

"Let's give them 'Pumpkin' to talk about" ...does anyone have a pumpkin recipe to share...

Gingersnap Pumpkin Cake

1 can (15 oz) solid-pack pumpkin

2 cups sugar

4 large eggs

1 cup canola oil

2 cups all-purpose flour

2 tsp baking soda

2 tsp pumpkin pie spice

½ tsp salt

Icing:

4 oz cream cheese, softened

¼ cup butter, softened

½ tsp vanilla extract

1-3/4 cup confectioner's sugar

5 gingersnap cookies, crushed

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease & flour a 10-in. fluted tube pan.

In large bowl, beat pumpkin, sugar, eggs & oil until well blended. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking soda, pie spice & salt: gradually beat into pumpkin mixture.

Transfer batter to prepared pan. Bake 50-50min, or until toothpick inserted in center comes clean. Cool in pan 10 min. before removing cake to cool.

In small bowl, beat cream cheese, butter, vanilla until blended. Gradually beat in confectioner's sugar until smooth. Frost cake, sprinkle with crushed cookies.

Adult Trivia Answers

1 Ghost Busters

2 The Nightmare before Christmas

3 London

4 Sitting up with the dead

Vinalhaven Taxi 207-720-0056

Ferry/Airstrip connections. Here and there on Vinalhaven. By reservation or by chance. Jeanne Bineau-Ames

The Sand Bar

863-4500 * Dine-In or Take-Out Open for Lunch, Dinner & Cocktails 11 am - 9 pm (8 pm Sunday) 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)

Looking ahead... Bingo might be back in September...fingers crossed!

Check our Facebook page for daily specials & slushie flavors



FIORE - The Freshest Olive Oil & Aged Balsamic from Italy

Find Us Every Day at Island Spirits as well as 503 Main Street in Rockland



OPEN: Tues 10/5 & Thurs 10/7 2:00-5:00

COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND: Sat 10/9 10:00-1:00

> REST OF OCTOBER: Tues 2:00-5:00 Sat 10:00-1:00

144 Roberts Cemetery Road www.rhfarmvh.com rhfarmvh@gmail.com @robertsharborfarm





Kids Trivia Answers

1 Monster Mash

2 Halloween Sharks

3 Addams Family

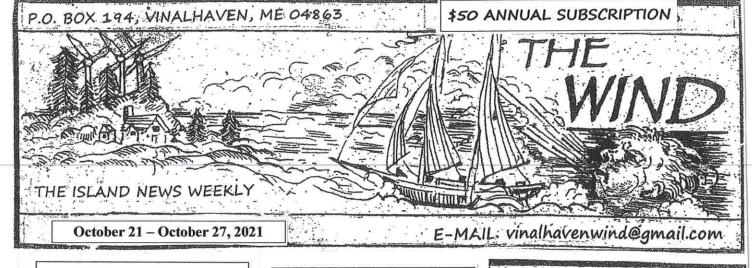
4 Alvin and the Chipmunks -David Seville

Fun Fact

The 1st administration to decorate The White House was Eisenhower Adm. In 1958, Mamie Eisenhower decorated the State Dining Room with hanging skeletons, iack-6-lanterns, corn stalks, and more for a luncheon on October 30th.

22nd, 1966. October Supremes became the 1st all female singing group to top The Billboard Album Charts. They knocked The Beatles "Revolver" off the top of The Billboard's Top 200.

Brain Teaser Answer C and Y (c-and-y)



Welcome home **Betty Wadsworth!**



Happy belated birthday to former WIND staffer, Nans Case (Oct. 15th)!

Brain Teaser How do you spell "candy" in 2 letters?

Adult Trivia (Halloween music theme) 1 Which 1984 movie song asked, "Who you gonna call?"

- 2 Which Film soundtrack features the song This is Halloween?
- 3 Warren Zevon sang a song Werewolves from about where?
- 4 (extra points?) Ray Stevens, known for his humorous songs, sang one that features a corpse which sits up in a coffin, can you name it?

Community Calendar

MONDAYS: Community Lunch Box, 11 am, UC Delivery Only, will post if canceled

UC: Union Church

Email events to:windnonprofitads@gmail.com

Women's Auxiliary Meeting

Wednesday, October 27 at 5:30pm in the Legion Hall

October 23rd - Make A Difference Day! We come together to volunteer, raise funds, offer support, and learn about the most urgent needs in our society. You don't have to join a N.G.O. or travel to another country, because volunteering is all about becoming the change you wish to see in the world.

Kids Trivia

(Halloween music theme) 1 What dance song was-a

graveyard smash, that caught on in a flash?

- 2 What song by Pink Frog is a Halloween hit?
- 3 According to the song, what family is 'creepy, kooky, mysterious, and spooky'?
- 4 (extra points?) What famous trio and their owner sang Witch Doctor?

Place Mailing Label Here

Bunny is home and would appreciate cards. **Bunny Sheppard** 412 3rd Avenue, NE

Charlottesville, VA 22902

Cards may be sent to Mike Felton as he recovers at 836 River Rd

Tenants Harbor, ME 04860



Meals on Wheels M.O.W. will begin Wednesday, Nov. 3rd and consecutive Wednesdays from then on. If you would like or if you know someone who would like to be added to the list to receive a meal, please contact Shelley at 863-2058

Town of Vinalhaven Information

www.townofvinalhaven.org

Calendar

Public Hearing – Tuesday, October 26th - To review revisions to the following ordinances: Cemetery, Quarry Preservation, Aircraft Landing and Launching, and Emergency Management; as well as Winter Maintenance Road Closures - 5:00pm at the Town Office

Select Board – Tuesday, October 26^{th} – Immediately following Public Hearing (5:00pm) at the Town Office

Election Day - Tuesday, November 2nd - Polls open 8am -8pm at the Town Office

Pre-Planning Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 3rd – 7:00 pm at the Town Office Planning Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 10th – 7:00 pm at the Town Office

Notices

2021-2022 Property Taxes -Tax bills were mailed out on Sept 1st, 2021. Tax bills are 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 are due on November 1st, 2021, and May 2nd, 2022.

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. Otherwise, there is a \$25 late fee. 2022 Licenses can be issued beginning October 15th, 2021.

2020 Town Reports are now available. Stop by the Town office to pick one up or contact Town Clerk, Darlene Candage (207) 863-4343 townclerk@townofvinalhaven.org

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. Free Composting Pails available at the Town Office and Transfer Station.

Hours of Operation & Contact Information

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

Town Office – Mon–Fri 7:30am-5pm – 863-4471 or 863-4343; Fax: 863-4393 Mailing and physical address: 19 Washington School Rd., Vinalhaven, ME 04863

Town Manager - Andrew J. Dorr - 863-2042; 266-7806; townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org

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

 ${\bf Assessor-Wes\ Robinson-} \ -\ Hours\ vary,\ contact\ 863-2168\ or\ vinal have nassessor@gmail.com\ to\ set\ up\ an\ appointment$

Code Enforcement Officer / Local Plumbing Inspector – Faye Grant – M-W, 9am-1pm 863-2168 or vhceo@townofvinalhaven.org

Planning and Community Development – Contact Town Manager, Andrew Dorr; 863-2042; 266-7806; townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org

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

Welfare Program - Call 863-2042 or 266-7806 to set up an appointment

Public Works / Town Garage - 863-2063

Library – Scott Candage – Tues & Thurs 1 - 5pm; Wed & Fri 9am - 5pm; Sat 9am - 4pm; Sun & Mon Closed – 863-4401 or vpl@vhaven.lib.me.us

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

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

Ambulance Service – Pat Lundholm, Interim Ambulance Director – Emergency 911; Non-Emergency 863-2119 or plundholm@townofvinalhaven.org

Knox County Deputy - Emergency 911; Non-Emergency 593-9132

Animal Control Officer/Harbor Master - James Knowlton - 756-0209

Deputy Harbor Master - Peter Gasperini - 542-1992



Notice of Surveying and Engineering Activity

Surveyors and engineers will be onisland for a few weeks off and on starting this week to begin preparing for 2022-23 capital improvement projects at the Transfer Station (new layout and retaining wall) and on Main Street from the ferry terminal to Water Street (new sidewalks, drainage, water main, sewer system upgrades, and more).

Crews will also be working to gather information for planning purposes at the Meadow, the Vinal Cove stream crossing by the Chapel and the Grange, and along the High Street sidewalk.

This surveying and engineering work may last a few weeks so you are likely to see crews around, and now you'll know why they are here! Please direct any questions or concerns to Town Manager Andrew Dorr (207) 863-2042

townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org

Submit to the Wind!

We are looking for stories, anecdotes, recipes, images,

Shout Outs, etc. to include in the WIND. If you have something to share we would love to include it in future WINDs. Please send to: vinalhavenwind@gmail.com

COVID-19 FINANCIAL HELP

Unemployment Benefit for Self-employed People

Go to the Maine Department of Labor Bureau of Unemployment Compensation webpage to apply.

www.maine.gov/unemployment

General Assistance (GA)

A program to help cover costs for basic needs like food, housing, and utilities.
Contact Andrew Dorr, 207-863-2042 townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org

Union Church

~ Welcomes You ~

Service 11:00am

Our guest speaker this Sunday, October 24, is

Rev. Kate Braestrup

She is the Chaplain of the Maine Warden Service, a bestselling author, and speaker. Everyone is welcome to join us.

We are meeting in-person and on Zoom

Please contact
Betsy Walsh at 4124 for
Zoom link information

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

> Pastoral Care Rev. Jeffrey Lewis

AL-ANON

MEETING CHANGE

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

To join the meeting by internet OR phone, please email vinalhavenalanon@gmail.com or call 207-952-1817

Help is also available from Maine Al-Anon maineafg.org and World Al-Anon al-anon.org

We are here for you! Newcomers welcome!



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

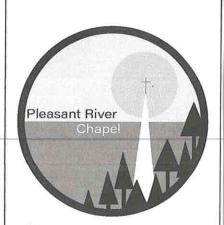
6-7 PM—Youth Group (4th to 12th)

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.



Pleasant River Chapel Sunday, October 24th

Sue Armstrong, Speaking

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

Fellowship time at 8:30, service at 9:00

All are welcome

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

For pastoral care: Bob Candage 863-4943

<u>AA</u>

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

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking





VH SCHOOL NEWS!

Hello Vinalhaven Community,

In addition to attending classes, doing homework, playing soccer, and learning through the arts, some students in 8th and 9th grade were climbing Mt. Katahdin on a field trip this past week! A big thanks to school sponsors Emily Cohn, Beverly Warren, RJ Jones, and Bryan Feezor, Jill Hildings for the use of her car; Michael Martin for chaperoning; Jeanne Bineau's family for allowing us to use her cabin; and the Vinalhaven Land Trust for sponsoring the trip. Plus, a big thank you to the high school student leaders (juniors and seniors) who helped all students get safely up and down the mountain.

Jobs at Vinalhaven Schooll

Educational Technician, Substitute Teacher, Substitute Ed Tech.

If you enjoy working with students and would like a full or part time job at Vinalhaven School, please contact Tina Davidson at Tina.Davidson@VinalhavenSchool.org. Not all positions require college courses. If you have a good attitude and are willing to work hard, we will train you.

Basketball

If you are interested in helping coach basketball at Vinalhaven School, please send an email to Sandy Nelson at Sandy.Nelson@VinalhavenSchool.org. Coaches are required to fill out a simple application and have current fingerprinting.

Thank you, Dr. Monte Selby, Principal



Town of Vinalhaven

19 Washington School Rd Vinalhaven, Maine 04863 Phone - 207-863-2042 Fax - 207-863-4393

townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org

Job Opportunities

Ambulance Director (FT)

The Town of Vinalhaven EMS squad is a Basic Service, licensed to the paramedic level. Currently, there are three advanced EMTs on the squad. Our service averages approximately 200 calls per year, with 65% transported to the mainland. We pride ourselves on offering the same quality of care that one would expect on the mainland, despite our remoteness. We are looking for a director who can support our good work and improve on it while balancing the administrative responsibilities and emergency calls.

Our community is seeking someone that is committed to serving others, willing to embrace challenges, and able to enhance our service. This is a full-time position that offers paid vacation and sick time, health, dental and retirement contributions, and a salary range of \$44,720 to \$50,960, commensurate with experience.

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.

Public Works Foreman (FT)

The town is looking for someone to lead our public works department. As the Foreman, you will work with the Road Commissioner and alongside our dedicated crew to help maintain our 35+ miles of public roads and sidewalks as well as other town property related maintenance needs. We expect the Foreman to be someone who can lead by example, provide technical training to our department, collaborate with management, and engage with the community relating to projects, ideas, or concerns.

Minimum qualifications include Class II license, 3 years supervisory/management position, and 5 years' experience in paved/gravel road system maintenance/construction. For a full job description, see below, or visit the town's website at www.townofvinalhaven.org. This position is a F/T, non-exempt, benefited position that will require seasonal/weather-dependent overtime. Compensation is commensurate with experience starting at \$20/hour.

Volunteer Opportunities

BOARD OF APPEALS

1 - Member 06/2023

BUDGET COMMITTEE

3 – Members 06/2022

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

1 - Member 06/2022

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

- 2 Members 06/2024
- 2 Members 06/2022

FERRY TARIFF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1 - Member 06/2022

HARBOR COMMITTEE

1 - Member 06/2022 2 - Alt 06/2023

HOUSING COMMITTEE

5 – Members 06/2022

LANES ISLAND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

5 - Members 06/2022

PLANNING BOARD

1 - Alt. 06/2023

SEA-LEVEL RISE COMMITTEE

1 - Member 06/2023

SOLID WASTE, COMPOSTING AND RECYCLING ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

3 – Members 06/2024

Please send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen if you are interested in serving on any of these Boards or Committees. We need people to step up and serve. Please call Town Manager, Andy Dorr (863-2042) or Town Clerk, Darlene M. Candage (863-4343) if you have questions about any particular committee





Islands Community Medical Services

Our Medical Center

Medical Center Information 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, Wed, Fri: 8am – 12noon, 1pm – 4pm

Thurs: 8am – 12noon, closed Thurs afternoons

Dental Services

Dentist: Wed, Thurs, and most Fridays
Hygienist: Thurs and Friday

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 8634341

Women's Health

Kathleen Coleman, ANP
To schedule an appointment, call 8634341

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©3 and contributions to ICMS are tax exempt. This health center is a Health Center Program grantee under 42 USC 254b, and a deemed Public Health Service employee under 42 USC 233(g)-(n).

Like us on Facebook

Chewing The Cud

Sometimes missing out is a good thing when I think of all the plot twists in my life and what I was saved from I agree wholeheartedly

Being human means so much more than just being alive so many of us have been given so much I know I take it for granted I didn't grow up with a silver spoon in my mouth but the spoon was always filled and maybe there were hand-medown clothes but they fit

All my life experiences teach me well and if I don't learn they get repeated Some may feel that's a hard row to plow however common sense and being street-wise come t' mind and thank God I am still here

So late at night when I'm chewing the cud over how the day went I can choose to smile and drop the cares remembering what an old friend meant when he said 'the mind is a great liar' and I, I get to play deaf

I use to ridicule the aphorisms of my New England grand-parents, 'a stitch-in-time...'
'a bird in the hand...' but now I know, I know that keeping it simple works and worry, well worry never grew no garden.

Paddy Noble

Go Red Sox!



Islands Community Medical Services

Our Medical Center

Clinical Quality and Compliance Manager

ICMS is looking for a reliable, organized and professional person to join our team as the Clinical Quality and Compliance Manager. This position offers 40 hours per week and includes excellent benefits, health insurance and paid time off.

The Clinical Quality and Compliance Manager provides leadership in the development of a culture of safety and measurement of the quality of care identifying opportunities and strategies for performance improvement. Directs and coordinates accreditation, policy, and regulatory affairs initiatives for ICMS and serves as the liaison to quality partnerships and other pertinent regulatory agencies.

For more info, contact:
Annie Debow, HR
Phone: (207) 863-4341 x.1122
Email: adebow@icmsvh.org

Illinois produces more pumpkins than any other state. They have over 15,000 acres

They have over 15,000 acres devoted for gourd growing. (According to U.S. Dept. of Agriculture)

Fun Fact



Vinalhaven School is in need of Ed Techs & substitute teachers. Part time or full time. We will train! Contact: tina.davidson@vinalhavenschool.org for an interview. You must be fingerprinted prior to starting date!

The Widow Island Fund applications are now open until Friday, October 22, 2021, and may be found on the Vinalhaven School website or by calling the school. Please submit your application to:

Bryan.Feezor@vinalhavenschool.org
<u>Tina.Davidson@vinalhavenschool.org</u>
If you have any questions, please feel free to call Byran or Tina at 863-4800

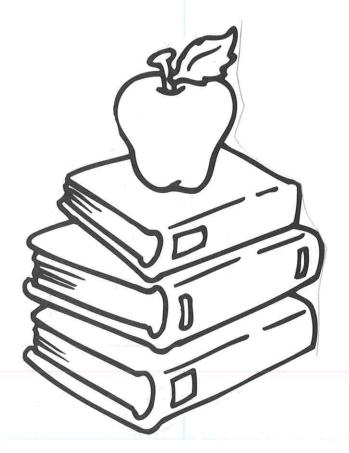
You need a yearbook!

THE 2021 YEARBOOKS

ARE FOR SALE

BY AMANDA'S OFFICE

STOP BY AMANDA'S OFFICE IF YOU'D LIKE TO PURCHASE ONE - \$25, CHECKS CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO VINALHAVEN SCHOOL

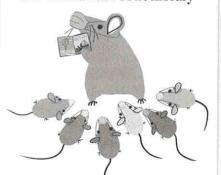


Fun Fact

Monster Cereals! Until flavor icons Count Chocoula, and Franken Berry came along, in 1971, there were no chocolate or strawberry cereals available to buy. Boo Berry debuted in 1972. These cereals are now available mostly around Halloween.



Story Time
at the Vinalhaven Public Library



Wednesdays 9am - 9:30 Beginning October 6th

for children ages 2-4

*Children must be accompanied by an adult





COMPOST FOR SALE!

at the Vinalhaven Transfer Station

Vinalhaven Compost produced using VH food scraps collected by YOU! Tested for quality. Not sifted.

NOW AVAILABLE IN BULK!

\$50/bucket load (16.9 cubic feet)
On M W Th only – Find Kenny to load for you

Also available by the 1 cubic foot bag for \$3/each See Kenny or Luther to purchase.

All sales help sustain the Vinalhaven Community Compost Program.

Please Return Your Bags!

We use recycled plastic feed/grain bags* to hold the finished compost. If you buy Community Compost, please return your bags to the Transfer Station. If you have empty plastic feed/grain bags you can spare, we would



love to have them!
Please stack bags
neatly in the Xactic
(the one on its side)
located near the
blue-tarped pile
alongside the lower
driveway (Pequot
side of the Transfer
Station).

THANK YOU!

* Plastic 50# grain bags only please! Paper and dog and cat food bags don't work with our bagging system. Thank you!

Vinalhaven Community Compost is a program of the Town of Vinalhaven made possible through a grant from MEDEP.

SWAP SHOP OPENING OCTOBER 30TH TIME TBD

at the old Public Works Building/Net Factory



Currently Accepting Donations in Small Batches

Drop-off by appointment only

No unattended drop-offs at this time!

Please email vinalhavenswapshop@gmail.com

to sign up for a drop-off time

We hope to have a drop box in the future, weather protected, outside the building, but not until operations are well established.

DONATION GUIDELINES

CURRENTLY ACCEPTING

clothing, household items (in working order), books and puzzles, toys, tools, small pieces of furniture

NOT ACCEPTING AT THIS TIMEBUT HOPEFULLY IN THE FUTURE!

electronics (TVs, computers, phones), large stuffed furniture (sofas, recliners), construction leftovers (doors, tiles, shingles, pipe, etc.)

NOT ACCEPTING

large appliances such as washing machines, broken or dirty items

GOT QUESTIONS?

Contact WasteWatchers and Swap Shop Volunteer Organizers Pat and Amy vinalhavenswapshop@gmail.com

Absentee Ballots Now Available for Elections to be held on November 2nd, 2021, at the Vinalhaven Town Office

All absentee ballot <u>requests</u> must be received by the clerk by the close of business on Thursday, October 28th, 2021.

All absentee <u>ballots</u> must be received by the clerk by the close of polls (8:00 PM) on Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021.

State of Maine - Referendum Election

Question 1: Citizen Initiative

Do you want to ban the construction of high-impact electric transmission lines in the Upper Kennebec Region and to require the Legislature to approve all other such projects anywhere in Maine, both retroactively to 2020, and to require the Legislature, retroactively to 2014, to approve by a two-thirds vote such projects using public land?

A "Yes" vote is to enact the initiated bill in its entirety. A "No" vote opposes the initiated bill in its entirety.

Question 2: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$100,000,000 bond issue to build or improve roads, bridges, railroads, airports, transit facilities and ports and make other transportation investments, to be used to leverage an estimated \$253,000,000 in federal and other funds?

Total estimated life time cost is \$127,500,000 representing \$100,000,000 in principal and \$27,500,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5% over 10 years).

A "Yes" vote approves the issuance of up to \$100,000,000 in general obligation bonds to finance transportation-related activities. A "No" vote opposes the bond issue in its entirety.

Question 3: Constitutional Amendment

Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to declare that all individuals have a natural, inherent and unalienable right to grow, raise, harvest, produce and consume the food of their own choosing for their own nourishment, sustenance, bodily health and well-being?

A "Yes" vote would amend the Maine Constitution to add a right to food. A "No" vote opposes adoption of the constitutional amendment.

Town of Vinalhaven - Special Election

MSAD #8 – DIRECTOR (School Board)
(TO FINISH A TERM ENDING JUNE 2023) - VOTE FOR ONE (1):

Dempster, Susan

New for this Election: We now have a tabulator for State Ballots only. To vote for a question, fill in the oval to the right of the "Yes" or "No" choice, like this

Letters from Fafa

My family spent every summer with my grandparents on the shores of Lake Michigan. We called my grandfather "Fafa" and my grandmother "Gama." Fafa (Harry Stiles) was an amateur naturalist. During the off seasons from 1952 (when we were 5 and 7) to 1955, Fafa would write letters to entertain us and maintain our interest in nature. I recently found copies of those letters in an -David Wylie old box of papers. Here is the 13th one in the series. Enjoy!

Slime Molds

December 6, 1955

Dear grandchildren:

Last summer I saw something that should make a good story for you. It was not the first time I've seen it for it is not uncommon in the woods.

What I saw was a blob of white substance that looked very slimy and felt slimy. It was on the upper surface of a fallen log. Its common name is "slime mold." Its interest lies in the fact that during part of its life it lives like an animal and later it lives like a plant. In fact even among experts there is a dispute as to whether it should be classified as an animal or a plant. It is on the borderline between the two.

When I saw it, it was just changing from its animal form to plant form. So let me go back to the beginning and tell you the whole story.

There are many varieties of slime molds and these are various colors although you will never find green ones. The most common varieties are yellow and white.

At the start, this slimy blob of substance grows in some damp place like matted leaves or the underside of a fallen tree. The size seems to vary greatly even in the same species. At this time in its life it shuns the light and remains in dark places. This blob of slime acts at this time like an animal. It moves over the surface from place to place, feeding as it goes. It continues to develop for some days. Because it does shun the light and stays well hidden, it is difficult at this stage to find.

Then a change takes place. It no longer shuns the light, and it no longer stays near the ground where it is damp. Instead it now seeks out an elevated place. It may move from the bottom of the log to the very top of the log, or may even climb partway up a stump. Of course, it moves very slowly since the slime mold has no legs. It simply seems to flow along, moving only a matter of inches in an hour but eventually reaches some elevated location. Now further change takes place. This change is different from the various varieties.

With a white variety which I saw, a growth of hairy-like stems starts to grow from the mass of slime. They are getting ready to reproduce themselves. They no longer move about but remain fixed. They now become plant-like in nature and they reproduce like many plants do. These hairy-like stems develop with a fruiting body at the top, all of which are chocolate brown. At this time, it reminds me of a clump of feathery moss. The fruiting heads develop and a mass of spores grow. As the spores ripen they are carried away by the wind. In this manner they are like the ferns and club mosses, and other plants which develop from spores.

The number of the spores is, it seems, unlimited, for a sudden gust of wind makes a chocolate cloud-like mass. Like all spore plants such as the mushrooms, ferns, and club mosses, only a very few of the spores released by the plant land in a suitable place to grow. If they all started to grow, we would have the earth covered with slime molds!

I have told you about the white variety of slime molds. These I have always found in damp woods. The yellow variety seems more common in the more open places. I found them under wooden walks at the cottage, under fence rails, and like places. They develop differently than the white variety. At the start they behave much like the white variety but when the time comes to reproduce, no separate fruiting body develops. Instead the slimy mass, after moving to a favorable elevated spot, just seems to dry on the outside. A sort of skin develops. Inside this mass the spores grow. When they ripen, the skin breaks open releasing the spores to be carried away by the wind.

Now I have told you briefly the story of the slime molds — living part of their lives in animal fashion but reproducing as many plants do. I guess I will have to leave it up to you to decide whether they are animals or plants.

Fafa



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Please return Barbara Morton's antique wooden office chair!

On Tuesday, October 12th, I put out three antique chairs for sale on my lawn at 30 East Main Street (the Morton family home). All three were gone by noontime, but only two were paid for.

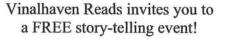
Each chair had a tag with the price and how to pay for them, written on it.

Description of chair: Antique, wood, very heavy, painted matte black with metal swivel mechanism under seat.

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October 25, 1947 - The State of Maine is proclaimed a disaster area by President Harris S. Truman, who orders Federal Agency to provide assistance to regions destroyed or damaged by forest fires. Governor Horace Hildreth also declared a state of emergency.

adebow@icmsvh.org.

There are very interesting video and articles online about this disaster.

Colin Luther Powell (April 5, 1937 - October 8, 2021) was an American politician, diplomat, statesman, and four-star general who served as the 65th United States secretary of state from 2001 20 2005. He was the first African-American secretary of state. He served as the 16th United States national security advisor from 1987 to 1989 and as the 12th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1989 to 1993.

Tidbits from the Vinalhaven Historical Society

Tornado Type of Object Seen In Sky: Lyle Griffin, Sea & Shore Fisheries warden at Vinalhaven, reported sighting an unidentified red object in the sky early Monday evening. When he first observed it he said it appeared to be located above the western side of the harbor and was traveling at a slow rate of speed in a southerly direction. He described the object as funnel shaped with a long tail that curled at an angle and added that although he had never actually seen a tornado the red object resembled a tornado as he had seen them pictured. After watching the object several minutes he called it to the attention of Vernard Warren an engineer at the Vinalhaven Electric Power Plant, both observers judged the object to be approximately two miles from earth. They watched it for more than 20 minutes before it disappeared from view. (no date on article)

At Isle au Haut, on Saturday last, a young man named Alfred Walsh had a gun cartridge explode in his left hand, mutilating it in a fearful manner. As there was no physician in town a vessel got ready, and the sufferer brought to this place. Dr. E. H. Lyford was summoned, who, after careful examination, decided that the hand would have to be amputated. Dr. Lyford assisted by Dr. P.J. Conroy, skillfully performed the operation, and the patient is doing as well as could be expected.

VH Wind Feb. 23, 1884

A terrible and fatal accident occurred here Tuesday afternoon, when Phineas Ginn was killed by an enraged bull owned by Walter Young. Mr. Ginn had gone to the farm of Mr. Young on business and was near the barn when the bull turned about and attacked him. When picked up the dead body was a considerable distance away. Unfortunately, Mr. Young was away from home and no one else knew how to manage the bull. Mr. Ginn owned a farm at the Reach and sold milk, he was 59 years old. Oct. 1904

Joseph Calderwood shipped 10 angora kittens to Boston Monday. They were raised at Barley Hill Farm.

Courier-Gazette 12/21/1912

A carrier pigeon bearing the marking E. S. B., 97, No.3, was found last Thursday in the barn at the head of Lake View Street by W. W. Kittredge. Will the owner please send for the bird.

Courier-Gazette Feb. 17, 1903

Tuesday noon between twelve and one o'clock the net factory whistle and church bell gave alarm of fire which proved to be at Stephen Arey's house near Old Harbor. Nothing more serious than a burned out chimney resulted. The flames being extinguished by chemicals.

Courier-Gazette Jan 8, 1910



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Old Fish House Days

#51 Vinalhaven Halloweens of Yore

By the middle of October, many of us with benevolent parents had ventured to Rockland's W.T. Grant department store to pick out our Halloween costumes. My all-time favorite was a skeleton which by some miracle, considered how flimsy it was coupled with I was growing like a weed, lasted two Halloweens.

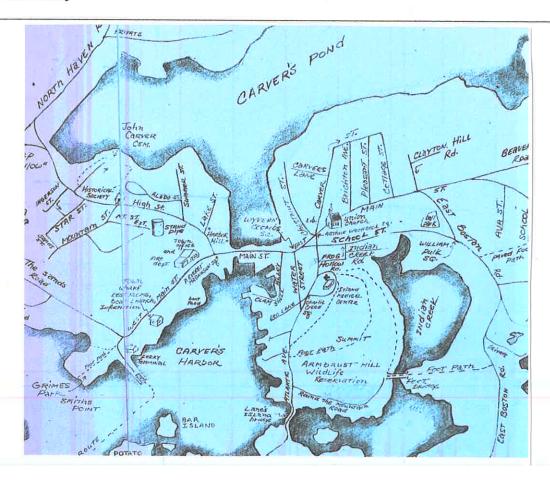
We got to wear our costumes the whole day at school; how we got through the two recesses without getting them sartorially compromised I have no idea. But as fun as the day was (there usually a little classroom party) the night could not come fast enough for us all.

As soon as it was dark, we all met up in the area of the library. Pirates, witches, vampires, bats, and ghosts abounded roaming in packs up and down Chestnut, Carver, Pleasant, Cottage, School, Atlantic, Brighton, and Water. Our imaginations were in overdrive; we were convinced we were surrounded by apparitions which always included the infamous black Mariah, the island's headless horseman. Of course, I know now that he or she or it was just wind, shadow, and leaves, that's what I am telling myself anyway as I still occasionally stroll those streets at night.

There were also less mysterious, clearly visible specters. Moving around in the dark with us—the big kids! While we roamed with good-natured purpose filling our bags with candy and apples they were out there with different agendas. For them, it was all about high jinx. All were armed with toilet paper to wrap houses, trees, and poles. They even wrapped the town cannon and its accompanying pile of cannonballs every year. We avoided them the best we could out of fear they would wrap us as well if they got the chance.

At the eve's end, I always paused outside my house between our two big firs for a bit to gaze at the sky before going in. I was hoping to see a witch, or something like a witch, streaming overhead. Like Charles Schultz's Linus, with his Great Pumpkin, my Halloween sighting never did appear, not yet anyway! Maybe this year!

~Bert and Amby





ATTENTION

Maine is moving to a state-based marketplace for insurance.

Q: What does this mean for me?

A: If you have shopped and chosen your insurance through healthcare.gov and live in the state of Maine, you will now be using coverME.gov.

Q: When does enrollment start?

A: Open enrollment begins November 1, 2021 and ends January 15, 2022.

If you enroll by 12/15/21, your new policy will be effective on 1/1/22. If you enroll by 1/15/22, your new policy will be effective on 2/1/22.

As of October 15, you can begin looking at plan options without actually creating an account, and the information won't be saved. On November 1, you will need to create an account and complete the application to have plan options appear.

Q: What if I do nothing?

A: You will automatically be enrolled in a plan that closest matches your current plan. If you are automatically enrolled, it **DOES NOT** guarantee that your current provider is covered. We strongly encourage all to go in and shop for plans that cover your provider as well as prescriptions.

Q: Do I need to make an account, even if I have one through healthcare.gov?

A: Yes, you do. This is a new system that will need you to create a new account with your current information.

Q: What if my application results say I qualify for MaineCare?

A: You should fill it out and it will automatically be sent to DHHS for review. If they deny MaineCare coverage you can go back to CoverME.gov and complete your application.

Q: What if I have questions about CoverME.gov?

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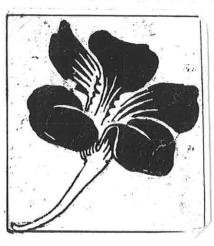
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Fun Birthdate Alfred Nobel - (Oct. 21, 1833-Dec. 10, 1896). A Swedish chemist, engineer, inventor, businessman, & philanthropist. known bequeathed his fortune to establish the Nobel Peace Prize, though he also made many important contributions science, holding 355 patents in his lifetime. One of the best know is the invention of dynamite and device called a blasting cap.



Vinalhaven Legion Attention veterans, Anyone

planning to attend the next meeting and dinner on October 20th, please RSVP to David Moyer or Alan Barker ASAP. We want a headcount for the dinner. Are you a parent or an active-duty member of the military? We are preparing a Blue Star presentation ceremony as part of our Veteran's Day celebration. Please send me your information no later than Monday, October 18th.

LIVING WITH OTHERS

At mid-day on Friday, August 15, 1986, while excavating on the shore of Carver's Pond behind Alternative Oil, a gravestone—in one piece and undamaged—was unearthed from a very unlikely spot, only a few feet from the shore, certainly far from the nearest cemetery. The stone was cleaned up and carefully set aside. It read:

SARAH NOYES, WIFE OF CHANEY NOYES,

BORN FEBRUARY 21, 1822

DIED, AUGUST 15, 1886.

In 1849, Sarah and Chaney built the house I now live in and then lived here together, at 14 Carver Street, until Sarah died, thirty-seven years later.

This day, August 15, 1986, the day her gravestone was unearthed, was the one hundredth anniversary of her death and that night Darlene showed up around 6:00 to babysit our daughter Katie. I and Elaine, she lovely in a red dress, were headed out to the Haven for dinner with friends.

Darlene played with Katie for a while and then, around 7:00, took her upstairs to bed, came back down and, tucking her feet under her, snuggled in on the couch to watch something interesting on TV.

Around 7:30, she heard the kitchen door open, and someone come in. Darlene called out from the couch, "Hello?"

There was no answer, but she heard footsteps approaching. Figuring it was one of us, she barely glanced over her shoulder when a woman, dressed in red—she did notice that much—walked through the dark hall and went upstairs. Elaine had probably forgotten something. Odd though, that she hadn't even said 'hello' or asked about Katie or turned a light on.

As time passed and no one came back downstairs, Darlene grew more and more anxious, trying desperately to become one with the couch.

Around 9:00 Elaine and I came home to find her, a tiny knot among the cushions, peeking out from beneath a blanket. She told us about the visitor in red that was still upstairs and then she hurried home. That was over thirty years ago.

Our cat does not navigate the hallway—where Darlene saw the figure in red—comfortably, and not at all unless the light is on. Then he skirts along quickly, more so recently, tail at attention, fur standing up, his back pressed against the north wall while hissing at the opposite wall, until he emerges into the living room and retreats to a napping place at the opposite side of the room, not to sleep but to watch what only he sees.

No one has come downstairs yet that we know of, although several times in those thirty years, we've been awoken in our second-floor bedroom by a transient presence, usually at the foot of the bed, although once much closer, lovely in red, clearly troubled and with something on her/his/its/their mind.

The Observer



Congratulations - We are very proud of you!!!





Hunter Ames Hunter graduated on October 15, 2021, 2nd Battalion, Fox Co., Platoon 2082. He received a medal for expert

rifleman. He plans to continue on with Infantry, in a Combat Commando Training, a new 14-week program. (Graduated from Parris Island, S.C.)

M.J. Augusto

M.J. graduated Private First Class on September 24, 2021, 2nd Battalion, Echo Co., Platoon 2073. He plans to continue on at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri in the Military Police. (Graduated from Parris Island, S.C.)