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Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of February 10th, 2019

*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/kwrk.org Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska. Be ready for opportunities to participate!*

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
February		Black History Month - - FNSB School District/NAACP annual contest - Complete information at 'Feb. 12'	
		"The final Salcha-Badger Road Area Plan, slated for a mid-February 2019 release. Core components of the plan will include: ...Check the project website, salchabadger-plan.com , often for updates on community meetings and opportunities to learn and participate." from shelly@agnewbeck.com	
Monday February 11		'[T]he comment period on the Draft EIS for Coastal Plain leasing is open until February 11. Public meetings have yet to be scheduled. For more information, talking points, and background, visit northern.org .'	
	6-7pm	Monthly IWW Fairbanks 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 Monday of each month. All Wobblies (and recruit prospects) are welcome and encouraged to come." Info: iwwfbx@gmail.com	507 Gaffney Rd
	6:30pm	Fairbanks City Council Mtg <i>Agendas and calendar at https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/...</i> links live City Council Mtgs and other City Board and Commission Mtgs, when available. Council Mtgs are also aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio. _audio stream (http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live)	Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St
Tuesday Feb. 12		University of Alaska Fbks Cooperative Extension Service Certified Food Protection Manager training "Sign up by Jan. 30 so that you can become familiar with the study book before class. Studying is recommended! Register at http://bit.ly/cesCFPMIf you are in another location, please contact jmcascio@alaska.edu with location info before signing up so videoconference and proctoring can be arranged. <u>Website:</u> www.uaf.edu/ces <u>Flier CFPM 2.12.19.pdf</u> " from Cooperative Extension Service Tanana District	videoconference in Fairbanks, Delta Junction, Juneau, Palmer, Sitka and Valdez.
	4 pm contest deadline	Black History Month - "The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District has partnered with the NAACP to host an annual contest for all students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The contest celebrates Black History Month and the lifelong work and educational advocacy of Alaska Senator Bettye Davis. Students of all ages can enter the contest... - Kindergarten - 3 rd grade: label & color 3 pictures of notable African Americans from...: bit.ly/2STJJwX or bit.ly/2DaLGj2 . - 4 th -6 th Grades: create a poster featuring at least five African Americans who made a difference in their lives. - 7 th -8 th Grades: submit a typewritten, original, 150-word essay that includes a notable African American. Add an illustration with original artwork. - 9 th & 10 th Grades... submit a typed, original 250-word essay using this year's theme: "Be Creative Through Fine Arts, Past or Present." Include a notable African American in the essay and illustrate it with original artwork.	

		<p>- 11th & 12th graders ...essay. The theme is the same, but it is 350 words long and should also include an original artwork. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places with an honorable mention in each grade.</p> <p>Return entries to the school district's EEO Department, 520 Fifth Ave. by 4 p.m. on Feb. 12. For more information, contact David Rucker at 452-2000, Ext. 11466 or david.rucker@k12northstar.org. <i>Reach columnist/community editor Kris Capps at kcapps@newsminer.com.</i>"</p>	
	6:45-8:30 pm	<p>Peace Choir: Join the spirit uplift by attending Fairbanks Peace Choir. Spring rehearsals begin February 5, in the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks (UUFF) sanctuary. Flynn Ludington, director, Paul Krejci, pianist - Creating a culture of peace through song! Come early to register. \$75 donation asked. Scholarships available. Info. 457-8086.</p>	UUFF, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd
Wed. Feb. 13	5:30 pm	<p>Fairbanks Open Radio weekly mtg - Come help with programming, shows, fund-raising... info@kwrk.org or 374-0577</p>	3535 College Rd,
	6:30pm	<p>Sustainability Commission mtg. Agenda includes citizens' comments, consent agenda* including Sustainability Plan-Final, FNSB Energy Handbook, (planning) presentation of the Plan. Contact: Brittany Smart, Special Assistant to the Mayor Fairbanks North Star Borough/ Direct: (907) 459-1302 *per Robert's Rules of Order, "The consent agenda (or in some cases, the consent calendar) allows members to vote on a group of items en bloc (as a group) without discussion. This is a good way to dispose of business that is noncontroversial."</p>	Fbks North Star Borough Assembly Chambers
Thursday Feb. 14	6 pm	<p>Regular FNSB Assembly mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough); http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/assembly/Pages/Assembly-Calendar.aspx?Category=Municipal%20Election%20Day/Regular%20Assembly%20Meeting&mm=1&yy=2019 The agenda includes Ordinance No. 2019-09: amending FNSB code.. to modify any and all masculine and/or Feminine Language to gender neutral pronouns...</p>	Borough bldg, 907 Terminal St, Fbks
Friday, Feb. 15	Deadline	<p>:: February 15: Revision of the Integrated Activity Plan and associated EIS in the Western Arctic. Talking points can be found here. A good source of additional information on the Western Arctic can be found here. Submit written Online in ePlanning (Click on the Comment Button next to the Notice of Intent); by e-mail: Stephanie Rice, at srice@blm.gov (Please cc ryan@northern.org in your online comments); or by mail. <i>from NAEC</i></p>	
Saturday Feb. 16		<p>Elizabeth Peratrovich Day- celebrating the passage of Alaska's Anti-Discrimination Act, "the first formal piece of civil rights legislation ever passed in the United States," per David James's Feb. 3 News-Miner review of the new book, Fighter in Velvet Gloves: Alaska Civil Rights Hero Elizabeth Peratrovich. In the review, he reminds us that Alaska Natives and Native Americans were not granted citizenship until 1924.</p>	
		<p><i>Upcoming 2019 Programs at Creamer's Field - Plan ahead now!</i></p> <p>February 16, Saturday - Preschool Nature Discovery - 11:00 am - Noon For children 3-6 years old "OWL Always Love You!"</p> <p>March 2, Saturday - Babes in the Woods - 11:00 am - Noon For children birth-2 years old "Figuring Out FOX"</p> <p>March 10, Sunday - Star and Night Sky program - 8:00 PM - TBA For all ages with parents. Come view the night sky with telescopes (cancelled if weather does not cooperate!)</p> <p>March 16, Saturday - Preschool Nature Discovery - 11:00 am - Noon For children 3-6 years old "Figuring Out FOX"</p> <p>March 23, Saturday - Spring Equinox Walk - 1:00 pm - For all ages. Come see how the season is changing as the sun returns to the interior of Alaska</p> <p>March 30, Saturday - An Afternoon With Owls at Morris Thompson Visitor Center 1:00 - 4:00 pm For all ages - Come learn about all things OWLS. Dave Dorsey of Bird TLC will again give a presentation with "Ghost" the Snowy Owl education bird. Education and craft opportunities available for all ages.</p>	
	5:30 pm	<p>Chinese New Year celebration presented by UAF Chinese Student Association - Celebration includes: Buffet dinner, stage show [Chinese dances, singing (Chinese opera aria & songs) Chinese instrument playing, and open floor dancing] Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$10 Children (5 to 12) Contact: Rosalind Kan <rjkan@alaska.edu> (907) 474-0928 or others listed on the flier Flyer 2019 Chinese New Year.JPG</p>	UAF Ballroom in Wood Center

		<u><i>After This Week</i></u>	
Feb. 18 – March 31		<u>War Abolition 101 (online course registration)</u> How we Create a Peaceful World. 6-week online course: February 18 – March 31, 2019.	online
Seedy Saturdays Feb. 23 & March 2	1pm -5pm	Join the John Trigg Ester Library, local gardeners, and other seed savers for seed swaps and garden lectures. Garden lectures will be at 3p.m. each Saturday. *For more information about these events, please contact Karla Secor at karlaruth14@gmail.com .	Hartung Hall, Ester, Alaska
March 1- May 18	7:30 or 8 am to 11 or 12	Spring 2019 Health Fairs in Fairbanks, Nenana, Salcha, Healy, Eagle, Tok, and Central. Visit www.alaskahealthfair.org or call 374-6853 for more information.	
Thurs, Feb. 28	5pm	> The crowd-sourced film “Vermont Energy Independence Day“ will be shown at the Blue Loon, Thursday, February 28 at 5pm. It documents how the citizens of Vermont are leading the State’s transition to sustainable energy and energy independence.	Blue Loon, 2999 Parks Highway
Saturday & Sunday April 20, 21		> Lower cost! Cleaner air! Upgrade the grid to get us there! The future is bright for Alaska! The Resilient Cities Summit is coming to Fairbanks, April 20 and 21.	
Wed Feb. 20	5:30 pm	Fairbanks Open Radio weekly mtg - Come help with programming, shows, fund-raising... info@kwrk.org or 374-0577	3535 College Rd,
Wednesday March 6		Social Justice Book Club: “White Fragility” by Robin DiAngelo. Public· Hosted by <u>Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks</u>	4448 Pikes Landing Rd

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<p><i>from Danny Glover via CodePINK:</i> “I am frankly frightened by the U. S. Government’s dangerous bellicose backing of a coup in Venezuela. Sidestepping respectful, peaceful mediation among the divided citizenry can easily result in more human suffering, violence, and instability. Thankfully, two initiatives are underway in Congress to promote a peaceful solution:</p> <p>Representatives Ro Khanna and Pramila Jayapal have penned a Dear Colleague letter addressing the harm US sanctions are having on the Venezuelan people and the need for dialogue facilitated by Mexico, Uruguay, and the Pope, and Representative David Cicilline has introduced legislation making it clear to President Trump that without congressional authorization - authorization he does NOT have - he may not use military force in Venezuela.</p>	<p>“State Elections Division Puts Inactive Voters On Notice” <i>from</i> http://www.kyuk.org/post/state-elections-division-puts-inactive-voters-notice: “If you haven’t voted in the last four years, you have [until the end of the] month to save your voter status. The state Division of Elections tracked the status of registered Alaska voters and sent out notices to those who had not voted recently. The notices warn people who haven’t been voting that they have until February 28 to contact the Elections Division before being deactivated. Once a voter is deemed “inactivated,” future ballots will be put in “questioned” status and have to be reviewed before being counted. The Division of Elections’ Native Language assistance line is 1-866-954-8683.”</p> <p><i>Information at Alaska Division of Elections:</i> http://www.elections.alaska.gov/</p>	<p>“Dear Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition supporters and allies, [Monday]’s Arctic Refuge hearing was a flashpoint in the fight for climate justice, land protection, and Indigenous rights in Alaska. Hrrol Scouts livestreamed much of the event (as did many others) and had <u>probably the most complete video</u>. Skip to 13:00 to see Defend the Sacred’s intervention”</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Winter Storms and Flu Prolong Blood Shortage <u>Red Cross Issues Emergency Call for Blood as Winter Storms Prolong Shortage</u> (dated 2/7/19)</p> <p>*****</p> <p>“Collaboration Opportunity: Transitional Housing Grant</p>

This is urgent. Please take a moment to contact your representative in the House. Tell them to add their name to the Khanna letter and join the Cicilline's legislation as an original co-sponsor...

CODEPINK 2/4: **No US intervention in Venezuela**

The U.S. has a long and sordid history of supporting coups in Latin America — Guatemala in 1953, Chile in 1973, Honduras in 2009 — and it always turned out disastrous for the people. It's urgent that you speak out against the current policy of regime change, including the possibility of military intervention.

U.S. economic sanctions have devastated Venezuela's economy, exacerbating food and medicine shortages, widespread poverty, and mass migration. The people of Venezuela need sanctions to be lifted and dialogue between the Maduro government and the opposition. Mexico and Uruguay have offered to mediate, as has the Pope. A democratic process, not a coup, should be supported.

As your constituent, I ask you to add your name to the Ro Khanna and Pramila Jayapal Dear Colleague letter to Mike Pompeo (current signers are Khanna, Jayapal, Grijalva, Omar, and Hank Johnson) addressing the harm US sanctions are having on the Venezuelan people and the need for dialogue facilitated by Mexico, Uruguay, and the Pope.

Please also become an original co-sponsor of Representative David Cicilline's legislation, making it clear to President Trump that without congressional authorization, military force may not be used in Venezuela. After becoming an original co-sponsor of the legislation, please encourage revision of the legislation's over the top "horror of the Maduro regime" language. It should be toned down and revised to be similar to the Khanna-Jayapal letter, which contains very important language on the harm being done to the Venezuelan people by the sanctions and the need for dialogue to move forward to solve this crisis peacefully. Thank you."

from Fbks Daily News-Miner (FDNM) Feb.7: "University of Alaska President Jim Johnsen... noted that **the university has cut over 1,200 employees over the last five years...**" Note that our [Chamber of Commerce](#) went to extremes to bring more military here (federal \$) and has a Military Affairs Committee that meets monthly, but had no campaign to save the UA jobs nor "Save our University" committee.

Under a 1924 law, the House Ways and Means Committee can examine any Americans' tax returns. The law was inspired by financial conflicts of interest from then-Treasury Secretary Andrew Mellon.

From there, lawmakers on the committee can vote to make the person's tax returns public. Importantly, the committee on its own can vote to do so, meaning it wouldn't have to pass the Republican-controlled Senate. *from GovTrack.us*

Songs broadcast with this week's Community News:

--*Peace Is Not A Four-Letter Word*, by Jane Roodenburg
--*Natalee Holloway*, by Buddy Tabor
--*Mansion on the Tundra*, by Glacial Erratics
--*John Henry* by Paul Robeson
--*Zaman El Salam (Time of Peace)* by Yuval Ron Ensemble
-- *Liberty*, by Susan Grace
-- *Where I'm Bound*, by Robin Dale Ford
-- *Ak'a Tamaani* by John Angaiak
-- *Angoyoqaagma*, by John Angaiak

The Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (IACNVL) is working on a **transitional housing grant for victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault** with substance abuse issues through the Office on Violence Against Women. The Fairbanks Native Association (FNA) has agreed to provide substance abuse treatment services for this project. Now the agencies are looking for other partnering services (employment services, childcare, health advocacy, mental health services, and many more) to round out this project. The goal is to create an environment for victims of domestic violence to regain their independence. If your organization or program is interested in working on this collaborative project please contact Brenda Stanfill at brendast@iacnvl.org."

"As reported in Black Agenda Report, "**HR 1 pretends to be a voting rights bill**, but is...intended to rebrand Democrats as the party of voting rights, despite their dismal non-record of struggle to protect or expand these rights."

"The proposed bill, which has not been introduced as of yet, will create a huge barrier for smaller parties like the Green Party from fielding a Presidential candidate because it "...quintuples the amount Green presidential campaigns are required to raise to qualify for federal matching funds from \$5,000 in each of 20 states by the last day of 2019, to \$25,000 per state in 20 states, and the deadline falls at the end of this very year." (Black Agenda Report). Please sign our Petition against H.R.1 and share widely to your networks!
<https://greenparty.good.do/democracy/STOPHR1/>

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 (APC).

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