



## **Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of August 23, 2020,**

*reporting on events & issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability affecting us & 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!*

For the latest information on Alaska's response to COVID-19, please visit <http://coronavirus.alaska.gov>. "For questions and assistance, call 2-1-1."

**Fbks Memorial Hospital COVID-19 hotline** for questions regarding symptoms or other virus-related inquiries: 907-458-2888

**Community COVID-19 Testing** ...on Tuesdays, and Thursdays by APPOINTMENT ONLY.

You must call Public Health at 452-1776 for complete details and to schedule an appointment.

**COVID-19 Hotline -(844-263-1849) - providing free legal help for COVID-related issues** - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings from 6-8 pm

Covid information in Alaska Native languages from Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (in partnership with Native Peoples Action and AKPIRG).

<https://www.facebook.com/ANTHCtoday/videos/987691668341475/>

Day, Date	Time	<u><b>This Week Opportunities for Action</b></u>	Where?
<b>Sunday August 23</b>	3 pm	<b>School Board &amp; Borough Candidate Community Conversation on Education</b>	<a href="#">Facebook Live or zoom</a>
<b>Monday August 24</b>		<a href="#">Alaska Top Crop Contest 2020</a> - a virtual contest to see who grew the tallest, longest, biggest plants and veggies. Everyone is welcome to participate in the contest, which will run Aug. 24-Sept. 4. Prizes will be awarded in each category. We will have a [facebook]thread for each category with instructions during the two weeks of the contest where you can post a picture and include measurement details	Instructions on how to participate are <a href="#">posted on Facebook</a> .
		<b>University fall semester begins</b>	
		<b>The <a href="#">Innocence Project</a> marks 28 years</b> , "exonerat[ing] the wrongly convicted through DNA testing and reform[ing] the criminal justice system to prevent future injustice."	
	6:30 pm	<b>Golden Valley Electric Assn Board of Directors Mtg.</b> The agenda is posted on GVEA's website: <a href="http://www.gvea.com/boardmeetings">www.gvea.com/boardmeetings</a> .	t: 1-800-315-6338 Access Code 44279
<b>Tuesday August 25</b>	12 noon	<b>Political Forums: Aug 25 - City Council; Sept 1 - Ballot Measure 1; Sept 22 - Borough Assembly; Oct 6 &amp; 13 - State Legislature; Oct. 27 - U.S. House &amp; Senate.</b> Hosted by greater Fbks chamber of commerce.	Live stream at <a href="http://fairbankschamber.org">fairbankschamber.org</a> .
<b>Wednesday August 26</b>	5:30-6:30pm	<b>Belated Arbor Day Celebration - <a href="#">Tanana Valley Watershed Association</a></b> - Come join us for a socially distanced planting and refreshments - Masks and Social Distancing required. We will be provided a limited number of masks for those who need them - or join us virtually <a href="#">via Zoom</a> ! Mtg ID: 772 9956 5521 Passcode: sjW0gR.	Turner St between 4th & 5th Downtown

	6-7:30 pm	<b>The History of Birth Control</b> - Access to birth control is an essential part of healthcare today. Without birth control, our world would look very different- but what was done in order for the creation of birth control to take place? Come learn the true history behind the creation of the birth control services that we use today. <a href="#">RSVP required</a> .	
	6:30pm	<b>KWRK-LP mtg via zoom</b>	<a href="mailto:info@kwrk.org">info@kwrk.org</a>
<b>Thursday August 27</b>		<b>Kellogg-Briand Treaty Day-</b> “The Kellogg–Briand Pact (... officially General Treaty for Renunciation of War as an Instrument of National Policy <sup>[1]</sup> ) is a 1928 <u>international agreement</u> in which signatory states promised not to use <u>war</u> to resolve "disputes or conflicts of whatever nature or of whatever origin they may be, which may arise among them". <sup>[2]</sup> the Pact renounced the use of war and calls for the peaceful settlement of disputes. Similar provisions were incorporated into the <u>Charter of the United Nations</u> and other treaties... The pact was concluded outside the <u>League of Nations</u> and remains in effect. <sup>[4]</sup> ” <i>source: Wikipedia</i>	World-Wide
		<b>Through Our Eyes: Artistic Visions of Our Alaska State Parks</b> August 27 <sup>th</sup> -September 29 <sup>th</sup> Group Exhibition	Well Street Art Co Phone 452-6169
	12 noon	<b>Fairbanks Housing &amp; Homeless Coalition August Meeting.</b> We will focus on agency updates for this meeting. If you have any flyers or other info you need passed out to the FHHC please send them as soon as possible to <a href="mailto:msanders@fairbanks.us">msanders@fairbanks.us</a> Office:(907) 459-6794 <a href="http://www.fairbanksalaska.us">www.fairbanksalaska.us</a> <a href="http://www.fairbankshomeless.org">www.fairbankshomeless.org</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/fairbankshhc/">www.facebook.com/fairbankshhc/</a>	Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87310153441">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87310153441</a>
	5-7pm	FNSB Bd of Ed <b>School Bd: Open Circles: Conversations Around Issues of Race and Equity</b> , by video conference. Presented by Fbks Coalition Builders (FCB), an affiliate of the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI). Info; 452-2000	
	6 pm	<b>Fairbanks North Star Borough Regular Assembly mtg.</b> <i>Agenda items of peace, justice, sustainability:</i> Citizens' Comments; Public Hearing includes Ordinance 2020-20-1E budgeting for the FY21 <b>Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update Project</b> ; New Business includes Resolution 2020-34 in support of <b>extending the Alaska Railroad to northern Alberta, Canada</b> ; and Res. 2020-35 to do with the <b>collective bargaining agreement</b> between the Alaska State Council of Laborers (Local 942) and various entities including FNSB.	teleconference. Call the Clerk's office: 459-1401
<b>Aug 27 &amp; 28</b>		<b>NAACP <u>Virtual March on Washington</u></b>	<b>Aug 27 &amp; 28</b>
<b>Saturday August 29</b>		<b>Join the Global Climate Shoestrike</b> - We [Fridays For Future] put out shoes because we need to observe social distancing while making our message seen! Remember the linkage climate shoestrike and school strike! ... <a href="#">[Click here]</a> To host or attend a shoestrike... If you need help, write us at <a href="mailto:slowclimate@gmail.com">slowclimate@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:jacqueline.karvik@hotmail.com">jacqueline.karvik@hotmail.com</a> .	
		<u><i>After This Week</i></u>	

<b>Monday August 31</b>	7-9pm	<b>Municipal Candidates Forum</b> , organized by <a href="#">League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley</a> .	Livestream on KUAC FM 89.9
<b>Tuesday Sept. 1</b>	12 noon	<b>Political Forums: Sept 1 - Ballot Measure 1;</b> Sept 22 - Borough Assembly; Oct 6 & 13 - State Legislature; Oct. 27 - U.S. House & Senate. Hosted by greater Fbks chamber of commerce.	Live stream at fairbankschamber.org.
<b>Thursday Sept. 3</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Alaska Peace Center mtg.</b> via zoom. Contribute your ideas on what we can do to promote Peace, Justice, and sustainability during these times.	Contact <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a> for mtg link.
<b>Friday Sept 4</b>		<b>Last day to register</b> to vote or update registration for the Municipal ( <b>Local</b> ) Election If you want to vote absentee in the local election (Oct. 6), you must apply for an <u>absentee ballot from the Borough</u> - This is IN ADDITION TO your application to vote absentee in the State of Alaska elections	907 Terminal St. Fairbanks
<b>Monday Sept 7</b>		<b><u>March on Alaska- Sept 7</u> Where: Town Square in Anchorage and Virtually. Volunteer Opportunities</b> recorded live on FB for those not able to make the actual live event.	

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

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<b>Peace</b>	<b>Justice</b>	<b>Sustainability</b>
<p><i>from <a href="#">Global Network - Keep Space for Peace</a>:</i>            "Please help us reach 100,000 people world wide by signing and sharing as widely as you can..."  <u><b>Global Appeal to Nine Nuclear Governments</b></u>            ... an appeal from the people of the world to nine nuclear governments to each commit to a nuclear policy of no first strike, not ever, not for any reason; and to sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and to collectively agree to immediately begin disarming on a schedule to completely eliminate all nuclear weapons from the earth no later than August 6, 2045..."</p> <p>*****</p>	<p>*****</p> <p><b>"Facebook is expressly targeting anarchist pages for removal</b> in a new directive... Absurdly, the justification for doing so ties anarchists to the discredited far-right conspiracy theory 'Q-Anon'." <i>per a Facebook post.</i></p> <p>*****</p> <p><i>from Native Movement:</i>  <b>"With your help we can build a collective voice to oppose oil drilling in the Arctic Refuge!</b> Take a video of yourself telling us why the Refuge is important to protect.  <b>Directions:</b> Use your phone to record yourself on video • Hold the camera vertically.</p>	<p><b>"Why is Royalty-In-Kind gas not at the top of Dept of Natural Resources' list to help Alaskans</b> during this particularly trying time?" <i>writes Patrice Lee, long-time coordinator for Citizens for Clean Air, retired science &amp; math teacher, and serving on the Interior Gas Utility Board. {Please note that these concerns are her own, and do not purport to be those of IGU.}</i>  <b>"RIK gas can assist in lowering some of our energy costs...</b>  <b>"The poor and disadvantaged are the ones who are disproportionately affected by bad air quality and all it entails. Energy costs disproportionately affect the poor, including students and those without jobs, those with disabilities, pre-existing conditions, veterans, and the elderly. Covid-19</b></p>

from [winwithoutwar.org](http://winwithoutwar.org): "Today we woke up to headlines that **Trump intends to sell the United Arab Emirates (UAE) fighter jets and advanced armed drones** confirming yesterday that, *"they have the money and they would like to order quite a few F-35s."*

"Luckily, this sale can't happen overnight. A KEY provision in the appropriations bills would ban weapons transfers and sales to Saudi Arabia and the UAE for one year, buying us critically needed time to reassess and reexamine the policies governing these sales long-term.

"Our team is lining up calls with members of Congress and raising the alarm in the media to mobilize public support

"...The New York Times *also* reports that in setting up a potential sale the Administration gave a classified briefing about the F-35 to the Emirati military, "disclosing details on one of the Pentagon's most advanced weapons to a foreign government."

"Not only do existing arms sales Saudi Arabia and the UAE routinely violate explicit end-use agreements that dictate who can use U.S.-sold weapons, the U.S. government also becomes complicit in war crimes when these weapons are inevitably used to commit abuses.

"Last year, we came within 14 votes of a bipartisan, veto-proof majority in the Senate to block outrageous sales like this..."

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### ***"Military Recruiters are Exploiting High School Students' Financial Insecurities***

For years, getting police officers out of schools has been a central goal of racial justice campaigns...

However, there's another group of outsiders in schools we should be wary of: the U.S. military ... its 1.3 million-member global police force...

Tell us your name, your tribal affiliation and/or the Indigenous territories you are on.

Tell us your reason for opposing lease sales on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic Refuge.

Post your video to social media and use the hashtag #ProtectTheArctic or share with us directly on Facebook/Instagram!

Take Action for the Arctic Refuge | TOOLKIT

**Calling All Artists!** Submission Deadline Sept 15 - NO BORDERS ON STOLEN LAND Native Movement, Out North, Sol de Medianoche, and the Anchorage Democratic Socialists of America invite artists to respond to the ongoing humanitarian crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border and how the colonial construct of land borders has historically negatively impacted Indigenous groups on an international scale.

Learn More About this Project Here

**Get Out the Vote & Get Counted!** The hard truth is that a majority of Alaskans do not vote, either for lack of access, opportunity or understanding, and we KNOW that by simply reaching out and sharing our enthusiasm with our neighbors and community we can collectively increase the voter turnout for Alaska this year. Alaska Voter Guide for Covid-19 Safety

#AlaskaVotes#2020Census #GetCounted Respond to the US Census Survey Here!."

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"The next Stone's Throw culinary job training program course begins on September 14th. This amazing 12 week program prepares students for highly successful careers in the culinary arts. For more information: [info@breadlineak.org](mailto:info@breadlineak.org) 452-1974 [www.breadlineak.org](http://www.breadlineak.org)

Open to anyone looking for new work & life skills' from Housing & Homeless Coalition

is known to travel (hitchhike) on air pollution particles and therefore may pose a greater risk as we move into the winter, closing our windows and doors. The state has the gas to sell at a very reasonable price and should do that. Not doing that will send a clear message that politics is more important than people.

"I believe **it would be helpful for people to write letters to the editor, to the Dept of Natural Resources, and to IGU itself** [urging DNR to prioritize Royalty-In-Kind gas]"

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"☐ **Tell Bank of America to stay out of Arctic Refuge drilling!** [Petition here](#)

☐ **Short film RETURNING TO BALANCE: Climate Change and a Vision for Alaska – watch here**" from Fbks Climate Action Coalition



The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 significantly changed how military recruiters reach teenagers. Section 9528 mandates public high schools give military recruiters the same access to students that college recruiters get, including their personal contact information. Schools became gold mines for recruiting “future soldiers.”...

Recruiters use their omnipresence on campus to build relationships and trust in all kinds of different ways. They may offer to chaperone homecoming events, timekeep at football games, or even give lectures in history or government classrooms.

.. Education Week reporters in Connecticut found that recruiters made 10 times as many visits to one largely low-income school as they did to a nearby affluent school.

Black, Hispanic, Indigenous, and low-income students [are] overrepresented among the enlistees most often put in harm’s way.

...[Also,]. As early as 2002, recruiters had already begun using e-sports as a platform. Today this effort has transformed into an official Army e-sports team and an Army video game streaming channel, all designed to reach vulnerable youth at an even younger age.

These practices are nothing less than predatory. **Research reveals numerous physical and mental health risks from joining the military at a young age — including higher rates of substance abuse, depression, PTSD, and suicide.**

Students’ rights to health care, education, housing, and citizenship, among other military “perks,” should not have to be earned by putting their life on the line.

Far more effective jobs guarantees could exist if we invested in them: Education, health care, and clean energy all create more jobs per dollar than Pentagon spending. Yet the U.S. spends

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"The **United States Postal Service [USPS] is under assault...** new reports reveal... that after the election, the Postmaster-General, Louis DeJoy, plans to specifically target Alaskans by raising prices for our mail," writes Alyse Galvin; "...DeJoy’s potential plans, the people said, also include ***eliminating the Alaska Bypass program, a federal program exclusive to the state in which the Postal Service subsidizes the cost of freight shipping of groceries and other goods for remote areas to keep its commitment to universal service.***"

United States Postal Service is essential for Freedom of Speech, accessible and safe Voting, and much more. Unlike the for-profit delivery services, USPS delivers to every single address in the country. Yet it has been under attack for years, and this year more than ever.

"There are several hundred federal agencies, but only one is mandated to pre-fund its employees future healthcare benefits: the Postal Service," per govtrack.us, summarizing **H.R. 2382: USPS Fairness Act**, which removes this 2006 stipulation that passed the House in February. Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski co-sponsors it in the Senate, **S. 2965**, as well as "joined a bipartisan group of Senators supporting “significant emergency appropriations” for USPS be included in the next relief package...[and] "co-sponsored S. 4174, the Postal Service Emergency Assistance Act, a bill that would establish in the U.S. Department of Treasury the Postal Service COVID-19 Emergency Fund and appropriate \$25 billion..."

You can **call Sen.Sullivan** to urge him to support these provisions: *in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov*

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*from info@calypsofarm.org: "NEW Hands-on Curriculum for Parents, Families, and Teachers!! Our People & Place Curriculum and Activity Guide walks you through weekly lessons about Alaskan ecosystems and animals, growing and harvesting food, winter in the Far North, and so much more, all through integrated activities that involve reading, writing, science, math, social studies, art, and outdoor exploration! Lessons are developed for elementary-aged learners K-6, include plenty of outdoor activities, and can be paired with virtual school learning or homeschool curriculum.*

**Southside [Farmers Market] Pre-Order**

Pre-Order now through Sunday  
Pickup on Tuesday, August 25th | 5-6pm"

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*from Northern Alaska Environmental Center:*

"• **Tell Bank of America not to fund Arctic drilling.** Bank of America is the only remaining big US bank that hasn't committed to keep their money out of the Arctic

• **Join in Defend the Sacred's call to action** for in solidarity with Alaska Native people

• **Add your name here** to let the administration know that you are part of the majority of Americans who support coastal plain protections

**:: September 15: In a Time of Change: Boreal Forest Stories call for applications.**

The Alaska-based arts-humanities-science consortium In a Time of Change (ITOC) is seeking applicants from all disciplines within the arts and humanities for a series of collaborative workshops culminating in a group exhibit and book entitled *In a Time of Change: Boreal Forest Stories*. The transdisciplinary exhibit will to be presented in the Bear Gallery in May, 2022 and will feature multiple artists and humanists working in a variety of media, following regular interactions with scientists, to produce original works that communicate narratives rooted in the boreal forest, including its

more on its military than the next 10 countries combined." *from [inequality.org](http://inequality.org) 8-14-20.*

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"The board game **Endangered** shows just how **hard conservation can be**... a cooperative game for one to five players. Each person takes on a role — zoologist, philanthropist, lobbyist, environmental lawyer or TV wildlife show host — and players work together to convince at least four ambassadors to save a species..." *from review in [Science News](#)*

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**City of Fairbanks** has several Board & Commission **Vacancies**, including **Fact Finding Commission**. "For additional information on seat requirements... visit [www.fairbanksalaska.us](http://www.fairbanksalaska.us) or call 459-6774." *posted in News-Miner.*

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

### thrivalaska Quality Early Care & Education

has several positions available:

**Professional Development Associate**

**EHS Infant/Toddler Teachers**

**HS/EHS Family Wellness Consultant**

**Child Care Assistance Eligibility Specialist**

**Child Care Assistance Intake & Provider**

**HS Pre-School Teacher**

Contact: Lisa McDaniel 452-4267 x222. Submit applications to [lmcdaniel@thrivalaska.com](mailto:lmcdaniel@thrivalaska.com).

**Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition** is hiring!

**Applications are due September 8th!**

**Energy Analyst** Click [here](#) to find more information and to apply.

**Communications Coordinator**

Click [here](#) to learn more and apply!

**Renewable Energy Organizer**

Click [here](#) to learn more and apply.

**Co-op Market** Seeks **General Manager** Click [here](#) to view the complete job description. [Learn More](#) about other Co-op Market job openings.

**[Greenstar Hiring Executive Director.](#)** Applicants can send their resumé and cover letter to [art@iagreenstar.org](mailto:art@iagreenstar.org). (ends Sept 4)

The **Northern Center** is [hiring](#) a Director of Admin and Finance

ecology, its inhabitants, and their interactions. If you have questions, contact: Mary Beth Leigh at [mbleigh@alaska.edu](mailto:mbleigh@alaska.edu).

**:: All summer: support the Golden Heart Grown \$5 Challenge.** Did you know that if you spent just \$5 a week on buying local grown products you could contribute to over \$23 million dollars staying in our local economy. Our local farmers and producers are working hard to help provide the best produce and products for you. They need your support to survive this pandemic. Think about purchasing local grown the next time you're at the grocery store. [or the [Tanana Valley](#) or [SouthSide Farmers Market](#)

### "Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz!"

Calling all citizen scientists and nature lovers! ... all throughout the month of September! Join us in a fun challenge to see how many pollinator species can be found and documented in Fbks. PROJECT PAGE:

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/parks-for-pollinators-2020-fairbanks-parks-and-recreation>

We need lots of community participants!

#Parks4Pollinators

What is BioBlitz? The Parks for Pollinators BioBlitz is a program where the community works with park staff to create a snapshot of the variety of wildlife and plants that can be found in Fairbanks. Essentially, it's an event where YOU take/upload photos of wildlife and plants to learn about pollinators in our area. The program focuses on finding and identifying as many species as possible in Fairbanks over the month of September to create a snapshot of an area's biodiversity... There are prizes..." *from FNSB Parks & Recreation*

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

***"Moose Picks ... Hello this is Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose,*** coming to you with a heartfelt and hardy hello, from my place of quarantine, my little, purple, Rosie Creek homestead, bringing you my picks for the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

The homestead designation has long held for me - up to somewhat recent - a kinda spiritual consolation that said, "Robbie, hell, you ain't so bad. You've shunned those things of wanton waste, the racket makin' gas-guzzlers. Ya might still read the paper, but ya blew up your TV; moved to the country and ya built ya a home; planted a little garden – complete with a rain-catchment, solar powered drip irrigation system – and ya just brought yourself home with twenty pounds or so of Paonia, Colorado, Peaches. Although the land title, homestead, still comforts me to a degree, it has for me become nuanced, a point that you may or may not gather from the following story.

As I mentioned, I am currently quarantined, a precautionary measure, due to my having returned Thursday morning from a four-day visit to the mountain community of Marble, Colorado. It was, my sixth visit to the area in as many years. The purpose of my visits has been to collect stories from underground coalminers who I worked with some forty years ago, in what was then called Dutch Creek #1 Mine, part of a complex of 5 metallurgical coal mines, owned by Mid Continent Coal and Coke Company, in an area, white peoples history christened Coal Basin.

On this trip I interviewed an old coal minin' buddy, I used to work with, known as Lead King Paul. Pauli and I have a few things in common. We both left lives in the big city – him from Madison, Wisconsin; me from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – figurin' if we hadn't we'd find ourselves, sooner or later, incarcerated for our growing distaste for the consumptive excesses, waste, and petty narcissisms we saw in what went as society about us. Unlike I, Pauli had not been blessed a family man, and, by nature, he took his social distancing more seriously than I. In the winter, after having worked his five day work week, 7,500 feet deep into Huntsman Mountain, he'd strap on snowshoes, and trudge 8 mountain miles to his circa 1886 cabin, situated on the remote, long abandoned Lead King Mine; returning to work Monday morning. Come spring, he'd quit the mine, returning again in November to repeat the cycle.

I, on the other hand, spent my winter nights with my wife, lovely daughter, and newborn baby boy in our circa 1903 coalmine-camp home in Redstone, Colorado, rustic but still on the road system, 20 to 30 miles from life's conveniences. I had worked the mine for about a year, when one day the superintendent brought our crew a remote control for the Continuous Miner, the 30-ton machine we used to cut coal from the seam. He told us that we should use it, so we could forgo volley-firing, a safety procedure that mitigated outbursts of coal and methane gas from the mined face, that we called pushes. My job was setting mine roof-support props alongside that machine as it cut coal in the mine's deepest slope. When I asked the super, "How does this effect my position?" He replied, "Don't like your job? Quit we'll replace you, easy". I did the next day, and they replaced me easily. Six months later a push in the section ignited into a massive explosion killing 15 of Pauli and my friends and fellow miners. Pauli left about a year later to spend his days in Lead King Basin.

In its 30 years of operation the mine took the lives of 47 miners. Those deaths all have an underlying narrative, expressed in a little ditty we miners would recite that went "Production first, safety last, cut that coal, and watch your ass". As my friend Pauli recently put it, "You got a job to do. Just do it and shut the fuck up! Jesus Christ! What the hell do you think he's payin' ya for? It sure ain't to babysit your ass."

The narrative has a history. Part of its origin can be found in a hateful little pamphlet, published in 1898, by Elbert Hubbard, titled "A Message to Garcia". In it, Hubbard extols the heroic Spanish American War exploits of one Lieutenant Andrew Rowan, who Hubbard says took a letter from President McKinley, "sealed it up in an oilskin pouch, strapped it over his heart, in four days landed by night off the coast of Cuba from an open boat, disappeared into the jungle, and in three weeks came out on the other side of the island, having traversed a hostile country on foot, and "delivered his letter to Garcia" the leading general in Cuba's revolutionary effort to free itself of Spanish Colonial oppression. The pamphlet goes on to accuse the average working person of moral stupidity, infirmity of the will, and an unwillingness to cheerfully catch hold and lift, adding that "A first mate with a knotted club seems necessary; and the dread of getting "the bounce" Saturday night holds many a worker to his place... and the only thing that can impress him is the toe of a thick-soled Number Nine boot."

Even though the Rowan story was largely a fabrication, the original owner of the Coal Basin mine, John C. Osgood, used it in his company rag, "Camp and Plant" to intimidate his workforce in 1902.

The Rockefellers took over the mine closing it in 1909, and the mine's original owner went on to be the chief architect of the Ludlow massacre, where the National Guard burned down a camp of striking coalmine workers, killing 13 of their women and children in 1914.

Forty-two years later, a young Navy Lieutenant, John A. Reeves, reopened the mine that Pauli and I worked in. In his book the Mines of Coal Basin, Reeves explained he operated the mine by the principles expressed in Hubbard's "Message to Garcia".

But there's another story. Some say that the tragedies that happened in Coal Basin are part of a curse issued by Ute Indian holy men, condemning all of the whitemans' efforts in the area to utter failure. And, this may hold some validity. After decades of the whitemans' broken treaties, the Northern Ute having been driven to their last good hunting grounds, in what then had been designated as the White River Reservation in North Western Colorado, once again, fell victim to the whitemans' call "Go West Young Man" and its accompanying cries of "Exterminate the red man!" Nathan Meeker, the reservation's Indian agent, in a reports published for public consumption said, "Their needs are so few that they do not wish to adopt civilized habits", like giving up their lifestyle to be tenant farmers on Meeker's reservation farm. Saying, "What we call conveniences and comforts are not sufficiently valued by them to cause them to undertake them by their own efforts", Meeker proposed his solution saying "I shall cut every Indian down to the bare starvation point, if he will not work."

Denver Tribune editor William Vickers upon reading Meeker's reports wrote, "The Utes are actual, practical Communists". Citing what he considered to be Meeker's failure to convert the Utes, Vickers continued, "utter failure marked his efforts and at last he reluctantly accepted the truth of the broader truism that the only good Indians are dead ones".

Accused, among other crimes, of setting fire to valuable timber lands, calls went out from politicians, business leaders, and newspaper publishers across the Colorado territory that the Ute had to go. The Ute disagreed. Upon learning that troops had entered the nearby Milk River country, at Meeker's request to attack and remove them, Ute warriors at the reservation arose, killing agent Meeker and his agency employees, while other warriors fought U.S. troops on the Milk River. This subsequently led to the Ute's removal from Colorado and placement on arid lands in Utah.

Now a large portion of the White River National Forrest is ablaze, the entire country is threatened by a deadly virus, and dangerous storms are threatening the coasts. Can these also be curses, brought on by the whiteman's consumptive excesses, waste, and petty narcissisms? Call me a "Practical Communist", but I think maybe so.

I can't say that Robert Hunter and Gerry Garcia had anything like my story in mind when they composed the following tune, but to me it seems to fit, "Don't lend your hand to raise a flag atop no ship of fools."

*-- Who Lies, Who Dies, by Emma's Revolution*

***Alaska Peace Center works for peace, justice, and sustainability - individually, in our community, and globally -  
with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.***

You can contact Alaska Peace Center volunteers via email at [info@alaskapeace.org](mailto:info@alaskapeace.org)

**Visit our website:** [www.alaskapeace.org](http://www.alaskapeace.org) for more information and details, or to get on our email list, to which the expanded news brief is sent with active hyperlinks; also see Alaska Peace Center Facebook.

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*Feedback to, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome via [alaskapeacenews@gmail.com](mailto:alaskapeacenews@gmail.com).  
Please include "for news" in the subject line.*



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And/Or you can...

Mail a check to: **Alaska Peace Center**  
**3535 College Rd Ste 203**  
**Fairbanks AK 99709-3722**

or Donate online: **www.alaskapeace.org**

**THANK YOU!**

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*May Peace be with you!      Have a good week!*

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**VOTING INFORMATION.**      <https://www.elections.alaska.gov>

**Check your Alaska voter registration status** - make sure you are registered where you think you are - at <https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov/>  
"Notice of Polling Place Changes" - 2020 Primary Election, August 18. [INTERIOR ALASKA]

**Temporary Polling Place Changes** for District 01-465, Fbks #2: at Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center, 101 Dunkel St.  
Distr 03-135, Chena Lakes: at North Pole Plaza 301 N Santa Claus Lane

**Permanent changes for ALL future elections** for. Distr 01-475, Fbks #4: to Ruth Burnett Sport Fish Hatchery, 1150 Wilbur St, Fbks  
Distr. 06-170, Steele Creek: to Weller Elementary School, 635 Elementary Drive

**Polling place hours... 7am - 8pm** [election days]      **Region III Elections Office:** 675 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, suite H3, Fbks, AK 99701... 907-451-2835."

**To get absentee ballots:**

*For State & Federal Elections:* [www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov), or [akabsentee@alaska.gov](mailto:akabsentee@alaska.gov), or call 877-375-6508 (toll-free in U.S.)

*For Municipal Elections in Fairbanks North Star Borough, City of Fairbanks, & City of North Pole:*

Fill out the application at <http://www.fnsb.us/bc/TempElectionDocuments/Absentee%20Ballot%20Application%20-%20fillable.pdf> by noon the day before the election, or 7 days prior if by mail; call the Borough Clerk for more information: 459-1401.

**To Contact your Elected Public Officials**

**Fairbanks City Council Mtg** (twice per month on Monday evenings\*) **Agendas and calendar** at

<https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/> "This page contains a link to live City Council Mtgs and other City Board and Commission Mtgs, when available. Please click the Listen Live image below to start streaming the audio. Council Mtgs are also aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio. Listen live on your iPhone! Mixlr now has an iPhone/iPad app (<http://bit.ly/163ZyLg>) via the iTunes Store. Once you get the app set up, you search for city\_of\_fairbanks and you will be able to follow our audio stream [http://mixlr.com/city\\_of\\_fairbanks/live/](http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live/)!" Location: Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St.

**Email Fairbanks City Council** people (keep it polite, positive, and honest, and remember that any information you share about your identity and story is public record).

[cityclerk@fairbanks.us](mailto:cityclerk@fairbanks.us)

[dpruhs@fairbanks.us](mailto:dpruhs@fairbanks.us)

[jcleworth@fairbanks.us](mailto:jcleworth@fairbanks.us)

[jmatherly@fairbanks.us](mailto:jmatherly@fairbanks.us)

[jrogers@fairbanks.us](mailto:jrogers@fairbanks.us)

[agibson@fairbanks.us](mailto:agibson@fairbanks.us)

[skun@fairbanks.us](mailto:skun@fairbanks.us)

[vtherrien@fairbanks.us](mailto:vtherrien@fairbanks.us)

OR call our City Council people (feel free to leave a message after 5PM if that's easier)

Shoshana Kun - Seat A: (907) 590-8313      June Rogers - Seat B: (907) 451-0122

Aaron Gibson - Seat D: (907) 978-3058      Jerry Cleworth - Seat E: (907) 452-6461

Jim Matherly - Mayor: (907) 459-6793

Valerie Therrin - Seat C: (907) 388-0272

David Pruhs - Seat F: (907) 750-2888

OR! leave a comment here: <https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/citycouncil/webform/contact-council>

**Fbks Diversity Council (FDC)** “...to provide a citizens forum, serve as a diversity advisory board, and recommend adoption of a Diversity Action Plan for the community. The FDC supports many different cultural and social activities in our community...” FDC meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The FDC includes 11 public members (1 appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and 10 appointed by the City of Fairbanks). The FDC comes together to discuss and work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community. Contact info: [cityclerk@fairbanks.us](mailto:cityclerk@fairbanks.us) or 907-479-6702

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#### **North Pole City Council** - <https://www.northpolealaska.com/citycouncil>

**Thomas McGhee** - Term: 10/2019-10/2022; 1152 North Star Drive, N Pole, AK 99705; Cell Ph: 455-0010; Email: [thomas.mcghee@northpolealaska.org](mailto:thomas.mcghee@northpolealaska.org)

**David Skipps** - Term: 10/2018 - 10/2021; 2729 Perimeter Dr; Cell Phone: 750-5106; email: [david.skipps@northpolealaska.org](mailto:david.skipps@northpolealaska.org)

**Santa Claus** - Term: 10/2019 - 10/2022; PO Box 55122 (North Pole 99705); Email: [santa.claus@northpolealaska.org](mailto:santa.claus@northpolealaska.org)

**Aino Welch** - Term: 10/2017 - 10/2020; 934 Les Rogers Turnaround; Home Phone: 488-5834; Email: [aino.welch@northpolealaska.org](mailto:aino.welch@northpolealaska.org)

**DeJohn Cromer** - Term: 10/2018 - 10/2020; 815 Marquette Loop; Cell Phone: 347-2808; Email: [dejohn.cromer@northpolealaska.org](mailto:dejohn.cromer@northpolealaska.org)

**Perry Walley** - Term: 10/2018 - 10/2021; 659 W 5th Ave; Cell Phone: 347-0135; Email: [perry.walley@northpolealaska.org](mailto:perry.walley@northpolealaska.org)

**Mayor Michael Welch** – Term 10/20018-10/2021. 125 Snowman Lane; t. 488-8584; fax 907-488-3002; [michael.welch@northpolealaska.org](mailto:michael.welch@northpolealaska.org)

**Agendas & Minutes** at <https://www.northpolealaska.com/meetings>

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**Matt Cooper** - Seat I - Presiding Officer; [Matthew.Cooper@fnsb.us](mailto:Matthew.Cooper@fnsb.us); (907) 978-7143; Term Expires: 10/22

**Mindy O’Neill** - Seat C; [Mindy.Oneall@fnsb.us](mailto:Mindy.Oneall@fnsb.us); 907-727-3887; term exp. 10/22

**Aaron Lojewski** - seat H; [Aaron.Lojewski@fnsb.us](mailto:Aaron.Lojewski@fnsb.us); 907-978-1766; exp 10/20

**Liz Lyke** - seat F; [Liz.Lyke@fnsb.us](mailto:Liz.Lyke@fnsb.us); 907-378-3727; exp 10/21

**Jimi Cash** - seat E – [Jimi.Cash@fnsb.us](mailto:Jimi.Cash@fnsb.us); 907-799-2692; exp 10/20

**Christopher Quist** - seat D - Deputy Presiding Officer; [Christopher.Quist@fnsb.us](mailto:Christopher.Quist@fnsb.us); 907-687-5049; exp 10/20

**Marna Sanford** - seat A; [msanford@fnsb.us](mailto:msanford@fnsb.us); 907-546-7505; exp 10/21

**Frank Tomaszewski** - seat B; [Frank.Tomaszewski@fnsb.us](mailto:Frank.Tomaszewski@fnsb.us); 907-347-2968; exp 10/22

**Leah Berman Williams** - seat G; [Leah.Williams@fnsb.us](mailto:Leah.Williams@fnsb.us); 907-347-4021; exp 10/21

To contact the full Assembly you may either send an email to [assembly@fnsb.us](mailto:assembly@fnsb.us), use the **Contact Full Assembly** contact form, or mail to

PO Box 71267, Fbks, AK 99707 99707

Written communications to individual Assembly Members regarding current matters before the Assembly

will be copied to the full Assembly.

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### **Alaska State Legislature**

legislative schedule and links to related at [AKleg.gov](http://AKleg.gov): **5/3-5/17/20** Schedules often change.

Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO) In Fbks: **452-4448**

**'Chat with Legislative Information Staff'** – Monday-Friday between 8:30am and 4pm you will find a new chat interface in the lower right corner of [AKLeg.gov](http://AKLeg.gov). The LIO staff can help answer questions about finding things on the legislature's website, tracking legislation, and contacting legislators. Let us know how we can help you.'

### **Interior Alaska Legislators**

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**Sen. John Coghill** (R) North Pole Distr B - Juneau office: 907-465-3719. Tollfree: 877-465-3719 Email: [senator.john.coghill@akleg.gov](mailto:senator.john.coghill@akleg.gov)

**Sen. Scott Kawasaki** - (D) Fbks Distr A - Juneau office: 907-465-3466. Tollfree: 866-465-3466 Email: [senator.scott.kawasaki@akleg.gov](mailto:senator.scott.kawasaki@akleg.gov)

**Rep. Steve Thompson**, majority leader (R)Fbks Distr 2 - JNU office: 907-465-3004. Toll free: 877-465-3004 Email: [representative.steve.thompson@akleg.gov](mailto:representative.steve.thompson@akleg.gov)

**Rep. Grier Hopkins** (D) District 4 Fairbanks JNU office: 907-465-4457 Toll free: 800-928-4457 Email: [representative.grier.hopkins@akleg.gov](mailto:representative.grier.hopkins@akleg.gov)

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**Rep. Dave Talerico** (R)Healy Distr 6- JNU office: 907-465-4527 Tollfree: 800-491-4527 Email: [representative.dave.talerico@akleg.gov](mailto:representative.dave.talerico@akleg.gov)

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**Rep. Adam Wool** (D)Fnks Distr 5 - Juneau office: 907-465-4976 Tollfree: 866-465-4976 Email: [representative.adam.wool@akleg.gov](mailto:representative.adam.wool@akleg.gov)

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To express your preferences on issues to any of **Alaska's Congressional delegation**, you can call the Capitol switchboard at **1-202-224-3121**.

To leave comments for the President, call the **White House at 1-202-456-1111**.

**Rep Don Young** in Fbks 456-0210/fax 456-0279; Email via web site: [donyoung.house.gov](http://donyoung.house.gov); Fairbanks office: Key Bank Bldg suite 307, 100 Cushman St.

**Sen Lisa Murkowski** in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: [murkowski.senate.gov](http://murkowski.senate.gov). Fbks office: Courthouse Square suite 2D, 250 Cushman St.

**Sen Dan Sullivan** in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: [sullivan.senate.gov](http://sullivan.senate.gov) Fairbanks office: Federal Bldg, suite 328, 101 12<sup>th</sup> ave

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call Eielson Public Affairs, Active Duty at 907-377-2116, ext. 4, at which you will be asked questions on a form that the airman {airperson?} answering sends 'up line' and to which you are supposed to get a response. Duty Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Or go to <https://www.eielson.af.mil/About-Us/Units/Public-Affairs/> for updated email addresses, currently listed as:

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