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Community News and Opportunities for Action,

reporting on events and issues of peace, justice, and sustainability affecting us and future generations in Alaska, broadcasting on Sundays, 8am & 6pm on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska.

WEEK of APRIL 22nd, 2018

Be ready for opportunities to participate!

| Day, Date | Time | Event Description, Contact information | Where? |
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| month of Wed, 4/25 Thurs, 4/26 | April noon-2 pm 6-8 p.m. | <p>‘UAF recognizes Sexual Assault Awareness Month with events and activities that raise public awareness about sexual violence and that educate people on how to prevent it. The theme of this year’s SAAM campaign is “Embrace Your Voice,” which encourages people to stop sexual violence by promoting safety, respect and equality through the language we use. (https://news.uaf.edu/sexual-assault-awareness-month-2018/)</p> <p>— Denim Day — Take Back the Night,</p> <p><i>These events sponsored by the Nanook Diversity and Action Center, Resource and Advocacy Center, Student Activities Office, the Pub, Student Leadership and Involvement, and Residence Life. Contact uaf-ndac@alaska.edu or 474-6311 for more information.</i></p> | University of Alaska Fairbanks campus Wood Center multilevel lounge Constitution Park |
| | | <p>(Some) Issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability to be brought up</p> <p>This week in the Alaska Legislature:</p> <p>-- SB 198 UAA LONG-ACTING CONTRACEPTION STUDY + SB 134 TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RTS;GUARDIANS -- ‘Approval of introduction of potential committee legislation + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled’</p> <p><i>from Rep. Wool 4-20-18: “The conference committee between the House and the Senate is still working to come to a consensus on our operating budget differences. These are important discussions, and will need to be mostly resolved before we can adjourn.”</i></p> <p><i>NOT scheduled, but possibly could be: HB 127: “An Act relating to a permanent fund dividend for an individual whose conviction has been vacated, reversed, or dismissed; and relating to the calculation of the value of the permanent fund dividend by including payment to individuals eligible for a permanent fund dividend because of a conviction that has been vacated ...”</i></p> | <p><i>Go to</i> www.alaskapeace.org “Community News” for a link to <u>Community organizations & contact info</u> for local, state, and <u>federal government</u> representatives.</p> <p>*****</p> <p><i>Schedules often change. Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO). In Fbks:</i></p> <p>452-4448</p> <p>*****</p> <p><i>See more of the legislative schedule and links to related info here: 4/22-30</i></p> |
| Sunday April 22 | 4pm 11am-5pm | <p>The Interfaith Working Group is co-hosting a Prayer Circle for the Earth & Peace with a focus on care for the earth and creation. People from a wide variety of faith traditions will present an expression—e.g., a song, prayer, meditation, dance for the earth and creation. A potluck will follow the circle.</p> <p>Earth Day Celebration at Fairbanks Children’s Museum, , \$3-8. 374-6873</p> <p>Alaska Center tabling - email or text! : 907-347-4670 ~ alyssa@akcenter.org”</p> | JP Jones Community Center, 24th & Rickert St 302 Cushman St., suite 101 the Outdoor Door |

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| Monday April 23 | All Day | <p>Visit/Call/Fax/Write our Congressional Delegation about the proposed New Blank Check for War See information at “Spotlight” below.</p> <p>Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov</p> <p>Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov</p> | |
| | 6:30pm | Renewable Energy - GVEA board <u>meetings</u> generally occur on the fourth Monday of the month. Please join FCAC members to encourage our utility to aggressively incorporate renewable energies into our grid. For talking points or more information please contact our <u>RE working group</u> . | |
| Wednesday April 25 | 5:30pm | Domestic Violence Walk: FNA is hosting a walk to bring attention to domestic violence in the community on April 25 th . Pls contact Amber Taylor ataylor@fairbanksnative.org for more info. | starting at 315 Wendell Ave. |
| | 6:30pm | The Sustainability Commission special mtg - agenda includes Recycling Facility update, Reflections on April 11 th Town Hall mtg, and proposed recycling fee schedule. info: 459-1340 | Ester Conf Rm, 2 nd fl of the Borough bldg, 907 Terminal St |
| | 7 pm | SNEDDEN SERIES LECTURES , with Craig Medred speaking on “Honesty: The Commodity on which Journalism will Live or Die,” free, open to public. | Murie Auditorium UAF West Ridge |
| Thursday April 26 | 4-6 pm | Grease Bread & Tea: An Arctic Update - Join the Gwich'in Steering Committee and Native Movement to break bread and share tea at a community update on issues facing the Arctic, including offshore exploration and development and the urgent timeline for lease sales in the Arctic Refuge. | Tribal Hall |
| | 6- ? pm | <p>Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly regular mtg. Agenda items include: PUBLIC HEARING on 2017-20-1Z \$ for spill response, and numerous other items.</p> <p>Regular mtgs are alternate Thursdays of each month unless the presiding officer schedules otherwise. All regular & special mtgs, committee mtgs, and gatherings of more than three assembly members are public mtgs. All mtgs are streamed live through the borough website & the regular Assembly mtgs are aired live on Public Radio (KUAF-FM 89.9).</p> | Borough Bldg Assembly Chambers, 907 Terminal Street Agenda and more info: www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Meeting-Documents.aspx |
| Friday April 27 | 6-9pm | <p>Alaska Peace Center Potluck & Presentation: VietNam 50 yrs later: Impressions of the People and Reflections on the War & its Legacies. Vietnam is full of vibrant energetic people pulling themselves out of poverty caused in large part by a century of colonization by the French; decades of war with the French, Japanese, French again, Americans, Cambodians and Chinese; and 2 decades of economic isolation by America & its allies. They are happy, pragmatic people with a strong sense of history and a rich literary tradition, who are simultaneously looking toward the future. Alan has just returned from 5 weeks in Viet Nam where he was part of the Veterans For Peace delegation to the 50th anniversary commemoration of the My Lai Massacre on March 16. He will report on that commemoration and also provide an update on the two main legacy issues remaining from the war: unexploded ordnance and agent orange dioxin contamination. These are heavy issues, but the overall attitude to them in Viet Nam is one of optimism and moving beyond them to a peaceful and productive future. Alan probably won't be able to stop himself from also commenting on other aspects of his trip unrelated to wars and violence. For more information call Veteran For Peace Alan Batten: 488-3205</p> | 159 Kniffen rd; Sharon & Sean's “Dome Home” |
| | 5-8pm | Wake Up Break UP - Join the Alaska Center to hear about their organization as they detail some upcoming events and ideas for the community, food will be provided! | The Venue 514 2nd ave |

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| Saturday April 28 | 10am ----- 10am-3pm ----- 7pm | <p>Mothers' Day Purse Project: at 10am, with a mothers' luncheon at 11:30am. This is a great event that has a big impact on the ladies it helps, but the project is in need of more items, especially full size shampoo & conditioner. More info: https://www.facebook.com/events/1188051684658041/?ti=cl To donate: https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f054da4ab2aa7f58-mothers To provide for the luncheon: https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f054da4ab2aa7f58-potluck</p> <p>Fbks Climate Action Coalition General Meeting - Join our ongoing vision towards a just transition in Alaska!! <i>This is the perfect event to come and learn about FCAC and how you can engage!</i> We will continue our community's strategic action for change while picking up a conversation on the intersects between climate action and other important issues across the state and how this overlap moves us towards a just transition. We will meet at 9:30a to catch up & share a warm drink. Child-care & a light lunch will be provided.</p> <p>Spring Concert Fairbanks Peace Choir - suggested donation \$10; dessert follows concert.</p> | Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 1500 Cowles St ----- CCHRC fairbanksclimateaction.org ----- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks 4448 Pikes Landing Rd |
| Sunday April 29 | 10:30 am | <p>Love Thy Neighbor Rev. Shirley Lee will offer us an update on the Tanana Chiefs Conference Sobering Center. During the winter of 2007-2008, six people froze to death on the streets of Fairbanks due to being intoxicated and having nowhere safe to go. The new Sobering Center offers a place for intoxicated people to sober up for 12 hours in safety and warmth, and a chance to connect with the medical and social services they need. She will also be updating us on how the fellowship can continue to show up in solidarity with the Fairbanks Four, a group of young native men who were wrongfully incarcerated for 18 years.</p> <p><i>[This will be part of the Sunday service.] contact admin@uuff.org or 451-8838</i></p> | Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks 4448 Pikes Landing Rd |
| | | <u>After This Week</u> | |
| Mon, 4/30 | 10-11:30am | <p>“FREE WORKSHOP - Which Vegetable Varieties Grow Well in Fbks? ...update on the vegetable variety trials at the UAF Georgeson Botanical Garden and demonstrate the Grow&Tell mobile app... a way to conduct home variety trials as a citizen scientist....You'll have the opportunity to take home some of the same varieties used in the variety trials, test them at home and then enter information at the end of the summer into the app. Preregistration required: This workshop is free, but please contact Extension at 474-1530 or jariley@alaska.edu to preregister. Space is limited.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>“April 30th and May 1st from Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition fairbankshomeless@gmail.com “A 2- day training on Individual Placement & Support (IPS), the evidence-based supported employment model. Trainer: Sandy Reese from The IPS Employment Center ipsworks.org.”</p> | Rm 158, Univ Park Bldg, 1000 University Ave. Parking: There is a fee to park during the day. Pay at the kiosk at the west entrance. Fee is 75 cents/hr payable by cash or card. |
| Fri, 5/4 | 9am-noon | <p>FHHC Panel Discussion: As part of the National Low Income Housing Coalition’s Week of Action.... the Outreach Committee [will] begin planning. <i>If you...wish to help plan this event please let Eloy know.</i> & if any organization(s) would like to help cover catering costs, please let me know. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.</p> <p><i><fairbankshomeless@gmail.com></i></p> | Wedgewood Resort and Conference Center (212 Wedgewood Drive) |
| Sat 5/5 | 12-5pm | <p>“Fairbanks Open Radio & IWW Fairbanks present May Day Every Day - Support KWRK-LP! Fbks' own revolutionary radio station! Celebrate International Workers Day! Local Crafts, Music, and Food! Join us at 4pm for special, selected readings from a new play by the Asymmetric Moose. Live Broadcast on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM! Streaming 24/7 at KWRK.org! For more information, call 907 322 2521, visit Fairbanks Open Radio and IWW Fairbanks on Facebook, or visit KWRK.org!” [a separate reading from the play will be broadcast after this newsbrief]</p> | the HUB, 410 -2 nd ave |
| Thurs, 5/10 | 10-noon | <p>Reentry Coalition Graduation Ceremony: This is the coalition’s second graduation ceremony and marks an important milestone for Fairbanks returning citizens. The event will highlight the successes and struggles of reentering the community following</p> | |

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| | | incarceration. For more information please contact Marsha Oss at reentrycasemanager@iacnvl.org . | |
| May 12 -13 th | 10a - 2p | Non-Violent Direct Action Training: Nonviolent action are techniques outside of institutionalized behavior for social change that challenges an unjust power dynamic using methods of protest, noncooperation, and intervention without the use or threat of injurious force. Join us to strengthen and diversify our tactics in Fairbanks. We will offer a 1.5 day intensive training on NVDA. Please RSVP to fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com and also share with your networks if your groups will use these tools for change. | CCHRC |
| Fri, 5/21 | | Arbor Day To help, contact FBKS ARBOR DAY COMMITTEE 2018 via ritchiemusick@gci.net | |
| OPEN THROUGH SEPT. 2018 | winter to May 31 Mon- Sat 9 AM - 5 PM | Decolonizing Alaska is a multimedia visual art exhibit featuring contemporary artists exploring and responding to Alaska's history of colonization . A collaboration of more than 30 diverse Alaska artists, both Native and non-Native, the exhibit introduces new ideas around Alaska culture. Artists move beyond stereotypical ideas to inspire conversation around self-definition and express ideas about identity separate from those that permeate popular culture. Learn more about the exhibit | University of Alaska Museum of the North Special Exhibits Gallery 1962 Yukon Dr. Fbks Admission \$0, \$5, \$8, or \$14 |
| Wed, 7/4 | TBA | July 4th Music FEST: Unity Outreach Inc. is hosting their 25 th annual Music FEST. They are looking for agencies to provide services or table at the event. The event is free, open to the public, and thousands of people attend each year. This is a great opportunity to get the word out about your agencies. For more information please contact barbiebaumgartner@gmail.com July 13th Resource Fair: Christine Charron & Meagan Scheer from Access Alaska have taken the lead on planning a community resource fair...[to] feature a number of presentations, snacks made through a collaboration between Access Alaska and the Stone's Throw program, and opportunities for table outreach. This event is free and open to the public. For more information please contact Meagan at mscheer@accessalaska.org or Christine at charron@accessalaska.org . | Pioneer Park |
| Fri, 7/13 | TBA | | in Breadline Inc.'s garden area |

Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, and/or Issues not specific to Alaska

Peace

On Friday, 4/20, approx. 85 students from 3 local high schools walked out of class to protest the lack of legislative action to prevent gun violence.

Thousands of events nationwide. And another school shooting in Florida- 1 student injured.

What is being done in our name in Syria?
"No Chemical Attack in Douma, Two International Investigative Reporters in Douma Write," article by Col. Ann Wright.

*And about the (in)accuracy of reporting on the US airstrikes in retribution for the claimed chemical attacks, read "**About those 'Nice, New, Smart' Missiles and the 'Chemical Weapons' Sites in Syria,**" by Joe Quinn in Global Research, which includes a brief history of 'intercept' reports*

"After 100+ cruise missiles or ...variants were fired at targets in Syria early in the morning of April 14th... An important point that seems to have gotten lost in the media propaganda offensive is that only 3 locations were targeted and hit.," "blowing up suspected chemical weapons production and storage facilities located in densely populated areas amounts to reckless endangerment of the local population, and possibly a war crime," and, "Syria Airstrikes Instantly Added Nearly \$5 Billion to Missile-Makers' Stock Value"

Special operations deployments to 149 different countries last year; without clear

Justice

The Alaska legislature unanimously passed a resolution calling to reconsider listing as a schedule 1 drug....in federal **marijuana laws**. The legislature had also passed a bill closing legal records of marijuana-related convictions in Alaska that would not be illegal under current Alaska law. KUAC

from Friends Committee on National Legislation: "The House Agriculture Committee just passed a farm bill that could force a million people off the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly food stamps). SNAP helps more than 40 million people put food on the table and prevent hunger.

Will you contact Rep. Don Young today & urge him to oppose House farm bill HR 2?

[This] bill makes existing work requirements for SNAP even harsher. Individuals would have just a month to find a job or enter a qualified job training program before they lose SNAP benefits. And every month they must prove they are working the required amount. Work is important, but **SNAP is not a jobs program. It is an anti-hunger program**, and it is extremely effective.

[To get more people into the workforce, raise wages, & create jobs, [Congress] should... invest in existing workforce programs, [which it] has been cutting for years. Instead, this bill creates a huge new

Sustainability

from Alaska Community Action on Toxics: "More than 50 families across the country have lost loved ones to the deadly chemical methylene chloride. Drew Wynne died stripping paint from a floor at his small business using a product he purchased at Lowe's. Kevin Hartley died after stripping a bathtub for his family's contracting business. The list goes on and on. But Lowe's has refused to take paint strippers containing methylene chloride off store shelves. Lowe's has also refused to stop selling paint strippers containing another toxic chemical called N-Methylpyrrolidone (NMP). This chemical can impact fetal development and can even cause miscarriage or stillbirth from just one day of exposure.

The Mind the Store campaign has sent Lowe's letters asking them to stop selling these products. Advocates have met with their staff. And more than 100,000 consumers like you have signed the petition to Lowe's. Yet, they still sell these harmful products.

Will you take a minute to call Lowe's customer service to tell them to stop selling deadly paint strippers? Here's how:

1. Call Lowe's customer service at (800) 445-6937 then press 4 then 1 to provide feedback to a representative.
2. You can use these talking points (or if you want to learn more first, check out these fact sheets on methylene chloride and NMP). Please feel free to put it in your own words.

- *I'm concerned that Lowe's sells paint strippers containing the toxic*

reasons. Inadequate public debate & accountability. "Former Marine and author Phil Klay [says] the lack of clear mission, and the lack of debate about the fighting in American society, are having deleterious effects on troop morale."

NPR/KUAC 4/19/18

"US Easing Rules on Sales of Armed Drones, Other Weaponry - The Trump administration moved Thursday to make it easier for U.S. defense contractors to sell armed drones and other conventional weapons to foreign governments.

In policy changes aimed at boosting American firms' ability to compete in the increasingly lucrative global arms market, the administration said it is removing restrictions that barred U.S. manufacturers from directly marketing and selling drones, including those that are armed or can be used to guide missile strikes, abroad. Previously, foreign countries had to go through the U.S. government to buy such drones. They will now be able to deal directly with the companies, although the government will retain oversight.

Despite Thursday's changes, the government must still approve the sales by overcoming a presumption of denial contingent on human rights and proliferation considerations. Sales will also remain subject to congressional review...

In addition..., the **revisions will add U.S. economic interests as a primary consideration in broader arms export control reviews....**" nytimes.com/4/19

from alyssa@akcenter.org 4-17-18 :
" ! Good morning! I'm the **Fairbanks Community Organizer with the Alaska Center**. You may have volunteered with us, or the Stand for Salmon Campaign..."

Sunday, we're going to be **tabling at the Outdoor Door** for the first time! Swing by and say hello, grab a seat and chat with us, or better yet...Come table with me!

Friday evening, we have our Reception! ...I'll be formally introducing myself, the organization, and detailing some of our upcoming events and ideas for the community. Plus, there will be lots of food, provided by the Venue downtown...Here is the Facebook link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2118597801705265/> If you have any questions or want to get in touch with me, just shoot me an email or a text! : 907-347-4670 ~ Alyssa"

bureaucracy that states must implement with ...insufficient funding.

Individuals hit hardest by this bill are people with disabilities [and caregivers], low-income working parents, seniors, and individuals with serious barriers to employment..."

from info@cpdaction.org 2-1-18:
What Kind of Information Do Google & Facebook Have on You?

By Dr. Mercola...

More than 3,100 Google employees signed a letter to CEO Sundar Pichai, urging him not to go ahead with plans to provide AI technology to the Pentagon's drone program, known as Project Maven. As reported by Fox News,¹⁸ 'Google's AI contribution could ... improve the system's ability [to] analyze video and potentially be used to identify targets and civilians.' The letter also urges Pichai to establish a corporate policy that disallows it from participating in "warfare technology"...

And what are the incorruptible proposed checks & balances to prevent the near absolute power of a 'Google-GoverNet' from becoming a modern Orwellian Big Brother Inc.?

Protect Your Privacy by Avoiding Google and Facebook...

1. Sign the "Don't be evil" petition aimed at Google, created by Citizens Against Monopoly
2. Avoid any and all Google products:

- a. Stop using Google search engines. So far, one of the best alternatives I've found is DuckDuckGo²²
- b. Uninstall Google Chrome and use the [Opera browser](http://Opera) instead, available for all computers and mobile devices.²³ From a security perspective, Opera is far superior to Chrome and offers a free VPN service (virtual private network) to further preserve your privacy
- c. If you have a Gmail account, close it and open an account with a non-Google affiliated email service such as ProtonMail,²⁴ and encrypted email service based in Switzerland
- d. Stop using Google docs. Digital Trends has published an article suggesting a number of alternatives²⁵
- e. If you're a ... student, do not convert the Google accounts you created as a student into personal accounts

3. Minimize your use of Facebook, and be mindful of what you post, click, and comment on while there. For more information, see Goopocalypse.com's boycott Google page."

Did you know that "the US's Federal election system was undemocratically labeled as "critical infrastructure" in late 2016, & was put under the control of the Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS)"?

chemicals methylene chloride and NMP.

- *These chemicals can be really dangerous. Methylene chloride can kill someone using it in a matter of minutes. NMP can cause miscarriage or stillbirth.*
- *I want to trust that the products I buy from your company are safe. Please stop selling these products and any others that are dangerous to the health of your customers.*

3. Tell us that you made a call.

Methylene chloride has been banned from paint strippers in the European Union for more than five years. And the E.U. is considering banning NMP in paint strippers too. In January 2017, the E.P.A. proposed banning these chemicals in paint strippers here in the U.S. But the agency recently backed off under pressure from the chemical industry.

Tell Lowe's to protect its customers. Call them now!"

Northern Alaska Environmental Center 4/19:

"Today, days before Earth Day and during Earth Week, the Trump administration took another step in their push to open the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil development: the Notice of Intent (NOI) was released on the 8th Anniversary of the catastrophic Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

... The National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling wrote in a letter to Secretary Zinke in May 2017... resoundingly opposing modifications to offshore oil and gas operations proposed in the [2017] Executive Order....

Friday's announcement initiates the scoping period for the Environmental Impact Statement on **leasing in the Coastal Plain of the Refuge**. This will set in motion a 60-day comment period. **What can we do in the next 60 days?** Attend public meetings. Demand to be heard. Demand that materials be available in Alaska Native languages, that community input be acknowledged, and that the ecological complexity of the Coastal Plain be addressed by the EIS process. Submit comments with your knowledge of the Coastal Plain's ecological, cultural, & spiritual values. Flood the comment period with the voices this administration is attempting to block... Encourage and help your friends & family write and submit comments as well. **Use social and local media to highlight the undemocratic disregard for the voices and lives of Alaskans.** Sen Murkowski pushed for the passage of the tax bill last Dec without acknowledging the Gwich'in Nation's sacred ties to the Coastal Plain, or the countless other Alaskans who are committed to Refuge protection. If you use Twitter, **contact Senator Murkowski @lisamurkowski; Senator Dan**

from fairbanksclimateaction.org: “**SPEAK Pebble Mine** - The Pebble Partnership is pushing a fast-tracked mine permit review that threatens Bristol Bay's communities, cultures, economy, and way of life. Bristol Bay needs YOU to send a clear message that Pebble Mine should not be built in Bristol Bay. Without strong opposition and early public input, one of Pebble's key permits could be granted. Learn more at <http://utbb.org/get-involved/> and you can view Pebble's application and get other EIS info at <https://pebbleprojecteis.com/>

CALT - The Alaska State Climate Action Leadership Team (CALT) is taking public comment on the state's climate change policy and action plan. Please submit comments here!

ORGANIZE

Renewable Energy Working Group will meet on the 23rd at 3p at CCHRC (1000 Fairbanks St)

Interfaith Working Group will meet after the Prayer Circle on the 22nd

Policy & Politics Working Group will meet on the 2nd at 630p at Laborer's Hall (2740 Davis Road)

Keep It In The Ground we will be meeting to talk about next steps soon for the below arctic campaigns, please contact us if you'd like to know more!

Kids for Environmental Action email our group lead if you would like to help with our current project, the Earth Day Species Walk!

Regenerative Economy we will be meeting to talk about next steps soon, please contact us if you can help gather us!”

June 4-15, 2018: Center for Nonviolence & Peace Studies - 19th Annual International Nonviolence Summer Institute

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING IN KINGIAN NONVIOLENCE CONFLICT RECONCILIATION

On 20 April 1914, US troops opened fire with machine guns on a camp of striking miners and their families in Ludlow, Colorado. The National Guard officer in charge also murdered the striker sent to arrange a truce with him. The militiamen entered the camp late in the evening and set fire to the tents, killing two women and 11 children, in addition to around 13 others who were shot dead. No soldiers were prosecuted over the killings. This is the history of the massacre:

[//libcom.org/history/articles/ludlow-massacre-1914](http://libcom.org/history/articles/ludlow-massacre-1914)

4/19 NPR News: 130 Million Americans breathing unhealthy air.

Fbks/N.Pole has worst air quality in the nation. [kuac](http://kuac.org).

Sullivan @SenDanSullivan; Gov Walker @AKGovBillWalker; Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt @DOIDepSec. **Amplify the voices** of the Gwich'in Steering Committee, Native Movement, and others who have been left out of the public conversation about Alaska's future. Share your own story about the Arctic Refuge. Follow the Northern Center on Facebook to keep up with the latest news.

Write a letter to the editor at the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner or Anchorage Daily News countering ... this rushed attempt to undo a legacy of stewardship and protection in the Arctic Refuge.

...[R]ead these press releases from the Gwich'in Steering Committee, and this statement highlighting Alaska voices.

:: The Donlin Gold mine Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is expected to be released on Friday, April 27. After the FEIS is released, the Corps may hold an unofficial 30 day comment period... the public's last chance to directly make our voice heard before a decision is made & a permit is issued.

... The project as outlined will be a 1.5 mile wide pit mine, one of the largest open pit mines in the world, placed right next to vital smelt spawning areas. The proposed 315-mile pipeline would traverse fragile wetlands, and the proposed barges could severely erode the banks of the Kuskokwim River. The industrial development will release large volumes of greenhouse gases into our rapidly warming climate.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's review of the draft EIS “identified potentially serious impacts on human health and the environment...We have concerns that the proposed project may increase concentrations of mercury and arsenic in surface waters and sediments...” The mine would have a life of 27 years, while permanently and irreversibly damaging the Kuskokwim River.”

Spotlight

from info@winwithoutwar.org

“...really happening: **The Senate Foreign Relations Committee could vote next week on a bipartisan bill that would let Trump start a new war any time, anywhere, with just an FYI to Congress.**

Sens. Corker & Kaine's new Authorization for the Use of Military Force, or AUMF, literally has fill-in-the-blank instructions for Trump — and his ultra-hawkish new National Security Advisor, John “Bomb Iran” Bolton — to tack on whatever new wars they want. The bipartisan group of senators behind this bill claim they're solving the broken status quo of endless war. But their “solution” is completely backward. The Constitution puts the power to declare war in Congress' hands for two reasons: To make it really hard, and to ensure you to have the power to influence the decision by weighing in with Congress. **This AUMF does exactly the opposite, making wars easier to start and harder to end...”** (Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121)

& from act@credoaction.com ‘Tell the Senate: “Don’t give Trump a blank check for war. Vote no on the Corker-Kaine AUMF. [Sign the Petition.](#)”’

Here is the message sent by Stop the War Machine members to their Senators: “We are opposed to the new Authorization for the Use of Military Force 2018 introduced by Senators Corker, Kaine and several others. As your constituents, we hope you'll vote against this legislation when it comes before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force has provided three presidents with a blank check for expanding war. Although this new authorization repeals the 2001 AUMF, the new legislation fails to include a firm sunset and can only be stopped by another vote from Congress.”

from [Friends Committee on National Legislation](#): “...Instead of constraining the executive branch, this new sweeping AUMF explicitly authorizes all current military operations under the 2001 AUMF and paves the way for an ever-expanding war. Since its passage in 2001, three administrations have collectively cited the 2001 AUMF as the legal justification for 41 military actions across 18 different countries- and these are only the uses that exist in the public record. While the 2018 AUMF would repeal the 2001 and 2002 AUMFs, it perpetuates the same deep flaws found in the originals... [See what principles FCNL believes must be in any new AUMF.”](#)

Songs that increase our understanding of issues of peace, justice, and sustainability played with today's newscast:

--The Oil Song by Steve Forbert (with one verse missing)

This summary of issues of importance to citizens of Interior Alaska, and information on how, when, and where to take action on those issues, has been brought to you by the Alaska Peace Center.

*The Alaska Peace Center works for peace, justice, and sustainability
- individually, in our community, and globally -
with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.*

*We bring in speakers, sponsor exhibits, and encourage dialogue within our community on these issues.
We also maintain an office in conjunction with this radio station, KWRK.*

If you would like to support these activities
*and you would prefer not to subsidize PayPal you can send a check to
Alaska Peace Center, 3535 College Road Suite 203, Fairbanks, AK 99709;
or you can make a donation via PayPal at our website, www.alaskapeace.org,*

Email us at info@alaskapeace.org

Visit our website: www.alaskapeace.org for more information and details, or to get on our email list, to which the expanded news brief is sent; also see our Facebook page.

*Feedback to, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome.
Please include “for news” in the subject line.*

May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

Please respond via <info@alaskapeace.org>; please do not use "reply".

“True peace is not merely the absence of tension. It is the presence of justice.” Martin Luther King, Jr.