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Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of April 14th, 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?
April	is	Sexual Assault Awareness Month	<u>Learn More</u>
		<u><i>Community organizations & contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.</i></u> <i>A reminder! Today and every day: visit, call, email, write your legislators, congresspersons and city and borough assemblies and write letters to the editor about issues being acted on and affecting peace, justice, and sustainability.</i>	
		(Some) Issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability to be brought up This week in the Alaska Legislature* : -- Consideration of Gov. Appointees, including State Commission for Human Rights, Board of Fisheries, many more -- HB 14 Assault; sex offenses; sent. aggravator -- HB 32 AK Energy efficiency loans -- SB 91 Nuyakuk River: Hydroelectric Site -- HR 8 2019: Int'l Year of the Salmon -- HB 122 Funter Bay Marine Park --SB 32 Crimes/sentences; ment.illness -- HB 116 Aquatic Farm/Hatchery Site Leases --HB 113 Military Family Employment Preference Presentations: All Alaska Energy Project; Criminal Justice Reform Update --HB 123 Electric-Assited Bicycles --HB51 probation; parole; sentences; credits --HB 50 Arrest;Release;Sentencing;Probation --HB 96 Pioneers' Home & Veterans' Home Rates <i>Much of the proceedings are televised and there are opportunities to testify; Contact your LIO for more information >>>>>></i>	<u>See more of the legislative schedule and links to related info here: 4/14-21</u> *Schedules often change. Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO) . In Fbks: 452-4448
		<u><i>This Week Opportunities for Action</i></u>	
Sunday April 14	10am	<u>Cottonwood Bud Harvest with Native Movement</u> Learn how to make Balm of Gilead from cottonwood and its many benefits & uses.	Native Movement 1327 Hayes ave.
Monday April 15	TAX DAY	“ <u>War tax resistance</u> is divesting from war by refusing to pay the taxes that fund it... How much of our taxes are invested in war? Many people view paying taxes as a positive investment in social goods, such as infrastructure, social services, and education. Others are critical of taxes as an inefficient or even unethical redistribution of wealth by government... But when we pay income taxes (and some other taxes), about half of that money goes to war and militarism. <u>War Resisters League</u> estimates that about 48% of each income tax dollar for fiscal year 2018 is going to military-related spending. This figure has varied only by a few percentage points over the past 16 years.” from <i>Divest from War, Invest in People</i> , a campaign of the <i>National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTRCC)</i> .	<u>NYC War Resisters League</u> will host <u>Protesting Tax Dollars for War</u> noon EST

	4-5:30pm	<p><u>Homestead/Frontier Energy Class/Free practical energy workshop</u> - Do you stay at off-grid locations other than fish camp in July and your hunting lodge in August? If you live there yearround, what have folks living several power poles or miles from a utility figured out for cost-effective methods for lighting, heating and cooking?</p> <p>This class is loaded with illustrations of many types of fuel that may used and a discussion of how much effort they take for the amount of energy spent. Find out how to get the energy you need at your “frontier” location.</p> <p>For more information call contact Art Nash, Extension energy specialist, at 907-474-6366.</p>	Tanana District Extension office, 1000 University ave, room 108
	6pm	FNSB Animal Control Commission Mtg. includes discussion/action on “Commercial Sale of Exotic Animals”	Assembly Chambers
	6:30-8pm	<u>Regenerative Economy</u> Working Group mtg; If interested but not yet involved, please follow the link.	Native Movement 1327 Hayes ave.
	6:30pm	<p>Renewable & Reforms for the Alaska Railbelt: Community Discussion with Chris Rose from Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP), Co-hosted by FCAC, IBEW 1547, and REAP RSVP on Facebook</p> <p>How do we get electricity in Alaska? How do we as community members make it more renewable & create good green jobs? .. find out with Chris Rose, founder and Executive Director of REAP. This discussion will aim to help Fairbanksans better understand our electric grid, opportunities for more clean, renewable energy, and the need to reform the Railbelt electric grid between Fairbanks and the Kenai Peninsula...</p> <p>Talk will be from 7pm to 9pm, come by at 6:30pm for snacks and discussion. <i>from FCAC</i></p>	IBEW Local 1547 2000 Airport Way
April 15-16 April 16-19		<p>□ Alaska-Yukon Wood Energy Conference, April 15-16 in Fairbanks, post-conference workshops, April 17</p> <p>□ State FFA (Future Farmers of America) Convention, April 16-19 at Mat-Su College</p> <p><i>from UAF School of Natural Resources and Extension newsletter</i></p>	
Wednesday April 17	12-1pm	<p>Become a Farm Discovery Guide! -These workshops are part of the Farm Discovery Guide training series. FREE when you sign-up to become a volunteer farm guide! Farm Discovery Guides learn all about the farm and surrounding boreal forest, and then share what they’ve learned with children on farm field trips and with the public at community events such as Calypso's annual Open House or First Friday!</p> <p>When you sign up to become a guide in [this] Program, you are eligible to participate in any or all Farm Discovery Training workshops. These workshops are designed to provide guides with skills and information in a way which prepares them to share what they’ve learned with others.</p> <p>All ages and abilities are welcome to become volunteer farm guides!</p> <p>To learn more & sign up to become a guide, visit: https://calypsofarm.org/education-programs/farm-discovery-program/</p>	Calypso Farm and Ecology Center , 4780 Old Nenana Hwy, Fairbanks
	4pm	FCAC Interfaith mtg. See www.fairbanksclimateaction.org or Facebook: FairbanksClimateAction	UCPC
	5-7:30pm	<p><u>Fireweed Collective AK</u>, a ‘statewide alliance of young Alaskans to build community, raise leaders, and activate our generation on issues that matter to our future’, Native Movement, and Alaska Center, invite you to join ‘a web meeting on the budget by and for young Alaskans to create a positive vision for the future of our state!’</p> <p>We will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussing budget impacts on young people, especially in rural Alaska and communities of color. - Connecting our personal stories with a collective vision for a better budget. - Taking action by bringing this vision to Alaskans with a mass op-ed/LTE blast. <p>Click here for the call link: https://forms.gle/ffjtm1RjjdHErKKBA.’</p>	‘In-person call in gatherings in Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Juneau.’
	5:30 pm	Fairbanks Open Radio weekly volunteer trainings -... info@kwrk.org or 374-0577 “Fairbanks Open Radio is presently looking for folks willing to kick down an hour or so weekly to help program the broadcast....”	3535 College Rd, suite 203
	7-9pm	<p>[CESTD] Grow Your Own Food — A Spring Extension Gardening Series — Kicks off April 17: Garden Planning</p> <p>five-session course for \$20, incl. materials. Preregistration is required at http://bit.ly/2JZBn6J. For more information, contact Julie Riley at 907-474-2423 or jariley@alaska.edu.</p> <p>Share the poster!</p>	UPark Bldg, 1000 University Ave., Room 108, Fbks

Thursday April 18	12 noon	Fbks Diverity Council Accessibility Committee mtg Contact info: cityclerk@fairbanks.us or 907-479-6702	Fbks City Hall
	4-5:30pm	<u>Renewable Energy</u> Working Group mtg. If interested but not yet involved, please follow the link.	Cold Climate Housing Research Center
Friday April 19	noon	“Dear teachers and friends, The KEA kids at Boreal Sun Charter School are organizing with the support if their head teacher a school district wide Earth Day celebration on Friday 4/19 at noon . This would entail a field trip to the downtown park... We are hoping that you can help by spreading the word to other teachers or your children's teachers, and show your interest in participating. Please contact Elisabeth Hilker or myself with suggestions, ideas and comments. Thank you, Silvia Daeumichen, Kids Environmental Action < silviadaeumichen@gmail.com >	
Saturday April 20	11 am - Noon	Creamers Field Activities - Preschool Nature Discovery - For children 3-6 years old "Are BEARS out There?" We also have Guided Nature Walks currently on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1pm. <i>from director@friendsofcreamersfield.org</i>	Creamers Field College Rd.
		<u>Next Week</u>	
April 22		<u>Earth Day!</u>	
	Deadline	The Samuel Rubin Foundation’s Grant Program , provides a grant of up to \$5000 to organisations that help promote the implementation of social, economic, political, civil and cultural rights for all the world’s people . Deadline: 22 April 2019.	<u>Find out more</u> ...from <i>Peace Insight</i>
Thursday April 25th	6:30-8:30pm	<u>::: Earth Week Event - GREEN NEW DEAL TEACH-IN: A Framework for Transformation.</u> As part of a series of Earth Week events, a coalition of community and academic organizations will host “A Green New Deal Teach-in: A Framework for Transformation.” The Green New Deal is one vision for rapid and transformative action to address the urgent climate crisis while also creating a just transition to a sustainable economy. We will have a panel discuss various aspects of the Green New Deal, including climate change, political and economic realities of passing a Green New Deal, social justice and inequality, regenerative economy, and renewable energy. There will be plenty of time for discussion. Contact Ryan Marsh at ryan@northern.org for more information.	UAF Schaible Auditorium
April 25, 27, 28		<i>Registration open 4-5-19 [CESTD]</i> <u>Grafting Apple Tree Classes</u> - Come learn apple grafting basics with orchardist, Steve Masterman. Learn which varieties of apples grow best in the Fairbanks area and which rootstock will be hardy in your location. Anyone with grafting experience or who registered for beginning apple grafting can also register for the intermediate workshop on April 28 where Steve and other local experts will be available to help you hone your grafting skills. In the intermediate class many varieties of apple scion wood will be available as will a limited number of rootstock and scion wood for other fruit trees. <u>Grafting Apple Tree Classes</u> Bring leather work gloves, a sharp knife with a straight, thin blade and a cutting board. All other materials will be supplied. \$30 includes instruction and 4 apple trees to take home. Registration: http://bit.ly/AppleGraft19 Register early. Class size limited to 30. Please see the attached flier for more information and feel free to share it with others who may be interested. Thank you! <i>Beginners, Thurs, April 25, 6pm- 9pm; Beginners, Sat, April 27, 10am–1pm; Intermediate, Sun, April 28, 2 pm- 5pm</i>	Location: UAF Arctic Health Research Bldg, 901 S. Koyukuk Drive, Room 1W05 Parking: Free on the west side of UAF Arctic Health Research Bldg. Enter through west-facing doors for room 1W05
Friday April 26	5:30pm	FCAC Policy & Politics mtg - If interested but not yet involved: See www.fairbanksclimateaction.org or Facebook: FairbanksClimateAction	Native Movement 1327 Hayes ave.
Saturday April 27	12-4pm	Spring Migration Celebration - For all ages Come celebrate the return of our Migratory Birds to the interior of Alaska	Creamers Field College Rd, Fbks
	7pm	Fairbanks Peace Choir Spring Concert & Debut of Fairbanks Rainbow Choir Trees Spring 2019 Concert.jpg Suggested Donation \$10. Dessert follows concert	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd

Sunday April 28	4-6pm	Interfaith Prayer Circle for Earth and Creation – Join us for a special program of interfaith prayer, reflection, and fellowship as we celebrate good stewardship of the Earth. This prayer circle will consist of program contributions from a wide range of faith backgrounds, including prayer, music, drumming, and more. The prayer circle will be followed by a potluck, so please bring food to share!	JP Jones Center 2400 Rickert St.
		<u>Put on Your Calendar - After Next Week Events</u>	
Mon Apr 29	7am -4pm	36th Annual Alaska Tribal Court Conference - Tribal Courts: Guardians of Justice For more information visit: http://tribal.uaf.edu/atcc	Tanana Chiefs Conference, 122 1st Ave Ste 600
	11:30am- 1pm	:: May 1: 2nd Annual Justice for MMIW Awareness Walk... This walk is held to bring awareness and to honor the multitude of Alaska Native and American Indian women who have been murdered or gone missing. Please wear red to support. Meet at the main entrance of the Westmark Hotel. For any questions, please contact Elizabeth at 907-371-6610 elizabeth@hnhcoalition.org or Janelle at 328-3990 janelle.chapin@aknwrc.org .	Westmark Hotel, Noble St. Fbks
Thursday May 2	5:30pm	Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA) Annual Members' Mtg – Fbks Climate Action Coalition (FCAC) suggests, “This is YOUR opportunity to get engaged as a member-owner of Golden Valley Electric Association – the electricity cooperative that you own if you pay an electric bill. We need you to show up, bring your friends and neighbors and co-workers to testify and help make the message clear that Fairbanks wants a transition to renewable energy & energy efficiency! We will provide more talking points closer to the event, but make sure this is on your radar! RSVP on Facebook ” Also check out Raven About Broadband	Lathrop HS Hering Auditorium 901 Airport Way
		The Interior Alaska Food Network will celebrate Alaska Agriculture Day 2019 with a variety of festivities Sunday, May 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the UAF Georgeson Botanical Garden. Learn about Alaska agriculture with booths and activities for the whole family. There will also be a dedication of the new Drew Plaza!	
Saturday June 1st	12-2pm	7th Annual Peace Feast , with free barbecue and featuring local people who have been doing work that promotes peace, justice, &/or sustainability in Interior Alaska. All Welcome! info@alaskapeace.org for more information.	Square Dance Pavi- lion Pioneer Park

Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, Issues not specific to Alaska, and/or without specific date

Peace Justice Sustainability

from Veterans For Peace 4-12-19: “**Veterans For Peace Stands with Chelsea Manning and Julian Assange** - Chelsea Manning is a hero to Veterans For Peace for releasing documents that the public had every right to see. Julian Assange is a hero to Veterans For Peace for providing a platform for whistleblowers like Chelsea Manning. Both Chelsea Manning and Julian Assange should be celebrated. They should be up for the Nobel Peace Prize and for awards in journalism and courageous truth-telling. Instead they are being persecuted by the very warmongers who continue to lie about the wars in Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, Iraq and Somalia, and who are now promoting regime change wars with Venezuela and Iran.

Now is the time to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Julian Assange and Chelsea Manning. We will not be distracted by murky rumors or character assassination in the mainstream media. We will **join emergency protests, initiate** our own protests, **contact our Congressional representatives, write letters to the editor, and more.**

In defending these two courageous individuals, Veterans For Peace is also defending the people’s right to know. And we are defending journalists’ right to publish the truth, no matter how inconvenient to the elites who seek to dominate the globe. If the first casualty of war is truth, then the telling the truth is also an antidote to war.

[Read more](#)

from frequencyfreefairbanks.org: “**Troubling scientific findings emerge as wireless signals permeate our lives.** Our youngest kids are the most at risk, according to extensive peer-reviewed research.” Read and see this research about **Biological Effects for 5G Frequencies**, the Pathophysiology, mutation research, molecular & cellular biology, Effects of Cell Phone Use on Adolescents, **Biological effects for the current typical “Smart Meter”/wireless cell phone frequencies in Fairbanks – i.e., a range around 900 MHz**, and more. At the bottom of the site a blogger posted, “I will be sending out information that encourages our neighbors to stand strongly against the installation of the this technology on their property. This website address will be added.”

Keep your ears open for interviews on KWRK-LP 90.9FM/kwrk.org’s “Investigations” with Birch Pavelsky on Wednesdays 3-3:30pm.

from *Cold Climate Housing Research Center*: “**CCHRC Members and Supporters**, You may have heard that our annual funding from the State Legislature has been cut from the Governor's capitol budget. We hope you'll take a few minutes to check out how this will impact our mission to make better housing in Alaska and consider contacting your legislators to voice your support for CCHRC. Our sincere thanks!!”

The Alaska Peace Center greatly appreciates everyone who participated in the Doctrine of Discovery evening at the University Community Presbyterian Church on March 29, 2019.

We thank you for the food, the hospitality, the social connections during the evening, the attention you gave to the messages of the movie, the love and respect in your listening, your honesty in speaking. We thank you for bringing your own culture, history, and experiences to this evening.
We thank you for your participation.

The Alaska Peace Center will continue to work toward the greater well-being of all people and the non-human world. Please feel free to contact us as opportunities arise for participation, co-sponsorship, or other progress toward well-being. <info@alaskapeace.org>

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Audio & Songs broadcast with this week's Community News:
Asymmetric Moose Music 041419

Hello this is the Asymmetric Moose with the music picks for the week of April 14, 2014. Last night, April 13, I allowed my soul to float unabashedly in the delightful tunes of Tim Easton, playing a benefit concert for the Northern Alaska Environmental Center at downtown Fairbanks's Firehouse Studios. Tim can surely sing, his guitar playing is nothing short of virtuoso, and his heartfelt message is most definitely in the right place. This week I'll be playing a few of the tunes that he sang at the concert.

In the first tune Tim Sings about a monster that has returned to the Bristol Bay area to threaten the very existence of our precious Salmon. The Pebble Mine Has Got To Go, Pebble Mine Hell No No, The Pebble Mine Has Got To Go Away

*In the next song, Tim asks Jesus to protect him from those who turn love into fear and hatred. **Jesus Protect Me!***

*Tim prefaced the next tune with a little story about very large protest march in which he became enthralled in London years ago. The demonstrators were demanding that the South African government release the imprisoned Nelson Mandela. At one point he stepped out of the march and summarily but friendlily chided by a man with a bright green Mohawk **“Don't Spectate; Participate!”** The tune focuses on voting, but I wouldn't be the Asymmetric Moose, if I didn't point out that it took much more than voting to oust apartheid and free Mandela. Sometimes it's direct action that gets the goods. See y'all in Bristol Bay? **“Don't Spectate; Participate!”***

“Nobody wants to wake up angry. Nobody wants to go to bed insane. Nobody really wants you to suffer. Nobody wants anybody to be in pain. For whatever you truly want for another, you may have yourself, someday.” Tim Easton sings about putting the golden rule in action in “Peace of Mind”.

Also,
-- Stuck Together, by Glacial Erratics
-- Voices, by October's Gate
-- Peace Call, by Eliza Gylkyson
-- Hallowed Be Thy Name, by Casey Weill
-- Heart of the Appaloosa, by Fred Small

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with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.*

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May Peace be with you!

Have a good week!