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# Leyden Life

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Leyden, Massachusetts

August 2015

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**Selectboard Office Hours:**  
Monday — Thursday 8:00 AM - 4:00 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 August 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM and August 27<sup>th</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 [leydenselectboard@crocker.com](mailto:leydenselectboard@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.

### TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Wed, Aug 5	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Tue, Aug 11	5:30 PM	Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, Aug 12	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, Aug 13	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Mon, Aug 17	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue, Aug 18	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the church)
Wed, Aug 19	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Aug 27	6:45 PM	Selectboard

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.

### NEW OFFICE HOURS

Please note the new Selectboard office hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM — *closed Fridays.*

—*Selectboard*

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## Selectboard Corner

**WiredWest Fiber Optics** The new fiscal year for Leyden has arrived and it brings with it many items that were passed at our annual town meeting. The Selectboard has reorganized with Bill Glabach as Chairman. Welcome aboard Lance Fritz, a former board member. The team is now intact with a bundle of agenda items.

The most important task this year is our process of bringing broadband to the residents of Leyden. As stated at town meeting, this has been a long, slow journey. Back in December the Selectboard signed a non-binding resolution to go forward and bring the authorization vote to town for the residents to decide. Leyden residents clearly spoke in favor of continuing this effort with the overwhelming majority of votes to authorize

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## Town Clerk

### VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths: Kathleen M. Wells, May 23, 2015

Town Clerk Office Hours are:

Mondays 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON and Wednesdays 4:30 – 6:00 PM



Can you believe the Leyden Cafeteria has been serving the community at the Franklin County Fair since 1933—82 years!?! We still use the same recipes that were used that first year: Clam chowder and beef stew. In addition to the chowder and stew, bakes beans, regular dinners, breakfast and many specials are served.

In the beginning, seats made from horseshoe kegs were on three sides of the booth under a tent. Now everyone comes into the booth, where we have tables and chairs to seat about 70 people at a time. Only through the efforts of many people have we been able to keep our little white church on the hill open.

The fair runs from Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served. The booth has three shifts, and a minimum of 30 people is needed each day. A fair entrance ticket will be given to each person who volunteers for a shift.

This is an opportunity to meet neighbors, have a good time, share your talents and raise much-needed funds for the church. A good percentage of funds will be cycled back into the community through services and projects. If you are interested in working a shift or two, please call Gilda at 413-773-7932 or 413-522-3185.

We are also looking for bean bakers and desserts such as cookies, pies, bars, puddings, etc. If you can help, please call Valerie at 413-772-0924. If your specialty is in the kitchen, call Rita at 413-774-5218.

We are also looking for donations of non-perishable items such as paper towels, napkins, mayonnaise, Bisquick, hot chocolate, Clorox, elbow macaroni, coffee/decaf, tea bags, plastic wrap, aluminum foil, deli foil, cooking spray, sponges, Brillo/SOS pads, canned corn, spaghetti sauce, ketchup, pancake mix, sandwich bags, canned tuna, jams and jellies, peanut butter, flour, plastic flatware, 7-oz cold/hot cups, quart and gallon freezer bags, dish detergent, vinegar, vegetable oil, and bottled water.

Any of these items can be dropped off at the church in the Fellowship Hall any time of day or night. If you have any questions, please call Gilda, Valerie, or Rita. Hope to see you there!

## 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.)

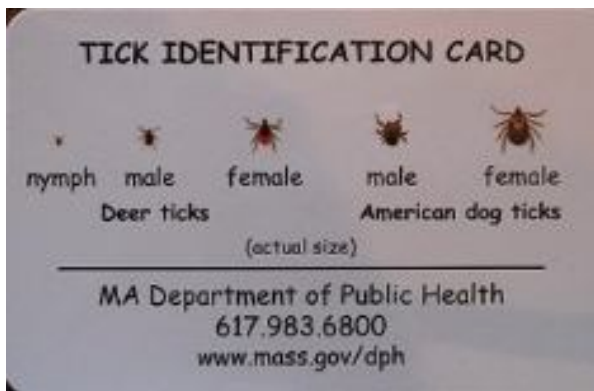
**Don't miss this!** On Thursday evening, August 27<sup>th</sup>, the library and the Mt. Grace Land Trust will sponsor an evening of local story telling for adults and family members at Town Hall. Similar to a successful venture held at the Athol Public Library, the stories will be told by experienced story tellers including, we hope, Davis Bates, Claire Green, and Tom Wonslaben. As the list grows, I'll let you know. Our Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be Mike Humphries. Ice cream will be served prior to this event, so don't bother preparing dessert that night. The focus of each story will be nature-related. It is hoped that speakers from Bernardston, Leyden, Guilford, Brattleboro, and other nearby towns will unite us all in our love of this wonderful area.

**Summer Reading Program:** We are well into a successful summer reading program. It is so much fun to see parents of youngsters visiting weekly to return and select new materials. These people realize how important reading for pleasure is for children and are really committed to seeing this challenge through. Readers who submit their reading logs by September 4<sup>th</sup> will receive a gift certificate to the World Eye Bookshop and will be feted to an evening of "make your own ice cream sundae."

Believe it or not, one Monday in June, the entire PRES student body and their teachers visited the library to kick off our summer reading program. In addition to the forty-six kids and adults who came, regular patrons swarmed the place for a grand total of 74 people signing out materials, stopping by to chat, and creating delightful chaos. What a rocking place this was!

May your gardens flourish and your summer days pass in joy! —Chris Johnston

## Board of Health



### **OUR GRANT HAS BEEN EXTENDED!**

Leyden Residents are still eligible for **FREE** tick testing. (sorry, no more pet testing). If you have been **bitten** (the tick was attached to your skin) by a **Deer Tick**, save the tick in a small, plastic bag.

Log on to [www.tickreport.com](http://www.tickreport.com) and follow the instructions for mailing the tick, or call Lisa White, R.N. at 413-665-1400,

Ext. 114 and she will help you through the process.

Data collected over the last year for the 10 towns participating in the testing grant, show that approximately **35% of ticks are infected with Lyme disease**. Additionally, several more diseases are now associated with tick bites.

### **Check Those Propane Tanks!**

The severe winter caused much of the area to heave as a result of the frost build-up in the ground. Heaving under or around your propane tanks may have caused leaks to occur. **If you smell propane near your tank, call 911 immediately.**



## Thanks to The Patch

A special thank you goes out to The Patch on Plain Road in Greenfield. They graciously donated geraniums and pansies for the Soldier's Memorial at Leyden Town Common for the Memorial Day service. With their help, we had a beautifully decorated garden. Please extend your appreciation to them while shopping for your flowers and veggies through fall.

—Beth Messer

## 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 The Farm Stand in Colrain, Marie Giurdanella, Angels' Rest, Spirit Fire, Bill Maguire, and Linda Romano for donations this month.

Thanks to Karen Loomis and Susan Coan for collating, and thanks to deliverers Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Pat Little and the Cafferys. (We apologize if we missed anyone.)

Visit the Town web site at  
[townofleyden.com](http://townofleyden.com)

The Selectboard email address is  
[leydenselectboard@crocker.com](mailto:leydenselectboard@crocker.com)

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## Leyden Life

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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

**Saturday, August 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

## Selectboard Corner

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borrowing at the Annual Town Meeting. This past June the Town held a debt exclusion vote that again passed with overwhelming support.

The town is now in the process of attaining its 40% sign-up rate. This will ensure the vital financial commitment to allow for the build-up of fiber throughout the town. This will include state funds that have been secured to ensure quality internet service and infrastructure. The Town will have an investment, along with the other 32 towns participating. As of July 14, 2015, 114 Leyden households have signed up for WiredWest, and we need 30 more households to reach 40%. We firmly expect to exceed the 40% when this project gets up and running. This will have a huge impact on the financial reimbursement back to our community when the system is built.

Recently our board traveled to Cummington for a meeting on WiredWest, and gathered more information as we move this process forward. At Town Meeting, Article 24 passed to establish a broadband committee to be appointed by the Selectboard. Any resident who is interested in being on this committee, please submit your name to Administrative Assistant Bob Hardesty by August 17<sup>th</sup>. Committee members will be working with our board and WiredWest delegates to advise and assist in the development of high-speed broadband internet service for the town. Currently the Selectboard, along with other towns, is securing a state grant that will help us in the expertise of submitting paper work for the state funding of the last mile of fiber. You can follow your town's progress along with others by going to WiredWest.net.

**Highway Department** Our highway department got an early start with the paving of Brattleboro Road into Greenfield Road this year. David Brooks has been right out straight with many projects lined up to make your roads as safe as possible. Roadside mowing is taking place; when you see the highway signs out there please be especially cautious to protect our workers on the road. Thank you, David and your entire workforce, for making our roads the best in the county.

**Overdue Tax Collection** The town continues to actively pursue non-payment of taxes. All departments share the responsibility and time-consuming work to get property that has

been assessed back on the tax rolls for collection. The town recently held its first town-wide auction that resulted in selling a piece of property that is now back on the tax roll after decades of non-payment. Another town-wide auction will be held in September. Check advertisements in local papers and notices on Town Hall for times and dates. As always, call Bob Hardesty who has a list that will be posted shortly. It's the goal of our board to recoup our cost along with additional revenue if possible and ensure that these properties are secured and put back on the tax roll where it helps to make a viable community.

**Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership** Our Selectboard sits on the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership, a plan for forest-based economics development and conservation. A draft is now in place and should be coming to the 20 towns in Franklin and Berkshire Counties to decide on this year. This is a very detailed plan that has been long in the making. It touches all parts of the towns from Chapter 90 money to pilot money that is sent back to our towns from the State. A draft is available in the Selectboard office if you would like to read it. Because of the number of pages, copies will not be left out for the taking, but on request we can furnish you a copy.

**Selectboard Meetings** The Selectboard meets biweekly. Meeting dates and times are posted at Town Hall, and there's always time allotted for citizens' concerns if you wish to discuss something. If there is a specific issue, please forward your concerns to Bob Hardesty so your topic can be placed on the agenda. This will allow the Selectboard to be briefed and some research done in advance to make it a more productive meeting. This will help to readily resolve your concerns.

**Agricultural Commission Vacancies** There are two vacancies on the AgCom. If interested, please call Bob Hardesty at the Selectboard office.

**Thanks to Barbara Wallace** In closing, many thanks go out to Barbara Wallace, our past Chairman, for the hard work and hundreds of hours it takes to keep a town running. The commitment of bringing all financial departments together to make this town operate a little bit better was work well done. It gives us all a better idea of what it takes for better management in such a complex work environment, especially when staffing is part-time and most of the work is done with volunteer time. She surely left your town in better shape and for that we say "Thank You."  
—Select Board—Bill, Jeff, and Lance

## WiredWest

Leyden was the very first of 43 hill towns to overwhelmingly vote yes to join WiredWest and get connected to the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Leyden was in the top five towns out of 43 hill towns when we were asked to indicate that we understood the importance of fiber to the home.

Now we are falling behind other towns in the effort to get a baseline of 40% of our households signed up. While several other towns have far surpassed 40%, *we still need more than 30 households*. It is very important that we continue our history of forward thinking by getting our residents to fill out the pre-commitment form and send in the refundable \$49 for the first month's service. Every one over that 40% helps to ensure that we will see more money returning to our town to cover the cost of the infrastructure. WiredWest and Mass. Broadband are

moving steadily forward in the drive to connect all our homes to the best internet possible. This is the largest, most complex project of its kind in the U.S., so we are literally making history.

I know it's easy to put things on hold over the summer, but it is important that you not put off making your commitment now. It benefits you by ensuring that you will be connected in the first tier at the best price. You will have the best internet available anywhere, with the option of phone and TV service as well. It benefits the town by creating a customer base that returns revenue to the town, not to big corporations that can't wait to get out of serving us at all. You can sign up online at wiredwest.net, find forms at the Leyden Cafe or attached to the online version of *Leyden Life*. Sheila Hourihan, 413-774-5922, and Al Woodhull, 413-773-3522, your delegates to WiredWest, are also always happy to help with sign-ups.

## Franklin County Solid Waste Management District

### LOW COST COMPOST PAILS AND BINS AVAILABLE

Composting is easy, and it can be even easier with effective composting equipment. Attractive, durable "Earth Machine" compost bins are available for purchase at several locations within the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, and "Sure-Close" kitchen compost collection pails are available at the District Office at 50 Miles St, Greenfield.

Why compost? Composting reduces waste, saves money, slows climate change, and greatly improves soil structure and water retention. Residents can save money by using homemade compost on their gardens and lawns instead of purchasing bagged fertilizers and topsoil. In addition, residents of towns that require "Pay As You Throw" trash bags or stickers can save money by composting rather than filling up town bags with compostable waste.

To make composting as easy as possible, the Solid Waste District Office is selling green "Sure-Close" kitchen compost pails for \$5. This 1.9-gallon pail is meant to sit on the countertop or under the sink to collect compostables before taking them out to the backyard compost bin or municipal compost collection. The Sure-Close lid can be made to stay open for hands-free use when cooking or cleaning up. The pinholes in the tightly locking lid allow moisture to evaporate, which reduces odor.

Municipal compost programs are available free to permit holders at the transfer stations in Leverett, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, and Whately. These food and paper waste collections are different than backyard composting in that a wider range of materials is acceptable, including meat, bones, cheese, peanut butter, oily foods, and paper such as paper towels, napkins, paper plates and compostable cups. Animal products and oily foods should never be put in *home* compost systems.

In addition to the pails available at the District office, 16 District towns recently received varying amounts of kitchen compost pails free as part of MassDEP's Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) small-scale initiatives grant: Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Heath, Leverett, Leyden, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Shelburne, and Whately.

The Earth Machine compost bin, which the Solid Waste District sells "at cost" for \$45, is made of a tough recycled

polyethylene plastic and has a twist-on locking lid. The bin stakes to the ground and is easy to assemble, is rodent resistant, and features a door in the bottom that can be lifted up to shovel out finished compost.

The Earth Machine compost bin is available for purchase at these four locations: Colrain Transfer Station, open Saturdays 8-4; Wendell Transfer Station, Tues. 12-6, Sat. 7:30-3:30; Orange Transfer Station, Tues., Thurs, & Sat.: 8-2:45; and the District office, 50 Miles Street, Greenfield (hours vary; call 413-772-2438).

District residents may purchase Sure-Close kitchen pails at the District Office only, 50 Miles St., Greenfield; call 413-772-2438 for hours. Cash and checks accepted.

For more information on composting or waste management programs, contact the Franklin County Solid Waste District: 413-772-2438, [info@franklincountywastedistrict.org](mailto:info@franklincountywastedistrict.org), [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org). *MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The District is an equal opportunity provider.*

### FALL "CLEAN SWEEP" BULKY WASTE COLLECTION

Save the date: Fall "Clean Sweep" Bulky Waste Day: **October 24<sup>th</sup>** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The three drop-off sites are: the Buckland Recreation Facility on Rt. 112 South, the Northfield Highway Garage, and the Whately Transfer Station. Bring tires, appliances, scrap metal, mattresses, construction debris, computers and equipment, televisions, propane gas tanks, and other large items. You can also bring clean and dry (bagged) textiles and books for free reuse or recycling.

New: Bring bulky rigid plastics for recycling, such as broken laundry baskets or recycle bins, 5 gallon pails, clean plant pots (no crinkly 6-pack holders), plastic lawn furniture, large kids toys (no batteries) - nothing larger than 4 feet in any direction.

Materials will be recycled whenever possible. Disposal fees and more information at: [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweep.html](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweep.html)

For more information, contact the Franklin County Solid Waste District: 413-772-2438, [info@franklincountywastedistrict.org](mailto:info@franklincountywastedistrict.org), [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org). *MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The District is an equal opportunity provider.*

## Leyden Council on Aging (COA)

**Mission Statement:** *The Leyden Council on Aging is a senior advocacy group sponsored and funded by the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs. Our purpose is to enrich the lives of Leyden residents 60 and older, by providing educational and recreational opportunities that promote the physical, social, and mental wellness of our residents, and by directing seniors and their families to local and state agencies available to address their personal needs.*

**DID YOU KNOW...**...that summer is a great time to catch up on your reading? We strongly recommend the 2015 bestseller *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande. The author is both a surgeon and a wonderful storyteller, who uses his experiences to help us think about how we want to live when the end approaches – not how we want to die. It is a discussion about the limits of medicine and the power of listening to what the dying really want. Forgive us if this seems like the absolutely worst suggestion for a beach read, but we're willing to bet that many of us are dealing with these issues, or we soon will be, whether with parents, siblings or ourselves. These 263 pages are worth reading and thinking about.

We have no programs planned for August, but here's a heads-up for September. (More information will be available in the September newsletter.)

**Tuesday, September 22: 1 PM-3 PM ~ I Can Do WHAT With My iPad/iPhone?!** with technology consultant Shirley Keech. Bring your devices if you have them.

**Friday, September 25: 7:00 PM ~ Barrymore!** a one-man show performed live by Richard Clark, about the life and times of "bad boy" actor John Barrymore in the 1920s.



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## Leyden United Methodist Church

### Lazy Days of Summer

As I drive over Brattleboro Road to worship with the precious congregation at the Leyden United Methodist Church each Sunday morning, a variety of wildlife crosses my path. Virtually every trip in my first two months as pastor here included at least one deer sighting. That was exhilarating for me since they hold deeply spiritual meaning. I purchased a Muslim prayer rug when I was exploring the ruins at Ephesus in seminary in 2009. (That's the site of the community called "Ephesians" in the Bible.) This intricately woven, silk work includes two deer at the heavenly gate. Between plying my friends and I with glass after glass of hot, sweet apple tea with two sugar cubes and an impossibly tiny spoon, the Turkish salesman told us that deer symbolize healing and guide one into heaven. In Native American lore I've also learned that in many ancient and indigenous traditions the antlers are a symbol of spiritual authority because they grow above the physical head, reaching towards the realm of spirit. They signify regeneration, because they die and grow back, bigger than before.

My impressions of other animals like rescued turtles, rafters of turkeys and scampering goose families are less profound, but equally enjoyable. I especially delight in the swallows that dart out in front of us as we pass the Franklin Farm, playing and flying upward in a tornado-like swirl beside the cows munching the pink clover blossoms. The red-winged blackbirds that fly by as we pass the marshy area remind me of Robert Pirsig's cross-country journey with his 11-year-old son in *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, when he says, "at age eleven you don't get very impressed with red-winged blackbirds." It seems that is true at age 17 too since my son isn't nearly as filled with glee as I am at seeing the wings of these spectacular fowl ablaze with color.

When a loon surfaced ten feet off the bow of my kayak during our recent vacation, my son did sit up and take notice and when it sang its mournful song so close we could see its throat vibrate, both of us were in awe. He seemed pretty impressed with the mink that snuck up behind an unsuspecting frog, making it lunch before rejoining its family that day, as well.

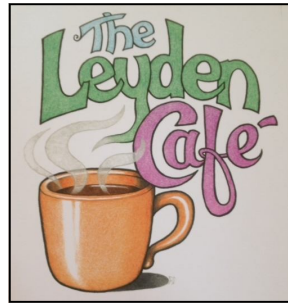
Summer is the perfect time to slow life down to notice all of the little things that whiz by during our busy lives, things that are always going on but just beyond our view. In summer, the windows are open so we can smell the fresh cut grass, as well as the pungent skunks. There are days when the sky couldn't be any bluer. We fall asleep to the sweet sounds of crickets and sights of fireflies, damp from the day's humidity, only to wake and pull on another blanket when the morning's brisk air chills our toes. There is so much more than roses to stop and smell. In fact, that may just be our reason for being, to enjoy this beautiful creation, not in some far off future, but now, along the way.

In Chapter 17 of the wonderful classic that is lingering once more on my Audible playlist, Pirsig writes, "Mountains should be climbed with as little effort as possible and without desire. ... [W]hen you are no longer thinking ahead, each footstep isn't just a means to an end but a unique event in itself. ... To live only for some future goal is shallow. It's the sides of the mountain that sustain life, not the top. Here's where things grow."

Enjoy these lazy days of summer: take time to notice the skunks as well as the grass growing sweetly on the sides of your life's mountain.

Pastor Cheryl preaches at the Leyden United Methodist Church which holds inspired worship at 8:45 each Sunday morning at 15 West Leyden Road across from Town Hall. Our facilities are handicap accessible and we offer Sunday school during our worship services. Come as you are, there are no fashion police. We welcome everyone to share communion on the first Sunday of each month. After worship every week you are invited to join us in our downstairs Fellowship Hall for delicious fresh baked goodies and friendly conversation.

—Rev. Cheryl L. Meachen



### Fall Season Soon!

We're excited to announce that we'll soon be starting our second season as a community café! Our fall re-opening will be in September. The date and time will be in next Leyden Life, and we'd love to have you join us. The Café entrance is at the back of Town Hall and our new flag will be out during Café hours. We'll also

open for special occasions.

Come for an hour and chat with friends and neighbors while enjoying Karyn Brown's scones, coffee cakes, and other baked goodies and excellent coffee from Pierce Bros. If you haven't seen our cozy space yet, come check us out! Take a look at our local crafts and products, including Rhonda's pottery, Ed's maple syrup and Marie's antiques.

Our first year was a memorable one with the Café hosting game nights, market days, cultural events, and concerts, in addition to town meetings, Council on Aging presentations and our regular weekly hours. We plan to not only continue our offerings but expand them this coming year, so we hope to see you there. More people make for better conversation!

Free coffee for the first five people on Opening Day, and you can enjoy a free coffee after drinking five cups!

Robin Neipp, 624-5512; Amy St Clair, 774-6907; Holly Spatcher, 624-3247

## Knitting Circle

The Leyden Knitting Circle will meet on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, at Peggy Brown's house. You are welcome to join us.

Please call Peggy (774-5764) or Laura (773-8325) for more information.

All are welcome to join us; no experience is needed and all kinds of handwork are fine. If you don't know how to knit, come along and we'll help you get started! Visitors and all ages are welcome, it's very relaxed and low key.

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

Facebook Group: "Leyden Knitting Circle" Members sometimes post pictures of their projects here, or interesting knitting-related links.

## PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL CLASS OF 1965 50<sup>TH</sup> CLASS REUNION

We are extending an invitation to all Alumni and faculty to join us in celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at Terrazza Ristorante at the Country Club of Greenfield, 244 Country Club Road, Greenfield, MA 01301

Cocktail Hour is at 6:00 PM with Snacks and Cash Bar, and the Buffet is at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$40 per person

**(Your check is your reservation)**

Mail checks to: JoAnn Coutu, 830 Gulf Road, Northfield, MA 01360 no later than **Friday, September 4, 2015**

If unable to attend the buffet dinner, you are welcome to join us at **8:00 PM for socializing.**

## 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.

**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. Reasonable rates. Insured.

**Timber Frame Buildings** small, custom-designed and assembled. Locally milled lumber. Cabins, sheds, workshops, studios, pool houses, greenhouses, etc. Contact Patrick at Single Bay Timber Frames at 413-834-4285 or message me on Facebook at Single Bay Timber Frames.

**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. Like us on Facebook at Orchard Valley Farm.

**Maple Run Farm:** A limited supply of Persephone's Garden Raw Honey should be available late fall. 2015 should be a great year. 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.

## Bill Maguire Painting

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## Sweet Morning Farm CSA

Busy growing, harvesting, eating, and storing fresh veggies and eggs these days. Hurray for summer!

**EGGS:** Organically grown chicken eggs for \$6.00/dozen, medium eggs \$4.00.

**CHICKEN AND DUCK:** We are raising some chickens and ducks for meat. Organic, pasture-raised poultry that is really delicious! Available in the fall. Let us know if you are interested.

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—Laura Timmerman, Rob Creamer

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## Linda Romano

"Awakening to Yoga" will continue on Mondays, 9-10 am at Town Hall or my studio in Leyden. Easy chair standing class. Special discount for seniors!

Energy medicine body work for all conditions. Call for info.

—Linda Romano C/LMT/BW, BSW 413-624-3334

## Angels' Rest

Angels' Rest Retreat happenings in August include support for RECOVER Project, Community Action Response Team (CSO), Springfield College, The Mankind Project, Rett's Roost—a support group for families dealing with childhood cancer, Ashaya® Yoga teacher training with Todd Norian, and two writer's groups with artists Teresa Whittaker and Rona Levanthal. If you want to learn great storytelling skills, contact Rona at rona@ronatales.com for a Three-day Summer Storytelling Institute August 7-9 with CE credits available. <http://www.ronatales.com>.

Check out Angels' Rest's new website at <http://www.AngelsRestRetreat.com!>

## Pastel Hands-on Workshop

Pastel artist, Gregory John Maichack, will present an adult hands-on workshop, "Scarlet Poppies: Pastel Paint Like Georgia O'Keeffe," on Thursday, September 17th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Town Hall. Those wishing to attend this activity, which is designed for students, beginners to advanced, should contact Michael Frees at 773-5123. Early registration is advised as space is limited. Previous years' rosters filled quickly.



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