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Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

December question: Early Litchfield settlers who came by water often traveled up the Kennebec River to a place known to Native Americans as bombahook. What would that destination be known as today? **November question:** "Predestination would have been preached from which of Litchfield's three early churches." **answer:** The North Baptist Church To read more about the history of Litchfield go to WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org

CHRISTMAS WRAPPING!!

Do you hate wrapping Christmas presents? The Litchfield Recreation department will be at Carrie Ricker school (in the cafeteria) on December 15th from 9-11 a.m. so stop by and get your Christmas presents wrapped. There will be no charge for the service but there will be a donation bucket if anyone would like to make a donation to our youth recreation programs.

Conservation Commission News

The Conservation Commission is for folks who enjoy and are concerned about the land and water of the Town of Litchfield. This group installs and maintains trails on Town owned land; teaches identification of native plants and the destructive invading plants which will degrade our habitats and cause extinction; has members on the Invasive Plant Patrol for the lakes, trying for "Early Detection and Rapid Response" to keep our Tacoma Lakes invasive free; does forestry management on Town owned land generating income for the Town; and runs some very interesting, scholarly outdoor programs for school children of various ages. If you're an outdoor person or someone who enjoys the rural nature of our Town we encourage you to join this great group of people. The Conservation Commission meets the second Wednesday of the month. In the winter we will meet at 6pm at the Town Office; the next meeting is December 12th

Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop

Let us help you get ready for Christmas. We have several nice and interesting holiday themed garments. We also have party clothes for that special New Year's Even Party, including nice suits for the gentlemen in your life.



Senior Center

>**BUCKETS OF SAND AVAILABLE FOR SENIORS-** Call 215-4595; 441-9005; 268-4237 to get on the list for delivery. This is a coordinated function of the Litchfield Senior Center and Litchfield Fire Department.

>A huge **thank you** to all who contributed to the successful Harvest Luncheon on November 9. Over 50 meals were served.

>The following are dates and places that The Carol Bailey String Band will perform Christmas concerts:

Wednesday, Dec 5 @ 7 p.m. THE GREEN LADLE, Lewiston (Ladies of Saint Anne Christmas Party at Lewiston High School.)

Wednesday, Dec 12 - 10 a.m. @ SCHOONER ESTATES, Auburn; 2 p.m. @ CLOVER MANOR, Auburn.

Wednesday, Dec 19 @11 a.m. D.R.U.M. CHURCH, Richmond (Dresden-Richmond United Methodist Church) for area Senior Citizens Groups; @ 2 p.m. at the **Alzheimer's Care Center, Gardiner.**

>Bowling will be on Thursday, 12/13 at Sparetime Recreation, Lewiston. Call 441-9005 for carpooling, leave at noon.

>**The annual Christmas Party will be at 1 p.m. Friday 12/14.** Bring a gift \$5-\$10 for exchange to put under the tree. Christmas music will be performed.

>Line dancing instruction Mondays at 9:30 for beginners and advanced.

>Aerobics classes at 8:30 on Wednesday 12/5,26 only, Fridays 12/7,14,21,28.

>Music practice on 12/13 only in December due to concerts.

>Feldenkrais Awareness Through Movement Method exercise class at 9:30 12/7,14,21,28 or contact leader Lindsay Nelsen @ 268-4569 for schedule.

>Cribbage games and/or Unlucky 7's for fun on Mondays at 11 and Fridays 10. Bring a lunch and stay for bingo or Unlucky 7's on Mondays in the afternoon & on Friday cards.

>The thrift shop is open the first and third Monday 10-11.

>The Seniors Advisory Committee meeting is at 10 on Tuesday 12/20.

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

If RSU 4 schools are closed due to bad weather, the Senior Center will also be closed.

Please stop in to the Senior Center for more information, a cup of coffee or tea and to sign up for the **activities.**

>**Coming up in January:** Book Club meeting Jan 9 to discuss "Call Me American" by Abdi Nor Iftin and "Windswept" by Mary Ellen Chase

The Center is located at 466 Academy Rd. next to the Libby-Tozier Elementary School. The telephone number is 215-4595 or call Pat @ 441-9005.

Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 15 at the Litchfield Central Fire Station from 9am to 11am. All welcome.



The Veteran & Senior Luncheon will be held on December 30 at the Litchfield Central Fire Station from 11am to 2pm. All welcome. **For more information** contact Tina Gowell 207-485-5565

RSU4 School News

There is an Ornament Night planned for Libby-Tozier School. It will be on Wednesday, 12/5 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Here are the concerts for December: There will be a **Holiday Concert** at Sabattus Primary School on Tuesday, December 11, at 6 p.m. Grades 1 & 2 will be performing. Winter is closing in and with it comes the joyful holiday season. The Carrie Ricker music program would like you to help us celebrate the holidays by attending our **Winter Concert**. It will take place on Wednesday, December 12th at 6:00pm. This holiday celebration will include **3rd and 4th grade** general music classes, as well as the **5th grade band and choir**. The **Holiday Concert for Libby-Tozier School** will be on Thursday, December 13 at 6 p.m. **Grades 1 and 2** will be performing at this concert. The **Oak Hill Middle School** Winter Concert will be on Friday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. The **Oak Hill High School Winter Concert** will be on Tuesday, December 18, at 6:30 p.m. The schools will be closed December 24 – January 1 for vacation.

RSU 4 PTA Annual Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday December 8, 2018 from 9-3 at Oak Hill Middle School Lots of crafters and vendors available for all of your holiday shopping needs. We will have a kids craft table, raffle table, baked goods and food for sale. All proceeds will benefit the Carrie Ricker School Playground Fund. Any interested crafters or vendors please contact us at rsu4pta@rsu4.org or check out our Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/rsu4pta/.

Community Knitting Night is Dec 13th at the Senior Center in the Academy Building from 6 pm to 8 pm. All are invited to join us.

4H - The Creators: The next meeting is Dec 9th at the Senior Center at 4pm. It will be the Christmas party and a Christmas craft. For the registered 4H members please bring a wrapped gift that can be for either a boy or girl.

Town Manager/Clerk's Corner

Town Office Hours:

The Town Office will be close early on the following days in December: at 1 pm Thursday Dec 13th for our annual office Christmas party; at 1 pm Monday, December 24th, Christmas eve; and at 3 pm December 31st, New Year's eve.

2019 Dog Licenses - You may license your dog(s) for 2019 at the Town office beginning October 15th or online at https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl. If rabies vaccinations are due please bring a copy of the new vaccination. To avoid a late fee your dog must be licensed by January 31, 2019. Thank you to those who brought their dogs to the rabies clinic and also supported Litchfield's future Food Bank.

Snowmobiles - Snowmobiles may now be registered at the Town Office, or online at <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/atv-snowmobile/index.html>.

Property Revaluation - Site visits to properties are complete and property cards are being updated over the winter. Once the overall assessment is complete homeowners will be notified of their valuations. R.J.D. will schedule a block of time to meet with any/all homeowners that wish to appeal their new valuation.

Fuel Assistance - Applicants for the KVCAP Fuel Assistance Program should contact KVCAP directly by calling either 1-800-542-8227 ext. 1500 or (207) 859-1500 to schedule an appointment. Applicants may also access the KVCAP website (www.kvcap.org) click "For The Home", select "Heating Assistance", click the highlighted "Click Here" and book your appointment. Information is available in the Town office.

Upcoming meetings at the Town Office (see the Town website for changes or updates):

Planning Board Thursday, Dec 6th, 6:30 pm

Select Board – Monday, Dec 10th, 6:30 pm

Budget Committee – Monday, Dec 17th, 6:30 pm

The Select Board **will not** have a second meeting in December

December Community Calendar

1 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon Lit. Sportsman's Club ; Supper 5pm & Music Jam, 6pm	17 Mon	
2 Sun	Lit. Sportsman's Club ; Country Sunday, live Music noon—4:30pm	18 Tue	Daisy Girl Scouts -Libby Tozier-6:30pm
3 Mon	Eastern Star —Masonic Hall; 7pm Lit Recreation Comm. , 6:30pm; Town Office Lit. Sportsman's Club Meets -7pm Order of the Eastern Star , Masonic Hall, 7:00 PM	19 Wed	Budget Comm -6:30pm; Town Office
4 Tue	Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting —6pm Daisy Girl Scouts -Libby Tozier-6:30pm	20 Thur	Senior Advisory Com. , 10am, Academy Bldg
5 Wed	TOPS -Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m.	21 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m.
6 Thur	Planning Board -6:30pm; Town Office	22 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon
7 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m.	23 Sun	
8 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon Amer. Legion Ladies Aux , LegionHall, 10am	24 Mon	Christmas Eve
9 Sun		25 Tue	
10 Mon	Selectman Meeting , Town Office-6:30pm	26 Wed	
11 Tues	Daisy Girl Scouts -Libby Tozier-6:30pm Conservation Comm. -6:30pm, Town Office	27 Thur	
12 Wed	RSU4 School Board-OHHS ; 6:30p.m. TOPS -Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m	28 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m.
13 Thurs		29 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon
14 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m.	30 Sun	
15 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon Santa Breakfast -Central Fire Station-9am-11am	31 Mon	New Year's Eve
16 Sun			

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