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Friday-Sunday
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Vinalhaven Taxi
207-720-0056
Ferry/Airstrip connections.
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Jeanne Bineau-Ames


September Schedule
Indoor and outdoor seating and take-out
RESTAURANT: SATURDAY & SUNDAY nights
Kitchen open 5-8pm, Bar open until 10pm
Pizza, salads, small plates, full-bar, island beer,
ice cream sandwiches & good island fun!
www.calderwoodhall.com // 207.867.4700 // email@calderwood.com

P.O. BOX 194, VINALHAVEN, ME 04863 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION: \$55

THE WIND

THE ISLAND NEWS WEEKLY

September 8 - September 14, 2022 E-MAIL: vinalhavenwind@gmail.com

Sonya & Bernice
Sonya: Thursday - Friday, no reservations needed
Saturday - One seating at 6pm, reservations only
Bernice: Open Thursday - Saturday 10am-3pm

The Sand Bar
863-4500 * Dine-In or Take-Out
Open for Lunch, Dinner & Cocktails
Kitchen open 11 am - 8 pm
Closed Mondays
Trivia is back!*
Friday @ 7 pm
*cancelled occasionally if short staffed, check our Facebook page for updates
Order food online @
www.sandbarvinalhaven.com
Cocktails to-go still available!
(Order in-person or by phone)
Check our Facebook page for daily specials & slushie flavors

SEPTEMBER 11TH - PATRIOT DAY
A NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE MARKING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN AMERICA 2001, AND THE GRATITUDE FOR THE 1ST RESPONDERS WHO PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE.


CONGRATULATIONS...
To Sarah James and Justin Newton, on their marriage Sept. 3rd, a beautiful day for a beautiful couple! What a celebration! Love, your family and friends!

Place Mailing Label Here

Thank you to all who were able to help with Bean Suppers-the bakers, cooks, servers, dishwashers, those who set up and cleaned up...and to everyone who could attend and supported this special Thursday night event. Looking forward to next year. Candi Barton

A huge thank you to all who participated in the 2022 Flea Market! Talented Vinalhaven Vendors, visiting vendors, children selling their crafts, all made this year extremely successful. Many thanks to friends, family, summer folk, and visitors, who came, chatted, bought our items, and shared in such an important part of our island community. You are also much appreciated. With this year's vendor fees we were able to contribute to these island organizations, Veterans Grave Markers-sponsored by Joe Lazaro, Vinalhaven Pet Pantry, Santa House Fund, Vinalhaven Historical Society, and Vinalhaven Fuel Fund. Looking forward to 2023 and another fun year.
Kathy Morton

PIE
PARTNERS in ISLAND EDUCATION
THANK YOU
to
ROBERTS HARBOR FARM
for partnering with us on a wonderful evening of food, drink, music and celebration to benefit PIE!
We couldn't have imagined a more beautiful setting or a better way to end the summer.
Thank you for making it possible!


PIE's mission is to support learning opportunities for Vinalhaven kids.
FMI: PartnersInIslandEducation.org
PartnersInIslandEducation@gmail.com

4 Unclaimed Pressure Treated 2 X 8's - Are they yours?
863-4346

dot & millie's
restaurant · bar · catering
September
open three nights a week
Thursday - Saturday
beginning at 5:15pm
by reservation
book online with resy or call 207-863-2300



Kids Trivia Answers
1 Orange
2 Yellow
3 Black
4 Warm Colors
5 Complementary Colors

Adult Trivia Answers
1 Tin
2 A Grocer
3 Arrows
4 Clean Houses
5 Sweets


VLT is excited to welcome Andrea Hogan as our next Executive Director - she will begin her position in October. For more information, visit vinalhavenlandtrust.org

Town of Vinalhaven Information

www.townofvinalhaven.org

Calendar

Planning Board Pre-Meeting – Wednesday, September 8, 7pm at the Town Office. FMI contact Faye Grant 863-2168

Select Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 13, 5pm at the Town Office and on Zoom. Live streamed to Facebook. FMI contact Marjorie Stratton, 863-2042

Planning Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 14, 7pm at the Town Office. FMI contact Faye Grant 863-2168

Notices

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

2021-2022 Property Taxes – Tax bills were mailed out on Sept 1st, 2021. Tax bills were sent to the owner of record on April 1st, 2021. If you sold your property after April 1st, 2021, it's up to you to forward the tax bill to the new owner. Payments were due on November 1st, 2021, and May 2nd, 2022. Interest is accruing on unpaid payments. Please call the Town Office at 863-4471 or 863-4343 for an interest figure.

Dog Licenses – 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 puppy 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 puppies/dogs if these guidelines are followed. All dogs not licensed for 2022 now have to pay \$25 late fee per dog.

Transfer Station – No longer accepting waste gasoline.

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 (Net Factory Property). Open Sat 9am-1 pm and occasional pop-ups.

Hours of Operation & Contact Information

The Town Office is open to the public. Services are also available over the phone, by email, or online. Please contact the Town Office FMI.

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

Town Clerk – Darlene M. Candage, 863-4343, townclerk@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, Mon-Wed 9am-1 pm, 863-2168, vhceo@townofvinalhaven.org

Planning and Community Development – Contact Town Manager Marjorie Stratton, 863-2042, townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org

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

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

Director of Public Works / Town Garage – Millie Martin, 863-2063, vhdpw@townofvinalhaven.org

Library – Tues, Thurs 1-5pm; Wed, Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 9am-4pm; Sun, Mon Closed; 863-4401, librarian@vinalhavenpubliclibrary.org

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

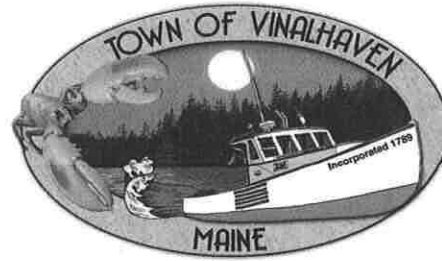
Fire Department – Marc Candage, Emergency 911, Non-Emergency 863-4604, mcandage@townofvinalhaven.org

Ambulance Service – Pat Lundholm, Interim Ambulance Director and Ryan Nizolek, Ambulance Director, Emergency 911, Non-Emergency 863-2119

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

Animal Control Officer and Harbor Master – James Knowlton, 756-0209

Deputy Harbor Master – Peter Gasperini, 542-1992



Transfer Station Notice

The Transfer Station is no longer accepting waste gasoline.

Town of Vinalhaven is Hiring!

Deputy Clerk (FT or PT)

This position involves significant public contact and working with town staff and volunteers. The Town Office is often the first phone call made to figure out what resources or agencies can assist with the public's questions/concerns. This position can be a F/T or P/T position, depending on the candidate's qualifications and desired workload. Work includes assisting committees to maintain public records and assisting with the town's communications. Work is performed under the supervision of the Town Manager subject to applicable State laws and regulation and annual financial audits. **Apply by September 9th.**

Custodian

This position involves maintaining a clean and safe general presentation of town buildings. This may include general cleaning of all offices, vacuuming, dusting, washing floors, cleaning bathrooms, and emptying trash. Municipal buildings included in the duties of this position include the Town Office, Library, Public Safety Building, and the public restroom at the Old Fire Hall. It also involves maintaining an inventory of cleaning supplies, paper towels, and trash bags for each building as necessary. Click here for a full job description.

Full job descriptions available on town website www.townofvinalhaven.org
All positions are open until a qualified candidate is chosen. For more information, please contact Town Manager Marjorie Stratton at (207) 863-2042
townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org

The Town of Vinalhaven is an equal opportunity employer.

NEW HOURS – Town Office

Regular hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 8am to 5pm and Friday 8am to 12pm.



Pleasant River Chapel

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Music Sunday

This will be a music service, please bring a song, a musical piece or something that you would like to share.

Service will be held on Zoom and in person at the chapel

Breakfast at 8,

Fellowship time at 8:30, service at 9:00
All are welcome!

Next Drive through Bean Supper will be Sept. 24th.

For Zoom log-on info, email pleasriverchapel@gmail.com

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

Union Church

~ Welcomes You ~

Sunday Services
11:00 am

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Reverend
Jeffrey Lewis

We are meeting in-person and on Zoom
Please contact Betsy Walsh at 4124 for Zoom link information

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A light lunch will be served after the service in the vestry

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

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

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Pastoral Care
Reverend Jeffrey Lewis

Last week was the last Mass of the Season. We look forward to seeing our,

Our Lady of Peace Catholic community reunited next Summer.

Have a safe, healthy, and peaceful winter.

Blessings to all!

Silent Meditation

Non-denominational
Upstairs in The Union Church
Tuesdays and Saturdays
5:00-5:30pm
All are welcome.



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

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

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



Vinalhaven School – We're Back!

Dear VH School Community,

This is our first week of school, and we are happy to be back in session. There have been many improvements to the school this summer, and we are still in the final stages of adding fresh paint, having a new roof installed on parts of the building, and new doors that will add convenience and safety. You might hear students talk about the fix-up noise for another week or so. It's good noise!

New Staff? There are quite a few new faces around the building, plus some familiar faces returning to help out for part-time specific jobs. For now, let me introduce you to people who are **new to the island**.

Bobby Brown is the new 3rd Grade Teacher.

Alison Pols is the new Director of Student Services.

Lynn Nenada is the new middle and high school Social Studies Teacher.

Allie Heckerd is the new School Counselor.

Frederick Emrich is the new Discovery Room Teacher.

Gillian Lobkowicz is the new part-time tutor supporting middle and high school students.

Katie Danielson is the new Instructional Specialist.

Kaylin Wu is the new Island Fellow supporting Tech Integration.

Louis Reycroft is the new Math Enrichment Specialist.

This group brings a wealth of teaching and leadership experience from around Maine, around the USA, and from around the world. As the year moves along, we'll share more about the individuals above, plus other new (but familiar to Vinalhaven) staff members who are helping make great things happen at school.

Thank you for your continued support of Vinalhaven School and for **welcoming these new staff members to the community**,

Sincerely,

Monte Selby, Principal/Superintendent

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Floodplain – Vinalhaven, Maine

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

The Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) intends to fund the following Proposed Action under the State Economic & Infrastructure Development Investment (SEID) Program. NBRC will prepare an 8-Step Decision-Making Process review in compliance with Executive Order (EO) 11988 (Floodplain Management) as amended by Executive Order 13690 (Establishing a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard and a Process for Further Soliciting and Considering Stakeholder Input).

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to renovate the Vinalhaven Downtown area, which serves commercial fishing and supports the Town's tourist activities, which are the two principal employment sectors on the island. The project will remedy deficiencies in parking lots and boat launches and mitigate flooding impacts to structures and public infrastructure. This is aligned with the SEID Program's Transportation Infrastructure, Basic Public Infrastructure, and Resource Conservation, Tourism, Recreation priorities.

Components of the Proposed Action includes:

1. Upgrading the Downtown Parking Lot and Improving the Boat Launch, which involves reconstructing the downtown parking lot located on Main Street, Vinalhaven across from Carvers Harbor Market (44.047308, 68.833475), improving the commercial and recreational boat launch, and repairing/replacing the bulkheads, which are located at the downtown parking lot. The purpose of the improvements to this site are to reduce flooding and support economic activity.
2. Preparing Net Factory Site for Eventual Repurposing, which involves relocating the current Vinalhaven Water District Offices to the existing wastewater treatment facility property located at 62 Sands Road (44.044985, -68.840564). The purpose of this action is to accommodate short-term offices for construction employees to support the project and to enable the site to eventually be repurposed for the benefit of the community. The future use of the Net Factory site is still in development.
3. Improving Working Waterfront, which includes improving the "Fish Plant" commercial boat launch (44.045297, -68.837313) and repairing/replacing the bulkheads along the "Fish Plant" parking lot (44.045019, -68.837577), which is located adjacent to the Fish Plant commercial boat launch on West Main Street. The purpose of the renovation is to build resilience to the impacts of sea level rise and increased precipitation and to support the commercial fishing economy.

For the Proposed Action, NBRC has determined that the Proposed Action is located within the FFRMS floodplain and warrants an analysis under the 8-Step Decision-Making Process.

This notice provides people who may be affected by the Proposed Action and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts.

Comments should be submitted by email to info@clarkgroupllc.com. NBRC is accepting comments on this notice from September 9, 2022 through the end of the day of September 24, 2022

Date of Publication: September 8, 2022

VINALHAVEN PLANNING BOARD
 PRELIMINARY AGENDA
 September 7th, 2022
 Town Office, 7 pm

I. PERMIT APPLICATIONS

A. NEW:

1. Applicant: Mitchell Hopkins
 Owner: Kevin Hopkins
 162 Old Harbor Road TM 16 L 9
 New building/structure: Accessory structure
 25' W x 20' L x 10' H One floor
2. Applicant/Owner: Phil Crossman
 Old Harbor Road TM 21 L 5
 New building/structure: Single family use
 30' W x 40' L x 24' H 2 BR and 2 floors
3. Applicant/Owner: Ashley Davis-Oakes
 38 East Main Street TM 23 L 66
 Change of use: Adding salon booth rental space
 42' W x 41' L x 28' H 3 BR and 2 floors
4. Applicant: Bruce Young
 Owner: Three Points Vinalhaven, LLC
 110 Birgers Road TM 12 L 41C, 41A
 New building/structure: Bunkhouse, guesthouse, etc.
 Addition to existing structure: Adding 30% to house, away from water
 Walkaway – 22.3' x 6'
 16' 3" W x 29' L x 18' H 1 BR and 2 floors

B. TABLED:

1. Applicant and Owner: William Foote
 Roberts Harbor TM 26 L 006A
 Addition to existing structure/Other
 Reorient house
 Previous "front porch" now replaced by "living/dining room"
 Change in location of porch
 Motioned by Banner seconded by Brendan (on August 10th, 2022)
 VOTED: To TABLE application, 5-0
Finding of Facts: Application is incomplete with no plot plan showing
 the Board the orientation of the structure on the lot.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

IV. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: September 14th, 2022

...with thanks...

Over the years there have been countless notes of gratitude for the men and women in EMS who transport sick or injured folks to the mainland.

This time it is a note of gratitude from EMS to the many people who have come to our aid during the past month or so of relentless rescue calls. August was grueling.

We often talk about how difficult it is to obtain transportation at night. In August we had an unprecedented increase in the number of calls at night and limited assistance from Lifeflight of Maine because of weather. Our patients got to the place they needed to be because of lobstermen Walt Day, Jim Knowlton, Cody Hamilton (and friends), and Rich Carlsen. They came out in the middle of the night and quite possibly lost the following day's haul income.

We disrupted the daytime ferry schedule multiple times and had one night run with the ferry crew. We know that these types of calls impact not only the ferry crews and terminal employees, but all the customers forced to alter their plans.

Jim Hogan and Jen Desmond made four emergency trips with the patient because they were in such critical condition. This happens once every few months – not four times in one month! And our own Denise Hopkins and Jeff Aronson went way beyond the normal ask, night after night and day after day when crew was short because of vacation or covid.

And finally, following two particularly sorrowful calls, our crew's emotional well-being was shaken. We were graciously supported by Pam Kittredge, by two volunteers who came to the island as critical incident stress debriefers (Kim Mills and partner Jan), and by a new program offered by the State of Maine that is very effective in helping individuals.

We are very grateful for all this support. We couldn't do it without you.

Vinalhaven EMS

Seeking Electrician & Carpenter

The Town of Vinalhaven is in search of an electrician and a carpenter to take care of repairs on the Public Works building. Work will entail moving electrical conduits, rebuilding a door frame, ordering and installing a new door, and some siding replacement. Please contact Millie (207) 863-2063
vhdpw@townofvinalhaven.org

"September days have the warmth of summer in their briefer hours. But in their lengthening evenings a prophetic breath of autumn."
Rowland E. Robinson

Unofficial Official Fun Dates
 9/8, National School Pictures Day
 9/11, Grandparents Day
 9/13, Positive Thinking Day

AA

Monday 8:00AM
 Women's Meeting
 Union Church Upstairs

Tuesday 7:00 PM
 Zoom meeting ID:
 907 085 8272
 Please contact
VinalhavenAA@gmail.com
 for password

Wednesday 7:00 PM
 Union Church Vestry

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

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

Since 1936



Help the Vinalhaven Lions Club support the community!

The Vinalhaven Lions Club is proud to support Vinalhaven Reads Program, Historical Society, VES, Meals on Wheels, Life Flight, college scholarships, Learn-to-Swim program, and more!

Tent Rentals



20ft x 40ft tent w/optional sides
 \$600 per tent, 3 tents available
 Set up & take down included
 Call Larry @ 863-6264

Lobster Cookouts



Options: Lobsters, mussels, chicken, steak, corn on the cob, hotdogs/burgers, more
 Call Dennis @ 863-2061

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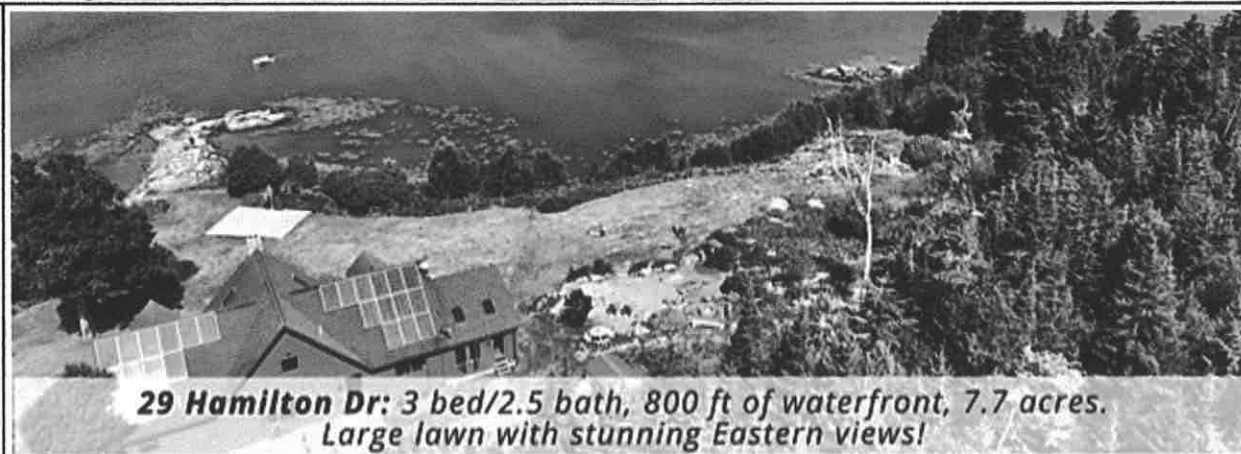
The following people were the winners in the two raffles we held to benefit Britt and Myles Radley. Mark Jackson and Brenda Phillip won the two \$500.00 cash prizes. The big prize raffle was drawn off last Saturday night at the cookout at Grimes Park on Smith's Point. And the winners are:

- \$25 Island's Closet Gift Card – Beth Healey
- \$25 Island's Closet Gift Card – Jim Hogan
- Lg Oil Pants – John Gordon
- \$275 Fuel oil Gift Certificate – Donna Webster
- Lobster feed for 12 persons – Darlene Candage
- One night stay at the Tidewater Motel - Pam & Steve Alley
- Wheelbarrow planter – Bill Dye
- 4 Sea Dogs tickets – Bub Wadsworth
- \$50 Fisherman's Friend Gift Certificate – Anna Lazaro
- Truckload of split and dry spruce – Alaina Martin
- 2 LB of frozen scallops – Mary Boone
- \$20 Seas Bakery Gift Certificate – Anne Jordan
- \$25 Just Teasin' Gift Certificate – Ellen Brochu
- \$50 Sherry's Kitchen Gift Certificate – Jackie Philbrook
- Canvas Bag – Cheri Cochran
- \$50 Fathom Seafood Gift Certificate – Ellie Hunsinger
- \$50 Fathom Seafood Gift Certificate – Kevin "Bub" Hopkins
- \$50 Golfer's Crossing Mini Golf Gift Certificate – Donna Smith
- \$50 Golfer's Crossing Mini Golf Gift Certificate – Kayla Hunsinger
- Key Chain and Bracelet – Jane Walker
- Restored Rush Seat Chair – Heather Swears
- Raspberry Pie – Sharon Philbrook
- 2 Gallons of Hydraulic Oil – Mae Applegate
- Pedicure @ The Nail Hutch – Joel Greenberg
- \$50 Any-Island-Business Gift Certificate – Kay Kellerman
- Quart of Maple Syrup – Theresa Peterson
- Vera Bradley Purse – Rebecca Locke
- \$50 FIEC Gift Certificate – Callie Warren
- \$25 Greet's Eats Gift Certificate – Faye Grant
- \$100 Midnight Kitchen Gift Certificate – Jim Hogan
- \$25 Surfside Gift Certificate – Bill Dye
- \$25 Surfside Gift Certificate – Reagan Warren
- \$25 Surfside Gift Certificate – Beth Healey
- \$25 Surfside Gift Certificate – Sharon/Zieglers
- Waders – Rebecca Locke
- \$100 Kraft Kit - Alessandra DiGusto
- Adult Rustic Rocker – Ruthie Philbrook
- \$50 Creelman Farm Gift Certificate – Jeanne Curtis
- Cuisinart Food Processor – Virginia Todd

Please come to The Island's Closet ASAP to claim your prizes.
Congratulations to the winners and thank all of you for participating.

On August 18th, we lost our beloved Connor. The moment we lost him, our world went dark and the thought of facing a life without him felt not only heartbreaking but impossible. Slowly, with the support and comfort of our amazing, kind, and caring community we are finding our way out of that darkness. Finding the right words to express how truly grateful we are is difficult and no words will truly ever be enough to describe how much the outpouring of love we have received over the past few weeks has meant to us. Although thanks do not seem to be enough, the family would like to extend our most heartfelt gratitude to our amazing EMS and Fire Department and the entire community of Vinalhaven. The meals, cards, visits and gathering of so many to celebrate a life that we all loved so deeply has helped to begin mending our shattered hearts. We are so fortunate to live in a place where friends, coworkers and neighbors come together as family in a time of need. We find comfort in knowing Connor was raised in this beautiful place with so many people who loved and cared for him.

With all our love and thanks,
The Walker, Warren, and Lazaro families



29 Hamilton Dr: 3 bed/2.5 bath, 800 ft of waterfront, 7.7 acres.
Large lawn with stunning Eastern views!

Lorraine Walker, D.B

Claire Jackson, Assoc. Broker



28 Main St
207 863 5151

vinalhavenrealty.com



17 Pequot rd- \$689,000
3 bed/1 bath, 8.5 acres, 250+
waterfront



439 Calderwood Neck Rd-
\$545,000
4 bed/2 bath, large family home



30 Pond St- \$349,000
2 bed/2 bath, large lawn, 2 decks



Bruce D. Kelwick Obituary

Bruce D. Kelwick, 89, passed away Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at Coastal Manor in Falmouth.

Born on May 25, 1933, on Vinalhaven, he was the son of Kristen and Hildur (Thulin) Kelwick. Graduating from Vinalhaven High School in 1952, Bruce enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in December of 1952.

While in basic training at Sampson Air Force base in Geneva, N.Y., he achieved the highest marksmanship score in his group, obtaining a score of

187 out of a possible 200. Bruce attended specialist schools in Japan while being noncommissioned officer in charge of communications at Guam AC +W site. He was also stationed at Pope Air Force Base, NC and Shaw Air Force Base, SC. Bruce was honorably discharged on December 18, 1956.

After being discharged he went to work at Raytheon in the Missile Systems R&D retiring from there in 1993. Bruce lived in Merrimack, NH until the death of his wife, Gloria Newman, in 1994. He returned to Vinalhaven permanently in 2000 to be with an old friend, Mary Warren, who passed away in 2008. Bruce loved making wood crafts such as planters, benches, and birds. He greatly enjoyed watching sports and history shows on TV in his shop with his buddies. Later his favorite shows were cooking shows.

Bruce was a member of the American Legion and the VFW; and was the oldest veteran on Vinalhaven.

Bruce is survived by one sister Betsey Hachfield of Faribault, MN; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters, Dot Tolman, Jean MacDonald, and Emily Dyer; and his brothers, Carl Kelwick, Aimer Kelwick, and Robert Kelwick.

A graveside service with military honors will be held in the spring of 2023 at the family plot in Cummings Cemetery, Vinalhaven.

Arrangements are in the care of Burpee, Carpenter & Hutchins Funeral Home 110 Limerock Street, Rockland. To share a memory or condolence with Bruce's family, please visit their Book of Memories at www.bchfh.com.

Island Spirits

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

**Our Fall Hours:
Tuesday-Saturday
from 11-5**

32 Main Street
863.2192



SAILBOAT FOR SALE

Cape Dory Typhoon. Weekender 19ft., main & jib sails, cushions & anchor, w. heavy duty trailer. Transom motor mount. Sound condition; needs beautifying. At Hopkins boatyard. \$3000.00. Call or text: 314-583-3719

September 8th is World Literacy Day

The first WLD was celebrated in 1967 - an initiative for the importance of literacy to insure dignity & human rights. This year, the theme is "Transforming literacy learning spaces", the importance of building safe and quality spaces for inclusive education for all.



SKÅL!

A Vinalhaven Speakeasy
Open Friday and Saturday
5-Closing

New menu items weekly!

Live Music!

September 10
Monty and Martin Selby
Classic rock, Blues, Country
Music at 7:30 ~ \$12

September 17
Billy Keane Band
Indie Jam Folk
Music at 7:30 ~ \$12

Information and tickets online
www.islandspeakeasy.com



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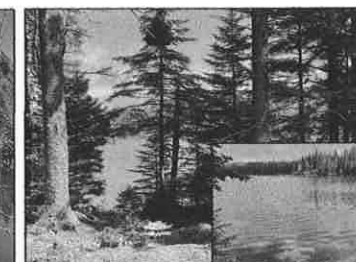
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Vinalhaven Land Trust Events

Weekly Bird Walks

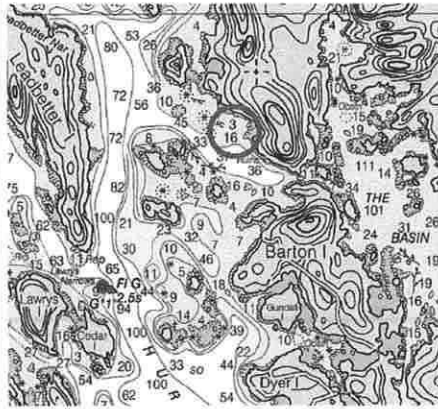
Thursdays, June 16 - Sept 15
Meet at Skoog Park at 8:00 a.m.

Each Thursday this summer, VLT will offer a bird walk with a local knowledgeable and enthusiastic birder. They will show you where to find the most interesting birds, and tips on how to identify them. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Barton's Quarry Walk

Tuesday, Sept 13th, 9:30 a.m.
Meet at Barton's Quarry landing

You are invited to a hike on Barton's Quarry, VLT's newest preserve which boasts a newly created (though rugged, somewhat steep) trail loop. This land-locked preserve is only accessible by boat, with only a single dedicated landing spot at a small rocky beach; there is a fairly protected place to anchor. Meet at 9:30 am, just off the shore. Bring a dingy and/or we will assist with off-loading people to the shore and securing boats. Please note that VLT will not be providing transportation for this walk; you will need to come in your own boat.



Above: Landing at Barton's Quarry

For more complete descriptions visit our website:
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All events are FREE and held rain or shine!

Lower Mill River Walk

Tuesday, Sept 20th, 9:30 a.m.
Meet at Skoog Park

Come and walk VLT's new Vinal Cove Connector, a trail that links the Round Pond Trails and the Overlook and Fish Hook Trails of the Lower Mill River Preserve. The walk will be led by VLT Steward Kerry Hardy, who will talk about how new trails are developed, laid out, and built. Meet at Skoog Park at 9:30. Walk will start at Round Pond, but some cars will be left at Fish Hook so that this can be a one-way hike, with a vehicle return to Round Pond.



Notice

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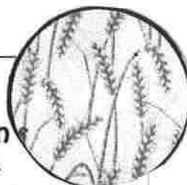
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The Heart of the Matter

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Pieces of my heart
Places of me.
And when I have passed
Those pieces will still be
Scattered here and there,

And they will surface
Like the islands' granite base.....
I have dropped pieces of my heart along the way
As I walk the places I love.
Those places are everywhere.
Pieces of my heart may be
In your dooryard, my great
Grandfather's house.
I know there are pieces spread over this
wondrous island and
My great-great Aunt and Uncle's sanctuary,
where you can see the city lights.
That place is etched on my soul.
(I spent much time there.)

I know those rocks, especially Pig Rock; I know
and feel and smell the beach, the trees, the
Mosses, the tide pool, the salt air...the beach
Roses, the meadow, the frog ponds and the
ledges where the going and coming of the tide
throws a salty spray.

When I am here, the feelings of those pieces
Gather in an overwhelming of
Emotion that saturates my being with such joy!
I am Home...I am home.

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Trees Cut Illegally on Starboard Rock

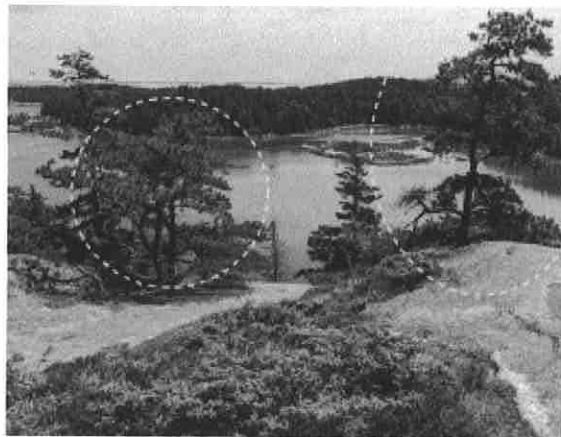
Sometime between August 8th and 10th, three trees at the summit of Starboard Rock were brazenly cut and thrown over the side of the cliff, perhaps motivated by a perceived photo opportunity. We suspect the perpetrators came in by water, landing on the property of an abutter and trespassing across their land to access the public trail to the summit. (Note that Starboard Rock is ONLY accessible by land, there is no authorized trail up from the water.) Who would do this at a place so treasured by all?

Pitch pines are a relatively rare, slow growing conifer. These three trees, with their roots planted in the cracks in the granite, were likely 30-60 years old and will never be naturally replaced due to the delicate conditions at the site.

Like all of Vinalhaven Land Trust's preserves, Starboard Rock Sanctuary is open to the public for hiking, picnicking, bird watching, and hunting in season. This abuse of this unique island feature is a violation against us all.

While it will be impossible to replace the pitch pines that were selfishly hacked down, we are still very interested in holding those responsible to account. If you have any information that could help in that effort, please contact us at executive.director@vinalhavenlandtrust.org or call us at (207) 863-2543.

Before:



After:



The cut pitch pines, some thrown over the cliff, the other, larger tree, left where it fell:



So . . .
(for my son's wedding)

What is this thing called love
this earthquake of emotion
this tremble of recognition
this allowance of another
to be there through the rough
and the smooth, the pleasure
and the pain, to become open
to vulnerability yet strong
enough for any storm

What is this ability to share
a life, to willingly accept
whatever comes
to carry half of the burden and
all of the responsibility
for your part in the play that
plays out as day follows day
as years roll forward delivering
yourselves to doorstep after
doorstep of the many nows
you are presented with
asking everything of you
asking love of you

And you agree
you agree here, now
to all of it
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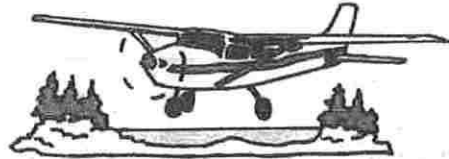
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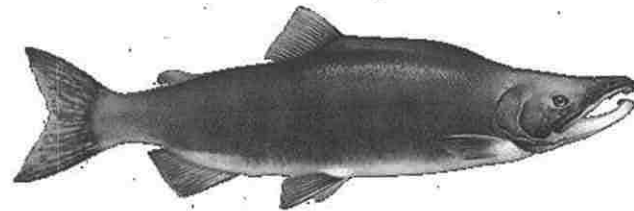
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Sourced from Horse Nets, Holliwoggers, and Littlefield Blue (VH Historical Society)

"How smartly September comes in like a racing gig, all style, no confusion."
Eleanor Clark

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Adult Trivia

Ancient Job Titles

- 1 What kind of metal was a "Whitesmith" involved with?
- 2 What was an ancient "All spice"?
- 3 What did a "Fletcher" make?
- 4 A "Charwoman" did what job?
- 5 A "Flauner" used to make what?

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Kids Trivia

The Color Wheel

- 1 Which is not a primary color - blue, red, orange, or yellow?
- 2 What color is the opposite of purple on the color wheel?
- 3 What color is made by mixing red, yellow, and blue?
- 4 Red, yellow, and orange are warm or cool colors?
- 5 What are the colors across from each other on the color wheel called?

The Wind AD Box (located near the Swap Shop) will be available beginning April. The cut off time for submissions (ads removed from box) is Sunday, 6PM. Please include billing address and/or payment with ad.

"Johnny B Goode"

Chuck Berry, 1958

My grandson Johnny grabs his air guitar whenever this song comes on.

I'd like to take credit for his early music appreciation here at the farm. He and I used to rock out to James Brown.

His mom asked me to pick him up from a play date and when I arrived, I could hear James Brown music coming out of the house. The mom heard me knocking, shut the music off and came to the door. I introduced myself as Johnny's grandpa and she said "wow, you're amazing!" I of course agreed and asked her if she and her daughter listen to a lot of that music. "Not until today" she asked Johnny who he liked to listen to and if he had a favorite song? Johnny of course said, "James Brown." She asked about which song and he replied, "I really like the album Sex Machine." I drove him home and told his mother I'm not picking him up from any more play dates.

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Speaking of Bees

"Something is happening here, what it is ain't exactly clear..."

On an early July morning sitting at the counter typing, I heard a sound I couldn't recognize. Sounded like an engine rumbling along in front of my house, not along the road but on the south side of the house, and I knew it wasn't my tractor. I got up to search the cause and suddenly realized now amazing it was that I was hearing the sound of rain on my porch roof. That sound should have been normal for a Maine summer morning. Eager to get out in it, I headed out the door, only to find a hummingbird who zipped up out of Cora's Grand Apple Tree and literally looked around, back and forth. He had been as surprised as I. He flew down to a dead branch and began to flit his wings hoping to take a bath. Sadly, that was about the extent of the .03 inches of rain that day. Today however may be the beginning of a return to temperate Maine weather. It is raining. Can you believe it? HOORAY.

The word "one" has been on my mind since listening to Richard Blanco's poetry and to Chris Walzer's Wildlife Conservation Society's presentation this month. One sky, one atmosphere, one interconnected world, so closely interlaced that one can imagine Lorenz's butterfly's wings that can begin a tornado, just as the pandemic circled the globe. The most compelling argument for me to contemplate is that there is now and has always been ONE percent of the planet's water resources that are fresh water. That one water is the same water that the mastodon's drank, that watered the first trees, that birthed the first plant and animal life. That one water is how we survive on this planet. It has passed through myriad eons of plants, animals and even humans. Yes, that water is excreted, runs through the magical purification cycle of earth, to wetlands, to streams, to rivers, to oceans, to be caught up in moisture rising into cloud formations and subsequently producing rain that allows all life to flourish. It is naturally cyclical. The water I drink each morning before I rise is water that my ancestors drank, there is something of them and the trees and the plants that resides in that water. I am thankful that they released that water in as clean a form as possible so that it can recirculate through the world and come back to quench the thirst of everything that needs it.

As it rains this day, birds are gathering on fences and branches, wings aflutter reveling in the momentary wetness of today. We are luck today. It has been the worst drought of seven summers of drought here on the island. Gone are field spiderwebs glistening with morning dew, thick foggy June and July when the best thing was to curl up with a book and dive in for the whole day. Our one world is changing. Drought is widespread. Our one world needs us to pay attention: to use less planet heating fuel, to turn off motors because idling causes much higher carbon emissions, to insulate our homes for both heat and cooling, to consider our oneness as a species. We are all related and every living thing is a relative we must care for. And so, *speaking for the bees*, together let's take care of the one water, the one atmosphere, the one planet together.

Becky Bartovics

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Please join us in welcoming and supporting Holly Eaton, Democratic candidate for the Maine House of Representatives representing the newly created 15th Legislative District. Holly lives on Deer Isle, is a parent, has served as liaison on the Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries and, like her predecessor, Genevieve MacDonald, who has offered her strong endorsement, has worked on the water. Holly will appear at an outdoor gathering at the Windy Way Barn (behind New Era Gallery) on the first day of Autumn, September 22, from 4:00 – 5:30. Please come by and hear what Holly has to say about the issues that are important to you.

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Tidbits from the Vinalhaven Historical Society

Ernest Talbot has retired from the lighthouse service after 28 years of duty. He has been at Brown's Head Light 16 years and 12 years at other stations. Mr. and Mrs. Talbot are now in town residing at their former home on Atlantic Ave. Merrill Poor is now stationed at Brown's Head Light. *Sept. 18, 1945*

The Lion's Club met at the Union Church Vestry Thursday for supper after which in the auditorium the public enjoyed a rare treat when moving pictures, sponsored by the club, were shown. By the kindness of I. G. Calderwood, several reels were presented showing the making of aluminum from the ore to the finished product. R. Mont Arey of Rochester, NY and Donald Patterson of Buffalo, NY also presented pleasing and interesting moving pictures (some in technicolor) of scenes of the Sesquicentennial Celebration and scenes about town. *Sept. 5, 1939*

Steamers Pioneer and Mayfield had a race Thursday night coming from Rockland. Engineer Batty got up an extra head of steam and came out ahead. She made the trip across in one hour and thirty-five minutes. *Sept. 27, 1887*

An Indian Hatchet, said to be in almost perfect condition was recently unearthed. The hatchet was on exhibition in H. Y. Carver's window last week and has been sold to John Pendleton. *Sept. 14, 1915*

Lobster marketing by The Fishermen's Co-Operative Assoc., Inc, was first put into effect here early this month when 10,000 lbs. of lobsters owned by members of the co-op were sold to a visiting lobster smack for 15¢ per pound, cash. Collective bargaining by the Association results in this price at a time when the prevailing rate was 12¢ and the probability of its dropping to 10¢ had been reported locally. The captain of the smack, it was said, has agreed to return weekly to Vinalhaven and purchase only the co-op's lobsters. Following the Assoc.'s first marketing transaction, Vinalhaven buyers raised the price of lobsters to all comers from 12 to 14¢ per lb., and memberships in the association increased from 35 to 55. The Fishermen's Co-Op was organized and incorporated a year ago, with 8 charter members and is now established in a leased waterfront property where it handles gear and equipment for the use of its own shareholders and others. *Sept 16, 1939*

Mrs. Scott Littlefield and Jean Strachan returned Saturday from the New York's World Fair. Mrs. Littlefield's daughter Marion accompanied them to the fair. *Sept. 12, 1939*

Lewis Burgess and Lou Merrithew have recently bought new superheterodyne radios. *Sept. 19, 1925*

Melville Smith has purchased a most popular four cylinder car, which he will use in his business. *Sept. 22, 1925*

Community Calendar

9/13: Barton's Quarry Walk, 9:30 am, meet at Barton's Quarry Landing	***
9/15: VLT Bird Walk, SP, 8 am	Community Lunch Box, Union Church, Mondays starting September 19 th , eat-in and take-out
9/20: VLT Lower Mill River Walk, SP, 9:30 am	
9/24: Drive Through Bean Supper, PRC, 4-6	***
10/1: VLT Coastal Cleanup, SP, 9 am	PRC: Pleasant River Chapel SP: Skoog Park TG: The Grange
10/22: Harvest Festival, TG, 12- 4	
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