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December 4 and 18: Ferrisburgh Town Selectboard meeting 6:30 PM
December 5, 12, 19: Art Studio Bixby 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
December 6: “Most Likely to Succeed” film at VUHS Auditorium 6:00 PM
December 8 and 22: Ferrisburgh Grange King Pede card parties 6:30 PM
December 8: Holiday “Make and Take” Crafts FCS 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
December 8: Wreath Making Workshop Bixby 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
December 9: Art Cohn presentation on Lake Champlain’s Boat Industry FHS 2:00 PM
December 12: Middle School Instrumental & Vocal Concert VUHS 7:00 PM
December 18: High School Instrumental & Vocal Concert VUHS 7:00 PM
January 9: Commodore Parent Teacher Group VUHS Library 6:30 PM

The “King Pede” card parties as held by the Ferrisburgh Grange are scheduled for the Saturdays of December 8 and 22. All are invited to participate in these get-togethers as held at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center. The evening begins at 6:30 PM with a sandwich supper and then on to the games! King Pede is a unique 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 Ferrisburgh Historical Society is pleased to host Arthur Cohn, Director Emeritus of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, to speak on "Shipwrecks and History: Stories from Maritime Addison County." Boats of all kinds have played an outsized role our area’s first settlement - in the early industrial and commercial growth, and also in the few local military engagements. From sailing ferries and canal boats to the steam era and beyond, there's lots of history to cover. All are welcome to join this event on Sunday, December 9, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall and Community Center. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Silas Towler at 425-3380.

Ferrisburgh Central School is holding its annual Holiday “Make and Take” on Saturday, December 8, from 12:00 – 2:00 PM. This long-standing event is a great opportunity for your children to have fun making crafts and holiday gifts without the hassle and pressure of holiday shopping. There is no charge for the event, however it is requested that parents join their children in the fun and, please, no “drop offs.” For more information, contact FCSPTO@gamil.com.

The leadership at Vergennes Union High School invites families and the community to join them for a screening of the documentary film, “Most Likely to Succeed,” scheduled for Thursday, December 6 at 6:00 PM in the VUHS Auditorium. This acclaimed film offers an inspiring look at the potential for students and their teachers. Directed by documentarian Greg Whiteley, the film has been an official selection of many of the world’s top film festivals, including Sundance, Tribeca, and it has also been featured at leading conferences on education. The purpose of this event is to foster meaningful discussion among educators, administrators, parents, students, and community members about how current obstacles in education can be overcome and the steps towards change

that can be taken on a local level. This event is open to the public. Please visit mltsfilm.org for more information about the film, including a trailer.

The Vergennes Commodore Friends of Music patron drive is now in progress. The Friends of Music has worked over the years to raise funds and support the schools' music programs by sponsoring events, purchasing instruments and uniforms, and offering student scholarships. Donations can be made by mail or through the website via PayPal. Your support for our students is much appreciated.

<https://sites.google.com/view/commodorefriendsofmusic/home>

Are you looking for a way to get involved at VUHS? The Commodore Parent Teacher Group is always looking for 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. For those interested, the next meeting will be Wednesday January 9 at 6:30 PM in the VUHS Library. If you can't commit to meetings but want to get involved, contact the PTG to be added to the distribution list for information on events and volunteer requests: Lynne Rapoport at lrapoport@anwsd.org.

Enjoy the holiday festivities at the Bixby Library. Learn how to make your own wreath and decorate your home at the workshop scheduled for Saturday December 8, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM at the Bixby's Otter Creek Room. The space is somewhat limited, so please register at the library or by email to laksamee.putnam@bixbylibrary.org. Also, you can find your inner artist with the Bixby Art Studio's painting lessons lead by Linda Francis. This month's sessions are on December 5, 12, and 19, from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to improve your painting skills, especially in the light and atmosphere of the Bixby Library's Half Round Room. The painters' group is open to most mediums. Please contact Linda Francis, lindafrancis@gmavt.net, with questions. The group meets regularly every Wednesday, please check the library calendar for the most up to date schedule.

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.

