
Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

March 2019

Select Board Office Hours:
Monday—Thursday 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Tax Collector:
Monday and Wednesday 5:30 - 8:00 PM
Assessors Office:
Wednesday 12:00 - 6:00 PM

Select Board Office

SELECT BOARD MEETINGS

The Select Board will meet on Mondays, March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th at 7:00 PM upstairs in the meeting hall. To be added to the agenda email selectboard@townofleyden.com at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Anyone not on the posted agenda is welcome to address the Select Board at the end of the meeting during the “Citizens’ concerns not anticipated in advance of the meeting” agenda item time slot.

OCTOBER MEETINGS

Mon, Mar 4	7:00 PM	Select Board
Tue, Mar 5	4:30 PM	Council on Aging
Wed, Mar 6	4:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Wed, Mar 7	7:00 PM	Recreation Committee
Mon, Mar 11	7:00 PM	Select Board
Tue, Mar 13	9:00 AM	Board of Health (At the Police Station)
Wed, Mar 13	7:00 PM	Planning Board
Mon, Mar 18	7:00 PM	Select Board
Mon, Mar 18	7:30 PM	Conservation Commission
Tue, Mar 19	7:00 PM	Historical Commission (Downstairs at the Church)
Wed, Mar 20	6:30 PM	Board of Assessors
Mon, Mar 25	7:00 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.

Select Board

Selectmen’s Office

Welcome news for Leyden and our north end residents. Leyden’s small bridge grant application has been approved to replace the Simon Keets Bridge. Thanks to Lance Fritz for spending the time and effort in filling out the application forms. These applications are time consuming and require additional follow-up work. Michele Giarusso has attended meetings and has made many phone calls in moving this project forward for approval. Well done! We recently asked Michele to attend the MNA conference in Boston where small town projects are brought to the forefront of our state legislature and state officials. The town is awaiting paperwork now from DOT regarding our shared cost, along with design work and the bidding process. This is all good news.

Hardly a day goes by that PRES and our school district isn’t in the Recorder or on Springfield TV. School meetings have been crowded with concerned residents. The State is now involved, since passing the emergency legislation that gives the school district authority to borrow over a ten-year period to pay off its debt. A State overseer is on board to advise on how the

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Board of Health

Leyden Board of Health Vacancy

Being on the Board of Health is no longer the muddy boots, lead paint checking, creepy-crawly discovery job it used to be. Since Leyden has become a member Town served by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG), all technical / certified / licensed aspects of the job are done by the Professionals from the FRCOG.

The role of Board of Health members is to oversee the work of the FRCOG team as it relates to Leyden; to distribute up-to-date information on public health issues, such as Lyme disease and prevention of illness; coordinate public health services like our yearly Flu Clinic; and to invite town members to participate in discussions when proposing new or revised health regulations for the town.

As Leyden is a small town with no stores or eateries, it is a low demand position. The Board meets four times a year, with the understanding that if a situation arises, we will meet more often...a rarity.

The new board member would also attend monthly coalition -oversight meetings that include representatives from other member towns and the professional staff that provides services to member towns.

As someone who has thoroughly enjoyed my six years on the Board of Health, I encourage you to take this opportunity to help our town stay safe and healthy. Please feel free to call me at 773-8595 with any questions.

—Kathie Benson



FRTA to Visit COA

The Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA) will visit on Wednesday, March 20th at 11:00 AM in front of Town Hall prior to the COA luncheon. They're going to “teach us the ropes” about scheduling and riding on trips for seniors to go to doctor appointments or grocery shopping in Greenfield.

If you have not yet done so, please pick up a ridership application at the Town Administrative Assistant’s office at Town Hall.



Robertson Memorial Library

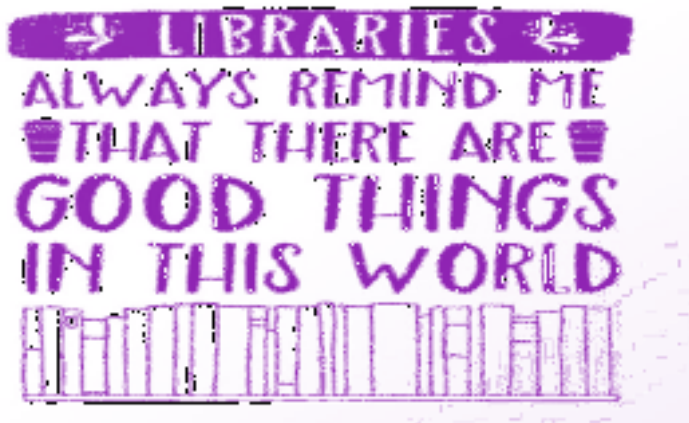
Library Hours: Monday and Wednesday 1:00 – 6:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM to 12:00 NOON
Phone 773-9334 (Leave a message any time.)

As I write on this sunny February day, I rejoice that we've had no devastating blizzards. It's been an unusual winter thus far, and on behalf of all, I thank Trueman Robbins, ninety years young, for shoveling out the entrance to the library after each storm. David Brooks and his crew have been great in clearing out as close to the building as possible making access much easier. Thank you!

With the help of Rachel Rodgers, recent college graduate, we've weeded out books that have been collecting dust on the shelves for five or more years, and currently we're looking at the DVDs so that we can add to our collection without struggling to find shelf space. If you want to look at the freebies we have, please stop in. New, more current DVDs arrive regularly.

The library has been busy! Moms and their children often stop on their way home from school, and older patrons consider this a necessary stop once a week. It's exciting to shelve new materials and watch them fly out of here with a happy reader/viewer/listener. What a great job this is! Why don't *you* join this crowd and reap the benefits of your tax dollars?

Enjoy the month of March as we all 'march forth' to spring! —Chris Johnston



Leyden Knitting Group

The Leyden knitters meet several times each month.

Knitters meet every Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00 at the Leyden Town Hall. Contact Michele Higgins (772-1924) about the Town Hall knitting time.



Contact Peggy Brown (774-5764) or Laura Timmerman (773-8325) for details or if you would like to host or attend a home knitting group. All hand crafts are welcome, mending, spinning, crocheting, etc.

March home dates to be announced but we generally meet one evening each month.

All ages and all experience levels are welcome. Happy knitting and crafting!

—Laura Timmerman, 773-8325

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

People are calling our help line to ask for a ride, a reference or other help. Please feel free to call and we will do our best to help you out as needed.

Current needs are for light housekeeping and meal prep and for rides and snow shoveling.

We are compiling a list of people of all ages willing to help out occasionally with either indoor or outdoor chores for seniors or disabled persons. Indoor chores might be helping out with cleaning or minor indoor repairs. Outdoor chores might be snow shoveling or yard help. This can be volunteer or fee for service. Our goal is to help seniors and people with disabilities on limited incomes to be able to age in place and stay in their homes. Advocates to drive and go to medical appointments and help people without family nearby are also needed. Call Amy 774-6907.

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

Many thanks to Kathleen Anderson, Fran Moretti, and Angels' Rest for donations this month.

Thanks to Michele Higgins, Lois Feldman and Barbara Wallace for collating.

Don't Trash Leyden
Please don't litter!
Take empty cans and bottles home with you for disposal.

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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

Friday, March 15th.

If you cannot e-mail your submission, please leave it in the drop box at the back of Town Hall.

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

Leyden Café



The Leyden Café is open **Sunday mornings, 9:30—12:00**, downstairs at Town Hall. Meet your friends and neighbors and enjoy Karyn Brown's delicious baked goodies along with Pierce Bros. coffee. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Café is going green! Bring your own mug and

we will assign you a number and a hook to keep it on at the Café bar. You'll save a quarter on the price of coffee, and we'll be exploring having **Café mugs** made.

We are welcoming new members to the Café group. If you would like to join us, call Amy at 774-6907, or if you want to see what it's like come by the Café some time on a Sunday morning for a free coffee. We have a good group of people and enjoy providing a place for our Leyden community to visit and share stories.

We have continued to have a great turnout on Sunday mornings, with lively discussions on a variety of interesting topics. We are looking for a few more volunteers to help our staff. If anyone is interested in a minimal commitment please consider joining us! A few more staff would make it even a smaller commitment.

Karyn Brown continues to supply the Café with standby and seasonal goodies which are enjoyed by all. —*Leyden Café Staff*

March COA Menus

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 Noon

Soup-er Lunch with soup, sandwiches, and dessert

Coffee Days 8:30 - 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Main Lunch - March 20, 2019

St. Patrick's Day Lunch

We'll celebrate the Emerald Isle, With Irish favorites served in style!

Corned beef, soda bread, potatoes, too, Carrots and cabbage, all for you.

So wear a shamrock in your hair,

We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Menu

Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots

Irish soda bread, Dessert

Call Sue Howarth at 774-3118

to make reservations

Council on Aging (COA)

Hopefully by now the snows will have receded and the mud will be rising. Spring is not too far away, and we hope you'll come out and join us for some fun and food this month.

The COA will continue providing **Lunches at Noon and Coffee Mornings from 8:30 ~ 10:00 on Wednesdays with the schedule as follows: Wed. March 6th ~ Light Lunch, Wed., March 20th ~ Main Meal. Coffee Mornings will be Wed., March 13th and Wed., March 27th.** There will be a *suggested* donation of \$2.00 for the lunches. Many thanks to the crew doing the cooking and baking!

Artist **Alicia Blaze Hunsicker** will continue to host **"Creative Studio Time" after coffee mornings**, for the month of March, with two sessions added into April because of a snow cancellation, and the trip to see the Smith College Spring Bulb Show. A wide variety of art materials will be available to explore and create with. No experience is necessary and all levels are welcome. Please call Karen Loomis at 624-3902 to sign up.

Wednesday, March 13th ~ Field Trip to Spring Bulb Show at Smith College ~ We will be carpooling down to Northampton at **10:00 AM**, right after Coffee Morning. Please call Karen Loomis at 624-3902 to reserve a space.

Friday, March 15th ~ Movie Night ~ "Can You Ever Forgive Me" ~ 7:00 ~ 9:00 Upstairs at Town Hall. Described as a "funny-sad film" and a "tender, biting story about middle-aged failure and bitterness", this movie relates the true story of best-selling celebrity biographer Lee Israel (Melissa McCarthy), who made her living in the 1970s and 80s profiling the likes of Katharine Hepburn, Tallulah Bankhead, Estee Lauder and journalist Dorothy Kilgallen. When Lee is no longer able to get published because she has fallen out of step with current tastes, she turns her art form to deception, abetted by her loyal friend Jack (Richard E. Grant). Nominated for several awards, including best actress, best screenplay and best supporting actor. Rated R (for language including some sexual references, and brief drug use). We hope to see you there. Popcorn will be available as usual.

Wednesday, March 20th ~ " ~ 11:00AM -FRTA comes to Leyden! ~ "Kick-off" of services begins at 11 AM in front of Town Hall. Beginning on the first of January, FRTA (Franklin Regional Transit Authority) has begun on-demand, limited service to Leyden for those over age 60, or who are handicapped. Before being able to use the service, residents must fill out an application form, available at Town Hall (or by calling FRTA at 413-774-2262, or download it from their website: www.fрта.org) and attach a photo copy of a valid driver's license and send it in to FRTA. (The address is on the application.) There is a one-way fee of \$2.75, which is payable in exact change or with a FRTA prepaid card. No checks or credit cards are accepted. For someone who needs a care giver, the one-way fee for that person is \$.75. FRTA must have your form at least 48 hours prior to the requested service. The busses are wheelchair accessible. As of the 17th of December, if you have filled out forms and been approved, they will begin taking ride requests for transportation to go to doctor's appointments or grocery shopping in Greenfield.

More information is available on the Town website at townofleyden.com and at Town Hall.

—*Karen Loomis and your friends at the COA*

“The Eagle Has Landed!”

On February 5th Leyden resident Ben Hunsicker, who is a member of Boy Scout Troop 5 of Greenfield, earned Scouting’s highest rank of Eagle Scout. According to the record keepers at the Boy Scouts of Western MA office they don’t show another Leyden resident becoming an Eagle Scout for as far back as they have reliable records, so it has been many decades at the very least! And it’s quite possible that there has never been an Eagle Scout from Leyden!



Only 4% of all Boy Scouts attain the rank of Eagle. The necessary requirements take years to fulfill, including earning at least 21 challenging merit badges, living the “Scout Oath & Scout Law” (points intended to guide the positive behavior and

decisions of Scouts), mastering many outdoor skills, and significant community service and demonstrated leadership ability, all before age 18. This also includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. Ben’s Eagle Service Project involved leading a team of Scouts and adults who logged over 100 hours working to remove a long-abandoned metal payphone box from a side street in Greenfield, repurpose it into an attractive “Little Free Library”, then permanently install it at a very active part of Main Street (in front of Baker’s Office Supply) where it has maximum exposure to many people. The goal of the Little Free Library is to promote a sense of community, reading for children, and literacy for adults. Also, to encourage an appreciation for reading physical books during these times where more and more reading is done on electronic smart devices.

Two main aspects of the Scouting program are rank advancement and merit badges. For rank advancement, Scouts progress at their own pace to meet each required challenge while growing in self-reliance and in the ability to help others. By earning any of the more than 135 Merit Badges, a Scout can learn about science, sports, trades, business, future careers, and much more. An overarching theme of Scouting is of course the development of a deep respect and appreciation for the outdoors.

All of these experiences can culminate, for a select few Scouts, in the achievement of the Eagle Scout rank. Ben will undoubtedly be using many of the life skills he has learned during his Scouting career as he heads off to college this September.

Congratulations on your significant achievement, Ben!



Drug Disposal

Drug Disposal Box
Now at Leyden Police Station

We can now safely dispose of unused medication at the Police Station!

Hours for disposal are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

If you are unable to get to the Police Station during those hours, just call the Leyden Police at the non-emergency number of 413-772-2369. State that you would like to have medication removed from your home, and be sure to leave your name and telephone number. A member of the police force will call you to arrange a pick-up time.

Leyden Directory Update



There are additions to the Leyden Directory. These are available on address labels at the town hall and the library. Pick yours up and stick it in your directory to update it.

Recreation Committee

Square Dancing Returns!

The Falltown String Band with caller Doug Wilkins is set to perform Saturday, April 27th from 7-10 PM at Leyden Town Hall. A suggested donation of \$5 per person will be greatly appreciated. Guests 18 and under are free. Families are encouraged to bring children because *no one* is too young or too old to enjoy this event. Put it on your calendar today!

No experience is necessary. This will be a great time to learn the art of square dancing!



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.



Select Board

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district can spend its revenue from the State and Towns, and we now have an additional salary in the budget for the overseer.

Along with this legislation the State can now override our four-town district agreement. That's probably going to be the process in which PRES will be closed. Leyden was notified by the School Committee of the 180 day notice to terminate the lease on the school building. Many steps still need to be put in place, and we would not be surprised if no decision is in place by the time of our Annual Town Meeting. On a positive note, the Bernardston elementary school is an excellent facility and we have been assured that our Leyden students will be very welcome. Much of the same staff would follow, and it will be up to all of us to support our school district. For the district to stay financially sustainable these decisions are in the best interest of the children.

The Heart Committee, which was set up two years ago by the Select Boards of the district to create a sustainable school system, is in the final stages of coming out with their report and a revised district agreement. Public hearings will be held in the district towns as the process moves forward. This will allow the towns to place articles on their Annual Town Meeting warrants to revise the school district agreement. You should check Leyden's town website at townofleyden.com for updated information on public hearings.

The current district agreement will be posted along with the Heart Committee's recommended changes so everyone is informed properly before attending the public hearing. Public hearings give you a chance to advise or make recommendations to the Heart Committee prior to it going to Town Meetings for voting. Much work has been done, with more to follow. There is no certainty that it will be completed prior to the Towns' Annual Town Meetings in the spring. All four towns have had many volunteers who worked tirelessly on this, along with paid consultants. Many thanks for your dedication in ensuring a better public education for the children in our towns.

The inside of Town Hall has been painted—floors, ceilings, walls—you name it we painted it. The Sheriff's Community Work Program has once again saved the Town thousands of dollars in free labor. The dining room floor was repainted with epoxy and the wall color was changed to brighten it up for community events. The Hardesty Room auditorium upstairs was all repainted as well. We have a commitment from a resident who is going to wax and buff the hardwood floor. The building is the focal point of this town and is getting used more and more. Don't forget the COA has something going on every Wednesday of the month, check their new program calendar on the town website for additional info on their events.

Talks with Greenfield continue on an inter-government agreement regarding a long-term ten-year agreement to handle our Fire Protection and Inspection services. We have made good progress on the agreement and continue with conversations with the Mayor and Greenfield Fire Department. Leyden has worked in the past with Greenfield on two other long-term agreements. One is the Leyden Glen that serves the water needs of Greenfield, and the other is the Veterans service office for which Greenfield and Leyden have long been partners prior to forming the Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans Services District. Our goal is to provide a full-time fire protection plan for the town and its residents.

A report done by the FRCOG in 2013 spells out many of the concerns that are facing many of the small rural towns today. With the new OSHA requirements and aging equipment that needs replacement, along with certifications and insurance liability on Fire personnel, workman's compensation and maintaining staffing, it has drawn our attention to look into options that are out there. Leyden averages around 15 Fire calls a year, which is not a high volume. To maintain a building along with a fleet of trucks, and new guidelines with certifications it's something that we certainly need to look into. Only two Leyden residents remain on the force. We will have an informational meeting possibly sometime in April to answer questions and inform everyone on how the Greenfield Fire Department would handle Leyden's fire calls. Our mutual aid system would remain in effect with no change and calls would still go through Shelburne control.

We would like to remind all Town departments and committees that it's budget time and your fiscal 2020 budget needs to get in to Michele so that the Finance Committee and Select Board can have ample time for review before the Annual Town Meeting. Annual reports are also due, so Michele can be sure it gets into the Annual Town Report for printing prior to town meeting. There will be a Town Caucus on Monday, March 4th at 7:00 PM in the Hardesty Room at Town Hall. Check the Town website for positions that are open. Some Town officials have expressed that they are resigning prior to their terms being fulfilled. If you are one of these, please submit your letter of resignation to the Town Clerk prior to town Caucus on March 4th to the Town Clerk effective the day of Town Meeting so that a nomination can be submitted at Town Caucus on March 4th and the office vacancy will appear on the town meeting warrant ballot. We hate to see anyone depart but certainly understand and thank you for your civic service. Keeping all our boards fully staffed makes for better town government. Check the Town website at townofleyden.com for positions that are open and appointments made by the selectmen that are also vacant. —Bill, Lance and Jeff

**Leyden United
Methodist Church**
Making Disciples for Jesus Christ
Sunday Worship: 9:00 AM
All are welcome
15 West Leyden Road
Leyden MA 01337
413-774-6441
Rev. Lawrence Lake, Pastor
413-398-5407(Home)
518-645-4783(Cell)
pastor-larry@live.com
Lay Leader: Gilda Galvis
Musician: Marilyn Kugler
Ministers: All people

Just Ask Annie

Dear Annie,

We need some help! Rent to pay, car repairs, and electric bills are making it hard to make ends meet! Weekly grocery bills are getting higher and higher and with three children, food disappears quickly. My parents usually can help us, but with their fixed retirement income, they are now in the same position. What can we do to get through these tough times?

Really Worried

Dear Worried,

So many people are finding themselves in your position and I hope the following connections will help you and many others. **The Montague Council on Aging** in partnership with FCCM distributes food free of charge on the **third Wednesday of every month from 1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. at 62 5th St., Turners Falls, MA.** This is open to everyone regardless of age!

Another resource would be **The Food Bank of Western MA.** Contact them at (413) 247-9738 with any questions you might have and some guidance about the next steps to take. Hope this information helps you and your family in this stressful time!

Annie

Angels' Rest Retreat

Upcoming retreats:

3/22 - 3/24 - Yogaway Retreats.

Info at: yogawayretreats.com

3/29 -3/31 -Osteoporosis Retreat with Cindy Brown.

Info at: www.osteoporosisyoga.com

Please feel free to check out our retreat calendar to view upcoming retreats at:

<http://www.angelsrestretreat.com/calendar.html>

You can find us on Facebook and Instagram at: Angels Rest Retreat Center.

Sweet Morning Farm

2019 FARM SHARES are on sale! It's time to reserve your weekly share of Leyden-grown, organic vegetables, fruits, and flowers. Shares include a wide variety of vegetables, plus flowers and pick-your-own items. Shares come in two sizes. Our farm is not certified but we are completely committed to organic and sustainable practices. We invite you to become part of our little farm. Call or email with any questions, and pay in full before March 20 to receive a free dozen eggs.

PORK: We grow pork on pasture and organic feed. We have pork available year around in our farm stand. You also have the option to reserve a hog or half a hog for this spring, and we are now offering 20 lb. bundles of your favorite cuts of pork. Both are great ways to get some organic, pasture-raised, delicious pork at a reduced price. The next batch will be ready in May.

Eggs and Produce are available in our farm stand year around.

SNAP Customers: You can now use your SNAP card to pay for all our products including Farm Shares. Credit cards are also accepted.

—Robin Creamer and Laura Timmerman
Sweet Morning Farm, LLC —413-773-8325
910 Greenfield Road, Leyden, MA 01337
sweetmorningfarm@gmail.com

NEW: <https://www.instagram.com/sweetmorningfarm/>
<https://www.facebook.com/SweetMorningFarm>
<http://sweet-morning-farm.blogspot.com/>

Movie Night

Friday, March 15 ~ "Can You Ever Forgive Me?" ~ 7:00-9:00 PM at Leyden Town Hall.

We're going to try again! This film wasn't available last month because the DVD release date was moved forward.

Described as a "funny-sad film" and a "tender, biting, funny story about middle-aged failure", this movie relates the true story of best-selling celebrity biographer Lee Israel (Melissa McCarthy), who made her living in the 1970s and '80s profiling the likes of Katharine Hepburn, Tallulah Bankhead, Estee Lauder and journalist Dorothy Kilgallen. When Lee is no longer able to get published because she has fallen out of step with current tastes, she turns her art form to deception, abetted by her loyal friend Jack (Richard E. Grant). Nominated for several awards, including best actress, best screenplay and best supporting actor. Rated R (for language including some sexual references, and brief drug use).

Join Us For
An Ash Wednesday
Service & Potluck Dinner

Wed Mar 6th
6:15pm Dinner
7pm Service

If able,
please bring a
dish to share

All are
welcome

Leyden United
Methodist Church
15 W. Leyden Rd
Leyden Ma

Fred G. Wells Trust

Scholarship Awards

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

Applications may be obtained from high school college counselors, or from the Town Clerk during normal business hours. All applications, letters of recommendation and official transcripts need to be postmarked no later than MARCH 20, 2019. Please note the new address printed on current applications.

For further information please call Lois at 774-4092

—Thank you, Lois Feldman

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.

For Sale: Two grey metal four-drawer filing cabinets \$25 each; one two drawer filing cabinet \$15.00. Pair of Bookshelf Speakers \$150. ADS Model L7802 (\$680 new). Please call John Wallace 774-7780 if interested..

Angus Beef for Sale: Locally raised grass-fed Angus beef. No hormones or drugs used. Minimum order 10 lbs. Call Jeff Neipp at Castle Hill Farm, 624-5512.

Pet Care Services and beyond. Pet sitting, drop in visits, and Doggy Daycare. Serving Franklin County and Southern Vermont. Please contact Ruth Ayers via email at ruth.a.ayers@gmail.com or call 413-783-8325. Feel free to inquire about references and rates.

Home Orchard Pruning: We can help you to restore abandoned fruit trees and maintain trees of any age. One on one lessons available upon request! Serving Franklin County and Southern Vermont. Call Robin and Ruth at 413-773-8325.

Maple Syrup: Facey's Bree-Z-Knoll Farm & Sugarhouse invites you to think sweet thoughts! We have pure Leyden maple syrup in all size containers. Call ahead any time at 774-3757.

Digitize your old slides: Your old 35mm slides scanned and digitized at 20 cents per slide (\$20 minimum order). You will need to provide a blank SD card or a thumb drive to which the scanned images will be saved. Call Jerry Levine at 624-5546.

Massage Service: Engage in your wellness and treat yourself at West Woods Massage in Greenfield. Whether you are looking for general relaxation or have a specific focus, I am here to support you. Call Abbi Pratt at 413-281-1755 or email awestwood@massagetherapy.com.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors—Melissa of All Trades I offer house cleaning; help with laundry and any other household chores. I will walk your dog; feed your animals while you are away. I'll run errands and do shopping. I can take you to local doctor appointments. I also offer PCA work if you have any need for home care. I will prepare meals; offer companionship, read a book, play cards. I can also do light yard work, garden cleanup and painting. I am responsible, dependable and affordable. References upon request. Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Call me at 413-768-4816. Melissa Sims

Glenbrook Structures: Need a chicken coop or a dog kennel at a reasonable price? Various sizes and designs are available. Call Michelle Barton or Chris Kemp at 774-4545 to place an order. We're also on Facebook and Craigslist.

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.

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!

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.

Stall Clean-outs: We are looking for manure, bedding, and other compostable materials such as old hay, leaves, etc. Call Robin or Laura at 773-8325.

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

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-

Upcoming Clay Classes

HAND BUILDING FOR ADULTS AND TEENS

Mondays, 7:00 -8:30 PM, at Arts Council of Greenfield. 413-772-6811. Clay is easy, relaxing, forgiving, and fun to use. Learn coil, slab, pinch, and several decorating techniques. Make functional and sculptural objects you will treasure for years. We will make animal garden sculptures, painted and carved platters, mugs, and more. No experience necessary.

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Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 7-8:30 PM, starting March 26 and 27. Six weeks for only \$175.00, plus materials fee of under \$30.00.

OPEN STUDIO SUNDAYS IN LEYDEN

Come with an idea or picture, or just a creative spirit. 2-5 PM, \$35.00. Bring a friend or family member, get \$5.00 off. RSVP a week ahead.

KIDS AND TEENS HAND BUILDING AND THROWING CLASS

In Leyden, Tuesdays, 4-5:30 PM. Starting March 26. 6 weeks for \$175.00

Call 413-624-5175, or go to rhondawain@verizon.net. I have taught art in schools for 30 years and I'm a potter and mosaic artist.

—Rhonda Wainshilbaum

Employment Opportunity

Angels' Rest Retreat needs a Kitchen Assistant & Clean Team.

Part-time work is available for a person willing and able to work in both capacities to support retreats of conscious growth, family gathering, and other wonderful retreats. Work is scheduled around retreats and varies week-to-week. Please email ewhite@angelsrestretreat.com or call Ellen White at 413 - 772-0693 to find out more about the work and set up an interview.





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