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open for dinner
Tuesday – Saturday
beginning at 5:15pm
reservations required

207-863-2300

Kids Trivia Answers

- 1 Tiger
- 2 Circumference
- 3 Plum
- 4 Blue

Trivia Answers

- 1 Bobby Orr (1971, Boston Bruins)
- 2 Ernest Hemingway
- 3 Soft White Underbelly
- 4 Yes in 1901 (table tennis is not)

Brain Teaser Answer:
A Sneeze

Fun Fact

Sliced bread was 1st manufactured by machine and sold in the 1920's by the Chillcloth Baking Co., in Missouri. It was the greatest thing since.....

Math Riddle Answers:

- 1 (141)
- 2 When it is 11AM, adding six hours make it 5PM

GREET'S EATS

We're Open!!

Thursday-Sunday, 11-2

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



CALDERWOOD HALL AUGUST SCHEDULE

WE ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AGAIN!

Indoor and outdoor seating

THURSDAY-SUNDAY nights

Kitchen open 5-8:30pm,

Bar open until 10pm

Pizza, salads, small plates, full-bar,

island beer & good island fun!

THOROFARE BOAT RIDES, CALL DAY OF BEFORE 4pm

www.calderwoodhall.com - 207.867.4700

P.O. BOX 194, VINALHAVEN, ME 04863

\$50 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION



THE ISLAND NEWS WEEKLY

August 26 – September 1, 2021

E-MAIL: vinalhavenwind@gmail.com

Dear Friends of Fritz Lord
Please join me and Fritz's family
in a memorial service with poetry,
music, and singing in his honor,
Friday August 27, 1:00PM, at the
Union Church. The Rev. Jeffery
Lewis, Celebrant. See you then.
Penelope Lord

CONGRATULATIONS

To Dennis Pratt for being
selected as an inductee to the
Midcoast Sports Hall of Fame,
class of 2021! Well deserved!

Place Mailing Label Here

Memorial Service

Vinalhaven...There will be a Memorial Service for Leonard "Buddy" A. Skoog, 92, of Vinalhaven who died on July 19, 2020, at 11AM, Saturday, August 28, 2021, at the Union Church, Vinalhaven. A luncheon will follow in the vestry. Internment at Cummings Cemetery will be private. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at: www.longfuneralhomecamden.com. Arrangements are with the Long Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 9 Mountain St., Camden.

NOTICE

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Mass
on Saturday, Aug. 28th will begin
at 9:50AM, due to Buddy Skoog's
service beginning at 11AM, Union
Church

Memorial Service for Katie Hamilton Durkee

September 11 at noon
Roberts Cemetery

THANK YOU

To the approximately 100 people
who took the time to fill out the
Affordable Housing Survey. The
surveys have been sent to our
off-island consultant who will
create a report on the obstacles
experienced in finding housing in
our community. We intend to use
the information gathered to help
find solutions. We appreciate
your support of our efforts!
Vinalhaven Housing Committee

THANK YOU

We thank all the first
responders, EMT's, good
Samaritans, Life Flight crew,
friends, and family for the help
after the incident Friday
before last (and the following
days). There are too many to
name individually and we'd
feel terrible if we left someone
off. You know who you are and
how grateful we feel.

Larry and Paula

Congratulations

to Corey & Sami James on
the birth of their daughter:

Addilyn Mae

Addilyn was born July 28
and weighing 7lbs 2oz.

Her proud grandparents
are Austin & Lynn James
and Steve & Rene Glana,
great-grandparents are
Paul & Lauretta Chilles.

Town of Vinalhaven Information

www.townofvinalhaven.org

Calendar

Select Board – **Monday, August 30, 5:30 pm** at the Town Office

Pre-Planning Board – **Wednesday, September 1, 7:00 pm** at the Town Office

Planning Board – **Wednesday, September 8, 7:00 pm** at the Town Office

Notices

Property Taxes 2020-2021 Property Taxes were due on November 2nd, 2020 and May 3rd, 2021. Interest is now accruing. **30- Day Lien Notices have been mailed for 2020-2021 Taxes. Liens will be filed if not paid in full by Friday, September 3rd, 2021. Please pay the amount listed on the 30-Day Lien Notice.**

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.

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@townofvinalhaven.org

Deputy Town Clerk – **Tanya Robishaw** – 863-4343; deputyclerk@townofvinalhaven.org

Assessor – **Wes Robinson** – Hours vary, contact 863-2168 or vinalhavenassessor@gmail.com to set up an appointment

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

Planning and Community Development – 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 vp1@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



Nomination Papers Available for a Special Election to be held on November 2, 2021

MSAD #8 Board of Directors –
One to finish a term ending June 2023

Interested candidates must collect not less than 25, nor more than 100 signatures of registered voters to be placed on the November 2nd, 2021, ballot. All nomination papers must be returned to the Town Clerk by Friday, September 3rd, 2021

Animal Control Notice

I have received a lot of calls about dogs that are not under their owner's control. On Pequot road a resident had her chicken killed by a loose dog. I have also had reports of dogs chasing deer. That is a good way to get your dog killed mistakenly. Please keep your dogs controlled- it's your responsibility. Make sure your dog's identity is on their collar. If you are a summer resident, or visitor, take extra care with identity by having your phone number on your dog's collar with their license tag if possible. I would like to have all licenses done by September 21.

Thank you, Jim
Animal Control Officer

From the CEO/LPI Office:

The installation of seasonal or permanent structures in navigable waters requires a Corps of Engineers permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act 1899.

Any questions – please call Faye Grant, CEO/LPI at 863-2168



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



Notice

On this September 11th, the 20th Anniversary of 9/11, all churches, organizations, and town members are invited to, this remembrance event. Many more details to follow in next week's Wind!

Union Church ~ Welcomes You ~

Service 11:00am

Judith Robbins

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
unionchurchvh.com

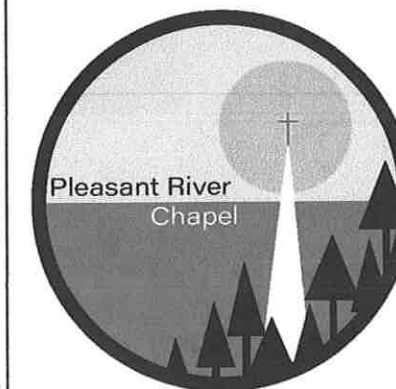
Pastoral Care
Rev. Jeffrey Lewis



**At the Flea Market
This Saturday Aug.28th**

**Books and Paintings for
sale by donation.**

**All proceeds Benefit
Pleasant River Chapel.**



**Pleasant River Chapel
Sunday, August 29th**

Sharing Sunday

**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
pleasanriverchapel@gmail.com**

**For pastoral care:
Bob Candage 863-4943**

Our Lady of Peace

Catholic services will be held
Saturday, Aug. 28th at 9:50 AM
at Union Church.

Questions? Contact Jeannie
Curtiss, 863-9006 or
cjcurtiss@sbcglobal.net

VINALHAVEN SCHOOL NEWS

- 1 It's true. Using federal funds that support our return-to-school plan, we are able to purchase supplies for students. No need to shop. On the first day of school, student supplies will be clean, organized, and ready to use.
- 2 If you are interested in being a substitute teacher, for an occasional day or long term, please contact tina.davidson@vinalhavenschool.org and request an application form.
- 3 Tuesday, September 7th is the first day of school. 7:45 a.m. is a good arrival time to say hello, move around on the playground, or ask questions. School starts at 8:00a.m.
- 4 Saturday morning, September 11, we host Rangeley for soccer.
- 5 Check the Vinalhaven School Facebook page as we approach the opening of school. We will continue to post updates for students, athletes, parents, and the community. As always, reach out if you have questions.

Sincerely,
Monte Selby, Principal

Did you know...before 1920, some people used to send their children in the mail, because postage was cheaper than a train ticket, according to the Smithsonian, some frugal parents chose this option. Newspapers ran amusing headlines such as, "Baby by Parcel Post" & "Parcel Post Baby makes trip along L & E Railroad." (It's forbidden today)

Did you know...why our skin gets wrinkly in the water after about 5 minutes in the bathtub? You may notice that tiny wrinkles are forming on your hands and feet. Researchers speculate that it's the body's biological way of getting a grip, when in a slippery condition. And they found that the specific ways that human skin wrinkles are like river drainage systems.

Trivia

- 1 Who signed the 1st million dollar contract in NHL history? (Bonus what year and who did he play for)
- 2 Who said it, Bill Murray or Ernest Hemingway, "The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them?"
- 3 What is the original name of the Blue Oyster Cult Band?
- 4 Is the word ping-pong trademarked?

Kids Trivia

- 1 What is the largest cat?
- 2 What is the length around a circle called?
- 3 What kind of tree do prunes come from?
- 4 What color are Smurfs?

Math Riddles

- 1 What is a 3-digit number in which the 2nd digit is 4 times as big as the 3rd digit, and the 1st digit is 3 less than the 2nd digit?
- 2 Add six to eleven and get five, how is this correct?

How You Can Help

Donate to local service groups

Community Lunchbox

Union Church attn: Lunchbox
PO Box 249
Checks payable to Union Church
Memo line: Lunchbox

Meals on Wheels

VES attn: Meals on Wheels
PO Box 624
Checks payable to VES
Memo line: Meals on Wheels

Vinalhaven Community Outreach

PO Box 15
Checks payable to VCO
Memo line: COVID-19

Open Bible Baptist Church Coronavirus Relief Fund (CVRF)

Open Bible Baptist Church attn: CVRF
PO Box 465
Checks payable to Open Bible Baptist Church
Memo line: CVRF

Vinalhaven Fuel Fund

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

The Brown Door at the Union Church

Union Church attn: Food Pantry
PO Box 249
Checks payable to Union Church
Memo line: Lunchbox

Vinalhaven Lion's Club

5 Birch Hill
Checks payable to Vinalhaven Lion's Club

Vinalhaven Eldercare

18 Beaver Dam Road
Checks payable to Vinalhaven Eldercare

The Little Free Pantry

Vinalhaven Fire Station
To make a donation call Pam 207-863-2022

Add to all addresses: Vinalhaven, ME 04863

Public Works Foreman

The department is looking for someone with supervisory and road maintenance experience to lead the team through daily projects. The Foreman will work closely with the Road Commissioner to plan and carryout short and long-term workplans. The Town offers a benefits package that includes health and dental, retirement contribution, and paid vacation. Qualified candidates' weekly compensation beginning at \$800 per week and is commensurate with experience. A full job description is available at the town's website, www.townofvinalhaven.org.

If you wish to learn more about this opportunity or are interested in applying, contact Andrew Dorr, Town Manager at townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org. Review of applications and scheduling of interviews will begin August 13. This position will remain posted until a suitable candidate is selected.

Ambulance Director

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. A full job description is available at the town's website, www.townofvinalhaven.org.

If you wish to learn more about this unique opportunity or are interested in applying, contact Andrew Dorr, Town Manager at townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org. Review of applications and scheduling of interviews will begin immediately. This position will remain posted until a suitable candidate is selected.

Harbormaster Notice

Traps and equipment must be brought to the parking lot and loaded each day- no equipment is allowed overnight in the downtown parking lot. This ordinance is in effect until Labor Day. Any abandoned boat trailers will be taken to the dump soon. Come get your trailer before this happens. Please remember to give the ferry boat some room to get out of the Harbor. The captains of the ferry boat are asking for a little consideration - please give them some. Also, please slow down coming and leaving the harbor you are causing damage to your friend's skiffs that are tied up to the floats with your wake. The limit at a town float is 16 feet. If your boat is over that footage you have to find another place to dock. Big outboards used for hauling are not exempt- please move them.

If you are a non-commercial boat owner and your boat is under 16 feet you need to tie up at the downtown float, not the floats at the ferry boat. The end of the floats are for pick up and drop off only. We are working on having two more floats at the ferry boat ASAP.

My phone number is now 756-0209. Please contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank you, Jim
Harbor Master

Community Calendar

- 8/31: VLT Intertidal Walk, 9:30 am, SP
- 9/9: Bean Supper, 6 pm, UC
- 9/11: Concert w/ Randy & Marli Brown, TBA, FF
- 9/13: Community Lunch Box, TBA, UC
- 9/20: Community Lunch Box, TBA, UC
- 9/25: Apple Festival, 10 am, PRG

FF: Flagg Field
PRG: Pleasant River Grange
SP: Skoog Park
UC: Union Church

Email events
to: windnonprofitads@gmail.com



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE
Economic Development
Administration
Philadelphia Regional Office
900 Market Street, Room 602
Philadelphia, PA 19107

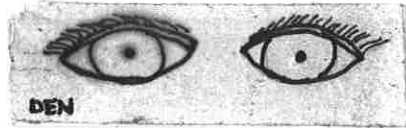
PUBLIC NOTICE

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) is considering a request for Federal assistance from the Town of Vinalhaven for Downtown Infrastructure Improvements in Vinalhaven, Knox County, Maine. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), EDA is conducting an assessment of the potential of the proposed project to affect the environment and/or historic properties. Notice is hereby given that the project is proposed to be located in, or may affect, a floodplain and/or wetland as defined by Executive Order (EO) 11988 and/or EO 11990.

The project will upgrade the stormwater infrastructure, replace a 110+ year old water main, road and sidewalk reconstruction, and flood resiliency measures. The project will be located at Vinalhaven Main St between the intersections of Brighton Avenue and Sands Rd. Project information is available for review at the Vinalhaven Town Office at 19 Washington School Rd, Vinalhaven, ME 04863 or by emailing townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org.

If you have any information regarding potential impacts to historic properties or environmental resources including wetlands or floodplains associated with this proposed project please provide it in writing to: Regional Environmental Officer Economic Development Administration 900 Market Street, Room 602 Philadelphia, PA 19107

Comments received in the EDA Regional Office by 5:00 pm eastern on September 8, 2021 will be considered. A copy of the NEPA/NHPA decisional document will be available upon request at the above EDA Regional Office.



THE OBSERVER

Many of you have noticed, that I seem to be slipping. You've returned to the island after the two-year hiatus forced on us by covid and enthusiastically greeted all your island acquaintances but discovered that my own fervor did not match your own because I couldn't remember you. This drastic deterioration of memory, largely since chemo, has been sufficiently worrying that I was directed to visit a neurologist. I did, underwent a series of tests, including one asking that I recite every word I could think of that began with 'F'. I rattled off phoetic, phonograph, phlegm and phobia to begin with, thinking, mistakenly apparently, that I was being funny. Later I underwent a brain ERI and was invited back to review the results. At that visit she declared my brain to be unremarkable and provided plenty of evidence that others, in the lab and elsewhere were in agreement. Understandably upset, I left in a huff, saying I never wanted to see her again. She seemed untroubled by that. pc

What Is It With Weather

and why do I love it so the change it is, the change it brings, the way the wind bends in direction on a whim full moon coursing through clouds of light and dark and of course the waves those sea horses galloping toward an end that is only a sweet surrender to itself merging and submerging to rise taller than the small rudderless boat I rode in a sudden storm dragging us out till lost at sea all night in the Mediterranean rain and wind 'Los Naufragos' they called us after the call went out from Marseille and the freighter spotted us next day, a tiny speck on a turbulent sea Time had stopped and we'd drifted like an allegory of life one moment at a time not knowing not questioning just waiting for whatever was coming and stuck in a surreal whirlpool of admiration for power and the deep recognition of not being in control

Thick salt air now drags me to the headland as if to comfort the trees waving in agitation the rocks bracing for their wet onslaught as if I could help the barnacles cling tighter the rock weed hold faster... nothing they ain't seen before and it is I, the fragile one holding onto life as the years rush by and I learn to let go to what is and accept it all even the darkness, as only a storm of the moment which will, like everything else pass into a sun shiney day.

Paddy Noble



Having a hard time? Not sure who to talk to?

Remember, the Medical Center is here for you with trained therapists available to help you through difficult times.

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

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

TO ALL OUR ADVERTISERS AND SUBSCRIBERS

Ad submissions go to Torry Pratt at vinalhavenwind@gmail.com.

For questions about billing/ payments and subscriptions, contact Sue Radley at islandlife1950@gmail.com.

Flea Market 2021

Every Saturday

9:00am - 12:00pm

Webster Field

Baked goods · Plants · Veggies
Crafts · Knit goods · Jams
Raffles · Fundraisers · and more

Vendors looking for a space please
call Kathy Morton 863-2791

Vinalhaven Taxi

207-720-0056

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By reservation or by chance.
Jeanne Bineau-Ames



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Shelby Smith, Office Manager: (207) 613-7460,
shelby@vinalenergy.com



CDC Information on COVID-19 Booster Shots – For Those Who Are Immunocompromised

Currently, CDC is recommending that moderately to severely immunocompromised people receive an additional dose or “booster shot” of the COVID-19 vaccine. This includes people who have:

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response

Please talk to your healthcare provider about their medical condition, and whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for you.

CDC Information on COVID-19 Booster Shots – All Other People

The CDC is developing a plan to begin offering these booster shots this fall subject to FDA conducting an independent evaluation and determination of the safety and effectiveness of a third dose of the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines. CDC is preparing to offer booster shots for all Americans beginning in the latter part of September and starting 8 months after an individual’s second dose. At that time, the individuals who were fully vaccinated earliest in the vaccination rollout, including many health care providers, nursing home residents, and other seniors, will likely be eligible for a booster.

CDC also anticipates booster shots will likely be needed for people who received the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine. Administration of the J&J vaccine did not begin in the U.S. You can expect more data on J&J in the next few weeks.

ICMS is planning accordingly and will follow the guidance of Maine CDC.

Author Talk:

Watson Jordan

Speaking about his book,

Resilience: How the COVID-19

Pandemic Made Us Wiser and

Stronger

**Also: Reading by Jay Bonner,
featured essayist**

**WHEN: Saturday, 28 August at 3:00
p.m.**

**WHERE: Back Parking Lot of the
Vinalhaven Public Library. This is an
outside program.**

**(Masks requested. No rain date at
this time.)**

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being added daily!
vinalhavenrealty.com



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Claire Jackson
28 Main St
207-863-5151

13 Pooles Hill - \$829,000



Price Reduced- 4.3 acre salt water farm, 350 ft of waterfront. Originality intact

12 Pipers Ring rd- \$319,000



2.2 acre open sunny lot overlooking Carvers Pond. Renovated barn & cottage

16-19 Finger Lots- \$220,000



17.6 acre, cleared land, drilled well, 16 X16 cabin, outhouse and driveway. Many possibilities!

19 Narrows Island rd- \$395,000



Price reduced- Charming cottage with waterfront on Roberts Harbor, 3 bedroom/1 bath.

365 N Haven rd- \$439,000



2 bed/3 bath home on ocean inlet, large open spaces and sunny water views.

210 Old Harbor rd- \$199,000



Price Reduced- 3 bed/1 bath with two outbuildings, close to town

68 Macks Pond rd- \$86,000



10.99 acres of private land, close to town, soil tested, close to utilities, great opportunity!

3 Ava St- \$189,000



In town, year round home, 3 bedroom/1 bath, large lawn area, affordable price!

83 Petit Point- \$439,000



Price reduced- Craftsman timber frame with deep water dock, beautiful views, private setting

216 Zekes Point rd.- \$3,900,000



Sailors paradise! 5 bed/5 bath home on Fox Island Thorofare, includes home + shore cottage

Star of Hope Update



A view from the Widow's Walk of the Star of Hope overlooking Carver's Harbor

The Star of Hope stabilization effort required a significant amount of work to the building's roof. In 2020, our team secured the building and installed a new roof, thus saving it from further rain and storm damage. The final step in this process has been to focus on the restoration of the widow's walk*. The next phase will come after the Board completes its strategic planning process, which will inform our decisions about how the interior space will be utilized in order to meet the Star of Hope Foundation's mission. *A Widow's Walk is a railed rooftop platform often built on 19th century coastal houses. The name is said to come from the fact that wives of Mariners would watch for their spouses' return, often in vain, as the ocean took their lives.

The Mission of the Star of Hope Foundation is to promote education of the visual arts through various means including exhibitions, a museum, artist-in-residence programs, and other outreach endeavors.

For more information, please visit our website: www.starofhopefoundation.org

CAN YOU HELP? COMPOST BAGGERS NEEDED

to help bag finished compost to sell

When? Tuesday, August 31st 7:30AM
Where? at the Transfer Station

Helpers Get Free Compost!
To get involved contact Anna or Gabe
knitwitmaine@gmail.com gabemcphail@gmail.com

Thank You for Returning Your Bags!

We use recycled feed and grain bags* to hold the finished compost. If you buy Community Compost, please return your bags to the Transfer Station.



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!

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

Volunteer Compost Monitors Needed

15 minutes, 1 day/week
FREE Compost in exchange for helping!
Contact Anna FMI
knitwitmaine@gmail.com



Exciting News!
Round-Up for
Island Village Childcare
at
Carver's Harbor Market
Starting Monday, August 9th. Ask your cashier to round up before paying each time you shop for groceries. It's that easy!

This campaign will run through the remainder of the summer.

Thank you for your support!



Unofficial Official Fun Dates:
Aug. 26-National Dog Day
Aug. 29-According to Hoyle Day
Aug. 30-National Beach Day

GRANITE ISLAND ANTIQUES & ART

127 Old Harbor Rd, Vinalhaven

19th Century country furniture, pottery, linens and wrought iron. An extensive variety of paintings, drawings, lithographs, block prints and monotypes by **GEORGE BARTKO**
Featuring samples from the Vinalhaven Mens Portrait Series and the Original prints from the children's book, "A Maine Island Walk"

DAILY 1pm - 5pm when the OPEN Flag is Flying!

"Originality is the fine art of remembering what you hear but forgetting where you heard it." *Laurence J. Peter*

WELCOME to the Big Chill

MOB hailing from Mt. Vernon, NY
Carla flying from Chicago,
Nicholas (her son) from Brooklyn, PA,
and Sassy Sass from Erie, PA
and welcome home, Mike.
Start the music!!
Love, Mabel

Interested in family portraits or couples portraits of your time in Maine? Please contact me at courtmmooney@gmail.com or text 2076082706

August Open Studio

Esther Garcia Eder
Saturday, August 28th
4PM to 6PM
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~Harold Vinal

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When George and Willie were not lobstering they went handlining and seining. Well, one day out there after they got their catch, handlining, George, all of sudden was not feeling so good and he went down forward to rest for a spell leaving Willie at the helm. Willie did not steer much, he was not uncomfortable doing it, but it was just he was usually busy doing other things and his father did most of the steering and navigating.

There had been a fog bank off Matinicus all that day and after about an hour in after Willie took the wheel the fog socked in fast and thick, within five minutes Willie could hardly even see the bowsprit. At this point George was sound asleep and Willie did not want to wake him. Eventually George emerged topside and made for aft. George took a peek at the compass, then took a longer look, and then scratched his head. Well, George was not exactly sure where they were, but at that moment a can appeared off the starboard side and George know right where they were, off to the east'ard, Triangle Ledge. He then said to Willie, calmly, "Schrod, George always called Willie, Schrod, this is a fine and true course you have us on for Isle au Haut but let's swing her around for Carver's Harbor and get home."

Years later, when Willie began taking his son out on the water he acquainted him with the wheel early—and the compass, too!
~Bert and Amby

Tidbits from the Vinalhaven Historical Society

Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Robertson celebrated the 5th birthday of their daughter Geraldine Thursday from 2 to 4 o'clock. The party was given at the home of Geraldine's grandparents, the Central Hotel, and the lawn was prettily decorated with crepe paper festooned in pink and white. Games were played and there were races and a wafer hunt with prizes. The dainty little hostess was very happy in entertaining her guests, about 20 in number. Lunch of birthday cake, cookies and ice cream was served.

Courier-Gazette Aug. 25, 1931

Max White, a student of the Rockland Aviation Training School, arrived Monday in an airplane alone, the trip being a part of his work. Never before have Vinalhaven people been privileged to witness such stunts in flying as Max did. It shows what training may do along those lines, in only a few months and it surely requires much courage on the part of the aviator. His parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. White must have been proud of their son in the success of his undertaking.

Courier Gazette Nov. 6, 1930

Saturday, August 28, 1920: Steamer Governor Bodwell has resumed the regular summer schedule between the island and Rockland and now leaves here at 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily except Sunday.

Saturday, October 2, 1920: The Bodwell goes on her fall schedule Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock and two trips Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

H.H. Vinal says if any of the big poultry men have a better laying hen than his he would like to know about it. She is not "the little red hen," but the little black one that Mr. Vinal purchased of David Duncan the poultry wizard for \$1.50. She has laid 234 eggs during the year ending Sept. 15. She also hatched and brought up six ducks. The eggs at 40 cents per dozen brought \$7.60. The ducks sold for \$9, making \$16.60. Taking out \$2.50 for upkeep of the hen and \$5 for grain for the ducks makes a profit of \$9.10 on the one little black hen. Who says there isn't money in hens?

Courier-Gazette Sept. 20, 1928



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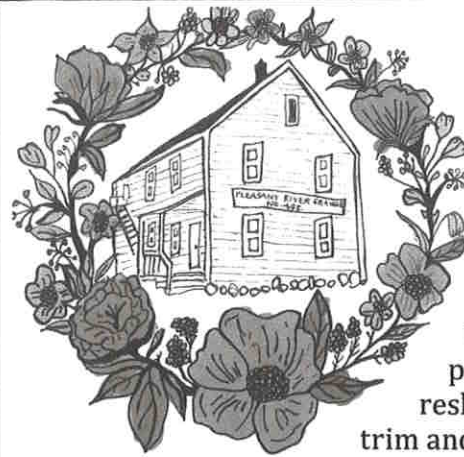
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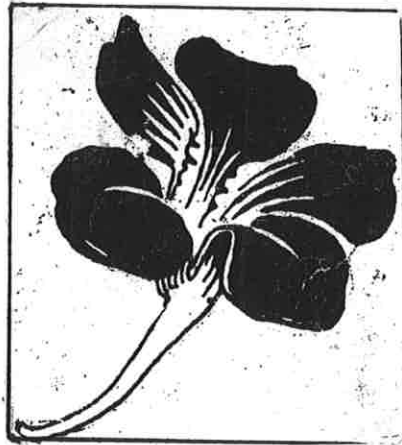
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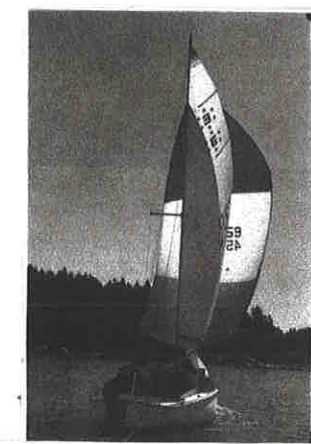
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Did you know...what we know now as the beloved Mr. Potato Head used to be a vegetable-agnostic dress-up toy. The original version consisted only of legs, arms, a few sets of eyes, a mustache, & a corn cob pipe. A player, however, had to provide the potato, or as the box said, "any fruit or vegetable."

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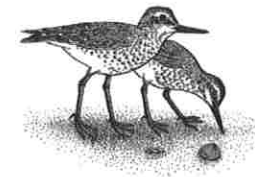
Tuesday, August 31st at 9:30 am
Skoog Park

Join the Research team of the Hurricane Island Center for Science and Leadership to learn about the intertidal zone along Vinalhaven's shores. We'll explore the flora and fauna and even collect some data. We'll be walking over rocks at low tide, so wear sturdy shoes and be prepared to get a little wet. Please join and learn with us!

Weekly Bird Walks

Thursdays, Sept. 2nd & 9th at 8 am
Skoog Park

These are the last two bird walks of the season! Bring binoculars and cameras if you have them. Wear boots and bug spray. Meet at Skoog Park before venturing out to a preserve.



Introduction to Overlook Trails

Saturday, September 4th at 9 am
Lower Mill River Preserve

Come enjoy a relaxed hike on our newest and most beautiful trail. Meet at the Lower Mill River Preserve parking area.

For more complete descriptions
visit our website:
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Lichen Walk

Wednesday, Sept. 15th at 9:30 am
Lower Mill River Preserve

Botanist Javier Peñalosa will lead a walk on the Lower Mill River Preserve to explore the lichen flora and learn about their biology. About 150 species of lichens have been recorded on Vinalhaven so far, and the actual number is probably at least twice that. These organisms, along with mosses and liverworts, are major contributors to the biological diversity of our spruce-fir forests. Meet at Lower Mill River Preserve.

All Trail Challenge All Summer!

Get your passport to walk all the trails this summer! From July to October, we challenge you to walk all of Vinalhaven's trails open to the public. The incentive for this program is to raise awareness and celebrate the beauty of Vinalhaven's conserved land. Your passport will be available to purchase at the VLT office, or at the Flea Market on Saturdays.

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Word of the Week
Sophistry: n. SAH fuh stree
Refers to reasoning or arguments that sound correct, but which are actually false.

Born Aug. 30th, 1918, Ted Williams, Hall of Fame outfielder for the Boston Red Sox, the last man to hit .400 in a season.

"A true friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."
Walter Wenchell

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 us letters to entertain us and maintain our interest in nature. I recently found copies of those letters in an old box of papers. Her is the ninth one in the series. Enjoy!
--David Wylie

Hummingbird

February 13, 1953

To: Jay and David

Hello Boys,

In the east we have just one hummingbird, the ruby-throated, and we all think we are lucky. It is such fun to see this tiny little bird, one that is so different from other birds. It can fly in almost any direction, even backwards. Its wings vibrate so fast one cannot hope to see them. I always loved to see these sparkling little gems and to get them to play in the hose spray. They just love to play in a real fine spray and with patience, you can get them to come up to within 12 inches of your hand. I have found that they are not afraid of ordinary movement, that is, as long as no sudden movement is made, but I have found that they fear the human voice. Often, I have had them playing in the spray from the hose, but if I attempted to call, Grand-ma to come see them, no matter how softly I called – away they went in a flash.

If we think we are lucky to have a single hummingbird, think of the people in the west. They have thirteen varieties, and some of them are even more beautiful than the ruby-throat. We have seen three kinds: the black-chin red, the Anna's and the Allen's, although it is really too early to see many varieties. But I want to tell you about the Allen's which we saw today. It is a beautiful little bird. Its back is green, and its sides and breast are rufous – just below the head the throat is either a bright scarlet or the brightest golden according to how the sunlight strikes it.

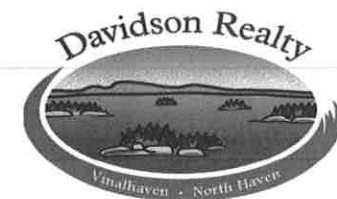
Today we saw the courtship flight. We found the male bird first sitting on the top twig of a brush heap. From his actions, we knew the female was around, and sure enough, down in the brush was the female.

Suddenly the male started to zoom in U-shaped patterns over the brush heap. He would fly up one side of the U about ten feet and then turn down and up the other leg of the U. At the end of each swoop, it would seem it would break its back, it had to stop so quickly, and in doing it he fluttered wildly. After repeating this about half a dozen times he suddenly didn't stop at the end of one zoom but continued straight up in the air – at least a hundred or hundred and fifty feet.

Reaching this height, he suddenly turned and dive-bombed to earth. When I say dived, I mean just that, almost like a bullet he came down so fast. As he neared the brush heap, he seemed to reverse his wings, coming to a stop and lighting on a twig atop the heap. When he was putting on his brakes, you could hear a whistling sound of the air working against the wings. Isn't that a great way for the male hummingbird to impress his lady love?

At first Grand-ma and I had difficulty locating these little birds but soon we learned to listen, and when we heard a sharp clicking, we knew a hummingbird was around and close. During the day, we located and saw a number of pairs this way.

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Response to Questions Posted in The Wind

We want to thank everyone who attended the Community Meeting last Friday evening. It was an opportunity to meet and hear the ICMS Board members speak about our organization as well as to answer questions.

From this meeting it was clear that participants wanted a response from ICMS to the questions posted in The Wind last week. We are volunteer board members of a private, not-for-profit corporation, and to the extent we are legally able to, and it is within reason for such an organization to do, we will be transparent with the community. Our purpose here is to reassure those of you who are concerned and to reaffirm our commitment to ICMS and the community. We are aware of false rumors about ICMS that are circulating in the community. Such rumors only serve to undermine our goal to see ICMS thrive as a vital part of this Vinalhaven community. We know our commitment to ICMS is shared by the vast majority of this island community. We sincerely hope that all will work together in our community to support and continue the mission of ICMS, a group of staff, providers and board members dedicated to quality health care for this community.

We were able to record most of the meeting. Unfortunately, the beginning where the Board members introduce themselves is missing. However, most of the meeting is available and here is the link for the part we were able to record:

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1 What is the Board of ICMS's long-term & short-term strategic plan regarding the personnel, finances, and services?

As Trustees the Board's sole goal is to act according to their fiduciary duty to facilitate the long-term success and growth of ICMS as a Federally Qualified Health Center. Every decision we make is made in good faith, consistent with our fiduciary duty to the center and the community it serves. The ICMS Board of Trustees is committed to supporting and encouraging personnel, continuing to maintain a strong grant process, and extending outreach to the community.

- a. Define and preserved the mission of the organization
- b. Make & monitor policy regarding finance and programs, operations, personnel, and quality insurance
- c. Safeguard the assets of the center-internal rules and regulations, articles of incorporations and bylaws, budget
- d. Select, evaluate, and support the CEO/ED
- e. Monitor and evaluate center and Board performance
- f. Plan for long-range future of the center-strategic planning

2 How can loss of funding occur, what causes it?

We have engaged an FQHC consultant specialized in preparation for Operational Site Visits, to assist us with the process, including doing in person, more stringent preparation review prior to the actual HRSA audit. What would loss of funding from HRSA mean for patients with Mainecare, sliding fee and the "no person turned away" policy? – We do not anticipate that there will be loss of funding. We continue to receive HRSA and grand funding and are prioritizing our needs as we review grant opportunities. As stated above, we have engaged an FQHC, who is specialized in Operational Site Visits, assisting with the process, including in-person, more stringent preparation review prior to the actual HRSA audit.

3 What do other islands who don't have HRSA/FQHC funding do? How are their taxes impacted by the lack of that funding?

Those clinics are funded by taxpayer dollars as well as revenue from private & public insurers and private pay patients.

4 What is the date of the HRSA site visit?

A firm date has not been announced but we are led to believe the OSV will take place in December.

5 What is the timing to know if we keep or lose our HRSA/FQHC funding?

Again, the Board does not expect that funding will be lost.

6 Who now has oversight of the building, land, and endowment of ICMS?

ICMS owns the building, land, financial assets, and endowment. ICMS is a private, not-for-profit organization and has no administrative or ownership relationship with our town government. The town has never had any oversight over the operation of ICMS

7 How much is the endowment of ICMS and what is the mechanism that triggers withdrawing from the endowment?

ICMS is a private, nonprofit organization, and specific budget details are not public information. However, we can say that the endowment is available should it be needed.

8 Why is there such staff turnover, in particular long term trusted employees who've worked meaningfully with our families for years?

Turnover is always a difficult issue and has been a historical issue for ICMS and many other businesses on the island. We have heard that some have claimed that ICMS has lost 50% of its employees since the transition in leadership. That is simply not true. Earlier this year, when ICMS underwent a significant transition in the leadership of the organization, the departure of some staff was anticipated as the normal processes related to a cycle of change. – Strategic staffing plans that focus on recruitment & retention are in development to ensure ICMS stabilizes and sustains a productive and stable workforce. In the meanwhile, ICMS has partnered with well-respected consultants to ensure that our finances, revenue cycle and HR operations are all supported. Since, July, we have hired three new staff & are in negotiation with two others.

9 Did the Board receive a letter of no confidence from the employees and if so, how did they proceed?

The Board has been engaged in an ongoing evaluation of the operational effectiveness of ICMS, including operational effectiveness of the Board. The Board has received information from some employees expressing their concerns, which is not unexpected, given the transition that ICMS is undergoing. The Board has reached out to all staff to reassure them and to make clear that they will be part of ICMS's strategic planning process, which is expected to begin in September.

10 When did ICMS become private and not a federally funded partnership?

In 2004, the ICMS Board of Trustees applied for Federally Qualified Health Center funding, which was a yearlong process. When it received this status, the health center could provide health care for all with sliding fee scales, comprehensive 24/7 on-call coverage and follow-up care and preventative education.

11 Can the Town hold a community meeting to address concerns surrounding these issues including transfer of the land, building and endowments?

Two public meetings have been held on August 13th and 20th to discuss the issues in detail

12 What makes ICMS financially sustainable?

HRSA funding and other grants, insurance payments and donations help to make ICMS sustainable

13 Can we have clarity on the financial numbers?

HRSA grant funding has been more generous in the prior two years than at any point in ICMS's history due to the CARES act & other COVID-related support. We were just awarded \$750,00 as supplemental HRSA funding. We are awaiting word on the award of an additional \$500,00 from HRSA equipment replacement. PPP will bring another \$282,000 into the balance. Finally, we have just completed and submitted our Budget Period Review report to trigger the HRSA Grant award for 2022 of \$1,300,00

14 Who at ICMS is tasked with answering questions they community has?

The Board of Trustees will answer questions to the extent it is able. Questions may be sent to Cameron Garrett at ICMS.

15 Can staff who have left ICMS talk about why they have left?

Yes, staff can discuss their own employment situation, but staff are generally expected to not reveal personnel information about others that they obtained while employed by ICMS.

16 Can the public have all the compliance chapters ICMS must follow?

Yes, HRSA manual is a public document online.

17 What can be done to alleviate staff fear for retribution?

While not permitted to discuss confidential matters, we respectfully believe that this Board's conduct demonstrates that there is no basis to fear retribution for acting in good faith to bring important information to ICMS's attention. This Board will not tolerate any retaliation against any employee who in good provides important information to the Board. ICMS has a process for staff to bring their concerns forward, including speaking to their supervisor or the Executive Director. If staff person does not feel they have had their issue adequately addressed, then they should speak with the President of the Board. Of course, this Board is always interested in understanding the operational effectiveness of the ICMS and would always investigate any claims that such operational effectiveness was adversely affected by any ICMS employees, including its leadership. If the Board were to determine that such claims were credible and serious enough, the Board would act.

18 What do the NDA's or confidentiality agreement say?

Staff are not required to sign NDA's. The Board and ICMS require the execution of confidentiality agreements as a memorialization of the common law and, in some cases, statutory obligations that bind employees and trustees to keep certain matters confidential. The agreement specifically defines confidential information as including personnel matters; data security information; pending projects & proposals; research & development strategies; technological data; technological prototypes; fundraising and donor information; financial and budgetary information; trade secrets; vendor information; market strategies; operational policies and protocols/procedures; and computer programs and website codes, and passwords.

19 What does the Whistleblower agreement say?

Any employee may file a grievance with the Exec. Director or the Board and will not be penalized for doing so. To be clear, the Board would never take adverse action and has never taken adverse action against any employee who in good faith has brought or might bring important information to the Board's attention

20 How does the Board get community input?

The Board plans to hold open houses and periodic public meetings to gather community input.

21 HIPPA protection of financial information.

HIPPA provides that staff and the healthcare organization must keep all clinical and financial information about its patients confidential and regulates the process for any release of this private information.