

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

September 2011

Selectboard Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 9:00 AM—2:00 PM and Thursday 6:00—9:00 PM

Tax Collector:

Monday and Wednesday 5:30 – 8:00 PM

Assessors Office:

Wednesday 2:00 – 8:00 PM

Select Board

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

The Select Board will meet on Thursdays, September 1st, 15th, and 29th at 6:45 PM in their office. To be added to the agenda or to get a copy of it, please contact Liz Johnson at 774-4111 or leydenselectboard@live.com.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

The following meetings are scheduled this month:

Thur, Sep 1	6:45 PM	Selectboard
Tue, Sep 6	7:00 PM	Agricultural Commission
Wed, Sep 7	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Tue, Sep 13	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at Police Station)
Wed, Sep 14	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thur, Sep 15	6:45 PM	Selectboard
Mon, Sep 19	7:30 PM	Historical Commission
Mon, Sep 19	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Wed, Sep 21	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thur, Sep 29	6:45 PM	Selectboard

—Board of Selectmen

Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS—Lucas Charles Spofford, April 18

MARRIAGES—none reported

DEATHS—Richard R. Brooks, August 10

OFFICE CLOSED FOR VACATION

The Clerk's office will be *closed* Monday, September 5th for the Labor Day holiday.

—Bob Hardesty, Town Clerk

Town Clerk Office Hours are Mondays 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM and
Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:30 PM Phone 774-7769

Leyden Church Fair Booth

Only through the efforts of many people have we been able to keep our little white church on the hill fair booth open. This is an opportunity to meet your neighbors, have a good time, share your talents, and raise funds for the church, a good percentage of which goes back to the community through services and projects.

We are taking donations of non-perishable items (there is a list in the church Fellowship Hall and Town Hall). We're looking for breads, pies, and desserts to be made. If you would like to help with the baking, please contact Valerie Snow at 772-0924.

The fair runs from September 8th through 11th. We need workers for the morning shift (6:30—11:30 AM), afternoon shift (11:30 AM—4:30 PM), and evening shift (4:30—10:00 PM). If you would like to work a shift in the kitchen, on the counter, cashier, grill or out front, please give Gilda a call at 773-7932.

Come celebrate with us, and thank you in advance for any way you may be able to help.

Gilda Galvis, Chair, 773-7932; Rita Klaus 774-5218; Valerie Snow 772-0924

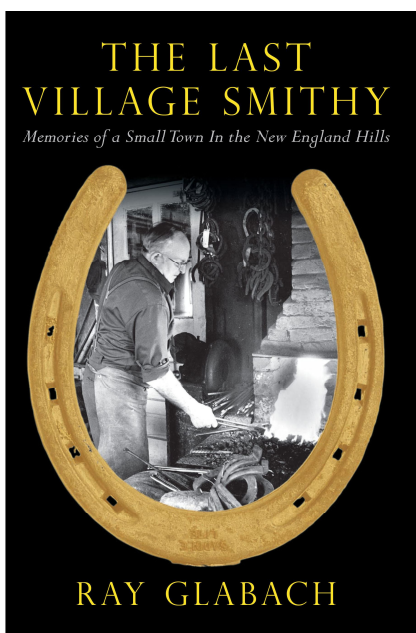
Agricultural Commission

How's your garden doing?

Lots of summer squash, but no tomatoes? We've heard various reports ranging from great to very poor; some vegetables thriving, some never came up. Beth Kuzdeba of the Ag Commission has volunteered to coordinate a vegetable exchange to connect those with to those without. If there was enough interest, an exchange or vegetable sale might be arranged this fall. If interested call Beth at 774-2820.

Thank you again for your patience during the harvest season with the increased agricultural traffic on the roads.

The Agricultural Commission will meet Tuesday, September 6th at 7 PM.



The Last Village Smithy

by
Ray Glabach

A new book has just been published by Ray Glabach, all about the Town of Leyden and the people who lived there in the 1950s! It contains 34 true stories of events that took place in the lives of Henry Glabach, the town's blacksmith, his family, and other residents of the town.

Fascinating topics include: Blacksmithing, Horseshoeing, Water Witching, One-Horse Farming, A Lost Mine, Hermits, One-Room Schools, Sports, Mud Season, Sugaring Off, Lumbering, 8-Party Lines, Town Meetings, Church History, and much,

much more. Visit www.lastvillagesmithy.com for more information.

Ray will be helping out at the church's fair booth on September 10th. On September 15th, he will read and discuss some of the stories in his book at the Council on Aging meeting, and again on September 18th at 10:00 AM following church services. Both events will be held downstairs at the Church in Leyden.

Robertson Memorial Library

Library Hours: Monday 1:30 – 6:30 PM; Wednesday 1:30 – 6:30 PM,
Saturday 10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON, Phone 773-9334 (Leave a message any time.)

Wow, has summer flown! In a few days I'll be tallying pages and books read as young patrons submit their reading lists. I'll let you know how many youngsters actually read this summer. I hope ALL of them did!

Two Leyden people have published books this year. **Marie Bartlett's** book, *The Little Yellow Trolley Car*, received a wonderful review in *The Recorder*, and from what I've heard, **Ray Glabach's** book, *The Last Village Smithy*, will be very popular with anyone who has an interest in the town and its history. Ray will have a public presentation at the Leyden Church on September 18th at 10:00 AM following church service, so look ahead to a great experience. His book has arrived at the library, so be sure to stop in to borrow it!

Congratulations, Marie and Ray! I'll make sure we have copies for patrons to borrow from the library!

If you are still using a VHS video player in addition to your DVD player, you are in luck. We are selling our videos to make room for DVDs, as most people prefer them. For **50¢ each**, you can select as many as you want! Visit soon and make it Christmas in September!

Rachel Rodgers, a junior at PVRs, was a wonderful volunteer during her summer break. She called youngsters to encourage them to continue their summer reading, cleaned shelves and displayed books, opened up on Saturday and catered to weekend patrons, and did just about anything she could to help out. Thank you, Rachel!

Pat Little's art added great charm to the library during the two months it was displayed. In its place now is the photography of Peggy and Pam Brown's sister, **Cynthia Yackenchick**. "The beauty of nature is all around us, but not everyone is fortunate enough to be able to explore the wonders of our world on their own," she states. In addition to scenes she captured while in New Mexico, she has really beautiful mother/child hand photos as well as nostalgic photos of Cape Cod. Be sure to stop in to see her great work!

Trustee **Trueman Robbins** is recovering really well from his knee replacement surgery. We are all glad to see him up and about again with his pal Tucker!

Enjoy each day!

—Chris Johnston

Cultural Council



October 15th is the postmark deadline for submitting applications for LCC grants. Please review all of our new webpage on the Massachusetts Cultural Council site for new specifics before completing your submission: www.massculturalcouncil.org, then select Applications/Forms, Contract Forms, Local Cultural Council Program.

We look forward to hearing from you!

—Alice Thomas

Pastel Paint Flowers Workshop

On Tuesday, October 18th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM "The Art of Georgia O'Keeffe: How to Pastel Paint Flowers" Pastel Workshop will be presented by Gregory Maichak downstairs at Town Hall. The workshop will include instruction, demonstrations and hands-on work. There is no charge, and materials will be provided. This workshop is appropriate for adults. Please call Ellen at 773-7583 if you plan to attend; space is limited.



This project is sponsored in part by a grant from the Leyden Local Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Happy 50th to Beth Kuzdeba

Beth Kuzdeba turns 50 on September 13th. Congratulations!

Leyden Life Lowdown

EASY SUBMISSION

Submit an e-mail to Cornelia Reid at cr43wr41@gmail.com, Carolyn Asbury at carolyn.asbury@gmail.com, and Bob Taylor at bobxtwo@verizon.net.

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 **15th of the month**.

LEYDEN LIFE BY E-MAIL

If you are interested in receiving *Leyden Life* in PDF format via e-mail, please notify Bob Taylor at bobxtwo@verizon.net.

THANKS

Thanks to Paul Moyer of the Farm Stand in Colrain for a contribution this month.

Thanks to collators Kathie Benson, Foster Ranney, Jeanne Breeden, Cornelia Reid and Carolyn Asbury, and to deliverers Lauren Clary, Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Jeanne Breeden and the Cafferys. (If we have forgotten anyone, please accept our thanks and apologies.)

*Please "Hook" Your Post
for Leyden Life!
We don't want you to miss out!*

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Thursday, September 15th.

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

Meetings, Gatherings and Announcements

Council on Aging

A small but happy group met in August to watch the movie "Awake My Soul" and share a delicious potluck lunch. We even had a couple of unexpected visitors join us for lunch, so that was extra nice.

We will meet on Thursday, September 15th at 10:30 AM. *Please note the date. We usually meet on the second Thursday of the month, but in September we will meet on the third Thursday.* The Council on Aging will welcome Leyden native, Ray Glabach, who will be sharing stories and pictures from his recently published book, *The Last Village Smithy*. (The Robertson Memorial Library already has a copy and you can also learn more about the book at his website, www.lastvillagesmithy.com) The book contains much history about Leyden in the 1950s, including stories about Ray's father, Henry Glabach, Leyden's own blacksmith for sixty years. Ray Glabach will read and show pictures from his book and lead a discussion about life in town sixty years ago.

After the program we will enjoy lunch together and all are welcome to join us for the program and/or lunch. We will meet in the Church Fellowship Hall. If you want to join us for lunch, please let Edith Fisher know at 773-7336 before Monday, September 12th, so we can plan the meal accordingly.

I am actively looking for people to help with planning and carrying out our monthly meetings. If that's something that appeals to you, on a regular or casual basis, please let me know. Your help can be as large or small as you wish; ideas for programs, cooking, set up and clean up, are a few of the possible ways to be involved.

The Leyden Council on Aging is dedicated to providing programs that support healthy and independent living for local seniors and is funded and supported by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Their funding allows the COA to offer delicious meals and interesting programs and to help support the newsletter and more.

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

Knitting Circle

The Leyden knitting circle will meet twice in September, first on Friday, September 9th at Laura's house and again on Friday, September 23rd at Peggy's house. Both times are from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. All are welcome to join us; no experience is needed. Knitters, stitchers, spinners, menders, quilters—all kinds of handicrafts are fine. Just come along for a relaxing evening. Cooler weather is on its way so it's time to start a new project or pick up that unfinished one!

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325 & Peggy Brown, 774-5764

Art Group

Thanks to Linda Romano and Rhonda Wainshilbaum for hosting the past two art group meetings. We are looking for a host for Thursday, September 22nd. If you are able to help out please call Peggy Brown at 774-5764 or email nianticgirl@yahoo.com. Linda Romano has offered to help organize some local art trips for the coming year—more details to come next month.

—Peggy Brown, 774-5764

Did You Know That... the Greenfield

Gaze e and Courier of June 26, 1871 ran the following:

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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 NordicTrack WalkFit Treadmill, little used, excellent condition. Call Bob at 624-8965.

Help wanted at Angels' Rest Retreat for regular prep cooking (\$8-9/hr), some lead cooking (\$12-14/hr), and occasional cleaning (\$8-10/hr). Mostly weekend work. Call Jennifer at 413-772-0648 or email info@angelsrestretreat.com. It's a great working environment, a good group of coworkers, and local!

Furniture for Sale: Rattan set consisting of a sleeper sofa, fanback chair, small round coffee table and a stand up table lamp - all in good condition; asking \$200.00 for set or best offer. 5,500 BTU window unit air conditioner - hardly used, excellent condition asking \$50.00. Call Carol at 774-4491.

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 MassMaple Producers Association.

Free large kneehole desk 41"x28", 4 drawers, well-made, plain dark wood, very serviceable. Call Cornelia or Wallis at 774-5146

Free Unsplit Logs in our driveway at 555 West Leyden Road. Help yourself!

For Sale: Beautiful handmade stoneware functional pottery for sale. Mostly blues, greens, and purples. Microwave, oven, and dishwasher safe. Commissions accepted. Come check it out. Call Rhonda at 624-5175.

Leyden Honey for Sale: "Persephone's Garden Honey" from Maple Run Farm, \$14 for 26-oz., suitable as a gift. Available while it lasts. Barbara Wallace, 774-7780.

Local Grass-Fed Beef for Sale at Castle Hill Farm in West Leyden. All our cows are raised and bred on the farm here, no hormones or antibiotics are used, and all food is produced on the farm. Our USDA certified beef is vacuum packed and labeled for quality and great taste. For a price sheet, e-mail antlerjagd@verizon.net. Call Jeff Neipp at 624-5512.

LPs and Cassette Tapes to CDs: Will convert your favorite (or even your not-so-favorite) LPs and/or tapes to CDs. \$7.50 per CD. Call Jerry at 624-5546, or e-mail at jlevine4@verizon.net.

Natural Romney yarn for sale for knitting or spinning. Processed at Green Mountain Spinnery in Putney, VT, and chemical free. Call Barbara Wallace at 774-7780.

Excavating and Carpentry: Site work, driveways, land clearing, field mowing, septic systems, drainage, trucking loam and gravel products, backhoe, dozer or excavation work. Rich Allis at 624-5582.

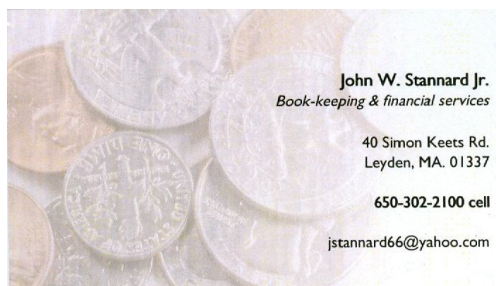
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Fire Department

The Fire Department will hold training sessions on two Mondays, September 12th and 26th. We will also be in the parade and firemen's muster on Sunday, September 11th at the Franklin County Fair. As always, we are seeking new members to join the department. Anyone who is interested can stop by the Fire Station any time after 6:00 PM or call the station at 773-7673 and leave a message with your name and phone number, and we will contact you.

—Clifford Spatcher, Captain/EMT



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Linda Romano

Fall yoga begins on Monday, Sept. 12, 6:00 to 7:15 PM at Spirit Fire in Leyden for six weeks. RSVP/ASAP; full payment or half due evening of class. Balance the fall season with yoga postures, massage, bodywork and lifestyle tips.

Yoga & Mandala drawing: class on Saturday, Sept. 17, 9:00 to 11:00 AM in Leyden. De-stressing/ Relaxation practice will be incorporated into session. Supplies, refreshments, yoga card are included in class for \$30.00. Please RSVP/ ASAP to secure spot. Payment in advance or day of class. Enjoy the colors of the season! Namaste'

—Linda Romano, 624-3334



Linda Romano

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If you would like to receive detailed weekly emails of Farm News, call or send me an email, or stop by the blog to see pictures of the shares, vegetable recipes, and more.

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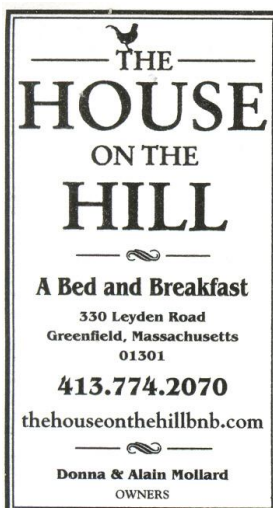
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