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*March 2: Friday Night Movies Bixby 6:30 PM*  
*March 3: Town Meeting at FCS: 10:00 AM*  
*March 3 and 17: Ferrisburgh Grange King Pede card party 6:30 PM*  
*March 6: Voting at Town Hall 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM*  
*March 6 and 20: Ferrisburgh Town Selectboard meeting 6:30 PM*  
*March 11: FHS and Dr. Will Amidon Lecture Ferrisburgh Town Hall 2:00 PM*  
*March 13: Choral Concert, Grades 7-12, VUHS Auditorium 7:00 PM*  
*March 15: VRED Dinner & Community Night, VUHS Cafeteria 5:15 PM*  
*March 15: Music Dept. Black & White Cabaret, VUHS Middle School Gym, 6:30 PM*  
*March 18: FHS and Bixby Windsong Concert Ferrisburgh Town Hall 2:00 PM*  
*March 27: Instrumental Concert, Grades 7-12, VUHS Auditorium 7:00 PM*  
*April 5: Choral Concert, Grades 7-12, VUHS Auditorium 7:00*

The Bixby Library's Friday Night movie series on March 2 at 6:30 PM features the movie "Beguiled." Produced in 2017, it is the story of an unexpected arrival of a Civil War soldier at a girls' school in Virginia, which leads to jealousy and betrayal. These Bixby movie nights are at no charge and include comfy chairs, free popcorn, and are a great way to relax at the end of the week.

The Ferrisburgh Historical Society will present Dr. Will Amidon, an assistant Professor of Geology at Middlebury College, on Sunday March 11, at 2:00 PM, at the Ferrisburgh Town Office and Community Center (aka the Grange Hall.) A Charlotte native, Dr. Amidon will speak on "The Deglacial History of the Champlain Valley - Setting the Stage for Human Occupation." Deglacial refers to the retreat of the glaciers that once covered this area. This event is a follow up to last year's lecture by Dr. Ray Coish, a retired Middlebury College geology professor, that reviewed our local geological history up to the time of the glaciers. Come and hear this presentation on the geology of our area of Vermont and how it affects our lives today. For more information, contact Silas Towler at 802-425-3380. The Ferrisburgh Historical Society is also co- sponsoring, with the Bixby Library, a concert on Sunday, March 18, at 2:00 PM at the Ferrisburgh Town Hall. Performing will be Windsong, a renowned woodwind quintet of area musicians. For more information on this concert, contact call Gail Blasius at 802-425-4505

The VUHS music students have been busy preparing for their spring concerts and other musical offerings. On Thursday, March 15, the critically acclaimed Black and White Cabaret will be held at 6:30 PM in the VUHS Middle School Gym. The program features solo and small ensemble performances created by students, the Commodore Jazz Ensemble and the Commodore Singers. This is a wonderful event with not only great music but also gourmet desserts served in a Cabaret-like setting. Admission is by donation and the proceeds benefit scholarships for the 2019 VUHS Music Trips.

The Grades 7-12 Instrumental Concert will be held on Tuesday, March 27 (Snow Date March 28) and will feature the Middle and High School Jazz and Concert Bands. Thursday, April 5, will be the Grades 7-12 Choral Concert (rescheduled from March 13) featuring the Middle and High School Choirs. Both concerts will be at 7:00 PM in the VUHS auditorium. The whole community is encouraged to come out and support our student musicians and enjoy these wonderful performances. Also, on April 13-14, the VUHS high school musicians will go on their Cultural Trip to New York City. To support our students in their musical talent, please consider donating to Commodore Friends of Music via PayPal at: <https://sites.google.com/site/commodorefriendsofmusic/>

The STEAM After School Club is now available for VUHS students in grades 9-12. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. What makes STEAM different from STEM is the added focus on creativity. The goal of this club is to provide opportunities for students to learn basic skills that are necessary in the world of technology and design. This is meant as a place for independent creativity, and as the students learn all the basics, they are encouraged to use their imagination and creativity to fully benefit from the STEAM framework. The Club meets after school on Mondays, 3:00 – 4:30 in Room B2. The Club is currently working on programming Arduinos, making remote control board foam airplanes, and making electronic wearables. For more information, contact Wendy Brusco [wbruso@anwsd.org](mailto:wbruso@anwsd.org) or Ben Clark [beclark@anwsd.org](mailto:beclark@anwsd.org).

Vergennes Union Middle School is hosting a community dinner and dialogue night on Thursday, March 15, 5:15 PM – 6:00 PM in the cafeteria. Vergennes for Responsible Educated Decisions (VRED) is a prevention group of middle school students who assess Vergennes information from the Vermont Youth Risk Behavioral Survey (YRBS) and help to inform the community on resilience and prevention factors. The YRBS is given to youth in grades 7-12 (throughout Vermont and nationally) - the purpose being to gather information that informs communities about strategies to increase the resiliency of their youth by reducing high risk behaviors and promoting healthy choices. The VRED students have been working hard to prepare a skit related to the Vergennes survey data. The main topic on March 15 will be suicide prevention, which is a sensitive topic and so it is not recommended that younger children attend. A free spaghetti dinner precedes the discussion.

It is time to start planning for the amazing summer camp opportunities at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum! The *Champlain Discovery Kayak Program*, June 18-July 21, is a 5-week summer program where participants age 13-16 build their own 17' sea kayak and then embark on a 10-day paddling adventure exploring Lake Champlain from Whitehall, New York to Burlington, Vermont. *Expedition Champlain – A Rowing / Wilderness Voyage of Discovery* is seven days of rowing a six oar 32" rowing boat. This trip, for youth ages 13-16 on the dates of July 25 – August 1, will start at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum and venture north towards Canada, camping and exploring along the way. *Wind, Oar and Explore – A Rowing / Sailing Wilderness Voyage of Discovery*, will be held on August 4 -August 11, for youth ages 13-16. This experience allows the youth to explore the wonders of Lake Champlain for seven days in a

traditional 29' rowing/sailing Whaleboats. This trip will start at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum and venture north towards Canada, and the participants will learn firsthand how to row and sail in a traditional whaleboat. The *Maritime Museum Summer Apprenticeship Program* gives high school students the opportunity to live aboard the replica canal schooner Lois McClure as she sails from New York City out to Buffalo on the Erie Canal and back to Lake Champlain by the fall. Students will be able to join the crew for a one-week section of this journey, learning about history, interpretation, and maritime skills. For more information all these programs such as registration, fees, and scholarships, visit: [www.lcmm.org](http://www.lcmm.org). or contact Nick Patch at 475-2022 x113 or [nickp@lcmm.org](mailto:nickp@lcmm.org).

The Ferrisburgh Grange “King Pede” card parties are scheduled for the Saturdays of MARCH 3 and 17. 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!

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).