

P.O. BOX 194, VINALHAVEN, ME 04863

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December 3 - December 9, 2020

E-MAIL: vinalhavenwind@gmail.com

Dear EMS,

Although we have "appreciated" our intimate relationship with you in the recent past and have grown very fond of you ALL, we need to stop meeting like this. People are going to talk. We hope you understand. We will always love you.

Gratefully,
Pam and Ed

Community Calendar

Email events to:
windnonprofitads@gmail.com



The WIND
will not blow for the
weeks of Dec. 24-30 and
Dec. 31-Jan. 6, 2021

The entire staff of the WIND
wishes you and yours a healthy,
happy holiday season.

2020

A Year of New Traditions

Since we can't gather
together or travel far this
holiday season, let's be
safe, stay home, and make
new traditions!
What new magical
memories will you make
this year?

Courage is the price that life
exacts for granting peace.

—Amelia Earhart

PAPER WINDS!

We are now printing paper
copies of the WIND for all our
subscribers!

We want to make sure that anyone
who wants a copy is able to get one.
(The WIND will continue to be
online, as well). The average cost of
one paper, including printing and
postage is \$1.70.

If you would be interested in a 3
month subscription, please send
\$15.00 to:

The WIND
PO Box 194
Vinalhaven, ME 04863

Thank you!



~ Jingle Bells ~

Fall is in the air which means
the holidays will soon be
upon us.
Please consider helping us
with Jingle Bells this year.

Financial contributions can
be made any time by sending
your check to Union Church.
Simply identify "Jingle Bells"
in the memo line. Thank you
for your continued support
of this project.

Vinalhaven Taxi
(207) 720-0056

Free Deliveries of Essentials
paid for by ICMS!

Ferry/Airstrip Connections.
Here and There on Vinalhaven
By Reservation or by Chance

Jeanne Bineau-Ames

Town of Vinalhaven Information

www.townofvinalhaven.org

Meetings

Committee meetings have been postponed, are being held virtually, or are hybrid with both in-person and zoom attendance. The Select Board meets every two weeks. Meetings are delivered virtually from our Facebook page: facebook.com/townofvinalhaven and recordings are posted to the Town's YouTube Channel – **Town of Vinalhaven**.

Select Board – Virtual Meeting, Tuesday, December 8, 5:30pm Contact Andrew Dorr, Town Manager for Zoom login information townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org

Pre-Planning Board – Virtual Meeting, Wednesday, December 10, 7pm, Contact Faye Grant, CEO/LPI for Zoom login info vhceo@townofvinalhaven.org

Notices

Property Taxes 2020-2021 Property Taxes are due on November 2nd, 2020 and May 3rd, 2021. Interest began on November 3rd, 2020 for the November payment. Please call the Town Office for an interest figure before mailing payment (207) 863-4471

CEO/LPI Faye Grant is in the office most days 9am-12pm. The town office is not open to walk-ins so contact 863-2168 or vhceo@townofvinalhaven.org to schedule an appointment.

Single-Stream Recycling #1-7 rigid plastics, tin, aluminum, glass, paper, cardboard. \$10 Recycling Totes available at the Town Office.

Food Scrap Composting collection bin located near the household trash container at the Transfer Station. How-To Brochures available at townofvinalhaven.org. Free Composting Pails available at the Town Office and Transfer Station.

Hours of Operation & Contact Information*

***The Town Office is open to the public. Limit one person in the office, two in the waiting area. Please wear a mask. All services are also available over the phone, by email, or online—please contact the Town Office for further information.**

Town Office – Mon–Fri 7:30am-5pm – 863-4471 or 863-4343; Fax: 863-4393

*Please note that the Town Office now has a physical mailing address in place of the PO Box: Vinalhaven Town Office, 19 Washington School Rd., Vinalhaven, ME 04863

Town Manager – Andrew J. Dorr – 863-2042; 266-7806;
townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org

Town Clerk – Darlene M. Candage – 863-4343; townclerk@townofvinalhaven.org

Deputy Town Clerk – Tanya Robishaw – 863-4343; deputyclerk@townofvinalhaven.org

Assessor – Wes Robinson – Hours vary, contact 863-2168 or vinalhavenassessor@gmail.com to set up an appointment

Code Enforcement Officer / Local Plumbing Inspector – Faye Grant – M-F, 9am-12pm contact 863-2168 or vhceo@townofvinalhaven.org to set up an appointment

Planning and Community Development – Gabe McPhail – Hours vary, contact 863-2168 or gmcphail@townofvinalhaven.org to set up an appointment

Welfare Program – Call 863-2042 or 266-7806 to set up an appointment

Public Works / Town Garage – 863-2063

Library – Scott Candage – Tues & Thurs 1-5pm; Wed & Fri 9am-12pm, 1-5pm; Sat 9am-4pm; Sun & Mon Closed – 863-4401 or vpl@vinalhaven.lib.me.us

Transfer Station – Kenny Martin – Sun, Mon, Wed & Thurs – 7:30am-4pm – 863-4306

Fire Department – Marc Candage – Emergency 911; Non-Emergency 863-4604 or mcandage@townofvinalhaven.org

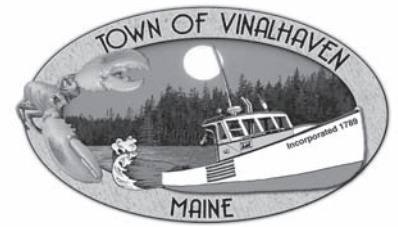
Ambulance Service – Kerry McKee – Emergency 911; Non-Emergency 863-2119 or kmckee@townofvinalhaven.org

Knox County Deputy – Emergency 911; Non-Emergency 593-9132

Animal Control Officer/Harbor Master – James Knowlton – 756-0209

Public Health Officer – Jen Desmond – Contact the Town Office – 863-2042

Deputy Harbor Master – Peter Gasperini – 542-1992



**DON'T FORGET TO
REGISTER ME!**

**2021 DOG REGISTRATIONS
DUE JANUARY 31, 2021**

\$6 for altered dogs

\$11 for unaltered dogs

Rabies immunization must be current on the date license is issued. If our records show immunization is not current, you must provide proof of current immunization before a license can be issued.

\$25 late fee starts

February 1st, 2021

**Call or stop by the Town
Office FMI
(207) 863-4343**

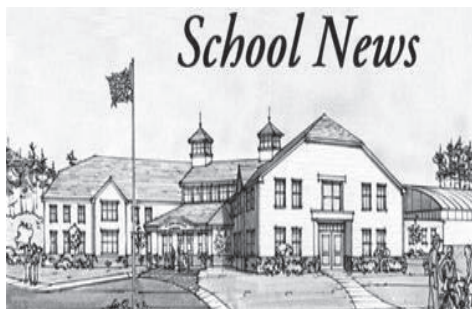


**Looking for the
Perfect Holiday Gift?**

**Boat Stickers and
Hunting Licenses
now available for 2021!**

**Call or stop by the Town
Office to get yours.**

*Pssst.... Dump Stickers make
great stocking stuffers!*



22 Arcola Lane 863.4800

www.vinalhavenschool.org

Friend us on facebook. Find us as
"The Vinalhaven School"

Important Dates for Parents:

Middle school and high school parent/teacher conferences will be held from 5-8 PM on Thursday, December 3rd. Please call or email Amanda to set up a 15 minute zoom session.

The December board meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 16th.

There will be an early release on Tuesday, December 22nd.

Christmas break
December 23 → Jan. 3

Breakfast & lunch are available and free to island families during remote learning. Children (birth-18 years old) are eligible. Pickups are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12-1 in the school circle. If you need a delivery, please call 863-4800.

James LePage Teaching at a Refugee camp in Bethlehem Palestine/Israel



This week our "Meet the New Teacher" interview is with Mr. James LePage. He grew up in Cumberland, Maine, where he went to Greely High School and then Bates College. He has a twin sister, two older sisters who are teachers, and lots of cousins his age. His mom and dad live in Cumberland.

Mr. LePage has been a summer camp counselor in Maine where he helped kids water ski, canoe, play soccer, and sail. He loved that job because he could help young people become leaders, which is something he still likes to work toward every single day. He also had a job once running a dishwasher for 12 hours (not fun!). Before moving to Vinalhaven, Mr. LePage was teaching in the Denver Colorado Public Schools.

Why Vinalhaven? He had met Emily Cohn at a summer camp and knew she loved teaching here. Plus, he thinks it a wonderful small community where people look out for each other. It's beautiful on the

island, and there are lots of trails!

Answers to weird questions? Mr. LePage, would you rather wear stripes, plaid or dots? "Plaid." Do you have a favorite sports team? "Boston Red Sox." If you were president, what would you order for breakfast. "Two eggs over easy with toast." What is a good or bad memory from middle school? "In the fall of my 8th grade year I had Lyme Disease and Mono at the same time...so I was in the hospital for a month!" If you could have any vehicle for free? "A helicopter, if the fuel was free too." Would you like to share your credit card, social security and driver's license number? "Not right now."



Kids Trivia

1. On Christmas eve, what vegetable do kids sometimes leave by the fireplace/door?
2. In the story "A Christmas Carol," what was Scrooge's first name?
3. What Christmas carol does the Peanuts gang sing at the end of "A Charlie Brown Christmas?"

Santa Claus is Coming to Town!!



When: **December 19, 2020**

Where: **Vinalhaven School**

How: **Drive Up/Curbside**

Details: Santa will be behind a table (that will hold the goody boxes) to keep kiddos socially distanced. We ask that you help the line move along as quickly as possible allowing for a couple pictures! Santa looks forward to seeing you all!!

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Thanks so much.

Denise Hopkins, Vinalhaven Firemen's Association Secretary



Second Hand Prose

Think of us for your
holiday shopping!

We have...

- gently used books
- interesting rare books
- new books from VHHS
- many, many cookbooks
- Christmas craft books
- music CDs, including
lots of classical and
holiday music
- puzzles for family time

Holiday Hours
Tue-Sat
10-2

All sales support
Friends of the Library

Texting God

I texted god the other day
He's always there when I call
but I didn't want him to hear
the worry in my voice
the confusion I had fallen prey to
as if I'd plain forgotten just who
is in control, who breathes me
It was a very short text and
I don't expect a reply but I know
it will be answered in one form
or another, one way or the other
I'll hear back and my heart
will fill up again, fear dissipate
and love drop open at my feet
leaving me a grateful and
very happy fool.

Paddy Noble



Second Sunday of Advent – Peace

We are able to have the fullness
of peace in our hearts on
Christmas day, and every day,
because that same Jesus sits
at your right hand in heaven
and makes intercession for
us. Not only that, but he paid
our sin debt. He loves us with
a love that is unfathomable.
Nothing can separate us from
His love.
He is good and his plans for us
are good.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, my
peace I give you. I do not give
to you as the world gives. Do
not let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid.

Recipe

HOT SPINACH ARTICHOKE DIP

Ingredient

- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup Romano cheese
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 teas. basil
- 1/4 teas. garlic salt
- 14 oz. artichoke hearts, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped frozen spinach, thawed and
drained
- 1/4 cup mozzarella cheese

Directions

Add ingredients 2-7 to softened cream cheese
and mix well. Add artichokes and spinach
and put into a greased baking dish. Top with
mozzarella and bake 25 minutes in a 350
degree oven.

Submitted by Carlene Michael



A Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

Father, As we wait for your
plan to unfold, give us the
patience we need.
Remind us of the peace we can
access when we take time to
still ourselves before you and
remember that you are God.
We thank you that you are
both sovereign and gracious.
Amen



Islands Community
Medical Services

Our Medical Center

Medical Center Information

www.icmsvh.org

Medical Services: 863-4341

Dental Services: 863-2533

Counseling: 863-9959

Billing: 863-4348

Hours of Operation

Medical Services

**Mon, Wed, Fri: 8:00 am – 12 noon,
1 pm – 4 pm**

Tues: 1 pm – 4 pm

Thurs: 8:00 am – 12 noon

Closed Tues. AM and Thurs. PM

Dental Services

Dentist: December 2,3,9,10,11,16,17,30,31

Hygienist: December 3,4,9,11,17,18,21,31

Office:

Physical Therapy

To schedule an appointment,
please call 863-4341

Counseling

Dan Keniston, LCSW

Jeff Wilber, LCSW

To schedule an appointment,
Please call 863-9959

Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment &

Acupuncture

To schedule an appointment, please call
863-4341.

Stuart Damon, DO December 11, 18

Women's Health

To schedule an appointment,
please call 863-4341.

Cathy Colman, ANP: December 4th

**To reach the provider on call dial 863-4341
and your call will be forwarded to the
answering services. They will take your call
and page the provider on call for you.**

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ICMS receives HHS funding & has federal PHS
deemed status with respect to certain health or
health-related claims, including medical malpractice
claims, for itself and covered individuals.

ICMS is a 501(c) 3 and contributions to ICMS are tax
exempt. This health center is a Health Center
Program grantee under 42 USC 254b, and a
deemed Public Health Service employee under 42
USC 233(g)-(n).



Islands Community
Medical Services

Our Medical Center

Great news! You can now pay your ICMS bill
online. You will need your account number, which
is on your statement, name and email address. The
address to make a payment is
pay.instamed.com/icmsvh.

If you have any questions or concerns, please
contact the Billing Department at 207-863-4348.

Thank you.



Having a hard time? Not sure who to talk to?

Remember, the Medical Center is here for you with trained
therapists available to help you through difficult times.

You can reach **Jeff Wilber, LCSW** at **(207) 449-9448**
or **Dan Keniston, LCSW, (207) 837-4057**

We have appointments available by telemedicine through
Zoom. We are offering a **free visit** for anyone who is
struggling during these challenging times.

You can call Jeff or Dan directly.

If you have any questions or concerns,
please contact Dinah Moyer at
dmoyer@icmsvh.org or (207) 863-4109



COVID-19 Vinalhaven Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Andrew Dorr
Town Manager

Marc Candage
EMA Director

Kerry McKee
EMS Director

Jen Desmond
Public Health Officer

Gabrian McPhail
Community Outreach
Coordinator

Tanya Robishaw
EOC Support Staff

EOC Contact

VHEOC
@townofvinalhaven.org
(207) 863-2042

Town of Vinalhaven

19 Washington School Rd
Vinalhaven, Maine 04863
Phone: (207) 863-2042
Cell: (207) 266-7806
Fax: (207) 863-4393
www.townofvinalhaven.org

VINALHAVEN COVID-19 RESOURCE GUIDE

Today is not like yesterday; tomorrow will not be like today. The problems that we are facing with this Covid-19 pandemic are unique and dynamic and force us to adapt to new changes daily. During this time of uncertainty, information and recommendations are changing rapidly. We ask that you be compassionate towards each other and be adaptable.

Call **(207) 863-2168** or email **VHEOC@townofvinalhaven.org** or visit **townofvinalhaven.org** for COVID-19 information and resources.

Go to “Subscribe” at townofvinalhaven.org and subscribe to “Town Alerts” to receive COVID-19 Updates in your email inbox.

General COVID-19 and Resources

Maine’s 2-1-1 Resource List for Covid-19 help. **211maine.org**

Office of Governor Janet T. Mills **maine.gov/covid19**

Maine Health and Human Services Hotline: Dial **2-1-1** or **(866) 811-5695**, Get answers about COVID-19 by calling or texting your zipcode to 898-211, or emailing **info@211maine.org**

Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention **(207) 287-8016**
maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus.shtml

United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention **(800) CDC-INFO**
(800) 232-4686 **cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html?s_cid=bb-coronavirus-2019-ncov-NCIRD**

Help with Finances for Those in Need

General Assistance is a town program to help people in need by providing financial assistance for basic necessities, such as housing, utilities, and food. Contact **Andrew Dorr, Town Manager** **(207) 863-2042**
townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org

Vinalhaven Community Outreach helps islanders who have been directly, financially affected by COVID-19. Contact **vhcommunityoutreach@gmail.com**

Deliveries ICMS will pay for deliveries from any business downtown. Call Vinalhaven Taxi to arrange deliveries **(207) 720-0056**

Penquis Low Income Assistance Program **(207) 973-3630**

MaineHousing COVID-19 Rental Relief Program offers rental assistance for those affected by Covid-19 **mainehousing.org/programs-services/rental/rental-detail/covid-19-rental-relief-program**

Maine Seacoast Mission provides financial resources, assistance with food access, medical and mental healthcare, and eldercare support. Contact Douglas Cornman **(207) 479-0707** **dcornman@seacoastmission.org**

Help Getting Food

The Brown Door at the Union Church offers free grocery staples. Contact **Holly (207) 363-3423**

Meals on Wheels delivers prepared meals to those unable to leave their homes. Contact **Linda (207) 863-9980** or **(207) 863-9343** or **Shelly (207) 863-2058**

Open Bible Baptist Church Corona Virus Relief Fund (CVRF) purchases and delivers food for anyone in need. Contact **Cathy (207) 286-2550** **Kate (207) 409-2969** or **Maggie (207) 863-2185**

**Friendly Reminder that Carvers Harbor Market is offering curbside pickup and delivery of groceries. Contact orders@carversharbormarket.com*

Help Paying Utility Bills

Vinalhaven Fuel Fund helps pay for up to 100 gallons of fuel. Contact **Sue (207) 863-4822**

Penquis HEAP Program (207) 973-3630

FIEC recommends contacting the Shaws Fund for Marri-ner's children at **(207) 677-2070** or **cmacleod@shawfund.org** or the Low Income Assis-tance Program at Penquis **(207) 973-3630**

Maine Water will work with customers to make payment arrangements. **(800) 287-16431**

Help Managing Stress and Anxiety

Maine Statewide Crisis Hotline 24/7 for immediate crisis-oriented help. **(888) 568-1112**

Maine Warm Line 24/7 for connecting with someone if you need mental and emotional support. **(866) 771-9276**

ICMS offers behavioral health services. Contact **Jeff Wilber, LCSW** at **(207) 449-9448** or **Dan Keniston, LCSW, (207) 837-4057**

Anonymous Online Peer Recovery Programs SAM-HSA's National Helpline **(800) 662-HELP (4357)** Port-land Recovery Center **portlandrecovery.org** Narcotics Anonymous **namaine.org**
Alcoholics Anonymous **csoaamaine.org**
Nar-Anon **nar-anon.org** and Al-Anon **maineafg.org**

Help for Businesses, the Self-Employed and Nonprofits

The Town has compiled a list of resources to help busi-nesses, the self-employed and non-profits. **Visit the Covid-19 Help for Businesses page on the Town website.**

MANP (Maine Association of Nonprofits) has com-piled a list of resources to help nonprofits. **nonprofit-maine.org/learn/resources/covid-19/**

How You Can Help

Stay Home. Travel only for essential purposes.

Maintain a Six Foot Distance from those not in your household or pod.

Wear a Mask or Cloth Face Covering in public.

Wash Your Hands and clean surfaces well and often.

Volunteer in a Safe Way by reaching out to community groups and individuals to see if they need help.

Donate to Groups and Organizations that are listed here, as well as any other groups and organizations work-ing to support our community.

Pay-It-Forward by supporting local businesses. Buy a gift card and pass it along to someone in need.

Focus on Facts Not Fear by getting reliable and credible information from the CDC and the Maine CDC.

If you are a community group or organization offering ser-vices and would like to be included in this resource guide, please contact (207) 952-1817 or VHEOC@townofvinalhaven.org

This information was last revised on 11/19/20

Jingle Bells Toy or Game

In the past, community members have purchased the toy or game component to Jingle Bells. We realize this unique year presents a new experience for Christmas shopping. We still need your help for Jingle Bells to be possible. If you are able to help us by purchasing a toy or game, please stop by Good Things to view the list of toys needed or contact Holly Sault at Good Things Coffee House 207.363.3423. Many of the toys could be purchased right here on the island. Toys will need to be dropped off to Holly by 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 18th. Thanks for your help!

Feeling Low? Reach Out for Help

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Maine Warm Line 24/7 for connecting with someone if you need mental and emotional support **1-866-771-9276**

How You Can Help *donate to local service groups*

Community Lunchbox

Union Church, attn: Lunchbox
PO Box 249

*Checks payable to Union Church
Memo line: Lunchbox*

Meals on Wheels

VES attn: Meals on Wheels,
PO Box 624

*Checks payable to VES
Memo Line: Meals on Wheels*

Vinalhaven Community Outreach

PO Box 15

*Checks payable to VCO Memo line:
Covid-19*

Open Bible Baptist Church Corona Virus Relief Fund (CVRF)

Open Bible Baptist Church attn: CVRF
PO Box 465

*Checks payable to Open Bible Baptist
Church, Memo line: CVRF*

Vinalhaven Fuel Fund

Sue Radley
attn: Vinalhaven Fuel Fund
14 Lawson's Quarry Rd

*Checks payable to Vinalhaven Fuel
Fund*

The Brown Door at the Union Church

Union Church
attn: Food Pantry
PO Box 249

*Checks payable to Union Church
Memo line: Food Pantry*

All = Vinalhaven, ME 04863



When you make peace with
yourself, you make peace with
the world.

—Maha Ghosananda

Vinalhaven Community Outreach

**We need your help and we're
here to help you**

We have set up a COVID-19
fund to help islanders who
have been directly, financially
affected by this virus.

**Donations may be mailed to
VCO, PO Box 15, Vinalhaven.**

Please mark Covid-19 in the
memo

If you need help, and fit our
criteria, please contact us by
email

vhcommunityoutreach@gmail
.com

Thank you.

We are a 501 (c) 3 organization

COVID-19 FINANCIAL HELP

Unemployment Benefit for Self- employed People

Go to the Maine Department of
Labor Bureau of Unemployment
Compensation webpage to apply.
www.maine.gov/unemployment

General Assistance (GA)

A program to help cover costs for
basic needs like food, housing, and
utilities. Contact **Andrew Dorr**,
Town Manager,
207-863-2042 [townmanager@](mailto:townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org)
townofvinalhaven.org

Submit to the Wind!

We are looking for stories,
anecdotes, recipes, **images**,
Shout Outs, etc. to include in
the WIND. If you have
something to share we would
love to include it in future
WINDs. Please send to:
vinalhavenwind@gmail.com

Ask Etta

When you don't know who else to call. Ask Etta...

Dear Etta,

Nov. 19, 2020

Dear Etta,

Our daughter left her beloved chickens with us when she drove back across country at the end of the summer. One provides eggs and charm, the other is her stout protector and defender. But he has become over-zealous in his job and has started attacking people. I want our neighbors to feel safe, but I cannot imagine telling my daughter that her roo has to 'go'. My latest idea is to put 'rooster sticks' on our street and at the end of the driveway so people can defend themselves if he gets too close. Any other ideas?

Grammy Roo

Dear Grammy Roo,

Sounds like he's being a rooster. Some roosters are more docile than others but he's showing his colors. Speaking of colors, I had a look at him, he is one handsome bird! I've got three ideas for your consideration. Giving people a little warning that he is occasionally hostile to visitors is a good idea. Maybe instead of or in addition to sticks, you could put out a spray bottle filled with water. Sticks might give people the idea that clobbering him is permitted. I'm assuming the sticks are there for purely defensive action. Roosters can and do occasionally actually hurt people...especially short people, especially if the rooster has spurs. Second idea is to rehome both of them with someone who has a set up to keep distance between roosters and well, people. I can safely say, the line for aggressive roosters is rather short. And lastly, the idea you are least interested in...I have a great recipe for Chicken Piccata. Your fella would have the chance to bring a lot of joy to the dinner table this holiday season.

Always, Etta

P.S. Let us know how this turns out.

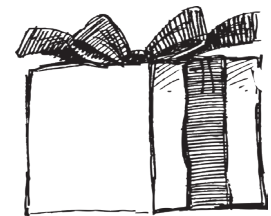
When you don't know who else to ask, Ask Etta at vhasketta@gmail.com

Trivia Questions

1. What is Ralphie's little brother's name in the movie, "A Christmas Story?"
2. What country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
3. What is the bestselling Christmas song ever?

Maine Trivia

What high school did Stephen King teach at in 1971, before becoming a professional writer?



LIFE SKILLS LESSONS

Parents and Guardians:
Teach your child how to wrap a gift

Tidbits from the Vinalhaven Historical Society

Nativity Scene in Vinalhaven Result of Community Effort

The community Nativity Scene in Vinalhaven was lighted on Wednesday evening for the first time. It is located on the vacant lot across from the monument and was erected by a group of volunteers.

Contributions from 14 local organizations headed by the Garden Club made the Nativity Scene possible. So far, the figures of Mary, Joseph and the Christ child are in place and the other figures, including the Wise Men are expected to arrive soon. The set also includes live sheep, donated for the occasion by Mills Farm.

The committee is also planning a community sing at dusk on Sunday, December 23. It will begin at 4.30 and will be led by the Union Church choir. There will also be carols by the children.

There will be ample parking space due to the location of the scene and it is hoped that many shut-ins and elderly people may be able to get out for the occasion as they will be able to remain in their cars. This is the first time that the island has ever had anything of this type and it represents the combined efforts of the entire community.

December 1956

The Electric Light Company have recently erected a hardwood fence around the grounds of their storehouse adding much to the appearance of the common. The company also furnished the electric bulbs for the community Christmas tree and bandstand, which have proved very attractive during the Christmas festivities. They also lighted the ball ground, which has been overflowed for skating.

Thursday, January 2, 1930

Joseph Dyer launched his new boat, December 10 at 6:30 a.m. The craft is named "Grampa Frank" for his grandfather. She is 36' long, 10' wide and has a draft of 3'6". She is powered with an Osco conversion of a Mercury V-8 with a 2:1 reduction gear. Planking is cedar strips and the framing is oak, the builder was Robert Johnson.

December 1948



Send a Christmas Card

With the holidays right around the corner, our shut-in community members would especially appreciate hearing from friends. The holidays will be different this year, let's spread all the joy we can!



Jaquelyn Ames
c/o Goodwill-Kendall
Lane House
Freeport, ME 04032

Lucy Wadsworth
30 Community Drive
Camden, ME 04843

Carlene Michael
Boardman Cottage
Islesboro, ME 04848

Charles M. Miller
1725 Honore Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34232

Gladys Walls
(new address)
PO Box 702
Newcastle, ME 04553

Rosemary Anthony
7 North Shore Drive
Owls Head, ME 04854

Ann Anthony
Caroline Morton
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Age

The little boy and the old Man

Said the little boy, " Sometimes drop my spoon."

Said the old Man, " I do that to."

The little boy whispered, "I wet my pants."

" I do too", laughed the old man.

Said the little boy, " I often cry."

The old man nodded, " So do I."

But worst of all said the boy, "it

seems grown-ups don't pay attention to me."

And he felt the warmth of a wrinkled old hand.

" I know what you mean," said the little old man

-Shel Silverstein-

Age according to George Burns " You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old."

Using the " Your age on different Worlds scale", on Mercury my Mercurian age would be 246. On Pluto my Plutonian age would be .26 years old. Right here on good old Earth, I'm still 39 and holding till further notice. I don't think older, I don't feel any older until you look in the mirror and say, " Who the hell is that!!". I'm not getting older, I'm just getting Ripe.

Young man

When I was younger I skied every winter. I have skied most mountains and hills from New York Thru Maine, and many Mountains out West, Canada and Mauna Key, Hawaii and every mountaintop was spectacular

I felt unsullied as I slid off the chair lift on the summit of Glen Ellen (Sugarbush West), the crisp mountaintop snow crackled beneath my ski's. I stood like a new born witnessing the majesty of this spot. From the Mountains pinnacle I could see sweeping views of the Lake Champlain Valley and the Adirondack Mountains. For hundreds of miles in three directions this spectacular view lay at my feet. Now came life's foray, Which Trail do I take down?

Cat: Where are you going?

Alice: Which way should I go?

Cat: That depends on where you are going

Alice: I don't know

Cat: Then It doesn't matter which way you go.

-Lewis Carroll-

All trails down had their risks. Some Novice, some intermediate, some diamond and still others double diamond routes. But as a young man you "throw caution to the wind." With thighs burning and adrenalin pumping you bomb the Double diamond. When you push it to the limit, every now and again you make a face plant in the snow and move a mogul. My younger man's motto was "If you ain't crashin you ain't skiing."

Mid age

I have skied many times at Crested Butte, Colorado. The base of the mountain sits at 9,000 feet. The Rocky's are a breathtakingly unending range. We would ski with the ski team from Central Colorado College. When we reached the summit of this mountain the team removed their skis and proceeded to climb the mountain to its highest peak, another 200 yards up. The team made their own trail down. They labeled us wusses and they called it "extreme skiing." Two years later Crested Butte started "The Extreme Skiing and X game Championship" which has lasted over 20 years.

Old before his time

On Vinalhaven there is a three-way intersection right across from the old schoolhouse. On that corner sits a small home with a magnificent compilation of flowering plants and bushes, all painstakingly cared for. One day at that corner I stood waiting for my kids to catch up to me. As I stood with my back turned, I heard the following conversation. "Hi Bungie, how's the wife?" "Fine Bungie replied, "Christ sake, we been worried sick bout you two." Bungie replied, "I'm fine, wife's fine." I turned around to join the conversation. "I'm goin out to haul, give my best to the misses." What I saw next made me do a double take. The person talking to Bungie was at most 9 years old. I thought I was looking at a bona fide fidget. Not until the little man shook Bungies hand, hopped on his bicycle and rode off was I sure.

It is impossible to understand how brief it is. It seemed like youth would last so long: it would last forever, but it's just a blink. - Chris Pavane -

Age and golf

The more time passes I think of life as a Golf game. While my nieces, nephews, children and someday grandchildren are on the front nine, all my extended first-generation family have made the turn, with a few on the last hole. May it be a loooooong par five. The clubhouse awaits us all.

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Kevin Burnham



1956 - 2020

Kevin Burnham is a two-time Olympic medalist in the sport of sailing. Kevin competed in the 470 Class at the 1992, 1996, and 2004 Olympics, winning a silver in 1992 and a gold in 2004 in Athens, Greece, where he was the oldest gold medalist.

He also won a gold medal at the 1986 Goodwill Games. Burnham was a sailor who competed in virtually every type of race. In big ocean racing, he competed in the Sydney-Hobart Race, The Rolex Transatlantic Challenge, and the Newport-to-Bermuda Race. He also won the 1989 Worrell 1000 Mile race. Burnham was an 11-time US champion in various boats.

After suffering from breathing issues his whole life, Asthma as a child, then COPD as a result of lung damage while training the Chinese sailing team, Kevin experienced a severe cardio/respiratory attack on Monday, November 16th. Sadly, he was unable to recover and he passed on November 27, 2020.

The family is planning a celebration of life as soon as COVID allows.



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Vinalhaven School Starts Using Edgenuity

By Emilie Osgood

Vinalhaven School introduced a new online schooling program called Edgenuity in September. It will be used by students throughout the 2020- 2021 school year.

The idea to incorporate this program into the curriculum was brought to Vinalhaven school by new principal, Monte Selby. He invited Les and Theresa Penick to present to the staff about Edgenuity, and Vinalhaven school hired them. The Penicks have used Edgenuity in the past and have presented to many other schools about the program.

Edgenuity is described by Les Penick as “an umbrella term for online learning platforms. A company that runs lots of learning platforms for students.” For students in elementary school, they use a different platform run by the Edgenuity Company, called Pathblazer. Pathblazer is designed to be fun for

students and acts as a learning game with animations, whereas for high schoolers, Edgenuity offers reading, quizzes, tests and videos for students to watch. The program differs for grade levels to help make it a good learning experience for everyone.

Edgenuity offers a lot of benefits for Vinalhaven school. For many students, it's used as a tool for credit recovery. For some students who prefer to work from home due to Covid-19, it is an alternative to learning in the classroom; Edgenuity can also be used as an option for remote learning if Covid-19 causes schools to shut down again.

Although Edgenuity can be an alternative to being physically present in the classroom, it can also be used in the classroom to help aid learning. However, Selby says it is not a replacement for good teaching.



Round Up for the Grange

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Round Up for the Grange will begin Monday, November 2 at Carver's Harbor Market.

Special thanks to Carver's Harbor Market and to all who round up to benefit the Grange!

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