. Bake in preheated oven for 25 minutes. Remove the foil and bake for an additional 20-35 minutes or until lasagna is done. Rest lasagna 15 minutes before serving.



2023 BOARD RECRUITMENT

APPLICATIONS DUE JAN. 9, 2023

There are five seats on the CIRI Board of Directors up for election in 2023, two of which will have no incumbent. Voting CIRI Shareholders who are 18+ years of age and meet certain other requirements are encouraged to apply! In selecting the Board-recommended slate, the CIRI Board looks for individuals:

- With demonstrated decision-making, leadership and communication skills.
- Who are committed to preserving and perpetuating Alaska Native culture and heritage and protecting and maintaining CIRI-owned land and resources.
- Who have a college degree or equivalent business experience and a strong understanding of business and basic financial knowledge.



Candidate nominee applications are due Jan. 9, 2023. For more information and an application, visit ciri.com/board or scan the QR code.

2022 VIRTUAL FRIENDSHIP POTLATCH

CIRI.COM/POTLATCH

CIRI's annual Friendship Potlatch is available online! Log on from anywhere in the world to enjoy a village visit to Tyonek, recipe demonstration, prize drawings and more! The recording is available at ciri.com/potlatch or scan the QR code.



IMPORTANT DATES

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| DEC. 23, 2022- JAN. 2, 2023 | Christmas and New Year's holidays: CIRI offices closed |
| DEC. 31, 2022 | Quarterly participation prize-drawing deadlines: confirmed Descendant, direct deposit, eNewsletter, GreenLink, Qenek, Stock Will |
| JAN. 6, 2023 | Deadline to apply to CIRI Next Gen Day |
| JAN. 9, 2023 | CIRI Board-recommended slate application deadline: 3 p.m. |
| JAN. 16, 2023 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day; CIRI Next Gen Day |
| JAN. 30, 2023 | CIRI Board write-in candidate information packets available no later than today (visit ciri.com/board-election for details). |
| JAN. 31, 2023 | Youth Educational Incentive Drawing deadline: 3 p.m. AKST; IRS Forms 1099 mailed to Shareholders no later than today (available in Qenek sooner) |
| FEB. 15, 2023 | CIRI Board write-in candidate packet deadline: 12 p.m. AKST |
| FEB. 16, 2023 | Elizabeth Peratrovich Day |
| FEB. 20, 2023 | Elizabeth Peratrovich Day (observed): CIRI offices closed |
| FEB. 27, 2023 | CST Elders Distribution direct deposit deadline |
| MARCH 3, 2023 | CST Elders Distribution change of address deadline |

TRADITIONAL FOODS

With Chef Amy Foote

This fall, CIRI staff were treated to a traditional foods presentation and cooking demonstration by Amy Foote, executive chef at the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC). The Raven's Circle sat down with Chef Amy to discuss the challenges and rewards of sourcing traditional ingredients, the role of diet in disease prevention and management, and connecting with culture through food.

Where did you grow up? Were you raised in or around Indigenous culture?

I grew up in Idaho, and there are many Indigenous people in that area. My family relied heavily on growing and harvesting. But it was really when I came to Alaska that I learned about plants not only as food, but as medicine. There are so many folks along the way who have shared their knowledge with me, such as Meda DeWitt (Tlingit traditional healer) and Dr. Gary Ferguson (Unangax[^]). Anytime anybody will let me come and learn, then I'm there. I'm all over it.

What interested you specifically in cooking and the culinary arts?

I hold an associate degree in culinary arts from Boise State University, and I worked in hotels and freestanding restaurants and lodges over the years. When you're a restaurant chef, it's all about how the food looks and tastes. At ANMC, those things are important too, but it's also about where your food comes from, what emotions it conjures up, and how it honors

your ancestry. I feel gifted to have been given this opportunity.

What are some of the specific challenges associated with working in a hospital?

One is volume—we serve about 5,000 meals out of our kitchen per day. We've got a lot going on, a lot of moving parts and pieces. And in a hospital, they take away all your "cheats"—your salt, fat, sugar. We have to figure out how to create healing, nutrient-dense foods that also taste good. We use marine plants that have natural sea salt instead of boxes of kosher salt. Fruits and berries for sweetness.

Can you tell us about ANMC's donation program for hunted and gathered foods?

We create our menus using about 60% traditional ingredients. Our traditional foods program is seasonal, much like a subsistence lifestyle. Some years we get herring eggs, and some years we don't. We haven't gotten a moose donation this year and last year we were heavy in moose. Last year we had one caribou, and this year we've had seven. It doesn't have to be the whole fish, the whole animal—we'll take the bones, the organs, the head. If you fish and you don't keep your heads and your eggs and your spines, you can donate them to the hospital. We're always thinking creatively about how we can stretch an ingredient.

More than one-third of CIRI's Shareholders live outside Alaska. Do you have advice for people who want to connect with culture



ANMC Executive Chef Amy Foote (left) with Sous Chef Nichole Thoms. Photo by Kevin Bennett.

through food who live outside the state?

There are Indigenous peoples throughout North America, so the key is learning the culture and the environment you're in. The other way is to purchase things. Seaweed farming is huge right now. You can purchase jams, jellies, teas, smoked and cured fish, dried meat. There are a lot of opportunities to highlight Indigenous foods, but there are challenges too. Many traditional recipes aren't written down, which makes it even more important to stay connected with family and culture because so much knowledge is passed down through word of mouth.

If you are interested in donating hunted or gathered foods to the inpatient food service program at the Alaska Native Medical Center, call (907) 729-2682 or email nativefood4life@anmc.org.

For more information, including a list of accepted donations and a current "wish list," visit anmc.org/donating-traditional-foods-for-anmc-patients

SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT: TAYLER HIGGINS

Growing up, CIRI Shareholder Tayler Tanginiq Higgins (Yup'ik, Dena'ina Athabascan and Unangax[^]) was affectionally called the "Rondy princess" by her mother. She was born Feb. 27, 2003, at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Her birthdate coincided with the Fur Rendezvous winter festival (known to locals as Fur Rondy) and the ceremonial start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Nineteen years later, when Tayler was encouraged by Emily Edenshaw (Yup'ik and Inupiaq), executive director of the Alaska Native Heritage Center, to compete for the 2022 Rondy Royalty team as the Heritage Ambassador, "I couldn't really say no," she laughed.

Tayler is connected to CIRI through her mother, Teresa Suzanne Thiele, and her maternal grandmother, Flora Meehan (Oskolkoff) Thiele, whose family hails from Ninilchik. Tayler's father, the late Michael Higgins, was Cherokee, with family that originated from Oklahoma.

Tayler grew up in Anchorage, a self-described "urban Native." "We had family photos and Native art on the walls, but I didn't grow up going to fish camp or connecting with important cultural activities," she explained. "But from a very young age, I had the drive to find out more about my Native heritage. My mother had created a binder of my grandmother's paperwork related to her involvement with the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), Alaska Federation of Natives, Alaska Native Sisterhood, CIRI and her village corporation."

"My grandmother was an outstanding

leader, and she had an important role in Native community," Tayler enthused. "She was never afraid to use her voice, and she was passionate about tribal sovereignty and land rights for Alaska Native people. My grandmother passed away before I was born, and I always wondered—what was her goal, in the end? She remains my greatest inspiration."

Tayler attended classes through the Anchorage School District's Title VI Indian Education program, which offers academic assistance, counseling and cultural enrichment to Alaska Native/American Indian (AN/AI) students. There, she connected with other Native students and learned to make traditional foods, bead and skin-sew. Though Tayler said she's "really big on self-confidence—I love myself and I'm proud of everything I am," she faced racial discrimination, especially in elementary school. "The kids could be really mean," she recalled. "And in my Indian Education classes, because I have light skin and blue eyes, I wasn't seen as 'Native enough.' But I don't let that define me, because living my culture and representing my Native heritage is what matters."

"I'm one-quarter Native, but in the future, I hope to see the blood quantum requirement dropped (for enrollment in most Alaska Native corporations)," Tayler continued. "I understand why it was needed for ANCSA—they needed a baseline for enrollment—but we're human beings and shouldn't be reduced to an arbitrary requirement that has its roots in colonialism."

Tayler graduated from East Anchorage High School in 2021. She was already a youth intern with Cook Inlet Tribal Council's (CITC) Youth Service Program, which offers support for high-school students and recent graduates and assists them in finding employment, furthering education and identifying leadership-development opportunities. Tayler went on to intern with CITC's Alaska's People and was selected as one of five outstanding young people to serve on CITC's Youth Advisory Council, which aims to bring new perspective, voice and direction



to the programs and services offered by CITC. In 2021, through CITC's Internship Partner Program, she was offered an executive assistant position at the Alaska Native Heritage Center (ANHC).

A CIRI-affiliated nonprofit organization, ANHC is an educational and cultural institution that serves Alaskans and tourists alike by sharing permanent Alaska Native collections and offering year-round programs. Serving a five-month stint as ANHC Executive Director Emily Edenshaw's assistant was "a wonderful opportunity," Tayler said. "Emily is inspiring, she leads with her heart, and I'm so glad to have learned from her. She's the one who told me about the Fur Rondy Heritage Ambassador opportunity and encouraged me to apply."

Since 2018, an outstanding Alaska Native young woman has been selected as a Heritage Ambassador to help preserve the

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IN MEMORY



DANIEL GENE AMIDON, 60

Daniel Gene Amidon passed away Sept. 20 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Amidon was born Dec. 26, 1961, in Anchorage. He was an avid hunter and active participant in both the Native Youth Olympic Games and Arctic Winter Games, with many trophies to show for his achievements. Mr. Amidon is survived by his wife, Jamielyn Amidon; daughter, Megan Amidon; son, Braden (Veronica) Amidon; stepdaughters, Brandee (Johnny) Lynn and Tiffanee (Keith) Beazer; stepson, Vance Cadiente; father, Gene Amidon; sisters, Dana (Clay) Chapman, Tanya (Max) Dolchok, Teresa (Jeff) Grenz and Dyan (Alex) Rivera; and 12 grandchildren.

DENA WILLIAMS COOPER, 76

Dena Williams Cooper passed away Nov. 15, 2021, at home in Houston, Alaska. Ms. Cooper was born June 3, 1945, in Uvalde, Texas. She is survived by her children, Samantha, Ross and Phil Stanley; grandson, Adam Diaz; niece, Jessica Gallagas; and nephew, Colby Davis.



JUAN EUGENE DELA CRUZ SR., 76

Juan Eugene Dela Cruz Sr. passed away Sept. 25 at home in San Antonio. Mr. Dela Cruz was born Nov. 14, 1945, in Seattle. He was employed in Anchorage by both the U.S. Department of Defense and Alaska Native Medical Center before retiring to San Antonio. His family remembers him as someone who dedicated his life to the betterment and happiness of his family and was passionate about being a father and grandfather. Mr. Dela Cruz is survived by his children, David Dela Cruz, Alicia Lopez and Chris Dela Cruz; sister, Fran Charles; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

MARY ANN ROSE FRANE, 86

Mary Ann Rose Frane passed away Aug. 11 at home in Everett, Wash. Ms. Frane was born May 10, 1936, in Juneau, Alaska. She is survived by Anthony Mitchell Frane, Thomas Edward Frane and Cheri Michele Haarstad.

DANIEL P. GRABER, 62

Daniel P. Graber passed away Oct. 18 at home in Ogden, Utah. Mr. Graber was born Dec. 13, 1959, in Anchorage. He is survived by his wife, Jackie Graber; sons, Joseph, Joshua and Daniel; and grandchildren, John and Max.



FRANCIS B. HALDANE, 94

Francis B. Haldane passed away May 11, 2021, at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Haldane was born June 21, 1926, in Metlakatla, Alaska. He is survived by his children, Mark Haldane, Sandra Haldane-Anderson, Steven Haldane, Corbin Haldane and Mona Kinder; and sisters, Eleanor McGlothlin and Florence Bradford.

GLENN W. MCCONNELL JR., 50

Glenn W. McConnel Jr. passed away Sept. 20 at Red Dog Mine in Alaska. Mr. McConnell was born Dec. 17, 1971, in Anchorage. He is survived by his daughter, Sharon A.H. McConnell; and siblings, Scott McConnell, Nancy McConnell, Kathleen Stuckey, Heidi McConnell, Brandon McConnell, David McConnell Sr. and Glenn McConnell III.

ERNEST ROSS MULLER, 71

Ernest Ross Muller passed away Sept. 2 at home in Pasco, Wash. Mr. Muller was born Sept. 28, 1950, in Teller, Alaska. He is survived by his niece, Robin Ann Murphy.



SHERWIN ELTON OUTWATER, 40

Sherwin Elton Outwater passed away Sept. 25 at Norton Sound Health Corporation in Nome, Alaska. Mr. Outwater was born April 7, 1982, in Nome, Alaska. He is survived by his children, Keanan Douglas, Brandon Ross, Frank Adam, Elton Cabinboy and Lottie Roseann; siblings, Frank Outwater Jr., Cynthia (Harry) Karmun, Ricky (Judith Alvanna) Outwater and Ross (Crystal) Outwater; half-brother, Kooper (Annette) Piscocoy; nieces, Jessie, Traci, Erica, Becca, Carly, Caty and Meghann; nephews, Joey, Wyatt, Baby Harry, Arthur, Johnny, Owen, Ryan, Benny, Cameron and Andy; great-nieces, Ella, Danielle, Alaina, Morgan and Charley; uncles, Jerry, Jim, Donny, Kenny, Dickie Moto Sr., and Fred and Wilbur Davis; aunts, Debbie Greene, Debbie Scott, Marlenevv Moto-Karl, Beverly Moto, Debra Russ and Sally Johnson; and friends, Cliff, Clayton, Clinton, Christian and Matt.



ROBERT FRANKLIN PERRY SR., 79

Robert Franklin Perry Sr. passed away Oct. 7 at home in Anchorage. Mr. Perry was born April 1, 1943, in Nome, Alaska. He is survived by his sisters, Mary Irene Iyatunguk and Bertha Louise Perry; and many nieces and nephews.

MARIAN ROBERTSON, 77

Marian Robertson passed away July 6 at Watermark Care Facility in Albuquerque, N.M. Ms. Robertson was born Sept. 11, 1943, in Juneau, Alaska. She is survived by her children, Terri Barrett, Dannielle Metcalf and Erik Olsen.



NICK LEON SACALOFF, 38

Nick Leon Sacaloff passed away Sept. 18 in Fairbanks, Alaska. Mr. Sacaloff was born Sept. 5, 1984, in Soldotna, Alaska. In addition to being a CIRI Shareholder, he was an enrolled citizen of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe and a shareholder of Salamatof Native Association. His family said he was very proud of his sobriety journey and was considering advocacy work so that he might be able to use his own journey and struggles to help others. Mr. Sacaloff is survived by his siblings, Jon Matthew Sacaloff and Jesse, Rosie and Lilly Babcock; and many cousins and friends.

PAULINE ALURAC SCOTT, 81

Pauline Alurac Scott passed away April 14 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Scott was born July 2, 1940, in King Island, Alaska. She is survived by her granddaughter, Rebecca Scott; daughters, Catherine Mutchler, Diane Scott and Linda Kimoktoak; and adopted son, Michael Thomas.



JAMES OLIVER SEGURA SR., 82

James Oliver Segura Sr. passed away Oct. 1 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Segura was born Jan. 24, 1940, in Kenai, Alaska.

JAMES OLIVER SEGURA SR., 82 - CONTINUED

In 2022, he retired from the board of Southcentral Foundation (SCF) after 40 years of service. He was a founding member of the SCF board as well as its chair. For his leadership in health care, Mr. Segura received CIRI's Shareholder of the Year Award (2005), earned national accolades as the National Indian Health Board's (NIHB) Regional Impact Award recipient (2010) and received NIHB's Native Public Health Innovation Award (2019). He is survived by his wife, Linda Segura; children, James Segura Jr., Dale Segura, David Segura and Victoria Segura-Kelly; grandchildren, James Segura III, Tristen Segura, Teresa Thompson, Seth Segura, Gabriel Segura, Harmony Segura, Cody Kelly, Ashley Segura, Kimberly Segura and Jessica Segura; and siblings, William Segura, Richard Segura and Clare Swan.

CORA E. SIMMONDS, 86

Cora E. Simmonds passed away July 13, 2021, at home in Atkasuk, Alaska. Ms. Simmonds was born May 20, 1935, in Beechy Point, Alaska. She is survived by her sister, Elizabeth Hollingsworth; and children, Mary Kay Bodfish and Jerry, Nathaniel R., Roberta R., Isaac L. and Henry Simmonds.

NANCY ANN STILL, 92

Nancy Ann Still passed away Sept. 2 at Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna, Alaska. Ms. Still was born July 20, 1930, in Palmer, Alaska. She is survived by her children, Sandra Sturdy, Donald Taylor, Bonnie Mitchell and Randy Taylor.

HEATHER L. SUMMERS, 57

Heather L. Summers passed away Sept. 13 at home in Moon Township, Pa. Ms. Summers was born Feb. 14, 1965, in Juneau, Alaska. She is survived by her husband, Jeffrey A. Olander; daughters, Madison L. Olander and Mackenzie J. Olander; sister, Robin A. Murphy; and mother, Betty L. Bragg.

TIMOTHY SHELDON WHEATLEY, 78

Timothy Sheldon Wheatley passed away June 9 at St. Peter's Hospital in Helena, Mont. Mr. Wheatley was born June 15, 1943, in Salem, Ore. He is survived by his sons, Timothy R. Wheatley, Ty Wheatley and Troy R. Wheatley; and siblings, Lorelei Wheatley Miksch and Morris Wheatley.

KAREN FREDA WILSON, 77

Karen Freda Wilson passed away July 20 at home in Kenai, Alaska. Ms. Wilson was born Oct. 6, 1944, in Juneau, Alaska. She is survived by Kathaleen Ann Anderson, Richard Henegan Jr. and Rudy Wilson.

ROBERT CARL WILSON, 73

Robert Carl Wilson passed away Aug. 18 at home in Kenai, Alaska. Mr. Wilson was born Nov. 2, 1948, in Anchorage. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and worked in the Kenaitze Indian Tribe educational fishery. Mr. Wilson is survived by his sisters, Julia Wilson and Dorothy "Dottie" Lecceardone; brother-in-law, William Segura Sr.; and his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

SHARON L. YATES, 60

Sharon L. Yates passed away April 22, in Needles, Calif. Ms. Yates was born Nov. 8, 1961, in Anchorage. She is survived by her sons, Darryn Valentine Jr., Justin Valentine, Ryan Greiling and Keith Greiling.

CONDOLENCES

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TAMMY LOWANN BAKER, 54

BERNADINE DIANE BALORA, 54

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LEAH KRISTINE CASEY, 33

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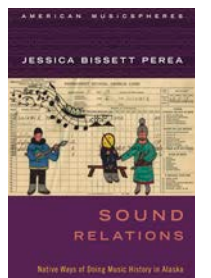
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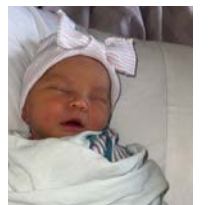
BOOK RELEASE: JESSICA BISSETT PEREA

Congratulations to CIRI Shareholder Jessica Bissett Perea (Dena'ina Athabascan), who recently published her first book, "Sound Relations: Native Ways of Doing Music History in Alaska" (Oxford University Press, 2021). The book delves into histories of Inuit musical life in Alaska to amplify the broader significance of sound as integral to Indigenous self-determination and resurgence movements. The cover art is by Dustin Newman (Unangax̣/Deg Hit'an).



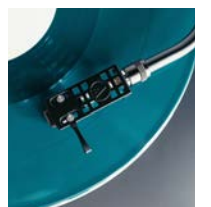
BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: HUNTER AVA STANDIFER

CIRI Shareholder Randy Standifer Jr. and Elizabeth Willis are pleased to announce their birth of their daughter, Hunter Ava Standifer. Little Hunter was born Aug. 31 weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and measuring 19.5 inches in length.



MUSIC RELEASE: TROY HILLS

Congratulations to CIRI Shareholder Troy Hills on the release of his song, "Count to One." The song has been uploaded to YouTube and may be viewed at youtu.be/LWvCxbHIMm8



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SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT: TAYLER HIGGINS

tradition and Alaska Native spirit of the Fur Rendezvous celebration. She serves with the Royal Court and is involved with community events and volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

"Before I went before the judges, Emily told me, 'Your ancestors are living through you. Be proud. Act as if the title is already yours. Answer the questions from the bottom of your heart.' Ultimately, I think that's why I was selected. I was the youngest of the finalists and I had never done pageants. But I wanted to bring something new to the table—let them know why Native voices are important and how I can advocate for my community using my platform."

In addition to serving out the remainder of her term as the 2022 Fur Rondy Heritage Ambassador, Tayler is pursuing a degree in business management from the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA). She is involved with UAA's Native student council and Native student advocacy

group and was recently selected as an ambassador for the Arctic Youth Ambassadors Program, which seeks to elevate youth voices in international arenas, empower future leaders and build greater understanding about life in the arctic. In November, she attended the White House Tribal Nations Summit in Washington, D.C., where she spoke about the mental-health challenges facing rural Alaskans.

As for the future, at only 19 years of age, Tayler plans to compete for the Miss Alaska and Miss World Eskimo Indian Olympics titles. She is looking toward graduate school and considering a career in politics. Tayler is especially passionate about leadership and opportunities for Alaska Native youth. "Lend your voice; get in touch with your community. Volunteer. Network. Put your face and your name out there," Tayler emphasized. "Your ancestors are guiding you. It's a privilege and an honor to carry on their legacy and traditions."

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