



## *Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

*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!*

Day, Date	Time	<u>This Week Opportunities for Action</u>	Where?
		<p>(Some) Issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability to be brought up <b>This week in the Alaska Legislature*:</b></p> <p>- <b>Monday</b> --<a href="#"><b>SB 69</b></a> - <b>Exempt Renewable Energy Electric Plants - Testimony</b> - "exempt from regulation as a public utility for plants and facilities generating electricity entirely from renewable energy resources" ---<a href="#"><b>SB 43</b></a> *-Elections, Voting, Campaign Finance, --<a href="#"><b>SB 39</b></a> -Ballots/Voter [!]</p> <p>--<b>Tues</b></p> <p>--<b>Wed</b></p> <p>-<b>Thurs</b></p> <p><b>Friday</b> --<a href="#"><b>SB 39</b></a> -Ballot Custody/Tampering; Voter Reg; Mail --<a href="#"><b>SB 8</b></a> -Pre-K/Elem Ed programs/Funding; Reading</p> <p><b>**"the Legislative Research office ...compile[d] a list of Alaskan communities that would be impacted by the provision in SB 39 that strips local control of elections away from communities and prohibits municipal governments from sending ballots by mail. The communities that offer the service to voters of sending ballots by mail <a href="#">can be found here</a>. ...Public testimony on SB 39 is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 19 in the Senate State Affairs Committee. Please plan to call in to provide testimony... call 1-844-586-9085. Talking points can be found at this <a href="#">link &gt;&gt;</a> Let's keep protecting Democracy," Louie Flora, Gov Affairs, AK Center</b></p> <p><b>"If you want to stay afloat of committee hearings and other legislative-related information, follow my <a href="#">Facebook page</a> and <a href="#">my Twitter page</a>. Additionally, you can watch live and recorded committee hearings by tuning in to 360N on cable or visiting the <a href="#">Alaska legislative website</a>. For recordings of previous committee hearings, visit <a href="#">Gavel Alaska</a>. If you're interested in providing a letter of support for any of the bills or providing testimony, please email my staff: <a href="mailto:keith.baugess@akleg.gov">keith.baugess@akleg.gov</a> and <a href="mailto:besse.odom@akleg.gov">besse.odom@akleg.gov</a>."</b></p> <p><b><i>per Cordova Times of 1-21-21, "Sen. Jesse Kiehl and Rep. Sara Hannan, both D-Juneau, say they plan to introduce bills during the current legislative session to protect Alaskans from adverse health impacts of unregulated toxin substances."</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p><b>"As in any year, we will have Gavel to Gavel coverage of our meetings, which you can watch on 360 North at <a href="https://www.ktoo.org/tv/">https://www.ktoo.org/tv/</a> or on the Legislature's streaming service at <a href="http://akleg.gov/includes/_player.php">http://akleg.gov/includes/_player.php</a>. You can also access committee documents, follow along with our meeting schedules, learn about committee membership, and view voting records on BASIS at this link: <a href="http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Home/BillsandLaws">http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Home/BillsandLaws</a>." from Rep. Adam Wool.</b></p>	"During the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Capitol is closed to the public. To reach your legislator, please find Senate contact information <a href="#">here</a> and House of Representatives contact information <a href="#">here</a> ." ***** <i>See more of the legislative schedule and links to related info <a href="#">here</a>: <a href="#">2/14-21/21</a></i> <i>*Schedules often change. Contact your (LIO) <a href="#">Legislative Information Office</a> In Fbks: 452-4448</i>

[Legislators by District](#) [Legislative Calendar](#)

To see what bills have already been filed:  [2021 Prefiles, First Release](#)  [2021 Prefiles, Second Release](#)

[Track Bills in BTMF](#) [Public Testimony Opportunities](#) [Public Opinion Messages](#)

### February is **Black History Month**

Please visit [thealaskablackcaucus.com](http://thealaskablackcaucus.com) for a complete list of ABC events

*Goin' Back to T-Town* tells the story of Greenwood, an extraordinary Black community in Tulsa, Oklahoma, that prospered during the 1920s & 30s despite rampant and hostile segregation. [Watch the film.](#)

[#MakeBlackHistory](#)  
[#AllYearLong](#)  
[#28DaysAintEnough](#)

Sunday <b>Feb. 14</b>	until noon Monday	<b>North Pole &amp; Fairbanks non-attainment Zones: Stage 2 Air Quality Alert</b> - until Monday, 12pm. <b>NO use of solid-fuel burning devices</b> w/o a NOASH (No Other Adequate Source of Heat) waiver. For info call 451-2132 or visit <a href="http://dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair">dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair</a>	<a href="http://dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair">dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair</a>
	10 am	<b>Ralph Nader Radio Hour - patrioticmillionaires.org &amp; taxtherich.com for action links</b>	kwrk-lp90.9fm
	1 pm	<b>Application Deadline: 2021 Public Voices Fellowship on the Climate Crisis</b> The Public Voices Fellowship on the Climate Crisis is a year-long initiative to accelerate the ideas and impact of 20 new and necessary thought leaders working at the intersection of climate change, environmental communication, and social justice.	
	8 pm	<b>For the Rights of All: Ending Jim Crow in Alaska - The Native Alaskan civil rights movement;</b> narrator Peter Coyote. <a href="#">Facebook Live event</a> or .....>>>	<a href="#">360 North; KTOO</a> which also does <a href="#">Gavel Alaska</a>
Monday <b>Feb. 15</b>	until noon	<b>North Pole &amp; Fairbanks non-attainment Zones: Stage 2 Air Quality Alert</b> - until 12pm. When the 24-hr rolling average monitored concentration is 35 micrograms per cubic meter or above, <b>NO use of solid-fuel burning devices</b> w/o a NOASH (No Other Adequate Source of Heat) waiver. For info call 451-2132 or visit <a href="http://dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair">dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair</a>	<a href="http://dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair">dec.alaska.gov/fnsbair</a>
		<b>Presidents' Day</b> - holiday	
		<b>"Feb. 15-May 15, 2021 Special Open Enrollment for Health Insurance</b> announced by Biden administration" from <i>NPR news</i>	
		<b>The Bridge – Getting Ahead</b> :...the Getting Ahead in a Just Getting By World course ... should begin on February 15th. Getting Ahead is the next level of Bridges Out of Poverty and is designed for people struggling financially. The course is on Wednesday s and will last for 20 weeks. The course is free and participants will receive a \$25 gift certificate for every class they attend... There are still spots available! Let's get this course booked up! To sign up please contact Mikayla at <a href="mailto:vista@thebridgefairbanks.org">vista@thebridgefairbanks.org</a> .	
	5:30- 6:30pm	<b>Conversations Series: Melony Edwards</b> - <i>Hearing the Voices of Black and Indigenous Farmers and People involved in the Food System</i> - Meet Melony Edwards and hear about her experience as a Black	

		farmer and breaking farming stereotypes. Q&A session will follow presentation. Registration is free and open to the public! <b>Pre-registration is required:</b> <a href="#">click here to register via Zoom</a> . <i>Brought to you by Calypso Farm &amp; Ecology Center and the Folk School Fairbanks</i>	
	5:30-7pm	Join the <b>Renewable Energy Working Group</b> <i>To get involved with REWG, email anne@fbxclimateaction.org</i>	
	8-10pm	<b>Voice of Freedom</b> - <i>from American Experience</i> . "Marian Anderson was hailed as a voice that "comes around once in a hundred years" by maestros in Europe." <a href="#">Watch Trailer</a> Website: <a href="http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/amex/">http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/amex/</a> <a href="#">View Additional Airings</a>	KUAC TV ch. 9
<b>Tuesday Feb. 16</b>		<b>Elizabeth Peratovich Day</b> - "Elizabeth Wanamaker Peratovich was an amazing movement leader in the fight to end segregation in Alaska. In 1945 Elizabeth and her husband Roy Peratovich, along with the work and support of countless others across the state, successfully pushed for the first anti-discrimination law in the United States to be passed. Making history and setting the stage for the Alaska Native Self Determination Era. The amazing work that Elizabeth did cannot be effectively captured in a short newsletter article, but please read more about her life and the social justice work she did in the book <a href="#">"Fighter in Velvet Glove"</a> .	<i>quoted from mail@networkforgood.com</i>
	12-1pm	<a href="#">Alaska Drought Webinar Series: Climate review from AK Center for Climate Assessment &amp; Policy</a>	<a href="#">Register HERE</a>
	4:30 - 6:30pm	<a href="#">Interfaith Working Group*</a> mtg. Find out more information about the IFWG and become a member <a href="#">here</a> of Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition.	
	5-6:30pm	<a href="#">Regenerative Economy Working Group</a> mtg. "We have a tremendous opportunity now to build a new and <i>regenerative</i> economy in Alaska." If interested and not yet involved, please <a href="#">follow the link</a> to learn more and to sign up. "...we meet bi-weekly on Tuesdays 5-6:30pm"	
<b>Wednesday Feb. 17</b>	8 -4:30 2/17-18	<a href="#">Resiliency Conference-How Are the Children?</a> - FREE two-day conference promoting child, family, and community well-being through exploration and discussion of resiliency, featuring seven international, national and Alaskan Plenary speakers... by <a href="#">Fairbanks Wellness Coalition</a> , <a href="#">Fairbanks Memorial Hospital</a> and <a href="#">Tanana Valley Clinic &amp; TVC 1st Care</a>	Online: <a href="#">bpt.me</a>
	4 pm	<a href="#">FNSB Library Commission Mtg</a> - includes Public Comment (Thank them for continuing First Amendment services!)	<a href="#">zoomgov.com/j/1603279443</a>
	6 pm	<a href="#">Fair Air Talks</a> The Fair Air Research Team hosts – <b>Wildfire smoke and health</b> To be broadcasted over Zoom and streamed live to the <a href="#">UAF Facebook</a> page.	<a href="#">RSVP here for the Zoom link.</a>
	6-8pm	Rescheduled: <a href="#">Solarize Fairbanks 2021 Kickoff</a> 6pm. The Solarize Fairbanks Coalition is officially kicking off our 2nd campaign for Interior Alaska! Last year made a huge impact on our town - 77 homes and 3 businesses in 3 different Fairbanks area neighborhoods solarized. This year, we aim for more neighborhoods, more businesses, more installers, and more partners to join in this community-led energy initiative.	<a href="#">Please register in advance here.</a>

<b>Thursday Feb. 18</b>	Feb. 18-21	<b>Youth Against Empire Days of Action: NO WAR with IRAN!</b> 'Join us to End the sanctions now! - Re-join the JCPOA (Iran Nuclear Deal) without additional stipulations for Iran - End the US Military buildup in the Persian Gulf. @EndTheWars. UNCpeace.org	<a href="#"><u>click here to endorse the call</u></a>
	12-1pm	<b>Alaska Drought Webinar Series: US Drought Monitor Process, understand the drought maps from AK Center for Climate Assessment &amp; Policy</b>	<a href="#"><u>Register HERE</u></a>
	4:45pm	<b>Free Men, a Screening of the Documentary</b> Kenneth began to create art as a means of freeing his mind, at least, from captivity and self destruction. This ultimately led to establishing a nonprofit, <u>Who Decides</u> ; a network of artists, activists and volunteers whose primary focus is to use art to educate society about the practice and <u>history of capital punishment in America</u> . This screening is a fundraiser to benefit the <u>Alaska Peace Center, the NAACP Greater Fairbanks Branch, and the "Who Decides" nonprofit</u> .	<a href="#"><u>Tickets available through Eventbrite</u></a>
	6-7pm	<b>Free virtual classes</b> from 6-7 p.m. each Thursday with UAF Cooperative Extension experts <b>in health and wellness</b> . Register once for any classes in this free series. <a href="#"><u>Feb.18- Question,Persuade,Refer: Suicide Prevention (separate registration)</u></a>	
	after 5:30 mtg	Fbks North Star Borough -fnsb- <b>Assembly Committee of the Whole Worksession</b> , has items of peace, justice, &/or sustainability on the agenda: Ordinance 2021-04: amending FNSBCode, Legislative Priorities Committee, to include "strategy" and deadlines; Executive Session on Public Update on Collective Bargaining negotiations.	call clerk at 459-1401 for info. or go to fnsb.gov
	6-8pm	<b>Solarize Fairbanks</b> - If you are interested in getting solar on your roofs, or leading your neighborhood in solarizing together, join us ...to learn how, via Zoom.	<a href="#"><u>Learn More</u></a>
<b>Friday Feb. 19</b>	4 -5 pm	<b>Third Eye Radio</b> - A live, locally-produced spiritual and political awakening, including but not limited to, critical dissection of US foreign policy and political partisanship, interviews, and good tunes. Passionate, controversial, random, and humorous, join me in spreading peace, love and dissent. Fridays at 4, hosted by Melissa.	KWRK-LP 90.9fm Fairbanks, Alaska or livestream <a href="http://kwrk.org">kwrk.org</a>
<b>Saturday Feb. 20</b>		<b>National Day of Action : Support the Effort of Amazon Workers to Unionize</b> - Find more information and sign the petition at <a href="http://supportamazonworkers.org"><u>supportamazonworkers.org</u></a>	
	3-5pm	NAACP <u>Black History Month</u> event for kids 3-10 years old. The event will feature songs, story telling and short films. Here's the link: <a href="http://bit.ly/naacp-blackhistory-feb20"><u>bit.ly/naacp-blackhistory-feb20</u></a>	
	8:15am	<b>Juneau Veterans For Peace, chapter 100</b> , mtg. Chapter #100 meets first and third Saturday mornings. All are invited to attend these after-breakfast meetings. Info: chapter president via <a href="mailto:akwilco@gmail.com"><u>akwilco@gmail.com</u></a>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Veterans-for-Peace-Juneau-Alaska-346669645488614/"><u>https://www.facebook.com/Veterans-for-Peace-Juneau-Alaska-346669645488614/</u></a>
		<b><u>After This Week</u></b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	feb 21-	Black History Timeline. Display will be up for a week	UAF Arctic Java

Feb. 21	28	<a href="https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/2021-uaf-blackhistorymonth/home?fbclid=IwAR1Yr6aWPqAsELZBIACzziDwdNmQ58TMAoejOMAsboZ5JpTsngWKOd_o">https://sites.google.com/alaska.edu/2021-uaf-blackhistorymonth/home?fbclid=IwAR1Yr6aWPqAsELZBIACzziDwdNmQ58TMAoejOMAsboZ5JpTsngWKOd_o</a>	
	deadline	<b>Deadline to register for Food safety management trainings</b> - The University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service will host certified food protection manager trainings by distance delivery March 8 and April 12... State regulations require that all food establishments have at least one certified food protection manager on staff to ensure compliance with food safety regulations... For additional information or to request another location, contact Cascio at 907-745-3677 or <a href="mailto:jmcascio@alaska.edu">jmcascio@alaska.edu</a> .	Registration and more information are available at <a href="http://bit.ly/CFPM2021">http://bit.ly/CFPM2021</a> .
Monday Feb. 22	through May 10	Stone's Throw: Bread Line's <b>Stone's Throw, culinary job training</b> program, runs from Feb 22 – May 10 and is now accepting applications. For more information : <a href="https://breadlineak.org/news/stones-throw/">https://breadlineak.org/news/stones-throw/</a>	
	comment deadline	<b>Fort Wainwright</b> has <a href="#">extended the public comment period</a> regarding its Draft Environmental Impact Statement on <b>future energy sources</b> at the base. Public comments will now be accepted until February 22, 2021. Click here to learn how comments <a href="#">may be submitted via email, online, by phone, or written letter</a> .	
	11 am	<u><a href="#">Julian Assange Appeal &amp; the First Amendment</a></u> Hear: Alice Walker, Mumia Abu-Jamel, Nathan Fuller & Joe Lombardo with Jeff Mackler moderating	For more info: <a href="#">AssangeDefense.org</a>
	6:30-8p	<b>Black In Hindsight: A Review of Black History in Alaska.</b>	<a href="#">Virtual Event</a>
	6:30 pm	<b>Fairbanks City Council Mtg</b> <u><a href="#">Agendas</a></u>	<small>**How to provide testimony and stay connected with the City Council during the COVID-19 pandemic**</small>
Tuesday Feb. 23	2pm	<b>Alaska Drought Webinar Series: What Does Drought Look Like in Southeast Alaska</b> <i>from AK Center for Climate Assessment &amp; Policy. Upcoming: 3/2: ...in SCentral AK; 3/9...in Aleutians &amp; SWAK; 3/16...in Interior AK; 3/23...in NWAK.</i>	<a href="#">Register HERE</a>
	2:30pm	<b>FNSB Economic Development Commission mtg</b> - agenda includes Citizens' Comments; AK Regional Development Organization ('ARDOR') program annual report; Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) needs to be updated before June 30, 2021; Economic Dev't Commission (EDC);	
Wednesday Feb. 24	5:30-7pm	<b>Keep It In the Ground Working Group</b> - <i>To get involved with KING! email <a href="mailto:sarah@fbxclimateaction.org">sarah@fbxclimateaction.org</a></i>	
Thursday Feb. 25	6-7pm	<b>Free virtual classes</b> from 6-7 p.m. each Thursday with UAF Cooperative Extension experts <b>in health and wellness</b> . Register once for any classes in this free series. <b>Feb.25- Ways to Move with Essentrics</b>	<a href="http://bit.ly/RRRreg2021">http://bit.ly/RRRreg2021</a>
	7-9pm	<b>Racial Justice 101: Microaggressions and Microaffirmations</b> <u><a href="#">NAACP Antiracism and Sensitivity Training workshop</a></u> on Microaggressions and Microaffirmations by Kelly Massey and Jo Malbert Narvaez. If interested in joining, send an email to <a href="mailto:jhmalbertnarvaez@alaska.edu">jhmalbertnarvaez@alaska.edu</a>	<a href="#">Virtual Event</a>
Saturday	10 am	<b>Fasting for Justice with Kathy Kelly, Lyn Adamson, and Matthew Behrens.</b> - A webinar exploring this	<a href="#">Sign up here.</a>

Feb. 27		time-honored form of political resistance with those who have done it.	
	10 am - 1 pm	<b>Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition General Mtg</b> - <i>This event is a community-wide meeting to focus on our collective vision. It is a space to hear updates about the work of our coalition, provide feedback and an opportunity to connect with diverse teams to find ways to build out climate solutions from the ground up. If you would like to support the success of this event, please contact our Member Organizer at <a href="mailto:kristin@fbxclimateaction.org">kristin@fbxclimateaction.org</a></i>	
	12 noon	<b>Training on the New Sanctions Kill Toolkit</b> - You are invited to a webinar to learn more about the toolkit, hear a sample presentation and ask questions. This is led by members of groups in the Sanctions Kill coalition. All who are interested are welcome. Please spread the word.	<a href="#">Register</a>
	1-3pm	NAACP <b>Black History Month event for all ages</b> , featuring Dr. Dorothy Jones, Dr. Keith Champagne and stories, performances and experiences from black youth and professionals in our community. The Zoom link is: <a href="http://bit.ly/naACP-blackhistory-feb27">bit.ly/naACP-blackhistory-feb27</a>	

**YES! News category:**

Fairbanks North Star Borough School District Equal Employment Opportunity Office is partnering with NAACP of Fairbanks for our annual **Black History Month Contest**! This contest is open to ALL FNSBSD Students with prizes (worth \$75+) going to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each grade group.

This year's theme is The Black Family: Representation, Identity, & Diversity "Moving the World Forward."

**Submissions accepted [through] March 5th.**

For rules and additional information, visit: [#BlackHistoryMonth #NAACPFairbanks #FNSBSD #NorthStar](https://www.k12northstar.org/domain/4992)

**"Unprecedented market demand for vegetable seeds** - Seed ordering season is upon us, and Johnny's employee-owners have been anticipating, and preparing for months for **another extraordinarily busy growing season....**"

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

Peace	Justice	Sustainability
<i>from Veterans For Peace: "Patriotic Dissent: America in an Age of</i>	<i>from Fairbanks Housing &amp; Homeless Coalition, continuing from last week:</i>	<b>"FCC limits local control of co-located tower 5G equipment expansion -</b>

**Endless War** - Hosted by VFP North Carolina Triangle Chapter 157, Patriotic Dissent features VFP member, Danny Sjursen. Major Sjursen describes ways that our society is militarist and shows how militarism subtly (or not-so-subtly) infuses our nation. It informs foreign policy decisions, conflates patriotism with war, and creates citizen apathy. Cultural militarism and the linkage of patriotism to war in individual minds must be altered if our nation is to end its reliance on military responses to international disputes. Instead, diplomatic and other nonviolent means should be used to resolve conflicts. [Watch now!](#)"

["50 years ago, Winter Soldier exposed the Vietnam War as one long war crime](#)

...**Winter Soldier** was unprecedented in two ways: 1) the participants in war crimes were among those exposing them – for the purpose of stopping such crimes; and 2) the panel members were not generals, politicians, bureaucrats or academics, but rather rank and file soldiers.

[Read more](#)"

*from WorldBEYONDWar:*

**"How We Blocked Weapons Trucks in Canada — How You Can Do the Same:** We blocked trucks outside Paddock Transportation International. Paddock ships armored vehicles to Saudi Arabia for the Saudi-led war on Yemen — or at least it tries to! [Read more](#).Talk Nation Radio: Rachel Small: Blocking Trucks to Move Canada from War to Peace: [Listen here](#).

**Upcoming Online Course: War Abolition 101**  
"How can we make the best argument for shifting from war to peace? What must we understand and know about the war system if we are to dismantle it? How can we become

**The Bridge – Encampment Outreach:**... connected with approximately 50 people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the Fairbanks area. More importantly, many people signed up for additional services!

**The Bridge – Employment:** ...many clients ... are preparing for seasonal work. They also have clients applying for the Bread Line's Stone's Throw, culinary job training program. Additionally the employment specialist team is branching out to assist the peer support specialists and IACNVL's Recovery Housing project.

**The Bridge – Housing Grant:** Niki still has funds to assist Returning Citizens with housing needs. Applicants cannot have open court cases for these funds.

**AHFC:** even more rental and utility assistance is on the way! [Alaska Housing Finance Corp.] is expecting a large amount of funding, potentially as much as \$100 M for rental & utility assistance. There won't be a lottery for this round of funding and the application will be online. More information to come.

**AmeriCorps VISTA...** just wrapped up recruitment and will have five new VISTA Members starting on February 16th.

**The United Way of Tanana Valley's Volunteer Action Center** is up and running....an easy-to-use platform that promotes volunteerism, helps volunteers find the right opportunities, and enables agencies to easily recruit volunteers and track their impact data! Think of it as a site that matches agency needs with volunteers. While United Way is the parent account, nonprofit agencies can make their own, personalized page that is fully under the agency's control. On your own page, you can upload your own branding, events, needs, and more! Please check out

<https://www.rcrwireless.com/20201105/policy/fc-c-acts-to-limit-local-review-of-co-located-tower-equipment-expansion>

Why is this a concern some may ask? Here's a primer that goes into detail about the harms associated with EMF. As you scan through it, the signs and symptoms of exposure may parallel your experiences or prompt connections to civil and political affairs in the L48.

<https://rense.com/general60/tetra.htm>

This site was created by a former Alyeska engineer after being alerted to symptoms and medical outcomes of EMF exposure. Based on tests he conducted, the summit of Ester Dome is a zone of extremely high EMF. The source is the telecomm towers that dominate the summit. In rough terms, the summit topology is unfit for human habitation. Passing through the area or incidentally visiting it incurs exposure. EMF damage is cumulative. Local officials with an interest in health and safety are encouraged to conduct personal investigations with easily obtained detection equipment to verify these claims. <https://www.5gfrequencyfreefairbanks.org/> from Douglas A. Yates <[dayates@mosquitonet.com](mailto:dayates@mosquitonet.com)>, t. 479-8300, writer and fine art photographer

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*from Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition (FCAC): "The History of the African American Community in Fairbanks [UAF Professor Emeritus Dorothy Jones [youtube link](#)]*

**"8 Black Leaders Who've Revolutionized the Climate Movement**

**"Support Tuluksak** - More than three weeks after the village of Tuluksak's source of drinking water burned down, [Gov. Dunleavy authorizes a Disaster Declaration](#). However, the community still needs your support! Donate to the Rural Alaska COVID Relief Fund [Here!](#)

more effective advocates and activists for ending particular wars, ending all wars, pursuing disarmament, and creating systems that maintain peace? These questions and more will be explored in **War Abolition 101: How We Create a Peaceful World...** will run from March 1 to April 11

"The course is being offered on a sliding scale, starting at \$25 USD. Here's the registration page for more info: [https://actionnetwork.org/ticketed\\_events/warabolition101?clear\\_id=true](https://actionnetwork.org/ticketed_events/warabolition101?clear_id=true) Please share widely with your membership!"

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**"Even now, the same Senators who are refusing to support a new COVID relief bill because it's 'too much money' had no problem approving the bloated Pentagon budget less than a month ago.**

Just 10% of funds from the bloated Pentagon budget would be a gamechanger for public healthcare, climate change, and education. A measly 10% cut from the three-quarters of a TRILLION dollar budget is really not even that dramatic -- it would only return Pentagon spending to around the same level as when Trump took office!

**Tell your Representatives in Congress to cut the Pentagon budget and redirect those funds to keep us safe.** "from [winwithoutwar.org](http://winwithoutwar.org)

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**"Army to widen scope of legal counsel program for victims of sexual assault... [by] expand[ing] its Special Victims' Counsel program this fiscal year, as the need for legal counsel and victim representation increased at some installations. SVCs are uniformed lawyers who serve under the Army's Office of The**

<https://thevac.unitedwaytv.com>

### **"Fairbanks Community COVID-19 Vaccination Signup Tips**

As a general guideline, new appointments for vaccination will appear on the website [covidvax.alaska.gov](https://covidvax.alaska.gov) each Thursday at noon (assuming there is additional vaccine available). Appointments may also show up on the website at other times. If new appointments are appearing for a Carlson Center Mass Vaccination Clinic at different times/dates, we will do our best to get the message out to the entire community. Other vaccine providers may also make new appointments available at the website at different times, so it is best to check back frequently, [covidvax.alaska.gov](https://covidvax.alaska.gov), for new appointments. You can also check directly with other vaccination clinics in town to see if there are any new appointments available.

Alaskans currently eligible to receive the vaccine can make an appointment in 2 ways:

**By phone (This may be the easiest option, especially when the website goes down, which happens occasionally)**

- Call State Helpline: **907-646-3322** Agents are available to assist Monday-Friday, 9am-6:30pm and Sat. and Sun., 9am-4:30pm. After hours message line available.

**Online:** [COVIDvax.Alaska.gov](https://covidvax.alaska.gov)

- Click on the "[Find a COVID-19 Vaccine Provider](#)" (about ½ way down the page)
- Scroll to the blue'ish section that says "[Alaska COVID-19 Vaccine Available Appointments](#)" and select "Fairbanks Public Regional Health Center". It will walk you through the appointment process, or
- Sometimes that section titled "[Alaska](#)

*"The THRIVE Agenda is our road map to a just recovery that will put millions of people back to work building an economy that prioritizes climate, racial, and economic justice. Read more and sign the letter [HERE](#)*

**"Show your support for the appointment of Rep. Michael Regan to the EPA Administrator**

**"Show your support for the appointment of Rep. Deb Haaland to Secretary of the Interior**

**"Forecast: Oil and gas companies will pay negative Alaska corporate income taxes (James Brooks / ADN)**

**READ THE FULL ARTICLE**

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### ***Let Your Concerns Be Heard in D.C.:***

***Rep Don Young*** in Fbks 456-0210/fax 456-0279; Email via web site: [donyoung.house.gov](mailto:donyoung.house.gov);

***Sen Lisa Murkowski*** in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: [murkowski.senate.gov](mailto:murkowski.senate.gov).

***Sen Dan Sullivan*** in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: [sullivan.senate.gov](mailto:sullivan.senate.gov)

***Call ANY Senator/Rep in D.C. via 202-224-3121***

**The White House:** Comments: 202-456-1111

### **Job Openings**

Co-op Market & Deli has openings: [Learn More](#)

FCAC - Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition -is looking to hire an administrative assistant. [Learn More](#). Deadline to apply is 2/19/21.

### **Defenders of Wildlife hiring Senior Representative.**

This professional-level position works collaboratively with the Alaska program staff and is responsible for developing, overseeing, and implementing assigned Defenders' Alaska

Judge Advocate General who provide victims... with counsel throughout the legal process...

To become an SVC in the Army, Soldiers must be a licensed lawyer serving as a judge advocate and certified by The Judge Advocate General of the Army. They must attend a 10-day training course where they learn to advise and counsel people who have experienced military sexual trauma or domestic violence as well as courses on victims' legal rights." *Read the article in Alaska Post 2-12-21, published by fdnm.*

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"...I encourage Sens. Murkowski and Sullivan to support the appointment of ...health care champion... Xavier Becerra 'for Secretary for the Dept of Health and Human Services], and do everything they can to expedite the process of his confirmation so that we can reduce further harm from this pandemic, and move toward recovery... [signed] Laura Norton-Cruz, Anchorage" *Read her letter in Fbks Daily News-Miner 2-12-21.*

### [COVID-19 Vaccine Available](#)

[Appointments](#)" is blank/broken in which case you should then click on either "See list format" or See map format" and follow the next steps to find your appointment.

- The Carlson Center Mass Vaccination Clinic is usually named "Fairbanks Regional Public Health Center - Carlson Center" in the "List format" and "Carlson Activity Center" in the "Map format".

Remember that there is an "eligibility quiz" at covidvax.alaska.gov that you can use to determine if you are eligible for vaccination at this time. There is also a website that discusses the current eligible group: [groupshp://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/VaccineAvailability.aspx](http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/VaccineAvailability.aspx).

**Coordinator Position:** The funding for the Housing & Homeless Coordinator will expire in June 2021, but will be replaced with funding for a Crisis Now Community Coordinator position..."

strategic work plan conservation policy objectives that help implement Defenders' National Strategic Plan.

### [Native Peoples Action](#)

has a couple openings for Finance & Accounting Manager and a Policy & Campaign Manager. Visit their website for more information and to apply. [#BeingGoodRelatives #AdvancingSelfDetermination](#)

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

*"Hello this is Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose, with picks for the week of February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Valentines Day. In the spirit of this day in which we say I Love You, I'll say I love you in song, not the sappy; cryin' in your beer; fallin' off your bar stool kind, though I'll admit I do occasionally imbibe in the kind, but that revolutionary love that makes things all right.*

*First, Blind Boys of Alabama sing an old Curtis Mayfield tune that Dr. King called the unofficial anthem of the Civil Rights Movement – People Get Ready*

*Now I didn't understand it for I felt that I was rich; And I told them of the love my mamma sewed in every stitch; And all the story mamma told me while she sewed*

*And how my coat of many colors is worth more than all of their clothes; Next Emmy Lou Harris sings about a mother's love in – Coat of Many Colors*

Next **Keb Mo** asks the question, *What's So Funny Bout Peace Love and Understanding*

Everyone carries a piece of the truth, to know that truth you need to listen, next **Ladysmith Black Mambazo** sings *Sit Down and Make Peace*

This is as close as I'll approach sap here, next **David Rovics and Allie Rosenblatt** sing about love behind the revolutions barricades in, *Behind the Barricades*

The next song reminds me of a conversation I had with a participant in the Freedom Rides. He explained that while stopped at a southern bus stop, an irate white man held a large knife to his chest. He said that he told the angry man, "If you drive that knife into me, I want you to know that with my last drop of blood that I will still love you". My friend told me that the man then dropped his knife to the floor. My friend may also have wet himself in the process, but what's a little pee when it comes to Revolutionary Love. **Ani Di Franco** sings *Revolutionary Love*.

*Wage Peace."*

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

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

*Resources for Taking Action are linked at [www.AlaskaPeace.org](http://www.AlaskaPeace.org)  
on events & issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability affecting us & future generations in Alaska  
(Once updated: information, links, addresses, times & dates, contact information Air Quality, Voter Information, Veterans/military information, Covid-19  
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