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August 4: Bixby Singers and Musicians Circle Bixby 11:00 AM
August 4 and 18: Ferrisburgh Grange King Pede card party 6:30 PM
August 7 and 21: Ferrisburgh Town Selectboard meeting 6:30 PM
August 12: Pie and Ice Cream Social Rokeby 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
August 18: Chicken BBQ Fire Department Rt 7 Ferrisburgh

August is here and that means it is time for Ferrisburgh Fire Department's Chicken BBQ complete with Jerry's Famous Sauce (the recipe being a carefully guarded secret.) The doors open late afternoon on Saturday, August 18 and will close only after all the chicken is consumed! Come out and enjoy visiting with your friends and supporting our volunteer fire department.

The "King Pede" card parties as held by the Ferrisburgh Grange are scheduled for the Saturdays of August 7 and 21. 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!

The Ferrisburgh Historical Society wants you to mark your calendar now for the first event of the fall taking place on Sunday, September 23 at 3:00 PM. Judy Chaves, long time North Ferrisburgh resident, historian and naturalist, will present on her newly released guidebook about the history of Mt. Philo, entitled *Secrets of Mt. Philo: A guide to the history of Vermont's first state park*. Chaves' presentation will describe the history of such events as the mid-1800's deforestation and the rise of "sheep fever," the rise of tourism and nature conservation, and will include maps, photographs, and even a bit of poetry. In addition, Chaves, a North Ferrisburgh resident, will give a presentation on her research at the Charlotte Grange on Friday, August 3 at 7:00 PM. On Saturday, August 18, Chaves will be leading guided hikes of Mt. Philo at 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM with a reception at 3:00 PM. The hikes are free but registration is required at: <http://vermonthistory.org/about-vhs/news-publications/secrets-of-mount-philo>. Contact Gail Blasius for more information on the FHS September 23 event and also consider joining the FHS: gblasius@aol.com.

You are invited to visit the Bixby Library – on-line (www.bixbylibrary.org) – to see the schedule of all their summer events – and then be sure to visit in-person to enjoy a summer of reading, movies, and fun community events. Remember that the Bixby provides free passes for many of Vermont's museums and parks – providing a perfect way to enjoy the many summer events in our state. The Bixby also offers summer children's story hours at the Vergennes Farmers Market (August 2nd and 9th) and the popular Book Sales every Saturday. A new event is the Bixby Singers and Musicians' Circle on Saturday, August 4 at 11:00 AM. Join other voices in song at the first ever Vergennes Singers' Circle. Anyone is welcome to come and sing or just watch.

Instruments are encouraged but please only acoustical. After this first meeting, the plans are for Singers to meet every first Saturday of the month at Bixby.

Rokeby Museum is holding its very famous annual Pie and Ice Cream Festival on Sunday, August 12, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Come and enjoy a delicious array of home made pies and also tour the Robinson House and Rokeby's exhibits. The 2018 special exhibit is *The Fabric of Emancipation* that features pieces by eight of the country's preeminent fiber, textile and needle artists. The works are defined by some element of thread construction, but are diverse in presentation, including quilting, embroidery, mixed media, costume, and fiber fusion. Each work speaks to the artist's view of the African Diaspora and his or her own personal historical interpretation.

Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is participating in the commemoration of the 1868 relocating of the Flint Glass Works from Brooklyn to Corning NY. The factory was dismantled and packed onto canal boats to make the journey. Since that decision 150 years ago, Corning's innovations have come to include the glass for Edison's incandescent lamp, the first televisions, spacecrafts, telescopes, fiber optics, and today's smartphone Gorilla glass. To commemorate this anniversary of this move, the three museums of the Corning Museum of Glass, the New York City South Street Seaport and the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, will retrace this original journey along the Hudson River and the Erie Canal. Follow along the route of the Glass Barge Flotilla at the LCMM blog and website - <https://glassbargetour.lcmm.org/visit-follow/> - or organize your vacation plans so you can visit the Flotilla in person as it stops at the many ports of call on its journey to Corning. Also, be sure to enjoy the Museum's several other events in this summer season. The ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) Shipwreck Tour will be held on Sunday August 12. Also, a knife bladesmithing course will be offered on the weekend of August 25 and 26. Find out the details on these and other goings-on at 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.