

Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

March 2017

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: Dwight Tuller of North County Road, February 2, 2017.
No Births or Marriages were reported in January.

TOWN CAUCUS

The Town Caucus to nominate candidates for the Annual Town Election will be held on Monday, March 27th at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

Offices open for nomination are: Moderator (1-yr) Kathy Di-Matteo, Incumbent; Select Board (3-yr) William Glabach, Inc; Assessor (3-yr) Robert DePalma, Inc; Town Clerk (1-yr) Elizabeth Johnson, Inc; Tree Warden (1-yr) David Brooks, Inc; Library Trustee (3-yr) Cornelia Reid, Inc; Planning Board (5-yr) Peter Tusinski, Inc; Board of Health (3-yr) Ellen White, Inc; and Constable (3-yr) Erik Johnson, Inc.

To accept nominations, nomination papers must be signed by the nominee within 72 hours (three days) after the caucus.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION

The Annual Town Meeting and Election will be held on Saturday, May 13th at Town Hall. Polling hours for the Election are 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Town Meeting will begin at 9:00 AM. The last day to register to vote at Town Meeting and the Town Election is Sunday, April 23rd.

DOG LICENSES

The 2017 dog licenses are available during regular business hours. Licenses cannot be issued without proof of current rabies vaccination.

Fees are as follows: Neutered and spayed - \$10.00; Not altered - \$15.00; Kennel License 1-4 dogs - \$30.00; 5-10 dogs - \$40.00; more than 10 dogs - \$50.00. Only checks or money orders are accepted.

—Thank you, Elizabeth Johnson

Town Clerk Office Hours are Wednesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 PM.
Telephone 774-4111, Ext. 3. Email: townclerk@townofleyden.com

Select Board

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

The Select Board will meet on Thursdays, March 2nd and 16th at 9:00 AM in their office and March 9th and 23rd at 6:45 PM. (March 16th is at PRES.) To be added to the agenda or to get a copy of it, please contact Bob Hardesty at 774-4111, Ext. 1, or selectboard@townofleyden.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.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Wed, Mar 1	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Mar 2	9:00 AM	Select Board
Thu, Mar 2	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Tue, Mar 7	7:00 PM	Broadband Committee
Wed, Mar 8	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Thu, Mar 9	6:45 PM	Select Board
No March Meeting		Board of Health (at the Police Station)
Wed, Mar 15	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Thu, Mar 16	9:00 AM	Select Board (at PRES)
Mon, Mar 20	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue, Mar 21	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the church)
Thu, Mar 23	6:45 PM	Select Board

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. Any changes or additions to meeting times and/or dates should be forwarded to the Municipal Assistant.
—Select Board

Select Board Office

It’s been a busy new year with many things going on in Leyden. The board has been attending many out-of-town meetings regarding schools and broadband.

Towns within our school district have met regarding establishing a new committee to look into how the district can retain excellent public education with state revenues staying flat, transportation cost not being paid at the promised 100% and falling enrollment numbers. Throughout Western Massachusetts, Berkshire, Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin county towns are struggling with enrollment numbers that are declining. We simply don’t have the enrollment numbers to bring enough state revenue in to support all the infrastructure required to maintain the level of education we all expect.

The new committee has been named the Honest Education and Retaining Trust (HEART) Committee. Leyden’s committee members are Michele Giarusso, Ginger Robinson, and Rick Fontaine. They have a big assignment ahead of them. The Mohawk School District’s similar BEST committee has

been active for over a year now. We look forward to collaborating with their committee as we all struggle with the same issues. HEART committee meetings will be posted meetings and held throughout the district. Please stay engaged to follow their progress. The BEST committee will be meeting with town officials of the Pioneer Regional School District on March 1st to share and collaborate on how to move forward with the new HEART committee. We have seen their summary report and the extraordinary amount of time and effort they put into it.

Broadband is still on the forefront of our agenda, and many things are continually changing. MBI continues to hold the purse strings and Leyden’s Broadband Committee is actively engaged with them on many issues regarding the best way to move forward. Selectmen, Finance Committee members, a WiredWest delegate and residents recently attended a forum at which a new proposal was presented by Wired West. That new direction by WW is now going before MBI for their input. In the meantime,

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Champions Again!

Robertson Memorial Library

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

Any Interest? Karen Stinchfield, director of the Cushman Library in Bernardston, would love to celebrate Henry David Thoreau's 200th birthday. Her idea is to sponsor a community-wide read of *Walden*, punctuated with book discussions or special programs (gardening, sustainable living, connecting with nature, etc.). One of her patrons is Barry Deitz, a very dynamic speaker who researches his topics thoroughly. He could present a very engaging talk on Thoreau. Karen wonders if anyone in Leyden would be interested in being a part of her 'big read.' Let me know if you are!

It's that time of the year again—time to remove books that have not left the shelves in six years. There are many, and it's a must-do task in order to make room for the new materials that we purchase monthly. If you are interested in grabbing a good read before it leaves the RML, stop in to see our \$1.00 book sale shelf. You might find the perfect gift for yourself or someone else!

Despite the cold, howling winds, and snow, the library has been busy! We have new patrons and lots of old faithfuls who visit regularly. Please come in, introduce yourself, and become a patron!

Many thanks to the Highway crew for keeping our parking lot open and for clearing as much snow as possible from the entrance! Sam Allis has also been incredibly helpful in blowing snow and making my shoveling job (Trueman's, too) much less taxing. Upon seeing me shoveling the entrance after one of our storms, Erik Johnson drove the town plow over to the library and pushed as much snow as possible out of the way. Thank you to all who have made winter easier for me!

New materials arrive quite regularly. Take advantage of what we have! If you are ill or housebound, please call, and I'll make sure your selections make it to your home.

Have faith! Spring is not too far away!

—Chris Johnston

Leyden Knitting Group

The Leyden knitting group meets 2 to 3 times each month.

Dates for March are not set as yet.

Contact Amy St. Clair (774-6907) about the Town Hall knitting time. Get in touch with Peggy (774-5764) or Laura (773-8325) for other times or to be placed on our email list. All ages and all experience levels are welcome. Happy knitting!

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

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



The Leyden Café is open

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

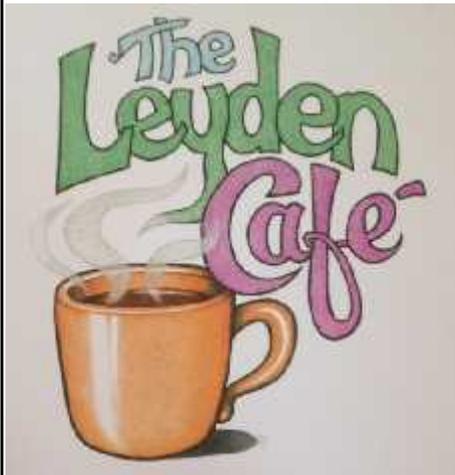
downstairs at Town Hall

Meet your friends and neighbors and enjoy Karyn's delicious baked goodies and Pierce Bros. coffee.

You never know who you'll find there, or what interesting things you might learn about the town or its people just through conversations.

We look forward to seeing you there!

—Amy St. Clair



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. (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 **15th 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 Susan Coan and Greg Doyle, Arlene Bernard, Angels' Rest, Ellen Coty, Mike and Irene Muka, the Spatchers, Frances Morrotti, Spirit Fire and the Council on Aging for contributions and to Michele Higgins, Lois Feldman, and Liz Kidder for collating help. 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 distribute the *Leyden Life* monthly newsletter for those who still want hard copies. It only takes a half-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

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

Wednesday, March 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

Join in at Angels' Rest Retreat

“The Identification of Self: Back to Innocence”™ with Carmen Carigan and Karen Tatro will be the weekend of March 31-April 2. The retreat includes organic food and a release end ceremony at the outdoor fire pit followed by drumming and music in the Great Room. The event includes morning meditations, free time, reiki sessions, massage, scalp massage and a lecture on integrating back into daily life after this powerful event. The retreat has been enlightening and life-changing for many. For more information, www.AngelicEssenceHealing.com. For more information on the healers, go to <http://www.spiritmusingsforsoulfulhealing.com>. As always, commuters are welcome.

—Jennifer Paris

Agent Orange Meeting for Vietnam Veterans

Do you have questions about Agent Orange? It has been over 55 years since its first use, and Vietnam veterans and their families are still learning about the issues and the diseases they may have because of exposure to Agent Orange in and around Vietnam. This event will discuss issues and diseases caused by Agent Orange exposure, benefits you may be eligible for, and will include question and answer periods. Information on Agent Orange is constantly changing. Even if you are already rated for a 100% service-connected disability, you should attend—you may be eligible for additional compensation.

Family members are also welcome to attend this important event on Saturday April 22nd from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM. The location is Greenfield Community College, Main Building, Dining Commons at 1 College Drive, Greenfield, MA 01301. Free Health Care Screening will be available from 12:00 NOON to 1:00 PM prior to event starting. Guest Speakers will discuss: Agent Orange presumptive diseases and the resources available through the VA, heart issues related to exposure, 2nd & 3rd generation birth defects, other toxic exposures and the latest on treatment for Hepatitis C.

Sponsored by Greenfield Community College, the Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' Services District, Vietnam Veterans of Massachusetts Inc., Vietnam Veterans of America MA State Council, and the VA Central Western MA Healthcare System. Participants include: VFW, American Legion, D.A.V., V.V.A., AMVETS, MA Dept. of Veterans' Services, Marine Corps League, the Veterans Health Administration, and many more. For more information call (413) 772-1571 or (413) 775-1825 *GCC is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution.*

Broadband Committee

The Broadband Committee continues to closely monitor what is a very fluid situation and is staying in touch with all parties involved about broadband options for Leyden.

MBI received no satisfactory bids on its recent offer to subsidize private companies willing to undertake building of broadband networks in the 38 unserved towns. They have now moved on, and are ready to assist individual towns that are “deemed ready” to begin the design/engineering work necessary to build their own networks. Leyden is “deemed ready” by the State and has asked to be put in the first round of towns being put out for state funded design/engineering bids.

We have met with several people from MBI in recent days, including Chairman Peter Larkin, and have provided our input on potential changes that MBI is considering relative to the control and funding of the individual town programs.

We continue to explore all options for the Town, including hybrid and wireless systems, and are keeping in touch with any and all potential partners. We are aware of WiredWest’s interest in helping to manage the network once it is built, but that decision is several years into the future and not a current concern.

Although progress was recently slowed by the state’s attempt for a private build-out, it has not impacted Leyden significantly. We used this time period to perform the town’s state-funded pole survey, and as a result, are now better prepared than other towns to proceed to the next step.

Basically, everything continues to move forward—even if a bit slower than we would have liked.

—Bob Ryan, Chair

New England Maple Sugar Supper

Hosted By the Leyden United Methodist Church

Sat. March 18th
Reserved Setting at
5:00pm & 6:30pm

Leyden Town Hall
16 W. Leyden Rd, Leyden Ma 01301

Pork Roast
Potato, Maple Glazed Carrots
Salad w/Maple Dressing
Maple-Upside Down Cake

Adults \$12, Kids 10 & Under \$6
3 & Under Free

50/50 Drawing
Proceeds will be Donated to the Church
Unable to attend the supper,
please stop in to enter the Drawing

Please Call for Reservations/To-Go Orders
Emily Herron-Clark Call or Text 413-336-6248



Linda Lutz

Select Board Office

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work is in progress. Pole survey work has been spotted in town and that is a positive sign of things to come.

There have been recent articles in the *Greenfield Recorder* regarding the purchase of a fire truck. The Select Board has held discussions with Fire Department personnel regarding the purchase, and the Fire Department was advised not to purchase the truck. Old Engine 1 is down for pump repairs and only has a limited amount of miles on it. Four-wheel drive is essential in this town because of our topography and our New England weather. Colrain recently purchased a new four-wheel drive fire truck at a price of over \$400,000. Our approach is to maintain our equipment and keep budgets within what we can afford.

We recognize the importance of public safety, and we also know that communications must stay on the forefront of the town's agenda. The Select Board, Finance Committee and Fire Department will look for solutions to resolve capital expenditure requirements that won't cause spikes in property taxes. We are grateful for the hours and commitment that the Fire Department provides for the town. However, the purchase of a fire truck by the Leyden Firefighters Association without Select Board and Finance Committee approval has created a problem situation that we are trying to resolve.

We recently had the Town Hall wood floors sanded and refinished. We tried to minimize the inconvenience by having it done in February. The floors are now back in good as new condition and look terrific. As soon as we get a warm couple of days, we'll try to get it aired out. Thank you to all who had to make some adjustments, as we know the building is being actively used, which is a good thing. Please take extra care to protect the "new" floors when you visit Town Hall.

The Select Board met with the Building Needs Committee, and the Historical Commission on February 2nd regarding the much-needed space for historical town treasures and office space. There is interest again in maybe pursuing the idea of trying to buy the old forge property, which would address the immediate need for space.

We have another meeting coming up on Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00 PM for further discussions. We'll ask the Finance Committee to attend this meeting to look into the best possible way of pursuing this option. We're open to all ideas from anyone, so if you have an idea please join the discussion.

This past month the town of Princeton reached out to MEMA looking for a generator for a little girl who had a heart transplant. MEMA put them in contact with Dan Galvis, and within a short time Dan put together a package and loaded up a generator and his tractor and drove to Princeton. The Princeton Fire Chief, John Bennett, and others helped Dan unload the gift for this little girl. Dan worked with other personnel and made numerous trips back and forth to Princeton until the unit was up and running. Now it's available for emergency use for the family of this girl. We would like to express our thanks to Dan for his kind assistance to these people in need. It's an uplifting story of one of our townspeople.

—Respectfully yours, Jeff, Bill and Lance



WiredWest presented a WiredWest Broadband Solution Workshop at the JFK Middle School in Northampton on January 28th. The event introduced the price schedule planned by WiredWest. Prices are based on contracting with an experienced organization that can provide network operation and ISP (Internet Service Provider) services. Basic 25 Mbps Internet service will cost \$59 per month, and telephone service will cost \$19 including national long distance. Negotiations are ongoing with two companies: Whip City Fiber, a division of Westfield Gas and Electric, and OTT, the operator of several networks in New England, including the Granby, MA, local telephone company. OTT also will soon take over parts of the Leverett broadband service previously provided by Crocker.

WiredWest will be responsible for paying a few bills beyond the wholesale cost of services. Part of the difference is various charges related to poles owned by electric or phone companies. WiredWest bills will also include a depreciation fee, required by law to guarantee that resources will be available when equipment needs replacement. This will vary from town to town and will decrease as additional subscribers are added.

On February 16th MBI held a hearing in Worthington to get feedback from town representatives regarding the responses to MBI's requests for proposals from private companies willing to provide broadband services to unserved towns. MBI heard from representatives of about fifteen towns, mostly with similar messages. Many pointed out that that MBI's requests for proposals had demonstrated that big private companies are not interested in serving small towns. A common request was that, since MBI has now left it up to towns to make their own arrangements for network design and construction, MBI should release funds to towns to do this. Many representatives also berated MBI for its previous hostility to WiredWest and requested that MBI support proposals for a regional approach. Many of those who spoke said they were attracted to Westfield Gas and Electric's offer to negotiate directly with individual towns or groups of towns to provide services at all levels, from network design and construction to network operation.

The ball is now in MBI's court; if they will release resources and let towns take responsibility we could see progress soon.

—Al Woodhull (413-773-3522) and Sheila Hourihan (413-218-6600), *WiredWest Delegates for Leyden*

GET INVOLVED!
Attend the Town Caucus
Monday, March 27th, 7:00 PM

Scholarship Awards

The Fred W. Wells Trust is an organization that provides scholarships to students graduating from high school and to those enrolled in college or an advanced educational program. Recipients are selected based on scholarship, need, extracurricular activities and recommendations.

Applications may be obtained from high school college counselors, or from the Leyden Town Clerk during normal business hours. Please note that all applications, recommendation letters and *official* transcripts now need to be postmarked no later than **March 20th, 2017**.

Please call Lois at 774-4092 for further information if needed.
—Thank you, Lois Feldman

Council on Aging (COA)

The Council on Aging would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all those people who have worked together to make our programs and presentations a success over the last few months. **THANK YOU!** to all volunteers, drivers, presenters and others who have pitched in to help in whatever way you are able!

EXERCISE CLASSES: with Linda Allis got a late start due to one of the many storms of February, and the floor refinishing at the Town Hall, so will now run **through May 2nd, on TUESDAYS at Noon.** Time to get moving.

ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASSES: with David Sund, (also victim to two storm postponements) will continue on **TUESDAYS, from 1pm to 3pm** downstairs at the Town Hall, now **through March 14th.**

MINI-LUNCH: On **THURSDAY, MARCH 2 from Noon to 1:30pm.** the COA is serving its third "mini-lunch" downstairs in the Community Room at the Town Hall. Our menu includes **sandwiches, vegetable soup, salad & dessert.** Word is that food and fun are both to be found at these lunches, where you can meet old friends, and make new ones – join us, and decide for yourself!

Also on Thursday, March 2, at 4:30pm: The Council on Aging holds its monthly Board meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend: please notify the Chair, Gilda Galvis (413-773-7932) if you would like to be put on the agenda.

MOVIE NIGHT!! Complete with Big Screen, new sound system and an "Old-Tyme" Popcorn Wagon – on **FRIDAY, MARCH 10, - "The Eagle Huntress"** (2016) from **7pm to 9pm** Upstairs at the Town Hall.

'A 13 year old trains to become the first female in twelve generations of her Kazakh family to become an eagle hunter. She must compete against 70 of the greatest eagle hunters in Mongolia and endure 40 below zero temperatures on an eagle hunt deep into perilous mountain landscapes. A visually dazzling film that provides a view into another world.' Rated G: all ages welcome

It's St. Patricks Day! (Well, a couple of days early...) Find your hidden Irish roots and celebrate on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 at Noon** with a delicious meal of traditional St. Paddy's Day fare like **corned beef, cabbage and Irish soda bread: expect a dessert o' green, too!**

Please call Sue Howarth at (413) 774-3118 to make reservations, and let her know if there are any special dietary concerns for yourself or someone in your party. We do our best to accommodate all our guests!

"Songbirds of the Northeast" presented by naturalist **John Root** will take place upstairs at the Town Hall also on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 at 1pm.** This presentation will feature both images and sound recordings of our region's lovely songbirds: bluebird boxes and perennials for attracting wildlife will be available to purchase after the presentation if you should wish to do so.



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.

Please note: when School is cancelled owing to inclement weather, COA events will not take place, either. Please – no more snow!
—Cecelia Tusinski

LEYDEN COUNCIL ON AGING MARCH CALENDAR

EXERCISE CLASS W/LINDA ALLIS
TUESDAYS, 7, 14, 21 & 28; NOON - 1PM:
UPSTAIRS:TOWN HALL

ACRYLIC CLASS W/DAVID SUND
TUESDAY, 7 & 14; 1PM – 3PM:
COMMUNITY ROOM: TOWN HALL

MINI-LUNCH
THURSDAY MARCH 2 NOON - 1:30PM
COMMUNITY ROOM TOWN HALL

COA BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY MARCH 2 4:30PM - 6:00PM
COMMUNITY ROOM TOWN HALL

MOVIE NIGHT
"THE EAGLE HUNTRESS"
FRIDAY MARCH 10, 7PM – 9PM
UPSTAIRS: TOWN HALL

ST. PATRICKS DAY LUNCH
WEDNESDAY MARCH 15, NOON – 1:30PM
COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL

"SONGBIRDS of the NORTHEAST"
PRESENTATION by NATURALIST, JOHN ROOT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1PM – 2PM
UPSTAIRS: TOWN HALL



Leyden Snowlady with Friends



Clay Workshops

Three Clay Workshops with ceramic artist Rhonda Wainshilbaum are planned this spring at 46 River Rd. in Leyden. Dates and themes are:
March 5, 2:00 to 5:00 PM: Make a **toad house** for the garden. Cost is \$50.00.

April 23, 2:00 to 5:00 PM: Make a **clay duck or chicken** garden ornament about 12" wide. Cost is \$50.00.

May 7, 2:00 to 6:00 PM: Make **textured hanging bells** for porch or garden. Cost is \$45.00.

No experience is necessary. All materials are included. You will need to come back to glaze your items. Get \$5.00 off if you come with a new participant! Ten percent of the proceeds will go to "The National Environmental Law Center." Please RSVP to Rhondawain@verizon.net or 413-624-5175.

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.

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 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. 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. Like us on Facebook at Orchard Valley Farm.



Sweet Morning Farm CSA

2017 FARM SHARES

SHARES are on sale! It's time to reserve your share of Leyden-grown, organic vegetables, fruits, and flowers. Shares include a wide variety of vegetables, and flowers plus pick-your-own pole beans, snap peas, and cherry tomatoes. This year we are offering delivery of larger shares in Leyden or Greenfield. Our farm is not certified but we are completely committed to organic and sustainable practices.

SIGNING BONUS: All who pay in full for their share before March 20th will receive a free dozen eggs as our thank-you.

FOR MORE INFO: Call or email Robin and Laura at the farm, or check out our blog, or Facebook page, or stop by the Robertson Memorial Library to pick up a brochure. We invite you to become part of our little farm. Listen to our recent interview on WRSI here: <http://www.buylocalfood.org/press-room/wrsi/>

EGGS: We sell organically-grown pasture-raised chicken eggs year round. Call or email for availability or to be placed on our News & Extras Email List. Stop by the farm or come to the Greenfield Winter Farmers' Market on **March 4th** at Four Corners School.

—Laura Timmerman and Rob Creamer
 Sweet Morning Farm—413-773-8325

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

<http://sweet-morning-farm.blogspot.com/>

Linda Romano

Renew, Recharge, Revitalize, for Spring with: massage, bodywork, yoga/movement therapies. More options for cancer therapies are now available. Enjoy the season! Linda Romano. Contact me at 413-624-3334

—Linda Romano 413-624-3334
romanohealing@gmail.com

Pearl Rhodes Elementary School

Dear PRES Families,

Thank you so much for making our Winter Fun Day a success. The volunteer effort was wonderful, and our students are lucky to have such a supportive community!

This week, students worked on flexible thinking as many staff took on multiple roles. Flexible thinking is an important skill that we encourage students to use regularly. When unexpected things happen, we have to solve problems and be flexible thinkers. This can mean doing things differently, taking a break, moving to a different space, or problem-solving with a peer. The adults try to model flexible thinking and problem-solving as well.

The following policies have been updated and are available for viewing in our school handbook: Non-Discrimination Policy, Bullying Policy, and Discipline of Students under Special Education & Section 504. The handbook can be accessed online at <https://sites.google.com/a/pvrtdk12.org/pres/> or you may request a paper copy from the office.

Upcoming Events: **March 8** Report Cards, **March 10** Parent Teacher Conferences, **March 17** Parent Teacher Conferences, **March 24** Teacher In-Service, **NO SCHOOL, April 17 – 21** Spring Recess

—Warmly, Deanna

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