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*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 June 3rd, 2018

*Be ready for opportunities to participate!
Community News and Opportunities for Action,*

Friday June 8	5:30 pm	Northern Alaska Environmental Center (NAEC) Annual Donor Appreciation picnic we'll provide a main dish (we'll have a taco bar with vegetarian and non-vegetarian and gluten free options) and beverages. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and a friend or family member who's interested in learning more. If you're available to volunteer to set up before the picnic, clean up after, bring a dish, and/or bring a lawn game, please let us know here , or contact Anna at officemanager@northern.org or 452-5091.	830 College Road, Fairbanks (in the backyard) contact erica@nothern.org .
Saturday June 9	12-5pm	Climate Change 101 - This workshop will be led by UAF climate change researchers and communications experts. We are inviting environmental leaders, teachers, and other interested and engaged community members to join us for information, brainstorming, discussion, strategizing, and sharing of the latest data, maps, and tools. Please see attached flyer for more information. <i>June 9th, UAF's International Arctic Research Center</i> (from FCAC)	the HUB, 410 -2 nd ave
		<u>After This Week</u>	
Monday, 6/11	4-5 pm	FCAC Council mtg	CCHRC
	5:30-7pm ----- 6-7pm	City Diversity Council Mtg ----- Monthly IWW mtg. (FAF calendar)	Fairbanks City Hall ---- 507 Gaffney Rd.
Thurs, 6/14	6pm	Movie Screening - The Interfaith Working Group is partnering with the Northern Alaska Environmental Center to have a screening of Being Caribou . In 2003, a husband and wife lace up their boots and migrate for 5 months across the Yukon and Alaska with the endangered Porcupine Caribou Herd. Please join us and get an update on the Arctic Refuge fight .	Schaible Auditorium, UAF campus
Sat, 6/16		Juneteenth Celebration - Details next week	
Sunday, 6/17	2-hr blocks 8am-6pm	<i>from waw@friendsofcreamersfield.org:</i> “VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - 2018 Design Alaska Wild Arts Walk ... a wonderful community outreach and fundraising event for Friends of Creamer's Field, and we need volunteers to ... show and share what you love about Creamer's Field with the rest of Fairbanks... 907.978.5090.	Creamer's Field 1300 College Road
Wed, 7/4	TBA	<i>July 4th Music FEST:</i> 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 .	Pioneer Park
7/13	11-3pm	Community Resource Fair: Please join Access Alaska in celebrating their 35th Anniversary with a Resource Fair on July 13th from 11:00am-3:00pm at the Stone Soup Garden on 12th Ave at Lacey St. The FHHC is proud to help sponsor this event. For more information please contact Michele Coston mecoston@accessalaska.org or see attached letter and "flyer" (ok the flyer wasn't meant to be a flyer, but it is now). Also there is info about this on the FHHC website www.fairbankshomeless.org	in Breadline Inc.'s garden area
7/13-16		<i>from notivemovement.org:</i> “Alaska Art and Action Camp! -the 2 nd summer of our Northern Organizers' summits.... This year participants can choose one of the following tracks to focus on: Visual arts, Theater arts, Media arts, and Written/Spoken word. Once again this camp [will be] grounded in Decolonizing frameworks. This camp is co-hosted with the Gwichin Steering Committee, the Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition, and Cook Inlet Keepers. Stay tuned, more information and the application will be out soon! Learn more about our trainings & camps HERE .”	Howard Luke's Camp along the Tanana River outside of Fairbanks
		* Alaska's Congressional delegation: <i>Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121</i> Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov ; Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov	See alaskapeace.org “Community News” for a link to Community organizations & contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.

Good News category:

FNA SOAP: The Street Outreach & Advocacy Program is all settled into their **new home at 605 Hughes Ave**. They are continuing to provide the same great services, just in a bigger facility! **FHHC (Fbks Housing & Homelessness Coalition)**

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

Peace

from info@winwithoutwar.org: “The heartbreaking humanitarian crisis in Yemen fueled by our tax dollars is taking a horrific turn for the worse. Already, the Saudi-led coalition has driven 8 million Yemenis to the brink of starvation and let loose the worst cholera epidemic in history — all with direct U.S. support. Now, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates want to launch a devastating military offensive at the port city of Hodeidah — cutting off vital food and medical supplies and driving a spike in starvation and disease for millions. **Instead of demanding Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Bahrain stop this brutal offensive and negotiate peace, Trump wants to sell them \$2 billion in more bombs for Yemen. The good news is: Congress has a chance to stop it.** By law, Trump has to give Congress a **30-day window** to intervene and vote on blocking the weapons sale. **Tell Congress: Don’t Sell Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Bahrain \$2 Billion in Bombs to Starve Yemen.**”

“**Nov 16-18 Nogales AZ/Sonora Mexico: third SOA Watch* mobilization at the border! Info**” from *Emma’s Revolution*
* The School of the Americas (SOA, [aka School of Assassins]) is a combat training school for Latin American soldiers, located at Fort Benning, Georgia. In 2001 renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC)... when the House of Representatives defeated a bi-partisan amendment to close the school and conduct a congressional investigation by a narrow ten vote margin.” [Read more....](#)

No Way to Treat a Child

Campaign initiated by the American Friends Service Committee and Defense of Children International. These organizations worked with Representative Betty McCollum(D Minnesota) to introduce **HR 4391 in the US House of Representatives in 2017**. This bill would ensure that US tax dollars do not fund Israeli military detention of Palestinian children.” from *Stop the War Machine*.

Justice

“AK Public Health Alert Network: Outbreak of Life-threatening Coagulopathy Associated with Synthetic Cannabinoids Use.

Note: The Alaska Section of Epidemiology is distributing this message for informational purposes; to date, no [blood clotting problems] associated with synthetic cannabinoid use have been reported [in Alaska]. General Background

Synthetic cannabinoids are not one drug. Hundreds of different synthetic cannabinoid chemicals are manufactured and sold

(1). New ones with unknown health risks become available each year. These chemicals are called cannabinoids because they act on the same brain cell receptors THC...in marijuana; however, synthetic cannabinoids may affect the brain in different and unpredictable ways

(2). Synthetic cannabinoids are... sprayed onto plant material and then smoked; used in ... e-cigarettes; or ingested when added to herbal tea or food.

Synthetic cannabinoids are widely available. Consumers can buy [them] in convenience stores, from individual drug dealers, friends, or online as incense or natural herbal products.

They are sold under many different...names, but ... commonly ... as synthetic marijuana, **fake weed**, legal weed, K2, and Spice.

Adverse effects ... vary and can include ...agitation, confusion...hallucinations, delusions, [nose- & gum-bleeds, bruising, heavy bleeding, vomiting or coughing up blood, blood in urine, side and belly pain, and other ...signs and symptoms...

Outbreak Background

In March 2018, the Illinois Department of Public Health reported cases of unexplained bleeding among patients who reported using synthetic cannabinoids. Subsequent testing of drug and biological samples from case-patients detected the **presence of brodifacoum**, a long-acting vitamin K-dependent antagonist that is used as a **rodenticide**.

... Since the [first] case was identified in Illinois ... state health departments have reported **202 cases**, including **5 deaths**... in nine states

... More than 95 of case-patient biological samples have tested positive for brodifacoum...

Recommendations for the Public

1. CDC recommends that people **do not use synthetic cannabinoids**.

Synthetic cannabinoids are always dangerous because it is impossible for people to know what chemicals are in the product, how much they are being

Sustainability

from info@iagreenstar.org:

“**[Sorting recyclables]** All June Saturdays except June 9th.

Where: Green Star warehouse, 1205 1st Ave, across from the power plant downtown.

Jobs available for volunteers:

- Cord Sorting
- Disassembly
- Battery Sorting
- Stacking E-waste on Pallets
- Wrapping Pallets for Transport
- Sorting received electronics

We have a new method for signing up to help out. [Click here](#) [or] email info@iagreenstar.org

... Summer Special Event Recycling Season is upon us! **-The Midnight Sun Festival is June 24th!** from noon to midnight. Green Star will be hosting a booth and doing the recycling for the event and would love to have your help! Sign up [here](#) to help with sorting and recycling or to work at the Green Star information booth. or 452-4152 ”

Northern Alaska Environmental Center:

“**there’s still time to get your scoping comments in to BLM.** For background, talking points, and how to submit, [click here](#), and feel free to contact us with questions.

:: [Today, it was announced that Kuukpik Corp.](#) a joint venture between SAExploration, the Arctic Slope Regional Corp. and the Kaktovik Inupiat Corp., applied to conduct seismic surveys in the coastal plain this coming winter. US Fish & Wildlife Service said that the plan is “not adequate,” citing insufficient information and direct conflicts with the caribou calving season.

:: [Camp Habitat Summer 2018 registration now open.](#) ... summer nature education and ecology programs for kids 4-11. See [this page](#) for more info, plus Camp Habitat job postings!

from fairbanksclimateaction.org:

“CAMPAIGN UPDATES

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge- You still have time to comment on the scoping period through **June 19th to BLM**, and can do so with the guidance of [Julianne Warren](#), see attached for more information on our ongoing comment campaign.

Simultaneously, [corporations and the DOI](#) are **moving forward with haste for a lease sale** next year! Please [reach out](#) to strategize next steps to keep this development out of the Refuge or attend our next [Keep It In The Ground](#) working group meeting on Tuesday the

“ ‘Won’t You Be My Neighbor?’ at Regal Cinemas June 13: KUAC will host a special showing of the new documentary film about Fred Rogers... into the heart of a creative genius who inspired generations of children with compassion and limitless imagination... pre-registration will be required. Stay tuned for details” from nancy.kuac@alaska.edu

“Arctic ‘doomsday’ seed vault suffers breach from [melting]... The remote Arctic “doomsday” seed vault that houses some 800,000 crop seeds to be used in the event of a disaster had a water intrusion. The seeds are safe.” from www.upi.com

exposed to, and how their body will react to the chemicals. The synthetic cannabinoid products associated with this outbreak are especially dangerous because they contain brodifacoum, a chemical used as **rat poison** that can cause uncontrolled bleeding.

2. *People who have used synthetic cannabinoids in the past three months and are concerned about their health should contact their healthcare provider.* Synthetic cannabinoids users who develop any unusual bruising or bleeding should seek medical attention immediately.

For More Information

Synthetic cannabinoids: What are they? What are their effects?

cdc.gov/nceh/hsb/chemicals/sc/default.html” from AlaskaDHSS@public.govdelivery.com

from Pam Miller of [Alaska Community Action on Toxics](http://AlaskaCommunityActionOnToxics.org): “**State of Alaska Complicit with EPA in Failure to Protect Public Health from Contamination in Drinking Water.**.. The Fairbanks Daily News Miner published my opinion editorial today concerning the PFAS contamination. [Here is the link.](#)”

5th at Native Movement, 430p located at 1327 Hayes Ave.

-- **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>

June 29th, On-line Here

-- ORGANIZE

Renewable Energy Working Group will meet soon, please reach out for next steps or if you can help with the renewable energy fair this August!

Interfaith Working Group will meet after soon to organize the June 14th movie, please reach out if you would like to help!

Policy & Politics Working Group will meet on the 6th at 630p at Laborer's Hall (2740 Davis Road)

Keep It In The Ground will meet on the 5th at 430p at Native Movement (1327 Hayes Ave)

Kids for Environmental Action email our group lead if you would like to help with summer project ideas.

Regenerative Economy if you would like to attend our next meeting please fill out this [doodle poll!](#)”

Spotlight

Celebration of Peace makers in our community: At the 6th Annual Peace Feast, over a dozen groups and individuals introduced the work they have been doing for peace, justice, and/or sustainability, and dozens more enjoyed good food and learned good things they didn't know:

Alaska Peace Center activities update and alert about upcoming military encroachment, presented by Heather K.

KWRK-LP radio update by Keyana

Veterans For Peace & war legacy projects: Agent Orange, Unexploded Ordnance, by Alan B

**Alternatives To Violence Project Update from Carrie F read by Heather K.”*

Drone Quilts Project by Karl F.

Fairbanks branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, by Tonya B.

Fairbanks Youth Court & Restorative Justice, by Jazzanne

It's Easy to Be A Voter Registrar, by Sharon A.

Compassion Project - Barb C.

** Alaskans FOR Wildlife, by Jim. K**

Friends of Fox Springs update, by Melinda

FreeThePeople newspaper, by Chris R & Heather P

Need for Alternative Energy Co-operative, by Chris H.

Connecting All Things - Paul T.

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

- *Movin' It On, by Odetta*
- *As Long As the Grass Shall Grow, by Peter Lafarge*
- *Cochise & Peace Pilgrim quotes from The Way of Peace*
- *A Letter to America, by Don Ross*
- *Don't Worry Be Happy, by Bobby McFerrin*
- *I'm Fixin' To Die Rag, by Country Joe and the Fish*
- *Travelin' Soldier by Dixie Chicks*
- *Patriot Game, lyrics by Dominic Behan, traditional tuer*

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

for example:

Alternatives to Violence Project workshop scholarships \$65 per scholarship

Office Rent: \$225/month, for board mtgs, library, storage, & small gathering venue

Misc expenses: \$30+/mo for envelopes, stamps, checks, website, telephone

*and you would prefer not to subsidize PayPal you can send a check to
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or you can make a donation via PayPal at our website, www.alaskapeace.org,*

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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!

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

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