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May 1 and 15: Ferrisburgh Town Selectboard meeting 6:30 PM
May 3: School Safety Forum VUHS 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
May 5: Green Up Day
May 9: Red Cross Blood Drive Town Hall 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM
May 9: All States Band Parade and Concert Essex Junction
May 12: Union Meeting Hall Open House by Ferrisburgh Historical Society 12:00 – 4:00 PM
May 12 and 26: Ferrisburgh Grange King Pede card party 6:30 PM
May 14: ANWSD Regular Board Meeting, FCS 6:00 PM
May 20: Opening Day Rokeby Museum Route 7
May 22: Internet Safety Night for Parents, FCS 6:30 PM
May 23: VUHS Underclass Awards Night, VUHS Auditorium 6:00 PM
May 26: VUMS/VUHS Band marching in Essex Memorial Day Parade
May 28: VUMS/VUHS Band marching in Vergennes Memorial Day Parade
June 1: VUHS Pops Concert 6:00 PM

The Ferrisburgh Selectboard is accepting applications for the several volunteer positions, such as Auditor, Fence Viewer, Addison County Regional Planning Commission, Addison County Solid Waste Management District Board of Supervisors, Ferrisburgh Energy Committee, and the Conservation Commission. Please submit your letter of interest to the Ferrisburgh Selectboard, 3279 Route 7, Ferrisburgh, VT 05456 or by email to: ferrisburghselectboard@comcast.net or ferrisburghclerk@comcast.net before May 7, 2018. For information on the positions' term lengths and responsibilities, call the Town Clerk at 877-3429.

News from Ferrisburgh Central School! FCS will host an Internet Safety Night on Tuesday, May 22 at 6:30 PM. The evening will discuss current issues with internet safety and how parents can gain control over devices and their children's access. There will be snacks and childcare provided by a generous donation from the FCS PTO. Also, FCS students have started work on their summer garden! Students planted vegetable starts in April in the FCS Growlab to nurture until they can be transplanted into the school garden. The 5/6 and 2nd grades planted tomato seeds and 3/4 grades planted basil and peppers. These plantings will need some TLC over the summer so, as in past years, families and the Ferrisburgh community are invited to volunteer for one week this summer to work in the school's garden. The school's staff sends their thanks in advance for helping with this effort that will provide our children fresh, local produce for their fall lunches. For sign up and more information on how to assist our student gardeners, call FCS at 877-3463.

On Thursday, May 3, at 6:00 PM, Vergennes Union High School will present information about school security and safety. At this forum, located at VUHS, Vergennes Police Chief George Merkel and Superintendent JoAn Canning, will report out on school upgrades and crisis response.

The Ferrisburgh Historical Society invites any and all curious souls to an Open House, Saturday May 12, from 12:00 – 4:00 PM, at the Union Meeting Hall (a.k.a. Union Church) located at Ferrisburgh Center on Route 7 and Middlebrook Rd. This lovely brick church, overlooking the maples of our own village green, was built in 1840 to serve five distinct congregations. The Methodists, Congregationalists, Baptists, Wesleyans, and Spiritualists, all shared in the Church's construction and its original use. In 1897, with the Congregationalists and the Methodists having built their own houses of worship, the "Union" dissolved and the Town purchased the building. Around that time, the maples in the green were planted to commemorate our Civil War veterans, and to this date, the only municipal plaques in honor of our veterans are mounted on the Hall's front. It's a lovely building, with an uplifting history. Please join us and take this rare opportunity to tour this oldest of our Town's assets. For more information, contact Silas Towler at silastowler@comcast.net.

Sunday May 20 is opening day for the 2018 season at Rokeby Museum. Under the leadership of the Museum's new director, Catherine Brooks, and Director Emeritus Jane Williamson, we can be assured of a worthy and exciting season that will provide events and exhibits designed to promote our rich history here in Ferrisburgh. Events for opening day and throughout the season will be posted on the Rokeby website: <http://rokeby.org/visit/programsevents/>

This year's Vermont Green-Up Day is Saturday, May 5. Green Up trash bags are now available at the Ferrisburgh Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. Bag drop off for filled bags is from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM across from the Town Garage on Little Chicago Road. The site will be monitored during those hours and barricaded before and after drop off hours to prevent unauthorized dumping of trash. For more information, call Ferrisburgh's Green-Up Coordinator Deb Healey at 475-2944. Green Up Day provides a simple way for all of us to organize and pick up trash on the roads in our neighborhoods – a great way to celebrate the arrival of Spring. Many thanks to all Ferrisburgh residents for their efforts to keep our town looking tidy and also to Deb Healey for her many years of work to organize our annual Green Up Day.

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Ferrisburgh Town Offices on Wednesday, May 9, 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org. Your contribution is always appreciated so please make the time to stop by and give blood: The Red Cross reports that every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood.

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 May, there are several courses on blacksmithing, casting, and metal working. Visit the museum's website to learn more about these amazing camps, courses, and all the events coming for Summer, 2018: www.lcmm.org.

The “King Pede” card parties as held by the Ferrisburgh Grange are scheduled for the Saturdays of May 12 and 26. 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. 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.