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Some of the key events in our community for February, 2015:

February 3: Commodore Parent Teachers Group VUHS 6:30 PM
February 3 and 17: Ferrisburgh Selectboard Meeting
February 6 and 13: FCS Tot Gym 9:00 AM -10:30 AM
February 7 and 21: Ferrisburgh Grange King Pedo Card Parties 6:30 PM
February 9: Ferrisburgh Central School PTO 6:15 in Staff Room
February 11: ANWSU Board Meeting 6:00 PM VUHS Library
February 11: Ferrisburgh Historical Society/Student History Day 3:00 PM at VUHS
February 12: Ferrisburgh Central School Board meeting
February 24: VUHS Public Information Meeting on Budget VUHS 6:30 PM
February 28: Ferrisburgh Town Meeting 10:00 AM FCS
March 3: Vote at Town Hall 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

It is time for Vermont's annual History Day and this year the Vergennes Union Middle/High School history students are having a special exhibition to highlight their entries for the statewide competition. Presentations will include exhibits, plays, documentaries, thesis papers and web sites. This promises to be a wonderful opportunity to encourage and support the young people in our community with an interest in history. The members of the Ferrisburgh Historical Society will assist the students with critique and act as judges for the school competition. The Vergennes event will be on Wednesday, February 11 from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM at VUHS. The statewide Vermont History Day will be on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM at U-32 High School in East Montpelier. For more information, please contact Cookie Steponaitis at cookiestep@hotmail.com.

There are several fundraising events scheduled to assist our area students with financing the VUHS history students' travel to Savannah, Charleston, and Washington DC . There will be a "Black and White" dance at the VUHS Library on Friday, February 27, from 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM. A Valentine's Day Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 14 from 7:00 AM-10:00 AM at the VUHS Cafeteria. Also, there will be a Spaghetti Dinner at American Legion Post #14 on Friday, February 6 from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. All proceeds are donated to the VUHS students traveling with Mrs. Step and Ms. Taylor in March on their history tour of Washington DC and Georgia. For more information please contact Cookie Steponaitis at cookiestep@hotmail.com.

The Bixby is calling for participants for its new Computer Club! This is for youth ages 10 years and older and also for teens and adults. Software Engineers Jon Sullivan and Randy Page from the Library's IT Committee have organized this fun opportunity, with the inaugural Computer Club meeting set for Wednesday, February 4, from 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM. The club presents "Exploring the Magic World of Digital Radios". Electrical Engineer Scott Fusare will present the history of hardware radios followed by group

hacking of Scott's software along with Jon and Randy. The club will meet regularly to explore topics related to computers and technology. The club's first project will be to program the library's new flat screen TV. Please pre-register by contacting the library at 802-877-2211 or computerclub@bixbylibrary.org. Also, at the Bixby is its Used Book Sale on Saturdays at 10:00 AM to 1:45 PM. This is a great way to find winter reading with something for everyone. There is an extensive collection of children's books at 25 cents; adult fiction, non-fiction, sci-fi, cookbooks, hardcover, paperback, all under \$2.00 each. The sale is on the lower level of the library with access through the parking lot.

The VUHS Commodore Parent Teacher Group is looking for members to help with their growing list of initiatives including the annual Rummage Sale and funding enrichment grants for staff and students. The next meeting is February 3 at 6:30 PM in the VUHS library. In preparation for the Treasures and Trinkets Rummage Sale, the site at Kennedy Brothers will be open for items to be dropped off on February 14 from 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM and also during Saturdays in March. PTG members will be at the North entrance (white building) of Kennedy Brothers to assist with unloading and accepting donations, such as toys, household goods, etc. (all need to be in good condition). The rummage sale is scheduled for April 11 and the proceeds go toward supporting enrichment opportunities for students at VUHS. What a great cause! For more information, contact Carla Mayo at cmayo@anwsu.org

Its time for Town Meeting! This year's town meeting is on Saturday, February 28 at 10:00 AM at the Ferrisburgh Central School to transact business not involving voting by Australian Ballot. Polls for Australian Ballot voting will be open from 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall. More information and the town meeting warning for the town and the school budgets are on Ferrisburgh's town website at: <http://www.ferrisburghvt.org>. Please come to Town Meeting and join the discussion on issues that are important to our town and community!

Middlebury Foods is a non-profit organization started by Middlebury College students, in order to provide families with quality meat, fruits and vegetables at significantly reduced prices. Deliveries are one day a week in Middlebury at HOPE and at the Barrera House and also at the United Methodist Church in North Ferrisburgh and at 50 Armory Lane in Vergennes. Middlebury Foods currently offers three types of boxes. A \$35 family box has 6 pounds of meat, 8 pounds of vegetables and fruits and 2 pounds of pasta. The \$30 meat box has approximately 10 pounds of sausages, chicken breast and ground beef. The \$25 veggie box has an assortment of fresh vegetables and fruits. For more information and/or to place an order, go to <http://middleburyfoods.squarespace.com/whats-in-a-box/>.

The Ferrisburgh Grange's "King Pede" card parties are scheduled for the Saturdays of February 7 and 21. 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. All are welcome to these events.

The Ferrisburgh ice rink is ready for skating! As of January, the ice is ready for action. However, if the ice is soft because of warmer weather, please don't use the rink in order to maintain the surface. The schedule has been developed to respect the needs of all users,

including the hockey playing skaters. The Committee still needs monetary donations and is also looking for help with rink maintenance and to finish the warming hut. Look for updates on the skating schedule on the Ferrisburgh Front Porch Forum or visit the Facebook Page - Ferrisburgh Skating Rink and Recreation Facility. Contact Martha Davis at marthand@gmavt.net for more information.

Note: We are always interested in having a variety of Ferrisburgh-related news in this column; so if you have news that would be of interest, contact Sally Kerschner, 877-2625, 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.