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Spirits

Hand-selected wine, artisanal
cheese, craft beer, Maine raised
meats, locally roasted coffee
beans, gluten free pasta &
crackers...& more!

Pouring wines
from 3-5 on
Friday, 4/9 & on
Wednesday, 4/21!

Our Hours:

TUESDAY
thru
SATURDAY
11-5

32 Main Street
863.2192



Trivia Answers

1. Australia
2. Cranberry and lime
3. College of Cardinals



The Sand Bar

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

We are open with a few changes

* A second table in dining room

* Enter/Exit thru any door

* Bar can stay open later
(provided social distancing & masks
on while standing)

*This applies to everyone, regardless
of vaccine. Thanks for helping us
follow CDC guidelines.*

Curbside available, let us know
when you call.

Menu and online ordering have
been delayed... fingers crossed
for the first of May.

Check our Facebook page for
daily specials and updates.

Mudslides Togo!!!

EASY CHICKEN POT PIE (SKILLET RECIPE)

Ingredients:

3 tbsps unsalted butter
1 lb boneless skinless chicken
breasts, cut into bite sized pieces
½ tsp black pepper
½ tsp kosher salt
¼ cup all-purpose flour
3 cups chicken stock
2 cups frozen veggies (corn, peas,
carrots)
3 ounces fresh Parm cheese, grated
1 tsp dried parsley
CHEESY DROP BISCUITS:
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 ounces fresh Parm cheese, grated
1 tbsp baking powder
1 tbsp granulated sugar
½ tsp kosher salt
½ cup unsalted butter, melted
1 cup whole milk

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees
2. Melt butter in a (10-inch) oven safe skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Cook until chicken is browned, about 2 minutes each side.
3. Add flour and whisk to combine. Slowly add chicken stock while whisking skillet. Whisk until well combined. Add in vegetables and cheese. Stir to combine. Reduce heat to medium. Allow mixture to come to a boil, stirring occasionally.
4. Meanwhile: In a large mixing bowl combine flour, cheese, baking powder, sugar and salt. Whisk to combine well. Add butter and milk. Stir to combine.
5. Drop biscuits by the rounded tablespoon-full on top of pot pie. Place skillet on cookie sheet and then slide into the oven. Bake for 10-12 minutes, until biscuits are golden brown.
6. Sprinkle with fresh parsley, serve and enjoy!

P.O. BOX 194, VINALHAVEN, ME 04863

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION: \$50

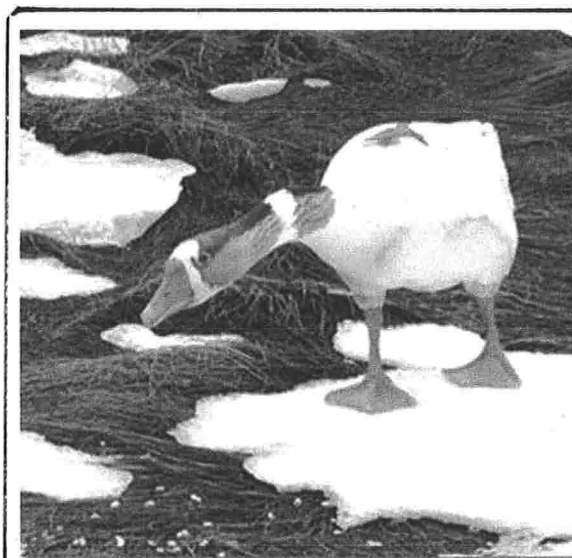


April 8 - April 14, 2021

E-MAIL: vinalhavenwind@gmail.com



Spring has sprung
The grass has riz
I wonder where
The boidies iz?



THANK YOU ANDY NELSON
For bringing corn for me and my
growing family!!!
Your Friend,
Goosie aka Luther

Word Of The Week ∞
Lemniscate - an infinity sign

NOTICE

WINDs are now available at local
businesses and the WIND boxes at
the ferry terminal, Todd's Garage and
in front of the post office. Thanks to
Phil Crossman for the new boxes there.



Thank You!

With thanks to EVAN BROWN
the Grange has heat
and
is ready for year round
programs and activities!

We are grateful to
Hal Holt and Pam Kittredge
for donating their monitor
and
Evan Brown for so generously
using his considerable talent
and knowledge to rehabilitate
the entire system.

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.

Select Board – Virtual Meeting, Tuesday, April 13, 5:30pm Contact Andrew Dorr, Town Manager for Zoom information townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org

Planning Board – Virtual Meeting, Wednesday, April 14, 7pm, Contact Faye Grant, CEO/LPI for Zoom login info vhceo@townofvinalhaven.org

Planning Commission – Virtual Meeting, Thursday, April 8, 5pm, Contact Holly Sault for Zoom login info bfalls802@yahoo.com

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@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



Public Official Nomination Papers DEADLINE TOMORROW APRIL 9th!

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.



PLANNING TO DO SOME CLEARING?

**Please contact the CEO
before cutting or clearing
any vegetation.**

A permit is required before clearing property within the SLZ, which is 250 feet deep.

*Avoid misunderstandings
and fines – Contact before you
Clear!*

(207) 863-2168
vhceo@townofvinalhaven.org

2nd Property Tax Payment

Due Monday, May 3rd

FMI (207) 863-4343

Town of Vinalhaven Harbor Master Notice

Recently I was asked by a local fisherman, "Why it is that I must hurry up and move my trailer, traps, and skiff within the allotted 48-hour limit (which is referenced in the harbor ordinance) and other people can park autos, tractor trailers, business vehicles, broken down cars, etc. that exceed the 48 hour limit? I think it is totally unfair to me and other fishermen to have to follow the rules and others don't."

I will be aggressively looking into that. Meanwhile, please keep moving the traps, trailers, rope, buoys, used oil buckets, trash, etc. as this is the time for all of us to set traps and take up traps, and it is important for other fishermen to have room to conduct their business also.

Please stop leaving your trash, used oil, and other unwanted property for me to clean up after you! We need to work together for the benefit of all of us and be thoughtful of the next person that needs to use the harbor wharf and parking lot wharf. Meanwhile, I will be working hard to make sure you have the space you need and deserve to conduct business at both locations.

Please get a copy of the Harbor Ordinance and read it. I would be happy to provide one to anyone who wants it, or you can get a copy at the town office upon request. Please help me to help you!

Harbor Master,
Jim Knowlton

Did you know?

The longest word in the English language is "pneumonoultramicroscopic silicovolcanoconiosis".
Look it up.



VINALHAVEN SCHOOL
WINTER/SPRING 2021

K-12 ART SHOW

ON DISPLAY DOWNSTREET
IN THE STAR OF HOPE WINDOWS

**New exhibit
this week!**

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

It's so fun to share student work
on Main Street this year!!

*If you haven't checked out the first exhibit
TODAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE!!

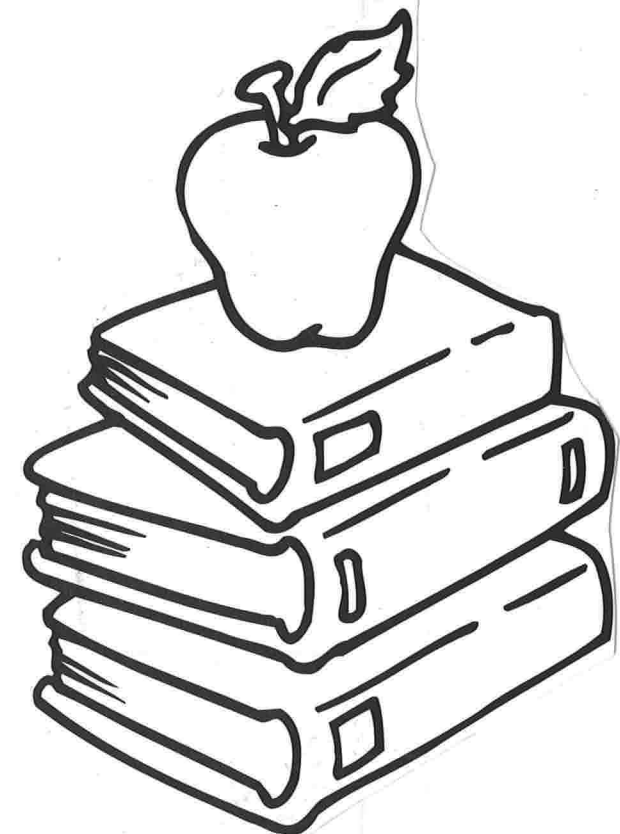
UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES:

- 4/16 3rd quarter ends
- 4/16 Early release at 12:30. Teacher workshop in PM.
- 4/19 No school – Patriots Day



Upcoming School Budget Zoom
Work Session April 13th at 4pm

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://networkmaine.zoom.us/j/3280774764>
Meeting ID: 328 077 4764





VINALHAVEN CAMPAIGN FOR COMMUNITY BROADBAND

Take the 2021 BROADBAND SURVEY!

Let the Fox Islands Broadband Task Force know if you support a municipally-owned broadband solution for Vinalhaven.

Learn more...

The 2021 Broadband Survey is a fast and easy way for you to let the Fox Islands Broadband Task Force know if you would like the Town to build and operate a municipally-owned high-speed internet network.

By now you should have received a paper version of the survey in the mail. Fill that out and return it in the envelope provided or take the survey online (see link below).

Based on the results of the survey, the Select Board and Task Force will determine if and how to move forward with this project. Keep in mind that your survey response is not a conclusive yes or no vote for or against this project.

FMI and to take the online survey go to townofvinalhaven.org/fox-islands-broadband-task-force/pages/2021-vinalhaven-broadband-survey

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.) and service.

Many communities with municipal broadband hire an Internet Service Provider (ISP) to manage providing 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, communities 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.

Dear Family and Friends of the Class of 2021

Would you like to include a personalized message of congratulations to one or all of this year's graduating class in the yearbook? If so, keep reading!

The Yearbook Committee is currently designing the ad-space portion of the yearbook. As you know, it's a Vinalhaven tradition that family, friends and local merchants often insert congratulatory ads in the back of the yearbook. Ads come in four sizes; 1/8 page for \$15, 1/4 page for \$25, 1/2 page for \$50, and full page for \$100. All ads are in color. Funds generated from personal and business ads are applied directly to the overall cost of the yearbook and help reduce the final price.

If you are interested in purchasing ad space, please complete the below form and mail it to: Vinalhaven School, (Attn: Yearbook Committee), 22 Arcola Lane, Vinalhaven, ME 04863. Or, you are welcome to bring the form directly into the school. Please enclose payment with the form. Please make checks payable to Vinalhaven Yearbook. Forms should be received by April 20th, 2021.

As with many things this year, the yearbook and the Yearbook Committee have taken shape a little differently. We have a small but dedicated group of students and staff working hard after school to create a yearbook to showcase our school year! This year, we are unable to have students contact businesses directly for ad sales. We apologize for any inconvenience.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bianca Barroso (bbarroso@vinalhavenschool.org). We appreciate your continued support of the Vinalhaven School Yearbook Committee.



Yearbook Advertising
Class of 2021

Person/Business taking out ad space: _____ Phone: _____

Space requested (circle one): 1/8 Page 1/4 Page 1/2 Page Full Page

Images/Clipart included: Yes/No

Message

Payment Enclosed: _____

If you desire, please include a sketch or rough design on the back of this page. Attach any artwork you'd like included in the ad. All art work will be cared for and returned to you, should you desire.

Would you like to have artwork returned?

Yes/No

Would you like to approve the ad once it has been designed?

Yes/No



Chili Supper Drive-Thru

When: Thursday, April 29th

Time: 5:00pm

Where: Pleasant River Chapel

Cost: \$10 per meal

Each meal includes cornbread, dessert, and your choice of beef OR chicken chili.

To pre-order, contact Megan Day at 863-2214 or FB messenger. Please indicate the chili option and pick-up time.

Delivery options available upon request.

Thank you to the Pleasant River Chapel for supporting our fundraiser!



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



Vinalhaven Fisherman's Coop Is Hiring for 2021!!

VHFC has the following open positions:

Gas Station Attendant:
Thursday 11:30-to close.
Fri - Sun Open to Close.
Starts at \$14 plus possibility of benefits.

Dock Workers:
Schedule TBD. Starts at \$16/hour with possibility of benefits.

Send resume and interest letter to vhavencoop@gmail.com
Or stop in and grab an application at the gas station!

WIND INFORMATION

AD SUBMISSIONS

All items for *The WIND* must be submitted by email (vinalhavenwind@gmail.com) prior to 9 o'clock PM Monday night

NO WALK INS!

Community Calendar ads should be submitted by email to:

Windnonprofitads@gmail.com

AD RATES:

Non-Profit \$1.50 per inch

For Profit \$3.50 per inch

If over, we round up to the next inch. Column width: 2.25 inches, three column per page.

FUNDRAISING:

The cost of fundraising ads \$1.50 per column inch. You can include payment with your ad, or provide your mailing address so we can bill you.

NEW ADVERTISERS:

Please include your address for billing purposes.

PHOTOS:

Submitted for publications should be no less than 300dpi
Cost per photo \$10-\$40.

ACCEPTANCE OF ANY

ADVERTISING does not constitute an endorsement by *The WIND* of said product or service. *WINDs* can be picked up in front of the Post Office, the ferry terminal and the box at Todd's Garage.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

For subscriptions send \$50 to: *THE WIND*, PO Box 194, Vinalhaven, ME 04863.

Current subscribers check your address label for the date of renewal



Tidbits from the Vinalhaven Historical Society

Priscilla Whittington, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Whittington, entertained the following friends Monday afternoon in honor of her 2nd birthday: Marguerite & Marjorie McDonald, Norma MacDonald, Hazel Gray, Donald Oakes, Jr., Lawrence Oakes, Victor Oakes, Marion & Alton Oakes, Jr., Marion White and Priscilla White. Mothers and other friends were present. The little hostess received many beautiful gifts. Refreshments were served which included a handsomely decorated birthday cake, and all had a very enjoyable afternoon.

Courier-Gazette April 12, 1930

The three-hundred ton schooner *Rosa Muller*, Portland, went ashore on Deadman's Ledge near the entrance of Old Harbor Monday last. It happened that it was high water and the steamer *Pioneer* coming from Rockland went to her rescue and towed her off and into the Sands Wharf. No damage is reported. Freeman Hamilton of Vinalhaven is an owner in the *Muller*.

Vinalhaven Echo March 8, 1888

The B. G. Co. Have started up their polishing mill for the purpose of polishing a part of the Cornish course for the Harlem River Bridge

Vinalhaven Echo Jan. 12, 1888

Pleasant River Grange celebrated the 22nd anniversary of its organization at the regular meeting Oct. 22. One of the best literary programs of the year was presented by Worthy Lecturer Winnie C. Ames. It consisted of several fine tableaux and songs, also talks and reminiscences of earlier Grange days. There were only 8 charter members present of the original 70. Ice cream and cake were served at the close of the ceremonies to about 50 members and guests. It was close to the midnight hour when they all returned to their homes after a very enjoyable evening.

Courier Gazette Oct 25, 1930

Crane Buys Fifield Co. The Fifield Co., Vinalhaven's largest store, has been acquired by Senter Crane Co. of Rockland and will be operated under the name of Senter Crane, Inc., along the lines of the local store. Improvements and redecorating start at once. New departments will be added to best serve Vinalhaven's needs. H. W. Fifield has conducted the store most successfully for several decades, retiring because of ill health. The Fifield Co. succeeded Bodwell Granite Co. in the large store which is located in the Masonic Building. To be Continued...

Courier-Gazette March 1932

NORTH HAVEN * VINALHAVEN



VINALHAVEN: Dyer Island Retreat. A quaint shingled Cape with granite remains of a deep-water dock. Access over a causeway from the main island to this well-maintained get-away in a private setting at the end of the road. Island living at its finest, with spectacular sunsets. Offered at \$875,000



CITY POINT, VINALHAVEN: 7 acres with 1,000' deep water on Vinalhaven's Westside. Two-bedroom year-round cottage with separate garage/workshop. Sunset views. MLS #1347431 \$799,000



VINAL COVE, VINALHAVEN: 8 acres of nicely elevated waterfront land. 500' on the water, with deep water. 2 soil tests for septic. Nice variety of trees. \$495,000



THE PRIVILEGE, VINALHAVEN: Cabin at the water's edge on private cove off Winter Harbor near Starboard Rock. Six plus acres with driveway to cabin. \$395,000



CRIPPLE CREEK CABIN, VINALHAVEN: This cabin sits at the end of a private road yet is close to several island beaches and quarries. This year-round home has a beautiful covered porch which includes a hot tub as well as an open deck area to enjoy the outdoors. \$357,000.



VINAL COVE, VINALHAVEN: 7 acres with 700' tidal waterfront looking East at Conservation land. Two soil tests for septic. Easy road frontage, driveway started. \$289,000

RE/MAX Jaret & Cohn

THE ISLAND GROUP
Box 168, Vinalhaven, ME 04863-0168

WESLEY REED 207-863-2554
ASHLEY DAVIS-OAKES 207-213-3788
WANDA DAVIS-OAKES 207-401-8655

Medicare Questions?



816 Atlantic Hwy
Waldoboro, ME 04572
Office: 207-832-6950
Email:
info@unitedcornerstone.com

We Have Answers!



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 Claudia Dengler, Interim Business Manager at c.dengler@ismsvh.org or (207) 863-4109

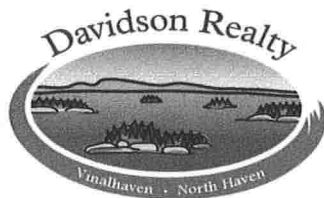
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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

- Wills and Trusts • Probate of Estates
- Small Business • Real Estate

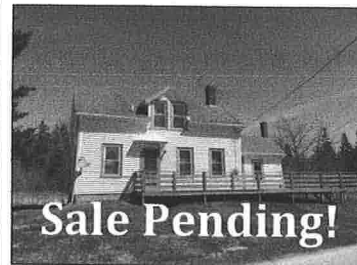
Avery Day
82 Winthrop St., Augusta, ME 04330
(207) 430-3288
ADay@StevensDayLaw.com

Videoconferencing Possible – No Need to Take the Ferry

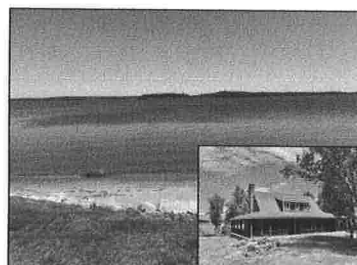


Buying? Selling? We can help!

Kris Davidson, Broker
Lisa Shields, Associate Broker ~ Alex Young, Sales Agent
207.863.2200 ~ info@davidson-realty.com
www.maineislandliving.com



1840s Home on large Lot. Three bedrooms, 1½ baths, updated electric & windows, new direct vent heat. Corner lot with a shed near town. **\$150,000**



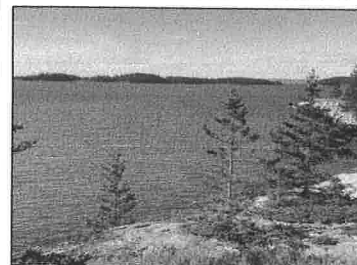
Oceanfront Home. Located just off the Thorofare on Carver Cove. 12 acres, year-round home, dock, sandy beach and garage. Very special! **\$1,590,000**



Leo's Lane. Fabulous 5 bdrm, 3 bath home, w/ ocean views and deeded harbor access. Excellent craftsmanship and impeccable details. **\$769,000**



Sweet Village House. 3 bdrm, 1 ½ bath Victorian in a desirable location. Slate roof, covered porch, updated electric. Lots of potential! **\$199,000**



Stunning Lot on City Point. An acre of land w/ granite coastline on the west side. Elevated building site with amazing views. Unique! **\$345,000**



Dyer's Island. Buildable .92 acre parcel on Dyers Harbor w/ 257' waterfront. Surveyed, partially cleared, soil tested, electric nearby. Lovely! **\$229,000**



Elevated Building Lot. 1.4 acres with sweeping views of the eastern bay. Soil tested with power nearby. Quiet location yet close to town. **\$185,900**



Land on Calderwood Neck. 13 Acres w/ lovely building site nestled between granite outcroppings. Surveyed, soil test, electric nearby. **\$82,500**

Kids Trivia Answers

1. Jupiter
2. One Direction
3. Oslo

NOTICE

TO NEW MOMS & DADS

Send us a photo (optional) or announcement of your newborn, with his/her name, weight and length and we will put it on the front page of the WIND free of charge.

Round Up...for the Grange!

The Pleasant River Grange #492 would like to thank those who are rounding up for the Grange at Carver's Harbor Market.

Our building is on the National Register of Historic Places in Maine. It has been on the current site since 1908, donated by A. M. Webster. We are trying to repair and care for it with the following projects:

- Upgrade our heating system so we can have year round activities, programs and events.
- Make the old hand dug well functional – so we will not have to carry water to the property.
- Reshingle the south side, replace the trim and doors, and install gutters to preserve the building.

Unfortunately, our coffers are unable to deal with even one of these projects. We are, therefore, asking our friends for additional help. If you could, please send your donation (any amount is greatly appreciated) to:



Pleasant River Grange #492
c/o Penelope Lord, Treasurer
PO Box 669, Vinalhaven, ME 04863

The Grange members sincerely thank you!

I wrote this for Vietnam Veterans Day observed on March 29th

"Treat your men as you would your own beloved sons, and they will follow you into the deepest valley."
-Sun Tzu -

Least We Forget

The Vietnam War was a long, costly and divisive conflict that pitted the communist government of North Vietnam against South Vietnam and its principal ally, the United States.
54 years , 24 days ago I was sitting in homeroom , in my head the new Ottis Reading song " Sitting on the Dock of the Bay " was playing . Then the morning announcements were read .As we rose to say the pledge of Allegiance our principle began , " let's have a moment of silent meditation for a fellow student of ours Sargent Joey Hartz who died today in the Vietnam Conflict " .
And just like that the War Came Home.

Pat Dizzine is a dear friend of my brother's a great friend of my family and myself for 50+ years and I have never heard him utter a word of his time in Country. I honor and praise all those Veterans, Friends and Family that have served and who shed blood for our Country.
The following is the Prologue of a book written about Medal of Honor recipient Gary Beikirch by Marcus Brotherton that was released 3/20/2020 . If so inclined please purchase the book .

Blaze of Light

In the haze before sunset, on the first day of the siege, an enemy rocket destroyed the last building still standing in the village of Dak Seang. He saw it explode in a chaos of splinters and nails while bullets whizzed overhead and mortars from the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) shook the ground. The smell of sulfur and burning bodies filled the air. Still, he knew the assault wasn't over yet.
It was April 1, 1970. Army Green Beret medic Gary Beikirch, age twenty- two, lay in a two-foot-deep bomb crater on a stretcher, paralyzed from the waist down, watching the battle continue to rage while he drifted in and out of consciousness. Blood seeped from three wounds in his stomach and back. He'd done all he could to help, even after being paralyzed. He'd cared for the wounded until he collapsed. In one hand he still clutched a short CAR-15 snub-nose as- sault rifle, a protector of the innocent lives in his charge. But now even the strength to keep his eyes open was nearly gone.
Breathing hard next to him, dressed in baggy jungle fatigues, a T-shirt, and unlaced boots, lay a young Montagnard medical assistant named Tot. He held an old Korean-era M2 carbine, but with his bandolier of ammo spent, the only bullets left were in his magazine. This was his village, located in the Central Highlands region of Vietnam, about twelve kilometers from the Ho Chi Minh Trail.
To Gary's other side lay another Green Beret—one of the best-trained specialists in the military. Short, muscular, chewing the stump of an unlit cigar, Dizzine was his last name. Everybody called him Dizzy. He had his communications radio pressed against his ear so he could discern the commands through the static. He was nearly out of ammo too.
The three men saw silhouettes in the distance. NVA troops were already inside the wire. Running. Shooting. The murk of smoke and gunpowder in the air made visibility tricky. Two soldiers emerged, sprinting toward the crater. At first, it was hard to tell whose side they were on. They charged closer. Gary guessed what Dizzy and Tot were thinking: Make sure of your target. Be accurate. Don't go crazy. They spotted black and green pajamas. Pith helmets. Tot took down the first. Dizzy fired a short burst from his M16 and leveled the second."Chopper's coming," Dizzy said. "Get him ready."
Tot glanced at Gary. "Bac Si [the Vietnamese word for "doctor"], you must go now." Gary raised his hand in protest, then gave a slight nod.
American fighter jets streaked overhead and unleashed rockets and bombs. Gunships—aircraft that provide support for ground troops—rained machine- gun fire. As a last resort to prevent the Special Forces camp from being overrun,

the Green Berets had directed air support to fire directly onto their position. But the plan to combat the assault wasn't working.
Earlier in secret, at dawn on the same day, some ten thousand NVA soldiers had encircled the camp. The enemy barrage had begun in darkness. Hours of incessant shelling had destroyed every big gun that protected Dak Seang, knocked out the Special Forces observation tower and antennae, ruined the generator houses, and now hit and flattened every building above ground. After five hours NVA had started infiltrating the camp from hidden underground tunnels. Simultaneously, above ground, multiple groups of enemy soldiers led charge after charge. Tied together two by two at the wrist, each pair of soldiers advanced side by side. They were drugged up and glassy eyed, and when they reached the protective concertina wire surrounding the camp, they detonated explosives strapped to their bodies. Suicide runs. This enabled other NVA soldiers to run over the corpses and up inside the wire.

Gary scanned the skies. Choppers were usually a welcome sight at the camp. They brought in mail and supplies. Medicine. Word from home. But the skies this evening exploded like a hellish version of the Fourth of July."There it is." Tot motioned with his chin. "You will make it, Bac Si."
Gary heard the whoomp, whoomp, whoomp of a medevac helicopter. He tensed. Because of the heavy enemy fire, the evacuation could last only seconds. Dizzy and Tot grabbed the ends of Gary's stretcher and poised, waiting. The chopper hovered and descended. Gary lifted his head and spotted the faces of the door gunner and pilot. Three more crewmen were inside. He laid down his head and braced himself, anticipating the sprint over rough ground. He heard a pop, pop, pop and raised his head again.
The chopper was smoking, leaking fuel, its side riddled with bullet holes. The pilot reversed course and lifted the craft up and out of harm's way, limping toward safety at the next camp a few miles away.
"Don't worry," Dizzy said. "Another will get here." Gary lifted his free hand from his side. It dripped blood. Although he'd done it earlier, again he took stock of his wounds: Shrapnel in his spine. Small- arms fire through his back and right hip. Either shrapnel or small-arms fire in his abdomen—hard to tell which. Under the makeshift bandage on his belly, his internal organs lay exposed and hung to one side. He closed his eyes. Maybe he drifted into unconsciousness. Maybe not. Half an hour passed. Maybe an hour. He heard shouts. Screams. Explosions. Dizzy firing his rifle. Then Tot's voice again:"This one's yours, Bac Si. Get ready."
Again Gary heard a whoomp, whoomp, whoomp. Again he tensed. Again he lifted his head and spotted the faces of the door gunner and pilot. He lowered his head and braced himself. Then he heard a distinct hiss, felt the thud of two small explosions. Then one huge explosion. His body jolted. Gary lifted his head to look. Flames engulfed the chopper. It plunged to the ground like a rock. A low groan escaped his lips. All his remaining strength melted away. All reserves of will. He'd lost too much blood. The fighting had proved too desperate. As much as Gary longed for rescue, he didn't want a third chopper even to try. Why risk the lives of another five men?
Two more silhouettes charged through the dusk toward the crater. At thirty meters, one cocked his arm to throw a hand grenade. Frenzied eyes. Sweaty brow. Dizzy aimed and brought him down. Tot wasn't far behind in taking out the second. But their ammo couldn't hold out much longer.
Dizzy's radio crackled. "Support the north wall. Now! Move!" Another breach of defense. More enemy soldiers were overrunning the village. Gary sensed unconsciousness overtaking him again. As the cacophony around him faded, Gary found himself staring far off at the blackened jungle. He wanted to live, but he didn't sense anger anymore. Nor did he feel fear. Death was inevitable. He knew that now. He sensed only sadness, the lament a warrior feels when unable to return to battle. Death beckoned all lives. All Green Berets. All allied Montagnard fighters. All villagers. The defenders' situation was hopeless . . . And Gary knew he could do nothing more to help.

**** - So many emotions flowed through me as I read this excerpt ,Anger, Horror, Bravery, Brotherhood, Compassion ...Pride.
I was truly Humbled

I found A blogger who went back to Vietnam and to the site of this battle and also a response from Pats X wife that needs to be shared.....

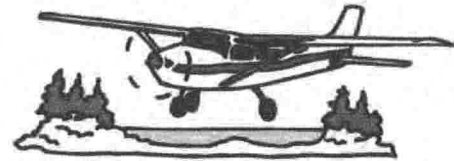
Anyway, we took a 3 hour ride in his 4WD and went to Dak Seang, camp A-245. Arrived there to find a black marble slab with a lot of north viet names on it, DOB, place of birth and date of death all of them between 01 April to 29 April. Hhhmmm wonder why? Sorry, poor joke. Did not recognize anything at first. There is a rubber tree grove there, and a tiny 'Yard vill, whereas before there was only the camp and airstrip, no occupied vills in our AO back then. I recognized Nui Ek and the other mountains and so was able to place myself. The two hills, one east, one west, where Nguyen Van Superman popped up at every sunrise and sunset and would pump 5 rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle rounds at me. ME! And I recognized the mountain slope where we called for a Daisy Cutter drop on an estimated battalion. Pat Dizzine went out there during the siege (for a short guy he sure had a pair!) and did a body count. Hard to do when all that was left were bone splinter embedded into blasted trees. Sorry, mind wnadering. Back to reality.

* Battalion (around 500-1,000 soldiers)
* - The BLU-82B/C-130 weapon system, known as a "Daisy Cutter" in Vietnam used for its ability to flatten a section of forest into a helicopter landing zone, is an American 15,000-pound (6,800 kg) conventional bomb, delivered from either a C-130 or MC-130 transport aircraft or a CH-54 ...

- The Pat Dizzine you spoke of is my x husband and we are still close. I know the pain they suffered as well as I know the pain those who loved them indured. I watched as no one said a thank you, I hope our young men never suffer the indifference. We need to be sure that never happens again. I wonder if John would like to be in touch with Pat, if he has not already. I have always wanted to write a book on the after effects the families of the soldiers that came back. Pat is a man of great honor and was very brave, I remain proud to have been married to him, and to have had his children.
R.F

- Least we Forget -

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Join the Islands team! We are currently recruiting for a Billing Specialist to help our team provide patient-centered medical, dental and behavioral health care on Maine's largest unabridged island 15 miles off the coast of Maine. Vinalhaven is a unique combination of one of Maine's largest fishing fleets, mostly lobstering, acres of conserved land and hiking trails and a vibrant summer community. We have about 1200 year-round residents and nearly 3 times that number in the summer.

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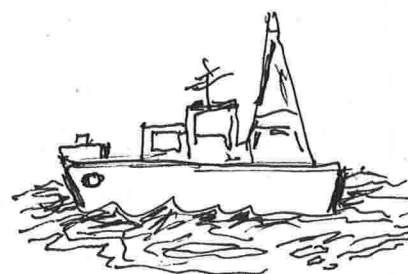
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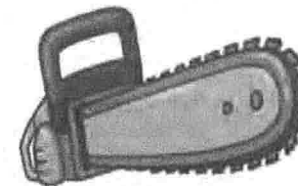
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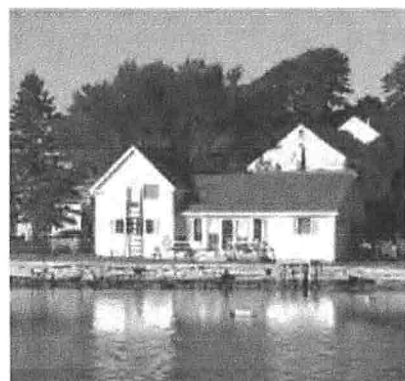
The Observer

A classmate remarked on how long ago high school was. I tried to comprehend that sixty years had gone by. I couldn't; I still can't. How can the passage of that much time go unnoticed? I've seen other lives run their course and expire but have never thought seriously mine would be one of them. It's always been difficult for me to think about the past, not just the few unhappy times but the past in any sense. Past implies gone and I simply cannot think of any part of my life as gone, even as memories fade indisputably away. I cannot reconcile myself to aging, and death is certainly unlikely. pc



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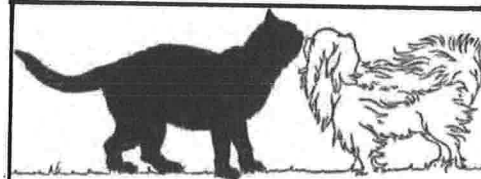
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to schedule an appointment

Carvers Harbor Market

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Pleasant River Chapel

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

Here's some to try:
Returntonow.net
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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
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Contact **Andrew Dorr, 207-863-2042**
townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org

When you don't know who
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Heat Pump Installation
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Memo Line: Meals on Wheels

Vinalhaven Community Outreach

PO Box 15
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Covid-19

Open Bible Baptist Church Corona Virus Relief Fund (CVRF)

Open Bible Baptist Church attn: CVRF
PO Box 465
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Church, Memo line: CVRF

Vinalhaven Fuel Fund

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attn: Vinalhaven Fuel Fund
14 Lawson's Quarry Rd
Checks payable to Vinalhaven Fuel
Fund

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Seasonal Land Steward

Vinalhaven Land Trust (VLT) is seeking a part-time seasonal land steward from May 3–September 30, 2021 for 16 hours per week, with some flexibility as to start and end dates and weekly schedule.

The seasonal land steward will work under the guidance of VLT's Stewardship Coordinator to layout and build new trails, as well as maintain and make improvements to our existing trail network and monitor conservation properties.

For a more complete job description and requirements, please contact Linnell Mather at info@vinalhavenlandtrust.org

Trivia

1. What country has the world's most ancient forest?
2. What are the two fruit juices in a cosmopolitan?
3. What is the name of the group of men who elect a Pope?

Waiting in Early Spring

For daffodils and bird calls for longer daylight, stronger sun or a friend to say they're vaccinated and coming to visit

Waiting seems an impossible loss of time, of direction all appointments cancelled I'm left watching water boil

So I go walking till my heart pumps life back into my head till my eyes start seeing all the shades of green poking through dead leaves and earth crust and the Camden Hills are soft dark curves in the far distance calling across this sea that separates you from me and I hope again.

Paddy Noble



Community Calendar

Email events to:
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The Mainland Fairy

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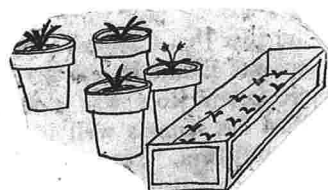
Basin Clean-up

Saturday, April 10, 9 a.m.
Meet at the Basin Bridge

Join Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Vinalhaven Land Trust, and community volunteers to clean the roadside and wetlands of litter and debris at the Basin bridge. This annual event is a fun opportunity to meet new people while helping to keep the nature of Vinalhaven beautiful. Meet at the Basin bridge. Muddy, uneven terrain, bring boots, masks, gloves, and practice social distancing!



For more information:
vinalhavenlandtrust.org



Islands Community
Medical Services

Our Medical Center

For the last 5 years **ICMS Dental** has received funding from the Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention (Maine Oral Health Program) for the last 5 years. This has allowed our hygienist, Samantha Quinn RDH and Dental Office Manager, Brooke Conway, to apply fluoride varnish and complete dental screenings at the Vinalhaven School for grades Pre-K thru fifth grade. This program takes place in the Fall and again in the Spring. This school year the dental team was able to see **63** students.

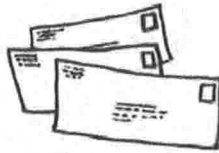
Over the past few years, this program has brought awareness oral health in children to the clinicians, the students and their parents. Part of the process is educating the students on the importance of brushing **TWICE** daily, flossing and using mouth rinse. Through the dental screenings, we have been able to inform parents, about their children's oral health care needs and areas that their child should address with a dentist before it becomes a problem. With more awareness and education there has been noticeable improvement from the fall of 2020 to the spring 2021 sessions. The dental screenings show that decay rates are much lower and kids seem to be more interested in having good oral hygiene. Thanks to the ICMS staff, the Vinalhaven school, the parents and the children who all help make such a good result possible.



Write to Friends

Our shut-in community members always appreciate hearing from friends.
Take a moment to write a note and bring a smile to someone's face!

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Barb Davis	Owls Head, ME 04854	Camden, ME 04843
Marie Dempster		
Joan Mitchell	Ricki Soaring Dove	Gladys Walls
Pat Nick	1825 Clifton Road NE	PO Box 702
Virginia Olney	#805	Newcastle, ME 04553
Priscilla Rosen	Atlanta, GA 30329	
Calderwood Homestead	Carlene Michael	Ora "Buddy" Warren
18 Beaver Dam Road	Boardman Cottage	Harbor Hill Center
Vinalhaven, ME 04863	Islesboro, ME 04848	Cape Rosier Unit, Rm. 3
		2 Footbridge Road
		Belfast, ME 04915
Ann Anthony	Charles M. Miller	Ethelyn Day
Dottie Knowlton	1725 Honore Avenue	Harbor Hill Center
Caroline Morton	Sarasota, FL 34232	Room 11
Windward Gardens	Cynthia Oakes	2 Footbridge Road
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Camden, ME 04843	54 Governor King Comm.,	
	Room 133,	
Jaquelyn Ames	Topsham, ME 04086	
c/o Goodwill-Kendall		
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Kids Trivia

1. What is the largest planet in the solar system?
2. Harry Styles was once a member of which popular music group?
3. What is the capital of Norway?



**Hear no ill of a friend, nor
speak any of an enemy
-Ben Franklin**

What bird, said the cock, could
compare himself to me?
My song in the morning is so
splendid that everyone rises
to hear it.
The peacock may display his fan
but a general would delight
in my uniform.
My comb is fierce and my
carriage royal, but best of
all... and then
the fox
gobbled
him up.

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Pleasant River Chapel

**Sunday, April 11th
Live on Zoom**

Kathy Morton, Speaking

**Join us for fellowship at 9:30;
service begins at 10:00 AM**

All are welcome

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Pastor Jeff Winters

SUNDAY

**9:30—Sunday School
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10:30—Fellowship Time

11:00—Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

**6 PM—Bible Study and
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