Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz
January question: Toothaker Corner was located at the intersection of what two present day roads?
December question: The “Libby Mill Stream” of early Litchfield Records referred to what present day stream? Answer: Potter Brook To read more about the history of Litchfield go to WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org

Kennebec Land Trust Outing Club Snowshoe at Holman Conservation Area - On Friday, January 19, 2018 at 9:30 am join Kennebec Land Trust (KLT) staff for a snowshoe at the Holman Conservation Area in Litchfield. This conservation area protects 75-acres of reclaimed land. Today beautiful tree-lined paths are dominated by birches, quaking aspen, balsam fir, and northern white cedar. This is the first KLT Outing Club event of 2018. We will have snowshoes available if you don’t have your own pair. Call the KLT office at 377-2848 or email Kbrewer@tklt.org with any questions, but no registration is required. The KLT Outing Club hosts walks or other outings on a (mostly) monthly basis. All ages are welcome. Join us to get outside and connect with other outdoor enthusiasts. Location: Melanie Road off of Upper Pond Road in Litchfield.

Smithfield Plantation - The Smithfield Plantation Board of Trustees has an opening. If anyone is interested in joining this 5-member board that oversees the care and activities at Smithfield Plantation. Please submit a letter of request to the selectmen.

RSU4 School News
The next Primary Parent Party will be held at Sabattus Primary School on Tuesday, January 16th from 6 - 7 p.m. Oak Hill High School's Drama Club will be doing Disney’s “The Little Mermaid!” Performances will be held on Friday and Saturday, January 19th and 20th - at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, January 21st at 2 p.m. Admission is $5 for students and $8 for general admission. Parent/teacher conferences will be held at Carrie Ricker on January 25th and 30th. For more info call Keli Terry at 268-4136.

Monday, 1/15/18 - no school - Martin Luther King birthday
Monday, 1/22/18 - no school - district wide workshop day
Friday, 2/2/18 - Flex Workshop Day - no school for Pre-K through grade 5. Oak Hill Middle and High School will have classes as usual.

Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop
January specials: All kids clothes, including great winter coats and ski pants for vacation sliding, are 25 cents per item! Gentlemen, buy a pair of pants for $1.00 and get a shirt free! Ladies, buy a pair of slacks or jeans and get a blouse or sweater free. Woo-hoo! Happy New Year!
Snowmobiles can be registered at the Town Office, but also can be purchased online with a credit card through the link under “Online Registrations” on the town website on the right-hand side-bar (www.litchfieldmaine.org). Also, dogs must be licensed by January 31st to avoid a late fee of $25.

Office closures: The Town Office will be closed on Monday, Jan 1st for New Year’s Day, and Monday, Jan 15th for the Martin Luther King, Jr holiday.

Winter is upon us and our plows have been operating. Our drivers routinely push the snow back at the edge of the road to accommodate snow from future storms, so having your mailbox installed properly is important. For reference, here are the general United States Postal Service Requirements for Curbside Residential Mailboxes.

- Mailboxes must be placed 6 to 8 inches away from the curb or shoulder edge; the slot or door must be 41 to 45 inches from the ground (45" being preferable in rural locations).
- All manufactured mailboxes must meet the internal and external dimension requirements of the USPS.
- Curbside mailboxes must be placed on the right-hand side of the road and facing outward so that mail carriers can access it easily without leaving their vehicle.
- The box or house number on a mailbox must be represented in numbers that are at least 1 inch tall, and they must be positioned on the front or flag side of the box.
- Curbside mailbox posts should be buried less than 24 inches deep and made from wood no larger than 4 inches high by 4 inches wide. Steel or aluminum pipes with a 2-inch diameter are also acceptable.
- Newspaper receptacles may be mounted on the same post as the mailbox, but they must not contact the mailbox directly or be supported by it.

William R. Bold Veteran Legion Post 181 - The Eagle Scouts held a flag disposal ceremony at the American Legion post on Veterans Day. As they were placing flags into the fire pit, a photo, ribbon, and other items fell from one. It was a casket flag in dire need of proper disposal but the contents were saved. The ribbon is for the American Campaign Medal, awarded to any member of the Armed Forces who served in the American Theater of Operations during the period from December 7, 1941 to March 2, 1946. Knowing this, it is safe to say that it this person World War II. We are turn the items bon and oth- family mem- would like to back. If we who the fami- would like to replacement Veterans Cemetery. Please contact Sodalite@litchfieldmaine.org or call the Town Office.

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Town Office Closed |
| 2 Tue | First Responders Meeting, Station, 6:30pm |
| 3 Wed | TOPS-6:30pm; Carrie Ricker School |
| 4 Thur | Lit. Planning Bd-6:00p; Town Office |
| 5 Fri | Town Office, closed  
Transfer Station, 8a.m.-4p.m.  
Transfer Station Swap Shop, 10a.m.-2p.m. |
| 6 Sat | Transfer Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Academy Thrift Store, 9 a.m.-noon  
Transfer Station Swap Shop, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Amer. Legion Ladies Aux, Legion Hall,10am  
Lit. Sportsman’s Club; Public Bean Supper & Music Jam, Supper 5pm, Music 6pm |
| 7 Sun | Lit Sportman’s Club; Country Sunday, live music noon-4:30pm |
| 8 Mon | Lit. Selectmen’s Meeting-6:30pm, Town Off  
Lit. Recreation Comm—6:30pm, Town Off  
Lit. Sportsman’s Club Meet—7:00pm  
4H Creators Club-5pm; Carrie Ricker School |
| 9 Tue |  |
| 10 Wed | TOPS-Carrie Ricker School-6:30pm  
RSU4 School Board-OHHS-6:30pm |
| 11 Thur | Conservation Committee—6:30pm,Town Office |
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| 14 Sun |  |
| 15 Mon | Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday  
Town Office Closed  
Budget Comm-6:30pm, Town Office  
Masons-Masonic Hall, 7:30pm  
Fire Rescue Station clean-up, 6:00pm  
Fire/Rescue Assoc., Station, 6:30pm  
Fire/Rescue Meeting, Station, 7:00pm  
TOPS-6:30pm; Carrie Ricker  
Senior Advisory Comm., Center, 10am  
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Franks&Beans, Legion Hall, 6:30pm  
American Legion Post 181, Legion Hall 7pm |
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SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER FOR THE NEW YEAR 2018

What do we want our Town to look like in the future? I’m guessing we want forests to walk, hunt in and harvest; lakes and streams to play on and fish, farmland for food and work. That’s why we want to control invasive plants now. Starting with your own property EARLY DETECTION and RAPID RESPONSE to invasive species prevent the smaller amounts of today from overwhelming our forests, waters and farms over time. Join in this year to help out and have some fun and exercise. TOWN PROGRAMS. In 2017 we began to control Japanese Knotweed / Japanese bamboo with an effective spray program for the roadsides, for a large infestation around the Public Works buildings and on the same day some town residents paid privately for control on their property. We want to continue this program further. Contact the Conservation Commission or the Road Committee lmnelsen@fairpoint.net now to sign up for this year’s spray program for your property. Knotweed will just get bigger and bigger. And Knotweed is a huge problem once it gets into water ways. Purple loosestrife control is now on the radar thanks to Ann Goselin and George Rogers and others. We are looking to map all the areas of Purple Loosestrife in Town and work with homeowners to control. Please contact the Conservation Commission lmnelsen@fairpoint.net to report on those pretty and dangerous purple plants flowering from June to September on your land in wet areas. Join a group now who are cutting them into garbage bags first (to prevent the tiny seeds from spreading) and digging up smaller plants. Manual control of invasive woody shrubs in Town forests and in the Community Park was begun in 2017. Join volunteers in spring who dig out small plants, cut down and cover large ones. Contact the Conservation Commission lmnelsen@fairpoint.net In April 2017 a small planting of the low growing and spreading native woody shrub Sweetfern was planted on the steep bank next to the new Ferrin Road bridge to prevent erosion and to out compete honeysuckle which are found nearby. Look for invasive plant information on the Town website down the road a bit to see what invasives you have, find links to the Maine Natural Areas Program and learn about control. Envision your ideal Town, our public and private lands, roads and open spaces. And join in controlling the invasives today.

February Issue Deadline: Jan. 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.

Oak Hill High School class of 2018 will be doing a bottle drive on Saturday January 6 all proceeds benefit project graduation. You can also donate your bottles throughout the year at Billy’s Bottle Barn on the Small Rd. Emai scottwks@gmail.com or call Scott Weeks 242-3352