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Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

November question: "Predestination would have been preached from which of Litchfield's three early churches." October question: State law requires the town to maintain Litchfield's old private cemeteries if what requirement is met? Answer: A veteran is buried in the cemetery. To read more about the history of Litchfield go to WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org

4th ANNUAL RCAM EMPTY BOWLS SUPPER

November 10, Litchfield Sportsmen's Club, 4:30-6:00PM. 100% proceeds will be used for hunger prevention in local communities. Choose your dining bowl from the beautiful handmade bowls donated by local potters. There will be hearty homemade soups, salads, bread, drinks and desserts. Other pottery (bowls, lamps, vases, mugs) will be available through a silent auction. Rural Community Action Ministry's (RCAM) has been serving Litchfield and 12 other local communities for nearly 50 years. This is the first time RCAM has held a fundraiser in Litchfield. Please come out and show your support.

RSU4 SCHOOL NEWS

Sparks' Ark will be at Libby-Tozier on Wednesday, November 7th from 5:30-6:30pm. Some of the animals Josh Sparks will bring include a sugar glider, chinchilla, hedgehog, owl, and a boa. He will do an educational talk about the different things he does with animals including wildlife rehabilitation and relocating nuisance wildlife. This event is sponsored by the Modern Woodmen Jr. Club. All are welcome to attend. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held at Libby-Tozier School on November 27th and 29th. They will run from 3:30-7:00 p.m. Call Janice Plante at 268-4137 for more information.

American Legion—William R. Bold Post 181

The members of William R. Bold Post 181, American Legion, located at 235 Plains Road, Litchfield, cordially invite the community to attend our Veterans Day ceremony on Sunday, November 11th, beginning at 11:00 am. We will follow this with a light lunch and a dignified flag disposal.

Senior Center

The Center will be closed on November 12, 22 & 23
11/9 - Harvest Luncheon 12-2 - see notice
The book club meeting is on Wednesday, 11/14 at 12:30 at the Senior Center, the book to be discussed is "Clock Dance" by Anne Tyler.
Bowling on Thursday, 11/8 at Sparetime Recreation in Lewiston. To carpool, call 441-9005. We leave at 12.
The pot luck lunch and celebration of November birthdays will be on 11/16.
11/16 Friday, a speaker on Medicare changes & open enrollment.
Line dancing instruction Mondays at 9:30 for beginners and advanced. Aerobics classes are Wednesday and Friday at 8:30. No Aerobics on 11/21.
Music practice for the Carol Bailey String Band & Chorus is Wednesday at 10 on 11/8,14,28 none on 11/21.
Feldenkrais Awareness Through Movement exercise class at 9:30 on 11/2,9,16,29.
Cribbage or Unlucky 7's games 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/games.
The thrift shop is open the first and third Monday 10-11.
The Seniors Advisory Committee meeting is at 10 on Thursday 11/15.
The "Roadrunner" trip is Tuesday November 13: Christmas Tree Shop, Portland Mall, and lunch at the Country Buffet. Leave at 8:30 from Sportsmen's Club.
The suggestion list for trips in 2019 are available at the Senior Center. Stop in to fill one out, always looking for new places to see.
Reminder: Exercise equipment & Wii games available for use 9-4 Monday and Friday, 9-12 Wednesday.
Sand for Seniors: If you need sand for winter the Senior Center & Fire Dept. will see that you receive a 5 gallon bucket of sand. Call 215-4595 or 268-4237 to get on the list. If the schools (RSU 4) are closed due to weather, the Senior Center will be closed also. Notification for the closing of the Center will be on Ch. 6, 8 & 13.
Please stop in to the Senior Center for more information, a cup of coffee or tea and to sign up for the trips & activities. The Center is located at 466 Academy Rd. next to the Libby-Tozier Elementary School. The telephone number is 215-4595 or call Pat at 441-9005.

Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop

The Buck A Bag customers took home a lot of great items, but we've still got a lot left. Come see what a few bucks will buy you! All kids clothes are still 25 cents per item. Bargains galore!



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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

Litchfield Farmers Club

Litchfield Farmers Club would like to extend our heartfelt thank you for your support this year. Without the generosity of you all, we would have had a difficult time opening the gates for the Litchfield Fair! However, we had one the best fairs ever and our gates will open next year.

Litchfield Community Park

The students from RSU 4 Spent a morning at Litchfield community Park on the day of caring October 16, 2018. The 6th, 7th and eighth graders Did a great job cleaning hiking trails, clearing shrubs around the parking area and covering invasive plants. It was a great day for us as well as for them! I hope they come to use the park and you do too.

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/.

Harvest Luncheon

The Senior Center, located on the Academy Rd, is hosting a FREE harvest lunch for the community. Come and enjoy a meal of turkey, mashed potato, vegetables, gravy, desserts and beverages. Transportation is available upon request. Please call 215-4595 or 268-4237 to sign up.

Basketball Registrations

Litchfield recreation is now accepting registrations for our youth basketball teams. Registrations are due in by November 8th, any late registrations will have a late fee charged and NO registrations will be accepted after Monday, November 19th. Registration cost is \$40 per child. children ranging from Pre-K (4yr olds) to 5th grade are eligible. For more information contact Tiffany Caton, Recreation Director at 268-4721

Town Manager/Clerk's Corner

2018-19 Property Taxes -Tax bills were mailed in mid-October with 1st installment due by Oct 25th. If you are a Litchfield property owner and have not received a property tax bill you can call the Town Office, or check our tax commitment book online at Litchfieldmaine.org. By state law, tax bills are mailed to whoever owned the property prior to April 1st. If you purchased your property after April 1st, you are still expected to pay the taxes, but the bill was mailed to the previous owner. If your taxes are escrowed your mortgage company will contact the Town Office to determine the amount due.

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/cqi-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.

A rabies vaccination clinic is scheduled for Saturday, November 17th from 9 – 11am at the central Fire Station. Cost is \$20 with \$5 going toward start-up of the Litchfield 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 - Revaluation of all Litchfield real estate is on-going and assessors from R J D Appraisal are continuing to visit properties They have identification and their ID photos are posted on the Town's website Assessors' visits will not be specifically scheduled or announced 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.

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.

Transfer Station

Please be advised that the **last weekend** that the Swap Shop will be open for this year will be October 27 & 28. **Leaf season** is upon us again. If you are bringing leaves to the Transfer Station please put them on the leaf pile, not twenty feet from the leaf pile in the roadway.


Brush Pile: we have had numerous people attempt to bring stumps into the Transfer Station to put on the brush pile. We cannot accept stumps as they tend to contain rocks. Rocks will damage the brush grinder.

Single Source recycling back to putting recyclables into separate containers. We will attempt to make this transition on November 10th. This will give us enough time to move containers into position as well as enough time to have the appropriate signs made to place on the containers.

Rabies Clinic

Rabies Clinic to Raise Money for the Future Litchfield Food Bank Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Central Fire Station 2407 Hallowell Rd; \$20 charge - \$5 of this fee will benefit the future Litchfield Food Bank ; (All donations to the future Litchfield Food Bank are tax deductible) If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Litchfield Town Office at 268-4721. Dog licenses for 2019 will be available Cost - \$11.00 / Neutered or spayed - \$6.00 Please have dogs on a leash and cats in a box or carrier

November Community Calendar

1 Thur	Planning Board -6:30pm; Town Office	17 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon Farmers Club Annual Meeting & Desert , 7:00 Sportsmen's Club
2 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m.	18 Sun	
3 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	19 Mon	Budget Comm -6:30pm; Town Office
4 Sun	Lit. Sportsman's Club ; Country Sunday, live Music noon—4:30pm	20 Tue	
5 Mon	Eastern Star —Masonic Hall; 7pm Lit Recreation Comm. , 6:30pm; Town Office Lit. Sportsman's Club Meets -7pm	21 Wed	TOPS -Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m.
6 Tue	Lit. Fire/Rescue Officers Meeting —6pm	22 Thur	
7 Wed	TOPS -Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m.	23 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m.
8 Thur	Planning Board -6:30pm; Town Office	24 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon
9 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m. Senior Center Harvest Luncheon -12-2, Academy	25 Sun	
10 Sat	Transfer Station , 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Academy Thrift Store , 9 a.m.-noon Amer. Legion Ladies Aux , LegionHall, 10am	26 Mon	Lit. Selectmen's Meeting -6:30pm; Town Off
11 Sun		27 Tues	Masons -Masonic Hall, 7:30pm Fire Rescue Station clean-up , 6:00pm Fire/Rescue Assoc. , Station, 6:30pm Fire/Rescue Meeting , Station, 7:00pm First Responders Meeting , Station, 6:30pm
12 Mon	Veteran's Day — Town Office Closed Lit. Selectmen's Meeting -6:30p; Town Office	28 Wed	RSU4 School Board-OHHS ; 6:30p.m. TOPS -Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m. Franks & Beans , Legion Hall, 6:30pm American Leg. Post 181 , Legion Hall 7pm
13 Tue	Conservation Comm. -6:30pm, Town Office	29 Thurs	
14 Wed	RSU4 School Board-OHHS ; 6:30p.m. TOPS -Carrie Ricker School; 6:30p.m.	30 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m.
15 Thur	Senior Advisory Com. , 10am, Academy Bldg		
16 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m.		

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 Closed: Every Fri.

Road Committee Report—As winter approaches we want to report our activities for spring, summer and fall Small Road, Surface Asphalt was installed, Work done by Allstate Company Maxwell road reclaimed, (old asphalt ground up) Work done by Crooker Company. Maxwell road Ditching, culverts changed, Gravel added and graded and rolled, Work Done by LPW (Litchfield Public Works) Maxwell road Pavement installed by Allstate Company Oak Hill South road Reclaimed work done by Crooker Company Ditching, Gravel added graded and Rolled work done by LPW Oak Hill Center road (old dirt part) Gravel and graded and rolled Work done by LPW Still working Gravel and ditching culvert change work to be done by LPW. Expect to pave Oak Hill So Oct. 29, 2018 Work to be done by Allstate company Weather Permitting. Oak Hill Gravel part the Selectman have chosen to wait till spring to see how the gravel holds up without pavement. The Buker road, So. Adams Road, and the John Tarr Road were chipped sealed. Work done by Allstate Company 2019 Spring: plans are to Reclaim Oak Hill North, ditch, gravel, grade and roll, install pavement. We have a new Chairman of the RAC, Toby Jutras. Please welcome him as the new Chairman.

Litchfield Swap Shop—The Litchfield Swap Shop located at the town's Transfer Station will officially be closed on the last Saturday of October and will not re-open until the 1st Friday in May (weather permitting) and, if, there are enough volunteers to operate. During the intervening months several volunteers will try to keep items organized that are in the building and due to the unheated condition in the building, we ask that donations that might be damaged by moisture be held till Spring. Though mid-October slightly less than 10,000 items have gone through the swap shop, far more than last year. Donations of unused items have benefited dozens of individuals in town and saved the town money by not having those items thrown into the bulk waste containers. Litchfield resident Cindy DeWitt is to be acknowledged for her fine work in assuring the staffing of the shop is consistent and the shop remains a favorite stop for many residents, both to leave merchandise or pick up an item they need.

December Issue Deadline: Nov. 20, 2018, 5 p.m. Deliver material in any of the following ways:
E-mail
sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org
U.S. mail to:
 Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd. 04350
Hand deliver to: Town Office, 2400 Hallowell Rd

