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"Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything burst with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale."

Lauren DeStefano
Contributed by Nancy B.

~NOVEMBER AWARENESS MONTH~
DIABETES
NO SHAVE NOVEMBER
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Word of the Week
Zeitgeber (n) tsaht-gey-ber: An environmental clue, as the length of daylight or temperature degree helps to regulate the cycle or an organism's biological clock.

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from 4-6!

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Nickname Answers
Carl Nelson (4-Hossa), Veli Holmstrom (6-Goat), Earl Hamilton Jr (5-Wilkie), Hal Chilles (3-Shunty), Louie Richards (7-The Frenchmen), Phil Dyer (8-Filo), Stuart Davis (1-Hoss), Fay Dyer (9-F.D.), Burger Magnuson (10-Bev Goo Goo), John Chilles (2-Otto)

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

Kids Trivia Answers

- 1 Winnie the Pooh
- 2 Smell
- 3 Baloo
- 4 In honor of President Theodore Roosevelt
- 5 Yogi
- 6 Paddington



Adult Trivia Answers

- 1 Arctophile
- 2 Thomas Jefferson
- 3 Brooklyn, New York
- 4 Shih Tzu & Bichon Frise
- 5 Steiff
- 6 President Roosevelt



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THE ISLAND NEWS WEEKLY

November 9 - November 15, 2023

E-MAIL: vinalhavenwind@gmail.com

Looking ahead - The Wind
will not blow the week of
November 23-29 issue.
...Next week's Wind will be the
last until the Nov. 30th issue...



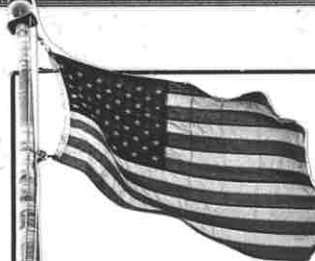
Happy 90th Birthday to
this beautiful lady!!!



Norma Olson's birthday is
on Nov. 15th & would love to
receive cards! Her address:
34 Star St., VH ME 04863



11/11 - VETERANS DAY
A tribute to all military veterans
who have served in the United
States Armed Forces.



Veterans Day Assembly and
Luncheon - Monday, 11/13,
at 12:00 p.m.

Vinalhaven School is inviting all
veterans to a Veterans Day
assembly in the auditorium. K-1
students will recognize each
branch of the military, with
middle and high school students
joining veterans for a
complimentary chili luncheon.

Please RSVP with name and
military branch to Amanda
Wentworth at Vinalhaven
School, 863-4800, ext. 1100.
[Amanda.Wentworth@
VinalhavenSchool.org](mailto:Amanda.Wentworth@VinalhavenSchool.org)

Place Mailing Label Here

Attn: ALL VETERANS
You are invited to a Veterans
Day Luncheon, 11/11, at
11:00am for a welcoming
program and dinner of
Turkey and the fixings
following at noon. We will
also have music to entertain
us. See you at the Legion Hall
on November 11.

Dear Vinalhaven Residents:

Due to the influx of requests to
Vinalhaven Community Outreach,
we have set up two meetings in
November & December for the
volunteer committee to meet.
Monday, November 20 & Monday,
December 11.

Any requests received before the
meeting date will be reviewed.
Thank you for your patience as we
try to help families!
vhcommunityoutreach@gmail.com
or POBox 15 are two ways to reach
us.

\$10 Dollar Treasuahh Clue
hidden in this week's Wind!



Town of Vinalhaven Information

www.townofvinalhaven.org

Calendar

Town Office Closed - Friday, November 10 in observance of Veteran's Day

Library Closed - Saturday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day

Selectmen's Meeting - Tuesday, November 14 at 5pm

Town Office Closed - Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24

Transfer Station Closed - Thursday, November 23

Notices

CEO/LPI, Faye Grant will be out of the office November 20th through 24th

The Transfer Station is now accepting electronics (TVs or computers) and hazardous waste (oil or paint)! Please contact Kenny or Luther if you have any questions. 863-4306

Information on the new Transfer Station layout, Single-Stream Recycling, and Food Scrap Composting is available from a transfer station attendant, at the Town Office, or on the Town's website, townofvinalhaven.org

Dog Licenses - 2024 Dog Licenses are available! 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.

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@townofvinalhaven.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-1 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 with the Town Manager

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, Fire Chief, 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

**Happy 248th Birthday to the
US Marine Corps, Nov. 10th
Also, USMC Day...**



2023-24 TAX BILLS DUE DATES:

First half: November 1, 2023 and

Second half: May 1, 2024. Payments

received after these dates will accrue interest daily!

NOTICE

Monday, November 13, Public Works will be repairing Folly Pond culvert. Beginning at 8:30am the road will be closed to traffic for about an hour, then expect possible short wait times while the crew finishes work.

Special Town Meeting November 28, 2023 | 5:00pm Vinalhaven Town Office

To act upon Articles 1 through 3 as set out below:

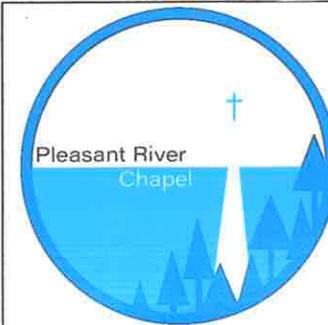
Article 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to fix compensation.

Article 2. Shall an ordinance entitled **Town of Vinalhaven Land Use Ordinance** be enacted as amended?

(Explanation: This ordinance revision reformat and amends the existing Land Use Ordinance. The amended ordinance can be found on our website and copies will be available at the Vinalhaven Town Office. You can also call the Town Office to receive a digital copy.)

Article 3. Shall an ordinance entitled **Addressing Ordinance** be enacted as amended?

(Explanation: This ordinance revision amends the existing Addressing Ordinance. The amended ordinance can be found on our website and copies will be available at the Town Office. You can also call the Town Office to receive a digital copy.)



Pleasant River Chapel Sunday Service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023. Pete Pedersen will deliver the message.

This service will be held via ZOOM and in person at the Chapel. For Zoom Information log-on info, email pleasantriverchapel@gmail.com.

Breakfast is at 8, fellowship time is at 8:30, and service is at 9. ALL are welcome. Extra food for the food table is always welcome.

The Bean Dinner for Haven Bartlett was a success. The supper committee raised \$1561 for Haven Bartlett.

Thanksgiving is on November 23rd. The Chapel is preparing a turkey dinner for anyone who wishes one. See the big Wind Ad in this Wind.

If you wish to use Pleasant River Chapel, please contact Ethel Jones at 863-2272 or by email kjrfmy3@aol.com. For pastoral care: Bob Candage, 863-4943 or Pam Kittredge, 863-2022.

Union Church

~Welcomes You~

Sunday Services
11:00 am

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Guest Speakers
Faye Grant
Jim Verostek

We are meeting in-person and on Zoom
Please visit unionchurchvh.org for link and more information

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Sunday School
9:30am-10:30am

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Needed, a Sunday School Teacher, K-3 9:30-10:30am Curriculum provided
Call Betsy Walsch 863-4124

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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.org

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

~
Pastoral Care
Reverend Jeffrey Lewis

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

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 in the Parsonage
Adults in the Church

10:30—Fellowship Time

11:00—Worship Service

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
www.obbc-vinalhaven.org



Vinalhaven School NEWS!



November is an amazing and busy month! Please look below to update your calendar:

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| Nov. 3 | 1:45 Elementary assembly |
| Nov. 6 | Grades 9 and 10 to Boston
Grades 11 and 12 to Washington D.C.
Grade 7 to Camp Kieve
Special Olympics bowling in Rockland |
| Nov. 10 | No School. Observance of Veterans Day |
| Nov. 13 | 12:10-12:40 Veterans Day Assembly. Lunch provided for veterans!
Any veterans who have not been contacted are welcome!
Please call 863-4800 to inform Amanda. |
| Nov. 13 | Art Baron and Ingvild Waerhaug as music & art artist-in-residence all week. |
| Nov 15-17 | Scholastic Book Fair in the school library with Mr. Brooker |
| Nov. 15 | 5:30 p.m. School Board Meeting |
| Nov. 15 | Skippers class to Schoodic Point |
| Nov. 16 | 8:45 ferry: Grade 7 to Farnsworth in Rockland |
| Nov. 16 | Parent/Teacher Conferences. Thursday 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Friday 12:30-3:00 p.m. All middle and high school parents please call Amanda at 863-4800 to schedule a time for Thursday or Friday. |
| Nov. 17 | Student Early Release at noon. P/T conferences 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 17 | pK- 5 Fluoride at school |
| Nov. 20 | Grades 6-12 Fluoride at school |
| Nov. 20 | Varsity basketball practice begins |
| Nov. 22-24 | Thanksgiving Break. No School! |
| Nov. 29 | 8:45 a.m. ferry: Grade 7 to the Farnsworth |
| Nov. 30 | Family Literacy Night |

American Education Week

Nov. 13-17, dedicated to education, to remind, inspire & celebrate the contributions to our educational system; students, parents, educators, scholarships and community!

Thanks for all you do to support student success at school!

Monte Selby, Principal/Superintendent.

Monte.Selby@VinalhavenSchool.org

News from Vinalhaven EMS and Islands Community Medical Services (ICMS)

This year, Vinalhaven EMS, ICMS, and the Vinalhaven Select Board partnered with The Schmidt Institute in Bangor to apply for a Maine Health Access Foundation (MeHAF) Systems Improvement and Innovation Responsive Grant. In short, this grant allows the community to review the way in which we provide emergency and routine healthcare on the island and identify possible ways to improve and expand these services. ICMS and EMS have always worked closely together to deliver critical care in a timely fashion, and we have always been grateful for the community's support. However, as times have changed both organizations are facing increasing obstacles both in providing the services we do in the ways we have, and in providing new and expanded services the community needs. This year, we need your help.

EMS, ICMS, the Town Manager, and members of the Select Board have already met with the facilitators of this grant and identified areas where both our organizations can improve and expand; but before we can do any of this, we need to hear from the community members we serve. This fall, on November 15th at 5:30pm, we will be holding a public gathering (with food!) at the school auditorium where community members will have the chance to listen to the first draft of our proposal and make comments or suggestions. An essential part of this review is ensuring that our community members guide our decisions, as these changes are ultimately in the best interests of making healthcare access better for you.

Please feel free to contact EMS Chief Ryan Nizolek, ICMS Director Cam Garret, or the grant facilitator Jonathan Busko (Jonnathan.busko@sjhhealth.com) with any questions or for more information. We look forward to seeing you in the fall!

The Future of Healthcare for Vinalhaven!

We want to hear from you!

Please join Vinalhaven EMS, ICMS and the Vinalhaven Select Board for a discussion regarding the Maine Health Access Foundation (MeHAF) Systems Improvement and Innovation Responsive Grant.

We want you to share your ideas, suggestions and concerns as we review the future of healthcare for Vinalhaven!

WHEN: November 15th at 5:30pm

WHERE: Vinalhaven School Auditorium

Food will be served!

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Community Calendar

- 11/17: Deadline for Jingle Bell Forms
- 11/18: Christmas Bazaar, 9-2, UC
- 11/30: FREE Thanksgiving Dinner for All, PRC, deliveries at noon
- 12/3: Christmas Concert, 6, UC
- 12/8: Food Pantry, 1-3, UC
- 12/9: Sunshine Plates, delivered 9-12
- 12/15: K-2 Lion's Christmas Party, 12-4, UC
- 12/16: Christmas Bazaar, 9-2, UC
- 12/18: Lunchbox Christmas Dinner, 11:30, UC

Mondays, Community Lunch Box, 11:30, UC

Wednesdays, Meals on Wheels, deliveries 11:30

PRC: Pleasant River Chapel
UC: Union Church

Email events to: windnonprofitads@gmail.com

- Unofficial Official Fun Days**
- 11/14-American Teddy Bear Day
 - 11/14-Loosen Up, Lighten Up Day

NORTHEAST CENTER



FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

Northeast Center to launch community hospital partnership serving commercial fishermen in Stonington, ME

Financial strain, regulatory changes, safety hazards and other challenges have been widely recognized as factors that can impact the wellbeing of commercial fishing industry workers. However, the effect of these uncertainties, including the physical and mental toll that work takes on fishermen can be a complex issue for coastal communities to address. Despite the need, fishermen experience numerous barriers to accessing physical and mental healthcare resources.

To address these barriers, the Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety is partnering with local community groups to develop a fishermen's health and wellness pilot program that will focus on lobster and intertidal fishermen in Stonington Maine. Though the wellness program will be piloted in Stonington, fishermen in both Stonington and Vinalhaven will have access to free health assessments in 2023 and 2025. During health assessments, fishermen will also have the opportunity to share their health concerns and ideas for a wellness program specifically tailored to fishermen. Local partners will work with the NEC to review the information collected in this project to explore key factors for increasing fishermen's access to healthcare and other wellbeing services.

"Stonington is thrilled to host this initiative," said Stonington Town Manager Kathleen Billings. "The health and wellbeing of our fishermen and their families is our top priority. We recognize Stonington as a service center for surrounding islands and our maritime economy and are grateful for this opportunity to partner to provide much-needed healthcare services and other benefits for the area fleets."

In November, fishermen in the Stonington and Vinalhaven lobster and intertidal fishing communities will be contacted by either the NEC or local partners to assess their interest in these comprehensive health assessments, which will be offered in Stonington and Vinalhaven the last week of November and the first week of December.

The project is funded through a grant from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the U.S. Coast Guard. Current community partners include Maine Coastal Fisherman's Association, Maine Lobsterman's Association, Northern Light Primary Care, and Island Fisherman's Wives Association, who will be supporting the Northeast Center's efforts closely.

"The challenges faced by Maine fishermen go far beyond the sea. The physical and mental toll of their labor, combined with the obstacles to healthcare access, are pressing concerns for our coastal communities," says Monique Coombs, Director of Community Programs at the Maine Coast Fishermen's Association. "This project aims to help pave the way for better health, safety, and overall well-being in Stonington, but will set a precedent for all of Maine's coastal communities."

The Northeast Center is funded through the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to address prominent occupational safety and health hazards in agricultural, forestry and fishing communities throughout the Northeast. In addition to conducting research and developing innovative safety programs, the Center offers safety trainings, health screenings and counseling services to workers in these three industries."

To learn more about the Stonington community hospital partnership and other Northeast Center projects and services, visit www.necenter.org, or contact us at (800) 343-7527.

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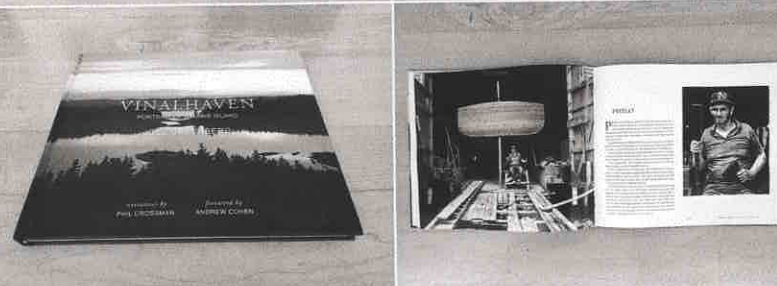
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Autumn Harvest (circa 1900)
Courtesy of the Vinalhaven Historical Society



The Wind Ad Box...

...by the "Swap Shop" is open. Submissions must include a name, address, & phone number, for billing & questions. Cut off time (ads removed from box) is Sunday by 3pm.

National Recycling Day
Is Nov. 15th & every day...
Reduce, recycle & re-use = less waste!



November 13-19 is
World Kindness Week!

WIND INFORMATION

For ads, notices, community calendar & subscriptions...

AD/NOTICE SUBMISSIONS:

These items must be submitted to *The Wind* by email to:

vinalhavenwind@gmail.com

prior to 7PM Monday night (or call Torry @ 863-9926, no later than 5PM, Sunday for options)

NO WALK-INS PLEASE

COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

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Game Rules:

- 1 Solve the riddle
- 2 Find the treasure
- 3 Follow the secret instructions

Ahoy, Me Hearties, continue the story and join the hunt for Week #40!

- Solid and grand, resting most months alone
- I'm hiding near an object, that sometimes serve as a throne
- Immune to change, this object has never grown
- A silent witness, unmoved, but well known.

~ Love, Captain Hook

VINALHAVEN LAND TRUST
Maine Coast Heritage Trust

Deer Hunting Season

Bows: Sep 9th - Dec 9th
Firearm: Oct 30th - Nov 25th
Muzzleloader: Nov 27th - Dec 9th

No Hunting on Sundays
No hunting on Lane's Island,
Boy Scout Point and Armbrust
Hill Town Parks

Hunting season is here! Hunters are welcome on all Vinalhaven Land Trust and Maine Coast Heritage Trust preserves. We ask that hunters obey all applicable laws; especially as regards to the required legal distances from the hiking trails and dwellings. All hikers, hunters, and dogs should wear blaze orange when in the woods. Stay safe!

Thank you! — MCHT & VLT
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Adult Trivia - "Teddy Bears"

- 1 What is a teddy bear collect-or called?
- 2 What president had 2 real bear cubs in the White House?
- 3 In what U.S. city was the 1st teddy bear sold?
- 4 What 2 breeds make a "teddy bear" designer dog?
- 5 Who is likely the most famous teddy bear manufacturer in the world?
6. As the story goes, what president refused to shoot a bear?

Kids Trivia - "Teddy Bears"

- 1 What bear lives at 100 Acre Woods?
- 2 What is a real bear's strongest sense: smell or sight?
- 3 In the 'Jungle Book', who was described as the sleepy brown bear?
- 4 Why is a teddy bear named Teddy?
- 5 Who lives in Jellystone Park & has a friend named Boo-Boo?
- 6 What very polite bear has the same name as a train station?

Help Wanted

Bean Maine Lobster has an opening for a full-time position. Duties include buying/shipping lobster, working in the bait areas. Forklift experience helpful. Paid sick/personal days, paid holidays, and health insurance. Apply at the first lobster buying facility near the ferry terminal, or call 863-2082



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
Hygienist: Tues, Weds, Thurs.

Physical Therapy
To schedule an appointment, call 863-4341

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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
Vanessa Shields-Haas, FNP-BC
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

11/10-Forget Me Not Day
Pays tribute to returning soldiers who suffered from physical loss in line of battle.

Island Village Childcare IS HIRING!

Island Village Childcare is looking to hire new employees!

Minimum Employment Requirements:
Must be 18+ years of age
High School Diploma
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**PUBLIC NOTICE:
NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE**

Please take notice that

Mackerel Wharf, LLC (Patrick Benzie and Sam Rosen)

PO Box 625

Vinalhaven, ME 04863

Phone #: 617-835-8556

(Name, Address and Phone # of Applicant)

is intending to file a Natural Resources Protection Act permit application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the provisions of 38 M.R.S.A. §§ 480-A thru 480-BB on or about

November 27, 2023

(anticipated filing date)

The application is for

Rebuilding an existing pier and wharf and renovating a fish house. Increasing the pier from 87' x 4' to 98' x 12';

(description of the project)

rebuilding the 40' x 55' wharf with a 58' x 38' extension; and adding one 70' x 8' float with a 50' x 4' ramp.

at the following location:

Mary Wentworth Road Vinalhaven, ME 04863

(project location)

A request for a public hearing or a request that the Board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction over this application must be received by the Department in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. A public hearing may or may not be held at the discretion of the Commissioner or Board of Environmental Protection. Public comment on the application will be accepted throughout the processing of the application.

For Federally licensed, permitted, or funded activities in the Coastal Zone, review of this application shall also constitute the State's consistency review in accordance with the Maine Coastal Program pursuant to Section 307 of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1456. (Delete if not applicable.)

The application will be filed for public inspection at the Department of Environmental Protection's office in (Portland, Augusta or Bangor)(circle one) during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in Vinalhaven, Maine.
(town)

Written public comments may be sent to the regional office in Portland, Augusta, or Bangor where the application is filed for public inspection:

- MDEP, Central Maine Regional Office, 17 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333
- MDEP, Southern Maine Regional Office, 312 Canco Road, Portland, Maine 04103
- MDEP, Eastern Maine Regional Office, 106 Hogan Road, Bangor, Maine 04401

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~Library News~

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Wed, Fri 9-5

Sat 9-4

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Veterans Day***

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4/5 Grade 2nd and 4th Thursdays

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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

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Fox Islands Wind (FIW) Community Meetings

All three turbines are operational, and FIW is emerging from a period of challenges – from equipment repairs and maintenance issues to difficulties getting parts due to lingering pandemic supply chain issues. The FIW Board of Directors is holding a series of community meetings to discuss these issues and the status of the FIW project, as a follow-up to the conversations that began at the FIEC annual meeting in July. The first two meetings are scheduled as follows:

Date: November 13, 2023

Topic: FIW Project History and Recent Changes

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Union Church, Basement Meeting Room

Attend online: www.Zoom.us, Meeting ID 842 7136 6382

Passcode: 818523

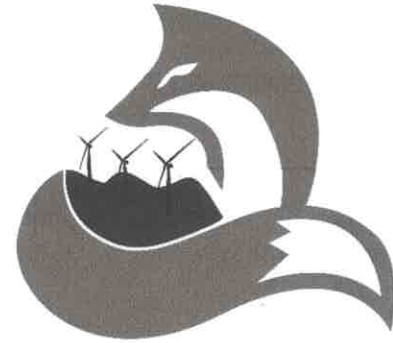
Date: December 4, 2023

Topic: A Look at Energy Costs and Future Projections

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Union Church, Basement Meeting Room

Attend online: www.Zoom.us, Meeting ID 886 4444 3002, Passcode: 112768



Please join us to discuss the wind turbines and their impact on the Fox Islands community.

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Saturday, November 11**

**Dance Party with
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highest appreciation is not to
utter words, but to live by
them." *John F. Kennedy*

Nickname Match Game
"Around the Mountain Gang"

1 Hoss	Carl Nelson
2 Otto	Veli Holmstrom
3 Shunty	Earl Hamilton Jr
4 Hossa	Hal Chilles
5 Wilkie	Louie Richards
6 Goat	Phil Dyer
7 The Frenchmen	Stuart Davis
8 Filo	Fay Dyer
9 F.D.	Burger Magnuson
10 Bev Goo Goo	John Chilles

Can you match the nickname to the real name?
Answers in this week's Wind and more
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...contributed by Lee Osgood

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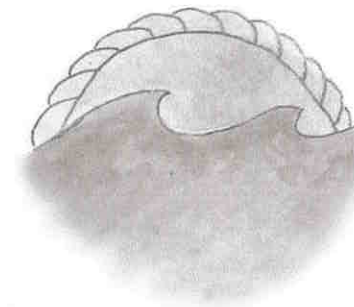


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5 – 7 pm**

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Remaining 2023 Island Wave Dates

- Saturday Nov 11 – Town Parking Lot @ 11:30 am
- Monday Nov 13 – Vinalhaven Community Brewery @ 5 – 7 pm
- Saturday Nov 18 – Union Church craft fair @ 10 am – 1 pm
- Saturday Nov 25 – (Small Business Saturday!) Town Parking Lot @ 11:30 am

We want to give a huge thank you to our customers and everyone from the Vinalhaven community and beyond who have supported us. We appreciate you all and will be back May 2024 with more food, more hours and hopefully more space! Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for more news about what's coming. Thank you again! Jessica & Cris

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The WINDS are available online (on the town of Vinalhaven's website and 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!

Dr. Caron will hold the next Veterinary Clinic

Nov. 30th & Dec. 21st

Upstairs at the Old Fire Hall.

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12 Step Meetings

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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

Tidbits from the Vinalhaven Historical Society

Miss Cynthia Conway, little daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Conway celebrated her first birthday. The party was given by her grandmother, Mrs. Max Conway. Lunch was served. Table decorations and favors were in keeping with Halloween. Those present were Lucy Dyer, Tamara Hopkins, Sandra Webster, June Bennett, Kevin Hopkins, Henrietta Anderson, Roseanne Greenlaw, Kristine Winslow, Nancy Tolman and Cynthia's grandmothers, Mrs. Wendell Smith and Mrs. Max Conway. The two large birthday cakes were made by them. Her great grandmother, Mrs. Angus Hennigar was also present. The little ones enjoyed playing with toys. Pictures were taken of the group by photographer Sutcliffe. Nov. 4, 1950

Army Recruit Van A. Guilford, 22, son of Mr. & Mrs. Wyman Guilford, recently completed the 8-week automotive maintenance course at Fort Dix, NJ. Guilford entered the Army last May and completed basic training at the fort. He is a 1954 graduate of Vinalhaven High School. Nov. 5, 1958

Edward Dyer celebrated his 8th birthday by entertaining these schoolmates at a Halloween party Tuesday afternoon at his home: Richard Tolman, Raymond Norton, Valois Young, Mac Gilchrist, Peter Williams, Tim Lane, David Balfour, Wyman Philbrook, Paul and Harold Chilles, Clarence Conway, Dexter Wadsworth, Lermond Doughty, Jimmy Robinson and Richard Dyer. Party games were played and prizes won by Clarence Conway in hitting the witch's nose; Valois Young, the pumpkin game; Tim Lane and Wyman Philbrook, in hit the jackpot game; Mac Gilchrist in rolling the pumpkin. A jolly time was had by the youngsters and Edward received many nice gifts. Lunch included a large birthday cake which was served from the table decorated with Halloween colors, pumpkins and goblins. Nov. 3, 1944

Master Philip Brown bravely rescued "Yuker" a Finn boy from drowning Monday. While fishing from Lane & Libby's Wharf, the boy fell into the water and could not swim, Philip seeing his perilous position succeeded in pulling him out. Yuker was not even scared, only cold and wet. He waited until he had caught another fish before going home. Nov. 24, 1906

Aboard Supply Ship USS Harcourt in Tokyo Bay Donald L. Oakes, S2c, USN, 18, of Vinalhaven, came in for praise by the commanding officer for the speedy handling of air freight moving in and out of the Yokosuka Naval base. "A remarkable job," said Lt. Cdr. H. T. Shelly, skipper of the Harcourt, which processes air freight for ships in Tokyo Bay. The Harcourt, which served as a Liberty Ship until it was bombed and beached during the Philippines campaign, was refitted and commissioned last June, arriving in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 18.

The event of the week was the big American Legion Fair, held in the Net Factory building Wednesday afternoon. It was crowded to its utmost capacity. The many booths were decorated in red, white and blue and were presided over by members of the Woodcock-Cassie-Coombs Post of which Wilbur Coombs, Jr., is commander and the Ladies Auxiliary of which Mrs. Everett Libby is president. Nov. 17, 1925

The bay passenger and freight boat, Vinalhaven II is expected to return to her run this afternoon after a month in the General Seafoods Shipyard. Twin General Motors 165hp diesels driving a single wheel have replaced the former engine. The added power, it is estimated, will give the boat a speed of approximately 10 knots, cutting about 12 minutes off the time required to cross the bay with the old engine. While in the yard, the Mary A and North Haven made the runs in addition to their regular schedules Nov. 29, 1949

Friends of Donald G. Poole will be pleased to learn of his promotion. Mrs. Lora Poole, his mother, has received a communication dated March 30 reading as follows: "Dear Mrs. Poole, it is with pleasure and the confidence that he will justify the trust placed in him, that we announce the promotion of your son Donald to Sergeant in the 802nd Military Police Battalion. Signed Emmet Perkins, Maj. C.M.P." Don, who will be remembered for his high bowling scores, was one of the first men to be inducted from Vinalhaven and has had a long service record, mostly in the Middle East. He has been in charge of a prison camp for sometime and claimed at one time to be the only Provost Corporal in the U. S. Army. Some pictures sent home to his folks recently showed him astride a big ugly looking camel with the Pyramids in the background. It looked as if in Egypt the cigarette situation was in reverse, and instead of Don having to walk a mile for a Camel the camel had to walk a mile for Don.

Langtry Smith was taken Friday morning to Knox Hospital for a compound fracture of the leg, because of an accident which occurred while he was hauling lobster traps. Nov. 11, 1947

If you are a savings depositor in any of the branches of the Security Trust Company do not forget to take your book to the bank or send it by mail for verification on or before Nov. 29th This is a guarantee to yourself that your account is correct. Nov. 21, 1922

L. A. Coombs & Son recently bought the property known as the Bodwell Granite Stable and adjoining land for boat building purposes. Nov. 12, 1929



Islands Community Medical Services

OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open Enrollment for the Health Insurance Marketplace opens on November 1st. To have your insurance effective by January 1st, you must complete your enrollment by December 15th.

For assistance with your open enrollment please contact Brooke Hildings, at 863-9070 or email, bconway@icmsvh.org

ICMS IS HIRING!

ICMS is looking for a highly motivated individual with excellent customer service skills to fill the part-time front desk role.

The position includes but is not limited to answering phones, relaying messages and scheduling & checking in patients.

For more information please contact Jess Sanborn at 863-9076 or jsanborn@icmsvh.org

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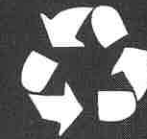
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HOW-TO GUIDE



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Plastic

must... have #1-#7 symbol on it
be rigid (no plastic bags, plastic wrap, etc.)
be a container
empty and rinse



Yes ✓

milk & juice jugs
detergent bottles
food containers
all rigid containers
marked #1-#7

No ✗

plastic bags! (shopping, frozen food, zip-lock, animal feed, soil, etc.)
bubble-wrap, shrink-wrap
plastic envelopes
to-go cup lids



Paper Cartons

empty and rinse, remove plastic caps

milk & juice cartons
drink boxes
aseptic containers

wax-coated paperboard



Cardboard & Mixed Paper

must be clean and dry
(no greasy-gross pizza or food boxes)

all clean cardboard
paperboard boxes
newspapers, mail
catalogs, paper bags
office paper, envelopes
wrapping paper, books
phone books, clean
paper plates, shredded
paper (in clear bag)

wax-coated cardboard
shredded paper that's NOT in a clear plastic bag (bag gets sorted out by hand at recycling center)



Glass

jars and bottles, all colors
empty and rinse (if containing solids)
remove caps

clear & colored
glass bottles & jars

window glass



Metal

tin and aluminum
empty and rinse

tin cans
aluminum cans & clean
non-balled-up foil
empty aerosol cans
(cooking spray, paint, etc.)
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Then I turned back to the blackboard and continued where I had left off before the spitball event. A moment later, a boy in the third row, fourth seat asked, "Where's Jimmy now?" Although Jimmy had shot his spitball 38 years ago, I remember him acting like the most innocent kid in the class. This boy was the one who acted like the most innocent one in this class. A clear "tell" that he was the spitball kid. Still facing the blackboard while I wrote out the next problem, I slowly said, "Jimmy joined the Navy right out of high school." ...I pause... "He became a Navy medic." ...a lingering pause... "His ultimate goal was to become a doctor using the GI bill." A big pause... "You wouldn't know," ...a simple pause... "But the Navy medics serve in Marine combat units as their medics." Then the spitball kid spoke out, "Ya, but where's Jimmy now? Why don't you still hang out with him?" I didn't turn around. I stopped writing on the blackboard. I took a long moment and said, "Jimmy never became a doctor," ... I paused... "He was killed in a battle in Vietnam, trying to save a wounded Marine's life, September 4, 1967." I waited a moment. Turned to the class and said, "He was always goofing off, making me laugh, getting me in trouble, I still miss him." Then I added, "Jimmy's father was an alcoholic. His father had abandoned his mother, Jimmy, and his younger sister, Barbara. On Jimmy's last leave before going back to Vietnam, he asked me to look out for his sister, Barbara, if he didn't come back." ...I paused... "I checked in with Barbara every so often to see how she was doing and if I could help out. Eventually as the years went by, Barbara got married to a nice guy and I let go. Years later I went to Washington, D.C. for a business trip. I took the opportunity to visit Jimmy in Arlington National Cemetery. When I found his grave, he was quietly waiting. I knelt down and cried.

Dead silence hung over the classroom. I finished my examples on the blackboard and gave out the homework assignment. The class ended and the students left. The spitball kid never acted up in class again, for the rest of the year.

Submitted by Patrick Trainor

BEING A NEW TEACHER

It was 2003. There I stood at 55 years old ready to start my first lesson as a High School teacher. The lesson was going to be on quadratic equations. I stood in front of my first high school classroom filled with 17-year-old teenagers. Way back 38 years ago in 1965, I was a 17-year-old kid. I was sitting in a classroom similar to this one listening to my math teacher droning on about whatever. Now I was standing in front of a classroom collection of "Dancing Queen" girls and knuckle head boys. But I was going to be different from my old math teacher way back in time at Brighton High School. I was going to make quadratic equations interesting! I was excited.

I had retired from a career in business and then went to college to get a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's degree in education. Going to college and learning was a wonderful experience. Now here I was at my first teaching job as a long-term sub teacher for a regular math teacher out on medical leave. I was ready and eager to start my career.

A lot had changed in 38 years. I noticed right off one thing that was very obvious. These teenagers today lived in a culture drastically changed from when I was a teenager. They were completely different animals. Their world was more intense than what my friends and I experienced. Some had cars, they all had cell phones, a little money in their pockets, and a TV in their bedrooms. They were very trend conscious and had the full weight of the American consumer economy catering to them, telling them what they wanted to hear. As I introduced myself, I wondered what they were thinking, as they studied me standing in the front of the class as their new math teacher. When I was 17, a 55-year-old guy was as old as the dinosaurs. Now, face to face with 31 teenagers staring at me, I realized my master's in education degree had not prepared me for this moment. The last time I was in a high school classroom was in 1966. That was a long, long time ago. It's ancient history now, everything had changed since the late 1960's. That was a time when you could understand the words in a song. The generation gap was happening, and America was starting to come apart.

Ok... I got started. I picked up the chalk and wrote my name on the blackboard. Then I said: "We study quadratic equations because we can math-model many physical events like the path of a thrown ball, or any projectile." At this point I turned to the blackboard and started to write out an example of a quadratic equation. Unfortunately, I committed the common mistake all new teachers make, turning my back on a classroom full of teenagers. All experienced teachers have learned the skill of how to look at the class as they write on the blackboard at the same time. They never take their eyes off the teenagers.

After five minutes it happened. One foot to the left of my head, a spitball hit the blackboard. Reacting to this insulting act, I felt an instant flash of anger and wondered what do I do now? I told myself to be cool and think. As an adult I knew not to show my anger to the class. I had to act and fast. I had to react. This was a challenge to me as a teacher and leader of the class. Should I call the vice principal for help? No, that would show weakness to the class. Think fast. Think of something. Quick, turn around and fix the situation. Wow... it's show time. Think something up and it better be good. Then I remembered back to English class, February 1967. My best friend Jimmy O'Reilly had done the same spitball thing. It gave me an idea. Ok, go with it. Use it, you've got nothing else.

I was still facing the blackboard. I started laughing very loudly and went all in with my off-the-cuff impromptu performance to save my teaching job. I turned to the class still laughing into soliloquy. "That... reminds me back when I was a high school senior back in 1966. It was in English class when Jimmy O'Reilly, my best friend in high school, shot a spit ball at the blackboard. Mr. Wilson our teacher had his back to the class and was writing on the blackboard." I paused...and then continued slowly. "Mr. Wilson flipped out. He turned around quickly to face the class. We all had put on our innocent faces. Mr. Wilson yelled, 'WHO DID IT?' Jimmy had put on the most innocent face of any of us. Mr. Wilson kept everyone after school, but no one ratted out Jimmy. After class, Jimmy and I had a long laugh about his spitball. Mr. Wilson was not the same for the next 3 months of school. He turned into a hard marker. Somehow, Jimmy and I passed English and graduated high school. Jimmy was a jokester and great friend. I still miss him today, even after all the years have gone by."



On Thanksgiving Day, Pleasant River Chapel will make a Turkey Dinner for anyone who wishes it. This dinner will be prepared by Kathy and Lonnie Morton, Ethel Jones, and Pete Pedersen. This meal is the chapel's gift to our community. If you receive Meals on Wheels, you will automatically receive this meal. On the last Meals on Wheels delivery before Thanksgiving, there will be a reminder that you will have this meal coming. There will be NO charge for this meal. Last year, we prepared and delivered 124 dinners. We want Anybody in Vinalhaven, who wishes to have this meal, to have it. This delivered turkey dinner will be roasted turkey breast, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, green

peas, cranberry jelly, a dinner roll and either a piece of apple or pumpkin pie. And perhaps you will be going out for dinner. We can also send you a meal that would be like having leftovers of a wonderful meal.

Often, I am asked how someone may be able to help us. Right now, we need drivers for the delivery of meals. Also, looking for apple or pumpkin pies. We need cranberry jelly, the equivalent of three large cans, 6 pounds of butter, and a gallon of milk to finish this list.

You can contact Pete at 551-4483 or by email at: ppedersen1842@gmail.com. He will need to know how many meals, your choice of either pumpkin or apple pie, and your address for our drivers.

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