

# The Litchfield Sodalite

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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRIVIA QUIZ

**June question:** Litchfield records show that during the "gold rush" a resident named Cowell went to the west coast and set up a hardware business. Recent research has shown that Cowell was not the correct name. What was the correct name? **May question:** Many in Litchfield today are familiar with Cobbossee Stream. Very few could name the fish from which the stream derives its name. Answer: The sturgeon (Cabassa in Abenaki) To read more about the history of Litchfield go to [HistoricalSocietyoflitchfieldmaine.org](http://HistoricalSocietyoflitchfieldmaine.org)

## LITCHFIELD TRANSFER STATION

Summer is here and has brought the warmer weather with it. Everything is turning green and the mound grass is growing. We are definitely seeing an up tick in the residents using the facility. Please be courteous We are again reminding residents to please stop and interact with the attendants when you enter the Transfer Station. We are seeing items that we don't accept being dropped off. With the opening of the Swap Shop, we must remind everyone about **stopping when you enter the transfer station** and to also watch your speed. It is only 5 MPH We are losing our Friday volunteer, Sherry. She is moving out of state. She was very dedicated to the Swap Shop She will be sorely missed. Our phone number here is 268-2032. the Transfer Station is going to have a fundraiser for the new signs for the Transfer Station. More information on the Town's website and Facebook page.

## LITCHFIELD FOOD BANK

Got your garden in yet? Please plant extra seeds so you can share with the Food Bank! Drop off your produce on Wednesday mornings and it will be distributed that afternoon and the next morning. Our clients will get the freshest veggies available and be very grateful. Litchfield appreciates our Food Bank, whether clients or supporters. We appreciate the opportunity to serve our neighbors.

## LITCHFIELD SENIOR CENTER CON'T

**Our Trips** are starting up for the season. The next trip will be June 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Jail Bird's. **Starting June 5th**, we have the following trips available for free. They are all at The Araxine Wilkins Foundation, 371 Sawyer Rd, P.O. Box 27, Greene, ME. **June 5th** - Johnny & The Rock-its 7 PM; **June 12<sup>th</sup>** - Sarah Blacker, 7 pm; **June 19<sup>th</sup>** - Tom Dimenna - "Story of the 70's 7 pm. For updates or info, call the center (the number is above) or check the Facebook page Litchfield Senior Center News and Activities.

## LITCHFIELD SENIOR CENTER

Center Phone # 446-6275

**The Senior Center** will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays **9:00 am to 2:00 pm** or when flag is out. Come in for exercise, cards, or check out the books and puzzles. We have new puzzles and books coming into center all the time. We also have some working lap tops to come in and use while center is open. **Come to the Senior Center** for morning exercise with Dian & friends on Mondays & Fridays **8:30am-9:15 pm**. Join in the indoor walking, or use the exercise equipment. **On Friday's**, we offer Cribbage **9:30-10:30 am**; bring a partner or call to see if there are people playing, we have the boards here to use. Card games at **10 am**, BYO lunch for noon, then more cards and games in the afternoon. **Pot Luck/June Birthday** celebrations on 26th, plus a speaker; Kathryn Yates about reading your CMP bills **The Senior Center** will be open at **9:30 am** on Mondays for Knitting and/or crocheting with Sharon Thibault. This is welcome to all who love to knit or crochet. Grammie's Mitten Tree was a big hit with the Pre-K classes, and the school would like us to do it every year. For this we will need lots of mittens 5 in. long beyond the cuff. Bring your projects and join the knitting and crocheters or drop off your mittens at the Senior Center. **The Qigong will be held at 9:00 - 9:45** at the Senior Center. Then a small prom-to band practice for when the band is not performing. Check our calendar for dates. This will be every other Wednesday. **Line Dancing** instruction for all on Mondays **9:30-11 am** at the Sportsmen's Club. For the summer months it will be Mondays that they don't perform. Check our calendar for dates. Performing June 8<sup>th</sup> 1:30 at St. Mary's Senior Living and June 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 at Montello Heights. **The Carol Bailey Band** has the following performances for June - On the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 at The Schooner Estates and on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at Russell Park Rehab and Living Center. **Save the Date on August 19<sup>th</sup> the band will perform at Woodbury Pond at 10:00 am.** More info to come later. **The Senior's Advisory Committee** meeting held at the *Senior Center* at 1 pm on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. **The book club** meeting is on Monday, June 15th at 1 pm. at the *Senior Center*. The book to be discussed is **"The Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman.** Pick up the book at the Gardiner or Monmouth Library. **Gardening Club** is on June 10th at **1 pm**. Check the info on the Litchfield Garden Club Facebook group for the info. If interested call Lori at the Center. The number is at the top of page. **Looking to Learn how to sew?** The Center is willing to teach if the interest is there. Call the Center (number above) if you would like to know more. Excepting donations to help with the Center. First lesson should be **"Get to know Your Machine"** which is the basics.

#### LITCHFIELD ACADEMY THRIFT SHOP

The bargains are continuing! We have some great additions to your wardrobe for incredible bargain prices. Buy a bag for the kids, too. At \$2, how can you go wrong? Warm temps, you need more shorts and tees. Or bring us the duds you're tired of and buy a new supply!

#### RSU 4 SCHOOLS

If you have a child that will be 4 years on or before October 15, 2026 (Pre-K age at Carrie Ricker School) or a child that will be 5 years old on or before October 15, 2026 (Kindergarten age at Libby-Tozier School) please call Libby-Tozier School (268-4137) or Carrie Ricker School (268-4136). Please pass this on to anyone you know who has a child that will be old enough to attend in the fall and have them call the school. **Oak Hill High School** graduation will be Saturday, June 6. It will be held at the Augusta Civic Center, starting at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. **Oak Hill Middle School** 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion is on June 10. It will be held at OHMS starting at 9:30 a.m. **Last day of school is Thursday, June 11. It will be an early release day.** 2026-27 School year starts on August 26 (grades K-9). It will be a full day. Grades 10-12 start on August 7. Pre-K starts on September 1.

#### RSU 4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The RSU #4 Board of Directors have worked hard to ensure a quality educational experience for our students and balanced impact to our taxpayers. The budget to be voted on Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 is a testament to the aforementioned commitment. Our year over year budget increase is 1.46% which is lowest in the area. Despite this low increase we maintain excellent educational programming and experiences. We encourage you to get out and vote!

The Old Town House Museum will be open to visitors on Saturday, June 20th from 1pm to 4pm.



#### TOWN CLERK'S CORNER Elections!

**State Primary and Town elections**, Municipal and the RSU#4 referendum election, are Tuesday, June 9th at the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, 2261 Hallowell Rd, from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM. Absentee ballots or in person voting is available at the Town Office. Sample ballots can be found at [litchfieldmaine.org](http://litchfieldmaine.org) on the elections page, or linked from the notice on the home page.

**The Annual Town Meeting** will be on Saturday, June 13th, beginning at 10:00 AM in the Carrie Ricker School gym.

Candidates appearing on the ballot are below:

#### Select Board (one position):

*Gary Parker*

#### RSU #4 (one position):

#### Academy Trustee (two positions):

*Dian White & Elton Wade*

#### Budget Committee (three positions):

*Thomas Wood*

**2026 ATV Registrations** - you may register and re-register ATVs at the Town Office beginning May 1st. Reminder, the State (Inland Fisheries and Wildlife) has insisted that our customers bring either a previous registration or a photo of the current sticker when registering ATVs, boats, and snowmobiles.

**Woodbury Pond Park** - Woodbury Pond Park opens on Saturday, June 13th and will be open 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM daily until August 23rd – weather permitting.

**The Town Office will be closed on Election Day, Tuesday, June 9th**, so staff can work at the election and on **Tuesday, June 30th at 3:00 PM** for end-of-fiscal-year processing






**YOUR  
VOICE  
MATTERS!**

**VOTE**

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026



**June Community Calendar**

1 Mon		16 Tue	<b>Lit. Fire &amp; Rescue Meeting</b> -6pm, Central Sta.
2 Tue	<b>Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting</b> , 6:00pm	17 Wed	<b>Lit. Food Bank</b> —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd <b>RSU4-Board Meeting</b> , Central Off 6:30pm
3 Wed	<b>Lit. Food Bank</b> —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd	18 Thur	<b>Lit Food Bank</b> —10am-12pm, 56 Plains Rd <b>Lit. Budget Comm.</b> — 6:30pm, Town Off. <b>Lit. Senior Comm</b> - 1pm, Senior Center
4 Thur	<b>Lit Food Bank</b> —10am-12pm, 56 Plains Rd <b>Lit Planning Bd</b> —Town Office 6:30pm	19 Fri	Town Office closed Transfer Station—8am -4pm  <b>JUNE 19TH JUNETEENTH</b>
5 Fri	Town Office closed Transfer Station—8am -4pm	20 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store—Open 9am-12pm Old Town House Museum— open 1pm-4pm
6 Sat	Transfer Station - 8am-4pm Academy Thrift Store—Open 9am-12pm Lit. Sportsman's Club-Public Supper & Jam. Supper 5 - 6 \$10. Jam 6:30 to 8 Oak Hill High School Graduation 7pm, Augusta Civic Center	21 Sun	Transfer Station—8am-4pm  <b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</b>
7 Sun	<b>Lit. Sportsman's Club</b> -Country Music Sunday Noon to 4 \$8.00 Transfer Station—8am-4pm	22 Mon	<b>Lit. Selectmen's Meeting</b> ; 6:30pm, Town Office -zoom available-see website
8 Mon	<b>Lit. Selectmen's Meeting</b> ; 6:30pm, Town Office- zoom available-see website <b>Lit. Recreation Comm</b> -6:15pm Town Office	23 Tue	
9 Tue	<b>Lit. First Responders</b> -6pm, Central Office	24 Wed	<b>Lit. Food Bank</b> —4pm-6pm; 56 Plains Rd
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15 Mon		30 Tue	

It was June and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside.

-Maud Hart Lovelace

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[sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org](mailto:sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org)  
[www.litchfieldmaine.org](http://www.litchfieldmaine.org)  
 Open: Mon.—Wed.: 8:00 a.m.—4:00p.m.  
 Thurs.: 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.  
 Closed: Every Fri.

**LITCHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**



It's Loon nesting season! Most of us have learned by now that the Loons nest in May and by the second week in July when the annual Loon count is held, their chicks will be on their backs or close by. Bring your binoculars when you visit the lakes so that you don't have to get too close. There are volunteers helping Maine Audubon monitor Loons on all five of our Tacoma Lakes and most likely on the other surrounding lakes as well. If you see interesting or disturbing Loon behavior, contact the Tacoma Lakes Association to let these volunteers record the information.

**Invasive Water Plants**

We are also approaching the season when invasive plants begin to show up. The Tacoma Lakes IPP (invasive plant patrol) will be meeting in mid-June to set up this summer's schedule. The target area will be Sand Pond, but if any concerns are noticed in any other areas the team will come to you and take a look. If you have a question or think you might want to get involved contact the Tacoma Lakes Association

**July Issue Deadline:**  
 June 20, 2026 5pm Deliver material in any of the following ways:  
 email: [sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org](mailto:sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org)  
**U.S. mail to:** Town Office, 2400 Hollowell Rd. 04350  
**Hand deliver to:** Town Office 2400 Hollowell Rd.  
**Invasive Milfoil**

