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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 August 12, 2018

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

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
month of	August	<p>from fcninfo@fcn.org: "Your members of Congress are home [during the August recess]...<u>Three Steps to Dropping by a Congressional Office</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Print out a one-pager... calling for Rep. Young and Sens. Murkowski and Sullivan to take action. 2. Find your closest congressional offices. Representative Don Young - Fbks: Key Bank Building, 100 Cushman St. Sen Lisa Murkowski - Fbks: Courthouse Square, 250 Cushman St, Ste 2D Senator Dan Sullivan - Fbks: Federal Building, 101 12th Ave. 3. Pay them a visit! No need to make an appointment -- just stop by during business hours. Here's a sample script you can use once you get there: "Hi, my name is Concerned Citizen, and I'm a constituent from Fbks, Alaska. Could you pass this document along to the right staff member for me and ask them to let me know your office's position?" 	<p>www.alaskapeace.org Community organizations & contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.</p> <p>2018 Primary Absentee and Early Voting has begun.</p>
Tuesday August 14	10 am	Community in Unity show from Alaska Public Media and Anne Hillman "Homelessness"	KUAC 89.9 FM radio
	5:30-7pm	<p>Learn all about the Variety Trials at the Georgeson Botanical Garden free!</p> <p>Tuesday, Aug. 14 - Growing Corn and Celery Tuesday, Aug. 28 - Growing Brussels Sprouts and Watermelon</p> <p>You will have the opportunity to: Taste test the many different varieties we're trialing, depending on what is mature; Glimpse different growth habits of each variety; Learn best practices for growing these crops and some tips and tricks.</p> <p><u>view the flier for the full schedule. Let us know which crops you think we should be testing by taking this short survey.</u></p>	<p>117 W Tanana Dr, Fbks (next to the Experiment Farm at west end of UAF hill)</p> <p>Sign up at http://bit.ly/2z4FxVF</p>
	5:30-7 pm	<p>City Diversity Council Mtg: The Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC) meets the second Tuesday of each month in the City Hall. The FDC includes 15 public members (3 appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and 12 appointed by the City of Fairbanks). The FDC comes together to discuss and work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community. The FDC was formed to provide a citizens' forum, serve as a diversity advisory board, and recommend adoption of a Diversity Action Plan for the community. The FDC supports many different cultural and social activities in our community. More information: diversitycouncil@fairbanks.us or www.fairbanksalaska.us/boards-and-commissions/</p>	<p>City Council Chambers on the second floor of Fbks City Hall, 800 Cushman St. (map)</p>
	6pm - 7pm	<p>Monthly IWW Fbks Mtg: 'Fellow Workers - please join us for the monthly Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) Fairbanks meeting at the Bread Line Inc.'s Stone Soup Cafe at 6pm on the second Tuesday of each month. All Wobblies (and recruit prospects) are welcome and encouraged to come.'</p>	<p>507 Gaffney Rd, (map)</p>
Friday August 17	6:30 -9 pm	<p>LWV Primary Candidate Forum - U.S. Representative, Governor, Lt. Governor, State Senate Seat A, State House Districts 1-6. "The League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley invites you to the Primary Candidate</p>	<p>Fairbanks North Star Borough bldg.</p>

		Forum on Friday, Aug. 17th where Fbks voters will have an opportunity to hear directly from candidates of the Aug. 21st Alaska state primary election. The event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6pm.”	For info:
		<i><u>After This Week</u></i>	
Mon. August 20	7:45 am	Bird Banding: "A bird in the hand is well worth it." <i>Registration required. No OLLI fee, but a donation to the ^{League of}Alaska Songbird ^{Women Voters of the}Institute would be appreciated!</i> Volunteers Judy Williams and Carol Johnson will introduce you to the Alaska Songbird Institute. You will learn about migratory songbird identification and participate in extracting birds from the 30 nets set up along the trails around Creamers Field. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for details and registration.	trails around Creamers Field.
<i>Tuesday August 21</i>		<i>Primary Election Day</i>	
Tuesday August 21	10 am	Community in Unity show from Alaska Public Media and Anne Hillman - Mental Illness	KUAC 89.9 FM
Sunday, August 19	10am -6pm	<u>13th Annual Renewable Energy Fair 2018</u> - “Join us for a fun filled day for the whole family! Enjoy learning about renewable energy technologies, canning workshop, Tesla and Chevy Bolt EV electric car display, live music by the Carhartt Bros, a bouncy house obstacle, face painting, and more! Also free ice cream and lunch!	17500 [48.5 mi.] Chena Hot Springs Rd.
Wednesday, August 22	6 am AKT	<u>Fossil Free Funds</u> from Andrew Behar & Toby Heaps <info@asyousow.org> <u>Join The Great Energy Transition – sign up for our August 22 webinar TODAY.</u> The Clean200 ranks the largest publicly listed companies by their total clean energy revenues, with environmental, social, and governance screens to help ensure the companies are indeed building the infrastructure and services needed for what many have called “The Great Energy Transition” in a just and equitable way.	webinar
Thursday	8/23, 9/13,	Regular FNSB Assembly mtgs, Also 9/27,10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 12/13	
August 24 & 25		2018 Silent Auction - Friends of Creamer's Field will host its annual Silent Auction during the 2018 Sandhill Crane Festival on August 24th-26th. We are currently accepting auction items! We can accept any gift you wish to offer, goods, services, gift certificates, artwork, cash or anything of value. Donations are Tax Deductible! One of our volunteers will pick up your donation, or you can drop your contribution off at the Creamer’s Field Farmhouse Visitor Center, open daily 9:30 AM -5:30 PM. Donors names will be displayed on the auction bid forms, and donors will be thanked in the Friends of Creamer’s Field Newsletter and on our website. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Lissa Hughes, Executive Director of Friends of Creamer’s Field at 452-5162.	Our Contact Information Friends of Creamer's Field 1300 College Road PO Box 81065 Fairbanks, AK 99708 907-452-5162 www.friendsofcreamersfield.org
Thursday, August 30th	12 -1 pm	The next Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition (FHHC) mtg. Immediately following, Sheryce Borgatti will give a presentation on Intensive Case Management (ICM) teams, similar to an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team and can serve as a stand-alone service or in conjunction with ACT. Additionally Teaque Smith will tell us about the expansion of Beacon Hill’s Safe Families for Children to Fairbanks. <fairbankshomeless@gmail.com>	Council Chambers of City Hall (800 Cushman St).
Tues, Sept. 4	7 pm	Fairbanks Peace Choir rehearsals start. For more info: 457-8086	UUFF
Sept. 5-6		Local Food Leader and Community Food Systems Workshops from rlboswell@alaska.edu distance delivery	at Fbks: at Food Bank or in Palmer
Thursday, Sept 6th	5- 6:30 pm	Alaska Peace Center mtg. Help promote peace, justice, and sustainability, planning local events. All welcome! Contact info@alaskapeace.org or 479-0981 for information.	APC office, 3535 College Rd, suite 203
Saturday, Sept 8	10 am	RISE for Climate. to build a fossil free world RISEFORCLIMATE.ORG <u>Fairbanks for Climate, Jobs & Justice!</u> On Sept 8, thousands of rallies will be held in cities & towns around the world to demand our local leaders commit to building a fossil free world that works for all of us. Fbks residents will demand that our city lead Alaska in a rapid transition to a clean energy economy through local initiatives like the Solar in your Community. We will march from the Noel Wien Library to the Fairbanks North Star Borough building, and will hear from community leaders who are leading the fight	Noel Wien Library. 1215 Cowles St “activities include: SunRISE breakfast March from UAF coal plant to constitution park Candidate climate debates “ARK will also will be ending the Citizen Initiative for Solar drive and

		for climate justice. Action which begins with a commitment to a fast transition to 100% renewable energy. <u>RSVP</u> <i>from ARK: Alliance for Reason and Knowledge. Event by Fbks Climate Action Coalition</i>	announcing the results and next steps taken to bring viable solar solutions to communities throughout Alaska.
	5-7:30 pm	:: SAVE THE DATE!: Wild & Scenic Film Festival , featuring inspiring, enlightening, and fun films from around the world. Watch this space and Northern Center (NAEC) social media channels for more details! <u>Learn more about the festival here.</u>	Schaible Auditorium, UAF Campus.
Sept. 16		:: <u>September 16: AK Virtual Run for Courage.</u> Join the Alaska Virtual Courage to Run 5K, the nation's first nonpartisan run and walk that celebrates the rising wave of women getting civically active and running for office. It also elevates the mindset, endurance and heartfelt vision needed to be healthy and lead effectively in civic life today. Whether running a 5K, a campaign, a cause, for elected office or our government, it takes courage ... and we have the Courage to Run.	
Sept 22		SAVE THE DATE: Sept 22nd ARK* will be hosting the 10-year anniversary of the Alaska Solar Tour. * <i>Alliance for Reason and Knowledge</i>	
Sept. 25	4pm AKT	Video Conference with Mr. Maki, 84 yrs old, survivor of the Hiroshima nuclear bombing : his experiences and his message.	TBD, likely on UAF
October 20/21, 2018		Women's March on the Pentagon Called by Cindy Sheehan and others. #WomenMarch4Peace <u>https://www.marchonpentagon.com/</u> In response to the continuing march of military aggression by the USA and to put an antiwar agenda back on the table of activists, tentatively on the 51st anniversary of the 1967 big antiwar event that had 50,000 people... For more information and to read more: <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/184236778838247/?active_tab=about</u>	
		Alaska's Congressional delegation: <i>Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121</i> Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210; Email via web site: <u>donyoung.house.gov</u> ; Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: <u>murkowski.senate.gov</u> - Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: <u>sullivan.senate.gov</u>	<u>www.alaskapeace.org</u> <u>Community organizations & contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.</u>

Good News category:

from Veterans For Peace: **“Los Angeles VFP Chapter Helps Pass Resolution to Ban the Bomb.** Veterans For Peace John Day Chapter 007 of Los Angeles, CA has been working with a coalition to support a resolution for the Los Angeles City Council that shows support for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. The Resolution (Koretz) 18-0002-S94 was finally passed this week!”

from winwithoutwar.org: “Did you hear the amazing news?! Our pressure worked: **The U.S. Army has ordered an immediate halt to kicking out immigrant servicemembers.** [1] Last month, Win Without War and our partners at Common Defense delivered your signature and 65,000 more to the Pentagon doors demanding Sec. of Defense Mattis halt and investigate the ousting of immigrant servicemembers. NBC covered our delivery. The Pentagon heard us. And we won! ... **We won’t stop our pressure until all immigrant servicemembers already booted out are back at their jobs.**”

“Guilty on All Counts!': In Historic Victory, Monsanto Ordered to Pay \$289 Million in Roundup Cancer Lawsuit... a court in California on Friday found the corporation liable for damages suffered by a cancer patient who alleged his sickness was directly caused by exposure to the glyphosate-based herbicides, including the widely used weedkiller Roundup... "This is a company that has always put profits ahead of public safety...We hope that... the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will pull this product off the market immediately." [Read more in Common Dreams 8-10-18.](#)

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

Peace

from Center on Conscience & War:
“We can End Selective Service (Draft) Registration now!”... Congress established the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service as part of the compromise reached by the Conference

Justice

“Defenders of Civil Liberties,
Sen Lisa Murkowski recently said that she hasn’t heard much from Alaskans on Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh. That needs to change.

Sustainability

Northern Alaska Environmental Center:
“the Alaska Supreme Court ruled that, with some changes, the Stand for Salmon ballot measure can appear on November's ballot. Attorney Valerie Brown with Trustees for Alaska said, "So for the first time ever,

Committee during the 2017 NDAA (National Defense Authorization Act) process... to consider issues of national service, both military and civilian, including important questions about Selective Service registration: should it continue, should women be required to register, and are there changes that should be made to the Selective Service System, such as those [the] Center on Conscience & War has long advocated for, which would **protect the rights of conscientious objectors...**

“The Commission also needs to hear from people involved with church voluntary service programs about how proposals for mandatory national service will affect them.

“Please submit written comments - **by September 30, 2018** -- through the Commission’s [website](#), by email, using the subject line, “Docket 05-2018-01”

<national.commission.on.service.info@mail.mil>, or by mail: *National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service, Attn: RFI COMMENT—Docket 05-2018-01 2530 Crystal Drive, Suite 1000, Room 1029 Arlington, VA 22202.*

“For more information, or assistance drafting your comments, [[see this link](#)], &/or please call us (202-483-2220)”

Proposed Military Conscientious Objector Act at bottom of linked page.

“What is the #1 industrial export product of America? And ... what is your global marketing strategy for that product line?” See the [excellent video from the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space](#). space4peace.networkforgood.com

8/10/18 from Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): **“Contact your senators now.** Tell them that it’s time to **end U.S. support for killing innocent children,** widespread **cholera,** and man-made **mass starvation.** They can start by blocking the latest bomb sale to Saudi Arabia.

“Yesterday, dozens of Yemeni children were riding a school bus, heading home from summer camp. At least 29 never made it. Their bus was hit by an air strike from the U.S.-backed, Saudi-led coalition that has been waging a devastating war in Yemen. We share full blame for the worst humanitarian crisis in the world. Despite attacks on weddings and markets and funerals and hospitals and water treatment facilities, we keep refueling the coalition’s planes and supplying them with weapons.

“Vice President Mike Pence [announced plans](#) for to create a **“Space Force” as the**

Kavanaugh's record shows he could be a threat to: birth control access, the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid, Planned Parenthood funding, LGBTQ+ rights, immigrant rights, and so much more!

Previously we shared with you the [10 questions](#) we’d like Murkowski to get answered from Kavanaugh before she votes on his nomination. Now we need Murkowski to hear your personal stories about how an opponent of some of our core values could impact your life.” from [ACLU of Alaska](#) (*American Civil Liberties Union of Alaska*)

from credoaction: **After picking California grapes for 10 hours in weather that was over 100 degrees, Asuncion Valdivia died from heat exposure in 2004.** She was 53. Her tragic death catalyzed California lawmakers to finally pass a law protecting workers from extreme heat.¹

But California is one of only three states that protect workers from heat illness.² As climate change fuels scorching heat records, deaths like Valdivia's will become only more common unless the federal government acts to protect workers.

Tell OSHA: Protect workers from extreme heat. Click here to sign the petition.

“[The] Aderholt **Amendment**, which was recently attached to the Labor and Health and Human Services appropriations bill.. **would give child welfare providers permission to discriminate against LGBTQ people in adoption and foster care services.**¹

Tell Congress: Block anti-LGBTQ bigotry. Block the Aderholt Amendment. Click here to sign the petition.” from *Credoaction*

from ACLU:* “What does the spread of artificial intelligence — in our homes, cars, offices and online — mean for our civil liberties? **Tune in to ACLU's “At Liberty” podcast to learn how we can protect our rights when decisions are being made by a secret algorithm**”

**American Civil Liberties Union*

from American Friends Service Committee:”
What to do if you witness violence and harassment: A year after white nationalists held a deadly gathering in Charlottesville, Washington DC is bracing for a weekend of rallies and counter protests. Here are dos and don’ts for safe and effective bystander intervention.”

Alaskans, if this passes, can participate in (the state-permitting) decisions for projects that would affect salmon habitat.”

“Arctic Refuge... applications for seismic exploration have been submitted and are [now open for comment](#), and it is as necessary as ever that we, especially Alaskans, continue to speak out for the protection of the Arctic Refuge.

*“We’re **looking for an Arctic program coordinator** to join our team; help spread the word! [See the full description here.](#) “*

from fairbanksclimateaction.org:

*from Union of Concerned Scientists: “**EPA... proposal would make it significantly harder for EPA to use the best available science to protect the public,** including from:*

- Harmful emissions of hazardous air pollutants, particulate matter and ozone
- Exposure to dangerous chemicals in commerce
- Drinking water contaminated with toxic chemicals such as PFAS or lead”

[Read more at this link.](#)

*“Curbelo introduces carbon pricing bill... A price on carbon places a fee on the burning of fossil fuels, which increases the demand for clean energy sources... You can [read FCNL’s analysis of the MARKET CHOICE Act](#) and check out more resources... [on FCNL’s website](#). **Help address climate change by asking your representative to put a price on carbon.**” from *Friends Committee on National Legislation.**

from info@cpdaction.org 2-1-18:

Survivor of the deliberate 1967 deadly Israeli attack on the USS Liberty, and kidnapped last week by Israel from the 2018 Gaza Freedom Flotilla! “Joe Meadors was a U.S. Navy Signalman on the USS Liberty, a signal intelligence platform ship, in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea when it was brutally attacked on June 8, 1967 by Israel, despite the fact that Israel knew it was a United States communications ship! The attack by the Israeli fighter jets and torpedo boats killed 34 U.S. servicemen and injured 174 others. Joe Meadors survived that deliberate and deadly attack.

In 2018, Joe Meadors was the U.S. delegate on the 2018 Gaza Freedom Flotilla and was on board Al-Awda ship carrying urgently needed medical supplies to Gaza...that sailed to break the illegal Israeli siege and military blockade on

military's sixth branch. It's a laughable concept, but it could add billions of dollars in military spending and exacerbate U.S. militarism. There's nothing funny about that.”

per Michael Slate show 8/8/18: Ann Wright, Ilan Pappé and Richard Falk: Gaza Freedom Flotilla Attacked and Israeli Apartheid Is Made Official with New Basic Law (Equivalent to Constitutional law.)

8/10/18 from FCNL: “**Criminal Justice Reform** - Last week, Republican senators secured President Trump’s support for important reforms to prison sentencing. [Read what FCNL's José Santos Woss wrote about the meeting.](#)”
“**Midterm Elections** - The House and the Senate are on recess this week...[Here’s FCNL’s list of questions for candidates.](#)”

Gaza, when Israel intercepted the ship in international waters on July 29, 2018 about 40 miles off the coast of Gaza, beat the captain and threatened to kill him, repeatedly tasered several crew members and delegates, severely injuring some! A medical doctor, Dr. Swee Ang, who was also on board Al-Awda ship was attacked on the head and body and ended up with two broken ribs! Israel then hijacked Al-Awda boat and kidnapped everyone on board including Joe Meadors. Israel illegally detained and jailed him for several days before deporting him to the United States. He arrived back to the U.S. on August 1, 2018...”

Spotlight

Today we have an **audio interview with [Theo Sittler, who directs the peacebuilding program](#)** at Friends Committee on National Legislation and oversees the work of the peacebuilding team. Theo recently spent some time in Alaska and spoke in Fairbanks.

*Songs that increase our understanding of issues of peace, justice, and sustainability
played with today’s newscast:*
--*The Blind Men and the Elephant, poem by John G. Saxe, sung by Natalie Merchant*
-- *By My Silence, poem by Rev. Martin Niemoller, sung by Ellen Buckstel*
******Why We Build the Wall, by Greg Brown******

*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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Feedback to, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome.
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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.