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Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

April question: Which of these Litchfield Roads did not exist before 1880 : Huff's Mill Road, Lunts's Hill Road, or Wentzell Road.

March question: What Litchfield family's mill was connected to the Hallowell Road by the Old Mill Road ? answer: Elias Plympton.

Conservation Committee

The Town of Litchfield has lost some beautiful old trees recently as a result of both road work and storms. In our effort to "Beautify Litchfield" the Conservation Commission would like hold a tree drawing in May in conjunction with the annual roadside cleanup. Entering the contest is free; simply sign up at the town office during the month of April. **The roadside cleanup**, sponsored by the Litchfield Community Action Coalition with the support of the Conservation Commission will be held on **Saturday May 12**. You will also have a chance to put your name into the tree raffle at that time. The winner will receive a gift certificate to pick up the tree or shrub. The tree raffle will be drawn separately from the raffle for participation in the cleanup.

Litchfield Parks and Recreation is now accepting applications for summer positions as park attendants at Woodbury Pond Park. Applicants must be 18 years or older. Applications may be obtained at the town office. For more information call Tiffany Caton, Recreation Director at 268-4721

The Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed's 12th annual Spring Nature Day Camp will be held during April school vacation week at the YMCA Camp of Maine on Cobbossee Lake in East Winthrop. Two 2-day sessions will be offered: Tuesday and Wednesday - April 17 & 18, 2018 and Thursday and Friday- April 19 & 20, 2018. Both sessions, open to children in grades 3-5, will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, and include a mixture of **fun** indoor and outdoor activities that focus on the natural world, including geocaching, fishing, hiking and exploring pond, stream and forest habitats. Camp registration for each 2-day camp session is only \$90/pp and includes the use of all equipment and daily afternoon snack. Limited scholarships are available! Early registration is highly recommended as space is limited! Registration forms can be downloaded at www.watershedfriends.com. FMI, contact Cami Wilbert, Education & Outreach Director at 621-4100 or cami@watershedfriends.com

Senior Center Corner

The Senior Center will be closed on April 16 for Patriots Day.

The Litchfield Senior Center is open and available to all, no fee to attend. "Aging is more fun when you share it".

The book club meeting is Wednesday 4/11 at 12:15, book to be discussed is "The Library at the Edge of the World" by Felicity Hayes-McCoy .

Bowling will be on Thursday, 4/12 at 1-7-10 lanes in Augusta. Call 441-9005 for carpooling, we leave at 12. **Wednesday 4/18** at 1 p.m. Making cards w/Anne Thompson. Think spring planting with flower themed cards.

Friday 4/20 is the pot luck lunch and celebration of April birthdays.

Line dancing instruction Mondays at 9:30 for beginners and advanced. Aerobics classes on Wednesday and Fridays at 8:30.

Music practice is at 10 on Wednesdays. If you love to sing or play an instrument, come and join us for a fun time.

The Feldenkrais method exercise class with Lindsay Nelsen is at 9:30 on Fridays.

Cribbage games for fun on Mondays at 11 and Fridays 10-12. Bring a lunch and stay for bingo on Mondays in the afternoon & on Friday cards.

The Thrift Shop is open the first Monday 10-11 only.

The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting is at 10 on Thursday 4/19.

Check out our knitting and crocheting group on Friday afternoons as well as "Unlucky Sevens" (nickels) card game,

Reminder: Exercise equipment and Wii games available for use 9-4 Monday and Friday; 9-12 Wednesday.

Roadrunner trip to Oxford Casino Thursday, April 26.

Coming up on Saturday May 12 at 10am-2pm a Health & Wellness Expo at the Senior Center. Plan to stop by and check it out.

Please stop in to the Senior Center for more information, a cup of coffee or tea and check out our books (paperback & hard cover). We also have a supply of DVD's, VHS and CD books on tape available, or work on the 1000 piece puzzle.

Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop -Seasonal change-over April 4 and 5 at 7:00 PM. Would love to have your help. shopping encouraged. Lots of great kids' clothes including infants and toddler's sizes .25 cents each. *We also have for sale: Three bridal dresses sizes 8 - 20!* Put it on your calendar and join us. FMI, Call Rayna 582-4098

Litchfield Transfer Station

Now that the single source recycling operation is up and running, we have identified a couple of issues that will facilitate using the new equipment so as to optimize the capability of the operation:

Please remove the caps on all plastic containers so that we can fully compact said containers.

We would also appreciate people utilizing the flattened cardboard operation to place your flattened cardboard as far back in the container as possible. Unfortunately, some people have placed cardboard boxes that have not been flattened into the container and this has caused the piles of cardboard to become unstable and fall to the front of the container. This practice limits the amount of cardboard that can be put into the container. In an effort to fully utilize the amount of cardboard that can be practically put into the container, we will be constructing a moveable wooden barrier inside the container that will assist in identifying the location to place flattened cardboard as well as stabilize the cardboard as the piles of cardboard increase in height. Once the cardboard has reached optimum height, we will move the barrier further toward the front of the container and repeat the process. We have seen an increase in the number of people at the Transfer Station that are doing so for the single purpose of recycling. We have received many compliments on the new Single Source system in that the new system is faster and easier than the old system of separating recyclables into separate containers. As warmer weather approaches we will be starting additional projects at the Transfer Station that will improve the sustainability of this facility as well as increase the security and safety of the operations at the facility. Bryan T. Lamoreau

Litchfield Community Spring Roadside Cleanup!
Saturday May 12, 2018 10:00 am – 12:30 pm Free Corn Maze Passes, Drawings for Gift Certificates, Highschoolers Earn Community Service Hours! Clean up the town and be eligible to win free gift certificates from local businesses, including Applewald Farm, Fielder's Choice, Meadows Golf Course, Percy's Hardware, trees from the Litchfield Conservation Commission, and more! Meet at the Litchfield Town Office parking lot at 10 am, where we will form work teams and hand out trash bags, and then head out to pick up trash. We will return to the Town Office at noon, and at 12:30, we will have a drawing and sign off on community service hours for participating students. Bring your work gloves and a good attitude! Have fun and make a difference in your town!! Any questions? Interested in donating a gift certificate? Call Marilyn at 512-5382. Rain date (May 19th).

Town Manager/Clerk's Corner

The Town Office will be closed on Monday, April 16th, for Patriots Day.

Budget review has begun. Each section of the town budget will be reviewed at upcoming Select Board meetings until the end of April. If you have an interest in the budget, you don't have to wait for the annual Town Meeting. Attending the Select Board meetings and following along during these reviews will give you a chance to hear the details, time to think about them, and an opportunity to ask questions. Alternatively, you can link to videos of the Select Board meetings at the Town Website (LitchfieldMaine.org).

Nomination Papers Are Due April 17th:

If you are considering running for an elected position this year, nomination papers may be picked up at the Town Office and must be returned by April 17th. In order to be listed on the ballot this June, each nominee requires signatures from 25 registered Litchfield voters. Positions open for the coming year are on the Board of Selectmen (1); Budget Committee (2); Litchfield Academy Trustees (1); and RSU#4 School Board (1).

Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance Changes:

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday April 19, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. at the Litchfield Town Office to review proposed ordinance changes. Following is a brief description of the public hearing. Amendments to the:

Litchfield Shoreland Zoning Ordinance --

Add language that was left out of the Amended version dated June 13, 2009

Sections 12,C,3; 13, A

Removal of the Timber Harvesting Standards

Section 14, Table 1, Land Uses 3, 4, 27

Section 15,O and removal of all associated definitions in Section 17

Litchfield Land Use Ordinance --

Adding wording to section 9,F,1 Multi Family Residential

Section 11 Definitions Multi Family Residential

Litchfield Subdivision Ordinance --

Remove wording from Section 9 definition of Trail
 Copies of the changes are available on the town website (litchfieldmaine.org) from the Code Enforcement page and are also available at the Town Office.

The American Legion Auxiliary of the American Legion William R. Bold Post 181 will be holding a public supper on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 5:00pm–6:30pm at the Legion Hall in Litchfield. All proceeds will benefit Girls State.

The Creators 4h: Will meet at Carrie Ricker on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 5 pm through 6:30 pm. For more info call Lori at 7543931.

April Community Calendar

1 Sun	Happy Easter	16 Mon	Budget Comm. -6:30pm, Town Office Historical Society -7pm, Town Office
2 Mon	Recreation Comm —6:30pm-Town Office Order of Eastern Star , Hallowell, 7pm	17 Tue	Masons -Masonic Hall, 7:30pm Fire Rescue Station clean-up , 6:00pm Fire/Rescue Assoc. , Station, 6:30pm Fire/Rescue Meeting , Station, 7:00pm
3 Tue	First Responders Meeting , Station, 6:30pm	18 Wed	TOPS -Carrie Ricker School-6:30pm
4 Wed	TOPS -6:30pm, Carrie Ricker	19 Thur	Senior Advisory Comm. , Center, 10am Planning Board -6:15(Public Hearing) Lit Farmer's Club , Sportsman's club-7:30pm
5 Thur		20 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10a.m.-2p.m.
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 Open: Mon.: 8:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
 Tue.—Thu.: 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
 Closed: Every Fri.

Litchfield Invasive Plants Notes

As soon as the ground thaws you can see the early-to-leaf out shrub honeysuckles with their new green in the still leafless grey woods. One adaptive feature that makes honeysuckle invasive is that fact that it leafs out early and stay green later than our native plants, giving it an advantage by making chlorophyll longer. These Asian woody plants, up to about 6' tall, are a threat to the diverse understory of our woods. I have seen a startling and sad situation of ONLY shrub honeysuckle as solid ground cover under tall oaks. See Maine Natural Areas for control methods and replacement plant ideas.

Road side management of invasive plants will continue. Japanese knotweed control will be during the first weeks of June at which time residents with knotweed **not** in the road right of way can have their patch sprayed at their own expense. Contact the Town Manager for information.

Want to learn ways to control the woody shrub invasive plants on your property without chemicals and help control invasives on Town owned property? The Conservation Commission will hold invasive plant control days, one during the week and one on Saturday JUNE 2nd at 9 to 11:30 at the historic Emerson property near the 197 mailbox on Pine Tree Road. Bring handsaws, shovels, bug repellent, water and some aggressive behavior to cut down and cover in black plastic or dig up these nasty plants while the soil is still soft.

May Issue Deadline:
 Apr. 20, 2018, 5 p.m.
 Deliver material in any of the following ways:

E-mail
[\(sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org\)](mailto:sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org)

U.S. mail to: Town Office, 2400 Hollowell Rd.

Oak Hill High

School class of 2018
 You can donate your bottles/cans throughout the year at Billy's Bottle Barn on the Small Rd. Fmi email scottwks@gmail.com or call Scott Weeks 242-3352 All proceeds will benefit Project Graduation.