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Trivia Friday @ 7 pm

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By reservation or by chance.

Jeanne Bineau-Ames

HADASSAH COOKIES

from Pam Hopewell's recipe coll.

- 2 Sticks margarine
- 1 Cup brown sugar Cream above ingredients together
- 1 Egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 Cups flour

Mix with creamed margarine and brown sugar

Spread mixture in ungreased jelly roll pan – bake 350° - 15 min.

While baking, melt over hot water (double boiler) ³/₄ of (1 large bag) chocolate bits. While cookie mixture is still warm from oven, spread melted chocolate over it. Add finely chopped walnuts over the chocolate.

Put in freezer for a bit before you cut them. YUM!

Submitted by Hillary Hopewell-Jackson

Food Pantry Friday, May 5th. Please bring your own bags. Union Church Vestry 1 - 3PM



Hand-selected wine, cheese, a large selection of Maine craft beer, locally roasted coffee beans, Maine raised meats, gluten free beer, pasta & crackers, lots of chocolate...and more!

Our Hours: Tuesday-Saturday from 11-5

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Community Calendar

- 5/6: Drive Through Baked Bean Supper, 4 to 6 PM, PRC – deliveries available
- 6/3: Drive Through Turkey
 Dinner, 4 to 6 PM, PRC –
 deliveries available
- 7/9: Thanking Bob & Lois
 Candage for their Service,
 2. PRC
- 7/30: Cassatt Quartet's PIE Benefit Concert, TBD, UC

Community Lunch Box, Deliveries only on

Mondays. Last day 5/8.

Volleyball: High Schoolers and Up, <u>Tuesdays</u> & <u>Thursdays</u> 5:30 – 8:30, SG through June.

Meals on Wheels, *Deliveries* start at 11:30 on Wednesdays.

PRC: Pleasant River Chapel

SG: School Gym SMH: Smith Hokanson

Memorial Hall

UC: Union Church

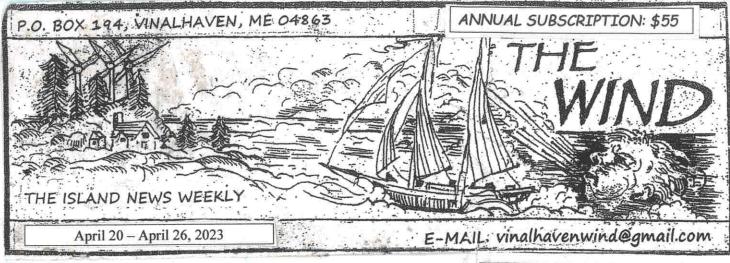
Email events to:windnonprofitads@gmail.com

Kids Trivia Answers

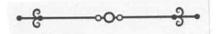
- 1 The Amazon
- 2 pastels
- 3 The bars are struck with sticks or padded mallets.
- 4 Dwayne Johnson
- 5 King Edward

Adult Trivia Answers

- 1 Twenty-one
- 2 Seven years old
- 3 1993
- 4 Forty-nine percent
- 5 20, 6222



There will be a graveside service for Bruce Kelwick on Sat., May 13th, at Cummings Cemetery, 11am with a light luncheon to follow at the Legion Hall

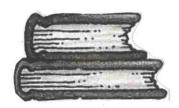


Friends of the Library Meeting

Thursday, April 20 9 am

We're looking for new people, new ideas, and new energy to help the library flourish! Join us via Zoom

Please email for link: FriendsofVHLibrary@gmail.com



Eid al-Fitr, April 22nd Begins at Sundown "Festival of Breaking Fast" Adult Trivia-Fun w/ Numbers 1 How many of the 48 contiguous United States border an ocean or a gulf?

- 2 The first song *Prince* wrote was called "Funk Machine." How old was he?
- 3 The fidget spinner became popular in 2017, but what year was it invented?
- 4 Processed cheese is _____ cheese and the rest filler and additives. 49%, 40%, or 37%? 5 How many balloons did take to make Carl's house fly away in *UP*?

Kids Trivia – Random 1 Which is the largest rain forest in the world?

- 2 Which is not a paint: acrylics or pastels?
- 3 How is a xylophone played? 4 What is the real name of film star and famous ex-wrestler the Rock?
- 5 Which of these is not an apple variety: Jonathan, Red Delicious or King Edward?

Reminder for those who have an annual subscription to the Wind: your expiration date is printed in the upper right corner of the mailing address label. This date will be highlighted when it gets close to running out.





April 22nd is Earth Day! ...promoting awareness forth health of our environment! (It's also April Showers Day...bringing May flowers soon!)



\$10 Dollar Treasuath Clue inside this week's Wind!

Town of Vinalhaven Information www.townofvinalhaven.org

Calendar

Wastewater Trustees Meeting - Tuesday, April 25 at 1pm Planning Commission Meeting - Thursday, April 27 at 3pm Second half of property taxes due! - Monday, May 1 Pre-Planning Board Meeting - Wednesday, May 3 at 7pm Library Trustees Meeting - Thursday, May 4 at 5pm

Notices

The Transfer Station is not accepting electronics (TVs or computers) or hazardous waste (oil or paint) for now! Please contact Kenny or Luther if you have any questions! 863-4306

Want to Learn More about The Downtown Project? Go to www.townofvinalhaven.org/government/pages/downtown-project or email downtownproject@townofvinalbaven.org

2022-2023 Property Taxes – Tax bills were mailed out on September 8, 2022. Tax bills were sent to the owner of record on April 1, 2022. If you sold your property after April 1, 2022, it's up to you to forward the tax bill to the new owner. Payments are due on November 1, 2022, and May 1, 2023. Interest will accrue November 2, 2022 and May 2, 2023. Please call the Town Office at 863-4471 or 863-4343 if you have any questions.

Dog Licenses – \$25 late fee is now in place for all unregistered dogs. All dogs 6 months or older need to be licensed, including visiting dogs in town for 10 days or more. Please bring current rabies certificate and \$6 for spayed/neutered or \$11 for male/female. A new dog must be vaccinated & licensed once reaching 6 months of age, and if adopting an older dog or if you are just arriving in town, you have ten days to register. There is no late fee for new or newly arriving dogs to Vinalhaven if these guidelines are followed.

Single-Stream Recycling -#1-7 rigid plastics, tin, aluminum, glass, paper, cardboard.

Food Scrap Composting – collection bin located near the household trash container at the Transfer Station. How-To Brochures available at townofvinalhaven.org.

Swap Shop – Used goods recycling at the former Public Works Garage. Open Sat 9am-l pm and occasional pop-ups.

Hours of Operation & Contact Information

Town Office - Mon-Thurs 8am-5pm, Fridays 8am-12pm, 863-4471 or 863-4343, Fax: 863-4393, Mailing and physical address: 19 Washington School Rd., Vinalhaven, ME

Town Manager - Marjorie Stratton, 863-2042, townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org

Bookkeeper - Deborah Young, 863-4471, dyoung@townofvinalhaven.org

Town Clerk - Darlene M. Candage, 863-4343, townclerk@townofvinalahven.org

Deputy Clerk - Elizabeth Bunker, 863-4343, deputyclerk@townofvinalhaven.org

Assessor - Travis Gould, 863-2168, vinalhavenassessor@gmail.com; hours vary

Code Enforcement Officer / Local Plumbing Inspector - Faye Grant, Mon-Wed 9am-l pm, 863-2168, vhceo@townofvinalhaven.org

Public Health Officer - Jen Desmond, Contact the Medical Center at 863-4341

Welfare Program - Call 863-2042 to set up an appointment

Director of Public Works / Town Garage - Millie Martin, 863-2063,

vhdpw@townofvinalhaven.org

Library - Summer hours as of April 1: Tuesday/Thursday 1-7pm, Wednesday/Friday 9am-5pm, and Saturday 9am-Noon; 863-4401, librarian@vinalhavenpubliclibrary.org

Transfer Station - Open Sun, Mon, Wed, and Thur 7:30-4pm; Not accepting waste gasoline at this time. Kenny Martin or Luther Tolman, 863-4306

Fire Department - Marc Candage, Emergency 911, Non-Emergency 863-4604, mcandage@townofvinalhaven.org

Ambulance - Ryan Nizolek, Ambulance Director, Emergency 911, Non-Emergency 863-2119 ambulancedirector@townofvinalhaven.org

Knox County Deputy - Emergency 911, Non-Emergency 594-0677

Animal Control Officer and Harbor Master - James Knowlton, 701-2018

Deputy Harbor Master - Peter Gasperini, 542-1992



Immediate Job Opening

The Public Works Department is looking for a committed worker to join our team as a laborer. This department cares for Vinalhaven's 35-miles of Town/State funded roads and 7 miles of sidewalks. Do not worry if you don't have experience in road construction and care! We are happy to train the right person!

As a Public Works team member, you will enjoy full benefits including health and dental insurance, paid time off, retirement options, and an active work environment with room to grow.

Please contact Millie with any questions or interest vhdpw@townofvinalhaven.org or call 863-2063

The second half of property taxes is due May 1st! You will not get a second notice in the mail! If you need another copy of your bill please contact the Town Office.







HELP! Housing for Year-Round Deputy

The Knox County Sheriff's Office has hired a new deputy for Vinalhaven!

If you have any leads on an apartment or house large enough for a family with two children, please let us know!

Please contact Marjorie E. Stratton, Town Manager 863-2042



Transfer Station Project

The Transfer Station renovation project has begun! We expect that there may be some disruptions to service and will do our best to keep the community posted on necessary closures or delays.

Week of 4/24 & 5/1: Prepping areas for concrete, installing fence on retaining wall, continue electrical work

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Town Manager at 863-2042.



Pastor Jeff Winters

SUNDAY

9:30—Sunday School Children (Pre-K to 5th) in Parsonage Adults in Church

10:30—Fellowship Time

11:00—Worship Service Nursery Available

WEDNESDAY

6-7 PM—Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 6-7 PM—Children's Bible Study (Pre-K to 5th)

THURSDAY

6-7 PM—Youth Group (4th to 12th)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

The Little Food Pantry... Is located at The Union Church on East Main Street. Enter via the ramp door on the left side of the building. The pantry is open 24/7. This food is available to anyone on Vinalhaven experiencing a need. No questions asked. Please call Candi at 863-2001 with questions.

"The deep roots never doubt spring will come." Marty Rubin

Union Church

~Welcomes You~

Sunday Services 11:00 am

Reverend Jeffrey Lewis

We are meeting in-person and on Zoom

Please visit unionchurchyh.org for link and more information

Our Sunday School program for pre-K and up is at 9:30-10:15am (10:15-10:30am will be snack time)

If you would like to donate to the Union Church, donations can be mailed to PO Box 249 or visit our website at: unionchurchyh.org

Choir Practice is on Fridays, at 3PM All are welcome.

Pastoral Care Reverend Jeffrey Lewis



Silent Meditation

Non-denominational

Upstairs in The Union Church
Tuesdays and Saturdays
5:00-5:30PM
All are Welcome.



Pleasant River Chapel

Pete Pedersen will deliver the message on Sunday, April 23, 2023.

This Service will be held via
Zoom and in person at the
Chapel, for Zoom log-on info,
email pleasantriverchapel

@gmail.com Breakfast at 8, Fellowship time at 8:30, service at 9:00

All are welcome!

The Pleasant River Supper Committee will have its second dinner on May 6th. It will most likely not be a baked bean dinner. Look forward to next week's WIND.

If you are interested in using the Pleasant River Chapel, please contact Pete at 207-551-4483

or by email at

ppedersen1842@gmail.com

For pastoral care: Bob Candage, 863-4943 or Pam Kittredge, 863-2022

If interested in using space at The Union Church, please contact Candi Barton at 863-2001 for more information.





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~Library News ~

HOURS Tues, Thurs 1-7 Wed, Fri 9-5 Sat 9-12

It's Spring and things are a little seedy at the Library...

Seed Swap Sat April 22 9-11am

There will be a random collection of seeds to share at the library. Flowers and veggies. Take some/leave some, share knowledge with other gardeners – it's all good!

Passes for (Boothbay) Botanical Gardens

Available May-October Contact Library to schedule a visit! And..._

Pollinator Seed Packets

Available with book checkout for the month of May! Both, thanks to support of the Friends of Vinalhaven Public Library.

Book to Movie Club

Tues. May 2nd @6pm We are reading <u>A Man Called</u> <u>Ove</u>, by Fredrik Backman

Game Time!

Game Time is now the first and third Fridays 3-5pm.
April 21, May 5 (Teens+)



Check out our website for more! www.vinalhavenpubliclibrary.org

Word of the Week
Gowpen (n) gou-pon: Bowl
made by cupping your hands.

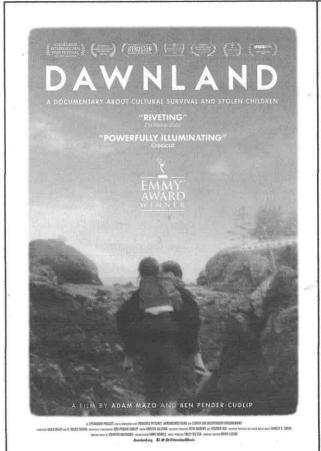




Supporting Educational & Cultural Opportunities for Vinalhaven

The Vinalhaven School High School **U.S. History Class** with the help of **Partners in Island Education (PIE)** welcome you to join a screening of the Emmy-award winning documentary film, **DAWNLAND**. This was filmed in the State of Maine and centers on the Maine Wabanaki Native American Tribes and the State of Maine Truth and Reconciliation Commission investigating cultural survival and 'stolen' children.

This community event will be held in **Smith Hokanson Memorial Hall on Monday, April 24th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** This includes introductory remarks from students, a brief intermission, and an after-screening Q&A with the director/producer, Adam Mazo.





Adam Mazo (he/his) is the creative director for Upstander Project and an Emmy® Award-winning social issue documentarian. Adam has (co)directed and/or produced all of Upstander Project's films, including Dawnland, which won an Emmy® Award in 2018. His films have been broadcast on domestic and international television (Independent Lens), programmed at film festivals (Sundance, Hot Docs, Camden) and international conferences, and screened at universities and K-12 schools, where they are also often used in curricula. He is Ashkenazi Jewish and lives with his family in the territory of the People of the Blue Hills — the Massachusett Tribe.

U.S. History Students: Parker Dickinson, Kailyn Hufsey, Ira Stockman, Rob Swears, Adelle Wadsworth, Payton Warren. Teacher: Lynn Nenada

KINDERGARTEN KIDS CLASS OF 2035



Ryker Lambert

How old are you? I am six years old. When is your birthday? My birthday is in June.

Who is in your family? Mom, Dad, Gannon, and Aiden.

Where do you live? Calderwood Neck Do you have any pets? Yeah! Fluke is my doggy.

Where do your parents work? Daddy goes to the workshop and on the boat. Mom goes babysitting. Sometimes she is on the couch. What are your favorite foods? I like hot dogs with ketchup!

What is your favorite toy? I like to play video

What is/are your favorite color(s)? Red is my favorite color.

Who are your friends? My friends are Penelope, Emery and Dawson.

What do you want to do when you are all grown up? I want to be a fighter pilot.

4/21 - Nat. Kindergarten Day!



AFTER SCHOOL FUN!

A POP-UP EVENT FOR KIDS IN GRADES K-2

TUESDAY

@ THE UNION CHURCH VESTRY

FREE FOR ALL!

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL: CRAFTS, GAMES, PUZZLES & MORE

- SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED
- REGISTRATION FORMS GO TO AMANDA @ SCHOOL BY FRIDAY, OR YOU CAN REGISTER THE DAY OF, DURING DROP OFF
- PICK UP AT 4
- PARENTS WELCOME!

NOTE: THIS PROGRAM IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY RELIGION OR CHURCH SERVICE. IT'S SIMPLY A GREAT USE OF COMMUNITY SPACE! SPONSORED BY THE WIDOW'S ISLAND FUND

FMI CONTACT: Patience Trainor (207)292.8848

"You are only here for a short visit. Don't hurry. Don't worry. And be sure to smell the flowers along the way." Walter C. Hagen

Pecha Kucha Presentations

The Vinalhaven Community is invited to attend the Junior/Senior (and a few selected Sophomore) Pecha Kucha presentations. Presentations are on Wednesdays in the school auditorium from 2:30-3:40PM.

Schedule is as follows:

May 3 - Maddie M, Callie W, Bella T, Audrey A, Makayla B

May 10 - Robbie S, Kyle G, Sam W, Joe L, Parker D

May 17 – Emilie O, Gracey W, Adelle W, Meagan D, Kailyn H

May 24 - Payton W, Tanner L, Isaiah M, Izaac H

What is Pecha Kucha? Pecha Kucha is often called 20x20 as the format of the presentation is 20 slides given in 20 second intervals the total presentation is therefore 6 minutes and 40 seconds. The topic of the student Pecha Kucha presentations is community volunteerism. This year every high school student chose a Vinalhaven organization to do community service with and worked a prescribed number of volunteer hours with that organization. The Pecha Kucha presentations are each student's opportunity to tell us about their volunteer organization and reflect on their time serving the community.

Everyone is invited!

to the vinalhaven school

Spring K-12 aRt shOw!

this year the art show is a

STUDENT

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ALL PROFITS DONATED TO ISLAND ORGANIZATION. K-5 CHOICE/6-12 CHOICE

- · Anyone can bid on any piece.
- · Bid on as many pieces as you like
- · You don't have to bid in order.
- You can record your code under the \$20 column to secure the piece, or gamble with a lower amount, hoping no one bids
- All proceeds donated to island non-profit (selected by students)

· Have fun with it, find a piece you love, and bid!:)

THANK YOU. **VINALHAVEN FOR ALWAYS** SUPPORTING STUDENT ART!

EVENT TIMELINE

5:00 - 5:30

REGISTER & VIEWING

5:30 - 6:00

MINGLE & BID/SILENT AUCTION

6:00 - 6:30

PRESENTATION/AUDITORIUM

*A video showcase of what students are working on around the school (about 20 minutes)

6:30 - PAY/PICK UP ART



How's this going to work? WHAT TO EXPECT

- Arrive @5
- · Pick up an "Auction Code"
- o There will be a table with 3-letter codes in lanyard necklaces
- choose any code
- record your code, name/ph# on one of the clipboards
- Wander around/check out art until 5:30
- Bidding opens at 5:30
- · There will be an opening bell
- · Find a piece of art to bid on o look at the number on the art
- o find that number on one of the Auction
- Charts displayed around the cafe
- o record your code under the \$5, \$10, \$15, or \$20 column for that art piece
- Bidding closes at 6:00
- · There will be a closing bell
- · Highest bidder for each piece of art wins!

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Vinalhaven Community Outreach

Are you experiencing unusual expenses, loss of income, unexpected medical bills, or other crisis in your life?

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vhcommunityoutreach @gmail.com

Or at P.O.Box 15 Vinalhaven, ME 04863

We are a 501 (c) (3) organization

April 26th ~ Audubon Day Recognizing the crucial work done by the National Audubon Society.



Seamless Gutter Company is coming to Vinalhaven in May for a job. They are looking for more work while they are out here. Please contact Terry Young by text message: 603-726-7573 to schedule or if you have questions.

Don't Worry! Spring is Here! Only 22 days til Peaceful Harbor Farm's Greenhouse opens for the season!

Technically, if you put something off until the day after tomorrow, you're perendinating, not procrastinating.



Tidbits from the Vinalhaven Historical Society

Mrs. E. C. McIntosh delightfully entertained the W. I. N. Club at the home of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. T. G. Libby, Thursday evening last week. The first prize for whist playing was a fancy pin for the neck, in the form of a star, made of brilliants, this was mounted on red heart of water color paper and bore the inscription "You Are the Star." To Miss Flossie Kittredge was this prize awarded. Mrs. F. E. Littlefield carried home the second prize which was a box decorated with violet designs, containing a paper of needles and a paper of pins. This was marked "A Few More Points." A delicious supper of tongue, hot rolls, olives, salad, preserves, three kinds of cake and jelly with cream was served. Each guest was presented a carnation and a box of choice homemade candy. These boxes were made of water color paper and decorated with hearts and clubs and contained beside the candy a valuable point on whist playing. Toasts were given in honor of Miss Emma Crockett's approaching marriage. The evening was a pleasant one which will long be remembered. April 25, 1903

To celebrate his 4th Birthday Glen Alley entertained a group of young friends Tuesday afternoon at the home of his parents Mr. & Mrs. Harold Alley. The afternoon was merrily passed with games and refreshments of ice cream and birthday cake with cowboy decorations made by Mrs. Arthur Brown. Glen received many nice gifts. The guests were Jean McDonald, Billy Mills, Carol and Cynthia Alley, Lois Jane Webster, Owen Webster, Diane Tolman, Sonny Stinson, Marsha Alley and Errold (sp) Tolman. Glen's grandmother Charlotte MacDonald was a special guest.

April 21, 1951

Miss Edith Nickerson entertained her classmates Saturday evening in honor of her birthday. Those present were Mabel Wadsworth, Ethel Young, Guida Mills, Frances Hopkins, Charlie Libby, Donald Johnson, Kilton Smith, Paul Nelson and Frank Bunker. An enjoyable evening was spent in games and dancing. The hostess was the recipient of many useful presents. Ices and cake were served.

April 1919

About 25 boys met at W. Sampson's last Tuesday for an old-fashioned "clifting" bee. About 25 cords of wood were clifted. About 50 young people gathered there for the evening, but owing to the snow beginning to fall the party broke up early.

April 6, 1912

Mrs. L. R. Smith received a very valuable piece of china last week from an old schoolmate, Mrs. S. L. Weaver from San Jose, California. Mrs. Weaver was formerly Miss Jennie Tyler of this town. This piece of china has a history as it was an old relic of the confederate John Brown of 1861.

April 11, 1922

J. H. Sanborn, who has made himself famous as an inventor, collector and church benefactor, has now devised a new scheme and is demonstrating it by actual proof. The idea is a good one and is this: himself and Brad Young of Matinicus are building a fish weir and the man Sanborn with the big idea had holes put through several tons of thin sheets of granite. The pieces of granite range from 2 to 4 feet wide with a hole about 8 inches in diameter. The piles that will be used to build the weir will be put through these holes and the sheet of granite left at the butt to sink the pile into position and hold it. The scheme is a good one and shows the superior development that there is in a big head.

Vinalhaven Echo April 19, 1888

A Vinalhaven Garden Club was organized Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clarence Miles. Officers chosen were: President, Mrs. Miles; vice president, Mrs. A. A. Peterson; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. F. Headley; program committee, Mrs. Victor White, Mrs. Andrew Bennett and Mrs. Frank White. Meetings will be held the fourth Friday of each month at the home of the members.

April 10, 1951

At a special town meeting held at the town hall Monday evening with C. E. Boman as moderator and O. P. Lyons as clerk, it was voted to purchase a stone crushing machine to cost \$4100. It was also voted to raise by loan \$1000 to cover the cost of operating said machine for the ensuing year.

April 16, 1925

Tolford Durham, while at work in his saw mill at Calderwood's Neck, met with an accident which called for medical attendance and necessitated the amputation of his left thumb at the first joint. *April 2, 1929*

Saturday evening, April 10, at the parsonage Theresa Arey, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Herman T. Arey was united in marriage to Allston Roberts, son of Capt. & Mrs. Elisha S. Roberts. Rev. Seliger performed the ceremony. Mr. Roberts was in the 29th Division in service overseas for many months. After returning to this country he resumed his former position with Franz Hermann. The bride is a popular Vinalhaven girl and a graduate of this High School. Many friends join in good wishes to the bridal couple.

April 17, 1920

Monday, five deer from the State Inland Fish & Game Department were brought here by Steve Powell of Richmond and liberated. A law has been passed making this area closed for deer hunting for six years. Willie Olson and Roy Dyer have been appointed special wardens.

April 19, 1951

A dance will be held tonight in the Blue Room with rhythm by the Yankee Clippers.

April 18, 1936





ICMS to End Remote Hypertension Monitoring Program

It is with a great deal of regret that ICMS announces the end of the remote blood pressure monitoring program effective immediately. The reasons the program is sunsetting are as follows:

- 1. The outside funding for the pilot program ended on February 1, 2023.
- 2. Insurance companies have either reduced their coverage or denied it for the remote monitoring service.
- 3. A large number of patients enrolled in the program are unable or unwilling to cover the co-pay or costs no longer covered by insurance.
- 4. The loss of a robust number of participants, along with the loss of insurance payments and outside funding, results in a significant financial loss for ICMS if the program were to continue.

Patients who had success with the program and would like to continue vigilant monitoring of their blood pressure are invited to keep the blood pressure cuffs and to contact their ICMS provider to work out how monitoring at home can continue. We are sorry for the loss of such a successful remote monitoring offering and will strive to identify other, more sustainable future opportunities. If you have questions, please call Cameron Garrett, Executive Director at 207-863-4341, ext. 1110.



Do you or a family member currently have health coverage through Medicaid (Maine Care) or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)? If so, you will need to take steps to find out if you can continue your coverage.

Be on the lookout for an envelope with a colored blue block from the Department of Health and Human Services as this contains a renewal letter. To ensure you receive this critical piece of mail make sure your contact information (mailing address, phone number and email) is up to date with Medicaid. Your renewal notice could also be posted in your mymaineconnection.gov account so be sure to check that as well.

Our Outreach Enrollment Manager, Brooke Conway, is here to assist you with re-applying for Medicaid. If you received a termination letter Brooke can also help you find affordable health coverage through the Marketplace.

Please reach out to Brooke at 863-4341, ext 1122, or email, bconway@icmsvh.org to set up an appointment.

Star of Hope Update



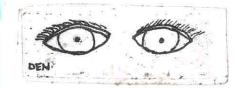
You will notice activity on Windy Way in the coming weeks.

The Star of Hope Foundation is about to begin demolition on this small yellow building which overlooks Carver's Pond. Our engineers carefully analyzed all of the real estate owned by the foundation, and this building was found to be in significant disrepair: structurally unsound and posing a safety risk. The first step will be to remove windows and doors and then an environmental abatement crew will come in as required, and remove materials often found in old buildings. Following this effort, the building will come down and the area cleaned up.

As for future use, the Star of Hope Foundation Board will be meeting in May to discuss the possibilities. As one can imagine, there are a number of options that have been suggested. The Board will consider the town's ordinances and the constraints on this property, before formulating a plan for future use.

For information regarding the Star of Hope Foundation visit: www.starofhopefoundation.org

The Star of Hope's mission is to promote education of the visual arts in Maine.



OBSERVER

Karol sat on the floor with his back against the couch watching C-Span and nursing a bottle of Smutty Nose Imperial Stout. He wore a pair of old woolen trousers he'd been given vears before when he was a good deal heavier. Held aloft by a length of pot warp passed through a few of the belt loops, those not similarly secured hung like fabric jowls around his waist. A favorite t-shirt, torn nearly to shreds and covered with paint splotches, completed the ensemble. He had other clothes, good clothes, that Gigi provided for him, but castoffs appealed to his sense of economy. He wasn't even remotely stingy. He just abhors waste. A newcomer once asked where he might deposit clothes he could no longer use and was told by one of Karol's fellow teachers to just put them in a paper bag and leave them in Karol's truck (another castoff), the same with food and other things. Those were the good old days.

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WE'RE HERE TO HELP: SETTLE YOUR BALANCE AND BREATHE EASY!

ICMS is excited to announce the launch of our new "We're Here to Help" program aimed at reducing the number of unpaid medical bills associated with ICMS patient accounts. Our goal is to work with our patients to ensure that they receive the best possible care while also maintaining the financial stability of our clinic.

The program includes a variety of resources to help patients manage their outstanding balances, including insurance counseling, payment plans, and financial assistance programs for those who are experiencing financial hardship. We are also implementing new procedures to pursue unpaid bills more aggressively, including updates to our Patient Responsibility Policy.

We understand that medical bills can be a burden, and <u>we want to work with our patients</u> to help them manage their outstanding balances. We believe that working together to resolve outstanding bills is an essential part of providing the best possible care to our patients.

We encourage our patients to connect with us to discuss their options for payment plans and financial assistance programs. **Our team is here to help**, and we are committed to ensuring that every patient receives the care they need and deserve.

For more information on the new program, please contact the Executive Director at 207-863-4109 or visit our website at www.icmsvh.org .

SUPPORT ICMS!

SHOP THE ICMS STORE!

WWW.ICMSVH.ORG/SHOP



LAST CALL FOR FREE MODERNA BIVALENT VACCINE!

We still have some Moderna Bivalent Booster vaccine available. This is the last call for the free vaccine (there is a small administration fee).

Please refer to the CDC website to help you decide if you are due for this booster

Call 863-4341 and speak with the front desk to get on the list for a call back for a date and time.

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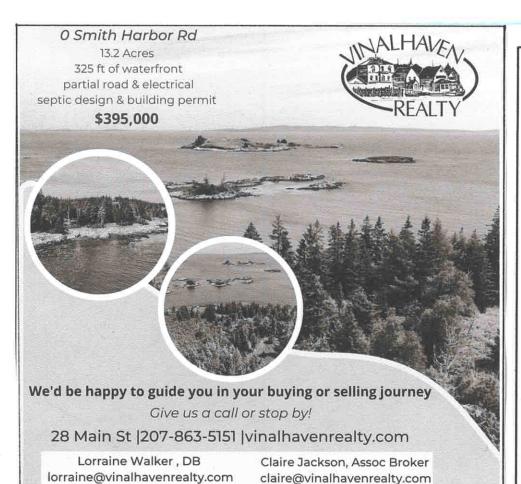
Have you considered donating?



Your gift will help ICMS close the gap in our operating funds and provide critical support to ensuring ICMS services exist into the future.

Philanthropic support is critical at this time and allows us to meet our clinic's most pressing needs. We are so thankful to our countless donors; your generosity enables our success.

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Friday, April 21 Saturday, April 22 11-4PM

New planters & seeds, baskets & lanterns, pillows & throws, Mother's Day cards & gifts, table linens & vases, and much more!

1197 North Haven Road 802-274-1664

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Purchased in November, from Dow Furniture, but too large for my apartment.

- Tall chest of drawers with mirror
- Regular chest of drawers

Both are dark chestnut brown.

Paid \$2530.00, asking \$1800.00 or BRO.

Call Brenda @ 863-5215 Come take a look!

4/25-national these worker's day! National Plumbers Day National Hairstylists Day National School Bus Drivers Day

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All items for *The WIND* must be submitted by email to:

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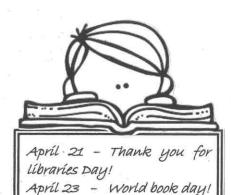
"A person without regrets is a nincompoop." Mia Farrow



Vinalhaven Softball/Baseball 2023 Season

| Softball | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------|--------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| 21 Apr 23 (Fri) | HOME Buckfield | 11 AM | Vinalhaven | 21/2 | | | |
| 21 Apr 23 (Fri) | HOME Buckfield (Scr) | 1 PM | Vinalhaven , | N/A | | | |
| 25 Apr 23 (Tue) | AWAY Forest Hills | 11 AM | Kent's Hill | 7 ANA/A-20 DNA | | | |
| 25 Apr 23 (Tue) | AWAY Forest Hills | 1 PM | Kent's Hill | 7 AM/4:30 PM | | | |
| 01 May 23 (Mon) | HOME Temple | 11 AM | Vinalhaven | NI/A | | | |
| 01 May 23 (Mon) | HOME Temple | 1 PM | Vinalhaven | N/A | | | |
| 08 May 23 (Mon) | AWAY Forest Hills | 2:30 PM | Forest Hills | 9.45 ANA | | | |
| 08 May 23 (Mon) | AWAY Forest Hills | 4:30 PM | Forest Hills | 8:45 AM | | | |
| 09 May 23 (Tue) | AWAY Greenville | 9 AM | Greenville | 4-20 DM | | | |
| 09 May 23 (Tue) | AWAY Greenville | 11 AM | Greenville | 4:30 PM | | | |
| 13 May 23 (Sat) | HOME Richmond | 11 AM | Vinalhaven | NI/A | | | |
| 13 May 23 (Sat) | HOME Richmond (Scr) | 1 PM | Vinalhaven | N/A | | | |
| 16 May 23 (Tue) | AWAY Temple | 11 AM | Temple | 7 444/4-20 044 | | | |
| 16 May 23 (Tue) | AWAY Temple | 1 PM | Temple | 7 AM/4:30 PM | | | |
| 26 May 23 (Fri) | AWAY Valley | 5 PM | Valley | 1 PM | | | |
| 27 May 23 (Sat) | AWAY Valley | 9 AM | Valley | 4-20 004 | | | |
| 27 May 23 (Sat) | AWAY Valley | 11 AM | Valley | 4:30 PM | | | |

| Baseball | | | | | | |
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| Date | Opponent | Start Time | Location | Ferry Times | | |
| 25 Apr 23 (Tue) | AWAY Forest Hills | 11 AM | Kent's Hill | 7 ANA/4-20 DNA | | |
| 25 Apr 23 (Tue) | AWAY Forest Hills | 1 PM | Kent's Hill | 7 AM/4:30 PM | | |
| 03 May 23 (Wed) | AWAY Rangeley | 11 AM | Mountain View | 7 AM/4:30 PM | | |
| 03 May 23 (Wed) | AWAY Rangeley | 1 PM | Mountain View | 7 AIVI/4:30 PIVI | | |
| 06 May 23 (Sat) | HOME Rangeley | 11 AM | Vinalhaven | N/A | | |
| 06 May 23 (Sat) | HOME Rangeley | 1 PM | Vinalhaven | | | |
| 08 May 23 (Mon) | AWAY Forest Hills | 2:30 PM | Forest Hills | 8:45 AM | | |
| 08 May 23 (Mon) | AWAY Forest Hills | 4:30 PM | Forest Hills | | | |
| 09 May 23 (Tue) | AWAY Greenville | 9 AM | Greenville | 4:30 PM | | |
| 09 May 23 (Tue) | AWAY Greenville | 11 AM | Greenville | 4.50 PIVI | | |
| 13 May 23 (Sat) | AWAY Richmond | 11 AM | Richmond | 7 AM/4:30 PM | | |
| 13 May 23 (Sat) | AWAY Richmond | 1 PM | Richmond | | | |
| 26 May 23 (Fri) | Fri) HOME Valley | | Vinalhaven | N/A | | |
| 27 May 23 (Sat) | HOME Valley | 9 AM | Vinalhaven | NI/A | | |
| 27 May 23 (Sat) | HOME Valley | 11 AM | Vinalhaven | N/A | | |



\$10 Dollar Treasuahh!

Each week a short riddle will be published in The Wind that will lead one lucky person (or a team) to a hidden \$10 bill. The prize will always be hidden in an easy to access and safe public place.

- (1) Solve the riddle
- (2) Find the treasure
- (3) Follow secret instructions to add your name to the winners list!

Ahoy, Me Hearties! Take your shoes off the shelves and join us for Week #12!

My steps are steep, my handrail worn A century of footsteps, I have borne I lead to a place both grand and bold Look underneath, your treasuahh, Behold!

Week#11 Winner: Shiver me timbers, a new group named The Treasure Hunters found the Week #11 booty! Week #10 still remains unfound and in play! Check out the 'Vinalhaven Treasuahh' Facebook page for details.

~Captain Hook

Dr. Caron will hold the next Veterinary Clinic

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Applications are OPEN!! **Ogden/Chaffey Career Path Grant**

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Who is it for?

Vinalhaven adults, ages 18-25 High school diploma not required

Is there a deadline?

Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Funding is limited - apply ASAP!

How do I apply?

Apply online at: PartnersInIslandEducation.org/ post-secondary-scholarships/

Questions?

Contact Alice or Julie at:

PartnersInIslandEducation@gmail.com

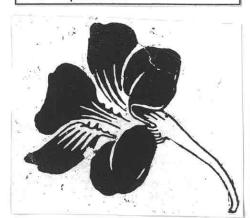
"To Love Is All"

I'm a bum in your world a beggar for your love a teller of stories I rewrite as I go along and if ever I embellish the truth it is only to draw you closer to have you lean in and listen so that I might drown in your eyes the way I did when first we met when first we touched when first I discovered what this life was for. Paddy Noble

Temporary Wind Delivery Change The Wind is now delivered on Wednesdays, unless there is a weather issue, then Fridays, Please

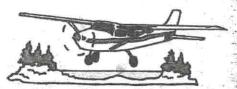
send your submissions/emails to:

vinalhavenwind@gmail.com by Monday. (Or call 863-9926, no later than 5pm, Mon.) Please no walk-ins on Tuesday, due to having to get The Wind ready for print early and to give the printers time for the quick turnaround.



APRIL IS STRESS AWARENESS MONTH

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Island Village Childcare

Island Village Childcare is in the process of expanding our childcare facility!

In order to do so, we are looking to obtain a USDA, Rural Development grant in the amount of \$75,000.

Want to learn more? The application will be discussed at the next public board meeting.

> Where: IVC (13 Arcola Lane) When: April 24th at 5:00pm

Any questions or comments, please contact Carter Stanley at 207-701-1592



Thank you to all who continue to support our goals. It is significant and directly impacts island children and families. We appreciate you all!



Islands Community Medical Services

www.icmsvh.org.

Medical Services: 863-4341 Dental Services: 863-2533 Counseling: 837-4057 Billing: (603) 782-8374

Hours of Operation

Medical Services

Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri: 8am-12noon 1pm-4pm Thurs:8am-12noon, closed Thurs afternoons

Dental Services

Dentist: Wed & Thurs

Physical Therapy

To schedule an appointment, call 863-4341

Counseling

Dan Keniston, LCSW To schedule an appointment, call 837-4057

Osteopathic Manipulative **Treatment & Acupuncture**

Stuart Damon, DO To schedule an appointment, call 863-4341

Women's Health

Kathleen Coleman, ANP To schedule an appointment, call 863-4341

To reach the provider on call:

Dial 863-4341 and your call will be forwarded to the answering service. They will take your call and page the provider-on-call for you.

ICMS receives HHS funding and 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

April 25th - National Drug **Take Back Day**



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National Poetry Month! Come browse our poetry books and maybe bring one home to read under a tree...swoon

OPEN: Thursday- Saturday 10-2

Accepting donations during our open hours only (please do not leave items on the porch)

We can take up to 3 boxes of GENTLY USED books/day. For more than that, please contact Colleen, 867-9978, to make arrangements.

All sales support Friends of the Vinalhaven Public Library



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 Dan Keniston, LCSW at (207) 837-4057.

We have appointments available by telemedicine through Zoom. We are offering a free visit for anyone who is struggling during challenging times. You can call Dan directly.

AL-ANON

Recovery For Family and Friends of Alcoholics

12 Step Meetings

Al-Anon is for anyone impacted by a relative or friend's alcohol dependency, either currently or in the past. Support is provided through literature and meetings, where everything shared remains confidential, as well as the identity of those attending.

To join Vinalhaven meetings online or by phone, 4:30pm Mondays and Thursdays, please email vinalhavenalanon@gmail.com

Help is also available from Maine Al-Anon maineafg.org (207)284-1844 and al-anon.org

Notice

The WINDS are available online (on the town of Vinalhaven's website Vinalhaven Public Poster, occasionally the posting may be delayed) at local businesses, and The WIND boxes at the ferry terminal, Todd's Garage, and in front of the post office. Thanks to those who help deliver the Winds around town and to the ladies at the Town Office for their help!

OCEANSIDE GETAWAY

Take a digital break. Relax offscreen. Watch the osprey nesting and the eagle soar. Catch the changing tide & lobstermen pulling their pots. Beach and coastline to explore. 3 bedrooms, kitchen, electric & shower. \$775 per week.

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Overeaters Anonymous Meeting

6 PM Tuesday Downstairs at the Union Church

Compulsive over or undereating, food addiction, anorexia, bulimia, binge eating or overexercising...no matter your challenge with food or body image, you will be welcome here and find support for your recovery.

AA

Tuesday 7:00 PM Zoom meeting ID: 907 085 8272 Please contact vinalhavenaa@gmail.com for password or any other questions.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

Submit to The Wind!

We are looking for stories, anecdotes, recipes, images, shout outs, etc. to include in THE WIND. If you have something you would like to share, we would love to include it in future WINDS. Please send to: vinalhavenwind@gmail.com



FOX ISLANDS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE AND TARIFF AMENDMENT MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DOCKET NO. 2023-00050

Fox Islands Electric Cooperative, Inc. (FIEC) hereby notifies its customers that it will file for a rate increase and tariff amendment with the Maine Public Utilities Commission (Commission) pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. §§307, 3502 and the Commission's Rules (65-407 Chapter 120 §(8)(B)(1)(a)(i)).

FIEC proposes to raise rates by 7% to (1) ensure compliance with the mortgage covenants on debt; (2) provide for increased labor, insurance, storm damage, fuel, materials, services, vehicle and equipment acquisition, maintenance, and repair, and other operational costs; and (3) allocate costs more equitably among customer classes. Based on its cost-of-service study in 2022, FIEC proposed to allocate the increased rates in a way that addresses current inequalities between rate classes, specifically the revenue under collection from the Residential Peak Period rate class. As a result, the increase is not equal across all rate classes. FIEC has not raised T&D rates since 2015.

FIEC proposes to modify its T&D rates by repealing the provision that includes 50 kWh of T&D service in the monthly minimum charge – customers will pay the T&D rate, Conservation Assessment, and Low-Income Payment Assistance Program Assessment on all kWh used. Customers who are billed 50 kWh or less each month will see an increase up to the following:

| Service Rate Class | T&D Rate | 50 kWh of T&D Service |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Residential | \$0.13708 | \$6.85 |
| Residential Peak Period | \$0.11028 | \$5.51 |
| Commercial | \$0.09752 | \$4.88 |
| Large Commercial | \$0.09094 | \$4.55 |
| Small Power | \$0.12311 | \$6.16 |
| | | |

For the Residential Rate Class, the increased cost of the 50 kWh subject to the T&D rate will be partially offset by a decrease in the T&D rate. FIEC proposes to adjust T&D rates as follows:

| Service Rate Class | Current T&D Rate per Kilowatt Hour | Proposed T&D Rate per Kilowatt Hour | Net Percentage Rate Change |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Residential | \$0.14205 | \$0.13708 | -3.6% |
| Residential Peak Period | \$0.10211 | \$0.11028 | 7.4% |
| Commercial | \$0.09608 | \$0.09752 | 1.5% |
| Large Commercial | \$0.08829 | \$0.09094 | 2.9% |
| Small Power | \$0.11952 | \$0.12311 | 2.9% |

If the rate request is granted, customers with the following average bills will see a monthly increase as follows (the calculation includes the 50 kWh and T&D rate changes):

| Service Rate Class | 250 kWh | | 500 kWh | | 750 kWh | | 1000 kWh | |
|-------------------------|----------|--------|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|------|
| Residential | \$5.86 | 13.5% | \$4.62 | 5.9% | \$3.38 | 2.9% | \$2.13 | 1.4% |
| Residential Peak Period | \$7.15 | 11.83% | \$9.19 | 10.7% | \$11.23 | 10.1% | \$13.28 | 9.7% |
| Commercial | \$5.16 | 10.5% | \$5.52 | 7.5% | \$5.88 | 6.1% | \$6.24 | 5.1% |
| | 5000 kWh | | 5500 kWh | | 6000 kWh | | 6500 kWh | |
| Large Commercial | \$17.67 | 3.0% | \$18.99 | 3.0% | \$20.32 | 3.0% | \$21.64 | 3.0% |
| Small Power | \$23.93 | 3.8% | \$25.72 | 3.8% | \$27.52 | 3.7% | \$29.31 | 3.7% |

In addition, instead of defining the Commercial and Large Commercial classes by use of less than or more than 24,000 kWh per year, the amendments propose revising Commercial rates to apply to customers using less than 2,000 kWh per month and Large Commercial rates to apply to customers using more than 2,000 kWh per month. Customers in the Commercial rate class that qualify for the Large Commercial rate class will see a 35% increase (approximately \$107/month) when moved to the Large Commercial rate. This change is proposed to address the inequity of businesses that are provided large commercial service yet are billed as commercial customers due to the seasonal nature of their operations.

FIEC will request that the new rates go into effect on July 1, 2023.

FIEC will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Church, 25 East Main St., Vinalhaven, ME 04863. At this meeting, FIEC will provide additional information about the rate and tariff amendments, and FIEC's customers will have the opportunity to ask questions about the proposed amendments. Customers have the right to request additional information relating to present and proposed rates. Customers have the right to an open and fair hearing and to further hearings before the Commission.

The Office of the Public Advocate provides guidance on how to participate at the Commission at www.maine.gov/meopa/home and can be reached at (207) 624-3687.

FIEC's customers have the right to petition the Commission to investigate the proposed rate and tariff amendments. Petitions must be signed by at least 10% of FIEC's customers and filed with the Commission by June 14, 2023. The Commission's online case management system is available at www.maine.gov/mpuc/online-services/. This case has been assigned Docket No. 2023-00050.

The proposed rate and tariff amendments and supporting materials are available at FIEC's Main Office, 66 Main St., Vinalhaven, ME, or electronically upon request by emailing CustomerService@foxislands.net.