



December 10 - December 16, 2020

E-MAIL: vinalhavenwind@gmail.com

WIND gift certificates are available. \$15 for three months or \$50 for a year. Send check to:

**The WIND, PO Box 194,
Vinalhaven, Maine 04863**

If you want us to send your certificate, please include the address of the recipient. If you want to send it yourself, include your address. Thank you and enjoy the holidays!

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.



Happy 80th Louie!!

If you see this guy around town
on December 15th, make sure to
wish him the happiest of
birthdays!

*Happy
Birthday*

Happy 80th Birthday to Louie
Martin from the staff of the
WIND and the Vinalhaven
Community!

Louie Lives Here
Louie lives here, he has
been a very special part
of our lives for eighty
years come next
Tuesday and I'm proud
to be able to say he's
been a treasured part of
my own life for as long
as I can remember. My
first memory of him is
when we wound up
sitting together in third
grade, down front
because Mrs. Martin
said she needed to keep
an eye on us. That
memory is an
exception, however,
because my recollection
of my own life and
history can be more
readily found in Louie's
memories than in my
own. That's where I go
for the particulars—to
Louie. Next Tuesday,
he'll be the guest of
honor at Holly's Good
Things Coffee House. I
hope as many of us as
feel comfortable doing
so will stop by, if only
long enough to wish
him the best. pc

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**.

Community Development Corporation Committee – Virtual Meeting, Thursday, December 17, 5pm, Contact Gabe McPhail for Zoom login info
gmcphail@townofvinalhaven.org

Select Board – Virtual Meeting, Tuesday, December 22, 5:30pm Contact Andrew Dorr, Town Manager for Zoom login information townmanager@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@vnhaven.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

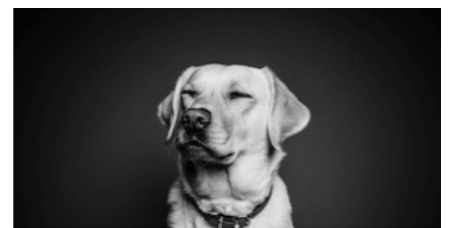


Looking for the Perfect Gift?

**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!*



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

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

\$6 for altered dogs

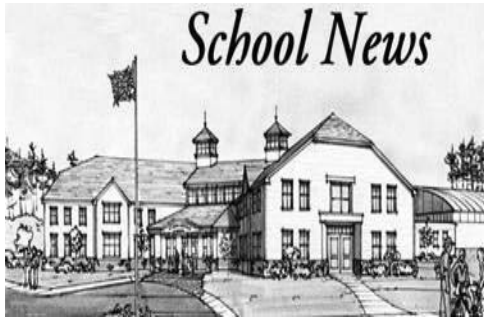
\$11 for unaltered dogs

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**



22 Arcola Lane 863.4800

www.vinalhavenschool.org

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

Important Dates for Parents:

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.

This week our "Meet
the New Teacher"
interview is with math
teacher Mr. David
McKechnie. He grew
up in New Hampshire
and Connecticut,
graduated from high
school in Pomfret, CT
and attended Johnson

State College in
Vermont.

Mr. McKechnie came
to Vinalhaven
because he loves the
island! It's windy, the
people are friendly,
and the boat rides are
adventures. Since he
taught at North
Haven in the past,
he's used to island life.
But he hasn't always
lived near the ocean.
He worked as a
cowboy in Wyoming,
a professional house
painter in San
Francisco, and as an
engineering
technician in a paper
mill. Once, when he
was considering all
sorts of jobs, a took a
teaching position in
Ecuador, and since
then, he's taught in
Costa Rica, Eritrea
(Eastern Africa), New
Hampshire, Vermont,
plus Portland,
Sanford and North
Haven, Maine!

Mr. McKechnie's
mother is a
Connecticut native,
while his dad came
from Scotland, where
he still has many
living relatives. Mr.
McKechnie also has a
younger brother, two
younger sisters, a
wife, and two
children.

Answers to weird
questions? Mr.
McKechnie, would

you rather wear
stripes, plaid or dots?
"Plaid (Tartan)." Do
you have a favorite
sports team? "New
York Yankees." If you
were president, what
would you order for
breakfast.

"Mushroom, Swiss
and sausage omelet
with hash browns."
What is a good or bad
memory from middle
school? "Both. My 7th
grade math teacher
got mad at me for
talking and threw an
eraser across the room
that hit me in the
head. It was a good
throw - and I've liked
him ever since!" If
you could have any
vehicle for free? "The
Apollo 15 Lunar
Rover." Would you
like to share your
credit card, social
security and driver's
license number?
"Sure. 008-92-2020"



Senior Profile

Class of 2021



Name: Caleb Turner

Age/birthday: 18; November 3, 2002

Parents/siblings: Josh Turner (Dad) Angelina Turner (Mom) Siblings: Wyatt and Nolan

Hobbies: Singing, dancing, playing piano/games, cooking (sometimes)

Favorite book/movie/TV show: Book: *The Giver*, Movie: Every Disney movie ever!

Write about a favorite childhood memory: The time I first went on stage and performed.

If you could spend one year after school doing anything you want, where and what would it be? I would go to a music or acting school

Favorite athlete (s)/sports team(s): None

If you could visit one place in the world, where would it be and why? I would visit Paris, France because it is so beautiful there! The language is so beautiful.

Favorite song/band: Queen

Favorite animal(s): I love pandas! I want pandas!

Favorite Food: Spaghetti

Just for fun I: I want to try to play the saxophone again.

Favorite H.S. course (s): Music, English

Best school memory: Singing at the winter/spring concerts

In school what would you be voted most likely to do? Most likely to become a performer.

If you could spend one day with someone living or dead, who would it be, and why? It would be Michael Jackson, no doubt. He is my hero and idol. I love him! ♥ ♥

Future plans: I will try my best to attend lobstering for a few years, and maybe I will quit and go to an acting/music school. Why? Because I want nothing more than to be a performer/entertainer. It's my lifelong dream and I will not give up at any cost. I want to make people smile.

Recipe

HOLIDAY MASHED POTATOES

Submitted by Mary Lou Hurtubise

Ingredients

3# potatoes (about 12 medium)
1- 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
¼ c. butter
½ c. sour cream
½ c. milk
2 eggs, slightly beaten
¼ finely chopped onion
1 teas. salt
Dash pepper

Directions

Peel and cook potatoes until tender. Beat, then add cream cheese and butter in small pieces, mix well. Stir in sour cream, milk, onions and eggs. Mix; then add salt and pepper. Beat until light and fluffy. Put in a greased casserole pan. Refrigerate 3-4 hours or overnight. Bake covered in 350° oven for 45 minutes.

From the recipe box of Barbara Davidson



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



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

Hanukkah

Hanukkah—the Festival of Lights—is a Jewish holiday celebrating religious freedom and resistance to oppression. It begins this year on Thursday, December 10, at sundown, and lasts for eight days.

Here is the Hanukkah story.

Long ago, in the year 167 BCE, the land of Israel was ruled by a Greek tyrant, King Antiochus.

King Antiochus refused to recognize a nation composed of diverse cultures and religions. He forbid the Jewish religion, persecuted Jewish people, and banned the study of the Jewish bible, the Torah. The soldiers of King Antiochus descended on Jerusalem, killing thousands of people, and made the city's Temple unholy by sacrificing pigs inside its walls and erecting idols to the Greek gods.

A brave group of Jews, the Maccabees—five brothers and their father—rose up in rebellion against the tyranny of King Antiochus. The brothers were named Judah, Simon, Eleazar, John, and Jonathan. Their father was Mattathias. They lived in the village of Modin. They led a band of rebels small in number but mighty in spirit.

For two years, the Maccabees fought a guerilla war against King Antiochus. Finally, the rebels triumphed over the king's armies. The Maccabees liberated Jerusalem, restoring religious freedom and purifying the temple.

When the time came to light the temple lamp—the menorah—the Maccabees found only enough oil for the lamp to burn for one day.

But miraculously, the oil lasted, and the flame in the lamp burned for eight days—according to legend.

That is why the celebration of Hanukkah lasts for eight days. The menorah is lighted each night. One candle burns on the first night, two on the second night... until eight candles blaze on the last night.

Every December, this Festival of Lights—Hanukkah—honors freedom.



It's coming up in December and it's a once-in-a-lifetime view.

Jupiter and Saturn will appear to look like a double planet just after sunset on Dec. 21, as the two celestial bodies will be in conjunction, in an event sometimes called the "great conjunction," said Amy Oliver, a spokeswoman for the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

"Most adult people have never seen a conjunction like this, and they won't have an opportunity to see this again," Oliver said in a telephone interview Wednesday.

Although this conjunction happens once every 20 years, the one on Dec. 21 is rare: The two planets will appear to be on top of one another because they will be only .1 degrees—approximately one-fifth of the moon's diameter—away from one another, Oliver said.

The last time the two planets appeared this close together was in 1623—14 years after Galileo created his first telescope, Oliver said. However, people weren't able to view because it was close to the sun.

The Boston Globe

Expanding

Peace is sandwiched between my let go and my moving on I get to savor it in the calm and quiet of the pause I take whenever I can. A bookmark in the pages of my life it falls into my lap and reminds me that it is always here, waiting for me to stop dreaming thinking, doing whatever I deem so important and just breathe, expand myself large and long enough to hold the world inside.

Paddy Noble

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



Joy is a net of love by which
you can catch souls.

—Mother Teresa

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.

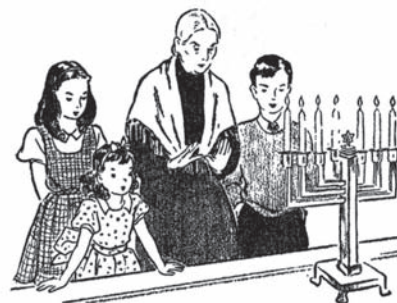
We are a 501 (c) 3 organization

Trivia Questions

1. What gift did the little drummer boy give to the baby Jesus? (This one is for you, Mike B.!)
2. What were the names of the three Wise Men (Magi) who visited the baby in the manger?
3. What gifts did the Magi bring to Jesus?

Maine Trivia

What are the three tallest mountains in Maine from highest to lowest? (The answer will surprise some)





December on Vinalhaven

Story Trail

There is a new book on the Story Trail! *The Hat*, written and illustrated by Jan Brett, is a sweet heart-warming winter tale for readers of all ages. Books on the Story Trail are in partnership with Our Island Reads, which promotes literacy on Vinalhaven.

Hunting

Expanded archery and muzzleloader deer hunting ends on December 12th. Hunting is allowed on all preserves except Lane's Island and Armbrust Hill Town Park. People and pets, please wear orange!

Preserve Hikes

With the ample rain and warm weather, our preserves are lush with moss in varying shades of green. Hikes are one of the activities that can be done safely with those friends we miss spending time with.

Merchandise and Gift Memberships

Shop locally! Visit our website to purchase hats, notecards, gift memberships, and more!

vinalhavenlandtrust.org/vlt-merchandise



Rockland Animal Hospital

Dr. Caron will be on the island on **Jan. 7 and Jan. 28, 2021**

Clinics are held upstairs at the Old Fire Hall

Call 207-594-5850
to schedule an appointment

Kids Trivia

1. In *The Polar Express*, who can hear the bell ring?
2. In the song, *Frosty the Snowman*, what brought Frosty to life again?
3. How many reindeer pull Santa's sleigh? How many can you name?

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!

Vinalhaven Historical Society

We have signed copies of Walt White's latest book:

Island Hoops & Scratches

for sale at the Museum. \$40

Also available:

Remember When I & II (a collection of oral histories)

Horse Nets, Holliwaggers, & Littlefield Blue (and everything else you need to know about Vinalhaven)

Bodwell & Webster Papers and *From the Beginning* by Ken Reiss

See vinalhavenhistoricalsociety.org for more titles and info! Email vhhissoc@myfairpoint.net or call 863-4410 to order and arrange pick-up.



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Norbert Leser shared his steps for converting the online Wind into a more easily readable version on a Kindle.

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3. Subject of the email is the word "Convert"
4. Attach the wind PDF to the email body (no other text)
5. Send email
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To find the Kindle email account mentioned above, you need to open the Kindle app and go to 'App Settings' in your menu at Kindle's home page. It lists 'Send to Kindle Email Address' - copy/paste that address and you're all set.

Ask Etta

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

Dear Etta,

One thing that puzzles summer folks is the community pride demonstrated only by drivers of old pickups with "Vinalhaven" proudly displayed on their doors. Why is it only the classic trucks and not the shiny new behemoths that sport these badges of civic honor? Perhaps the town should issue Vinalhaven stickers for the doors of new trucks at payment of the excise tax?

—Deliberating from Dogtown

Dear Deliberating,

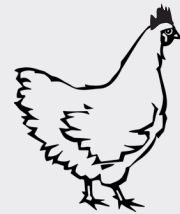
There is a lot of Vinalhaven pride, some of it plastered on vehicles. Reading between the lines, it sounds like you might be asking how you can display your Vinalhaven pride on your vehicle. You have 3 options. All are available to you even as a summer person. First: The old trucks that sport Vinalhaven on the cab door are covered by state statute 1752 which exempts the certain vehicles from inspection or in the case of fish trucks, reduces the scope of the inspection. It's part of the Maine motor vehicle excise tax laws and in 1993 they created a category for fish trucks. A Fish Truck must be a) operated within 20 miles of the municipality where excise tax on the truck is paid; b) has a partial inspection of the running gear, steering mechanism, brakes, exhaust system and lights, safety glass and tires. c) bears the name of the municipality in which excise tax is paid in 4" letters on the left door of the cab. Curiously, the statute does not specify how you qualify as a fish truck. Presumably you call yourself a fish truck, keep your vehicle on the island, paint Vinalhaven on the cab in 4" letters, submit to the aforementioned inspections and voila you're a fish truck. Second way to boost your visible pride: Buy a Vinalhaven sticker or a bunch of them at Go Fish, Island Closet or Fisherman's Friend and stick 'em anywhere on your car that makes you happy. And lastly...in case you are the creative type; Rustoleum comes in lots of great colors. You could do a really cool, personalized Vinalhaven graffiti style art piece on your car. Art cars are big in lots of places and Etta thinks we could use an art car or two or three out here. With so many options, I'm afraid you'll be deliberating a bit longer... in Dogtown and perhaps elsewhere.

—Always, Etta

P.S. In case you aren't too sure of your own talents, you could engage one of our local artists to express your special form of Vinalhaven pride on your vehicle. I can see it now...some places have car washes...we could have a paint booth where you can get a Vinalhaven 'makeover' for your car or truck.

When you don't know who else to ask,

Ask Etta at vhasketta@gmail.com



Dear Etta,

Thank you for clarifying for me the mystery of the Roo Sticks. I am a frequent early-morning walker in their vicinity, and being a bear of very little brain, didn't know if they were a new version of Pooh Sticks or a play on words of Rustics. I met Mr. and Mrs. Roo for the first time a few weeks ago, and was charmed. They kept their distance and he crowed, a sound I love. But Friday morning, he attacked me and my dog. I managed to fend him off without a stick, but was not happy at the turn of events. Having once had chickens of my own in another life, I am sympathetic to Grandma Roo about the situation; for the sake of everyone's freedom and rights I would like to suggest another alternative to Chicken Piccata, which would be to fence them in. There seems to be enough property there that that should not be a problem. They would be free to roam, and neighbors, walkers, and dogs would be free to walk unmolested.

From a sympathetic, concerned, and trying-to-be-thoughtful fellow chicken-lover.

—Penelope Lord



Tidbits from the Vinalhaven Historical Society

Sch. Grace Lee Sinks In Seventy Fathoms of Water on a Calm Pleasant Day

Wednesday of last week the fishing schooner, Grace Lee, owned by Lane & Libby of Vinalhaven and captained by Elmer Ames of Matinicus sank while upon the fishing ground 21 miles southeast of Matinicus Rock. The cause of the vessel sinking, as stated by the captain and crew, as appearances indicated when she was sinking was that a butt had started off somewhere near the after part of the vessel and rapidly filled her. The crew of the vessel was away in dories running trawls and upon their return discovered the condition of the vessel. She had nearly three feet of water in her. They manned the pumps, but to no purpose - the water rapidly gained on them. In the meantime, the cable was slipped and buoyed and sail made with the hope of making a place of safety, but the result was useless, and the vessel was abandoned with what few things could be saved. In two hours from the time she commenced filling she sank out of sight, a total loss. The vessel was insured for \$800. The crew lose largely as they have just fitted out for the trip. Their fishing gear that was out is all that was saved by them, and the cable and anchor was all that was saved for the vessel owners. The crew were landed here by the schooner Lottie Hopkins, which was in the vicinity at the time of the disaster.

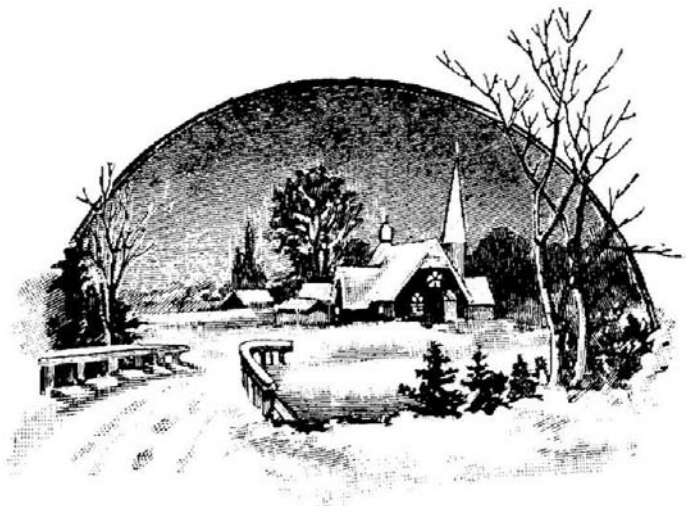
Vinalhaven Echo May 24, 1888

An old settler is that building which has just been torn down that stood near the corner of Main and High Streets. It was owned by James Fernald and was the first store build on the island. It has been owned by John Lowe and has lately been sold to W. H. Merrithew. The timbers in the building are well preserved. Merrithew will erect a building, 17x28, to use as a photograph gallery. There are but few people on the island who can tell much of the history of this old building.

Vinalhaven Review Saturday, December 1, 1894

Misses Nina Ames, Flavilla Arey and Dorothy Thomas gave a delightful party Wednesday evening at Ledge Lodge, which proved to be a utility shower for Mrs. Ethel (Young) Doughty and Mrs. Bertha (Miller) Winslow, who thought they were attending their class of 1926 reunion. They were much surprised when Miss Ames announced that as it was raining hard out of doors it would be well to have a shower inside and conducted the two brides to a screen, behind which was concealed two large handsomely decorated baskets filled with gifts for each. The presents were admired and rhymes attached were read, causing much merriment. The living rooms were made doubly attractive with festoons of Nile green and canary yellow and Japanese lanterns. The fireplace all aglow added a cheerful touch and making the decorations particularly effective. Cards and dancing featured the evening's entertainment and at 10.30 refreshments were served. The guests were members and friends of the class of '26, V.H.S., of which Mrs. Doughty and Mrs. Winslow were graduates; also of the class of '28 of which Mr. Winslow is a graduate. There were 42 present.

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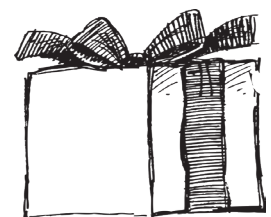
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Star of Hope Update



*Casey Leonard, Co-Owner, Rockport Building Partners
Project Manager, Star of Hope*

This week, we are adding ***a construction-oriented video tour of the Star of Hope building*** to our website, featuring Casey Leonard, the project manager from Rockport Building Partners, who has worked so hard with his capable team to stabilize the building, and prepare for the next phase of this enormous project.

As you watch our new video, you will see the extent of the challenges that the engineering and construction team found when they got to work saving this iconic structure.

Casey has a passion for architectural design, historic preservation and restoration, along with a deep-rooted love for mid-coast Maine. We are fortunate to have someone with Casey's expertise running this project for the Star of Hope Foundation, and for his commitment to the Vinalhaven community.

To view the video, please visit our website and click on the video link. Feel free to share your thoughts and questions with us. www.starofhopefoundation.org

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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!

Pleasant River Grange #492

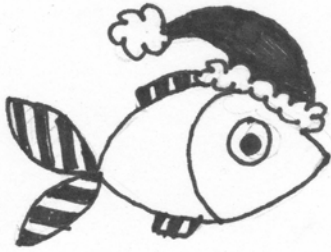
We would like to thank those who are rounding up for the Grange at Carver's Harbor Market. It will go towards many necessary maintenance and improvement projects. We sincerely appreciate the help you have given so far, and we hope some of you may be able to give a little more.

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Boats

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Uncle Joe was the first parent to purchase a boat for Vinalhaven. He dragged his vessel up from the seaside village (not) of Gaithersburg, Maryland. After 12 hours of driving and a 2-hour ferry ride, he came off the ferry to the boats new Port. His 65-continental dragging this enormous (to the family) 16-foot woody with a 40 horsepower even rude motor and a white canvas top. He drove by us; on his head was a captain's hat, with gold piping. (I thought it was a law that all boat purchases came with a Captains hat). With a wry smile he pulled his pipe from his mouth and said, “Hey Bub.” A fisherman from behind me murmured “Hey that's a lake boat”. After our hello's and welcomes we took the vessel to Gus Skoogs wharf. Gus was a master boat builder on the Island and had a dock that Uncle Joe was granted permission to moor his boat to. That night Uncle Joe got a phone call from a fisherman (in a new England accent), “Joe, your boats a-hanging”. A Phrase that would follow us through our vacationing childhood. We jumped into the family cars and dashed to the Dock. There it was Joe's 16-foot woody hanging askew, some 4 feet from off the water's surface. Immediately the parents berated all available cousins for this debacle. “As If”!! Another in a series of guilts, the parents would impose on us for their boating misadventures. This particular boat had a short life span as the next day the brain trust of parents decided to put the engine on the boat. Freshly and correctly tied to the dock, and at optimum low tide (not), the men decided to lower the engine hand over fist through the webbing of the dock. You might ask yourself, why didn't they just pull the boat up on shore and do this work? Well, they didn't. All of a sudden as the 6 men manhandled the engine to the boats deck, a screamed cried out. “Watch out below “. As I stood on the dock I witnessed the engine cartwheel through the air crashing through the boats hull, with a slight gurgle, gurgle, gurgle Joe's first 16 foot woody with a white canvas top, lake boat sunk under the mighty waves of the Atlantic. Immediately all the cousins scrambled before they were berated by the demoralized brain trust. We then, as a family dragged the SS Neversails carcass from the murky depths to shore, Uncle Joe pulled his pipe from his lips, his Captains hat from his head and said.” We'll let her dry out, patch her up, add a coat of Marine spar varnish and she'll be good as new”. That was not in her cards however as she sat up on blocks in Skoogs Boatyard till someone took pity and dragged her off to behind the big house, years later she was carted away to her final resting spot, the dump.


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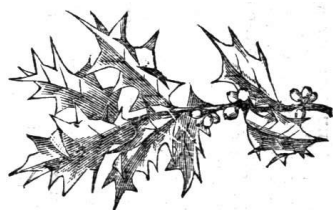
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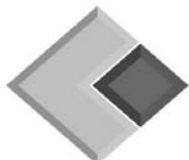
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temporarily gone online, for
URL and times
please email

VinalhavenAA@gmail.com

AL-ANON MEETING CHANGE

**Until further notice,
Al-Anon meetings will
be held virtually.**

To join the meeting by internet
OR phone, please email
vinalhavenalanon@gmail.com
or call 207-952-1817
Help is also available from Maine
Al-Anon maineafg.org
and World Al-Anon al-anon.org
We are here for you! Newcomers welcome!



SUNDAY

9:30—Sunday School
Adults in Church

10:30—Fellowship Time

11:00—Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

6 PM—Bible Study and
Prayer Time

ALL ARE WELCOME!

20 Fellowship Drive
863-9944
www.obbc-vinalhaven.org

Trivia Answers

1. He played the drum for him.
2. Melchior, Gasper, and Balhazar
3. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh

Maine Trivia

Mount Katahdin, Baxter Peak,
5,269 ft.; Mount Katahdin,
Hamlin Peak, 4,757 ft.;
Kinnebagog Divide, 3,776 ft.

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?

Carvers Harbor Market

News

We want to thank all of our customers for shopping local through these tough times. We want to support you as well. If you'd like an item we don't have, please let us know and we'll do our best to get it!!

We have a fresh shipment of Pine Tree Poultry products in, including their Meat Pies, Empanadas and farm raised Chicken and Turkey.

This week is our supersized 2 week Christmas Ad. We've got everything you need to make your holiday celebration perfect!! We have Boneless Beef Sirloin Roasts \$3.99 lb, Boneless Pork Roast \$1.79 lb, Shrimp Rings \$9.99, Banquet Sausage Links 10/\$10, California Clementines \$3.99 bag, Philadelphia Cream Cheese Bars 2/\$4, and many more!! Make sure to check out the ad available in store and at carversharbormarket.com Friday morning!!

Looking for an easy dinner or lunch? We always have hot specials in our Deli case and warming case. On Fridays, we'll be doing yummy Chester's Fried Chicken!! For dessert, whether you're looking to feed a crowd or just yourself, we have options for everyone in our bakery case.



OYSTERS

In the Carvers Parking Lot

Saturdays 9-11am

Can't make it?

Call 863-4837

to order,

2 dozen minimum

The Sand Bar

863-4500 * Dine-In or Take-Out
Open for Lunch, Dinner & Cocktails
11 am – 8pm
Closed Monday

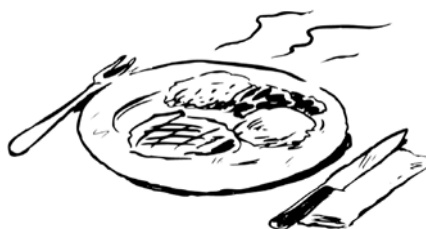
Sand Bar face masks now
available \$10

Makes a great gift!

Don't forget to order
togo booze ~~slushies~~
(or your favorite cocktail)
with any takeout order (21+)
Gift Cards, t-shirts, hoodies...

Looking forward to
Community Night 12/18/21!

Check our Facebook page for
daily specials & ~~slushie~~ flavors



SURFSIDE

DAILY 4:00ish-10:30 AM.
LIMITED INSIDE/OUTSIDE
SEATING; STILL TAKING
CURBSIDE ORDERS.
PLEASE FOLLOW STATE
PROTOCOL.
863-2767

FRESH SCALLOPS

\$15/lb., taking orders for contact free pick
up at the house.

please call 863-4926

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variety of fresh meats from
Wiggins Butcher shop. Call for
free delivery and a full menu
including steaks, ground chuck,
sausage, pork chops, fresh
chicken, fresh cooked lobsters,
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Kelly and Lee Oxton: 703-6720



Hand-selected wines,
artisanal cheeses, craft
beers, Maine raised meats,
locally roasted coffee,
and more!

**OPEN
TUESDAY
thru
SATURDAY
11-5**

Join us for tastings
on the following days:
12/11, 12/18, 12/21,
12/22, 12/23, 12/24
We will be pouring
from 2-5!

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