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*October 1, 15, 29: Ferrisburgh Grange King Pede card parties 6:30 PM*  
*October 4 and 18: Ferrisburgh Town Selectboard meeting 6:30 PM*  
*October 5: Commodore Parent Teacher Group VUHS Library 6:30 PM*  
*October 8: Wakefield Rescue Row LCMM at Burlington 9:30 AM*  
*October 9: "A Man with a Plan" at the Ferrisburgh Community Center 2:00 PM*  
*October 9: Up Country Vermont Furniture Rokeby 3:00 PM*  
*October 19: ANWSU Board Meeting VUHS Library 6:00 PM*  
*October 19: FCS Board Meeting VUHS 6:30 PM*  
*October 23: Western Abenaki Artifacts Rokeby 3:00 PM*  
*October 28: Monster Mash FCS*  
*October 31: Hike for Hunger FCS*

The Ferrisburgh Grange's "King Pede" card parties are scheduled for the Saturdays of October 1, 15, and 29. 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. This is a great way to socialize with your neighbors and support our Grange – so please consider joining this event.

Our schools are open for the fall and there are many events and initiatives planned to insure a successful 2016-2017 school year! The Ferrisburgh Central School 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are starting their fall fundraising efforts to support their special learning experiences, such as the Whale Watch in New Hampshire and the three day trip to Canada in the spring. So please support these students as they approach you with their fundraising requests or go to the school website for details as to how to reach out. The FCS PTO always welcomes new members. The PTO supports field trips, teacher mini-grants, fun social events for the students and families and other educational activities. Please consider getting involved in this group and support the school. The PTO meets monthly, with child care available during the meetings. Visit the school website for information on meeting dates and times. For a more information on FCS goings-on and upcoming events, such as the Monster Mash on October 28 or the Hike for Hunger on October 31, visit the school website at <http://www.anwsu.org/fcs> or call 877-3463.

Four Winds is a hands-on nature/science program in its eleventh year at Ferrisburgh Central School. This program is organized by parent/community member volunteers, using a team of two to three volunteers per classroom for all grades at FCS. A Four Winds trainer comes to the school and discusses the topic for that month and works with the teachers and volunteers to present the topic to the students. Examples of topics are predators and prey, skull sleuthing, calling all owls, and the buzz on bees. There is no science or biology experience necessary to be a volunteer. The students truly look forward to Four Winds and it is amazing how much content they remember from year to year. Please contact the Four Winds Parent Coordinator, Kim Crawford, at 802-324-7029 or email at [kimcrawford@together.net](mailto:kimcrawford@together.net) if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

The Vergennes Union Middle/Senior High School has developed many ways to keep in touch with the students, families, and community, such as the VUHS Blog at <http://vuhsvt.blogspot.com>. The school staff will make regular posts to keep everyone informed about the events and updates from VUMS/VUHS. It is easy to subscribe to the blog for ongoing updates using a regular email account and also @VergennesUHS on Twitter (blog posts feed the Twitter account automatically.) The school website also has lots of great resources and contact information for families and students: [www.vuhs.org](http://www.vuhs.org). The Fresh Picks Café school breakfast and lunch menus, along with the healthy foods newsletter, are at the following link: <http://www.freshpickscafe.com/vermontschool/Vergennes-14.htm>. The link to the Guidance information is: <https://sites.google.com/a/anwsu.org/guidancedepartment/>. This site has information about the guidance student support services, career exploration opportunities, and information on SAT and ACT testing. The music department's information can be found at: <https://sites.google.com/a/anwsu.org/vuhs-music/>. The site will have information on the many concerts and festivals as organized by the VUHS music department. Also, this site will have updates on this year's VUHS musical, "Grease" which will be performed on November 17, 18, and 19.

Teens Reaching Youth (TRY) is an environmental leadership opportunity for youth in grades 7-12. It is a teen-led environmental education program with an embedded service-learning component designed to teach environmental literacy and responsibility to teens. TRY for the Environment includes four program areas - renewable energy, waste solutions, food systems and forest & trees – designed to connect young people to real-world environmental problems in which they can be key change agents helping to create real-world solutions. In addition, the Youth Environmental Summit (YES) will be held on November 2 at the Barre Civic Center. YES is an annual environmental issues conference for middle and high school students. Information about the Youth Environmental Summit is now online and registration is open until October 15. There are some amazing workshops lined up this year on topics such as climate change effects on food sources and also tiny house designs. For registration and more information on both these program as sponsored by UVM Extension, visit: <http://www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/>

The VUHS/VUMS Commodore Parent Teacher Group welcomes new members for the 2016-2017 school year 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. This group's initiatives support an annual fundraiser and other activities that fund enrichment grants for staff and student activities. The next meeting is October 5 at 6:30 PM in the VUHS library. All are welcome to join and there are many ways to be involved for those who can't commit to attending the meetings. Contact Carla Mayo at [cmayo@anwsu.org](mailto:cmayo@anwsu.org), if you are interested.

The North Ferrisburgh United Methodist Church invites all to their services and events. Everyone is welcome at the NFUMC whose congregation is open and affirming and promotes open doors, open minds, and open hearts. Worship and Sunday School starts at 10:00 AM every Sunday with a nursery service for babies through age 2 and classes for children aged 3 years -

6th grade. Beginning in October, there will be a class especially for youth 6th-12th grade on Sunday afternoons. The NFUMC is the large white church on the north side of Old Hollow just 1/4 mile east of Route 7 at the Mobil Station, Cookie Love intersection. For further information, visit: [nfumchurch.org](http://nfumchurch.org).

Rokeby will be featuring Vermont's own auctioneer and collector Duane Merrill, who has probably seen, handled, assessed, and sold more Vermont furniture than any expert in the state. All are welcome for a retrospective of three decades of Merrill's finds, highs and lows, gems and surprises in the Vermont antiques trade. For example, he will tell the story about Nathan Burnell, a mid-19th century cabinetmaker from Milton, Vermont. Duane Merrill & Company has auctioned art and antiques for more than 30 years. The presentation, on Sunday, October 9 at 3:00 PM, and is \$2.00 for the program only or free with Museum admission.

Rokeby's Rowland E. Robinson had friends among the Abenaki who camped, hunted, and fished along the shores of Lake Champlain. He collected baskets, snowshoes, and other items, some of which are unique in New England. Frederick Wiseman will share his research into Robinson's little-known archaeological and ethnographic collection, featuring some surprising pieces. Professor Wiseman directs the Wobanakik Heritage Center in Swanton, Vermont. The presentation, on Sunday, October 23 at 3:00 PM, is \$2.00 for the program only or free with Museum admission.

The Ferrisburgh Historical Society will be screening "A Man With A Plan" at the Ferrisburgh Town Offices and Community Center on Sunday, October 9 at 2:00 PM. This 1996 Vermont film featuring Fred Tuttle has become a Vermont classic! When faced with both his father's medical bills and the future on their declining dairy farm, Fred decides to run for the US House of Representatives stating he wants to get "out of the barn and into the House". John O'Brien of Tunbridge wrote, edited, produced and directed this comic but insightful favorite. For more information, call 425-3380.

On December 9th, 1876, the crew of the canal schooner *General Butler*, was stranded atop the breakwater in Burlington, VT, after their boat sank during a terrible winter storm. They were rescued by James Wakefield and his son, who rowed out to save them. Every year, the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum Champlain Longboats Program commemorates this heroic event with a youth rowing race on Lake Champlain, traditionally held in Burlington, VT. There are over one hundred participants in the event so come and enjoy this historic commemoration. Contact Nick Patch at (802) 475-2022 x113 or [nickp@lcmmm.org](mailto:nickp@lcmmm.org) for details.

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](mailto: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](http://www.ferrisburghvt.org).

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