

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

Vinalhaven Taxi

207-720-0056

Ferry/Airstrip connections.
Here and there on Vinalhaven.
By reservation or by chance.

Jeanne Bineau-Ames

IT'S APPLE TIME!

Does anyone have a favorite
apple recipe they would like to
share? Here's one to get
started:

Recipe

Apple Cinnamon Waffles

1-1/2 c all-purpose flour
1/2 c whole wheat flour
1 T baking powder
2 t packed brown sugar
1/2 t ground cinnamon
1/2 t salt
3 eggs, separated
1 c milk
1/4 c melted butter, plus extra
for waffle iron
1 t vanilla
1 apple, cored, peeled, grated
Preheat waffle iron. In bowl,
whisk flours, baking pwd., brn.
Sugar, cinn., & salt together. In
clean bowl, beat egg whites
until soft peaks form, set aside.
In another bowl, whisk egg
yolks, milk, butter & van. Stir
egg yolk mixture into dry
mixture (a few lumps are fine).
Gently fold in egg whites, then
in apple. Brush melted butter
over hot waffle iron, carefully
spoon batter into iron and
cook until nicely browned (3-5
min., depending on waffle iron)
4 servings

GREET'S EATS

We're Open!

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
11-2

Trivia Answers

1 From the phonetic
pronunciation of L. Frank
Baum's initials- (author of
The Wizard of Oz - L.F.B.)
2 A Rabbit
3 A Truel
4 Speed of a computer
mouse

Kids Trivia Answers

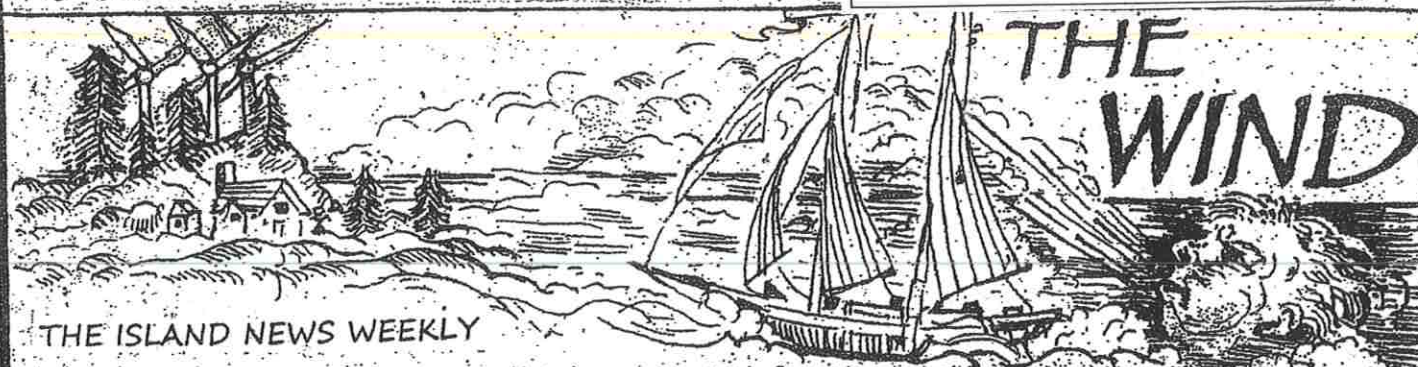
1 Six, Marshall, Skye, Zuma,
Rocky, Chase, and Rubble
2 Butterflies
3 The Eye
4 A Thermometer

Brain Teaser Answers

1 They are pronounced different
when the 1st letter is capitalized
2 Beauty (*because beauty is in the
eye of the beholder*) "bee holder"
3 Count Dracula

P.O. BOX 194, VINALHAVEN, ME 04863

\$50 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION



September 16-September 22, 2021

E-MAIL: vinalhavenwind@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2021

Sept. is coastal clean-up month,
but this Sat., Sept 18th is
designated CLEAN-UP DAY!
Please pitch in and do your part
to keep our island and its
beautiful coastline clean.

THANK YOU!

To all the First Responders who
came to Arn's rescue, thank you
hardly expresses our gratitude.
You are the most dedicated,
caring group of professionals that
anyone in need could ever hope
for. Additional thanks to Dotty,
Dana and Fred who came upon
the scene first and sounded the
alert. With deepest appreciation,
Arn and Barbara

September 17th, Constitution Day
1787, the Constitution of the
United State of America was
officially signed, although it
wasn't voted into effect until 2
years later. Since 1952,
Citizenship Day has also been
celebrated on Sept. 17.

The Harvest Moon rises Mon.,
Sept. 20th. It will reach its
peak illumination at 7:54PM
EDT. Why "harvest" moon-for
several evenings the moonrise
comes soon after sunset. This
results in an abundance of
bright moonlight early in the
evening, which was a
traditional aide to farmers
harvesting their summer
grown crops.

APOLOGIES TO BERT & AMBY, AND THE VH
HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR TYPO IN LAST WEEK'S
WIND...OLD FISH HOUSE DAYS ** 37. IT SHOULD
HAVE BEEN 1894, NOT 1884.

NOTICE

Union Church Bean Suppers
are Cancelled for the season
We want everyone to be safe.

LUNCH BOX will resume on
Monday, Sept. 20th - delivery
only, starting around 11AM

THANK YOU!!

Late afternoon on August 31st, I rode my bike up the North Haven Road to Lawson's quarry for a last swim of the season. When I got to the top of that long hill and prepared to dismount, I lost my balance and crashed down onto the gravel at the side of the road. Amazingly enough, Denise happened to be there at that very moment, summoned her squad, and the whisked me off to the airport. I think I was in the ER having an X-ray at PenBay about 15 minutes later. After a total hip replacement, and transport back to Western MA by my son Malcolm the following week, I'm now on the road to recovery and yearning for the quarry swim that didn't happen.

The Vinalhaven EMT's are fabulous, and I can't thank Denise, Jen, and all of you enough for giving me expert care! I'll look forward to that quarry swim in 2022...Katharine/Tinka Gratwick Baker

Place Mailing Label Here

First Day of Fall!
arrives Wed., 9/20 @ 3:20PM



Flea Market Thanks

Thank you to all who made
the 2021 Summer Flea
Market a success! Although we
missed some of our vendors, we
were happy to welcome many of
our summer visitors and
welcomed back our day trippers,
after a difficult year of Covid.

The Flea Market is pleased
to donate funds to: The Grange,
VH Food Pantry, Making a Differ-
ence in Uganda, VH Fuel Fund, and
Island Village Child Care.

Looking forward to seeing
everyone next year.

Kathy & Lonnie Morton

dot & millie's

restaurant · bar · catering

open for dinner Thursday - Saturday
beginning at 5:15pm
reservations required

207-863-2300

Town of Vinalhaven Information

www.townofvinalhaven.org

Calendar

Pre-Planning Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 6th – 7:00 pm at the Town Office

Planning Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 13th – 7:00 pm at the Town Office

Notices

2021-2022 Property Taxes -Tax bills were mailed out on Sept 1st, 2021. Tax bills are sent to the owner of record on April 1st, 2021. If you sold your property after April 1st, it's up to you to forward the tax bill to the new owner. Payments are due on November 1st, 2021, and May 2nd, 2022.

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

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 – 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 vpl@vinalhaven.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



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 must 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

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



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

AA

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

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

Wednesday 7:00PM
Union Church Vestry

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

Union Church ~ Welcomes You ~

Service 11:00am

Reverend Jeffrey Lewis

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

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

AL-ANON MEETING CHANGE

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

To join the meeting by internet
OR phone, please email
vinalhavenalanon@gmail.com
or call 207-952-1817
Help is also available from Maine
Al-Anon maineafg.org
and World Al-Anon al-anon.org
We are here for you! Newcomers welcome!



Pleasant River Chapel
Sunday, September 19th

Kathy Morton, Speaking

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

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

All are welcome

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

For pastoral care:
Bob Candage 863-4943

Seeds of Positive Thoughts
"We need to do our inner
archaeology, unearth and heal
our emotional scars. We all
need to take time to *Slow
Down*, to live in Silence more,
so that we may hear the trans-
mission of the messages our
Ancient Ones and our Creator,
the Great Spirit, are beaming
out all the time. We need to
breathe deeply, to be out in
Nature more." -Ricki Soaring Dove

SCHOOL NEWS

Attention Vinalhaven Graduates! – If you received Special Education services while at Vinalhaven School and you were born prior to 1995, we will be shredding your Special Education file starting on October 1, 2021. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Valerie McKenney at 863-4800x 1107.

School Administrative District 8 – School Board Regular Monthly Meeting September 22 @ 6:15PM

If you would like to attend via Zoom, please use the login using your full name for admittance and attendance purposes.

Topic: School Board Meeting
Time: September 22, 2021 06:00PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting <https://networkmaine.zoom/j/3280774764>
Meeting ID: 328 077 4764
Dial In +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to: Tina.Davidson@vinalhavenschool.org

Last Week's Grade 5 Composite 1981 – 1982

Top: Maurice Bickford, Travis Oxtan, Charlie McCabe, teacher; Jennifer Young, Robert James, Marc Candage
Middle: Elaine Young, Joanna Osgood, Kristine Dyer, Hollie Oakes, Jada Day, Tim Oxtan
Bottom: Will Romer, Raymond Alley, Phyllis Webster, Jamie Chilles, Josh Boyden, Sig Beckman

Last Week's Grade 1 Composite 1971 – 1972

Top: Randy Philbrook, Diane Ames, Adam McFee, Angie York, Manny Walker, Susan Hopkins
Middle: Sherri Peterson, Carl Gross, Shelley Philbrook, Harold Martin, Faith Alley, and Edwin Dickey
Bottom: Michael Thompson, Blakelee Hopewell, Edwin Martin, Durene Philbrook, Glen Fowler, and Kris Davidson

Trivia

- 1 Where did the name *Elphaba*, in *'Wicked'*, come from?
- 2 What type of animal is a Flemish Giant?
- 3 What is a duel between three people called?
- 4 What is measured in "Mickey's"?

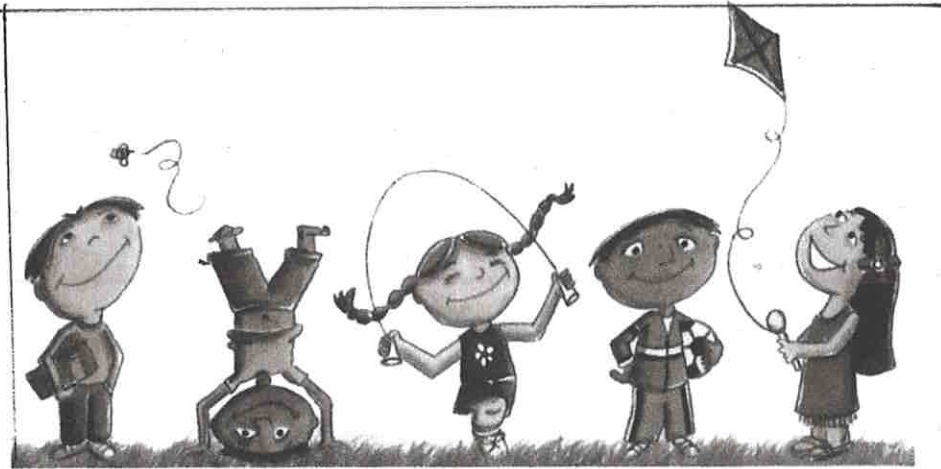
Kids Trivia

- 1 How many pups are in *Paw Patrol*? Bonus-can you name them?
- 2 What do Caterpillars turn into?
- 3 What is the center of a Hurricane called?
- 4 What do doctors use to check for a fever?

Did you know... *Perry Mason* premiered on television in Sept. 1957, Americans first weekly, hourly primetime series to follow one character.

Brain Teasers

- 1 What is "special" about these words – job, polish, herb?
- 2 If I am holding a bee, what do I have in my eye?
- 3 Who is this -1d2r3a4c5u6la8?



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.

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



Single-Stream Recycling Presents

NO BUBBLE WRAP! NO MAILERS!

Q: Can I recycle bubble-wrap and padded envelopes?

A: **NO! DEFINITELY NOT** with single-stream! Kenny and Luther pull A LOT of bubble wrap and padded mailers (tyvek, paper, plastic, bubble-any and all kinds) out of the single-stream bin. It's tempting to toss these items into the bin, believing they are recyclable, but DON'T. **These items can be RE-USED** and can be recycled at certain special locations, but with our single-stream system they are considered contamination REGARDLESS of whether they have a recycling symbol or number on them. We will get fined by ecomaine for putting them in the single-stream! **Remember: When in doubt, throw it out!**

Got Single-Stream Questions?
email Anna or Gabe

knitwitmaine@gmail.com
gabemcphail@gmail.com

Did you know... German chocolate cake doesn't come from Germany. It was named for a person, Sam German, who created a type of baking chocolate for *Baker's* in 1852

Vinalhaven Public Library

Now open:

Tue & Thu, 1 – 5
Wed & Fri, 9 – 5
Sat, 9 – 4
Closed Sun & Mon

For current information about the library, please go to our Facebook page or to the Friends website at FriendsOfVHLibrary.org and click on the Library tab. Find out about:

- contact information
- safety protocols
- new books and DVDs
- Library Trustees

We're looking forward to seeing you!

Community Calendar

9/20: Community Lunch Box, 11 am, UC (takeout)

9/26: Apple Festival, 1 pm, PRG

PRG: Pleasant River Grange
SP: Skoog Park
UC: Union Church

Email events
to: windnonprofitads@gmail.com



Obituary

Dr. Gregory O'Keefe III ~ December 13, 1946 – May 14, 2021

Dr. Gregory O'Keefe III, 74 of Ritter Road, Little Falls, NY, passed away May 14, 2021, at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, Utica NY with his wife Nancy at his side. He was born on December 13, 1946, in Boston, Mass, the son of Gregory O'Keefe Jr. and Priscilla Lewis O'Keefe.

Greg graduated from Phillips Andover Academy in 1964, Princeton University in 1968, Dartmouth Medical School in 1970, John Hopkins School of Medicine in 1972, and completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Dartmouth Mary

Hitchcock Hospital in 1973. While at Dartmouth, Greg married Nancy Degnan on a beautiful fall day at an old white Congregational Church in Lyme, Vermont.

After considering many possible options around the country, Greg chose to begin his medical career with the National Health Service Corp., serving on Vinalhaven Island as Dr. Ralph Earle's hand-picked successor. Greg loved being the island doctor. He delivered many island babies over 20 years, including his only son Matthew, at home. He made multiple house calls, saved lives, handled emergencies, evacuated patients to the mainland at night, and often during horrific storms-by helicopter, Coast Guard Cutter, or the State Ferry. He was on call 24/7. Greg had great compassion for his patients and wanted the best comprehensive medical treatment for them. He excelled as an Internist in correctly diagnosing many rare diseases and quickly referring his patients to well respected specialists. Greg also delivered the first High-Tech Ambulance to the island during his service here.

Greg loved hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, gardening, and boating. He also enjoyed the love and companionship of six Labrador retrievers, and several horses. Fully involved with his son Matthew and the community, Greg started a Boy Scout Troop on the island. He took the boys camping, hiking, and rafting around the state and to The National Scout Jamboree, at the Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico. Greg worked to plant a small orchard and cultivate a garden at his island home. He took great pride in pickling cucumbers and making applesauce to stock his basement shelves for the winter to come. He was also quite good with a chainsaw and an axe, cutting, splitting, and filling the barn with wood for his home. He also had a talent for cooking on the campfire; and his Dutch oven peach cobbler was always a great way to end the day, of backpacking. At home in the kitchen, Greg challenged himself making souffles and crème brulee.

In 1995, his son Matthew (following in his father's footsteps) graduated from Phillips Academy. Shortly thereafter, Greg located his family to New York State, where his wife, Nancy grew up. He served as Director of Public Health for Herkimer County. He was employed by Team Health as a medical provider and Medical Director for Cooperstown Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing. He also held positions at many local area healthcare facilities. In his spare time, Greg took great pride in accompanying many Veteran Groups as attending physician, to Washington, DC to visit the Veteran's Memorials.

Greg is survived by his wife Nancy of Little Falls, New York; their son Matthew of Portland, Oregon; his sister Michele O'Keefe of Vinalhaven, ME, and his brother Geoffrey O'Keefe of Winterport, ME. The family will have a private memorial service on the island in the near future. Donations in Dr. O'Keefe's name may be made to the Vinalhaven Public Library and the American Cancer Society.

COMPOST FOR SALE!

at the Vinalhaven Transfer Station

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

NOW AVAILABLE IN BULK!

\$50/bucket load (16 cubic feet)

On M W Th only – Find Kenny to load for you

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

All sales help sustain the Vinalhaven Community Compost Program.

Please Return Your Bags!

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



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

THANK YOU!

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

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



SKÅL!

A Vinalhaven Speakeasy

6 Bodwell Lane

Open Saturdays through October 9
5–11 p.m.

(9/18 Burger Night Cancelled)

Last Chance for Live Music
October 9

Sonya Rae Taylor Band

Blues, Soul and Rock N Roll

\$15 cover

Tickets available online soon

Order tickets online

Islandspeakeasy.com

Tickets will be available at the door if the show is not sold out.

Skål takes pride in providing a safe environment for our patrons, staff, and musicians. We ask that all who come be vaccinated or recently tested negative for COVID. When a show is sold out, we will only sell tickets at the door if a reserved spot opens. Thank you for keeping our island community safe.

"Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open."

John Barrymore



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

Team Island Spirits is taking a short break!

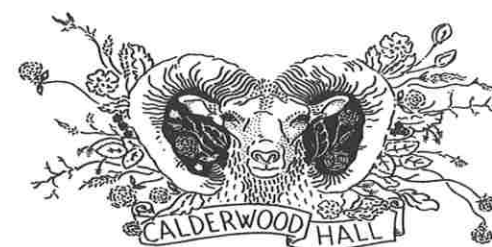
We will be closed the week of September 20th.

We will re-open on Tuesday, September 28th.

Be sure to stock up the before we take our break!

32 Main Street ~ 863.2192

Open Year-Round



CALDERWOOD HALL

FALL SCHEDULE

Indoor and outdoor seating
SATURDAY & SUNDAY nights
till October 10th!

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

SECOND HAND PROSE

OPEN

Monday-Saturday
10-4

Gently used books
Magazines
Movie DVDs
Music/audiobook CDs
Jigsaw puzzles

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

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

Thank you for your
understanding & support!

All sales support
Friends of the
Vinalhaven Public Library

Write to Friends

*Our shut-in community members always appreciate hearing from friends.
Take a moment to write a note and bring a smile to someone's face!*

Sherry Bunin	Rosemary Anthony	Gladys Walls
Nans Case	7 North Shore Drive	PO Box 702
Barb Davis	Owls Head, ME 04854	Newcastle, ME 04553
Marie Dempster		Ora "Buddy" Warren
Joan Mitchell		c/o Orono Commons
Pat Nick	Ricki Soaring Dove	117 Bennoch Road
Virginia Olney	1825 Clifton Road NE #805	Orono, ME 04473
Priscilla Rosen	Atlanta, GA 30329	
Calderwood Homestead		Jaquelyn Ames
18 Beaver Dam Road		c/o Goodwill-Kendall
Vinalhaven, ME 04863	Charles M. Miller	Lane House
	1725 Honore Avenue	Freeport, ME 04032
	Sarasota, FL 34232	
Ann Anthony		Ethelyn Day
Dottie Knowlton	Cynthia Oakes	Harbor Hill Center
Caroline Morton	The Highlands	Room 11
Windward Gardens	54 Governor King Comm.,	2 Footbridge Road
105 Mechanic Street	Room 133	Belfast, ME 04915
Camden, ME 04843	Topsham, ME 04086	
Vicky Edelen		Bruce Kelwick
Woodlands Memory Care	Lucy Wadsworth	Coastal Manor
201 Camden St.	30 Community Drive	20 West Main Street
Rockland, ME 04841	Camden, ME 04843	Yarmouth, ME 04096



**FIORE – The Freshest
Olive Oil & Aged
Balsamic from Italy**

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

Ocean Side Getaway
Take a digital break, Relax
off-screen.
Watch the Osprey nesting
and the eagle soar.
Catch the changing tide &
lobstermen pulling pots.
Beach to launch kayak.
3 bdrms \$685 wk
candgre@yahoo.com
(212)427-7654

...a common phrase
"At the drop of a hat", if you
do something at the drop of a
hat, it means you acted
"without delay or good
reason." However, in the
1800's, it was to signal the
start of a race. A hat was
thrown in the air and when it
dropped to the ground, that
was the sign to take
off...obviously without delay.



Deer Hunting Season

Archery/Crossbow: Sept. 11-Dec. 11
Firearms: Nov. 1-27
Muzzleloaders: Nov. 29-Dec. 11

Just a reminder that hunters are welcome
on all Vinalhaven Land Trust and Maine
Coast Heritage Trust preserves. Please,
remember that our trails are also being
used by others, including children and
dogs. Hikers and hunters both: please
be safe! Wear blaze orange when in the
woods during hunting season, and make
sure your dog has an orange scarf or vest
as well.

Thank you! VLT and MCHT



Islands Community
Medical Services

Our Medical Center

Medical Center Information

www.icmsvh.org

Medical Services: 863-4341

Dental Services: 863-2533

Counseling: 863-4348

Billing: 863-4348

Hours of Operation

Medical Services

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Old Fish House Days

#36 "Scomber Scombus"

After a couple of years of catching mackerel and giving them away to everyone in town two island boys decided to become commercial mackerel fishermen. The boys also dabbled in eels.

Their biggest mackerel market was to one of the lobster buyers, Wallace Young, Wallace had a smoker; he would take just as many as they could get, and he paid them five cents a fish. Many of their clients were the merchants on Main Street, these customers mostly took pre-orders. To try to keep up with supply and demand they did at one point launch a 40-hook mackerel trawl between the Potato Islands, but the swivels malfunctioned, and they abandoned the idea.

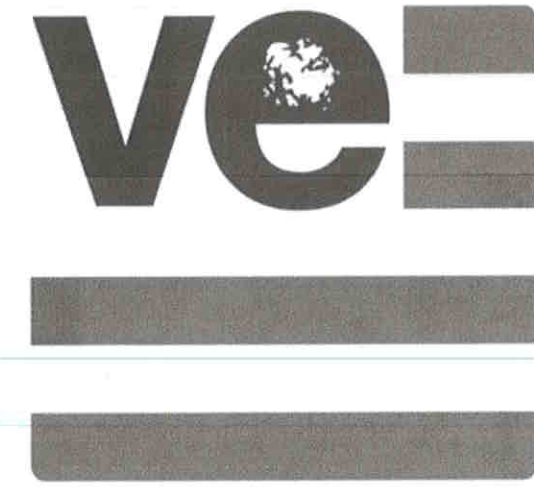
The eels, which they used to catch in the Mill Stream on the harborside, was a small market, one fisherman, Sig Melin, who also smoked them. They would get 25 cents for those.

One day, late September, they went out and only got a few fish, tide and luck was not on their side. So, rather than try to sell them they decided to give them to their poor mackerel fatigued parents. One of the boys when heading for home via Main Street though saw Bruce in front of the hardware store (he called the boys "the high liners") and conveyed to him he wished he'd ordered fish for today. The boy said, "I can get you some." Bruce said, "well I kind of want them for supper." At this point, the boy reached into his pocket and pulled out two fish—then went into his boots for two more! Bruce got a big kick out of this and that night he had his mackerel for supper.

~Bert and Amby



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Letters from Fafa

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

—David Wylie

Pruning Beetle

March 10, 1953

Hello boys,

Tonight, Gama and Fafa are birding way down in southern Texas – almost as far south as one can go in the United States. In fact today we stood on the banks of the Rio Grande River – the dividing line between the United States and Mexico.

I wanted to tell you about a beetle that lives down here. I don't know its scientific name, but the natives call it the "pruning beetle," and it is well named for it really prunes the trees. Again nature has worked out a wonderful plan.

This beetle really plans for its family. First it picks out a branch on a tree that is overhanging so that when it falls it will drop clear of any other branches and fall to the ground.

Then the beetle carefully chews a ring around the branch going deep enough to cut off all flow of sap and also weaken the branch. I would say it chews about a quarter of an inch deep all around. The size branch it seems to prefer is a little over an inch though.

Having completed this operation the beetle now crawls out further on the limb and lays its eggs along the branch. Why do you suppose he goes to all this bother?

Well, sir, the grubs that hatch from the eggs like to eat dead wood but not rotten wood, so the beetle has arranged for a proper meal.

The sap being shut off, the branch dies but doesn't rot. Soon a wind comes along which is a little stronger than the average wind and breaks off the branch where it was weakened. It falls to the ground where it can get some moisture and starts to decay.

The grubs hatch out and their meal is all set for them, all the courses, even dessert!

If there were only a few such beetles, a poor pruning job would be done, but there are enough of them to actually make a tree look as if it had been pruned.

Another thing of interest is that the natives down here who like to fish go into the woods, select the branch that is just at the right stage, cut off a length of it and go fishing. Every time they need bait they just take out their pocket knife, chip away some of the wood, and dig out a nice grub which the fish think is delicious.

Maybe instead of calling it the pruning beetle we could call it the "fish bait beetle."

Fafa



Obituary



Candice Frye Gordon passed away holding her daughter's hand on August 3, 2021, after a courageous two-year battle with a disease that does not deserve to be named. Candy made many friends in her 71 years of life mainly spent on Vinalhaven, Maine. She was a kind soul that always found the positive in people and the humor in every situation. Candy loved her family, her island community, and her independence. A self-described loner, she thoroughly enjoyed her quiet time at home reading, watching her favorite shows, drawing, crafting, and gardening.

Candy was born on December 21, 1949, to two loving parents Ruth and Harold "Ducky" Haskell. She had a happy childhood on Pleasant Street with her three siblings Johnny, Walter, and Beth. Their house was never short on laughter or mischief. There's a story that as kids Candy and Walter would catch snakes and put them in neighbor's keyholes but that may or may not be true (depending on who you ask).

Candy loved to draw and was the go-to artist in school for posters and signs. She played the saxophone both in school and later for the town band. She was crowned Vinalhaven's Miss Fourth of July in 1968.

Candy was a care giver for nature, her kids, and later for her own parents and siblings. She loved animals and took in abandoned or injured wildlife throughout her life. She once raised an orphaned raccoon that she would walk into town on a leash and mended a fish hawk with a broken wing back to flight.

Candy was a single mom and raised her two daughters Suzanne and Anna on her own. She supported her family by working as a secretary at Vinalhaven High School for many years. Her daughters share her love of animals, art, crafts, music, and Christmas.

A member of the Union Church, Candy's faith was strong and unwavering even in the hardest times. Despite her own illness, she reached out to others to provide comfort and strength. She chose faith over fear and was not afraid to die. She wouldn't want any of us to be either. She was greeted with open arms in heaven by her parents, numerous aunts, cousins, friends, and her beloved Billy Wadleigh. She leaves behind and watches over her daughters and their spouses, Suzanne & Eric Jackomino and Anna & Chris Cote, her four grandchildren Lael & Jadon Jackomino and Eli & Ethan Cote (who knew her lovingly as Gigi), her three siblings Johnny Haskell, Walter Haskell and Beth Haskell, and her husband John Gordon.

A public memorial service will be held at Roberts Cemetery in Vinalhaven, ME on Saturday, September 25th at 10:30AM. Bright attire is welcome and encouraged. Please join us in celebrating Candy's life by sharing your stories about her at the service. She would want to see us laughing. In addition, please visit her online memorial page to share pictures and memories with her family and friends: <https://www.gatheringus.com/memo.../candice-frye-gordon/7823>. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to the Vinalhaven Community Outreach at PO Box 15, Vinalhaven, Me 04863.

Tidbits from the Vinalhaven Historical Society

Fred E. Littlefield, one of our enterprising young men, is in the telephone business and has already placed one instrument, which works like a charm. It is only a question of time before our village will be using the telephone. How handy it would be if it stretched to Rockland and North Haven.

Courier-Gazette Mar. 8, 1890

At Idlewild Camp, Shore Acres, Friday afternoon little Cora Roberts Cudworth entertained 12 little friends in honor of her cousin, Victor Shields. It was a jack rabbit party and the favors drawn by the guests proved interesting and amusing. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, the place cards being large pink roses filled with candies. Those also present were Kendall and Kenneth Hatch, Frances McIntosh, Erma Whitmore, Lucille Davis, Aura Williams, Donald Shields, Robert Johnson and Edward and Donald Woodcock.

Courier-Gazette Sept. 1, 1921

The Gem Theatre had a packed house last Monday evening. The picture was "Big Town Girl," but the special attractions were the Pine State Ramblers who furnished music for the occasion and the tap dancing of dainty Arlene Stewart.

Vinalhaven Neighbor Mar. 9, 1938

Saturday a big ice pan came like a race horse, driven by tide and wind and headed for the steamboat wharf. Had it struck the wharf the probability is it would have wrought much damage, even pushing the shed over into the water. With their boats, Goldie MacDonald and Foy Brown succeeded in changing its course. As it was, it grazed the Waterman coal shed and took out some timbers, but slipped by the wharf without touching it.

Courier-Gazette April 5, 1934

Lively little Hurricane has taken another stride. 26 more cutters will be put on as soon as possible. Hurricane will employ more cutters this coming winter than it has for several years. It is reported that the Boston Court House job is a sure thing for our little neighbor, and we are glad of it. What Vinalhaven can't have in the granite line Hurricane comes next in our affections. Such firms as these, that have acquired by experience a comprehensive knowledge of the granite business, should be the first to be recognized in the granite world.

VH Echo Dec. 15, 1887

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Courier-Gazette Feb 1, 1934

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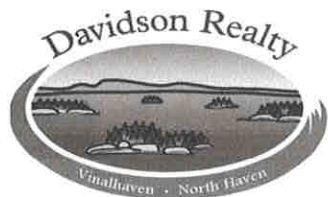
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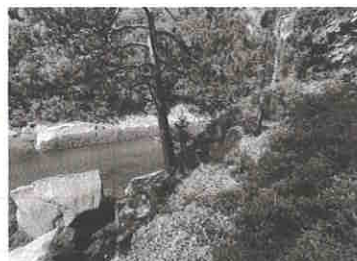
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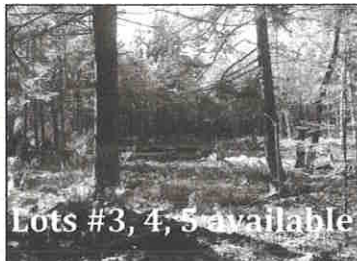
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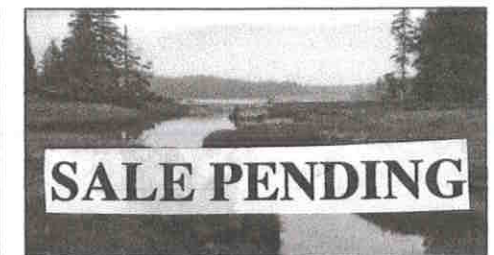
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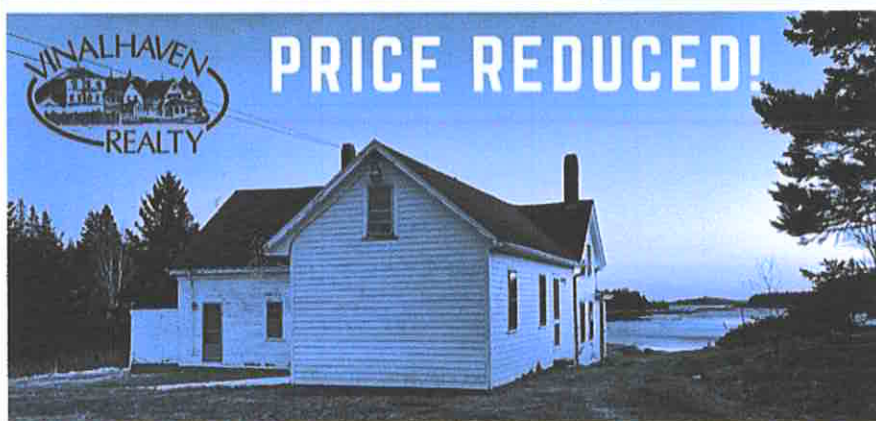


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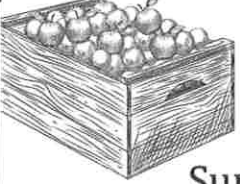

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Obituary

Donald L. Merchant (March 1, 1934) succumbed to the Delta-Covid variance on September 6, 2021. He had been at the Knox Nursing Facility at the time of his passing. He called Spruce Head Island his home but spent his last years as Chief Engineer on the small ferry, keeping her running and staying here (Vinalhaven) a week and then returning home to pursue his true loves, sailing and spending time with his wife, Sally, on the family Island located in the Mussel Ridges, (Pleasant).

The Libby was the ferry that he was assigned, working on her after retiring from working for the Merchant Marines (no connection) and many years on ocean liners around the globe. He was respected and beloved by the Ferry Crew that knew and worked with him here and most of the crew called or knew him as "Donnie." Most anyone who knew him loved him, for he was a very kind and gentle soul, who had a very dry sense of humor. He will be forever loved and missed in our lives, as well as other lives that he touched.

Cards can be sent to Sally Merchant, PO Box 145, Spruce Head, ME 04859



Volunteer Spotlight

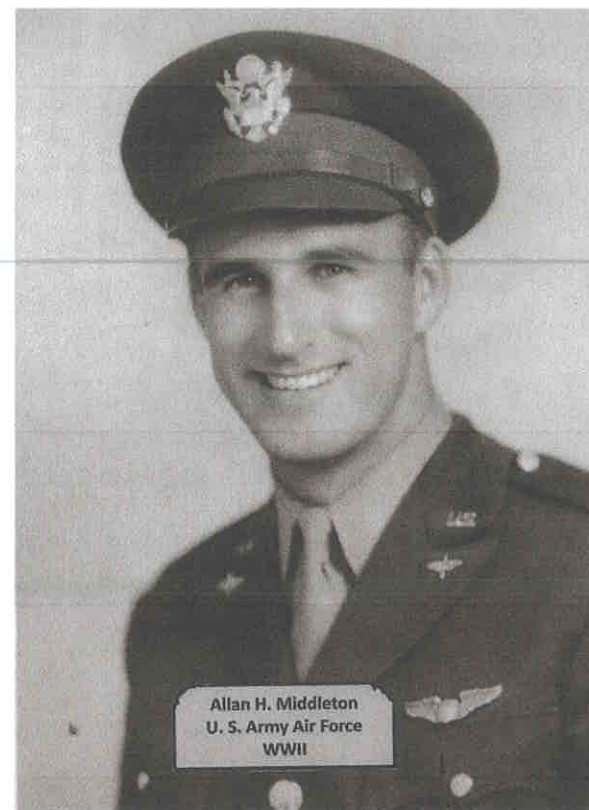
Meet Leslie Dyer

Leslie is a four-year volunteer with Spectrum Generations, who happens to assist an under-served population...the island community of Vinalhaven. Whether she is speaking with someone on the street, or formally meeting with a consumer in her office, she has helped over 60 islanders with both Medicare questions, and enrollment, which undoubtedly saved them hundreds of dollars.

A native of Vinalhaven, Leslie can show you the house she was born in, since everyone was born on the island until late in 1992. The doctor who delivered her had delivered her mother 20 years prior. After graduating from high school on the island, she moved to the mainland for college, and spent the next twenty years raising three kids and completing both her BA and MFA.

In 2009, she left her job as an Associate Professor of English at the University of Maine at Augusta, and moved back to Vinalhaven. Leslie worked various jobs: house painter, bank teller, bartender, gardener, house cleaner, and stern man. She was hired in 2016 at Islands Community Medical Services (ICMS) as an Outreach Enrollment Coordinator for Marketplace, Mainecare and the Sliding Fee program.

Initially, Leslie's volunteerism with Spectrum Generations was part of her Outreach role at ICMS, but soon she realized the need was bigger than anticipated. She kept taking trainings and assisting island residents until becoming a SHIP (State Health Insurance Program) volunteer. Since Medicare is a vast chasm of confusion for many, including Leslie at times, her "small role" as a Medicare education volunteer has made a difference for the Vinalhaven island community.



Letter written from Tunisia in 1945 concerning the death of 1930s Vinalhaven High School pitching sensation, Allan H. Middleton.

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*Mezzouna, Tunisia
January 8, 1945*

Madame Middleton:

Allow me first to present to you my most sincere and respectful wishes for a good year.

Because of the eve of the second anniversary of the glorious death of your husband, I wish to ask you if you have been advised thereof. The following are the exact facts.

On the 27th of January 1943 at about 11 o'clock in the morning, an airplane passed over Mezzouna, that of your husband's. Having opened fire on an Italian detachment and having killed an adjutant of this Army, he was shot while in the plane a few hundred meters away from my house where he crashed. He certainly must not have suffered as death must have come instantly. Lt. Middleton had on him at that time, 20,000 francs, two pistols, a gold chain which he wore around his neck and several dollars. All this, plus his parachute was taken by an Italian lieutenant, Count D'Aguelli, who is at this moment a prisoner, whom you should have punished because he did not hesitate to steal from the fingers of a dead man. Even his ring and watch. As a matter of fact, we ourselves were chased away. My children went daily to his humble grave to leave flowers until the day when our brave allied soldiers arrived and transferred the body to the cemetery at Gafsa. I write you this document and letter which might serve in the accusation against this Count D'Aguelli, Sub-Lieutenant in the Division (chart) "Lodi".

Madame, believe me that we did everything we could for the poor Lt. Middleton and that he was buried after religious services. I would have so much liked to know you in order to tell you, in spite of the sorrow I cause you, of the glorious and beautiful death of your husband. With my deepest respect, and believe me all my family has shared with you your pain, once again all united we present to you our most sincere condolences.

At the same time we address you most sincerely,

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