GET OUT THE NATIVE VOTE

The U.S. General Election is Tuesday, Nov. 3!

What you need to know:
The U.S. general election is your opportunity to make a difference in your community, state and country!

Alaska Native peoples were not granted citizenship and the right to vote until 1924. Soon after, the Alaska Legislature implemented a requirement that voters be able to read and write the English language, effectively blocking many Alaska Native peoples from voting.

Voting rights acts passed in 1945 and 1965 helped lessen discrimination against Alaska Native voters, and the English literacy requirement for voting was eliminated in 1970. However, over the last three decades, Alaska Native peoples have continued to fight for voting access. Alaska’s geography, language diversity and transportation challenges have all continued to present barriers to voting. As recently as 2019, battles were fought to ensure that all Alaskans, including Alaska Native peoples living in rural areas, have easy access to polling places and to materials in their Native languages.

Many Alaska Native and American Indian leaders have worked tirelessly to gain and protect our right to vote. Honor their efforts by making your voice heard in the U.S. general election on Tuesday, Nov. 3!

How can I find out whether I’m registered?
Each state makes its own voting rules, including how to confirm your registration. Check with your state or local election office to get the most detailed and up-to-date information for where you live.

The State of Alaska’s voter registration lookup tool can be found at myvoteregistration.alaska.gov. Simply enter your name and location to check your voter status, including your polling place and vote-by-mail (absentee) ballot status.

Early voting and absentee voting by mail in Alaska

Alaskans have two options for early voting: absentee by mail and in person. Completed absentee ballots may be returned by mail and must be postmarked and received on or before Tuesday, Nov. 3. If mailed, you must affix 55-cent postage (one Forever stamp) to the front of the envelope. Voted ballots may also be delivered to any Division of Elections office or voting location and must be received by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3.
A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT
Sophie Minich, CIRI President and Chief Executive Officer

I truly missed seeing our shareholders and their families at this year’s Friendship Potlatches. I will also miss seeing many of you at the CIRI Holiday Craft Bazaar, an annual event typically held the first Saturday in December.

With all that is going on in the world, it is vital to connect with one another by celebrating culture and sharing traditions. And with the holiday season quickly approaching, it is even more important to maintain a sense of closeness with those we care about.

While not a substitute for in-person human contact, there are thankfully many ways to stay connected while keeping ourselves, and others, safe. The University of Maryland Medical System has compiled a list of ways to electronically socialize with friends and loved ones without leaving your house:

- **Facebook**: In addition to sharing statuses and commenting on someone’s wall or newsfeed, there is Facebook Messaging, which can be between two people or a whole group, allowing for a chat or texting option. Facebook also has a new feature called Watch Party. In this feature, the host can pick out a queue of Facebook videos and line them up for the party. The host invites friends (other friends can join later, too) and they can see and hear each other, as well as comment on the videos.

- **Facetime**: For Apple devices (iPad, iPhone and iPod touch) there is the Facetime option, which allows users to connect with friends and family anywhere in the world.

- **Google Hangouts**: Hangouts is a free smartphone app or Google Chrome Extension, which can be used for messaging or free video or voice calls with one person or a whole group. Unlike Facetime, it can be used on any kind of smartphone and even has fun features like photos, stickers and emojis.

- **Skype**: Another free tool that can be used for video calls, chatting or conference calls, Skype can be used on a computer as an app, through the web, or as a smartphone or tablet app.

- **Zoom**: Traditionally a business meeting tool, Zoom is also useful for conference calls or a video call for some face-to-face time.

Of course, web-based options are not always practical or possible. Computers and mobile devices cost money, and internet connectivity may be unavailable or unreliable, especially in rural Alaska. Chief among those who may lack access to digital technologies are our Elders.

This holiday season and throughout the winter, along with staying connected with your own families and loved ones, I invite you to reach out to an Elder who may be in need. In addition to a friendly phone call or email, they may need help with food and pharmacy needs, rides to the doctor, home maintenance or entertainment.

Warm regards,

Sophie Minich

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BOARD CORNER
A Message from CIRI Director Jeffrey Gonnason

My name is Jeffrey Gonnason. I am Haida and an original CIRI enrollee. It has been my honor to serve as a CIRI Director since 2004.

I was raised in Ketchikan and Craig, Alaska, where I spent summers fishing and singing and dancing traditional Alaska Native songs with my relatives. I was taught that we are family supporting one another and sharing cultural values. My family moved to Anchorage after the 1964 earthquake and my mother, brother and I received our CIRI shares when we enrolled with the corporation after the passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act in 1971.

I studied engineering and broadcasting at college in Washington and Oregon and went on to earn my Doctor of Optometry degree in optometry in several Bush villages and the Alaska Native hospital before opening my own optometry practice in 1976. I recently sold the practice and retired, though I frequently fill in as an associate for the new owner.

And retired, though I frequently fill in as an associate for the new owner. Since education played such an important role in my own life, I became a founding director of The CIRI Foundation (TCF) in 1982 and currently serve as its board chair. The education of Our People has always been important to me, because education is truly the best way to raise our quality of life. TCF has produced dramatic results, and many of our scholarship recipients are your current and future leaders. I am very proud of TCF and all its accomplishments on behalf of CIRI over the years.

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2021 BOARD RECRUITMENT

The CIRI Nominating Committee is seeking CIRI shareholders interested in nomination to the 2021 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, objectivity and integrity. Familiarity with the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act 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.

Cook Inlet Housing Authority, part of the CIRI family of nonprofit organizations, is looking for pen pals to correspond with Elders. If you are interested in this opportunity you can do so from the comfort and safety of your own home. Contact Resident Engagement Coordinator Christine Adams at cadams@cookinlethousing.org.

Warm regards,
Where do I vote?
You can find out which voting location has been assigned to you by looking up your voter registration information at myvoterinformation.alaska.gov. All you need is your name and current address: current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or another government-issued document. If you are unable to provide ID, you will still be able to vote a questioned ballot.

What do I need to bring?
A current and valid ID that has your name, photo and signature, such as a driver’s license or passport, or a voter ID card or hunting or fishing license. You may also present one of the following forms of ID if it includes your name and current address: current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or another government-issued document. If you are unable to provide ID, you will still be able to vote a questioned ballot.

What considerations are there for voters with special needs?
Touch-screen voting units will be in each polling location and don’t take it off until you leave. Keep your nose and mouth covered, and don’t touch your face.

What are the rules for voting?
If you choose to vote in person, either early or on election day, or drop off (as opposed to mail) an absentee ballot, keep these health and safety tips in mind:
• Practice physical distancing. Keep at least 6 feet of distance from others.
• Wear a mask. Put it on before arriving at the polling location and don’t take it off until you leave.
• Wash your hands. Whenever possible, wash your hands, especially after touching surfaces or items that others may have touched. If possible, bring hand sanitizer with you.
• Don’t bring anyone of non-voting age with you to your polling location and try to go during non-peak hours (polls tend to be busiest first thing in the morning, over lunch hours and after work).

Make your mark on history by voting in this year’s election! For the most comprehensive and up-to-date Alaska voter information, visit elections.alaska.gov.

2020 VIRTUAL POTLATCH
In lieu of our annual in-person gatherings, please join CIRI for a virtual Friendship Potlatch! This year’s theme is Together Apart. The pre-recorded Potlatch will feature entertainment, cultural elements and messages that others may have touched. If possible, bring hand sanitizer with you to your polling location and try to go during non-peak hours (polls tend to be busiest first thing in the morning, over lunch hours and after work).

KOAHNIC BROADCAST CORPORATION
As the media center for Alaska Native and Native American voices, Koahnic Broadcast Corporation (KBC) delivers music programming, news and popular shows to a broad audience in Southcentral Alaska, with special attention given to Alaska Native peoples and other ethnic minorities.

“Koahnic” – which means “live air” in the Athabaskan dialect was founded in 1996. Through award-winning programs like “Native America Calling,” “National Native News” and “Indigenous Chronicles,” KBC brings Native voices to Alaska and the nation.

KBC pursues its mission through operation of three projects:
• National programming, a selection of radio programming broadcast by public and Tribal radio stations across the country;
• KNBA 90.3 FM, the first Native radio station located in an urban market; and
• Meetings, which are held biannually at KNBA’s offices and are open to the public.

In recent years, KBC has expanded its programming to include Rising Indigenous Voices Radio (the RIVR), a youth-oriented online radio stream that mixes cultural and educational content with music that appeals to teens and young adults. In 2017, KBC the RIVR was one of four youth and education charities chosen as a recipient of funds from the CIRI Golf Classic.

KBC and its subsidiaries won several 2019 Native Media Awards, including two awards for Alexis Stover for Indigenous “Definition of Resilience” project and three for reporter Antonia Gonzales, including for her coverage of the 2019 Alaska Federation of Natives Convention.

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“I struggled with the concepts. I was a 9-year-old, and what is a in teacher’s action is not meant for a 9-year-old. And I remember my mother’s eyes. She was just so patient, waiting for me, waiting for that first lesson. And I did manage to get to that first lesson. But I didn’t understand. And after half an hour, I looked at my mother and said, ‘I can’t do this, I don’t know how. ‘I saw her face just go down. ‘I think I think about it, is Yup’ik and Unangan.” Clara recalled.

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Birth Announcement
Conratulations Justin James who, along with partner Cory, welcomed son Jaxtin Grant James on June 12, 2018. In addition to being a CIRI shareholder, Justin is also a member of the Native Village of Afognak. Congratulations, Justin and Cory!

First Moose
CIRI shareholder Fred Eloosa Jr. is pleased to announce that MRIc. Eloosa, recently completed his first successful moose hunt, ending a 64 1/2 inch bull. Ishik is the great-grandson of former CIRI Board member, John Colberg and Fred H. Eloosa of Seldovia, Alaska. Congratulations, Ishik!

Graduation
Original CIRI shareholder Shyron and Mark John are pleased to announce the graduation of their daughter, Helen, from Central Washington University. Helen earned her bachelor’s degree in political science with a minor in American Indian studies in June. She spent her spring semester at George Washington University as a member of its Native American Political Leadership Program, which provides opportunities to study the public policy decision-making process, governmental functions and policies, and indigenous realities, Helen.

In Memoriam
Original CIRI shareholder Charlene Alex Shapawr recently completed a project honoring her father, the late Herbert Alex (Dena’ina Athabascan), who served as vice president of the Native Village of Eklutna from 1961 until his death in 1977. Alex also shared two other servicemen, Mr. Alex died in a military plane crash over the Wrangell Mountains in eastern Alaska. Their bodies remain at the crash site. In March, Ms. Shapraw contacted the Fort Richardson National Cemetery (FRNC) with a request for a memorial interment of her father. With FRNC’s

OCTOBER: CELEBRATING OUR ALASKA NATIVE HERITAGE

Alaska Native people have much to celebrate during the month of October!

Oct. 12 is Indigenous Peoples’ Day, which has replaced Columbus Day in 14 states, including Alaska, and the District of Columbia. The day is a celebration and acknowledgement of the nation’s Native populations, and it provides an opportunity to honor Indigenous communities and their resiliency in the face of colonization. Celebrations around Indigenous Peoples’ Day often include traditional foods, educational lectures, games, dances and songs.

Fittingly, Oct. 12 also marks the birthday of the late Peter Kalifornsky (Dena’ina Athabascan/Kenaitze), who was born in 1911 in Kalifornsky Village, Alaska. An original CIRI shareholder, Kalifornsky is best known as a writer and storyteller and the last Kenai Peninsula resident to speak the Dena’ina language. He is profiled in “Our Stories, Our Lives,” a publication of The CIRI Foundation, and was CIRI’s Shareholder of the Year in 1990. Kalifornsky won many awards during his lifetime, including Distinguished Humanist from the Alaska Humanities Forum in 1987 and Citizen of the Year from the Alaska Federation of Natives in 1990. His collected works, published in 1991, received a Book of the Year award from the Before Columbus Foundation. Audio recordings of Kalifornsky speaking the Dena’ina language are available on the Kenai Peninsula College website at web.kpc.alaska.edu/denaina.

Oct. 18 marks the anniversary of the first statewide Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Convention, which was held in 1966 in Anchorage. A major turning point that aided the formation of AFN was the assistance of the Chief of Tyonek village, Albert Kallos Jr. Tyonek had recently been awarded $13 million dollars from oil leases on its reserve, and the village provided most of the financing for the first AFN meeting. The annual Convention, which now alternates between Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska, serves as the principal forum and voice for the Alaska Native community in addressing critical issues of public policy and government. The first Convention consisted of over 250 Alaska Native peoples representing 17 organizations. AFN’s membership now includes 175 federally recognized tribes, 155 village corporations, 11 regional corporations, including CIRI, and 12 regional nonprofit and tribal consortiums. Its annual Convention attracts thousands of attendees from across Alaska and the nation.

Alaska Day, which signifies the 1867 formal transfer of Alaska from Russia to the U.S., is also celebrated Oct. 18. It is an official state holiday in Alaska, meaning schools and many businesses are closed. The Southeast Alaska city of Sitka celebrates Alaska Day in a big way, with a three-day festival that typically includes a costume ball, dance and other performances, a mayoral proclamation, parade and tea at the Sitka Pioneer Home.

2020 CIRI SHAREHOLDER, ELDER AND YOUTH AWARDS

ELDER OF THE YEAR
Virginia Wolf
Kenai, Alaska

Virginia Wolf (Athabascan) serves as a Tribal Court Judge for the Kenaitze Indian Tribe, where she presides over a range of cases in a culturally appropriate manner, including cases involving child protection and custody, domestic violence, and protection of Elders and vulnerable adults. An original CIRI enrollee, she has dedicated her life to caring for and helping her family and community.

Wolf has worked for the Kenaitze Indian Tribe’s educational fishery, instilling in younger generations an understanding of the importance of salmon and food sovereignty by teaching traditional methods of harvesting, filleting, processing and smoking salmon. She has helped youth learn about and honor tribal values, including contributing salmon to Elders and other tribal members in need.

Consistently stepping up when her community needs her, Wolf recently donated more than 600 hand-sewn face masks to the Kenaitze Indian Tribe’s Elder and Native Family and Social Services programs, the Kenaitze Wellness Center and others in need of protection during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SHAREHOLDER OF THE YEAR
Tammy Ashley
Anchorage, Alaska

Tammy Ashley (Aleut and Inupiaq), an original CIRI enrollee and lifelong Anchorage resident, currently serves as the director of program operations for the Alaska Native Justice Center (ANJC), a nonprofit organization that addresses Alaska Native peoples’ unmet needs within the Alaska civil and criminal justice system.

Under Ashley’s leadership, ANJC and the Alaska Federation of Natives partnered on two resolutions advocating for more rigorous sexual-assault laws and greater equality for victims, which prompted Alaska lawmakers to pass legislation to rectify sentencing loopholes and provide more protection against predators. In 2019, ANJC was selected as one of six organizations nationwide to be honored with a Paul H. Chapman Award from the Foundation for the Improvement of Justice.

ASHLEY has served on the boards of Alaska Native Heritage Month and the Alaska Native Professionals Association and as a committee member of ANCSA at 40. She currently serves on the board of Girl Scouts of Alaska and earlier this year was inducted into the Anchorage ATHENA Society.

YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD
Aleshaneh Nikita
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Aleshaneh Nikita (Athabascan) has long embraced dance as a way of expressing culture, including performing with the Aspen Santa Fe Ballet and successfully auditioning for the prestigious New Mexico School for the Arts, where she is enrolled in the gifted program, serves as an admissions ambassador and is regarded for her strong, focused and inspirational leadership style.

Nikita is connected to CIRI through her father, the late Daniel Nikita, and her grandmother, the late Katherine Theodore, both originally from Eklutna, Alaska. Along with exploring the cultures of her American Indian friends, Nikita shares what she has learned of her own Alaska Native heritage, including starting work on a documentary about Native culture. She has previously been honored for academic and athletic excellence by Native American Student Services, a program of Santa Fe Public Schools.

Having recently battled leukemia herself, Nikita displayed profound courage and drew on an unwavering connection to her culture as a source of strength.
2020 YOUTH ART CONTEST WINNERS

The Alaskan legend who has been most influential to me is...

Thank you to all our 2020 Youth Art Contest participants! Preserving and conveying the ideals passed down from our Alaskan legends and heroes enrich and enlighten the next generation. We appreciate the young artists who, through original works of art, shared their interpretations with us!

CATEGORY: 5-8 YEARS OF AGE

First place: James Mcheal-Lloyd Thorne, Yup’ik and Inupiaq
Child of Lyda Adena-Marie Thorne
Anchorage, Alaska

Second place: Fletcher Nathan Thorne, Yup’ik and Inupiaq
Child of Lyda Adena-Marie Thorne
Anchorage, Alaska

CATEGORY: 9-12 YEARS OF AGE

First place: Jayden Aria Kammeyer, Yup’ik and Inupiaq
Child of Johnnie Melody Kammeyer
Olympia, Wash.

Second place: Iris Bloom Garrick, Aleut
Child of Leanne Cooper Garrick
Anchorage, Alaska

YOUTH EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE PRIZE WINNERS

To encourage youth to attend and excel at school, CIRI conducts twice-yearly prize drawings for students in grades 7-12 who maintain a GPA of 3.5 or above and students who miss no more than four classes in the second semester.

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**In Anchorage:**
- Mauri Butzke, Inupiaq
  Child of Jonathan Butzke
  Anchorage, Alaska

**In Alaska (outside Anchorage):**
- Mikylah Pinnow, Aleut, Athabascan and Shoshone
  Child of Christina Pinnow
  Ninilchik, Alaska
- Koda Poulin, Inupiaq
  Child of Ashley Poulin
  Kasil, Alaska

**Outside of Alaska:**
- Brinna Brown, Athabascan
  Child of Catherine Brown
  San Antonio, Texas
- Grace Carlson, Aleut, Athabascan, Inupiaq and Yup’ik
  Child of Teresa Carlson
  Las Vegas, Nev.
- Maximillion Carlson-Minikis, Aleut, Athabascan, Inupiaq and Yup’ik
  Child of Teresa Carlson
  Las Vegas, Nev.
- Allison Coburn, Aleut
  Child of Leslie Coburn
  Casper, Wyo.
- Kayla Coburn, Aleut
  Child of Leslie Coburn
  Casper, Wyo.
- Bronton Howard, Yup’ik
  Child of Thomas Howard
  Mount Vernon, Ohio
- Julia Hurtubut, Denaina Athabascan
  Child of Jethfy Hurtubut
  Middlesbrough, Conn.
- Madison Hurtubut, Denaina Athabascan
  Child of Jethfy Hurtubut
  Middlesbrough, Conn.
- Olivia Hurtubut, Denaina Athabascan
  Child of Jethfy Hurtubut
  Middlesbrough, Conn.
- Laria Kraft, Aleut
  Child of Don Kraft
  High Point, N.C.
- Andrew Mehali, Athabascan
  Child of Tricia Mehali
  Charlotte Hall, Ml.
- Joseph Mehali, Athabascan
  Child of Tricia Mehali
  Charlotte Hall, Ml.
- Aleshanees Nika, Athabascan
  Child of Daniel Nika
  Santa Fe, N.M.
- Julian Perez, Aleut and Inupiaq
  Child of Gerald Perez
  El Dorado, Kan.
- Madison Vu, Aleut
  Child of Vicki Vu
  Olympia, Wash.
- Sydney Vu, Aleut
  Child of Vicki Vu
  Olympia, Wash.

**PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE BARS**

Adapted from the recipe by Ashley Fehr, thereciperebel.com.

As the author wrote about this recipe, “These pumpkin cheesecake bars are smooth, luscious and full of pumpkin spice flavor, plus they’re easy to make ahead and freeze for later.”

**START TO FINISH:** 1 hour 15 minutes (20 minutes active)

**SERVINGS:** 9

**INGREDIENTS:**

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**DIRECTIONS:**

**Make the crust:**
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line a 9”x9” pan with parchment paper or spray lightly with nonstick spray.
2. In a medium bowl, combine butter, flour and sugar with a fork until crumbly. Press into prepared pan and bake 13-15 minutes, until dry on top but not brown.
3. Remove crust from oven and reduce oven temperature to 325 degrees.

**Pumpkin Cheesecake:**
1. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese with an electric mixer until smooth.
2. Add the pumpkin, sugar, eggs, cinnamon, vanilla, nutmeg and ginger and beat until combined.
3. Pour pumpkin-cheesecake filling into crust and bake at 325 degrees for 40 minutes, or until the edges are firm but the middle still jiggles slightly (it will appear dry completely across the top).
4. Remove from the oven and set on the counter to cool to room temperature (this can take several hours). Cover loosely with aluminum foil or plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 6 hours or overnight until completely chilled. Serve with whipped cream and/or a sprinkle of cinnamon, if desired.

The Raven’s Circle would like to feature our readers’ favorite recipes! To submit visit www.ciri.com/recipe.
On Sept. 25, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit ruled that Alaska Native corporations (ANCs) are ineligible for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding. If the decision stands, Alaska Native regional and village corporations, including CIRI, will be excluded from sharing in $8 billion in pandemic relief funds for tribal governments.

Alaska U.S. Sens. Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan and Rep. Don Young released a statement saying that “it is unconscionable that COVID-19 aid would be withheld from a subset of Alaska Native people simply because of the unique tribal system that exists in Alaska. Furthermore, this decision goes beyond the CARES Act, erasing more than 45 years of precedent and practice, with the potential to undo the tribal systems of health care, housing, education, workforce development, and more in our great state.”

The ANCSA Regional Association was likewise dismayed at the Court’s decision. “This ruling is a devastating blow to Alaska Native communities facing an alarming increase in COVID-19,” Executive Director Kirk Reitmeyer said in a statement. “Both CDC (Centers for Disease Control) and Alaska data show that Alaska Native people suffer from a disproportionate number of infections, hospitalizations and deaths. We fear this deeply flawed ruling will only make things worse by keeping critical health services and economic relief from reaching our remote communities and villages who are most at risk.”

Eleven federally recognized tribes, including six from Alaska, sued the U.S. Department of Treasury, beginning in April to halt the disbursement of a portion of the CARES funding to ANCs, which are for-profit entities. In the Sept. 25 ruling, a three-judge panel said that ANCs don’t count as “Indian Tribes” under the CARES Act, reverting a federal district court ruling in June.

U.S. COURT RULES ANCs INELIGIBLE FOR CARES ACT FUNDING

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**

$200 Monthly Stock Will Prize:
- July – Ruth Pickett
- August – Allan Pickett
- September – Ryan Tesdal

Third quarter drawing for Apple iPad Air 2:
- Jordan May

Third quarter drawing for a YETI cooler:
- Cy Dahlgren

CONFIRMED, REGISTERED DESCENDANT DRAWING

Third quarter drawing for a Kindle Fire HD or Amazon gift card:
- Cy Dahlgren

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

MISSING: MORE THAN 550 ALASKA NATIVE VETS ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL LAND

Readers may recall earlier Raven’s Circle articles that referenced the John D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act, which contains a provision to help eligible Alaska Native veterans of the Vietnam War era select up to 160 acres of land in Alaska. CIRI forwarded a letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to eligible shareholders in May, which urged them to update their contact information with the BIA Alaska Regional office as soon as possible. Currently, more than 550 Alaska Native Vietnam veterans may miss out on receiving their land allotment. If you or someone you know may be eligible, visit blm.gov/alaska/2019AKNativeVetsLand.

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• August – Allan Pickett
• July – Ruth Pickett

Third quarter drawing for a YETI cooler:
- Cy Dahlgren

Third quarter drawing for Apple iPad Air 2:
- Jordan May

Third quarter drawing for $200:
- Teini Estrada

**DIRECT DEPOSIT DRAWING**

Third quarter drawing for $500:
- Teini Estrada

The direct deposit instruction must be current with CIRI to win.
Honda, Christian Honda, Dirk Honda and Brian Meadows; brother, Joseph (Jan) Honda; 18 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Douglas Kirk Komakhuk, 44
Douglas Kirk Komakhuk passed away Aug. 20 in Anchorage. Mr. Komakhuk was born Dec. 16, 1975, in Anchorage. He is survived by his sister, Starlett Komakhuk; brother, Roy Komakhuk; nieces, Danielle Del Real and Kristel and Tanya Komakhuk; grandniece, Alexander Niles and对不起，内容被裁剪了。
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NOTICE OF STOCK FORFEITURE

CIRI follows long-standing protocols in trying to locate missing shareholders and identifying and locating the potential heirs to CIRI stock. making multiple attempts to obtain updated address information as well as requiring all potential heirs to the stock to be located and accurately registered. As a remedy, CIRI policy applies to the cancellation or forfeiture of stock in certain instances of missing adult shareholders who have been missing or nonresponsive for an eight-year period, and for whom CIRI has no evidence of death, in the case of adult potential heirs, who, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, are presumed to be alive, but who, after a period of three years, cannot be located or fail to respond to CIRI’s repeated requests for documentation. The following notices of forfeiture are for potential heirs to the stock estates of CIRI shareholders who have been deceased for more than 10 years, wherein numerous attempts to contact such potential heirs prior to and during the pendency of the forfeiture process have been unsuccessful:

NOTICE TO LINDA LOU DEMPERS (aka LINDA FOSTER; aka LINDA EVANS)

POTENTIAL HEIR OF JAMES GARY EVANS,
DECLASED SHAREHOLDER,
COOK INLET REGION, INC. (CIRI)

James Gary Evans died intestate on January 2, 2009. One of his potential heirs may be Linda Lou Dempers (aka Linda Foster, aka Linda Evans). CIRI hereby gives notice to Linda Lou Dempers (aka Linda Foster, aka Linda Evans) that she may have an interest in the estate of James Gary Evans. CIRI hereby gives further notice to Linda Lou Dempers (aka Linda Foster, aka Linda Evans) that you may have an interest in the stock, any associated distributions from the estate, and all rights accruing in connection with that stock, and any such rights will be permanently forfeited, unless one of the following occurs before March 30, 2022:

• You contact CIRI in writing and provide legally acceptable proof of identity, all outstanding requested documentation, and a current valid address.

• CIRI either provides: a) a death certificate for Linda Lou Dempers (aka Linda Foster, aka Linda Evans), b) other acceptable proof of death for Linda Lou Dempers (aka Linda Foster, aka Linda Evans), or c) a copy of court documents verifying that an action has been filed to have Linda Lou Dempers (aka Linda Foster, aka Linda Evans) declared dead. The documentation must substantiate that Linda Lou Dempers (aka Linda Foster, aka Linda Evans) died after the date of death for James Gary Evans.

NOTICE TO ROMALD KAYACE (aka ROMALD MAYAC)

POTENTIAL HEIR OF GABRIEL JAMES MAYAC,
DECLASED SHAREHOLDER,
COOK INLET REGION, INC. (CIRI)

Gabriel James Mayac died intestate on December 31, 2001. One of his potential heirs may be Romal Kaceas (aka Romal Mayac). CIRI hereby gives notice to Romal Kaceas (aka Romal Mayac) that you may have an interest in the stock, any associated distributions from the estate, and all rights accruing in connection with that stock, and any such rights will be permanently forfeited, unless one of the following occurs before March 30, 2022:

• You contact CIRI in writing and provide legally acceptable proof of identity, all outstanding requested documentation, and a current valid address.

• CIRI either provides: a) a death certificate for Romal Kaceas (aka Romal Mayac), b) other acceptable proof of death for Romal Kaceas (aka Romal Mayac), or c) a copy of court documents verifying that an action has been filed to have Romal Kaceas (aka Romal Mayac) declared dead. The documentation must substantiate that Romal Kaceas (aka Romal Mayac) died after the date of death for Gabriel James Mayac.

NOTICE TO SIDNEY EASTERN

POTENTIAL HEIR OF MANUE STUNNER,
DECLASED SHAREHOLDER,
COOK INLET REGION, INC. (CIRI)

Manue Stunner died intestate on May 31, 1992. One of her potential heirs may be Sidney Eastern. CIRI hereby gives notice to Sidney Eastern that you may have an interest in the CIRI stock estate of Manue Stunner. CIRI hereby gives further notice to Sidney Eastern that you will have any interest you may have to the stock, any associated distributions from the estate, and all rights accruing in connection with that stock, and any such rights will be permanently forfeited, unless one of the following occurs before March 30, 2022:

• You contact CIRI in writing and provide legally acceptable proof of identity, all outstanding requested documentation, and a current valid address.

• CIRI provides: a) a death certificate for Sidney Eastern, b) other acceptable proof of death for Sidney Eastern, or c) a copy of court documents verifying that an action has been filed to have Sidney Eastern declared dead. The documentation must substantiate that Sidney Eastern died after the date of death for Manue Stunner.

NOTICE TO JACQUELINE DANE ADER

POTENTIAL HEIR OF JACK ROY WEILAND,
DECLASED SHAREHOLDER,
COOK INLET REGION, INC. (CIRI)

Jack Roy Weiland died intestate on July 26, 2008. One of his potential heirs may be Jacqueline Dane Adair. CIRI hereby gives notice to Jacqueline Dane Adair that you may have an interest in the CIRI stock estate of Jack Roy Weiland. CIRI hereby gives further notice to Jacqueline Dane Adair that you will have any interest you may have to the stock, any associated distributions from the estate, and all rights accruing in connection with that stock, and any such rights will be permanently forfeited, unless one of the following occurs before March 30, 2022:

• You contact CIRI in writing and provide legally acceptable proof of identity, all outstanding requested documentation, and a current valid address.

• CIRI either provides: a) a death certificate for Jacqueline Dane Adair, b) other acceptable proof of death for Jacqueline Dane Adair, or c) a copy of court documents verifying that an action has been filed to have Jacqueline Dane Adair declared dead. The documentation must substantiate that Jacqueline Dane Adair died after the date of death for Jack Roy Weiland.

SEND WRITTEN NOTICE AND DOCUMENTATION TO: COOK INLET REGION, INC., SHAREHOLDER RELATIONS, P.O. BOX 93330,ANCHORAGE, AK 99509-3330.