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April 3 and 17: Ferrisburgh Town Selectboard meeting 6:30 PM
April 4: Commodore Parent Teacher Group Meeting, VUHS Library 6:30 PM
April 5: Choral Concert, Grades 7-12, VUHS Auditorium 7:00
April 6: Friday Night Movies "Miss Potter" Bixby 6:30 PM
April 6: All School Dance at FCS
April 9: ANWSD Regular Board Meeting, Addison Central School 6:00 PM
April 10: Vermont Jazz Educators Festival, Commodore Jazz at Middlebury Union HS
April 13 -14: VUHS Musicians Cultural Trip to New York City
April 14: Edible Book and Tea Party, Bixby Library 11:00AM
April 13 and 14: Rummage Sale, North Ferrisburgh Methodist Church
April 14 and 28: Ferrisburgh Grange King Pede card party 6:30 PM
April 17-19: ANWSD Fine Arts Festival, VUHS Gym
April 18: ANWSD Grades 5-8 Band/Chorus Concert at Fine Arts Festival 6:30 PM
April 19: Middle School Musical, VUHS Auditorium 7:00 PM
April 20: VUHS Safety & Wellness Day
April 26: Charlie Nardozi Cottage Gardening Bixby 6:30 PM

It's Spring and that means lots of Rummage Sales. Put your spring rummaging talents to a worthy cause and go to the North Ferrisburgh Methodist Church's annual rummage sale! The church is located at 227 Old Hollow Road and the sale's dates are Friday, April 13, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Saturday, April 14, 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Saturday is "Take-Whatever-You-Want-Day" for a flat fee of \$5 per person. The proceeds support children and youth who are attending church summer camps and mission trips. And, of course, the sale benefits everyone who enjoys rummage sale bargains.

April is packed with action at the Bixby Library. The Friday night movie is "Miss Potter," the story of Beatrix Potter, author of beloved children's books such as "The Tale of Peter Rabbit." Free popcorn and comfy chairs will complete the evening's experience: Friday, April 6 at 6:30 PM. On Saturday, April 14, enjoy an Edible Book and Tea Party that will celebrate Library Week. Join the fun and make an "Edible Book" to share. What is an Edible Book? Something you can eat and it can be sweet but doesn't have to be. It should make reference to a book title (such as "For Whom the Bell Tolls dessert made with tollhouse cookies – get it?!) Bring your entry to the Library between 11:00 – 11:30 AM and enjoy the tea and fun. The renowned gardening expert, Charlie Nardozi, comes to the Bixby on Thursday, April 26 at 6:30 PM to introduce the how to's of Cottage Gardening. These techniques come to us from England, where annuals, perennials, bulbs and small shrubs are intentionally planted to form a riot of color, textures, and patterns in your garden year round. Also, the Bixby is celebrating April as National Poetry month with a poetry prescription service - a poem for everything that may ail you as you recover from Vermont's Mud Season. For more information on all these events, visit www.bixbylibrary.org.

On Friday, April 20, the Vergennes Union High School will host a Safety and Wellness Day for students, with workshops and presentations by numerous organizations, students, and staff, creating an all-day campus-wide event focusing on safety and wellness. The Youth Safety Council will present “Turn Off Texting” where students who are permitted or licensed will have the opportunity to drive a golf cart while texting to experience first-hand how dangerous distracted driving can be. Local Motion will work with students on getting their bicycles ready for spring. The Orange County Sheriff’s office will provide a demonstration on what happens in a rollover accident by providing the “Rollover Convincer” demonstration. There will be a Sound Meditation workshop, African drumming, Theater Games, Fire Safety, Card Shark 101, Mindfulness, a Do It Yourself Day Spa, soccer, crafts, the climbing wall, musical jam sessions, and much more. This event will provide students with information that will help them to become more safe and healthy in their their daily lives.

Here is a wonderful opportunity to raise money for the Vergennes Union High School Booster Club using a March Madness theme! The Vergennes Laundry’s Chef Christian Kruse has a love for sports and of course food, so why not support both? During the months of March and April, Vergennes Laundry will donate 15% of the Wednesday and Thursday night dinner sales from every VUHS family. The offer is not valid with any other promotion. Space is limited, so be sure to call ahead (870-7157) for a reservation, and make it known you are coming in for the March Madness promotion. Visit the website to browse through the dinner menu at www.vergenneslaundry.net.

The Ferrisburgh Grange “King Pede” card parties are scheduled for the Saturdays of April 14 and 28. 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!

It is time to start planning for summer so be sure to look into the amazing summer camp opportunities at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. There is a wide variety of camps that involve learning about boating, sailing, life on the lake and the history of our area. Also, in April, there are several courses on blade smithing and sand casting. Visit the museum’s website to learn more about these amazing camps and how to register: www.lcmm.org.

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.