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THE ALASKA NATIVE HERITAGE CENTER: AN AMERICAN CULTURAL TREASURE

By: Robin Thompson, co-editor, Alaska Native Quarterly Magazine

Created by a unanimous vote at the Alaska Federation of Natives Convention in 1987, the Alaska Native Heritage Center (ANHC), a CIRI-affiliated nonprofit organization, is a long-standing educational and cultural institution. Located just beyond the gates of Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, ANHC serves Alaskans and tourists alike by sharing permanent Alaska Native collections and offering year-round programs.



“We would not have made it through this last year were it not for the support of our Alaska Native corporations (ANCs). I am incredibly proud of what they’ve done these last 50 years and I know if there’s one thing to be known about the Native community it’s that we are resilient; we’re stronger together,” ANHC President and CEO Emily Edenshaw said. “Looking ahead, there’s so much opportunity; there’s a lot of history that needs to be written and a huge untapped opportunity for cultural tourism.”

Since opening its doors to the public, ANHC has served more than 1 million visitors, including Alaska Native people of all ages and those who wish to learn about and connect with Alaska Native culture, heritage and traditions. ANHC also serves as a gathering and healing place for the Alaska Native community.

Like the majority of tourism-related activities in Alaska, ANHC suffered multi-million-dollar losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but it has remained in operation in large part due to grants and community partnerships.

“You can’t tell our history without talking about the partnership, involvement and close relationships with our ANCs,” Edenshaw said. “One of the things I’ve constantly been in awe of is that they have a social responsibility to our community. If you go to non-Native entities or corporations, you are not going to see burial services, funding for cultural tourism, internship programs that are really grounded in providing economic job opportunities, or grounded in culture and ways of life.”

The pandemic also allowed ANHC the opportunity to reimagine how the organization delivers programming to the public, including pivoting to online and virtual classes and creating cultural boxes sent out to K-12 students across the country.

“These boxes are really grounded in the mission and vision to connect our community to who they are as Indigenous peoples,” Edenshaw said. “Pre-COVID, the only way to experience the Heritage Center was to come here. I’m thankful that we were able to react immediately, where we’re just not in this constant state of crisis, and really start planning.”

Edenshaw had planned to disperse 250 cultural boxes as part of the program, but within days ANHC had received more than 2,000 online requests from across the country. Since then, the organization has partnered with ANCs and other entities—including Bristol Bay Native Corp., Calista Corp., CIRI and Cook Inlet Housing Authority—to deliver cultural education to students in both urban and rural areas.

“We’re building partnerships across the state and we’re working in ways we’ve never done before,” Edenshaw said. “It’s really allowed us an opportunity to bring the Heritage Center to our community versus our community having to come to the Heritage Center.”

Among the grants awarded to ANHC was an “America’s Cultural Treasures” initiative from the Ford Foundation that provides money to Asian, Black, Indigenous and Latinx arts and cultural organizations severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For its “vital contributions to the diversity of expression and excellence in America, despite historically limited resources and funding streams,” ANHC was one of 20 organizations selected for the prestigious award.

“Not only did it come with funding support, it also came with the opportunity to work in this incredible BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) cohort organization,” Edenshaw said. “We get to be in a community and learn from them. For me, that is really inspiring.”

Over the next four years, ANHC will receive \$3 million in general operating support to enhance and support its cultural, educational, and healing and the arts programs.

“We, as Indigenous people, know certain things to be true,” Edenshaw said. “We know our ancestors have been through a lot worse, and the truth is, we would not have gotten through this pandemic were it not for our partners.” For information, including the 2021 ANHC summer schedule, visit alaskanative.net.

2021 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Thank you to all those who tuned in to this year’s Annual Meeting of Shareholders, held Saturday, June 5 via virtual meeting webcast! New this year, viewers were given the opportunity to ask questions via a chat feature during the webcast. The questions addressed during the Annual Meeting are summarized on the CIRI website at ciri.com/2021-annual-meeting-of-shareholders-QA. The Q&A portion of the Annual Meeting begins at minute 22:35 in the recording available on the Qenek portal.

If you missed the live webcast on June 5, a recording of the 2021 Annual Meeting is available in the Qenek portal (qenek.ciri.com).

ANCs WIN TRIBAL CARES ACT CASE

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress on March 27, 2020. The economic stimulus bill provides relief for individuals and businesses negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. A portion of the relief funds was directed to tribal governments, which included Alaska Native corporations (ANCs). Several tribes filed lawsuits in April 2020, arguing that Alaska’s for-profit Native corporations are not “tribal governments” and should not receive a share of the CARES Act funds.

On June 25, 2021, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Alaska Native regional and village corporations are eligible to receive federal CARES Act funding intended for tribes. In addition to securing ANCs’ rights to CARES Act funding, this victory upholds ANCs’ inclusion as an “Indian tribe” under the the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act and protects the access to federal funding that Cook Inlet Housing Authority, Cook Inlet Tribal Council and Southcentral Foundation utilize to provide their respective programs and services.

CIRI will work with its affiliated service providers to ensure these critical resources are deployed in a manner that assists our people, communities and economy. The amount of funding that CIRI will receive under the CARES Act is not known at this time. What is known is that the CARES Act funding has very specific parameters for expenditures. From the guidance received from the U.S. Treasury, it appears that dividends/distributions to shareholders are not allowed.

For the most up-to-date CARES Act information as it pertains to CIRI, visit ciri.com/shareholders/cares-act-updates.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sophie Minich, CIRI President and Chief Executive Officer

After one of the longest, coldest Alaska springs on record, summer is finally in full swing.

Our shareholders, descendants and those who have 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. The land defines our way of life and our ability to maintain ourselves as Indigenous people—culturally, economically and spiritually.

Entrusted with some of the richest and most delicate lands in Alaska, CIRI prioritizes striking a balance between sustainably developing resources to improve opportunities for our shareholders and their families and protecting the land for future generations. As you're out and about this summer, please keep the following in mind:

Update to CIRI Recreational Land Use Permitting Policy

CIRI recently announced changes to its recreational land use permitting policy. As a reminder:

- Everyone who wishes to access CIRI land, including shareholders and descendants, must have a recreational land use permit. To apply for a permit, visit ciri.com/our-lands/permitting.
- Members of the general public who apply for recreational land use permits will now be charged an administrative fee. Fees do NOT apply to CIRI shareholders and descendants.

Trespass on CIRI Land

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

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

When it comes to mitigating trespass and protecting CIRI lands, we need your help! If you observe trespass activity, gather as much information as you safely can—including time and date of the suspected violation, identifying features of the suspect or vehicle, and location and description of the violation—and report back to CIRI by emailing permitting@ciri.com or calling (907) 274-8638 and asking for the Land and Resources department. (For your protection, do not attempt to confront trespassers.)

Preventing Wildfires

In a state that is warming twice as fast as the rest of the globe, scientists say that hot, dry summers will likely become the norm in Alaska. The CIRI Land and Resources team continually works to ensure that CIRI land is preserved and protected. During the summer fire season, emphasis is placed on cooperative management of fires that could threaten CIRI land.

Show your commitment to wildfire prevention by using caution and common sense when making fires, using grills or smokehouses, or setting off fireworks. And be prepared—know what to do before a wildfire strikes your area. For information on ways to make your home and community safer, visit firewise.org.

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, acting as its stewards. The land, with its abundant resources, is the reason CIRI exists today.



Good stewardship of our lands is essential to the company's future success. Thank you for doing your part to help us protect this most valuable resource.

Warm regards,

Sophie Minich

2022 CIRI CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

As we celebrate ANCSA's 50th anniversary, we need your help! CIRI is seeking historical photos from shareholders and descendants for use in its 2022 calendar. Winning photographers will receive \$100 cash cards and their names and photos will appear in the Raven's Circle newsletter.

Submission deadline: Friday, September 17, 2021
Theme: "CIRI@50"

Only **high-resolution** electronic .jpg or .png files will be accepted. Hard copy photos or photos sent via thumb drive will not be accepted. Photos may be emailed as an attachment to info@ciri.com or uploaded and sent to info@ciri.com via WeTransfer.

BOARD CORNER

A Message from CIRI Director Cynthia Muller

My name is Cynthia Muller, and I am honored to serve my fellow shareholders on the CIRI Board of Directors. Thank you for your support in electing me as a new Director at this year's Annual Meeting. I commit to you that I will bring my nearly 20 years of finance and community-oriented economic development skills to benefit current and future generations of CIRI shareholders.

I am Haida and grew up the oldest of three sisters in Chugiak, Alaska. I am connected to CIRI through my maternal grandmother, the late Joy Hamilton Nelson Cutshall, and my mother, uncles and aunt, all of whom are original enrollees.

I grew up with CIRI and my Alaska Native heritage. Support from The CIRI Foundation and the Sealaska Heritage Institute enabled me to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Stanford University and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Washington.

My first job was at CIRI affiliate Southcentral Foundation (SCF), where I supported many of the organization's capital improvements and special projects. In fact, it was my job at SCF that inspired my career in finance. I also had the opportunity to serve on CIRI's Shareholder Participation

Committee (SPC) from 2002 to 2005.

Today, I am the director of mission-driven investments at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation where I oversee a \$160 million investment portfolio. This capital directly advances the foundation's social mission of supporting vulnerable children, which we accomplish primarily through private market investing.

CIRI's reason for being is to promote the economic and social well-being of its shareholders not only through dividends, but through educational, social-service and other cultural benefits. In serving as your Director, I will bring my experience deploying and managing investment capital to an already outstanding Board. I am confident that by staying focused on CIRI's mission, vision and values, we will continue to forge ahead with greater cultural and financial strength. 🍴



2021 BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

CIRI shareholders elected five Directors to the CIRI Board of Directors at the company's 2021 Annual Meeting, held via webcast on June 5: Douglas W. Fifer, Jeffrey A. Gonnason, Michelle B. Lindersmith, Cynthia L. Muller and Louis Nagy Jr. All will serve three-year terms ending June 2024. The Board met after the Annual Meeting and elected the following Board officers:

Chair:
Douglas W. Fifer

Vice chair:
Margaret L. Brown

Secretary:
Louis Nagy Jr.

Treasurer:
Samuel G. Spangler

Assistant secretary:
Katrina M. (Dolchok) Jacuk

Assistant treasurer:
Rolf A. Dagg

Intern-AL AFFAIRS



Waqaa (“Hello” in Yup’ik)! My name is Rinnah Andrew, and I am thrilled to be interning at CIRI again this year.

I was born and raised in Anchorage and am connected to CIRI through my father original shareholder, Tony Andrew, who is part Yupik and whose family hails from Tuluksak, Alaska. My mother, Nancy Andrew, is Yup’ik and hails from St. Mary’s, Alaska. Through my mother, I am also a descendant of Calista Corp. and St. Mary’s Native Corp.

I received my bachelor’s degree in business administration management with minors in dance and Alaska Native studies from the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA). I am currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree at UAA with an estimated graduation date of spring 2022.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, UAA moved to a virtual-learning model in March 2020. Having already adapted to studying and producing assignments from home came in handy last summer when I was accepted into Cook Inlet Tribal Council’s Internship Partner Program and placed with CIRI in a remote work position.

One of my favorite projects assigned to me by my supervisor Darla Graham (senior manager, CIRI shareholder engagement) was researching the feasibility of starting a virtual mentorship program for shareholders and descendants, which was approved by CIRI management last fall. This winter and spring, I volunteered to assist Darla in launching the program; in exchange, I received college credit for the completion of a management project. I am pleased to announce that CIRI is currently accepting applications for their first virtual mentorship cohort!

This year, I was accepted as part of CIRI’s summer internship program. I could not be more excited to come back and help develop and implement the Virtual Mentoring Program and assist with programs that are opening back up, such as the CIRI C3 Experience. Vaccinated CIRI employees returned to work the beginning of June and I was happy to join them!

I am grateful to CIRI for allowing me to pursue interesting and challenging projects that align with my professional goals. I believe in CIRI’s mission and I want to help shareholders and descendants fulfill their own aspirations.

Until next time,

Rinnah

INTOUCH

Birth Announcement

CIRI descendant Jessica Crump and spouse Cameron Larrick are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Owen Royal Wayne Larrick. Little Owen was born Feb. 21 at Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna, Alaska. He is the fifth great-grandchild of late CIRI shareholders Bonnie and Eugene Juliussen and the grandson of CIRI shareholder Eugene Juliussen Jr.



College Graduation

CIRI shareholder Jeffrey Hurlburt is pleased to announce the graduation of his daughter, Taylor, from the University of Connecticut. Taylor graduated in May with a bachelor’s degree in human development and family studies and plans on joining the AmeriCorps VISTA program in the fall, with future plans to earn a master’s degree in social work. Taylor’s mother is Taneone Hurlburt; grandmother is the late Julie (Bert) Johnnie of Anchorage, also a CIRI shareholder; and grandfather is Jeff Hurlburt Sr. of Tampa, Fla. The family would like to thank The CIRI Foundation and the Tebughna Foundation for their support.



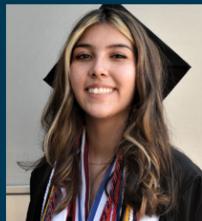
High-School Graduation

CIRI shareholder Beatrice Anaruk is pleased to announce the graduation of her eldest son, Tobi, from Colony High School in Palmer, Alaska. Tobi graduated in May and plans to attend the Alaska Vocational Technical Center in the fall. He is pictured here with his grandmother, original CIRI enrollee Mary Anaruk-Thomas.



High-School Graduation

CIRI descendant Teresa Carlson and spouse Eric Minks are pleased to announce the graduation of their daughter, Grace, from Northwest Career and Technical Academy in Las Vegas. Grace graduated as her school’s valedictorian with a 5.6 GPA and plans to study animal science at California Polytechnic State University. In addition to many extracurricular and volunteer activities, Grace was an attendee of the first CIRI C3 Experience in 2018. She is the granddaughter of original CIRI enrollee Otto Thiele Jr. and Sally Marie Thiele and the great-granddaughter of original CIRI enrollee the late Otto Richard Thiele Sr. and Flora (Meehan) Thiele.



High-School Graduation

CIRI shareholder Melinda James is pleased to announce the graduation of her daughter, Emmalee, from Dimond High School in Anchorage. Congratulations, Emmalee!



High-School Graduation

CIRI shareholder Jessica Johnson is pleased to announce the graduation of her son, Jonathan Walker II, from Bartlett High School in Anchorage. Congratulations, Jonathan!



CIRI YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Submissions for the **Youth Art Contest (ages 5-12)** and applications for **Shareholder Participation Committee Youth Representative positions (ages 13-17)** are due by 5 p.m. AKDT on Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021. For more information, visit ciri.com/NextGen.



Artist: Jayden Kammeyer

SHAREHOLDERSPOTLIGHT

Tia Hale

CIRI shareholder Tia Hale (Athabascan and Inupiaq) is passionate about, well, just about everything. Whether discussing her Alaska Native heritage, her work as a labor and delivery nurse, or being a wife and mother to two young children, her enthusiasm is infectious.



“When I decided to apply to nursing school, my husband was like, ‘OK, here’s another one of Tia’s goals!’” she laughed. “I always talk with him; we’re partners, and I know if I have a goal that he’ll support me. But he jokes that I always have a lofty goal or something I’m working toward.”

Tia is connected to CIRI through her mother, original enrollee Barbara Williams, whose family hails from Eklutna, Alaska; Tia’s great-great-grandfather was the village’s last traditional chief.

Though her parents both worked at the original Anchorage Medical Center (now the Alaska Native Medical Center, or ANMC), Tia said she didn’t grow up with particularly close ties to her Alaska Native heritage. “My first introduction to CIRI was when I went to college and received educational funding through The CIRI Foundation,” she said. “But since moving back to Anchorage as an adult, I’ve embraced my background and it’s become very natural. My mother gifted me some CIRI shares and that’s been great because I feel much more connected, especially with my extended family who are also shareholders. When my kids and I drive by Eklutna, we say ‘Hi, family!’ We try to make culture part of our daily lives.”

A ballet dancer as a child, a swimmer and runner in high school, and a triathlete in college, Tia was drawn to health science and earned a bachelor’s degree in exercise and sports science from Oregon State University. She started working as a personal trainer after college, “but it wasn’t enough,” she said. “I loved the coaching aspect, but I didn’t have the business mindset to take it further and open up a gym or be a director. I thought, where can I go with this? It seemed that nursing could be a good fit—it’s similar to exercise science in that it focuses on wellness and disease prevention, but there are so many different areas you can go into.”

Tia and her family moved from Anchorage to Oregon in 1997, the same year the modern-day ANMC was established. “I remember seeing the new hospital being built and thinking, oh my gosh, it’s absolutely gorgeous,” Tia recalled. “I was really sad we left Alaska when we did because I thought that I would like to be a part of it one day. I never dreamed I’d come back and work there 20 years later.”

Tia earned a second bachelor’s degree—this time in nursing from George Fox College—and, for the most part, she was enjoying life in Oregon. “I was working as a nurse and I kind of thought, this is where my life is—established friends and feeling part of the community. But at the same time, I had this feeling that it wasn’t enough, like my potential hadn’t been reached,” Tia said. “My family had been slowly moving back to Alaska and I visited them every year or so, and I just had this nostalgic feeling, like I really want to come back (to Alaska) and live closer to family.”

It didn’t take much to sell her husband on the idea—along with Tia’s twin sisters, the

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couple had worked for CIRI-owned Alaska Heritage Tours as deckhands out of Whittier in the summer of 2005. “We were in college and dating at the time, and I think he thought, I don’t want to let this girl go, so I’m going to Alaska too!” Tia laughed. “He hadn’t visited Alaska before, but he had a really good experience. He knew my sisters and it was really fun, the four of us working together.”

In 2017, Tia applied for a job at ANMC and was hired during the interview. Driving through Canada and crossing the border into Alaska, “I felt this overwhelming sense of joy and peace, like coming home,” she said. “It made me realize that even though I’d come back to visit, I’d essentially been gone from Alaska for 20 years. It really hit me.”

In addition to having worked at ANMC as a labor and delivery nurse the last five years, Tia is also a busy mother to two young children and is currently pursuing a master’s degree in nursing at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Trying to balance a career, parenthood and graduate school during the COVID-19 pandemic “was really difficult,” she admitted.

“In the beginning (of the pandemic), most of us were pretty scared and frustrated and sometimes angry,” Tia recalled. “We didn’t know how the virus would affect us as nurses, and we didn’t know how it would affect our families. It was especially hard on my kids because I’d come home and I’d say, ‘OK, mom’s home!’ and I’d immediately hop in the shower. They’re young and they didn’t quite understand; they were used to me coming home and being able to play with them and give them hugs. My husband and I didn’t want to tell them too much because we didn’t want them to be scared—we were trying to maintain whatever normalcy we could at home while staying safe.”

Despite the challenges, Tia “absolutely loves” being a nurse. Her job runs the gamut, from assessing patients in triage and managing labor to assisting in operating rooms and administering postpartum care. “Now that I’m at ANMC, there’s so much more I’ve gotten out of my job because I can relate to the patients a little bit more with what I’ve learned about my family and what I aspire to do,” she said. “I know a lot more about the historical trauma that’s occurred with Alaska Native people—how it can create health inequities and have profound implications on mental and physical health, even generations later. Historically, a lot of providers (at tribal health centers) haven’t been from the same background as those being served. What I want to do is be that face, to be a Native person serving Native people. It does make a difference, being a patient and coming in and being taken care of by someone from a similar background.”

Next up for Tia: earning her master’s degree in nursing and becoming a commissioned corps officer with the U.S. Public Health Service, both of which should occur in 2022. “My goal is to focus on working for the Indian Health Service (IHS) because it has such a personal, deep-rooted sense of belonging for me,” she said. “I know the history of IHS with Native American and Alaska Native people, and I know they’re trying to better their approach and improve care.”

Whatever happens, we know Tia will keep making—and achieving—her goals.

For a link to Tia’s “Frontline Fight Song” created during the COVID-19 pandemic to honor her fellow nurses and health care workers, visit [youtube.com/watch?v=DoryEmZICoA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DoryEmZICoA).

WINNERS’ CIRCLE*

STOCK WILL PARTICIPATION PRIZES

\$200 Monthly Stock Will Prize:

- January – Julie Murray
- February – Sharon Gordon
- March – Karen Webber-Wing

First quarter drawing for Apple iPad Air:

- Clifton VanHatten

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

DIRECT DEPOSIT DRAWING

First quarter drawing for \$500:

- Ruth Ann Oskolkoff

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

eNEWSLETTER DRAWING

First quarter drawing for an iPad or \$400 cash:

- Kevin Lopez

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

*If CIRI has returned mail a different winner will be selected.

CONFIRMED, REGISTERED DESCENDANT DRAWING

First quarter drawing for a Kindle Fire HD or Amazon gift card:

- William Ross

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 a YETI cooler:

- Dawn Kewan

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

GREENLINK DRAWINGS

February drawing for \$1,000 cash prize:

- Teresa Standifer

March drawing for \$1,000 cash prize:

- Winner wishes to remain anonymous

Shareholders who opted into electronic delivery for certain materials via Qenek by Feb. 28 and March 31, 2021.

PRIZE WINNERS

eVOTE PRIZE WINNERS

For the third consecutive year, shareholders had the option of completing an electronic proxy (eProxy) using CIRI’s web-based proxy system. If submitted by the appropriate deadlines, eProxies qualified shareholders for the 2021 Early Bird prize drawings as well as \$12,000 in eVote prizes.

Date of Prize	Shareholder	City	Amount
May 7, 2021*	Linda Phillips	Flushing, Mich.	\$1,000
May 7, 2021	Joanne Olssen	Santa Clara, Calif.	\$4,000
May 14, 2021	John Serradell	Afton, Okla.	\$2,000
May 14, 2021	Margaret Hansen	Kotzebue, Alaska	\$2,000
May 21, 2021	Catlin Stewman	Anchorage, Alaska	\$2,000
May 25, 2021	Alex Vaughan	Anchorage, Alaska	\$1,000

*Extended from initial deadline of April 30, 2021

EARLY BIRD PRIZE WINNERS

A quorum is the minimum number of members or shares that must be represented at a meeting to make the proceedings of that meeting valid. To ensure a quorum is achieved for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders, CIRI’s Early Bird Prize drawings reward shareholders who submit a valid proxy for any proxyholder or candidate by certain dates in advance of the meeting. This year’s Early Bird winners include:

Date of Prize	Shareholder	City	Amount
May 7, 2021*	Aaron Fisk	Anchorage, Alaska	\$500
May 7, 2021*	Carol Olsen	Nome, Alaska	\$500
May 7, 2021*	John Moonin	Nanwalek, Alaska	\$500
May 7, 2021*	James Markey Jr.	Longview, Wash.	\$500
May 7, 2021	Margaret Smith	Palmer, Alaska	\$1,000
May 7, 2021	Brent Kolstoe	Anchorage, Alaska	\$1,000
May 7, 2021	Pamela Wimbish	Arlington, Wash.	\$1,000
May 7, 2021	Lenore Doleman Jonsson	Seward, Alaska	\$1,000
May 14, 2021	Amanda Matson	Anchorage, Alaska	\$2,000
May 14, 2021	Earl Regan	Anchorage, Alaska	\$2,000
May 21, 2021	Ann Bohy	Thayer, Mo.	\$500
May 21, 2021	Grant Soosuk Sr.	Anchorage, Alaska	\$500

*Extended from initial deadline of April 30, 2021

ANNUAL MEETING WEBCAST PRIZE WINNERS

The names of shareholders who registered for the Annual Meeting webcast were automatically entered in drawings for two prize packages. The winners were:

Shareholder	City	Prize
Brenda Carr	Wasilla, Alaska	Flip Bluetooth speaker and beaded sealskin yo-yo
Valerie Michaels	Seattle, Wash.	Noise-cancelling headphones and beaded sealskin pouch

COVID-19 FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020.

Applicants may receive assistance for the funeral expenses of multiple deceased individuals. Assistance is limited to a maximum of \$9,000 per funeral and a maximum of \$35,500 per application. Although applicants will be asked to provide their household annual gross income when they apply, assistance is not income-dependent and does not affect eligibility.

To apply, call (844) 684-633. More information can be found at [fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance](https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance) but online applications will not be accepted.

FORMER CIRI BOARD DIRECTOR PENNY CARTY PASSES AWAY AT 72

Original CIRI enrollee and former CIRI Board Director Penny L. Carty (Aleut) passed away April 14 in Anchorage. She was 72.

From 2005 to 2017, Carty served on the CIRI Board of Directors. During this time CIRI's Board and staff executed many exciting projects, including the Fire Island Wind Project; the Tikahtnu Commons shopping and entertainment center; and the Fireweed Business Center, CIRI's corporate headquarters in midtown Anchorage.

In addition to her service on the CIRI Board, Carty was a long-time board member of Cook Inlet Housing Authority (2004-2021), most recently serving as its vice chair. Over the years she served on many other boards and committees, including Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Kenaitze/Salamatof Housing Authority, Salamatof Tribal Council and The CIRI Foundation (TCF). Carty served on the board of Salamatof Native Association (SNA) prior to her tenure as its president and CEO where she worked to ensure that the mission, vision and values of the original SNA board were the basis for operations. She was instrumental in ensuring that Salamatof became a federally recognized Tribe and that all 129 original Salamatof shareholders were allotted land selections.

Carty is survived by her brother, Gary Wirz; sisters, Charmaine Lundy and Connie Wirz; daughter, Heather (Jason) Daniels; son, Eric (Cari-Ann) Carty; and granddaughter, Alexandria Carty. In her honor, CIRI and other organizations and individuals have donated funds to establish a scholarship fund at TCF for young women with an interest in business. 📖



FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR BROADBAND

Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

The federal Emergency Broadband Benefit Program provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households. Qualifying households can receive up to a \$50/month discount on broadband service and associated equipment rentals; up to a \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet or desktop computer. For information and to determine eligibility, visit [getemergencybroadband.org](https://www.getemergencybroadband.org). 📖

IN MEMORY

Phyllis K. Gregory, 64

Phyllis K. Gregory passed away Oct. 15, 2020, at home in Holy Cross, Alaska. Ms. Gregory was born Feb. 11, 1956, in Holy Cross, Alaska. She is survived by her adopted brothers, Joseph and John Paul.

Ruth Peggy Hausman, 82

Ruth Peggy Hausman passed away March 27, 2020, at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Hausman was born March 6, 1938, in Noatak, Alaska. She lived at the Anchorage Pioneer Home in her later years and the family would like to thank the staff for taking such good care of her. She is survived by her sisters, Lena Hanna and Aurora Madsen; children, Deanna Uttke and Nathan Sours; grandchildren, Travis Brandon Warren, Clarice Murray, William Thomas, Ursula Coghil, Russell Hanna, Marcus Sours, Tiffany Sours and Damon Starbuds; and great-grandchildren, Mason Thomas, McKenna Thomas, Maddelyn Thomas, Haly Hanna, Johnnie Starbuds, Rushawn Murray, Rachelle Murray and Damon Starbuck Black.

Paul B. Hofseth, 77

Paul B. Hofseth passed away Dec. 6, 2020, at Providence Hospital in Everett, Wash. Mr. Hofseth was born July 9, 1943, in Anchorage. He is survived by his wife, Mary Margaret Hofseth; sister, Jean Schmidt; half-sister, Deanne Graves; and daughter, Alicia Hofseth.

Bonnie Juliussen-Gibbs, 71

Bonnie Juliussen-Gibbs passed away Feb. 12 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Juliussen-Gibbs was born Feb. 3, 1950, in Anchorage. A member of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe (KIT), she spent nearly 25 years working for the Tribe and advocating for Kenai Peninsula Elders. In addition to her advocacy work, she served on the KIT Tribal Council for many years. At the time of her passing, Ms. Juliussen-Gibbs was involved with various committees and boards within KIT and the Kenai Native Association. She is survived by her husband, Marlen (Jake) Gibbs; sons, Eugene Juliussen Jr., Jason Juliussen and Scott Juliussen; brother, Ralph Petterson; grandchildren, Jessica Crump, Cheyenne Juliussen, Ihupani Juliussen, Gabrielle Juliussen and Dustin Pelekai; and great-grandchildren, Gracelyn Moore, Noah Pearson, Owen Larrick, Alaya Andrews and Sophia Crowder.



Sophie Anna Lee, 98

Sophie Anna Lee passed away Nov 29, 2020, at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Lee was born July 29, 1922, in St. Michael, Alaska. Growing up, she attended the Catholic school in St. Mary's, Alaska, and later relocated to Alakanuk, Alaska, where her father worked at the cannery. She ultimately settled in Sunshine Bay, Alaska, and spent winters in Emmonak, Alaska.

Jocelyne F. Littlefield, 74

Jocelyne F. Littlefield passed away April 19, 2020, at the Houston Methodist Sugar Land Hospital in Sugar Land,

Texas. Ms. Littlefield was born Feb. 11, 1946, in New Zealand. She is survived by her son, Stephen Ray.

Wayne McCord, 63

Wayne McCord passed away Nov. 14, 2020, in Tyonek, Alaska. Mr. McCord is survived by his siblings, Susanna Tumbleson, Steve Stephan, Ronald McCord Sr., Willard McCord Jr., Kathleen McCord and Janis McCord.

Victor Wilbur Nelson Jr., 65

Victor Wilbur Nelson Jr. passed away Feb. 3 in Anchorage. Mr. Nelson was born Dec. 15, 1955, in Anchorage. He is survived by his siblings, Valerie Corey, Aimee Cutshall and Mark Nelson; and nieces, Tanisha Gleason and Cynthia Muller.

Cora May Ridley, 61

Cora May Ridley passed away Nov 12, 2020, at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Ridley was born Sept. 23, 1958, in Kotzebue, Alaska. She is survived by her husband, Randy; siblings, Isaac, Simon and Bonita; and children, Dawn Stover and Dennis Griffin.

Richard L. Smith Jr., 48

Richard L. Smith Jr. passed away Sept. 16, 2019, at home in Nikiski, Alaska. Mr. Smith was born April 6, 1971, in Anchorage. He is survived by his mother, Delores Jeannie Smith; wife, Melissa Smith; children, Ricky Smith, Skyler Smith and Jasmine Smith; and sisters, Joleen White and Mahle Smith.

Charles "Charlie" Peter Toloff, 99

Charles "Charlie" Peter Toloff passed away March 9 at home in Anchorage. Mr. Toloff was born Sept. 11, 1921, in Fort Gibson, Alaska. As one of Alaska's pioneers, he had countless adventures and a colorful, humorous story for almost every one of them. He was an avid fisherman, moose hunter and fur trapper; over the course of his career he worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps, herded dairy cattle, caught and sold salmon for mink farms, did a stint on the railroad, and held numerous jobs in the trucking and construction industries. He was proud of his Russian and Athabascan heritage and was recognized in 2018 as CIRI's Elder of the Year. Mr. Toloff is survived by his children, Lynda Toloff, Kate Toloff and Steve Toloff; grandchildren, Tabettha Toloff (Carl Norman) and Lori Toloff; and numerous great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces.



Sherilee Miller Van Zandt, 49

Sherilee Miller Van Zandt passed away Feb. 5 at the Oregon Health & Science University Hospital in Portland, Ore. Ms. Van Zandt was born Jan. 7, 1972, in Anchorage. She is survived by her husband, Kevin Van Zandt; son, Devin Van Zandt; and siblings, Toni Lomonaco and Robert Miller.

RECIPE



STRAWBERRY SPINACH SALAD

Adapted from the recipe by Maya Wilson, alaskafromscratch.com.

As the author wrote about this recipe, "An eye-catching spinach summer salad... Perfect for Memorial Day or 4th of July."

START TO FINISH: 15 minutes

SERVINGS: 6-8

INGREDIENTS:

Salad:

6 ounces baby spinach leaves
2 cups fresh strawberries, hulled and quartered
2 cups fresh blueberries or blackberries
6 ounces feta or goat cheese, crumbled
½ cup sliced toasted almonds (optional)

For dressing:

2 tablespoons honey
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
½ teaspoon salt
1 clove garlic, minced
¼ cup balsamic vinegar
¾ cup extra virgin olive oil
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

DIRECTIONS:

1. Distribute spinach greens evenly between 4 salad bowls or plates.
2. Top each salad evenly with strawberry quarters, blueberries or blackberries, crumbled cheese and almonds (if using).
3. In a small mixing bowl, whisk together the honey, balsamic, mustard, salt, pepper and garlic. Add the oil and whisk thoroughly to combine. Continue whisking until the dressing is fully emulsified. (Store dressing in a jar with a lid and refrigerate; shake well before using.)
4. Drizzle salad with dressing just before serving. Top with freshly ground black pepper, if desired.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

AUG. 8-11, 2021	Virtual CIRI C3 Experience
AUG. 30, 2021	CST Elders Distribution direct deposit deadline
SEPT. 2, 2021	CST Elders Distribution address change deadline
SEPT. 6, 2021	Labor Day: CIRI offices closed
SEPT. 9, 2021	Third quarter direct deposit deadline
SEPT. 11, 2021	CST Elders Fund Distribution
SEPT. 22, 2021	CST Distribution address change deadline
SEPT. 30, 2021	Quarterly CST Distribution; quarterly participation prize drawing deadline

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VIRTUAL NYO GAMES ALASKA

You can't stop NYO! For the second year in a row, the Native Youth Olympic (NYO) Games went virtual, when the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic made it clear that the safest decision possible would be to delay meeting in person for one more year.

Athletes, coaches, parents, families, volunteers and Cook Inlet Tribal (CITC) staff rallied to make this year's Senior NYO Games an online success. More than 280 athletes from across the state submitted videos of the events they competed in, from the Alaskan high kick to the wrist carry. NYO Head Official Nicole Johnson and NYO Coordinator Adele Villa hosted several Facebook Live events, including award ceremonies and live kick-off competitions.

For thousands of years and countless generations, survival for Alaska Native people depended on individual strength, skill and knowledge, and on the ability to work together toward common goals. Traditional athletic contests and games helped develop these and other skills critical to everyday life in the challenging Alaska environment.

Each year, students from across Alaska participate in NYO. The games are open to youth from all backgrounds, and they promote important values such as teamwork, leadership, respect and healthy lifestyles. Student athletes in grades 7-12 strive for their personal best while competing in traditional athletic contests.



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CIRI is proud to be a longtime sponsor of NYO. This year, The CIRI Foundation was pleased to join at the Silver Medal (\$10,000+) level. A list of 2021 NYO results can be viewed at citci.org/partnerships-events/nyo-games/results/2021-results-awards.

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