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April 2 and 16: Ferrisburgh Grange King Pedo Parties: 6:30 PM

April 5 and 19: Ferrisburgh Selectboard Meetings: 6:30 PM

April 6: Commodore Parent Teacher Group VUHS Library: 6:30 PM

April 11: FCS PTO Meeting: 6:15 PM

April 14: FCS Band/Chorus Concert Grades 4 - 6: 7:00 PM

April 27: ANWSU School Boards carousel meeting VUHS: 6:00 PM and 7:30 PM

May 21: Opening Day Lake Champlain Maritime Museum

May 22: Opening Day Rokeby Museum

The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is pleased to announce the receipt of a 2016 Conservation and Community Grant from the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership (CVNHP.) These funds will enable an important new initiative for Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, a project titled *Collections & Recollections: Preserving Peter Barranco's Legacy*. Grant funds will assist the LCMM to initiate long-term preservation and research for the nationally significant A. Peter Barranco collection recently donated to LCMM. Early in his career, Mr. Barranco worked for Lorenzo F. Hagglund (ca. 1894-1961), who conducted search and salvage operations on many important Lake Champlain shipwrecks including the 1776 *Philadelphia* (now in the Smithsonian), and *Royal Savage* (returned to the U. S. Navy in July, 2015), and the lake's first steamboat, *Vermont*, which began service in 1809. Peter Barranco has also been a research affiliate of LCMM since the museum's founding in 1986, and served as navigation control specialist and historian during LCMM's Sonar Survey of Lake Champlain Shipwrecks from 1996–2002. The LCMM will create an exhibit and oral history video of the highlights of Peter Barranco's collection and his recollections of a long and fascinating career. The LCMM will open for the 2016 season on May 21 and the Barranco exhibit will be open to the public this summer.

Rokeby Museum will open for the season next month on Sunday on May 22 with a presentation by Carolyn Finney on *Black Faces, White Spaces*. While anticipating the museum's 2016 summer season, Rokeby fans should visit the museum's Facebook site and view the photograph of the newly conserved cherry hooded baby cradle. Rowland and Rachel Robinson's first child was born in November 1822 and they bought this cherry cradle in January 1823. It was made by Quaker cabinetmaker Stephen Foster Stevens, who had a shop in Monkton. It is one of half a dozen pieces of his furniture - all beautifully made and in original condition - that will be on display this summer at Rokeby's special exhibition on Vermont furniture. The show, entitled *Quaker Made: Vermont Furniture, 1820-1835*, will open in the summer on Sunday, July 10.

Families and friend of VUHS students can now be better informed and contribute to the discussions with our local school community via the new Vergennes Union Middle/High School Blog. Join the conversations and updates from the Principals at [VUHS Blog http://vuhsvt.blogspot.com](http://vuhsvt.blogspot.com). There will be regular posts to keep everyone updated about the great happenings at VUHS. The community can subscribe to the blog with a personal email account for regular updates and/or follow [@VergennesUHS](https://twitter.com/VergennesUHS) on Twitter (blog posts feed the Twitter account automatically). All are invited to join in - alumni, friends, relatives, and community members.

There are several exciting summer 2016 opportunities for VUMS/VUHS students so please contact the school guidance office (877-2938) or access the VUHS blog for more information. Opportunities include: Willowell Summer Camp, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum Kayak Program (ages 13-16,) Young Hacks Academy Summer Camp (ages 9-14,) Conversations from the Open Road (high school students) and UVM Summer Programs for High School Students who have completed 10th, 11th, or 12th grade. There will also be the Summer Adventure Camp during the week of June 20-24 – contact Sarah Cook scook@anwsu.org.

The Commodore Parent Teacher Group is always looking for new members continue to work toward their mission of promoting family involvement in the school, improving communication between parents, teachers and administrators and providing enrichment programs for students. The PTG always invites new members to assist with their work, including the annual Rummage Sale, funding enrichment grants for staff and more. All interested family and community members are invited to join in. The next meeting is Wednesday April 6 at 6:30 PM in the VUHS library. Contact Carla Mayo at cmayo@anwsu.org for more information.

Ferrisburgh Central School will host a YMCA April Vacation Camp on April 18-22. This will be a full day camp held on-site at the school. Parents can contact Amber Bolduc, FCS Site Director of the Greater Burlington YMCA at 802-652-8163 for more information and to register. This will be a great way for your child to have fun in a meaningful way during the spring school break.

The Ferrisburgh Grange “King Pede” card parties are scheduled for the Saturdays of April 2 and 16. These get-togethers are held at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center and begin at 6:30 PM with a sandwich supper and then on to an evening of fun and card games. King Pede is an unusual game that involves “trick-taking” techniques such as in Hearts and Spades or Pitch. This is a game of fun and skill so come prepared to use your strategic thinking.

Note: We are always interested in including a variety of Ferrisburgh-related news in this column, so if you have news that would be of interest, contact Sally Kerschner at smwkersch@comcast.net. You are able to access these columns and other information about Ferrisburgh news and events by viewing the Ferrisburgh Town Website at www.ferrisburghvt.org.

