

P.O. BOX 194, VINALHAVEN, ME 04863

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION: \$50



March 11 - March 17, 2021

E-MAIL: vinalhavenwind@gmail.com



Don't forget to put your clocks ahead one hour on March 14th!

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 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!

Word has been received that Kay Poor had a wonderful 100th birthday celebration, with over 70 cards and a dozen bouquets of flowers. If you happen to get the *Courier Gazette* there is a wonderful photo and write-up of her special day.

Thank you

to everyone who donated & helped with our fundraising efforts, for the new Christmas garland (around poles) and lights (tree). A special thank you goes out to 1st National Bank, VHCC and Island Closet. This wouldn't have been possible without all your help...

Thanks again,
4th of July Committee

No More Wind Online After April 1st



As of April 6th, we will be moving back to doing *The Wind* in hardcopy in the church vestry. **Starting that week, submissions to *The Wind* will be due by 9 pm the Monday before (Monday, April 5th).**

- ☉ Because of the continuing risk of Covid, **no walk-in ads will be accepted.**
- ☉ Because we will be doing it physically, and it has to be put on the boat, **no late ads can be accepted.**



Community Calendar

Email events to:
windnonprofitads@gmail.com

The Mainland Fairy

Need someone to pick up groceries, Chinese food, prescriptions and send them across? Need a ride to doctors appointment?

Call Chuck 207-303-7787

Town of Vinalhaven Information

www.townofvinalhaven.org

Calendar

Committee meetings 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**.

Budget Workshop – Virtual Meeting, Tuesday, March 16, 4:00pm Contact Andrew Dorr, Town Manager for Zoom information townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org

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

Community Development Corporation Committee – Virtual Meeting, Thursday, March 25, 5pm, FMI contact Gabe McPhail gmcphail@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 Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 9am-1pm. Thursday and Friday – call to see if she is in. To schedule an appointment, contact 863-2168 or vhceo@townofvinalhaven.org

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
Mailing and physical address: 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-W, 9am-1pm
863-2168 or vhceo@townofvinalhaven.org

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



Public Official Nomination Papers Available!

As of Friday, February 26th, 2021, interested candidates may request nomination papers for Elections to be held on June 8th, 2021.

Positions

Two – 3-year Terms for Selectman

Two – 3-year Terms for MSAD #8 Director (School Board)

One – 3-year Term for Water District Trustee

Candidates must collect not less than 25, nor more than 100 signatures of registered voters to be placed on the June 8th, 2021 ballot. The deadline for submitting nomination papers back to the Town Office is Friday, April 9th, 2021.

For more information contact the Town Clerk at (207) 863-4343 or stop in the Town Office.

REPORT ALL LOOSE DOGS TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

There have been several loose dog incidents recently where dogs have caused harm to pets and livestock on other people's property. **DOG OWNERS – the Town follows the State's Leash Law: It is unlawful for any dog to run at large except when it is used for hunting. *At large means off the premises of the owner and not under the control of any person**

If you witness a dog at large, **please TAKE PICTURES of the loose animal(s) and report the incident immediately to Animal Control Officer James Knowlton (207) 756-0209** If you are unable to reach him, please contact Knox County Dispatch (207) 593-9132

Posting incidents on Facebook is not an effective way to resolve this growing problem. #doyourpartvh

Wind Online Ad Specifications

Deadline for Submissions
Tuesdays 5:00 pm

Acceptable Ad Sizes

By the Page

Full page (vert.): 7.625" W x 10.125" H

Half Page (horiz.): 7.625" W x 4.875" H

Quarter Pg. (vert.): 3.625" W x 4.875" H

Eighth Pg. (horiz.): 3.625" W x 2.25" H

By the Column Inch

1 Column = 2.25" wide

2 Columns = 5"

3 Columns = 7.625"

Max. column length: 10.125"

Acceptable File Formats

MS Word, pdf, jpg, png, tif

Images at 300 dpi, converted to black and white print better! *Please follow these guidelines if you can.*

Rates per Column Inch

(3 columns per page)

Non-profit \$1.50

For profit \$3.50

- Additional cost for photographs
- Community Calendar Events are free of charge. Email to: windnonprofitads@gmail.com

Submissions

Deadline: Tuesdays 5:00 pm

Wind ad submissions accepted by email ONLY until further notice.*

Send to: vinalhavenwind@gmail.com

*DO NOT LEAVE SUBMISSIONS AT THE CHURCH VESTRY. They will not be collected!

Subscriptions

3 Months: \$15 **12 Months:** \$50

Mail to: The Wind, P.O. Box 194
Vinalhaven, ME 04863

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The Wind, contact
vinalhavenwind@gmail.com*



Hazel Dyer & Max Conway

Trivia Questions

1. What song started Anne Murray's musical career?
2. Who said, "Henry, please don't ever tell anyone that I cried, and I am not strong?"
3. Who did Jimmy Hoffa describe as "a young, dim-witted, curly-headed smart aleck...a ruthless little monster?"

To Our Advertisers:

As you are aware, the WIND has not charged for ads since the end of February 2020.

We will begin billing at the beginning of March 2021 for ads run in February.

If we must enlarge your ad for space reasons, will charge you for the smaller ad size you requested. If your ad is printed on a smaller scale (not likely to happen), you will be charged for the smaller size. Thanks for your continued support.



SECOND HAND PROSE

Now open
with the usual safety
measures in place

We have
gently used books
rare books
kids books
holiday books
craft books
cook books
puzzles
music CDs
DVDs

...all good things for
the long winter

OPEN

Most Fridays & Saturdays
10-2

Look for the OPEN flag

All sales support
Friends of the Library

Massachusetts to Maine Basketball is Her Game

by Hunter Ames

Many people know Sandy Nelson, but there are some things most don't know. The VHS girls' basketball coach is in not one, but two, basketball halls of fame. She earned the first honor as a player on a Massachusetts championship team and the second one from coaching a Massachusetts championship team.

Nelson was born in Marctown, New Jersey, February 13th, 1950. Her family moved to Vinalhaven when she was 3 months old, and her dad opened a lobster buying station in Sands Cove. She says she was influenced by her brothers and her first basketball coach, Barb Davidson, who taught her the fundamentals of basketball. Contrary to popular belief, Nelson was not always tall. She was actually short for her age up until her later years in high school.

At 12 years old, Nelson and her family moved to Worcester, MA, where her dad got a job at Heald Machine Company. The first team she ever played for was her high school team, Marian High School.

Basketball for girls was very different when Nelson was a kid. The girls were only allowed to dribble the ball three times before passing it because the people who ran the league thought the girls would get hurt. "Oh, but they were wrong," said Nelson with a chuckle. Then the Massachusetts high school basketball league made a rule that the teams were only allowed to have two rovers, meaning two girls on each team that were allowed to play on both sides of the court.

Despite all of these rules, Nelson's team was very successful with Nelson locking down the paint at the center position.

After she graduated, she went to Worcester State College, naturally. Nelson continued to play the

center position and was successful there, too, earning a state championship title in 1971.

They used to play every college in the state, from D1 schools to the least competitive schools in the state. At times, she said, some of the teams weren't even fun to play against because they were too easy to beat. Nelson still keeps in touch with some of her teammates from that 1971 team to this day. Turns out Nelson isn't a one trick pony. She also earned a volleyball state champ title in her time with Worcester State.

She graduated from college in 1972, started coaching Leicester high school in 1974, and quickly helped them obtain a district championship. They fell just short at states in 1979. In 1982 they won the district championship again, but the state had a lack of funds to hold the state championship game.

In 1991 Nelson went on to coach Prouty High in Spencer, Massachusetts. Prouty High was in good hands. In 1998 they were runner up in the state finals, but bounced back the next year and went all the way in 1999.

When Nelson moved back to Vinalhaven, she decided to coach the high school girls. "I thought I had something to offer the girls," said Nelson. That she did, coaching the Vinalhaven girls to a gold ball in 2017 and a gold ball runner up the following year.

Nelson is all basketball. She says her only hobbies and interests are watching sports and coaching high school basketball. Although she says the hardest part about coaching is "putting your life on hold," I don't think she would take back one second of it.

Kids Trivia

1. What is the biggest bone in the body?
2. What is the smallest continent?
3. What is the capital city of Canada?

The Widow Island Fund Applications are now open until March 31st.

Please see the school's website for the application and reach out to Bryan Feezor if you have any questions.

https://4f239a3a-dc41-4f46-99a60418bec7ff4a.filesusr.com/ugd/d7d2ef_42d7861a0c614eb89ec326674b088b0a.pdf

KINDERGARTEN KIDS: Class of 2032



What is your name? Addison

How old are you? 6

When is your birthday?
December 19th.

Who is in your family? Papa, Auntie, Nana, Bubba, Mama and Daddy

Where do you live? Round the Island.

Do you have any pets? Tell us about them. Yes, I do! Cinder and Newman. Newman scratches and Cinder barks.

Name some of your friends.
Nolan, Ezra, Johnny, Helen, Tori, Ryan, Jayda, Shelby, Isla, Biggy, Javin, Audi and Jayce, Ellie, Liam and Colin.

Name three of your favorite foods. Eggs, bacon, pizza.

What is/are your favorite color(s): Pink, white, yellow and dark blue, and red.

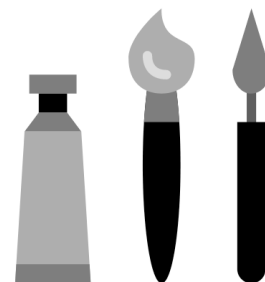
What do you like best about kindergarten? I love playing with Jayda and finding Ezra and Isla.

What do you like to do after school? I like to watch YouTube just like Avery.

What do your parents do for work? Mommy and Daddy do the same thing, they go lobstering. Mommy takes care of me, too.

Tell us something special about you. I'm not scared of "Goosebumps."

What do you want to be when you are grown up? A teacher.



VINALHAVEN SCHOOL
WINTER/SPRING 2021

K-12 ART SHOW

ON DISPLAY DOWNSTREET
IN THE STAR OF HOPE WINDOWS

EXHIBIT NO.1 FEBRUARY & MARCH
EXHIBIT NO.2 APRIL & MAY

Our students are
creative, clever, & curious!

*Student work not displayed in the first exhibit,
will be on display in the April/May exhibit.



Pop-up Snowshoe Walk

Banner Moffat has offered to lead a "pop-up" snowshoe walk when there is enough snow! If you would like to be notified when this is scheduled, please send your email address to programs@vinalhavenlandtrust.org. Bring snowshoes and poles or winter hiking boots. Social distancing required.

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

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, 207-863-2042**
townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org

KINDERGARTEN KIDS: Class of 2032



What is your name? Gannon

How old are you? I am 5. These are easy questions.

When is your birthday? Umm in May I'll be 6 years-old.

Who is in your family? My mom. Aiden and Ryker they are my brothers and Michael he's my dad. And my grandma and Cheryl.

Where do you live? The neck road on Vinalhaven.

Do you have any pets? Tell us about them. I have two cats. Lloyd is mean and scratches me when I stop petting him. He has sharp claws. Leroy is the other one I let him inside when it's cold out and he's a lot nicer to me than the other one. We have 4 chickens too.

Name some of your friends. I have a lot of friends. Aiden, Michael from my class, Maevis, Lucas, Scottie. I like everyone in my class even my teachers.

Name three of your favorite foods. Chicken nuggets, cookies, and French toast is my favorite.

What is/are your favorite color(s): Red

What do you like best about kindergarten? Everything, but I love to play with my friends.

What do you like to do after school? Go home and get a snack.

What do your parents do for work? Michael goes to his shop, and he is the boss. He goes on his boat and catches lobsters, too. My mom cleans all day and chases my brother he's wild sometimes.

Tell us something special about you. I have the best mom and family.

What do you want to be when you are grown up? Police officer or basketball player.

Do you have any fun websites to pass the time while we're social distancing (or even after)? Send them to vinalhavenwind@gmail.com

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."

– Charles Dickens
Great Expectations



IVC News

→As you may have heard, the Parsonage on Pleasant St. has sold, and IVC needs to find a new location by June. We have submitted an offer on a house and are currently waiting for a response. We are hopeful our offer will be accepted, however if you have any ideas or options for IVC, please let us know.

→Speaking of board members.... we are looking for people in the community to join our board. If you are interested in supporting this vital community non-profit organization, please let us know.

→IVC has space for part-time and full-time childcare. Check us out on Facebook to see what fun we are having!

→We are fundraising! Currently IVC is running the Little Caesars pizza kit fundraiser from March 1-19. Look for more details on Facebook!

For more information, contact Megan Day at 207-807-4334 or via Messenger.

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

Word of the Week – Cynosure –

1. A center of attention or interest
2. Something that serves to guide

VINALHAVEN CAMPAIGN FOR COMMUNITY BROADBAND

The Town of Vinalhaven's Fox Islands Broadband Task Force is working to build community consensus to bring high speed internet to every home on the island.

Check out our
Broadband
Glossary!

Go to
www.townofvinalhaven.org
click on "Join the Vinalhaven
Broadband Conversation"
on the homepage

EVENTS

Next Week!

**Live on Zoom
and Facebook**

**6pm Wednesday
March 17**

Learn about the various ownership models other towns have used to bring universal broadband to their communities and hear from Broadband Task Force members about why they feel a municipally-owned broadband system is the best option for Vinalhaven.

To join on Zoom,
contact **Gabe McPhail**
gmcpmail@
townofvinalhaven.org
(207) 952-1817

*Your Broadband
Questions Answered*

What is Municipally-Owned Broadband?

Broadband refers to high-speed Internet. Municipally-owned broadband is publicly-owned and controlled internet infrastructure (cables, connections, equipment, etc.) service.

Many communities with municipal broadband hire an Internet Service Provider (ISP) to manage the providing of internet service to the community. A contract between the ISP and the Town spells out the rates, levels of service, and other important criteria that have been defined by the community and agreed upon by the ISP. Under municipal ownership, community's are not beholden to incumbent ISPs. The town hires an ISP that best aligns with the community's goals and may fire the ISP if they fail to meet those goals as defined in their contract. Most communities that invest tax and grant dollars into building municipal broadband, opt to use the best technology (fiber optics) and provide the fastest speeds.

Islesboro is a great example of a community with municipally-owned broadband. Islesboro provides a fiber optic internet connection to all homes on their island that want service. They offer one "tier" of service – a symmetrical speed of 1Gbps download and upload (1000/1000Mbps – 1 billion bits per second.) One of Islesboro's broadband goals is equity – providing the same affordable access to all locations on their island. As a result, their community contracts with an ISP to provide broadband service to all subscribers at a rate of \$30 per month.

Learn more. Contact Janann janannsherman@gmail.com
or Gabe gmcpmail@townofvinalhaven.org

Southern Exposure

In the mid 60's Mom, Alison and I drove to Maryland to visit the Richardson clan. It was Aunt Jane and Uncle Joe's 25 Wedding Anniversary, Yee Gatz! How can that be as I'm only 39! The trip itself was uneventful but long (to a kid 5 hours is long). This driving experience is felt by every child. "How long now" is uttered at various intervals.

Always culminating in this response "we'll get there when we get there."

On the final leg of our journey (pre-Google maps), we were somewhat lost. Gaithersburg, at this time, was a rural farming community. As we turned our 63 Ford Country Squire-Station Wagon onto Quince Orchard Road, we centered on trying to find the house. Staring roadside I ran my finger along the passenger window tracing the height of the different property fence heights.

I murmured "Can Jeff's horse jump over this fence?"

"I don't know," mom responded.

"How about this fence" I countered.

"I have no idea." She snapped in annoyance.

As the words passed her lips she shrieked, "S***, that's the driveway and thumped on the brakes. The Richardson property was an oasis surrounded by sprawling farm meadows. The inviting driveway was long and protected on both sides by massive oak trees. In the center of the open property, was a horse jumping fence (called a Bank) with its rail set low. Further down the driveway, was a clay tennis court. As we passed, Uncle Joe was eagerly defending his tennis honor against Pam, both adorned in proper tennis attire. My eyes turned to the massive columns of the big white house. We drove around the circular driveway and up to the front door. As I studied this old southern mansion my eyes drifted up at the second-floor window, there was Aunt Jane smiling down at us. We were at home.

We scurried from the car as Johnny and Joe darted out the door. "D****t, 'bout time (the pony) is out. Hey Aunt Sug, Richie," Joey yelled, as he ran off chasing the pony. "Al, Ginny's in the stable with Dimsey" he added as he trailed off, so Alison skipped down where Joe had pointed to join her. Johnny showed me around the house.

"Yeah, Rich, this house is haunted."

"A wh , wha, what ?" I exclaimed.

"Yeah, we call him Baba, he hung himself on the third floor, many, many years ago."

I scurried past the third-floor staircase, suffice it to say I never went up, but every time I passed the staircase I looked up, got the heebie-jeebies, and wondered.

After throwing my bag in Johnny's room, I walked down to the kitchen and met Doris (the maid) who was making dinner, as cooking was not Aunt Jane's forte. Playing at the kitchen table was her daughter Tracy, they were part of the Richardson extended family. Jeff was up the road at another stable taking care of his horse Spirit, Cracker was Barb and Pam's horse, Dimsey was Ginny's. Susie, Johnny, and Joey weren't equestrian but were sports junkies. You know? Sometimes life is like Double Dutch sometimes you can jump in and out of it smoothly and sometimes not, it was family. We fit right in

— Richard Flagg

**ISLAND TICKS**
pest control

207-837-7011

We are starting our lists:

Browntail Moths

Ants

Tick/Mosquitoes

Mice....Always Mice

Island Owned + Operated
Charlie + Erica Simpson

"Retired Property Manager"

Frank W. Demmons

863-4364

Handy-man work, Hard-scape & Landscape, Mechanic; small engine & heavy equipment. Mudding & painting (inside only), Professional tiling (any design you want)

Do you need woods work done, cutting , clearing, or just sprucing things up? Call Two Many Captains tree service, no job too small, reasonable rates and references available. Kyle Doughty and Joseph Hutchinson

863-5009 or

KD3205@twc.com





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

Thurs: 8:00 am – 12 noon

Closed Tues. AM and Thurs. PM

Dental Services

Dentist: March 10,11,17,18,19,24,25,&31

Hygienist: March 10,11,12,18,19,25,26,

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 March 12th & 26th

Women's Health

Kathleen Coleman, ANP April 2

To schedule an appointment,
please call 863-4341.

**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

Islands Community Medical Services, Inc., is very grateful to Dinah Moyer for devoting 25 years of service to our community and helping to ensure the health and well-being of our friends and family members. Dinah has announced her resignation as Executive Director of ICMS as of March 31, 2021. She will be available to assist ICMS for another year, including helping ICMS transition to a new Executive Director, as she explores other opportunities. The entire Board of Directors of ICMS wishes to thank Dinah for her loyal service and tremendous commitment.



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**

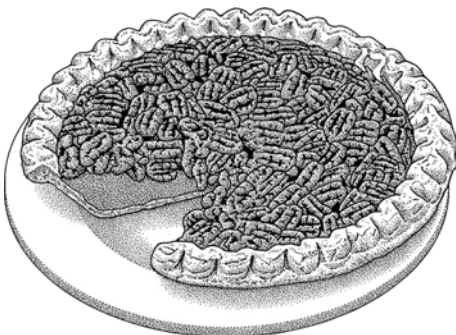
We have appointments available by telemedicine through
Zoom. We are offering a **free visit** for anyone who is
struggling during these challenging times.

You can call Jeff or Dan directly.

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

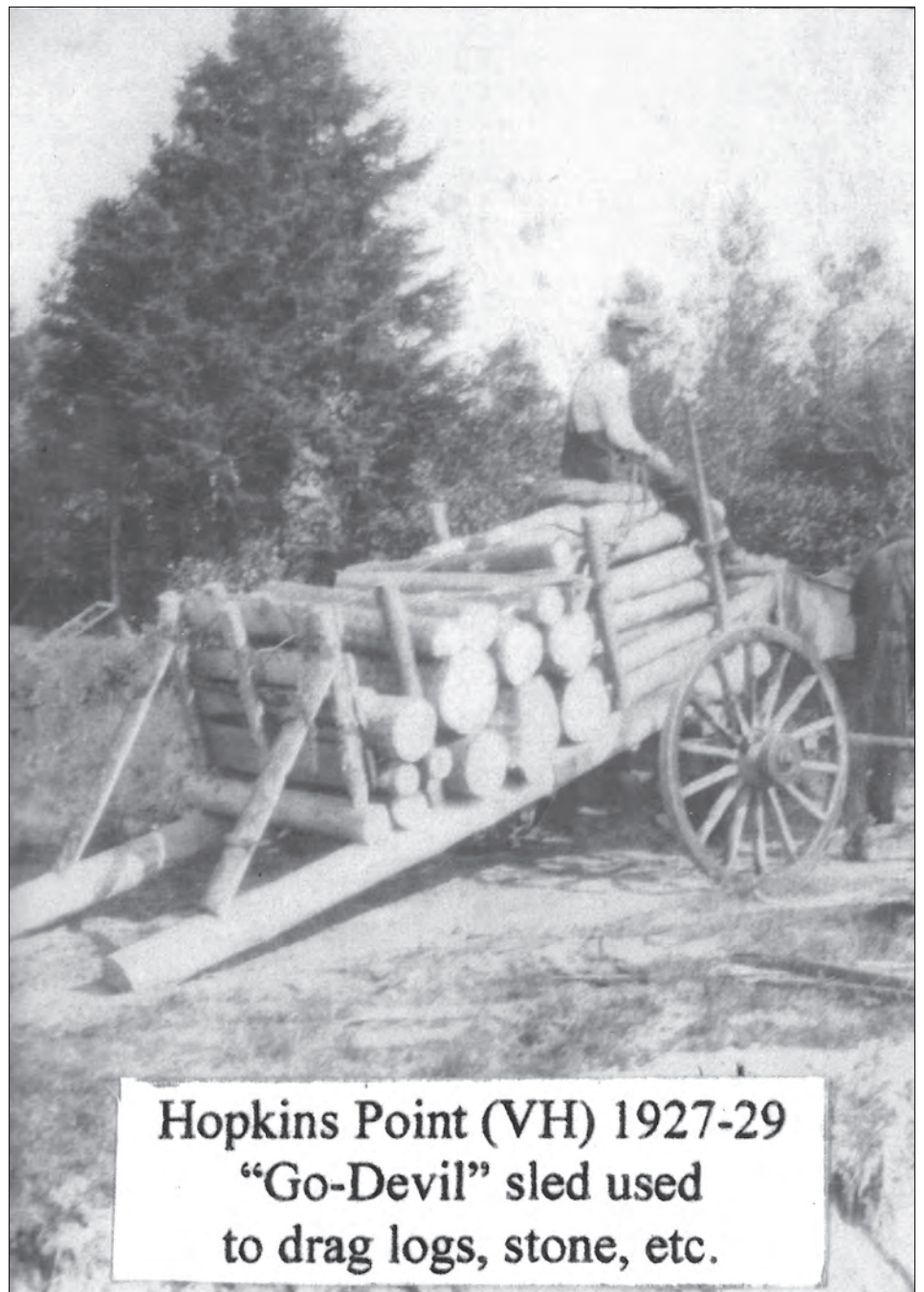
The Observer

All he wanted was not to have to slave over a hot stove for just one night so when it was recently announced that the Pleasant River Chapel would be hosting a Baked Bean Supper to go, with all the trimmings, and for only ten dollars, Jeff jumped at the chance. He called in his order, baked beans and hot dogs, coleslaw, brown bread with raisins and a piece of Pecan Pie and was told to stop by the Chapel at 5:40 the next (Saturday) evening and was admonished to be on time because a great number had chosen to avail themselves and the line of cars would be long. As an EMT, Jeff was 'On call' of course, as he always is, and as it happened, he was called out Saturday afternoon to provide assistance. During a break in all that response required of him, he called the Chapel to let them know he'd probably be late. At 6:30 he was finally free to go and hurried up to the Chapel to pick up his long-awaited and anticipated dinner but when he got there Pete told him they no longer had a dinner ready for him and nothing was left over from which they might create a new one. 'What happened to the one you'd set aside?' 'Ethel ate it,' Pete said, "but Bob forgave her." pc



Did You Know

- David F. Blakeman (1759-1869) was the last surviving Revolutionary War soldier to receive a veteran's pension from that war (1775-1783).
- John Tyler, born in 1790 and died in 1862 was the 10th president of the U.S. (1841-1845). His grandson, Harrison, is still living. Harrison was born in 1928.



Hopkins Point (VH) 1927-29
"Go-Devil" sled used
to drag logs, stone, etc.



Brown Tail Moth Awareness

Have you or someone you know been affected by the rash caused by browntail moths? If so, NOW is the time to control their caterpillars, while they are still in the web.

Inspect the tips of branches on hardwood trees, especially oak, apple, and other fruit trees to locate the webs.

To see what the webs look like and how to remove them:

extension.umaine.edu/cumberland/2019/05/13/browntail-moth/

To remove: clip and destroy the webs within reach. This is best done before mid-April and always wear eye protection and cover hands and skin.

For more information:

maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/invasive_threats/browntail_moth_faqs.htm



Browntail moth nests are found on the tips of branches.

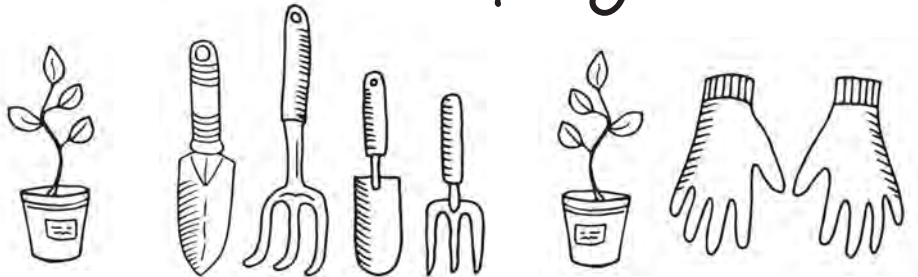
Knox-Lincoln Spring Plant Sale Catalog & Online Ordering are Here!

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The Ladies Who Look After Vinalhaven School

by Max VanDyne

The janitors have been unrecognized heroes of Vinalhaven School, rigorously cleaning the building every day, even every hour. Vinalhaven School has three custodians, Dawn and Ginger Swears, and Peggy Warren.

Ginger is the youngest and has worked at the school for about five years. She was in middle school when the building was built, and says she remembers it when it was new. About the state of the school, she expressed that the school has fallen back on some repairs. "It needs some work," she said.

Dawn has been working in the school for just about seven years. She likes cleaning the school, and helping with the little kids during breakfast. Dawn's hours have been modified due to Covid-19. She used to come in at two in the afternoon, now she comes in at nine in the morning, and leaves at five. Even though her schedule went through a rather significant change, she took it in stride. "I like it better than night time," she said.

Peggy has been a custodian for Vinalhaven School for 33 years. She cleaned the last schoolhouse before it was torn down to be replaced by the current building. "It's easier to clean than the old school," she said.

Their jobs include cleaning any surfaces such as desks, tables, chairs, and doors. They also have to clean during the day. Dawn walks around the school, wiping the hand rails on the stairs every hour. They also need to clean any high-traffic areas, such as the cafe, classrooms, and halls.

During vacations, the custodians don't get to rest. They still need to come in to clean, strip, and wax the floors. They only have one waxer, so it takes some time to get both floors done.

Regarding all of their responsibilities, it's easy to see why their patience might wear thin. Cleaning up after 170 kids with a team of three must get tiresome.

In-person learning would not be possible during a pandemic if it weren't for these women, and we owe them thanks.



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Kid Trivia Answers

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3. Ottawa

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where you're not wanted
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want to crack like thunder
upon this blue green orb
to blaze our in a light
so bright even your minds
can't describe its luster
It all comes round to us you
know, the feminine alleyways
of no return, the womb tomb
of everyday man, existence
squeaks of pain, nothing is
like nothing else

Why won't you share a crust
of bread me laddie
or are you one o' the ones
so fascinated with the light
that you had to make it
bigger and better
than God's very own?

And you lift your fiddle
and begin your life
over and over again you play
plugged into God knows how
many amps. But we never

could keep our feet still
our hearts still enchanted
we danced to the steps of
your homemade version
of Hannibal raping the Alps
with no less than elephants

Will you come home laddie
now while the moon is choking
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— *Paddy Noble*

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Tidbits from the Vinalhaven Historical Society

The Log Cabin at Round Pond was built by Moses Webster in the late 1870's. "Uncle Moses" as he was endearingly called by Vinalhaven folk, fell in love with the complacent Round Pond and its beautiful environment and decided to convert it into a miniature recreation park. Soon the adjacent forest rang with the sound of the woodsman's axe and the clink and clatter of picks and shovels as workmen began the construction of the road that encircled the little lake. When it was completed what a delightful promenade it made; bordered by moss grown trees more than half a century old, ancient boulders, the soft springy soil underfoot carpeted with red-dened sprills from spruce and pine; the air pungent with forest odors and the ever present intimacy of the pond which, at all times, could be seen sparkling through the trees. The cabin was built first then the little red boat house near the shore. Time was when during the summer and fall there was seldom a day that there wasn't a picnic party at Round Pond. Winter, too, saw the horse sled with its hayrick load of joyous youth on many a moonlit evening straw ride to this favorite rendezvous. Legions are the love affairs that had their beginning at Round Pond and among the local citizenry may yet be found one with hair whitened by the passing years, who may point out to you letters cut in the bark of one of the moss grown trees placed there forty odd years ago. No spot was more popular with all the town folk in those days than Round Pond with its cozy little old log cabin nestled up on the hill among the trees and no spot more redolent with happy memories. The cabin was struck by lightning during a thunderstorm on July 6, 1934 and burned to the ground.

The Vinalhaven Neighbor Dec. 8, 1937

Speaking of spry New Englanders, can you beat this? While a chimney at the home of Joseph Ames was being repaired last week, Mr. Ames' father, Ezekiel Ames, who is nearly 93 years of age, helped by carrying bricks up a long ladder to the bricklayer, George Robbins.

Courier-Gazette April 16, 1931

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Carey Cameron



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Tuesday, March 9: Grades K-1

Friday, March 12: Grades 2-4

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Tuesday, March 16: Grades K-1

Thursday, March 18: Grades 2-4

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

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Saturday Mar 20

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