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February 2 and 16: Ferrisburgh Selectboard Meetings 6:30 PM
February 3: VUHS Parent Teacher Group meeting VUHS 6:30 PM
February 5: Green Mountain Music Festival Rutland 7:00 PM
February 6 and 20: Ferrisburgh Grange King Pedo Parties 6:30 PM
February 8: VUHS Board Meeting VUHS Library 6:00 PM
February 11: Ferrisburgh Central School Board Meeting 6:00 PM at FCS
February 23: VUHS Board Meeting VUHS Library 6:30 PM
February 25: Black and White Music Cabaret VUHS 6:30 PM
February 27: Ferrisburgh Town Meeting at FCS 10:00 AM

It's time for Town Meeting! This year's town meeting is on Saturday, February 27 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 1, 2015 at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall. More information and the town meeting warnings will be posted 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!

On Town Meeting day, Ferrisburgh residents will be able to vote on the Addison Northwest Supervisory Union's school unification plan (per Act 46). Voters are encouraged to learn more about this important decision by attending the next Vergennes Union High School Board meeting on Monday February 8 at 6:00 PM and the annual meeting on Tuesday February 23 at 6:30 PM, both in the VUHS library. Residents may also contact either Jay Stetzel, VUHS Assistant Principal, or JoAn Canning, NWSU Superintendent, at 877-3332. Information is also available at the ANWSU website: <http://www.anwsu.org>.

Ferrisburgh Grange "King Pedo" card parties are scheduled for the Saturdays of February 6 and 20. 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 Pedo 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!

The Bixby Library continues to offer a variety of programs throughout the winter season. Visit their website at www.bixby.org to get more information about their programs and add some fun events to your schedules for what can sometimes be a long Vermont Winter! Free passes for Bixby Library Card Holders are available for admission to many Vermont historic sites and museums such as ECHO in Burlington, the Shelburne Museum, and the Vermont History Museum.

Ferrisburgh Central School PTO is planning a Supermarket Bingo for Saturday, March 12. This is a major fundraiser with the goal of raising \$4,500 for student enrichment program at FCS. The PTO is inviting local businesses or organizations to contribute to this event with donations of items or gift certificates. If you would like to contribute, please email the PTO at FSCPTO@gmail.com.

The Vergennes Union High School Commodore Booster Club works to support the budgeted athletics at VUHS. So far this school year, the CBC has granted over \$9,000 in funds for school athletic programs. A main source of income is the CBC concession stand that is open at home sports games and other school events. Volunteers are needed to make food for the sales and to work in the stand during games. Please assist with this effort to support our students and sports activities by volunteering at least 1-3 hours per sports season. The basketball season and other winter sports are in full swing so help is needed. For more information and to sign up to assist, visit the Commodore Booster Club at <https://sites.google.com/site/vuhsboosters>.

Congratulations to our area music students who have successfully competed to perform at Vermont's 2016 Green Mountain Music District Festival. The concert will be held on Friday, February 5, 7:00 PM, at the College St Joseph in Rutland. Ferrisburgh has many talented students who will be performing with the concert band, jazz band, and chorus so please come and enjoy their music. Also, the famous Black and White Cabaret will be held at VUHS on Thursday, February 25 at 6:30 PM. This is an enjoyable evening of quality specialized performances created by the music students served up with tasty gourmet desserts. Note there is small admission fee for both these events. For more information visit: <https://sites.google.com/a/anwsu.org/vuhs-music>.

The Commodore Parent Teacher Group always welcomes new members 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 next meeting is February 3 at 6:30 PM in the VUHS library. If parents can't commit to meetings but want to get involved, contact the PTG to be added to the distribution list. Assistance will be especially needed for the preparations for the huge Trinkets and Treasures rummage sale in April. Contact Carla Mayo at cmayo@anwsu.org for more information.

The Ferrisburgh Skating Rink will be open this winter as the weather allows. The following schedule is to ensure designated Open Skate times (i.e. No Stick N Puck). If no one else is using the ice, skaters may use as they wish, but if others show up for Open Skate, users must adhere to this schedule that is for Open Skate times: Tuesdays 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Open Skate; Thursdays 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Open Skate; Saturdays 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Open Skate; Sundays 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. For updates on rink activities check Ferrisburgh Front Porch Forum or the Ferrisburgh Skating Rink Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FerrisburghSkatingRink/?fref=ts>

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.