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Historical Society Of Litchfield Trivia Quiz

March question: What Litchfield family's mill was connected to the Hallowell Road by the Old Mill Road? February question: Which of Litchfield's four early villages never had a church building? answer: Purgatory Village To read more about the history of Litchfield go to

WWW.HistoricalSocietyofLitchfieldMaine.org

RSU 4 News

There will be a band concert at Oak Hill High School on Tuesday, March 13th. It will feature all the bands from grades 5-12. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m.

March 23rd is now a student day for all grades = PreK - 12. It was previously on the school calendar as a teacher workshop day.

The primary schools Spring Concerts will be held at the end of March *Sabattus Primary School - PreK and Kindergarten Concert on March 27 at 6 p.m. in the SP gym.

***Libby-Tozier School** - PreK and Kindergarten Concert on March 29 at 6 p.m. in the LT gym.

If you are a resident of Litchfield, Sabattus or Wales and have a child that will be 5 years old on or before October 15, 2018, please call to sign up for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Also, please call if you have a child that will be 4 years old on or before October 15, 2018 and you are interested in our Pre - Kindergarten program. You can call Sabattus Primary School at 375 - 4525 or Libby-Tozier School at 268-4137.

The American Legion William R. Bold Post 181 will be having a public spaghetti supper on Saturday March 10th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Five dollars per plate. Spaghetti, salad, roll, and dessert. Includes coffee, tea, water, or a soft drink. Gluten Free pasta, meatballs, and sauce available upon request.

Hallowell Road Yard Sale Meetings – If you are interested in being a part of the June yard sale please come to these meetings at the Litchfield Sportsmen's Club on March 7 and March 21 at 6:30pm.

Litchfield Democrat Caucus—Sun., March 4—Litchfield Town Office from 3pm—5pm.

4H The Creators: Meetings are on the 12th and 26th of March. Time: 5-6:30pm at Carrie Ricker School in Litchfield. For more info call Lori at 207 -754-3931

Litchfield Senior Center

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

Bowling will be on Thursday, 3/8 at 1-7-10 lanes in Augusta. Call 441-9005 for carpooling, we leave at 12.

The book club meeting is Wednesday 3/14 at 12:15, book to be discussed is "Mrs. Kennedy and me" by Clint Hill.

Making Easter cards with Anne Thompson is on Wednesday 3/21 at 1 p.m. Come and use your imagination in creating your cards.

March birthday celebration will be Friday 3/16 with a pot luck lunch.

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 Nelson 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 and third Monday 10-11.

The Senior's Advisory Committee meeting is at 10 on Thursday 3/15.

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

Upcoming Roadrunner trip to Oxford Casino Thursday, April 26.

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.

Smithfield Plantations Trustees are welcoming our newest member Elton Wade. In March we are having a snow shoe or "boot" walk around the hiking trail on March 7th at 4:30. We welcome anyone who would like to attend. Our next meeting is on March 14th at 5:30 at the Town Office. This year the Trustees are planning educational activities such as Vernal Pool Day, Forestry Day and History Day for Carrie Ricker 3rd and 4th grades

Litchfield Academy Thrift Shop

Special for March!! Bring your bags and shop! \$2 for recyclable grocery bag and \$1 for paper grocery bag for the whole month! Anticipate what sizes your kids will wear next winter and stock up! Spring for a new wardrobe and switch out the items you are tired of. Spring clothes changeover April 4 and 5, starting at 7:00 PM. Put it on your calendar and join us!

Litchfield Transfer Station - Please be advised that we will start the single source recycling operation on March 2nd 2018. Please remember that plastic, glass, tin, and paper need to be put together in one clear plastic bag. Important item: we are constantly finding light bulbs and ceramic items such as cups, plates, saucers and figurines mixed in with the glass. Said items are prohibited and will result in that load being contaminated. Contaminated loads will cost the tax payers in Litchfield an addition \$500 per load. Flattened cardboard will go in a separate roll off container.

I would like to thank the citizens for their encouragement as well as for their patience in our getting this project operational. It has certainly taken much longer than any of us wanted but Mother Nature fought us every inch of the way causing delay after delay. I would also like to thank John Upton for donating a great deal of his time and materials to this project. Respectfully, Bryan T. Lamoreau



Litchfield Fair - The Litchfield Farmers Club (sponsoring the Litchfield Fair) were honored at their Annual Banquet in 2017 to receive the Town of Litchfield's Spirit of America Award presented to President Charlie Smith by Selectman Rayna Leibowitz. The Farmers Club is always reaching out to the public to foster awareness for Agriculture, Community and an opportunity to continue having a successful Agricultural Fair to entertain and educate the public! We begin our meeting every 4th Thursday from March 22nd until the fair on September 7, 8 and 9, 2018. We welcome volunteers and people willing to work at the fairgrounds while getting ready for this three day tradition. For information contact Carol Smith at 582-4940.

Town Manager/Clerk's Corner

We know spring is just around the corner when **Daylight Savings Time** arrives. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 11th.

Budget review season is also upon us. Each section of the town budget will be reviewed at upcoming Select Board meetings between now and 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 watch videos of the Select Board meetings at the Town Website, LitchfieldMaine.org

Nomination Papers Due April 17th: If you are considering running for an elected position this year, nomination papers may be picked up at the Town Office starting March 5th and must be returned by April 17th. In order to be listed on the ballot this June, each nominee requires signatures from 25 town residents. Positions open for this coming year are on the Board of Selectmen (1); Budget Committee (2); Litchfield Academy Trustees (1); and RSU#4 School Board (1).

Upcoming meetings at the Town Office (note the Planning Board has added an additional meeting each month until June to work on ordinance updates) :

Planning Board - Thursday, Mar 1st, 6:00 pm
 Recreation Committee - Monday, Mar 5th, 6:30 pm
 Select Board - Monday, Mar 12th, 6:30 pm
 Planning Board - Thursday, Mar 15th, 6:00 pm (planning only)
 Budget Committee - Monday, Mar 19th, 6:30 pm
 Road Committee - Wednesday, Mar 21st, 6:30 pm
 Select Board - Monday, Mar 26th, 6:30 pm

PLEASE NOTE: Litchfield Order of the Eastern Star will be meeting on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Hallowell Masonic Hall due to the frozen septic system at the Litchfield Masonic Hall.

Litchfield Recreation - Is currently accepting registrations for **baseball, softball and t-ball**. Registration forms will be going home through the schools or can be picked up at the Litchfield Town Office. The cost for baseball and softball is \$50 per child and t-ball is \$30 per child. If anyone has any questions they may contact Tiffany Caton, Recreation Director on either the Litchfield Youth Recreation Facebook page or by email (t.caton@litchfieldmaine.org) **All Registrations are due at the Town Office by Monday, March 5th.**

March Community Calendar

1 Thur	Planning Board , 6:00pm, Town Office	16 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10a.m.-2p.m.
2 Fri	Town Office , closed Transfer Station , 8a.m.-4p.m. Transfer Station Swap Shop , 10a.m.-2p.m.	17 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.
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4 Sun	Lit Sportsman's Club -Country Sunday, live music noon—4:30pm Democrat Caucus -Town Office-3pm	19 Mon	Budget Comm. 6:30pm, Town Office
5 Mon	Lit. Recreation Comm —6:30pm, Town Off	20 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
6 Tues	First Responders Meeting , Station, 6:30pm	21 Wed	TOPS -6:30pm; Carrie Ricker School Road Comm -6:30pm; Town Office
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13 Tue		28 Wed	TOPS -Carrie Ricker School-6:30pm RSU4 School Board-OHHS -6:30pm Franks&Beans , Legion Hall, 6:30pm American Leg. Post 181 , Legion Hall 7pm
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Tue.—Thu.: 8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Closed: Every Fri.

Road Committee: Invasive Plant Rules in Effect and what you can do.

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) has adopted rules to prohibit the sale and distribution of thirty-three *terrestrial* plants that were deemed invasive effective January 1, 2018. "The plants on this list have invaded farms, fields, forests and wetlands throughout the state," said Commissioner Walt Whitcomb. Although many were originally promoted with good intentions, such as, the prevention of soil erosion or to support wildlife, they have spread throughout Maine to the detriment of native species. In many places they have come to dominate forests, wetlands, fields and local landscapes, excluding native plants that support our economy and natural area, creating degraded landscapes. The ban includes the listed species and all cultivars, varieties and hybrids. Acer ginnala (amur maple) Acer platanoides (Norway maple) Aegopodium podagraria (bishop's weed) Ailanthus altissima (tree of heaven) Alliaria petiolate (garlic mustard) Amorpha fruticosa (false indigo bush) Ampelopsis glandulosa (porcelain berry) Artemisia vulgaris (common mugwort) Berberis thunbergii (Japanese barberry) Berberis vulgaris (common barberry) Celastrus orbiculatus (Asiatic bittersweet) Elaeagnus umbellata (Autumn olive) Euonymus alatus (winged euonymus) Euphorbia cyparissias (cypress spurge) Fallopia baldschuanica (Chinese bindweed) Fallopia japonica (Japanese knotweed) Frangula alnus (glossy buckthorn) Hesperis matronalis (dame's rocket) Impatiens glandulifera (ornamental jewelweed) Iris pseudacorus (yellow iris) Ligustrum vulgare (common privet) Lonicera japonica (Japanese honeysuckle) Lonicera maackii (amur or bush honeysuckle) Lonicera morrowii (Morrow's honeysuckle) Lonicera tatarica (Tatarian honeysuckle) Lythrum salicaria (purple loosestrife) Microstegium vimineum (Japanese stilt grass) Paulownia tomentosa (paulownia, princess tree) Persicaria perfoliata (mile-a-minute) Phellodendron amurense (amur cork tree) Populus alba (white cottonwood) Robinia pseudoacacia (black locust) Rosa multiflora (multiflora rose)" **Removing these from your property will benefit our whole Town: you can help prevent degraded landscapes in areas that are not maintained.**

Apr. Issue Deadline:
Mar. 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
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.