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Community News and Opportunities for Action,

*reporting on events & 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 November 25th, 2018

Be ready for opportunities to participate!

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
November	all month	Native American Heritage Month... In 1990, “the President... authorized and requested to call upon Federal, State and local Governments, groups and organizations and the people of the U.S. to observe ... with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities”. This was a landmark Bill honoring America’s Tribal people...Federal Agencies are encouraged to provide educational programs for their employees regarding Native American history, rights, culture and contemporary issues, to better assist them in their jobs and for overall awareness.” (<i>Wikipedia</i>)	Everywhere in U.S.
Monday Nov. 26	DEADLINE for comments	Wouldn't you want to know if your grocery store sold recalled food? Until recently, the Food and Drug Administration refused to disclose the names of stores that sold food that was later recalled, even during deadly outbreaks. When the Center for Science in the Public Interest asked for the names of grocery stores that sold papayas linked to a deadly <i>Salmonella</i> outbreak last year, the FDA told us that the information was a “confidential” industry secret! The FDA is now reconsidering its policy and is seeking public comment about whether to disclose the names of stores involved in recalls. Would you please urge the FDA to disclose retailer names in all cases where a public recall is needed to deal with serious food safety risks? from Center for Science in the Public Interest	
	3:30 - 4:30pm	<u>Kids for Environmental Action</u> mtg - (a working group of Fbks Climate Action Coalition-FCAC)	Boreal Sun Charter School, 2404 S Barnette St, Fbks
	4 - 5 pm	<u>Interfaith</u> Working Group mtg- (a working group of FCAC)	Univ. Community Presbyterian Church, 3510 College Rd.
Wednesday Nov. 28	5:30pm	Fairbanks Open Radio (KWRK-LP 90.9FM) weekly mtg - Come help with programming, shows, fund-raising... info@kwrk.org or 374-0577	3535 College Rd, suite 203, Fbks
	6:30-8 pm	<u>FCAC Policy & Politics</u> WG mtg -	Native Movement, 1327 Hayes Ave.
	7-8:30pm	Northern Voices Speaker Series: Pilgrimage to Tibet and the Interconnectedness of All Things	UUFF
Thursday Nov. 29	12-1 pm	Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition Nov. mtg Recently Fairbanks was ... awarded a federal technical assistance grant... discuss supportive housing options ... the work local agencies are doing... out of town guests I... FNSB Community Planning Dept to discuss the Downtown Plan and receive input from all the agencies at our mtg.	Council Chambers of City Hall., 800 Cushman St.
Friday		:: <u>Deadline to comment on Winter & Shoulder Season Plans at</u>	

Nov. 30		Denali National Park. Denali has experienced increases in winter and shoulder season visitation in recent years, with a greater number and diversity of visitors coming to the park in what has typically been known as the 'off season.' Park management is seeking ways to improve the winter and shoulder season visitor experience while preserving resources and the special character of Denali during these seasons. Find background and information on how to comment here.	
	6 pm	Alaska Peace Center potluck, presentation by Veterans For Peace member Alan Batten about the 2018 VPF Convention, and disussion. Join advocates for peace, justice, and sustainability, with good food, camaraderie, enlightenment, and discussion. Alan Batten will give a recap of the VFP Convention held last August in St. Paul, MN. A wide range of issues was covered, including the Middle East, Korea, Okinawa, Viet Nam, Latin America, deported veterans, VA privatization, the Golden Rule (sailboat), the "Doctrine of Discovery" (disenfranchising indigenous peoples) and more. Potluck at 6:00, Program and discussion begins at 7:00.	3535 College Rd, suite 203, above Fuji
Saturday Dec. 1		:: Creamers Field Luminary Trail and Open House. Join Friends of Creamer's Field at the Farmhouse Visitor Center on Saturday December 1 at 6:00-8:00 pm for our annual Luminary Trail and Open House. Stop by any time between 6 and 8 pm and walk a luminary lit refuge trail, sit by a campfire, and enjoy cookies and music in the warm Farmhouse at 1300 College Road , back by the barns. Call 452-5162 or visit www.friendsofcreamersfield.org for more information.	
		<i>After This Week</i>	
Mon, Dec. 3	3:30 pm	KEA Kids for Environmental Action mtg - (a working group of Fbks Climate Action Coalition-FCAC)	Boreal Sun Charter Sch, 2404 S Barnette St,
	6:30-8pm	Regenerative Economy mtg (a working group of FCAC) Email fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com or fairbanksclimateaction.org/contact-1/	Native Movement, 1327 Hayes Ave.
Tuesday Dec. 4, 2018	7 pm	Arctic Audubon Talk: "Seasonal Movements of Alaska's migratory Golden Eagles" -- Alaska is home to one of the largest populations of migratory Golden Eagles in North America. These wide-ranging migrants use a variety of habitats throughout the year and many spend time on Alaska's North Slope before they enter a breeding population. Come learn more as Dr. Carol McIntyre, wildlife biologist at Denali National Park and Preserve, discusses results of historical and contemporary studies of Alaska's migratory Golden Eagles. - Contact: Melissa Sikes 347-1802 or email arcticaudubon@gmail.com	Noel Wien Library Auditorium 1215 Cowles Street Free
Wednesday Dec. 5	5:30pm	Fairbanks Open Radio (KWRK-LP 90.9FM) weekly mtg - Come help with programming, shows, fund-raising... info@kwrk.org or 374-0577	3535 College Rd, suite 203, Fbks
Thurs. Dec. 6	5:30 pm	Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg. - All are welcome! Contact info@alaskapeace.org for more information.	3535 College Rd, suite 203
Sunday Dec. 9		Tanana Valley Farmers Market Holiday Bazaar.	Carlson Center
Friday, Dec. 28	6 pm potluck, 7 pm presentaion	Alaska Peace Center potluck and presentation of the San Francisco to Moscow Walk for Peace of 1960-1961, presented by Suzanne Rich Osborn, who was in the walk. Join advocates for peace, justice, and sustainability, with good food, camaraderie, enlightenment, and discussion.	Location To Be Decided
Wed. Jan 9, 2019	9 am- 4pm	Youth Summit - Fairbanks Native Association Behavioral Health Services [invites you to] our first Youth Summit ...for agencies and local organizations to gather, network, and learn what services and resources are available to all of our youth here in the Fairbanks and North Pole area. We want your participation by providing a presentation of the services you provide as well as tables set up to display brochures and information regarding your programs. The audience will	Westmark Hotel Gold Room

		not only be us getting together but also providing an opportunity for the local community to hear what's available for our youth. There is no charge for this event and we hope that you will be there. There is a registration link for the summit at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3CLKG57 . If you have any questions or need more information please call David Fonger at 452-6264 or email dfonger@fairbanksnative.org .	
Wed. Jan 9, 2019	7pm	Social Justice Book Club: will discuss <i>In the Place of Justice</i> , by Wilbert Rideau, on Wed. Jan 9, 2019 at 7pm. Our friend, Kenneth Reams, was inspired by this true story of a black man's journey from death row to editor of the Angola prison newspaper, to professional journalist, and eventual freedom. This is a story of persistence, perseverance, and resilience. Alison will have paperback copies for sale for \$13 each.	UUFF
		<i>Alaska's Congressional delegation:</i> <i>Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121</i> <i>Rep Don Young</i> in Fbks 456-0210; Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov ; <i>Sen Lisa Murkowski</i> in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov - <i>Sen Dan Sullivan</i> in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov	www.alaskapeace.org links to Community organizations & contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.

Good News category:

from Innocence Project: “**A record year in exonerations** - In 2018, together we’ve exonerated nine innocent people, the most ever in the Innocence Project's 26-yr history, and helped pass 15 wrongful conviction reforms in 13 states. After spending more than 215 years in prison combined, our clients are where they belong: home with their loved ones. [Take a look at more highlights from the year.](#)”

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

Peace

from *Veterans For Peace* (*‘Exposing the True Costs of War & Militarism since 1985’*):

Resolution 2018-02 Marksmanship Training Programs

Whereas, an epidemic of school shootings has taken place since 2012 (Sandy Hook), that have resulted in over 400 shooting victims (School Violence Archives 2/15/18), and

Whereas, there are approximately 1,100 high school JROTC Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps units that offer marksmanship and safety training programs, and
Whereas, the majority of these rifle ranges are located on school grounds, and
Whereas, Congress amended the Gun Free School Act to be a part of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, which requires all schools receiving Title IV federal funding to enact a Zero Tolerance Policy for students in possession of any weapon, and

Justice

from Fbks Daily News-Miner 11-24-18: “The city of Fbks now has an official mechanism to deal with illegal campsites populated by homeless people..10-day notices...prevents discarding personal possessions....oral notification must be given...”

from CodePink: “**Airbnb announced they will no longer list vacation rentals in illegal Jewish-only West Bank settlements**”

“**Problem[s] with Department of Justice’s New Language for Forensic Practitioners**” [Read Innocence Project analysis here.](#)

Sustainability

“The [Borough] Solid Waste Division announces the launch of an **online survey to gather information from Borough residents who use the Solid Waste Facility and the Transfer Sites...** [and] encouraged to [share the survey link](#) via Social Media. Resident participation in the survey can determine how the Transfer Sites are managed.

from Union of Concerned Scientists: “**Hold oil and gas companies responsible for their pollution.** The EPA is cutting methane protections in favor of industry interests. Let EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler know that his decision to put polluters' interests over the US public and the climate is unacceptable. **Take Action Today!**”

Whereas, **under The No Child Left Behind Act's Zero Tolerance Policy, any school that receives federal funding from Title IV, must expel any student who brings a weapon on campus**, and

Whereas, under such Zero Tolerance Policies, school officials are given broad authority to search any student and their belongings whenever they have reasonable suspicion that student may possess a weapon, and some schools attach additional penalties for bringing weapon to school, such as the revocation of student driver's licenses (FL and KS), and

Whereas, the presence of JROTC marksmanship and safety training in schools sends students a mixed message about guns, and

Whereas, the removal of JROTC marksmanship and safety training programs is already been demonstrated to be an achievable goal where it has been tried and in result in the JROTC units being completely removed due to drops in mandated enrollment numbers;

Therefore Be It Resolved that **Veterans For Peace encourages its members to investigate the existence of JROTC marksmanship and safety training programs in their school communities and to actively organize to remove such rifle ranges.** (See Guide to Removing Marksmanship Training from High Schools at www.nnomy.org).

Submitted by Ed Garza and Pat Alviso, chapter 110; MFSO-OC@earthlink.net

Specific support for this resolution included,

..The whole JROTC program in our public high schools needs to be questioned by every FP chapter in the country. This safety and marksmanship program certainly should be questioned and abolished. The Parkland highschool shooter in Florida was trained in at schools JRTOC program..."

om info@winwithoutwar.org: "Tell Sens. Murkowski and Sullivan: Vote Yes on J.Res. 54: **The Senate could vote UESDAY on ending U. S. support for the war in Yemen — and we need your senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan to vote yes. Act now** 14 million Yemenis are facing starvation because the senate voted to continue support for this brutal war...What's more, the CIA just reported that Saudi crown prince Mohammad bin Salman ... personally ordered the horrific assassination of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.] This announcement removes any shred of plausible excuse to keep supporting a murderous dictator's bloody war. *And we need let our senators know it.* **This week, the senate has a second chance to stem the tide of this humanitarian disaster — and it's on us to make sure they take it.**

from *Bernie Sanders*: "It is not a radical, socialist idea to say that, when someone works 40 hours a week, that person shouldn't live in poverty. We live in the richest country in the history of the world, and it is a national disgrace that there are millions of people who are forced to work two or three jobs just to pay their bills.

That is why, in the first week of the new Congress, I intend to re-introduce my legislation to raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour to \$15 an hour.

Say you're with me:

Sign my petition: Tell the new Congress to debate and pass legislation that would raise the minimum wage from \$7.25 an hour — a starvation wage — to a living wage of at least \$15 an hour."

"Learn about domestic violence and financial abuse. Domestic violence is defined as any pattern of coercive, controlling behavior of one partner over another. One of the most harmful forms of domestic violence is called financial abuse, where abusers limit or prevent access to financial resources, like bank accounts and job opportunities. This is one of the main reasons victims stay in or return to an abusive relationship.

<https://www.purplepurse.com/the-issue/domestic-violence-financial-abuse.aspx>"

submitted by a reader.

Worth Quoting: "We live in a time when **people say we can't afford to help refugees, but remain silent about how we can afford to bomb them."** shared by Rene Upshaw on Hawai'i Peace and Justice page. Also, **"If there's even one homeless child in America, we have no room for a \$700Billion military budget."**

from *CODEPINK* : **"Take The Peace Economy Pledge** - The Local Peace Economy exists; it is practiced when we take care and nurture each other and the land. Peace economy is when we manage our home in a way that is relational, reciprocal, giving, sharing, thriving, and resilient. But how are we regarding home, nurturing it and taking care of it? Where and how are we putting our values in the war economy, which is extractive, oppressive and produces inequality? How can we shift our values and ethics to embody justice, health and peace?

Today, we invite you to plant the first seeds to peace. Commit to taking part in moving your values away from the extractive war economy and into the Local Peace Economy."

from *Northern Alaska Environmental Center*: **":: Trump administration moves to open environmentally sensitive National Petroleum Reserve land to oil drilling.** The Interior department today announced it is beginning the environmental review process to re-do the management plan for NPR-A, which is west of Prudhoe Bay. As the process moves forward, both the oil industry and environmental groups will be keenly interested in the fate of a chunk of land in the northeast corner of NPR-A called the Teshekpuk Lake Special Area. KTOO. "

from *Union of Concerned Scientists*: "Next month, governments from around the world are meeting to prepare for implementation of the major global Paris climate agreement signed two years ago—the world's best chance to stave off climate crises. And people's movements from around the world will be delivering the People's Demands for Climate Justice—a joint call demanding that this year's climate talks actually lead to real, just and peaceful climate solutions. [1] So we need all hands on deck right now.

..Sign onto the People's Demands for Climate Justice now!"

from *Alaska Public Media*: **"British Columbia steps in over Tulsequah Chief Mine cleanup...** work wouldn't actually start until 2020 at the earliest."

from *Friends of the Earth*: "Factory farming pollutes water and contributes to climate chaos. Pesticides poison people and are leading to the decline of bees and monarch butterflies. And yet Aramark, Sodexo, and Compass Group are lining the pockets of "Big Food" corporations like Tyson, which produce pesticide-intensive, GMO-fed, factory-farmed meat.

If food service companies shifted to serving food that is good for people and the planet, it would make a huge impact. **Sign the petition: Tell foodservice companies to choose Real Food, not Big Food."**

In case you missed **"How America's Perpetual Warfare Abroad Is Fueling an Increase in White Supremacist Violence in U.S."** on *DemocracyNow.org* and/or **"Documenting Hate: American**

Nazis” on PBS’ Frontline, follow and share the links.

Spotlight

Fairbanks Peace Choir concert Saturday evening is shared ...

Songs heard with today’s broadcast:

- *Freedom Is Coming - South African Folk Song, sung by Fairbanks Peace Choir*
- *Seize the Day - music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Jack Feldman, sung by Fairbanks Peace Choir*
- *Mad World - by Roland Orzabal, sung by Flynn Ludington*
- *It Isn’t Nice - by Malvina Reynolds, sung by Flynn Ludington with support by Fairbanks Peace Choir*
- *King Salmon Blues - by Barbara Dane (Sorry we didn’t know of this song a month ago!)*
- *Weave Me the Sunshine, by Peter Yarrow*
- *One Meat Ball, by Hy Zarel & Lou Singer, sung by Josh White*

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with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.*

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- Thanks for listening, Fairbanks and the wider world"

May Peace Be With You! Have a Good Week!
