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# Leyden Life

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Leyden, Massachusetts

September 2016

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**Selectboard Office Hours:**  
Monday — Thursday 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
**Tax Collector:**  
Monday and Wednesday 5:30 - 8:00 PM  
**Assessors Office:**  
Wednesday 2:00 - 8:00 PM

## Town Clerk

### VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths: Jacob Garmalo, June 9<sup>th</sup>. There were no deaths reported in July. There were no births or marriages reported in June or July.

### 2016 STATE PRIMARY

The 2016 State Primary will be held on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Polls will be open at Town Hall from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. If

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Town Clerk Office Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
or by appointment — Telephone 774-7769 or 772-3739  
Email: leydentownclerk@crocker.com



## Widening Brattleboro Road

Work will continue on Brattleboro road—the west side of road was falling into the ravine. Drivers should be alert for workers and rocks while this project continues into the fall.

## Select Board Corner

It's been a busy and fast-moving summer. This past Annual Town Meeting left us with a full agenda of town projects and community meetings. To our surprise, the road grader was delivered three months early, and some big projects were altered at the last minute to save money. Delivery of the John Deere grader has been completed and accepted and is in service ready for anything Mother Nature might toss our way. It is fully equipped with the state-of-the-art technology, from LED lights to power angle plows and double the horsepower to handle our hills. David and Bill Brooks are excellent operators and were very pleased with the investments Leyden has made to maintain our roads. Our dirt and paved roads continue to be maintained to the best of our resources available.

We decided to pave Eden Trail this year because of the reduction in cost, and we plan to finish removal of the rock ledge along Brattleboro Road. East hill received 500 tons of



## New Road Grader

We now own the new road grader that was approved at the Annual Town Meeting in May. Dave Brooks is inside driving it.

## Leyden United Methodist Church

It's fair time again. The Leyden Cafeteria will be serving breakfast, lunch and dinner at the Franklin County Fair in Greenfield, and the time is fast approaching. This year the fair runs from Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for people to help work a shift or two or help with baking, setting up, preparing, etc. The shifts are breakfast from 6:30 to 11:30 AM, lunch from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM,

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## Robertson Memorial Library

Library Hours: Monday 1:00 – 6:00 PM; Wednesday 1:00 – 6:00 PM, and  
Saturday 10:00 AM to NOON Phone 773-9334 (Leave a message any time.)

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over! I cringed when a newscaster recently announced that Christmas is all of four months away.

The Summer Reading Program will conclude with the end of school vacation. All 'Books Read' lists *must* be submitted no later than Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Participants must total the number of pages read (parents, please double check). Please return your lists to me at the library on the days we are open, take them to their teachers at PRES (I will pick them up on September 7<sup>th</sup>), or you may place them in the return box at the entrance to the library.

Those who submit their lists by September 7<sup>th</sup> will be eligible for a gift certificate to the World Eye Book Shop and invited to a Make-your-own Ice Cream Sundae Party to be held in late September. The Massachusetts Library Commission has also provided us with two passes to the Big E and two \$20 coupons toward Yankee Candle purchases (lottery). Friendly's will provide each with a free book mark and a free Kids Meal! The most exciting reward, however, will be the improved comprehension and reading skills of those who have read continuously throughout the summer months. I will announce the winners soon!

Happy fall to all!

—Chris Johnston

## Selectboard

### SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

The Select Board will meet on Thursdays September 1<sup>st</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM and September 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:45 PM in their office. To be added to the agenda or to get a copy of it, please contact Bob Hardesty at 774-4111 or [leydeselectboard@crocker.com](mailto:leydeselectboard@crocker.com) at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Anyone not on the posted agenda is welcome to address the Selectboard at the end of the meeting during the "Citizens' concerns not anticipated in advance of the meeting" agenda item time slot.

### SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Thu, Sep 1	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Wed, Sep 7	7:00 PM	Broadband Committee
Wed, Sep 7	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Wed, Sep 7	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Sep 8	6:45 PM	Selectboard
Wed, Sep 14	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, Sep 15	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Mon, Sep 19	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue, Sep 20	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the church)
Wed, Sep 21	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Sep 22	6:45 PM	Selectboard
(Posted Separately)		Board of Health (at the Police Station)

Any changes to these meeting dates or times will be posted separately. Meetings *not* held monthly will also be posted separately. *Note:* Monthly meetings are now posted on the town web site at [www.townofleyden.com](http://www.townofleyden.com). Any changes or additions to meeting times and/or dates should be forwarded to the Municipal Assistant.

—Select Board

## New Book by Leslie Brooks

Leslie Brooks' new magical fantasy, *Alannah*, is now available to borrow at Robertson Memorial Library in Leyden. In this story, a young hamlet girl finds the *true* inside of herself, and the courage and compassion to transform those of evil into the light they once were. Of course, she meets a handsome prince along the way! You can also buy autographed copies at [www.love-incarnate.com](http://www.love-incarnate.com) for \$15.00 plus \$3.00 handling.

*Editor's note:* Leslie Brooks is a former resident of Leyden and owned and operated *Angels' Rest* for several years.

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[www.townofleyden.com](http://www.townofleyden.com)

## Leyden Life Lowdown

### EASY SUBMISSION

Submit an e-mail to Cornelia Reid at [cr43wr41@gmail.com](mailto:cr43wr41@gmail.com), Carolyn Asbury at [carolyn.asbury@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.asbury@gmail.com), and Bob Taylor at [bobtwo@verizon.net](mailto:bobtwo@verizon.net). (Yes, please send it to *all three* of us.)

Either attach a Word document or include the information in the body of the e-mail. If e-mail is not possible for you, hard copies of items for *Leyden Life* can be left in the book drop outside the Library. The deadline for inputs is the **15<sup>th</sup> of the month**.

If you would like to receive the **electronic version of *Leyden Life*** in PDF format, please email the same three addresses listed above.

### THANKS

Thanks to Spirit Fire for a donation. Thanks to deliverers Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Pat Little and the Cafferys. (We apologize if we missed anyone.)

## Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help collate and fold the *Leyden Life* monthly newsletter for those who still want hard copies. It only takes an hour or so once a month, and it can be fun and interesting to catch up on the gossip around town.

## DISCLAIMER

*Leyden Life* is not an official publication of the town, nor an official source of town business. We do our best to print accurately and distribute promptly the announcements and information we receive. Please check with the town to verify information regarding town business or activities.

## Leyden Life

Published monthly in Leyden, Massachusetts by a non-profit group of volunteers.

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Carolyn Asbury 774-2840

Layout and Design: Bob Taylor 624-8965

Items for the next issue are due to  
Cornelia at [cr43wr41@gmail.com](mailto:cr43wr41@gmail.com),  
Carolyn at [carolyn.asbury@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.asbury@gmail.com),  
and Bob at [bobtwo@verizon.net](mailto:bobtwo@verizon.net)  
by 5:00 PM on

**Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

If you cannot e-mail your submission, please leave it in the book drop outside the Library.

**Donations are always welcome!** Send to:  
Leyden Life c/o Reid  
30 West Leyden Road  
Leyden, MA 01337

## Council on Aging

First of all, the Board would like to sincerely thank all those who pitched in and volunteered their time and energy over the last year helping with the monthly lunches, driving for the transportation service and assisting at many other events. We can't thank you enough! Names withheld to protect the innocent...you know who you are!

Welcome back after the long, HOT summer. Here's what is coming up this month:

- **EXERCISE CLASSES** led by Linda Allis will now be on Mondays at noon; the first session will be on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 **NOON** to 1:00 **PM**, upstairs at the Town Hall. Please call Cecilia Tusinski at 624-3436 to register. These are *fun* sessions, with music, movement and strength-building exercises. Come on over and join the group.

- Our **MOVIE NIGHTS** series will resume on the third Friday of each month at 7:00 **PM** at Town Hall. On Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> we will be showing "Eye in the Sky", 2015 Rated R. This widely acclaimed film stars Helen Mirren as Col. Katherine Powell, the commanding officer in a drone operation to stop terrorists in Kenya. The mission escalates when a girl enters the 'kill zone', triggering an international dispute over the moral implications of modern warfare. Recommended viewing – see you there!

- Also on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall from 10:00 **AM** to 12:30 **PM** we will be hosting the first "Wellness Olympics" in conjunction with the Franklin County Health Department. Start your day right with our County Nurse, Lisa White, who will be offering blood pressure screenings, medication checks, flu shots and more. She is very knowledgeable and will be able to answer those health-related questions you forgot to ask your doctor at your last appointment. Bring your friends and family and compete in mentally and physically challenging games – prizes for all participants, of course! A light lunch of sandwiches & salad will be served at noon.

- On Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 **AM** in the Town Hall auditorium, (just before the Monthly Luncheon—see below), Dwight and Sonia Strawn will introduce us to life in South Korea, where they lived and worked as missionaries for over 50 years, while raising their children *and* grandchildren in that unique culture. Their university and legal careers provided many opportunities for them to embrace the people and the culture of that remarkable country. Recently retired, and now living in Greenfield, they have an interesting story to share which will compare life in South Korea with the USA, through their personal experiences and reflections. Owing to rapid advances in technology, we now live in a global community that embraces cultural diversity through the exchange of ideas, and the discussion will provide an excellent opportunity to expand our horizons.

- The **LEYDEN MONTHLY LUNCH** begins its third year (!) at 12:00 **NOON** on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> with a lunch reminiscent of your first day of school (only better!) Go back in time with this menu: PB & J hors d'oeuvres; Sloppy Joes; Fresh Vegetables (huh?) and Handmade Ice-Cream Sandwiches. You are encouraged to make reservations for lunch by *calling Sue Howarth at 413-774 3118* by Friday September 16<sup>th</sup>, and please be sure to say if you have peanut allergies when you call. Thank you!

- On Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, the "Retired Senior Volunteer Program" (RSVP) will hold a training session for volunteers who would like to lead "Healthy Bones & Balance" sessions in their local communities. Please contact Cecilia Tusinski at 413-624-3436 for more details if you are interested in attending this training.

- On Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 **PM**, Kate Downes, a local estate planning and elder law attorney will present a free workshop on 'How to Afford Nursing Care' at Leyden Town Hall.

Attorney Downes will discuss strategies for paying for the cost of in-home care, assisted-living and skilled nursing care, including how to qualify for various MassHealth programs, and why there is no such thing as 'too much income' or 'too many assets.' A question and answer session will follow the presentation. This is a great opportunity to learn about these programs, whether or not they may be needed by you or your family at present. You don't want to miss this one!

- Are there other programs or activities that *you* would particularly like to see? COA meetings are open to the public and are held on the first Thursday of each month downstairs at Town Hall at 4:30 **PM**. Your suggestions and input are welcomed by the Board.

## WiredWest

WiredWest held its July meeting here in Leyden, with several people from town accepting the invitation to join us. The meeting centered around helping our towns work with MBI to move forward with the project of getting fiber-to-the-home. At this point they are just helping us fill out all the paperwork required. The concern of WiredWest from the very beginning has been to help small western Mass towns move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century economically, culturally, and structurally. We have been handed a very different role by the state than the one we worked for years to achieve, but because we want the best for our towns, we are working within their requirements. The goal is still to help us with this massive project, one which has become much more daunting because the state is now requiring that each town own and operate its own fiber network.

Leyden is in a good position fiscally to meet the requirements to begin the project, and we have a strong majority of residents who know how necessary this is and will support the work. Unfortunately, without the regional network that WiredWest envisioned, there are towns in western Mass that may not be able to move forward. This impacts the entire region, of course. Our towns work cooperatively on so many projects that require strong economies from each partner that we will all suffer from the decline of some neighbor towns.

As this project unfolds, and each town has to take on the task of building and maintaining a network, trying to get the best prices for services and legal protections, and dealing with providers and network operators, the task ahead will become more formidable. It is interesting to note that while MBI has ignored the WiredWest approach, the Governor has just signed the Municipal Modernization Act, giving the towns better tools to handle their operations and finance and encouraging "opportunities to promote, facilitate and implement inter-municipal cooperation, collaboration, and regional service delivery at the local level." This sounds like a pretty good description of our reasons for starting WiredWest in the first place.

WiredWest has produced a plan that makes regionalization feasible and will enable towns to utilize last-mile funding in the best way possible. Our hope is that network buildouts will be done in a way that makes towns easily interconnectable, our equipment compatible, and our contracts more beneficial because we will have strength in numbers. WiredWest, whether now or after things are up and running, could still be a better voice for our towns by aggregating services, and either becoming the network operator and ISP or contracting with companies providing services on our behalf. The plan has always been to return profits to the towns, while the state is fine with giving contracts to big for-profit entities that will drain the profits away from western Mass. We are still very much in the mix, for the betterment of all our towns.

—Al Woodhull, *delegate to WiredWest*

—Sheila Hourihan, *alternate delegate to WiredWest*

## Leyden Knitting Circle

The Knitting Circle will meet three times in September!

Tuesday, September 13, 1:00—3:00 at the Town Hall, Friday, September 16, 5:30 Pot Luck Supper at Amy St. Clair's house (774-6907), and Tuesday, September 27, 2:00—4:00 at Barbara Wallace's house (with puppy!) (774-7780). Fall is on its way. Let's knit!

For information contact Peggy Brown (774-5764), Laura Timmerman (773-8325), or Amy St. Clair (774-6907).

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

Facebook Group: "Leyden Knitting Circle"

Members sometimes post pictures of their projects here, or interesting knitting-related links.



## Select Board Corner

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gravel, and the highway crew has been busy retrofitting a truck to spread calcium chloride on the dirt roads to keep the dust down during this severe dry spell. Painting of lines and new guardrail will complete our summer and early fall projects.

We have welcomed our new principal Deanna LeBlanc to PRES, and we will hopefully finish a few projects prior to the opening day of school. All new cement sidewalks and landings were added for safer passage into and out of the building. Landscaping around the building, new bathroom sinks, and hallways and rooms are freshly painted along with a new cafeteria floor. We welcome Deanna to Leyden and look forward to working with all those who put so much into educating our students at PRES.

Other business in the town has been robust, to say the least. We have held numerous meetings here as well as out of town. We again must say that much progress has been made on our delinquent property tax collections. We have three law firms working with us to continue the work we started when auditors revealed the need to clean up the records. We are very close to finishing, and unpaid property is and will be owned by the Town of Leyden. Money that will be recouped through sales, auctions or transfers will be put back into the general fund.

Our goal is to get all property back on a collectible quarterly payment to lessen the burden of every taxpayer in Leyden. We have extended collection dates as far as possible for the very few who have not yet paid. This has cost the Town, and timewise it has been an added burden as other things have needed attention. Massachusetts General Law is very specific and clear as to what the Select Board must do to keep the town in solvency. We are committed to finish this work for you, our citizens, and finish what the auditors had mentioned in their management report to the board.

The Select Board is pleased to say that after all these years of hard work from so many volunteers throughout our three counties in Western Massachusetts, that finally Governor Baker has listened to us and directed MBI to start a process of evaluating our rural towns for high-speed broadband fiber to our homes. We sat down with MBI and completed our 21-day ready plan that will move us to the next step. We thank Bob Ryan, Al Woodhull, Sheila Hourihan and the entire Broadband Committee for guidance along this path. They have all stayed engaged on what we are committed to achieve. There has been really positive news in the last few months regarding fiber to our homes.

The role of our town now is to continue working with MBI and keep our citizens totally informed of what steps we are taking so that everyone can make a clear choice of internet service when the time comes. Visit your town website at [www.townofleyden.com](http://www.townofleyden.com) to see what your town committees and boards are doing.

In closing, we have reorganized the Select Board: Jeff is Chairman for fiscal year 2017, Lance will handle the Fire Department, Bill will handle the Highway Department, and Jeff the Police Department. As always, if you have a concern please call the office at 774-4111 so Bob can forward it to the respectful board liaison. —Respectfully, Jeff, Bill and Lance

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## Leyden United Methodist Church

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and dinner from 4:30 to closing. You will receive a ticket into the fair for your volunteer work. Our biggest fund raiser for the year is lots of fun and lots of work. Come meet your neighbors and catch up on the gossip while you work.

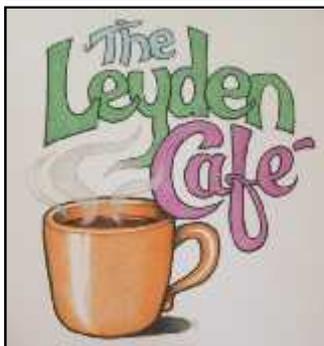
We are also looking for non-perishable items such as bottled water, canned corn and cream of corn soup for our famous Shepherd's Pie, boxes of elbow macaroni for the mac & cheese and American Chop Suey, Bisquick mix, complete pancake mix, pickles, mayonnaise, ketchup, plastic forks and spoons, coffee, ice tea, hot chocolate, solid white tuna, peanut butter, napkins, sponges, Brillo pads, dish detergent, and spaghetti sauce, just to name a few.

We are also looking for baked bean makers. We will supply the beans and salt pork.

For any questions or to sign up for a shift call Gilda at 773-7932. If you will be baking pies, bars, cookies, or cupcakes, call Valerie at 772-0294.

Thank you in advance and hope to see you there.

—Gilda Galvis



## The Leyden Café is open for its 3rd season with new hours

**9:30 AM to 12:00 NOON**

Meet your friends and neighbors and enjoy Karyn's delicious baked goodies and Pierce Bros. coffee. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join us for

## Market Day Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>!

If you would like to join the Café group or volunteer to work Sunday mornings at the Café call or email Amy – 774-6907 – [amy.woodsprite@gmail.com](mailto:amy.woodsprite@gmail.com). We would enjoy having you join us.

—Amy St. Clair

## Town Clerk

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you will be out of town during polling hours, please consider applying for an absentee ballot. Thank you.

### OFFICE HOURS

The Town Clerk's office hours are typically Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:00-8:00 PM. I have found that occasionally I have to adjust my hours. When I do, I will put that change on my phone message and on the front door of Town Hall. Please feel free to call my office at 413-774-7769, Ext. 3 or my home phone at 413-772-3739 to confirm my hours anytime you want to stop by. As always, I can make appointments, as needed, outside of my office hours. Thanks for your understanding. It's my pleasure to serve the Town.

—Elizabeth Johnson

[leydentownclerk@crocker.com](mailto:leydentownclerk@crocker.com)

## New Town Hall Telephone System

The telephone system at Town Hall has recently been updated. With the new PBX Phone System, callers will dial in to the main number, 413-774-4111, to reach Town Hall offices. The 413-774-7769 number is no longer in use.

All offices will be an extension of the main number. You will be directed to press numbers for the offices as follows: for the Selectboard and Municipal Assistant, press 1; for the Assessors, press 2; for the Town Clerk, press 3; for the Tax Collector, press 4. This is for Town Hall offices only. Police, Fire, and Highway remain the same. —*Bob Hardesty*



New road grader ready to be unloaded.

## Leyden Broadband Committee

Good news to share! Leyden was recently notified that we have been awarded a \$5,000 grant towards our planning costs for building a broadband network. The Broadband Committee/Selectboard submitted a grant proposal to MBI earlier in the summer to cover the legal and financial costs associated with detailed planning of the proposed project. This grant will allow us to move forward and hire advisors to help with specific issues/questions as they arise.

The Town is currently undergoing a readiness analysis by MBI and the MA Department of Revenue to determine whether, in the State's evaluation, Leyden is ready to proceed with building its own independent broadband network. The decision as to who will provide internet service and network maintenance will come at a later stage, but we currently expect it to be either Crocker Communications or the Town of Greenfield. As one of our first steps, we have asked the Town's lawyer to review previous town meeting votes (the authorization vote for the broadband network itself as well as the debt exclusion vote to pay for it) to make sure that those votes, which describe Leyden as being part of a regional network (i.e. WiredWest), will also cover the independent build-out we now anticipate. We are unsure at this stage whether a special town meeting this fall might be necessary to clarify the intent of previous town meeting votes. We will be sure to keep you notified if that occurs.

We have also posted on the Broadband Committee's page of the Town website the minutes of 25 meetings that the Broadband Committee has held over the past 10 months as we work towards finding a cost-effective solution to our broadband needs. Please take a look at them and feel free to call any of us on the Committee if you have questions: Bob Ryan, Chair at 624-0225; Bob Anson at 774-5764; David Curtis at 774-2521; Lance Fritz at 773-9003; and Tom Luck at 624-5523.

—*Bob Ryan*

## Board of Health

### Preventing Mosquito Bites

West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE or "Triple E") are warm-weather threats in Massachusetts. These viruses, which are spread to people through the bite of an infected mosquito, can cause illness ranging from a mild fever to more serious disease like encephalitis or meningitis. While these illnesses are not common, preventing mosquito bites in the first place is the best defense. Steps that "fight the bite" include:

**Applying insect repellent when outdoors:** Repellants with DEET, permethrin, picaridin, oil of lemon, oil of eucalyptus or IR3535 are effective. Be sure to use these according to the instructions on the product label and note precautions for use on infants and children.

**Avoiding outdoor activities during peak mosquito hours:** The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes.

**Wearing long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors:** Covering up helps keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

**Draining standing water where mosquitoes lay their eggs:** Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change water in birdbaths frequently.

**Installing or repairing screens:** Keep mosquitoes outside by having screens on all of your windows and doors.

**Protecting your animals:** Flush water troughs at least once a week and keep horses in indoor stalls at night with lights off to reduce their exposure to mosquitoes.

Zika virus, Dengue fever and Chikungunya are other mosquito-borne diseases you can get when traveling abroad. At this time, only people traveling to places with ongoing Zika virus outbreaks or engaging in sexual activity with someone who has traveled to these places are at risk for getting these infections. For up-to-date information about where Zika virus is occurring go to: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>.

For more information on WNV, EEE, repellent use and other mosquito borne illness prevention visit [www.mass.gov/dph/mosquito](http://www.mass.gov/dph/mosquito) or contact Lisa White, Regional Public Health Nurse at 413-665-1400 x114.

—*Lisa White*

*Public Health Nurse*

*Franklin Regional Council of Governments  
Cooperative Public Health Service*



Select Board Chairman Jeff Neipp wrestling with a giant Maine lobster

## Unclassified Ads

## Unclassified Ads Policy Statement

We welcome unclassified ads from Town residents, and will run them free of charge (though a small donation of \$1 or so is always appreciated). We will normally run an ad for one issue only, unless requested to extend it.

**FREE Janssen spinet piano.** Good condition, needs tuning. Call Michele at 773-7948.

**Wanted:** Leaves, wood chips, manure, waste hay, etc. for compost. Please call Robin or Laura at 773-8325.

**Boer Goat Meat** is available at Frizzell Hill Farm. Goat is quite tasty, low in fat and cholesterol, and high in protein and iron. Give it a try! Visit [frizzellhillfarm.com](http://frizzellhillfarm.com) for information and a price list. Thanks for supporting local Leyden farms!

**Bill Maguire Painting:** Serving the Leyden area's paint and staining needs since 1978. Interior, exterior, deck refinishing, window sash work, power washing, dirt and mildew removal. Call 413-774-5330.

**Erik's Handyman Service:** Let me help you with your "to do" list. Property maintenance, brush control, lawn mowing, rototilling, odd jobs, and miscellaneous projects. If you could use some help, give me a call at 413-774-9948 and ask for Erik, or e-mail to [erikshandy1@yahoo.com](mailto:erikshandy1@yahoo.com). Reasonable rates. Insured.

**Ed's Sugar Shack** has fresh local maple syrup for sale. Available in gallons, half gallons, quarts and pints. Call 773-7619, Ed and Carol Johnson, 72 South County Road, Leyden. Member of Massachusetts Maple Producers Association

**Natural Lamb** is available again from the Petersons at Orchard Valley Farm. No growth-enhancing hormones or antibiotics. Usual cuts generally available. Special orders on request. Call 624-5562 or email [ovfarm@verizon.net](mailto:ovfarm@verizon.net). Like us on Facebook at Orchard Valley Farm.

**Maple Run Farm:** Natural Romney yarn is for sale for knitting or weaving, processed chemical-free at Green Mountain Spinnery in Putney, VT. Call Barbara Wallace at 774-7780.

## Linda Romano

Fall wellness: Don't fall back in your wellness care. Massage/Bodywork/ Movement therapies await you. Short/longer sessions are available. Warming scents, colors flavor this season, Enjoy! Call Linda at 413-624-3334.

—Linda Romano

[romanohealing@gmail.com](mailto:romanohealing@gmail.com)

## Sweet Morning Farm CSA

## SWEET MORNING FARM

Our farm shares are at peak summertime fullness! Farm Members are enjoying edaname, tomatoes, chard, kale, beans, carrots, beets, peppers, and more! We like to grow a lot of different kinds of vegetables and we have extras available most weeks. Let us know if you would like to be notified about what is available each week. This winter we hope to have a steady supply of Leyden-grown spinach.

**EGGS:** Organically grown chicken and duck eggs for \$6.00/dozen.

—Laura Timmerman and Rob Creamer

Sweet Morning Farm—413-773-8325

[laurat@crocker.com](mailto:laurat@crocker.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SweetMorningFarm>

Our CSA blog: <http://sweet-morning-farm-csa.blogspot.com>

Keep Leyden beautiful.  
Please don't litter.

## Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

## New Principal News

We are pleased to announce the selection of Deanna LeBlanc as the new Principal of Pearl Rhodes Elementary School, effective July 1, 2016. Deanna will be working in the PVRSD full time, with half of her time designated as the PRES principal.

Deanna is currently the assistant principal for the three elementary schools in the Southern Berkshire Regional School District. She has also been a music teacher and a band & chorus director.

Deanna received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Rhode Island and a Master of Education degree from Cambridge College in Springfield, MA. Her Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in School Administration was conferred at American International College in Springfield.

## Upcoming Events

August 31—First day of school

September 3—Full Day, 3:00 Release

September 5—No School, Labor Day

September 7—PK/K Open House

September 8—PK/K First Day

September 13—School Picture Day

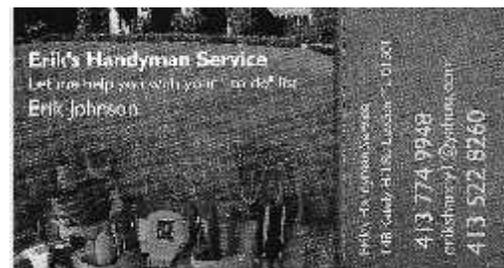
## The Farm Stand

108 West Leyden Road, Colrain

The freshest vegetables—tomatoes, zucchini, summer squash, great corn, melons and more. Boxes of tomatoes available. Picked fresh daily.

Convenient to Leyden residents.

Self-serve, open early and late.



Registered Filsters and Brown Sugar  
Maple Syrup  
Raw Milk



Dairy, Family Cooperative

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