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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 June 17th, 2018

Be ready for opportunities to participate!

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
Sunday June 17	2pm	Race Against Racism.. Money covers race expenses and proceeds will go to the NAACP scholarship fund. Priority goes to runners, who tend to make great times on this flat course. But walkers and rollers are most welcome. The race is part of Juneteenth weekend. 456-3729; jpjcdc@gmail.com	JP Jones Community Development Center 2400 Rickert St Fbks
Monday June 18	first thing in the am	<p>— THE SENATE SETS UP A FINAL National Defense Authorization Act VOTE ON MONDAY: The Senate is slated to vote on its version of the fiscal 2019 National Defense Authorization Act when it returns Monday evening. The upper chamber voted 81 to 15 on Thursday to end debate on the bill, H.R. 5515 (115), clearing its last procedural hurdle to a vote on final passage.” https://www.politico.com/morningdefense/ 6/15/18</p> <p>“Senator Markey NDAA Amendment Would Block Development of New ‘Low-Yield’ Nuclear Weapon... would redirect funds to help denuclearize North Korea...” https://www.markey.senate.gov/</p> <p>“Two weeks ago, the US House of Representatives passed a[n]... NDAA with a rider unrelated to the security of the United States. If it becomes law, any proposal to dig up a “critical” mineral would bypass the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), leading to an expedited permitting process, minimal environmental review, and potentially no public input. Worse, the bill would redefine “critical minerals” to include almost any type of rock, including gravel.</p> <p>“There are currently two similar riders proposed in the Senate – one by Senator Heller (R-Nevada), and one by Senator Lisa Murkowski.</p> <p>“Sen. Heller’s rider would declare “critical” the mining of nearly everything, from sand and gravel to gold and silver, while Sen. Murkowski’s is so broad it has to clarify that “snow, water, & ice” are not “critical.” Under either rider, any mineral declared “critical” would become largely exempt from public and environmental review process required by NEPA.</p> <p>“Contact Senator Murkowski and tell her mining companies don’t deserve a free pass, to rescind her amendment, and to oppose Sen. Heller’s amendment.” <i>from Northern Alaska Environmental Center</i></p>	<i>Alaska’s Congressional delegation:</i> <i>Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121</i> <i>Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov</i> <i>-</i> <i>Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov</i> <i>Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov</i>
Thursday June 21	11 AM-12:30 PM	“Anatomy of a Bailout” Panel Discussion Learn how the 2018 #MamasDayBailout in Kansas City came to be! Come hear about the process of executing a Bailout to free community members from remaining in jail simply because they cannot pay bail. Learn how congregations and our resources can be of use in resisting this way that people are criminalized for being poor. We’ll lift up the need to both alleviate the suffering now via Bailouts and push legislatively to actually #EndMoneyBail. BLUU and Love Resists will roll out our congregational #EndMoneyBail Toolkit at the panel. Moderated by Leslie Mac with Justice Gaston from Reale Justice Network & ACLU, MO, national & local organizers. More Information 451-8838 Email admin@uuff.org	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks 4448 Pikes Landing Road

Saturday June 23	4-5:30 PM	Ware Lecture Brittany Packnett is a leader at the intersection of culture and justice. Cited by President Barack Obama as a leader whose “voice is going to be making a difference for years to come,” Brittany is an unapologetic educator, organizer, writer, and speaker. Known as @MsPackyetti on social media, a former teacher, policy expert, and nonprofit executive director, Brittany has committed her life and career to justice. She currently plays many roles, all focused on freedom. More Information 451-8838 Email admin@uuff.org	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks 4448 Pikes Landing Road
Sunday June 24	8am-6pm	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 Fbks...	Creamer's Field 1300 College Road 907.978.5090.
	4-8pm	Sierra Club Political Training Anchorage - Ariel Hayes, Deputy Political Campaign Director for the Sierra Club and Jen Hensley, State Lobbying Director will lead. Alaskan Voices speaking at the Anch mtg: Rep. Andy Josephson, Michael Haukedalen, lobbyist, etc. For further information please call Susan Hansen, Fbks (818) 614-2734 Alaska Sierra Club Conservation Chair; Member of Alaskans for Wildlife	Sierra Club Office Board Rm 2nd floor 601 West 5 th ave Anchorage
		<u>After This Week</u>	
Mon, June 25	4-8pm FOOD is provided + Hot Licks ice cream!	Sierra Club Political Training Fbks - Ariel Hayes, Deputy Political Campaign Director for the Sierra Club and Jen Hensley, State Lobbying Director will lead. Alaska voices will be included in this political training. Alaskan Voices speaking at the mtg include Rep. Scott Kawasaki, Jim Kowalsky, etc. For further information please call Susan Hansen, Fbks (818) 614-2734 Alaska Sierra Club Conservation Chair; Member of Alaskans for Wildlife	Noel Wien Library Auditorium, 1215 Cowles St., Fbks
Tues, June 27	4-6	The Keep It In The Ground working group mtg	at Native Movement
Thurs, 6/28	noon-1pm	Fairbanks Housing & Homelessness Mtg	Council Chambers of City Hall.
<i>OPEN THROUGH SEPT. 2018</i>	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
Sat. July 7	10am - ?	The [Fbks North Star Borough] clerk's office will be hosting a local candidate open house . Prospective candidates can pick up paperwork and ask questions about running for local office. The requirements to run for Borough Assembly or school board are simple. A candidate must be a registered Alaska voter and have at least one year of residency in the borough. For the school board, the residency requirement is 30 days in the school district. Financial disclosures must be made, and there is a \$25 filing fee. All local offices are nonpartisan.	Borough Bldg
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 word out about your agencies. For more information please contact barbiechamgartner@gmail.com	Pioneer Park
Fri, 7/13	TBA	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 ccharron@accessalaska.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 Gwich'in 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
July 16-18 Form are due by July 9	9 am-1 pm	Cloverbud Day Camp offers an adventure in the out-of-doors for children who are just completing grades K, 1 and 2. It provides the fun of camp with the security of evenings at home. .. Nature observations, crafts, games and educational adventures are designed to the interest and attention span of this age group. FUN is the key ingredient! Staff will include the 4-H agent, volunteer junior teens, adult leaders and resource people from the community. Contact: 474-1530 E-mail: riboswell@alaska.edu Website: www.uaf.edu/ces	Georgeson Botanical Garden, located on UAF Campus.
all summer	24/7	Detours to reach Alaska Peace Center & KWRK-LP offices 'Drivers should expect DETOUR routes and SINGLE-LANE TRAFFIC for both north & southbound lanes of University Avenue, as well as temporary traffic signals. To see an interactive map, click here to be taken to the Alaska Navigator site.'	You can contact DOT & PF for up to date info: 451-5446

Good News category:

Every Vote Counts! In the recent election for board members of Interior Alaska's electric co-operative, Golden Valley Electric Association, the candidate known to place importance on sustainability issues and supported by Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition, Gary Newman, won by a margin of FIVE (5) out of 999 votes cast in that district. Going forward, Gary wrote, " We also drafted a revision to our renewable pledge based upon a reduction in carbon."

U.S.-SOUTH KOREA MILITARY EXERCISES 'SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY,' a senior U.S. official [confirmed](#) to AFP: "The U.S. military has indefinitely postponed major joint exercises with South Korea, an official told AFP on Thursday, acting on President Donald Trump's pledge to halt the 'provocative' military drills following his summit with North Korea's Kim Jong Un. **. WAR REPORT — U.S. TURNS DOWN MILITARY AID REQUEST FROM UAE IN YEMEN CAMPAIGN,** [reports](#) The Washington Post: "The United States on Wednesday turned down a request from the United Arab Emirates to provide intelligence, overhead reconnaissance and mine-sweeping aid to a newly launched military offensive against the rebel-occupied Yemeni port of Hodeida, according to Emirati and U.S. officials... [https://www.politico.com/morningdefense/ 6/15/18] "The Trump administration is under pressure from lawmakers to limit U.S. support for the three-year-old war being conducted by a regional coalition led by Saudi Arabia and the Emiratis against the Iranian-backed Houthi rebel forces." **Yemeni forces** push farther toward Hodeidah, [reports](#) The Wall Street Journal. **Is Yemen's humanitarian crisis about to spiral?** [Asks](#) The Washington Post.

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

Peace

from [codepink.org](#) : "Not only did the Singapore meeting of Donald Trump and Kim Jong-un result in a pledge of "no more war," but **President Trump even called out U.S. - South Korea war games as provocative and counterproductive.**

In advance of the summit, the Trump administration said that an agreement with North Korea will be in the **form of a treaty**. This means that it will be up to the Senate to ratify. **Can you take a moment to contact your Senators and tell them to support a U.S. - North Korea peace treaty?** Let's take this opportunity to finally end a 70-year long conflict! The fatal flaw of the Iran deal was that it was not a treaty and therefore didn't require ratification from the Senate, so it was very easy for Trump to withdraw from the agreement.

from [worldbeyondwar.org](#): "Global Network annual conference (our 26th) will be held in Oxford, England on **June 22-24.** [://space4peace.blogspot.com](#) (blog)

some of the news from UAF School of Natural Resources and Extension <[snre-news@alaska.edu](#)>

Justice

from Friends Committee on National Legislation: "Support a Tribal Set-Aside in Crime Victims Fund In some rural communities, Native women face a murder rate that is ten times higher than the national average. Despite having crime rates significantly higher than the rest of the country, Native victims in these communities are less likely to receive assistance and services.

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, your senator, Sen. Lisa Murkowski, can help by supporting a 5% tribal set-aside in the Crime Victims Fund. [Will you urge her to support a 5% tribal set-aside?](#)

The CVF is unique in that its funding comes from offenders, not taxpayers, and it goes directly to help victims of crime. But without this intentional allocation of the CVF, tribal communities have limited access to funding, despite having the highest rates of crime. Native communities need at least a 5% set-aside to get the resources necessary to heal and prevent crime.

[Please contact Sen. Murkowski now and urge her to support the tribal set-aside in the CVF.](#) With your support, this set-aside will fund victim services within tribal justice systems and will both prevent crime and violence and help victims and their families heal.

Sincerely, **Lacina Onco** (*Shinnecock/Kiowa Congressional Advocate Native American Policy Program*)

from [act@redoaction.com](#): "Tell Congress: Stand up for workers' rights Petition to Congress: "Raise wages and fight inequality by

Sustainability

from [info@standforsalmon.org](#): "We began more than five years ago as a grassroots network of Alaskans around the state concerned about a series of bills that threatened to truly cut our voices out of the picture. Since then, we've grown into a powerful movement of Alaskans working to protect salmon habitat. And recently, our growth has motivated some changes to our look and feel. We invite you to take a look at our website. We're excited about sharing it with you and your friends!

[Visit our new website and help us fight for you!](#) "

Northern Alaska Environmental Center:

":: Call for artists: On October 29, 2018 the Juliana v. United States trial [Our Children's Trust] will begin. We need a talented artist to join our team for this historical moment and visually document the Trial of the Century in art. [Learn more here.](#)

:: June 20: Discover Alaska Lecture Series

"Tundra be Dammed: Beaver Colonization of the Arctic," Ken Tape, ecologist, UAF Institute of Northern Engineering. 7pm, Murie Auditorium at UAF, Wednesdays through August 8. See the complete [schedule here.](#)

"During its May 31 mtg..., the UA Board of Regents approved a plan to **eliminate the School of Natural Resources and Extension** and move the school's academic degrees to the College of Natural Science and Mathematics, effective June 30, 2019. Under the plan, Extension will return to being a stand-alone unit. A committee of academic faculty from both units provided input on the decision. Planning for the transition will continue for the next year. All of the school's bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees will continue to be offered.

"...The Alaska Association of Agriculture and Natural Resource Educators is hosting [Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education] training July 22 to Aug. 1 ...sponsored by the National Association of Agricultural Educators... The association hopes the training will increase the number of Alaska teachers who teach natural resources and agriculture

"...at the Organic Confluences Conference in Washington, D.C., on May 21... to explore ways that Extension can encourage adoption of organic techniques in traditional farming. The Organic Center, a nonprofit based in Washington, D.C., hosted the conference. The center says that **Alaska is believed to have the highest per capita rate of organic farmers in the nation.**

"Revised solar design manual released
Extension has released a new edition of "A Solar Design Manual for Alaska." Energy Specialist Art Nash and Chris Pike and Erin Whitney, research engineers with the Alaska Center for Energy and Power, updated the manual, which was written by former energy specialist Rich Seifert and first published in 1981. The fifth edition includes many updates, an expanded section on solar photovoltaic technology and two new appendices. One includes case studies of Alaskans who use solar energy, and a second appendix describes how to use solar energy to heat greenhouses and extend the growing season.

The guide includes information on solar design, components, current standards and codes, solar economics and financing, solar heating technologies, passive solar heating and active solar water heating. The 108-page guide may be downloaded at <http://bit.ly/2JXW8Pc>. Print copies are available for \$15 and may be ordered at 877-520-5211."

passing the Workplace Democracy Act, which would ban 'Right to Work for Less' laws, make it harder for corporations to interfere in the decision to create a union, and protect workers from loopholes that allow companies to pay less and offer fewer benefits."

...Anti-union states see lower wages and fewer benefits for all workers, not just those in a union. Today, only 11 percent of workers belong to a union, down from nearly one-third 60 years ago, even though support for unions is at an all-time high. Inequality is skyrocketing as corporate CEOs face less pressure to distribute profits to workers and instead pocket the money for themselves.²..."

"A divided **Alaska Supreme Court** has **ruled in favor of the city** of Fairbanks in a long-running labor dispute with the city's **public safety union...**" .Read the article at [newsminer.com 6-16-18](http://newsminer.com/6-16-18).

from the Center for Victims of Torture

"We cannot accept the... Administration tearing families apart and working to deny asylum to whole categories of persecuted people, those fleeing domestic or gang violence in particular.. **URGENT CALL TO ACTION: Call Congress today and express your outrage!** We must condemn family separation and oppose immigration legislation that punishes or reduces protections for asylum seekers and other vulnerable populations.

"Sitting with survivors of torture daily, we know they are haunted by intrusive memories, excessive rumination and nightmares, with repeated episodes of actively re-experiencing past traumas. They have lost their sense of safety and feel that their identity and role in society is erased. They struggle with sleep disorders, anxiety, chronic pain, irritability, startle responses, suicidal ideation and depression.

"The ... administration's recent decisions will both exacerbate these harms, and inflict new ones."

'Alaska Center' update excerpts from alyssa@akcenter.org: "...about the Climate Action Leadership Team and our official comment to them regarding their Climate Action Draft. Even though the comment period is over, the Team hopes to send out a report on the comments they've gotten, along with next steps they plan to execute. We're excited to see what they draw from our communities, and I hope to fill you in soon on what they plan next!

We moved into our **brand new office** here in town! We are located on 542 on 3rd Ave, Suite 234, complete with elevator access, fun neighbors, and Bahn Thai right downstairs. Our office hours will be 10 am - 5 pm, so plenty of time to swing by and chat... I want to talk with you all about the Yes for Salmon Ballot Initiative, actions that we can take, like op-eds and house parties, and upcoming events and opportunities including our table at the Midnight Sun Festival and Salmon First Friday in July!"

from Stop the War Machine 6-12-18: "The 60-Year Downfall of US Nuclear Power Has Left a Huge Mess" Moderator's Note: Last month the U.S. House of Representatives voted 340-72 to direct the Department of Energy to resume the licensing process for the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste facility, about 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas. The House-passed bill would also set in motion a plan for a "temporary" siting of tens of thousands of tons of nuclear waste at a private storage site in New Mexico or Texas.

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"Sprawling across 600 square miles of sagebrush semidesert, Hanford is a \$100 billion cleanup burden, full of accidents waiting to happen. It is the biggest headache, but very far from being the only one... After almost 3 decades, little of the waste and few of the tanks or processing plants have been cleaned up.. Trump, while so far publicly supporting the Hanford cleanup...has slashed its annual budget by \$230 million, or about 10 percent..." [excerpted from] Fred Pearce May 28, 2018 The Atlantic"

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Spotlight

Yonatan Shapira, a former Israeli Defense Forces pilot - turned anti-war activist - speaks of the Israeli missile base on Kodiak Island, Alaska, and other matters, interviewed by Rob Mulford.

Songs of issues of peace, justice, and sustainability played with today's newscast:

-The Return, by Yonatan Shapira; -- The Deserter, by Boris Vian, sung by Yonatan

-- Too Much of Nothing, by Bob Dylan, sung by Peter, Paul, Mary; 59th Street Bridge Song, by Paul Simon

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.

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*- individually, in our community, and globally -
with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.*

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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!
