

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 Friday @ 7 pm

Order food online @
www.sandbarvinalhaven.com
Cocktails to-go available with
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Check our Fb for daily specials

Coming soon...Music Bingo!

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207-720-0056

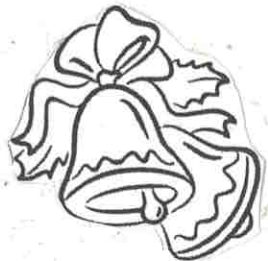
Ferry/Airstrip connections.
Here and there on Vinalhaven.
By reservation or by chance.
Jeanne Bineau-Ames



Ugly Sweater Contest on Community Night!

Saturday, December 16th

Let's have some fun!!
Wear your ugliest sweater and
pop into the Sand Bar between
4:30 and 6pm to check in with
the Celebration Committee's
Head Judge Elf to be in the
running for a small prize! Look
for the Elf Hat!!



Island Spirits

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!

Our Hours:
Tuesday-Saturday
From 11-5

32 Main Street
863.2192



"Like snowflakes, the human
pattern is never cast twice."
Alice Childress

Interl. Games Day - 12/20
...cards, video, board, trivia,
ect., ... let the fun begin!

Kids Trivia Answers

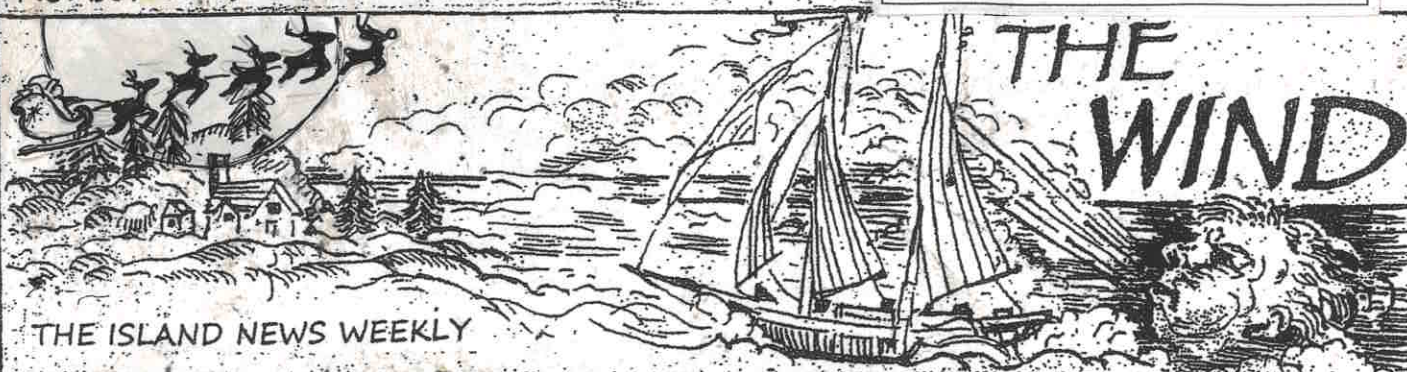
- 1 Red
- 2 Joyeux Noel
- 3 Mommy
- 4 Frosty the Snowman
- 5 White
- 6 Popcorn

Adult Trivia Answers

- 1 Issued the 1st Christmas Stamp
- 2 Montgomery Ward
- 3 Bedford Falls & Pottersville
- 4 Little Women
- 5 It squirted jelly
- 6 The traffic cop

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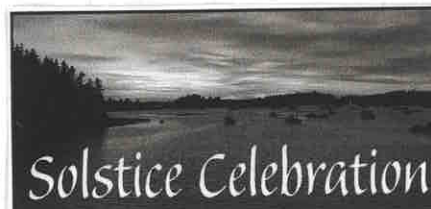


THE ISLAND NEWS WEEKLY

December 14 - December 20, 2023

E-MAIL: vinalhavenwind@gmail.com

Advertisers & Readers!
**Next week is the last Wind
issue of 2023. Starting up
again the week of 1/8/24.**



Solstice Celebration and Potluck

Thursday, December 21st
5-7 pm

at the Pleasant River Grange

Bring a dish to share and
join us for a bonfire (weather
permitting), songs and rituals
of the season to celebrate
the shortest day of the year.

**Found on the ferry last month
Upstream:** by the poet Mary
Oliver. Winner of the Pulitzer
Prize in 1984.

Marvelous book about life and
poetry with an affectionate
dedication hand-written in the
front: To J— from S— (names
omitted to protect the innocent!)
October 23, 2023.

Now that I have finished it for the
second time, I can safely show off
my high ethical standards.
867-4972, HR

Attn: Legion members,
Auxiliary members, Veterans –
We will be having our Christmas
party on Dec. 15th, Friday, at the
Hall. Dinner will be served at
6:00 PM and we will be serving
Appetizers, Lobster Chowder,
alternate will be Chicken Pot Pie,
Salad, and Dessert. We will try
having an ugly sweater contest
and do a 50/50 raffle. Phil Noble
will be entertaining us.

Place Mailing Label Here

**National Wreaths Across
America Day, Dec. 16th**
...to remember the fallen U.S.
veterans; honor those who
serve; and understand the value
of freedom.

Community Night Fun

Saturday, December 16

Stop in at Davidson Realty
for some holiday cheer!
5-6 p.m.



Nickname Answers

Steve Alley (6-Vada), Ivan Olson Jr. (9-Swede), Ronnie Davis (7-Pee Wee), Clarence Conway (8-Cap), Jimmy Young (2-Mighty Guide), Wilford York (4-Spanky), David Arey (1-Tiny), Phil Bennett (10-Cream Puff), Dennis Warren (3-Old Dog), Jack Olson (5-T Bird)

Community Calendar

- 12/15: K-2 Lion's Christmas Party, 12-4, UC
- 12/16: Christmas Bazaar, 9-2, UC
- 12/18: Lunchbox Christmas Dinner, 11:30, UC
- 12/21: Solstice Celebration and Potluck, 5-7, PRG

Mondays, Community Lunch
Box, 11:30, UC

Wednesdays, Meals on Wheels,
deliveries 11:30

UC: Union Church
PRG: Pleasant River Grange

Email events
to: windnonprofitads@gmail.com

Vinalhaven Historical Society

Gift ideas from the Museum!

- ▲ Vinalhaven-opoly!
 - 📖 *When The Island Had Fish: The Remarkable Story of a Maine Fishing Community*, a new publication by Janna Malamud Smith
 - 🖼️ NEW Buoy Poster - Photo by Francois Deschamp of our collection of mini buoys of Vinalhaven lobstermen can be seen at Fishermen's Friend or on our website (also available as a postcard)
 - 🚚 *Circus Ship and Big Truck, Little Island* by Chris Van Dusen
- Open Monday & Tuesday 9-3, other afternoons by chance!
863-4410 or
vhhsoc@myfairpoint.net



Town of Vinalhaven Information

www.townofvinalhaven.org

Calendar

Board of Selectmen - Tuesday, December 28 at 5pm
Planning Board - Wednesday, January 3 at 7pm (pre-planning)
Planning Board - Wednesday, January 10 at 7pm
Board of Selectmen - Tuesday, January 12 at 5pm
VH Water District - Tuesday, January 23 at 9:30am
Sewer Commissioners - Tuesday, January 23 at 11am

Notices

The Town Office and Transfer Station will be closed Monday, December 25th, and Monday, January 1st.

2024 Dog Licenses are now available! All dogs 6 months or older need to be licensed, including visiting dogs in town for 10 days or more. Please bring current rabies certificate and \$6 for spayed/neutered or \$11 for male/female. A new dog must be vaccinated & licensed once reaching 6 months of age, and if adopting an older dog or if you are just arriving in town, you have ten days to register. There is no late fee for new or newly arriving dogs to Vinalhaven if these guidelines are followed.

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

Hours of Operation & Contact Information

Town Office - Mon-Thurs 8am-5pm, Fridays 8am-12pm, 863-4471 or 863-4343,
Fax: 863-4393, Mailing and physical address: 19 Washington School Rd., Vinalhaven, ME
Town Manager - Marjorie Stratton, 863-2042, townmanager@townofvinalhaven.org
Bookkeeper - Deborah Young, 863-4471, dyoung@townofvinalhaven.org
Town Clerk - Darlene M. Candage, 863-4343, townclerk@townofvinalhaven.org
Deputy Clerk - Elizabeth Bunker, 863-4343, deputyclerk@townofvinalhaven.org
Assessor - Travis Gould, 863-2168, vhassessor@townofvinalhaven.org; Thursdays
Code Enforcement Officer / Local Plumbing Inspector - Faye Grant, Mon-Wed 9am-1 pm, 863-2168, vhceo@townofvinalhaven.org
Public Health Officer - Jen Desmond, Contact the Medical Center at 863-4341
Welfare Program - Call 863-2042 to set up an appointment with the Town Manager
Director of Public Works/Town Garage - Millie Martin, 863-2063, vhdpw@townofvinalhaven.org
Library - Hours: Tues/Thur 1pm-5pm, Wed/Fri 9am-5pm, and Saturday 9am-4pm; 863-4401, librarian@vinalhavenpubliclibrary.org
Transfer Station - Open Sun, Mon, Wed, and Thur 7:30-4pm; Not accepting waste gasoline at this time. Kenny Martin or Luther Tolman, 863-4306
Fire Department - Marc Candage, Fire Chief, Emergency 911, Non-Emergency 863-4604, mcandage@townofvinalhaven.org
Ambulance - Ryan Nizolek, Ambulance Director, Emergency 911, Non-Emergency 863-2119 ambulancedirector@townofvinalhaven.org
Knox County Deputy - Emergency 911, Non-Emergency 594-0677
Animal Control Officer and Harbor Master - James Knowlton, 701-2018
Deputy Harbor Master - Peter Gasperini, 542-1992

ANIMAL CONTROL NOTICE:

I have been doing this job for 5 years now and this is the first year that so many dog owners have not licensed their dog with the Town, as required by law. I understand that last year the Governor gave a pass for the year 2022 for reasons she thought would help the citizens of Maine, because of the covid problem. The Governor did not excuse the State, or any town in Maine, from licensing their dog for 2023. It is your responsibility to make sure your dog or dogs are licensed and up to date on their rabies vaccinations for 2023.

I have sent a notice to all residents that have not licensed their dog for 2023. I have no desire to give out a summons to those residents who have not done so, so please don't put me in that position. If I show up at your door with a summons, I am only doing the job I have to do, without exception. If you license your dog on time it is only a few bucks!

Respectfully, ACO Jim Knowlton



REMINDER

The first half of 2023-24 property tax bills are due NOVEMBER 1st! Interest accrues DAILY until payment is received!

The second half of the property tax bill is due May 1, 2024.

HELP: The Town is looking for a rent for the hired island deputy. The current rent is not big enough for his family. We are looking for a three bedroom house that will allow a dog. Please contact the Town Manager with any leads. **Thank you!**

NOTICE: The Harbor Master has relocated trailers from the Fish Plant wharf to the lot behind the old Public Works Building (Swap Shop). **There is still one trailer that has not been claimed!** If it is yours, please claim it **ASAP** or it will be considered abandoned and sold. Contact the Harbor Master or the Town Manager with any questions.



Pastor Jeff Winters

SUNDAY

9:30—Sunday School
Children in the Parsonage
Adults in the Church

10:30—Fellowship Time

11:00—Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

6-7 PM—Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
6-7 PM—Children's Bible Study
(Pre-K to 5th)

THURSDAY

6-7 PM—Youth Group
(4th to 12th)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

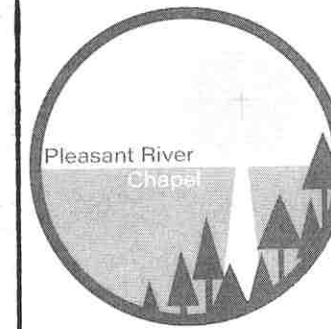
20 Fellowship Drive
www.obbc-vinalhaven.org



Silent Meditation

Non-denominational

Upstairs in The Union Church
Tuesdays and Saturdays
5:00-5:30PM
All are Welcome.



Pleasant River Chapel
Sunday service will be held on Sunday, December 17, 2023. There will be a speaker announced at the end of this week.

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

Breakfast is at 8, fellowship time is at 8:30, and service is at 9. ALL are welcome. Extra food for the food table is 3.20always welcome.

Christmas Eve Service will be at the Chapel on December 24th at 5 PM. All are Welcome. The service will be the Christmas Story, favorite carols, and a candlelight closing. People who wish to share are always welcome,

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

Union Church

~Welcomes You~

Sunday Services
11:00 am

~
Reverend
Jeffrey Lewis

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

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Sunday School
9:30am-10:30am

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

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

~
Pastoral Care
Reverend Jeffrey Lewis

12/14-More Good Today Day!
This holiday aims to encourage more people to practice kindness & generosity & to help each other in any way they can.

*A Christmas Candle is a lovely thing;
It makes no noise at all,
But softly gives itself away;
While unselfish, it grows small.*
Eva K. Logue

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



Vinalhaven Basketball

High School

Date	Opponent	Girl's Start	Boy's Start	Ferry Times
15 Dec 23 (Fri)	AWAY Valley	5:30 PM	7 PM	12 Noon
16 Dec 23 (Sat)	AWAY Richmond	10 AM	12 Noon	3:15 PM
18 Dec 23 (Mon)	AWAY Wiscasset	10:30 AM	12 Noon	7 AM/3:15 PM
21 Dec 23 (Thu)	HOME Temple	11:30 AM	1 PM	
05 Jan 24 (Fri)	HOME Rangeley		6 PM	
06 Jan 24 (Sat)	HOME Rangeley		8:30 AM	
08 Jan 24 (Mon)	HOME Wiscasset	11:30 AM	1 PM	
10 Jan 24 (Wed)	AWAY Islesboro	10 AM	11:30 AM	7 AM/3:15 PM
13 Jan 24 (Sat)	AWAY Temple	10:30 AM	12 Noon	7 AM/3:15 PM
15 Jan 24 (Mon)	HOME Pine Tree		6 PM	
16 Jan 24 (Tue)	HOME Pine Tree		8:30 AM	
18 Jan 24 (Thu)	AWAY North Haven	4:30 PM	6 PM	3:30 PM (Thoroughfare)
20 Jan 24 (Sat)	AWAY Carrabec	10:30 AM	12 Noon	7 AM/3:15 PM
22 Jan 24 (Mon)	HOME Islesboro	12 Noon	1:30 PM	
25 Jan 24 (Thu)	HOME Pine Tree	6 PM		
26 Jan 24 (Fri)	HOME Pine Tree	8:30 AM		
29 Jan 24 (Mon)	HOME North Haven	4:30 PM	6 PM	

Busline (Grades 5-8)

Date	Opponent	Start Time	Ferry Times
16 Dec 23 (Sat)	AWAY Searsport	11 AM (Boys)/12:30 PM (Girls)	7 AM/3:15 PM
21 Dec 23 (Thu)	AWAY Islesboro	11:30 AM (Boys)	7 AM/3:15 PM
03 Jan 24 (Wed)	HOME Hope	11:30 AM (Girls)/1 PM (Boys)	
05 Jan 24 (Fri)	HOME North Haven	4 PM (Boys)	
08 Jan 24 (Mon)	AWAY St George	11 AM (Girls)/12:30 PM (Boys)	8:45 AM/3:15 PM
10 Jan 24 (Wed)	HOME Lincolnville	11:30 AM (Girls)/1 PM (Boys)	
13 Jan 24 (Sat)	HOME Searsport	11:30 AM (Girls)/1 PM (Boys)	
15 Jan 24 (Mon)	AWAY Appleton	11:30 AM (Girls)/1 PM (Boys)	8:45 AM/3:15 PM
19 Jan 24 (Fri)	AWAY North Haven	4 PM (Boys)	3 PM (Thoroughfare)
22 Jan 24 (Mon)	HOME Islesboro	10:30 AM (Boys)	



\$25 per hour, plus benefits

Vinalhaven School will support a local driver who is interested in obtaining their school bus CDL endorsement. Contact Monte Selby,

Monte.Selby@VinalhavenSchool to learn more about obtaining a CDL, and a full or part time job as school bus driver. Thanks!



Presents for Paige

Help the Demmons Family this Christmas

COLLECTING GIFTS FOR:

Paige, her brother Bragdon and her parents Rebecca & Jon

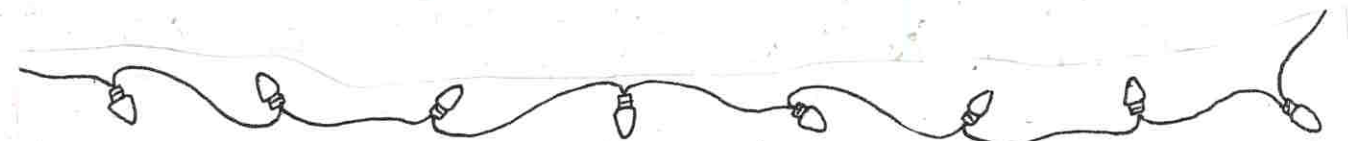
Gifts, gift cards, money or cards of encouragement

Paige (age 6) wears size 10-12
She loves the color purple, crafts, Barbies/dolls with clothing and anything Frozen!

Bragdon (age 4) wears size 6-7
He loves Lightning McQueen, Paw Patrol, matchbox trucks and anything with excavators, bulldozers, etc.

DROP-OFF AT ISLAND'S CLOSET

Questions: Contact Kelsey Barker





GO FISH'S

12 DAYS OF FISHMAS!

THE SALES AND CHEER START HERE!

- DEC 13TH SELECT TOYS - 20%-50% OFF!
- DEC 14TH BABY TOYS/BACK WALL - 30%-50% OFF!
- DEC 15TH GLASSWARE & MUGS- 20% OFF!
- DEC 16TH VH BLANKETS - 20% OFF!
- DEC 17TH ALL CLOCKS - 30% OFF!
- DEC 18TH RUGGED SEAS BAGS & OTHERS - 20% OFF!
- DEC 19TH SELECT JEWELRY - 10% - 50% OFF!
- DEC 20TH JAMMIE BOTTOMS - 15% OFF!
- DEC 21ST PICK A % @CHECK OUT- GOOD FOR 1 ITEM!
- DEC 22ND JELLYCAT - 10% OFF!
- DEC 23RD SWEATPANTS - 15% OFF!
- DEC 24TH VINALHAVEN SWEATSHIRTS - 15% OFF!
- DEC 25TH HAVE A VERY MERRY FISHMAS WITH YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT YEAR AFTER YEAR!

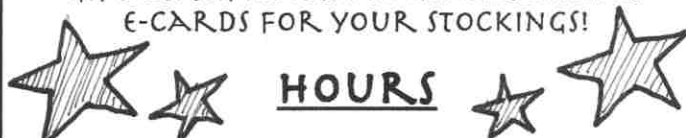
LOTS OF OTHER ITEMS ALREADY MARKED DOWN AND ALL ITEMS STAY ON SALE FOR THE DURATION OF THE

12 DAYS OF FISHMAS!

DECEMBER GIFT BASKET RAFFLE!
ALL PROCEEDS TO BE SPLIT BETWEEN
**VINALHAVEN EMS &
THE DEMMONS FAMILY**
TICKETS \$1 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5

CANDY BAGS ARE PLENTIFUL AND AT THE
READY TO TOP OFF YOUR GIFTS!

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE ONLINE!
E-CARDS FOR YOUR STOCKINGS!



HOURS

MONDAY - SATURDAY 11:00 - 5:00
SUNDAY 10:00 - 2:00

CHRISTMAS EVE OPEN FROM 10:00 - 2:00

VISIT
WWW.GOFISHVH.COM
TO PLACE YOUR ORDERS!

THANK YOU!
207-863-4193
MRSGOFISH@GMAIL.COM

AA

Tuesday 7PM
Zoom Meeting ID:
907 085 8272
Please contact
vinalhavenaa@gmail.com
for password or any other
questions.

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

AL - ANON

Recovery for Family and
Friends of Alcoholics

12 Step meetings

Al-Anon is for anyone impacted by a relative or friend's alcohol dependency, either currently or in the past. Support is provided through literature and meetings, where everything shared remains confidential, as well as the identity of those attending.

To join Vinalhaven meetings online or by phone, 4:30 Mondays, please email:
vinalhavenalanon@gmail.com

Help is also available from Maine Al-Anon: [maineafg.org/\(207\)284-1844](http://maineafg.org/(207)284-1844) and al-anon.org



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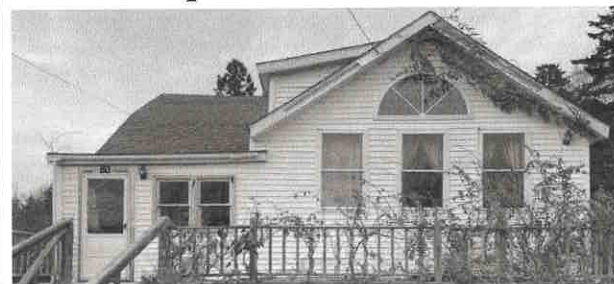
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elin@islandheritagehomes.com
www.islandheritagehomes.com

80 Pequot Road - Vinalhaven



This is a lovely year-round three bedroom cottage set back from the road on almost a half acre of land. It is close to Booth's Quarry, a popular town owned swimming quarry. The two story gambrel roof barn was built in 2007. It is close behind the residence and measures 16' by 20'. It has double doors facing the residence, double pane windows and is almost completely insulated. There is ample room for a garden and other outdoor activities. Stone walls border the boundaries. Offered for \$229,000.



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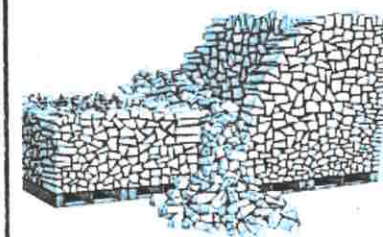
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For Sale

Split Dry Spruce
\$150.00

Delivery
\$50.00

Please call 867-4866
or
207-405-1937

The Wind Ad Box...

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

SKÅL!

A Vinalhaven Speakeasy
6 Bodwell Lane



New Year's Eve
Dance Party
The Autopilots
7:30-midnight

Buy tickets at Davidson Realty or
Island Spirits \$30 person
Cash or check only

GREEN
GRANITE
GOAT MILK
SOAP

AND
CHRIS CLARKE
etchings, posters, & cards

Union Church Craft Fair
Sat 10-2
Ebb & Flow. Wed - Sun

Christmas Bird Count Week is Dec. 14-Jan. 5

A citizen science survey by volunteer bird watcher, conducted by the National Audubon Society

Phrase of the Week

Hurkle Durkle (old Scottish dialect) v. n.: to lie in bed or lounge about when one should be up and going.

Community Night & Parade!!

Saturday, December 16th



Don't miss this annual tradition!

The Vinalhaven Fire Department will be hosting Santa before the parade at 3:00 in the town parking lot!

There will be a candy guessing jar and a simple scavenger hunt (on paper) for PreK - Grade 12 from 4:30 - 5:30 in front of the post office. New this year, a guessing jar for adults!

The parade will begin @ 5pm - dig out your lights and join in the fun! You can decorate a vehicle, 4-wheeler, golf cart, or just yourself and walk along! We would LOVE for you to participate!!

Contact the Parade Elf, Tina, to sign up for the parade or for more info:
tina.davidson@vinalhavenschool.org.

We have several floats signed up, but would love and need all interested to reach out!!!!

The Grinch family is rumored to also be making an appearance again...



Vinalhaven Community Outreach

Are you experiencing unusual expenses, loss of income, unexpected medical bills, or other crisis in your life?

If you need help, and fit our criteria, please contact us by email:

vhcommunityoutreach@gmail.com

Or at P.O. Box 15
Vinalhaven, ME 04863

We are a 501 (c) (3) organization

Dr. Caron will hold the next Veterinary Clinic

Dec. 21st

Upstairs at the Old Fire Hall.

Please call the Rockland Animal Hospital for an appointment at 594-5850.

Providing year-round veterinary services to Vinalhaven for over 40 years.

Go Figure

I have finally figured out why we are still together after all these wild and crazy years: friction polishes the diamond! Those mind-boggling forgot-what-I-just-said arguments in old age (go ahead, call them discussions, I dare ya) they're just polishing up any lumps left in our old coal hearts in order to make us brilliantly shine again

'Sometimes growing old together ain't like in the picture shows...' grandpa would say 'It can be a lot of work and pain, but if we stay with it we get to laugh at our own follies and foibles, at our own silliness in taking things so darn seriously as if we were the only ones to ever go thru such craziness in this eyeblink of a life.'

So here's to keeping it real keeping it loving and funny enjoying the time I get to spend with another human being and if I can't do that, then as they say, I must rather be right than happy and there's nobody coming over anytime soon for a cup o' that tea.

Paddy Noble



~DECEMBER AWARENESS MONTH~
OPERATION SANTA PAWS
UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS

Tidbits from the Vinalhaven Historical Society

The community Nativity Scene in Vinalhaven was lighted on Wednesday evening for the first time. It is located on the vacant lot across from the monument and was erected by a group of volunteers. Contributions from 14 local organizations headed by the Garden Club made the Nativity Scene possible. So far, the figures of Mary, Joseph, and the Christ child are in place and the other figures including the Wise Men are expected to arrive soon. The set will also include live sheep donated for the occasion by the Mills Farm. The committee is also planning a community sing at dusk on Sunday, Dec. 23. It will begin at 4.30 and will be led by the Union Church Choir. There will also be carols by the children. There will be ample parking space due to the location of the scene and it is hoped that many shut-ins and elderly people may be able to get out for the occasion as they will be able to remain in their cars. This is the first time that the island has ever had anything of this type and it represents the combined efforts of the entire community.

Dec. 15, 1956

Letters addressed to Santa Claus at the North Haven post office will receive prompt attention this year. Good Saint Nicholas, in cooperation with the High School students, Martin Godgart, teacher, and Robert Smith, postmaster, will answer any and all letters received. To insure a speedy answer from Santa, letter should be mailed no later than Dec. 12.

Dec. 8, 1956

To celebrate his 4th birthday Bobby Johnson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Johnson entertained a party of young friends Sunday afternoon at his home on West Main Street. The afternoon was merrily passed with music and games. Refreshments of ice cream, cake, candy and nuts were served, the centerpiece of the table being a large prettily decorated birthday cake made by Bobby's mother. There were favors of a marshmallow snowman at each plate. Pictures of the group around the table were taken by Morgan Sutcliffe. Bobby received many nice gifts. The young guests were Philip and Dickie Crossman, Joe and Gregory Nelson, Ronnie Davis, Roddy Dyer and Robin Adair. Also present were Mrs. William Adair, Mrs. Fay Dyer, Mrs. Joseph Nelson, Miss Shirley Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Alton Hopkins. When leaving each guest received a gift from Bobby.

Dec. 21, 1950

Hilton Young, Raymond Alley, Stanley Conway, Maurice Teele, Walter Staples, Mr. & Mrs. William Chilles, sons John, Harold and Paul and Jack Phillips came yesterday from Hartford to spend Christmas with relatives. Douglas Gilchrist, Alvin Wahlman, Fernald Young, Rognar Peterson, Walter Lyford, Fred Chilles, L. B. Dyer, Efflyn Roberts, Newman Walls and Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Amiro and little daughter were among those home from Whitinsville to spend Christmas. 1941

Christmas lights, evergreens and a sprig of mistletoe on the chandelier set the scene for the holiday party held Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Ada Creed when Santa Claus arrived to distribute gifts among her guests and later joined in the singing of carols. A brightly decorated miniature Christmas tree centered the lace covered table in the dining room where later in the evening a supper was served which featured the traditional holiday delicacies of New England and Norway. Mrs. Creed's guests included Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Alex Hood, Grant Duell and John Stordahl. Dec. 24, 1948

At the Lincoln School, sub primary, first and second grades, Miss Ruth Billings, teacher, gave a pleasing program followed by a Christmas tree with exchange of gifts. Pupils taking part in the program were Martha L. Robinson, Michael Bunker, Frederick Oakes, James Calderwood, Shirley Davis, Calla Dickey, Ralph Smith, Byley Martin, Freeman Robinson, Jr., Doris Doughty Billy Guptill, James Dickey, Edward Ames, Susan Webster, Howard Headley, Harry Conway, Lauretta Shields, John Ames, Blanchard Oakes, Walter White, Harold L. Anderson, Jacqueline Ames, Clifford Quinn, Stephen York, Laverne Orcutt, Van Conway, and Arthur York. Dec. 28, 1945

About 130 parents and friends were present at the Union Church vestry Monday evening, to enjoy the Vinalhaven P.T.A. Christmas program. The High School glee club, under the direction of Allen Simons, supervisor of music, sang a group of Christmas songs. Mrs. Ralph Candage presented awards to the 8 pupils whose posters were voted best in the contest. The contest was conducted through the week of Dec. 7, in the Washington and Lincoln Schools. Winners were: Grades 2&3: first, Larry Coombs; second, Steven Kalloch. Grades 4-6: first Janice Wadleigh; second, Patricia Smith. Grades 7-9: first, Teddy Ames; second, Lauretta Shields. Grades 10&12: first, Judy Clayter; second, Clarence Conway. All the posters entered in the contest were displayed. The pupils of Grades 5&6, coached by Mrs. Ivan Calderwood, presented a one-act play, "Santa's Workshop," with Albert Osgood and Patricia Smith as Mr. & Mrs. Claus. The evening drew to a close with the singing of old familiar carols by the entire audience. The vice president, Mrs. Andrew Gilchrist and her hospitality committee for the evening, served refreshments of ice cream and Christmas cookies.

Dec. 22, 1953

A newly organized social club, "The Nightcappers" recently held their first meeting at the home of Mrs. Laura Skoog. Lunch was served. Members present were Mrs. Isabelle Osgood, Mrs. Ruth Haskell, Mrs. Arlene Orcutt, Mrs. Gloria Parker, and Mrs. Linnie Smith.

Dec. 8, 1949

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Story Time

Saturdays 10am

December Events

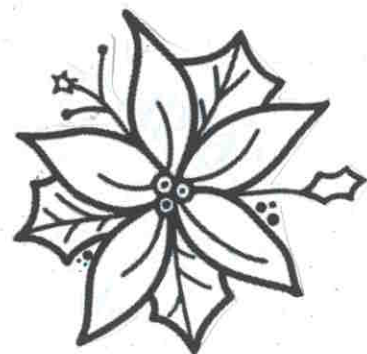
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12/18 - Flake Appreciation Day!
12/19 - Look for an Evergreen Day!
12/20 - Go Caroling Day!



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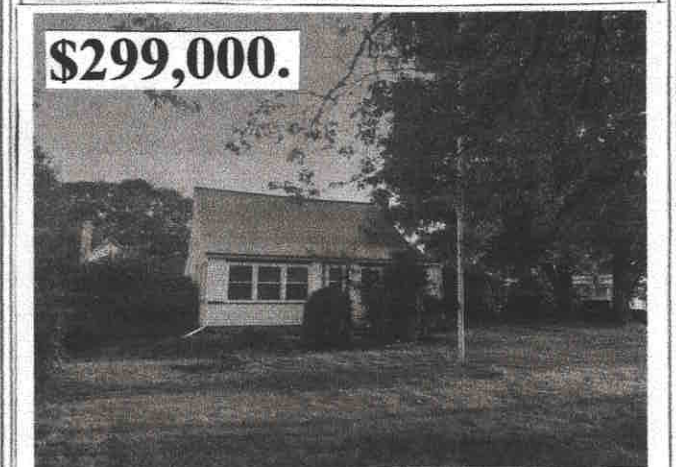


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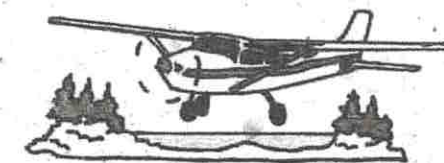


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Vinalhaven Nickname Match Game

1 Tiny	Steve Alley
2 Mighty Guide	Ivan Olson Jr.
3 Old Dog	Ronnie Davis
4 Spanky	Clarence Conway
5 T-Bird	Jimmy Young
6 Vada	Wilford York
7 Pee Wee	David Arey
8 Cap	Phil Bennett
9 Swede	Dennis Warren
10 Cream Puff	Jack Olson

Can you match the nicknames to the real names of people who are with us and of those who have passed. Answers in this week's Wind and more nicknames to follow in future Winds...

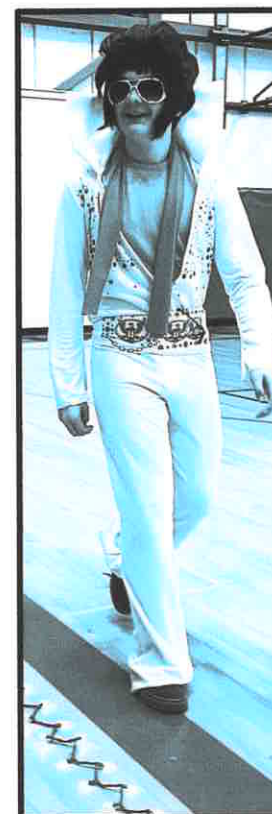
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Adult Trivia - Christmas

- 1 What did the U.S. Postal System first do in 1962?
- 2 What dept. store chain was "responsible" for Rudolph?
- 3 What are the two names of the town in *It's a Wonderful Life*?
- 4 What novel opens "Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents"?
- 5 In *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer*, what made the squirt gun a misfit toy?
- 6 Who yelled "stop!" to Frosty?

Kids Trivia - Christmas

- 1 What traditionally is the color of Santa's sleigh?
- 2 How do you say "Merry Christmas" in France?
- 3 In the song "I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus", who tickled Santa?
- 4 Whose nose was a button?
- 5 In *Home Alone 2*, what color limo did Kevin rent?
- 6 What popular snack can you string together and place on your Christmas tree?



Vinalhaven School NEWS!

Elvis visited the pep rally last Friday during the "dress like a movie star" competition. Varsity and busline basketball teams were introduced, and the *Student-of-the-Month* from each grade level were recognized. Congrats to Ignis Ames, Genevieve Hill, Finley Adair, Scott Thompson, Jaxson Oxtan, Blake Lazaro, and Brielle Davis-Oakes. Also, a correction. Last week I reported that 57 students had an **attendance rate above 95%**. The actual number was **63** students with great attendance habits!

Ask a 7th grader which of their **classmates** dressed as Elvis.

Basketball is in full swing, with a large percentage of students participating as athletes. There's a full slate of varsity and busline games ahead. It's always a great idea to check our Vinalhaven School Facebook page for the latest changes in game schedules, or to locate a link whenever we are able to **live stream** a game for those who can only watch online.

Music? Thursday, December 14 is the **Winter Concert** for music students in grades K-12. Be in your seat and ready for fun at 6:00 p.m. Stay until the end. It'll be *great!*

In January, we are going to need a **long-term substitute Ed Tech**. *Interested?* This position will last through all of January and part of February. To ask about schedules, payment, or an application, please email: Tina.Davidson@VinalhavenSchool.org, or call Tina at (207) 863-4800 ext. 1110.

Good news! We have a *new* substitute teacher helping us out! If **you** would like to consider being a substitute teacher or Ed Tech, please let me know. It's a flexible option where you choose the dates, subject area or grade levels that work for you.

To help us achieve specific **goals** this year, you can help encourage students to make it to school every day. Kids like school better when their attendance is great, and it helps them do well in class. Take a few minutes to read together, practice spelling a new word, or play with numbers by counting, adding, multiplying, or estimating. Thanks!

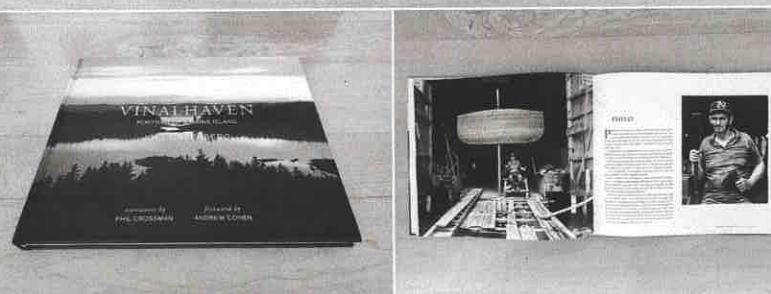
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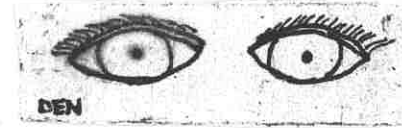
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Star of Hope Update



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THE OBSERVER

It's nearly impossible to disagree about anything of consequence when settled comfortably near a companionable wood fire. A few years ago, we sacrificed half the garage by extending the kitchen to become twenty feet long, added a chimney, installed a lovely Vermont Castings Intrepid wood stove and turned the remaining six feet of garage into a woodshed, readily accessible, three steps down, via a door just to the left of the hearth. The wood is delivered in the late spring and over the next month or so I stack it away in the woodshed. Two wrought iron wood racks sit either side of the stove and further to the right is an old copper basin tub filled with kindling and starter material. In early October the first fire of the season is lit and as the cold settles in over the next couple of months, the wood is consumed from the right rack, and as fast as that happens, Elaine replenishes it with wood from the left. When the rack on the left is empty, every other day at this time of year, I fill it with wood from the shed. I usually do this in the morning, long before she wakes because it requires that I position the wheeled rack in the open doorway—letting cold in—while I split some kindling and a few unruly pieces of firewood and load the rack. Then I start the fire and bring her a nice cup of hot coffee. Then the stove and we begin a crackling and companionable day, one or another of us now and then purposely in its insatiable proximity to feed it or ourselves. By evening, whatever among the many things that occupied us during the day are done with and we settle in the kitchen to prepare dinner and consume it, seated at a little table five feet from the fire and inescapably agreeable. pc

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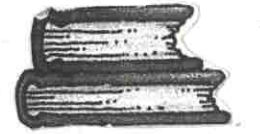
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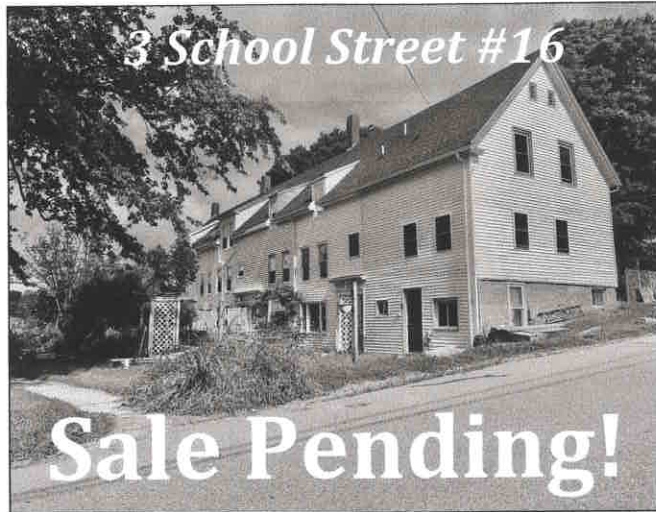
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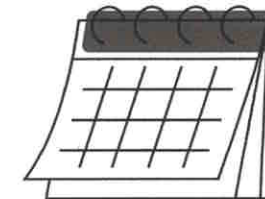


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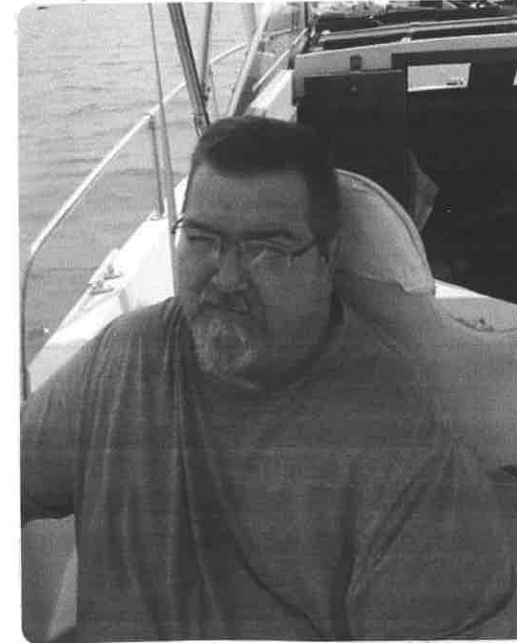
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Randy L. Crouse

March 21, 1958 – December 8, 2023



Randy L. Crouse, 65, of Strasburg passed away at his home on Friday, December 8, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Dover on March 21, 1958, and was the son of the late Ron and Beverly Warren Crouse. Randy was also preceded in death by his brother, Ricky Crouse and grandson, Roman Failla.

After proudly serving in the Navy, Randy began his career at ITT in Strasburg, where he dedicated over 17 years of his life. Later on, he joined Sugardale Meats in Canton and served them diligently for 12 years until his retirement in 2013. Randy also served as a volunteer fireman for the Strasburg Fire Department for 20 years. When he wasn't busy with his career or spending time with family and friends, Randy indulged in his various hobbies and interests that brought him immense joy. Woodworking was one of his passions – he had a knack for creating beautiful items out of raw materials. Fishing trips allowed him to connect with nature and find peace by the water. Camping adventures allowed him to bond with loved ones while enjoying the great outdoors. Additionally, Randy had a competitive spirit when it came to playing cards – he always knew how to keep things lively and exciting.

Randy is survived by his wife of over four decades, Beth Smith Crouse, whom he married on June 12, 1982. He was also a loving father to Ashely (Joe) Failla of Canton, Nathan (Jen) Crouse of Dover, Shawn Crouse of Kent, Mikaylee Crouse of Dover, and Tara Ramos of Canton. In addition to his immediate family, Randy leaves behind his cherished sisters, Melody (Tim) Blakely, Sheri (Janet) Crouse, and Lisa (Bob) Polen, all residing in Florida; niece, Adrienne Rinehart; nephew, Andrew Polen. Randy's legacy lives on through his many grandchildren, including – Aubrey and London Failla, Ashlynn Crouse, and Austin Stevenson. He adored them deeply, and their presence brought him immense joy to his life. His great-grandchildren, including Oliver and Eloise Stevenson, and his beloved dog, Penny, brought an extra spark of happiness to his heart.

Cremation has been entrusted to the Toland-Herzig Funeral Home and Crematory at Strasburg. Private family graveside services will be held at a later date.

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