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## ***Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 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?   |
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| <b>“April</b>              | <b>is</b> | <p><b>National Child Abuse Prevention Month</b>, a time to recognize that we each can play an important role in promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in communities.</p> <p>Research shows that these five protective factors reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parental resilience</li> <li>• Social connections</li> <li>• Knowledge of parenting and child development</li> <li>• Concrete support in times of need</li> <li>• Healthy social and emotional development of children</li> </ul> <p>If you see or suspect child abuse or neglect, say something. Report it to the Office of Children's Services:<br/>Call: 1-800-478-4444      Fax: 907-269-3939      ReportChildAbuse@alaska.gov”</p> | <p><a href="#">Learn More</a></p> <p>from<br/>threadalaska.org<br/>and<br/>thrivalaska.com</p>                     |
|                            |           | <p><b><u>Community organizations &amp; contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.</u></b></p> <p><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></p>   |  |
|                            |           | <p>(Some) Issues of <b>Peace, Justice, and Sustainability</b> to be brought up    <b>This week in the Alaska Legislature*</b>:<br/>-- <i>Many of the same bills that have been under consideration in recent weeks. Please check out the legislative calendar via the link below, find out more, and contact your legislators to let them know how legislation could affect you and others.</i></p> <p><b><u>See more of the legislative schedule and links to related info here: 4/21-28/19</u></b></p> <p><i>Much of the proceedings are televised and/or **Streamed live on AKL.tv**</i><br/>- <i>and there are opportunities to testify; Contact your LIO for more information &gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;</i></p>  | <p><i>*Schedules often change. Contact your <b>Legislative Information Office (LIO)</b>. In Fbks: 452-4448</i></p> |
|                            |           | <p><b><u>This Week Opportunities for Action</u></b></p>  |  |
| <b>Sunday<br/>April 21</b> |           | <p><b>Take Action During Congressional Recess</b> - 2 weeks, starting April 15, per League of Women Voters: “This home-work period should be a time for them to meet with their constituents and hear about support or opposition to the issues being debated in the Washington D.C. That includes the For the People Act* in the U.S. Senate. This legislation is an historic opportunity to expand voting rights, enact ethics reform, and limit the influence of big money in politics.”</p> <p>* "At the same time that the bill tries to make more of our political system free from the influence of money, it puts financial barriers in the way." HR 1 would open Federal matching funds to House candidates who raise at least \$50,000 from at least 1000</p>                          | <p><b><u>“Contact your Senators right now to demand a hearing on the For the People Act.”</u></b></p>              |

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|   |                  | different donors. "Candidates running outside the 'big 2' are the ones who need this assistance the most, but many of them have a hard time raising even a fraction of that limit. This is not the way to bring more voices into our political conversation." <a href="#">gp.org</a>  |   |
| <b>Monday<br/>April 22</b>                |                  | <b><u>Earth Day!</u></b>  |   |
|   | 6:30pm           | <b><u>Fairbanks City Council Mtg</u></b> <i>Agendas and calendar at <a href="https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/">https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/</a></i>   | City Hall,<br>800 Cushman   |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>April 23</b>               | 5:30-<br>9:30 pm | UAF Cooperative Extension Service - <b>Spring Food Preservation Series!— Making Jerky and Sausage</b><br>Register soon as space is limited. Visit <a href="http://bit.ly/fishandmeat">http://bit.ly/fishandmeat</a> to reserve your spot.<br>(Please help us spread the word by sharing the attached class flier. Thank you!) <a href="#">3.16.19 canning fish and meat.pdf</a>   | UAF University<br>Park Building,<br>1000 University<br>Ave., Room 154   |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>April 24</b>             | 9-10am           | <b>PFAS teleconference</b> - from Alaska Community Action on Toxics: “ <a href="#">register</a> for our our CHE-Alaska call next week: <a href="#">Protecting Communities from Exposure to Harmful PFAS Chemicals: The Urgent Need for Safe Drinking Water Standards in the Absence of Federal Action</a> . The Dunleavy Administration recently announced that it would delay Alaska Department of Conservation health protective PFAS contamination cleanup guidelines. The State had been taking a more precautionary approach than the EPA by testing for six PFAS instead of only the two that the EPA is currently monitoring. This teleconference will focus on how other states are not willing to put public health in jeopardy by waiting for the EPA to take action, but are instead moving forward to establish protective, enforceable standards for PFAS*, including drinking water standards. We have a terrific line up of environmental health policy experts for our April 24th teleconference. <a href="#">Please join us!</a><br>* Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are highly persistent, highly mobile, and highly toxic... communities across the U.S. discover that their drinking water is contaminated by PFAS (originating from industrial facilities, airports, military installations, landfills, and other sites)...” | Suggested reading submitted by this news audience:<br><b>“Internal memo shows how state could have informed public about pollution levels” in <a href="#">Reporting from Alaska</a></b> |
|   | 5:30 pm          | <b>Fairbanks Open Radio weekly volunteer trainings</b> -... <a href="mailto:info@kwrk.org">info@kwrk.org</a> 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,<br>suite 203   |
| <b>Thursday<br/>April 25<sup>th</sup></b> | 12-1pm           | <b>Fairbanks Housing &amp; Homeless Coalition mtg</b> will be in the Council Chambers of City Hall  | 800 Cushman St  |
|   | 6pm              | Fbks North Star Borough ( <b>FNSB</b> ) <b>Assembly mtg</b> . Agenda Items include: Resignation of Angela Major effective June 17, vacating Seat “E”; a liquor & an alcohol license; Ordinance 2019-18 amending code re user fees for waste & recycling; Resolution 2019-19 prohibiting plastic shopping bags.  | FNSB Borough<br>Bldg - Assembly<br>chambers   |
|   | 6:30-<br>8:30pm  | <b>::: Earth Week Event - GREEN NEW DEAL TEACH-IN: A Framework for Transformation.</b> 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 <a href="mailto:ryan@northern.org">ryan@northern.org</a> for more information.  | UAF<br>Schaible<br>Auditorium   |
| <b>April 25,<br/>27, 28</b>               |                  | <i>Registration open 4-5-19 [CESTD]</i> <b><u>Grafting Apple Tree Classes</u></b> - 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. <b><u>Grafting Apple Tree Classes</u></b><br>Bring leather work gloves, a sharp knife with a straight, thin blade and a cutting board. All other materials will be supplied.<br>\$30 includes instruction and 4 apple trees to take home.   | <b>Location:</b> UAF Arctic Health Research Bldg, 901 S. Koyukuk Drive, Room 1W05<br><b>Parking:</b> Free on the west side of UAF Arctic Health Research Bldg. Enter through            |

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|                              |                        | <b>Registration:</b> <a href="http://bit.ly/AppleGraft19">http://bit.ly/AppleGraft19</a> Register early. Class size limited to 30.<br>Please see the attached flier for more information and feel free to share it with others who may be interested. Thank you!<br><i>Beginners, Thurs, April 25, 6pm- 9pm; Beginners, Sat, April 27, 10am-1pm; Intermediate, Sun, April 28, 2 pm- 5pm</i>  | west-facing doors for room 1W05  |
| <b>Friday<br/>April 26</b>   | 4:15pm                 | <b>FNSB Sustainability Commission subcommittee mtg</b> - “to dicuss upcoming outreach events... Open to the public, but there is no format for public testimony. For more info contact FNSB Community Planning Dept...459-1260.”   | Ester Conf. room<br>Borough Bldg   |
|                              | 5:30pm                 | <b>FCAC Policy &amp; Politics mtg</b> - If interested but not yet involved: See <a href="http://www.fairbanksclimateaction.org">www.fairbanksclimateaction.org</a> or Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/FairbanksClimateAction">FairbanksClimateAction</a>   | Native Movement<br>1327 Hayes ave.   |
|                              | 6 potluck<br>7pm event | <b>Peter Phillips Lecture (on YouTube) Giants: the Global Power Elite</b> - <i>Alaska Peace Center winter monthly event</i><br>Peter Phillips is the former director of <a href="https://www.projectcensored.org">Project Censored</a> , an organization exposing underreported news stories and highlighting the important links among a free press, media literacy, and democratic self-government. The APC office (with KWRK-LP studio) is upstairs from the Fuji Steakhouse in the College Mall building. Stairs are at the west end, sharing an external door with the steakhouse.  | <a href="#"><u>Alaska Peace Center Office</u></a><br>3535 College Rd,<br>suite 203 |
| <b>Saturday<br/>April 27</b> | 8-10am                 | <b>Birding on Saturday Mornings</b> with <i>Arctic Audubon Society</i> - Local birding experts will lead a series of 3 Saturday morning birding field trips. Bring binoculars, snack, rubber boots if you have them. More info at <a href="http://arcticaudubon.org">arcticaudubon.org</a> or Beth at 907-957-1050.  | Creamer’s Field<br>Farmhouse<br>parking lot.                                       |
|                              | 8-9am                  | <b><i>Disclosing the Facts 2019 Scorecard Report: Transparency and Risk in Water &amp; Chemicals Management.</i></b><br>Hydraulic fracturing carries a wide range of water-related risks and concerns that need to be managed, from scarcity and quality impacts, to wastewater management and recycling, induced seismicity and more. Investors need assurance that companies are responsibly managing their water use and risk. We will provide an analysis of industry trends, industry leaders and laggards, in addition to leading practices for management and improved transparency around water and chemical management. | <b>Webinar</b><br><br><a href="#"><u>REGISTER NOW</u></a>                          |
|                              | 12-4pm                 | <b>Spring Migration Celebration</b> - For all ages. Come celebrate the return of our Migratory Birds to the Interior of Alaska. Volunteers will be at the viewing platform with binoculars and spotting scopes to assist with bird identification. There will be information tables and a variety of activities for the whole family.  | Creamers Field<br>Migratory Water-<br>fowl Refuge                                  |
|                              | 7pm                    | <b>Fairbanks Peace Choir Spring Concert</b> directed by Flyn Ludington, with pianist, Dr. Paul Krejci. At the concert the Peace Choir welcomes the <b>debut performance of the Rainbow Choir</b> , directed by Gwen Brazier, also accompanied by Dr. Paul Krejci. “Join us for this empowering event!” <a href="#"><u>Trees Spring 2019 Concert.jpg</u></a><br>Suggested Donation \$10. Dessert follows concert  | Unitarian Universal-<br>ist Fellowship of<br>Fbks, 4448 Pikes<br>Landing Rd        |
| <b>Sunday<br/>April 28</b>   | 4-6pm                  | <a href="#"><u>Interfaith Prayer Circle for Earth and Creation</u></a> – 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<br>2400 Rickert St.  |
|                              |                        | <b><u>Next Week</u></b>  |  |
| <b>Mon Apr 29</b>            | 7am -4pm               | <b>36th Annual Alaska Tribal Court Conference</b> - Tribal Courts: Guardians of Justice<br>For more information visit: <a href="http://tribal.uaf.edu/atcc">http://tribal.uaf.edu/atcc</a>   | Tanana Chiefs<br>Conference, 122<br>1st Ave Ste 600                                |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>April 30</b>  |                        | <i>from Smart Justice Alaska:</i> “[T]aking the fight to protect and improve Alaska's justice reforms directly to lawmakers. Be a part of <b>Smart Justice Alaska's Legislative Fly-In</b> on <b>Tuesday, April 30-Wednesday May 1, 2019</b> . We'll be meeting with legislators and their staff to make the case that our justice system should be centered around people, not prisons. <b>Sign up <a href="#">here</a> to participate.</b><br>“Understanding that the costs of travel may pose a hardship, <b>Smart Justice Alaska has a limited number of travel</b>  | <b>to our capital in<br/>Juneau</b>  |

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|  |                          | <b>scholarships</b> , prioritized for individuals from key legislative districts with lived experience in Alaska’s justice system (for example, formerly incarcerated individuals, family members of incarcerated individuals, etc.). Budget permitting, others may be considered for scholarships as well.<br>“Help us spread the word! If you have contacts who would make great advocates on this issue, please <a href="#">invite them to sign up as well</a> .<br>“ In partnership, <b>Triada Stampas, Policy Director, ACLU of Alaska</b> ”  |  |
|  | 12-2pm                   | <b>Start a Garden</b> & Kickstart Your Health 12-1pm at Nenana Parish Church; <b>Build a Compost Pile</b> 1-2 at Nenana Community Garden **Okease bring food scraps to contribute! UAF Cooperative Extension & TCC. For Info Contact hbrader@alaska.edu  | <b>Nenana</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>May 1</b>   | 11:30am-1pm              | <b>:: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Justice for MMIW Awareness Walk...</b> 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,<br>Noble St. Fbks  |
|  | Deadline for nominations | ...for the <b>ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION 2019 AWARDS</b> for individuals and organizations that are making a significant difference in their efforts to protect Alaska's natural environment. Awardees will be celebrated at an awards reception on October 3 in Anchorage. This year’s award categories include:<br>Lifetime Achievement<br>Outstanding Professional Contributions<br>Outstanding Achievements by a Conservation Organization<br>Excellence in Still Photography, Film or Video<br>Outstanding Achievements by an Alaska Native Organization or Individual<br>Outstanding Volunteer Contributions<br>Award for Young Environmental Activists<br>Excellence in Environmental Education<br>For more information or to nominate someone, go to our website. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Sadie Kurtz at skurtz@alaskaconservation.org call or 907-433-8212.  |  |
| <b>Thursday<br/>May 2</b>  | 5:30pm                   | <b>Alaska Peace Center mtg</b>   | 3535 College Rd suite 203  |
|  | 5:30pm                   | <a href="#">Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA) Annual Members’ Mtg</a> – 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! <a href="#">RSVP on Facebook</a> ”<br>Also check out <a href="#">Raven About Broadband</a>   | Lathrop HS<br>Hering Auditorium<br>901 Airport Way   |
| <b>Friday<br/>May 3</b><br><br>(Pete Seeger would have turned 100) | 5:30                     | “This year, <b>The Alaska Center Auction</b> is titled “ <b>A Future Worth Fighting For</b> ” because we are investing in Alaska’s future- from outdoor education to affecting policy change - we are working at a state and local level to ensure that Alaskans have the tools, the platform, and the seat at the decision-making table.<br>For the last 20 years <b>Alaska Youth for Environmental Action (AYEA)</b> has been a vital part of this ambitious vision and over the past few months we have seen youth leaders come together to stand up for our future in the face of budget cuts, the demise of a Climate Action Plan, and seemingly endless attack on our clean water under this new Administration. <b>These teens have been standing up, showing up, and speaking out for their futures and it’s time to show our support.</b> <a href="#">Join us at The Alaska Center Annual Auction: A Future Worth Fighting For to show your support for the incredible work AYEAs teens have done and continue to do &gt;&gt;&gt;</a> | Anchorage<br>Downtown Marriott<br><br>For more information visit <a href="http://akcenter.org">akcenter.org</a> , email <a href="mailto:michael@akcenter.org">michael@akcenter.org</a> or call (907) 274-3647. |
| <b>Saturday<br/>May 4</b>  | 10-11am                  | <b>Mother’s Day Purse Project &amp; Kits for Kids</b> - community event to provide purses & pillowcases filled with essential items for women & children in need: socks, lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, diapers, etc. “F” @MothersDayPurseProjectanKitsforKids   | Church of Latter-Day Saints<br>1500 Cowles St.   |

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|                                | 1-4:30 pm | UAF Cooperative Extension Service - <b>Spring Food Preservation Series!</b> — Pickles, Chutney and Sauerkraut<br>(Please help us spread the word by sharing the attached class flier. Thank you!) <a href="#">3.16.19 canning fish and meat.pdf</a><br>Register soon as space is limited. Visit <a href="http://bit.ly/fishandmeat">http://bit.ly/fishandmeat</a> to reserve your spot. | UAF University<br>Park Building,<br>1000 University<br>Ave., Room 154 |
|                                | 1:20pm    | <b>UAF Commencement</b>   | Carlson Center  |
| <b>Sunday<br/>May 5</b>        | 10am-2pm  | The <a href="#">Interior Alaska Food Network</a> will celebrate <b>Alaska Agriculture Day 2019</b> with a variety of festivities. Learn about Alaska agriculture with booths and activities for the whole family. There will also be a dedication of the new Drew Plaza!<br><a href="#">AKAgDay flyer</a> #AKAgDay2019  | UAF Georgeson<br>Botanical Garden.                                    |
|                                |           | <b><u>Put on Your Calendar - After Next Week Events</u></b>   |   |
| <b>Saturday<br/>May 11, 18</b> | 8-10am    | <b>Birding on Saturday Mornings</b> with Arctic Audubon Society - Local birding experts will lead a series of 3 Saturday morning birding field trips. Bring binoculars, snack, rubber boots if you have them. More info at arcticaudubon.org or Beth at 907-957-1050. May 11: Shorebird Identification with Philip Martin; May 18: Birding By Ear & Songbird ID - JJ Frost              | Creamer's Field<br>Farmhouse<br>parking lot.                          |
|                                |           | <b>Plenty for All Concert:</b> Plenty For All will be holding a concert and fundraiser featuring our own Susan Grace along with other . Plan to join them to support this wonderful organization that helps folks out of foreclosure. Visit their webpage:<br><a href="http://www.plentyforallf airbanks.org/">http://www.plentyforallf airbanks.org/</a> .                             | UUFF 4448 Pikes<br>Landing Rd   |
| Saturday June 1                | 12-2pm    | <b>7th Annual Peace Feast</b> - All Welcome! <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a> for more information.   | Pioneer Park  |

### Good News category:

from Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition: **“Hope Housing Opening** - Hope House Transitional Sober Living is a faith-based, housing of hope that refers to safe, healthy, and substance-free living environments that support individuals in recovery from addiction... where people who are actively seeking sobriety can find safety in an alcohol- and drug-free setting... centered on peer support and a connection to services that promote long-term recovery... We provide advocacy, behavioral health services, anger management education, coordination of services, parenting classes, life skill coaching, and rehabilitative services in a structured setting...

[Hope House Brochure](#)      [Mothers in Recovery Brochure](#)      [Application ”](#)

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

#### Peace Justice Sustainability

from [Access Alaska](#):4-18-19: **Contact Your Legislators: Tell them to Preserve Alaska’s Senior and Disabilities Services**

“The link below will take you to an easy way to both identify your legislator and the link will send a letter to them pointing out why the 5% reduction is unfair and will harm our system. All you have to do is fill out your information and the zip code on the address will identify your legislator and align the letter with their email. Just click on submit after you see the letter addressed to them. Make a note of your legislator's name and email for future requests.

“Please share this link with your staff and families. We really need legislators to understand how harmful this will be.”

<https://preservealaskasds.com/.../governor-proposed-cuts-medi...>



Alaska's Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) has proposed 5% decrease to the reimbursement rate for Personal Care Services (PCS) and Home and Community-Based Waiver Services (HCBS) that will directly impact the access and availability to quality supports for Alaska's seniors and individuals who experience disability throughout our State. This 5% reduction is coupled with withholding of Provider inflationary rate adjustments which have impacted these services for three out of the last four fiscal years and increasing administrative burdens...

Please tell your legislators to request that DHSS exclude HCBS and PCS programs from Medicaid reimbursement cuts, because these services are vital to Alaskans. What can you do:

[P]lease contact your legislator [ASAP] to make them aware that:

- They may not have all the information about the Medicaid cuts
- PersonalCareSvcs and Home&CommunityBasedSvcs are not exempt
- There are no protections in place to ensure access to PCS and HCBS for Alaska's seniors and those who experience disability
- The industry has not been asked what the potential impact of these rate reductions might be to access or quality of services
- Access to PCS and HCBS will be detrimentally impacted by these actions

The Governor's budget recommends approximately \$761 Million in cuts to Medicaid services. This means nearly half of the Governor's proposed \$1.6 Billion reduction in state spending is targeted at Medicaid. Cuts of this magnitude to the state's Medicaid system will harm thousands of Alaskans who rely on Medicaid long term care to help them stay healthy in their homes."

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**Hearings on the future of draft registration and Selective Service** - The National Commission on Military, National, and Service has announced the invited panelists -- including [Ed Hasbrouk of the Military Law Task Force] -- for their 2 days of hearings on Selective Service next Wednesday & Thursday in Washington, DC...

[Hasbrouk has posted his] written statement and links to more info at: <https://hasbrouck.org/blog/archives/002342.html>

***This will be the most important public forum on registration and the draft in the USA in at least 30 years.***

If you can't be [at the hearings], you can submit written comments through the end of 2019 using [this form](#) or by e-mail to "info@inspire2serve.gov" (mentioning "Docket No. 05-2018-01" in the subject line of your e-mail message), and sign [this petition to end draft registration](#)". Peace, Edward Hasbrouck"

[Click here to view our library of resources"](#)

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*from Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Land Office (TLO):* **“Decision to Issue a Negotiated Placer Lease - Ester Creek...**in the best interest of teh Alasa Mental Health Trust and its beneficiaries... The Trust land affected by the decision is located in the vicintiy of Ester Creek, near Ester, Alaska... consisting of 76 acres... Persons who elieve that ... it is not in the best interests of the Trust or its beneficiaries or ...[other reasons] must provide written comments [by] 4:30pm May 20, 2019. Comments should be submitted to the TLO at 2600 Cordova St, Suite 100, Anchorage, AK 99503, or by fax (907) 269-8905 or email [mhtlo@alaska.gov](mailto:mhtlo@alaska.gov) ... Copies of the written decision are available at teh TLO, or at <https://alaskamenthalhealthtrust.org/trust-land-office/> .”

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US wants two years to ID migrant kids separated from families, per 4-719 article in Fbks Daily News-Miner

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**“CIA Air Wars (signature needed)”** from winwithoutwar. **“After huge public pressure, the Pentagon was just forced to admit — for the first time — that its drone killing squad has a devastatingly deadly cost on civilians in Somalia. [1]**

**But that's not enough.** We HAVE to keep up the pressure to stop the CIA from waging secret air wars around the world before even more civilians are hurt —

**[can you add your name to tell Representative Don Young and Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan to ban secret CIA drone strikes NOW?](#)**

Thank you, Tara P.S. Check out my original email below

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Red Alert: **This month, Trump signed an Executive Order that could allow the CIA to become a secret killing squad, with no way to know how many people they kill. [1]...** around the world ... killing civilians, [2] including Somalia, Yemen, and Pakistan. And now there is literally nothing in U.S. law requiring reporting on civilian casualties by the CIA — making those wars completely invisible. **But Congress can stop the CIA from waging secret air wars around the world — by banning**

**the CIA from conducting drone strikes entirely.** So it's time for us to make sure Congress hears us loud and clear:

**[Tell Representative Don Young and Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan to ban the secret CIA drone strikes NOW!](#)**

Halimo Mohamed Abdi was hit by a drone strike in Bariire, outside of the Somali capital of Mogadishu. Before losing consciousness, she saw three little boys, ages 9, 10, and 16, die in explosions. The strike broke her hips, left shrapnel in her thigh and terrible burns on her chest. After being hospitalized for 3 months, she returned to her

home in ruins and 25 of her goats dead. She was forced to move to a camp housing tens of thousands of Somalis fleeing U.S. airstrikes, and fighting between Al Shabab and the Somali government. [3] **We cannot let our government conduct unchecked, secret wars that kill and displace people around the world.**

Thank you for working for peace, Tara, Kate, Mariam, and the Win Without War team

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[1] The Hill, "[US military admits two civilian deaths in Somalia airstrikes](#)"

[2] The Atlantic, "[Trump Just Gave Himself More Power to Kill in Secret](#)"

[3] Foreign Policy, "[U.S. Bombardments Are Driving Somalis From Their Homes](#)"

[4] The Nation, "[Inside the Secretive US Air Campaign In Somalia](#)"

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**Denali Elementary Proximity to Cell Phone Towers** - These studies recommend 300, 400, even 500 meter "exclusion zones" surrounding cell phone towers. Fairbanks has many houses and at least two schools (Denali and U Park) that didn't take these peer-reviewed journals into account before granting cell phone tower permits:

- **International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health**: Increased prevalence of adverse neurobehavioral symptoms or cancer in populations living closer than **500 meters** from cell phone towers, despite exposure levels within international safety guidelines
- **Science of the Total Environment**: Mortality rate from neoplasia was 34.76 per 10,000 inhabitants within **500 meters** of cell phone towers in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Outside of these areas, neoplasia deaths were significantly reduced. The largest density power was 40.78  $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ , and the smallest was 0.04  $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ .
- **Environmental Medicine Society (German)**: Proportion of newly developing cancer cases was significantly higher among those patients who had lived during the past ten years at a distance of up to 400 meters from the cellular transmitter site.
- **Pathology Biology (France)**: Among residents near cell phone towers, women report significantly more headache, nausea, loss of appetite, sleep disturbance, depression, discomfort and visual perturbations than men. Human occupancy should exceed **300 meters** from cell phone base stations.
- **Electromagnetic Biology and Medicine**: Residents living within **80 meters** of cell phone towers have significantly more DNA damage and antioxidants in peripheral blood lymphocytes, compared to residents **300 meters** from cell phone towers.

Electromagnetic Biology and Medicine: The most critical regions of a child's head absorb two to ten times more RadioFrequency ElectroMagneticField than adults. Current exposure limits assume the anatomy of U.S. military recruits. Accountable, independent groups should revise U.S. exposure limits, using anatomically-based models. *More studies on these topics are listed at <http://www.5gfrequencyfreefairbanks.org/>*

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### ***"Dozens of Doctors in 7 States Charged in Opioid Fraud Bust***

... in Appalachia, a region hard-hit by the U.S. opioid crisis, have been charged with writing hundreds of thousands of illegal prescriptions and committing healthcare fraud, federal prosecutors said on Wednesday. Sixty people, including 31 doctors, were accused of illegally prescribing opioid drugs in exchange for cash and sexual favors...

"The opioid epidemic is the deadliest drug crisis in American history..." Attorney General William P. Barr said in a statement.

Some 130 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention..."

*Excerpt from Reuters Health Information © 2019 via Dozens of Doctors in 7 States Charged in Opioid Fraud Bust - Medscape - Apr 17, 2019.*

*APC editor's note: AK Sen. Dan Sullivan cited the opioid epidemic as reason for supporting Trump's ongoing emergency border order, whereas, per [New York Times 3-26-19](#), "Purdue Pharma, the maker of OxyContin, and its owners, the Sackler family, agreed to pay \$270 million to avoid going to a state court trial over the company's role in the opioid addiction epidemic that has killed more than 200,000 Americans over the past two decades. The payment, negotiated to settle a case brought by the state of Oklahoma, was far larger than two previous settlements Purdue Pharma had reached with other states. It could jolt other settlement talks with the company, including those in a consolidated collection of **1600 cases** overseen by a [federal judge in Cleveland](#)...."*

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from *Earth Day Network*: “**Earth Day Network is asking people to join our [Protect our Species campaign](#)**. Our goals are to:

- Educate and raise awareness about the accelerating rate of extinction of millions of species and the causes and consequences of this phenomenon.
- Achieve major policy victories that protect broad groups of species as well as individual species and their habitats.
- Build and activate a global movement that embraces nature and its values.
- Encourage individual actions such as adopting plant based diet and stopping pesticide and herbicide use.

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## Spotlight

““Since 1979, do you know how many times China has been at war with anybody?” [former U.S. President Jimmy] Carter asked. “None. And we have stayed at war.” The U.S., he noted, has only enjoyed 16 years of peace in its 242-year history, making the country “the most warlike nation in the history of the world,” Carter said. This is, he said, because of America’s tendency to force other nations to “adopt our American principles.”

In China, meanwhile, **the economic benefits of peace** were clear to the eye. “How many miles of high-speed railroad do we have in this country?” he asked. While China has some 18,000 miles of high-speed rail, the U.S. has “wasted, I think, \$3 trillion” on military spending. “It’s more than you can imagine. China has not wasted a single penny on war, and that’s why they’re ahead of us. In almost every way.”

“And I think the difference is if you take \$3 trillion and put it in American infrastructure you’d probably have \$2 trillion leftover. We’d have high-speed railroad. We’d have bridges that aren’t collapsing, we’d have roads that are maintained properly. Our education system would be as good as that of say South Korea or Hong Kong,” Carter told [his] congregation the [4-15-19 Newsweek article](#) ‘**Jimmy Carter Took Call About China From Concerned Donald Trump: ‘China Has Not Wasted a Single Penny on War’**’

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### *Audio & Songs broadcast with this week’s Community News:*

*“Hi this is Rob Mulford the Asymmetric Moose with the Asymmetric Moose music picks for the week of April 21, 2019.*

*There’s one thing that I believe chafes a working class person in that place most folks don’t make a habit of scratching publically... And that goes folks across the so-called political spectrum... And that thing is when a member of the super rich, makes bad financial decisions and later gets bailed out by we plebs who foot the bill. It’s been going on in this country since the first white fella claimed discovery of unceded territory. Since the Rensselaers, Since the Astors, Since the Rockefellers... the Chase Manhattans, and the Bank of Americas, etc. In this first tune Arlo Guthrie sings of one of those that got bailed out decades ago – in I’m Changing my name to Chrysler.*

*For me, I suppose, listening to Arlo helps scratch at that place I was speaking of earlier. Don’t think I’ll be changing my name to Bezos though. I hope the following tunes help scratch at that spot as well. Next Joe Glazer and Bill Friedland sing - Workingmen Unite*

*In the spirit of working class consciousness, I offer you the late great, Utah Phillips, Singing the Joe Hill tune - The Preacher and The Slave*

*In the next piece Joe Glazer and Bill Friedland sing another one of the Wonderful Industrial Workers of the World Minstrel, Joe Hill’s tunes – Tramp*

*Beautiful is probably the most fitting accolade that I can offer Paul Robeson; a beautiful courageous soul, with a voice to match. Brutalized and unappreciated in this country he was admired by many in others. Here is a 1949 recording of Paul Robeson singing, Joe Hill, to a group of Scottish Coal Miners.*

*And last but not least, Billy Bragg sings, you’ve probably have guessed it, a Joe Hill tune, the inspirational - There Is Power In A Union.”*



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