# Leyden Life

Leyden, Massachusetts

November 2013

Selectboard Office Hours: Monday 12:00 - 5:00 PM, Tuesday—Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 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 <u>Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup></u> at 9:00 AM and <u>Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup></u> 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.

#### TOWN HALL MONTHLY MEETINGS

The following meetings are scheduled this month:			
Tue,	Nov 5	5:30 PM	Board of Health (Flu Clinic-Town Hall)
Tue,	Nov 5	7:00 pm	Agricultural Commission
Wed,	Nov 6	6:30 pm	Board of Assessors
Thu,	Nov 7	9:00 AM	Selectboard
Wed,	Nov 13	7:00 pm	Planning Board
Mon,	Nov 18	7:30 pm	Conservation Commission
Wed,	Nov 20	6:30 pm	Board of Assessors
Thu,	Nov 21	6:45 PM	Selectboard
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*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 Municipal Assistant.—*Selectboard* 

## **Selectboard Corner**

On <u>Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup></u>, at 11:00 AM the town of Leyden will honor **Veterans Day** with a ceremony and the dedication of a plaque to Harry O. Wilder, who was killed in 1943 in World War II. Selectman William Glabach will speak regarding the dedication. Please join us in this ceremony as we thank all of our veterans and military personnel for their service.

An armistice was signed and hostilities ended between the Allied forces and Germany on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, some 95 years ago to end World War I. We look forward to seeing our community on this important day.

In other news, we have set a date of <u>Monday</u>, <u>December 9<sup>th</sup></u> at 7:00 PM for a **Special Town Meeting** to move and transfer necessary funding in the fiscal 2014 budget. Please pencil in this date so you can be part of the discussion as we move forward through fiscal 2014.

We hired Jeff Lacey to design a Natural Resource Protection Zoning Bylaw that will be voted on at our next Annual Town Meeting. He will be working with the Planning Board. Meeting notices will be posted as they move forward on this bylaw. It is important for everyone to come and listen and discuss how this could impact you as a landowner or how it could impact the Town. —*Selectboard* 

## **Town Clerk**

#### VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages — Nicolas K. Mesloh and Chelsea Ann Wills, June 1, 2013.

No births or deaths were reported.

-Bob Hardesty

Town Clerk Office Hours are Mondays 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON and Wednesdays 4:30 – 6:00 PM Phone 774-7769

## Letter to the Editor

This letter comes from a Leyden resident, speaking for himself, and perhaps speaking for most of the people lucky enough to live in Leyden. *Leyden Life* has become as relied upon as the Blueberry Supper, Roxanne's taxes, and David's snow plow. It has kept us informed about people, about the functions and dates that keep the town running, and has maintained a continuing sense of the community's interests and values, for years. For all of that, we say thank you, especially to Leyden Life editors Cornelia Reid, Carolyn Asbury, and Jeanne Breeden, and to Bob Taylor who puts it all together for publishing! Also thanks to deliverers Lois, Ginny, Marie, Marie and the Cafferys. I'm sure we have only the slightest idea of the time and effort you continue to devote to making Leyden Life part of the Leyden experience, and we thank you sincerely.

## Flu Clinic—Board of Health

A flu clinic will take place on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>November 5<sup>th</sup></u> from 5:00 to 7:00 PM downstairs in Town Hall. Robin Niepp, R. N., will be giving the shots. Town nurse through the FRCOG, Lisa White, R. N., will be on hand to meet with residents to discuss medication management and chronic disease concerns. Please take advantage of her expertise. This is a great time to get flu protection for your entire family free of charge.

The November BOH meeting is replaced by the flu clinic this year. There will be no BOH meeting in December. If you have any questions or concerns to come before the Board, please notify a Board member.

-Gloria Fisher, Chair, Andrea Zimmerman, Kathie Benson

## Join the Finance Committee

The Town Moderator is seeking interested individuals to serve on the Finance Committee. You need to be able to attend regular meetings and have time for additional work on the budget prior to the Annual Town Meeting. You must be willing to work collaboratively with fellow committee members, the Select Board and other town committees, have active listening skills and be comfortable with compromise. Knowledge of budgets and financial reports is helpful but not required.

-Contact Katherine DiMatteo, 413-624-5569

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# **Robertson Memorial Library**

 $\label{eq:Library Hours: Monday 1:30-6:30 PM; Wednesday 1:30-6:30 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM to NOON Phone 773-9334 (Leave a message any time.)$ 

The library renovations are just about complete. Please stop in to see how creative minds, hard work, and a little TLC have spruced up our little library in the hills. Removing the dingy wall-to-wall carpeting to expose the lovely maple floor beneath has been magical! The space is bright and looks more spacious.

The new bookcase showcases our growing CD collection, and a little reorganization has made it easier to browse as the shelves are less crowded.

In several weeks, we'll be celebrating Thanksgiving. Think about giving a true gift of thanks, the new library recipe book. Already in its second printing, this little gem is full of wonderful recipes, great pictures, and lots of interesting historical tidbits. For \$12 you can make someone you love very happy!

In early October, the students and teachers from Pearl Rhodes Elementary School hiked up to the library for their fall visit. Each student selected a book or two to read for pleasure, and some even enjoyed a snack at the picnic table outside. It was a joy to meet new faces and greet the older kids who have visited in past years; they were polite and eager to find a special book from our many shelves.

Later in the month, I visited Lisa Armstrong's fifth/sixth grade and discussed their books with them before presenting to them a challenge, designing a poster to entice others to read their book. By creating their favorite scene in full color and posing three questions to make others wonder, kids are advertising their books while learning to follow the directions on their rubrics, and creating masterpieces for display throughout the school. It was fun to spend time with such enthusiastic young people.

New CDs, new DVDs and star-rated books arrive weekly; please visit and become a part of this little library. It's a nice place to spend a little time!

Happy Thanksgiving,

-Chris Johnston

# Leyden Life Going Electronic (Continued)

After last month's announcement that we planned to call townspeople to ask if they would be willing to receive *Leyden Life* by email, several people spontaneously contacted us to express their willingness. We were very grateful for this, and urge all of you to do the same!

We will be working our way by phone through the Leyden Address Book in the coming month, expecting to have as complete a list of emails as we can by December. Thank you, Clint Davis, for the comprehensive address lists.

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-Cornelia Reid, cr43wr41@gmail.com

-Carolyn Asbury, carolyn.asbury@gmail.com

-Bob Taylor, bobxtwo@verizon.net

# **Bookmark Making Workshop**

In honor of the Robertson Memorial Library's 100<sup>th</sup> year, there will be a **Bookmark Making Workshop** held downstairs at Town Hall on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>November</u> 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. It is open to 15 participants. Children aged 10 and up are welcome when accompanied by a parent.

A variety of art media will be used, and a variety of decorative art techniques will be demonstrated. All materials will be provided; however we encourage you to bring copies of photos or other ephemera to further personalize your bookmarks. It will be a delightful way to spend a fall Sunday afternoon in preparation for the holiday season: thinking creatively, enjoying the company of neighbors, learning some new art techniques, and completing a few beautiful and useful art-bookmarks.

Plan now and put the date on your calendars. Please contact Marie Lovley at 624 -0012 or Ginny Rockwood at 774-2694 or wings@mtdata.com to save your space and for more information.



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.

# Leyden Life Lowdown

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

Either attach a Word document or include the information in the body of the e-mail. If email 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  $15^{th}$  of the month.

#### LEYDEN LIFE BY E-MAIL

If you are interested in receiving the **electronic version of** *Leyden Life* in PDF format, please notify Bob Taylor at bobxtwo@verizon.net.

#### THANKS

Thanks to Carol and Ed Johnson and Ken Lyman for donations. Thanks to collators Lois Feldman and Laura Timmerman, and thanks to deliverers Marie Bartlett, Marie Lovley, Jeanne Breeden and the Cafferys. (If we have forgotten anyone, please accept our thanks and apologies.)

#### Visit the Town web site at

# townofleyden.com

The Selectboard email address is

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#### Leyden Life

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and Bob at **bobxtwo@verizon.net** by 5:00 PM on <u>Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup></u>.

If you cannot e-mail your submission, please leave it in the book drop outside the Library. Donations are always welcome! Send to: Leyden Life c/o Reid 30 West Leyden Road Leyden, MA 01337

## **Meetings and Gatherings**

#### **Council on Aging**

You are cordially invited to attend the next Council on Aging meeting on <u>Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup></u> at 4:30 PM in the Town Hall Administrator's office. The COA has been rebuilding its membership and is actively assessing the needs and interests of people 50+ living in Leyden.

We want to hear from you! This would be a valuable meeting to attend, as we prioritize our activities for the remainder of this fiscal year. The following are some of the ideas already generated that we will be considering, but there's always room for more input: Yoga, Tai Chi or dance classes; photography class with instructions on using new camera technologies; musical performances, including classical, jazz and sing-alongs; enrichment seminars in art, history, science, and others; clinics for blood pressure, foot, and health topics; bus trips, local and long-distance, e.g., Mass MOCA art museum; sewing, knitting and quilting groups; painting and craft groups; movies (old and new); intergenerational activities, like reading to young children; fashion shows; setting up a neighbor-to-neighbor well check program; evening concerts; bereavement and caregiver support groups; and a farmers market. Come join us. Together we can make things happen!

#### **Knitting Circle**

The Leyden knitting circle will meet two times in November, on the  $8^{th}$  and  $22^{nd}$ . The locations are still to be decided, so call for more information if you want to join us for the evening.

We meet from 6:30 to 8:30 PM and enjoy a relaxed evening of knitting and the company of our fellow stitchers. All are welcome to join us; no experience is needed and all kinds of handicrafts are fine. Even if you don't know how to knit, come along and we'll help you get started! Visitors and all ages are welcome.

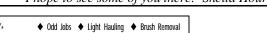
If you would like to be on an email group for the Knitting Circle, get in touch with Laura at <u>laurat@crocker.com</u>.

—*Peggy Brown*, 774-5764 and Laura Timmerman, 773-8325 Facebook Group: "Leyden Knitting Circle" Members sometimes post pictures of their projects here, or interesting knitting-related links.

## WiredWest Meeting in Leyden

WiredWest is meeting at Town Hall in Leyden on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>November 2<sup>nd</sup></u>, from 9:30 AM to 12:00 NOON. All our meetings are open to the public, with an occasional brief session closed to just voting members. I would really like to see some of you there. Since we are a strong member of WiredWest, I think you would be impressed by the work that is being done by the cooperative.

*I also have a request for help for the meeting.* The host towns serve breakfast foods at these meetings, with muffins, donuts, coffee cakes, cookies, cheeses, baked egg casseroles, fruit, etc. If any of you could donate something like this, I would really appreciate it. If you can, or if you could help set up, would you please email me at Ishourihan@aol.com or call me at 774-5922 so that I can have some idea what else we will need, even as late as November 1<sup>st</sup>. —*I hope to see some of you there! Sheila Hourihan* 





# Leyden United Methodist Church

Since Thanksgiving is coming up this month, we have decided to have a special day on <u>Sunday</u>. <u>November 24<sup>th</sup></u> to give thanks to our friends. We are having an "Invite a Special Friend to Church Sunday". Each person who comes will be given a colored leaf to attach to our Special Tree of Thanks which will be in the entryway of the Church. So if you get a call or a special invitation, we certainly pray that you can attend on this Special Day of Thanksgiving.

I also want to mention that on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>December 1<sup>st</sup></u> we will have our Annual Hanging of the Greens immediately following the Church Service to get our wonderful "Little White Church on the Hill" prepared for Christmas and Jesus' Birthday.

God bless you all in this beautiful Town of Leyden. —Mary Lou Barton, Church Council President

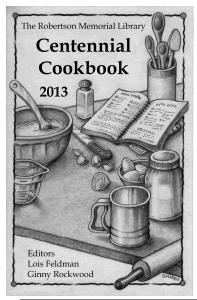






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## It's not Just a Cookbook



The Robertson Memorial Library Centennial Cookbook is published and out to rave reviews. Not only does it contain a wide assortment of tempting recipes from Leyden residents, but, there are photos and a concise history of the library. There are additional photos of historical buildings and maps of current and previous farms in town—all in all a little gem of a book.

Books are available at the library for \$12 during regular library hours. They can also be ordered by calling Ginny at 774 -2694 or Lois at 774-4092. Delivery can be arranged.

# Pearl Rhodes Elementary School Upcoming Events

November 6 Report cards go home November 7 & 8 Parent Teacher Conferences November 11 No School, Veterans Day November 12 - 15 Scholastic Book Fair November 21 School Committee, WCS November 27 Noon Release November 28 - 29 Thanksgiving Recess

#### Parent Teacher Conferences

Conference times are available on Thursday & Friday, November 7 & 8. Please call the office at 772-6245 to schedule a conference with your child's teacher.

## **Principal's Corner**

Thanks to all of you who came to our open house and harvest dinner. Everyone seemed to have a good time. I'd like to congratulate the winners of our desk project. I'm sure you all know by now that the 5/6th grade class painted/decorated some old desks last spring. We auctioned them off at the open house. Thanks to all of you who bought chances. Here is the list of the winners: Leah Potter, Bob Provost, Trevor Williams, John Ward, George and Stephanie Mercorelli and Rhonda Wainshilbaum. The money that was raised will go towards a class trip for the 5/6th grade in the spring.



## WiredWest Progress

A hearing on the IT Bond Bill was held in Boston on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The WiredWest Executive Board and a number of individual WiredWest delegates attended to testify in support of inclusion of \$40 million for the Massachusetts Broadband Institute to support building out of the "last mile" fiber network.

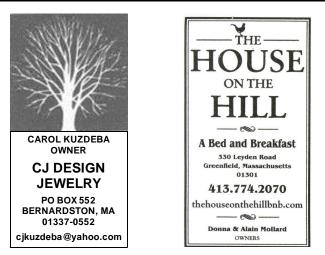
Written testimony, including letters of support from Select Boards of Leyden and many other WiredWest towns was presented. Testimony in support was also heard from legislators from this area, including Paul Mark and Denise Andrews. I presented a statement which said, in part:

"Three years ago, looking forward to retirement, my wife and I moved to the small town of Leyden, population less than 800. We are fortunate to have DSL service, but it is not true broadband. I feel handicapped in work I do as a volunteer webmaster for an organization I belong to. I am also doing part -time consulting work, currently programming support software for a scientific data logging system, and if I had been contemplating making a living doing this full time I never would have moved to Leyden.

"In my final pre-retirement job working for the Greenfield Public Schools I witnessed an incredible expansion of the use of computers in school classrooms. The nature of computer use was also changing, with increased reliance on the ability to access streaming audio and video. It stands to reason that as computer use in the schools requires greater bandwidth, students are also going to need more bandwidth at home.

"My main point is that lack of broadband access has a serious effect on a town like mine. In a recent Leyden Town Meeting a comment was made that there is an excessive number of homes for sale in our town, many having been on the market for a long time. Looking for statistics on numbers of homes for sale as a proportion of the total number of houses in town, it looks like about 5% of the houses in Leyden are currently listed on real estate websites. This is more than twice the percentage of homes listed for sale in nearby large towns such as Greenfield and Amherst. I can't provide statistics to prove this, but the comments in our Town Meeting indicate that young families with children of school age don't want to buy homes in a town without broadband access. This in turn affects property values for all homeowners."

—Al Woodhull, 773-3522, Alternate WiredWest Delegate





# **Pioneer Valley Regional School**

Bernardston Leyden Northfield Warwick 97 F. Sumner Turner Road Northfield, Massachusetts 01360 Phone 413-498-2931 Fax 413-498-0184

William M. Wehrli Principal Michael R. Duprey Assistant Principal Colleen A. Bannister Peggy A. Fallon Guidance Counselors 413-498-2438

Dear PVRS Community Member,

This is our 13<sup>th</sup> year sponsoring the Pioneer Valley Regional School's Holiday Cheer Program. After a parent recently referred to the program as "Family Cheer," we decided to rename it. After all, its sole purpose is to bring some relief and a smile to families in need.

This program began in 2001 and since that time, many families have been assisted. The program grew in scope in 2008 with the poor economy. We help families with more than gifts. Now we provide assistance with heat, electricity, phone, rent, gasoline, food. Tough times continue for many.

Our rural community school has students coming from PVRSD's four towns of Bernardston, Leyden, Northfield, and Warwick; school choice students from Athol, Buckland, Colrain, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Leverett, Montague, Orange, Royalston and West Hampton. In addition, we have several tuition students from Vernon, Vermont. Approximately 28 % of our students receive free or reduced lunch. As the holidays approach, many of our families struggle to meet financial household needs, and having a little something left over for gifts becomes a difficulty. Over the past several years, we have been able to help approximately 43 families, or about 141 individuals. With the support of local businesses, students, friends, family, and community, we have been able to bring some "cheer" to those in need.

We are once again reaching out to you in order to keep this wonderful annual tradition of giving alive. Help comes in many forms – a check (payable to PVRS; memo line: Family Cheer 2013), cash, gift certificates, fuel assistance, movie passes, gas and food cards, etc. Whatever you can give or want to do to help will be greatly appreciated. You can reach us by phone, email, or regular mail. Thank you so much for your consideration and time. We are very grateful.

Sincerely Yours, Gina Woodman and Karin Browning, Pioneer Valley Regional School Family Cheer Program, 2013 Program Coordinators Email: <u>woodmanv@pioneervalley.k12.ma.us</u> and <u>browningk@pioneervalley.k12.ma.us</u>Phone Contact: 413-498-2931 X 510 (Gina)/X 269 (Karin)

## **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.

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

Buy your holiday gifts in Leyden. 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. 10% of all purchases made in November and December will be donated to the Warm the Children Fund.

Maple Run Farm: Persephone's Garden Raw Honey is available in lovely gift-appropriate jars – 26-oz for \$14.00; it's a limited supply, so order soon.

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

The Log Cabin Bed & Breakfast can provide comfortable space for your out-of-town visitors. Please check the website at www.Leyden LogCabin.com or call 773-8595 to check availability or to make a reservation. Please be sure to ask for the Leyden discount of \$50 off the nightly rate for Leyden residents and their guests!

Beaded Jewelry for Sale: Carol Kuzdeba dba CJ Design does unique one-of-a-kind designs of natural stone, pearls, furnace glass, etc. Brides, graduation, birthdays or just because. See what is available, or special requests can be accommodated. Call Carol at 774-4491 or send an email to cjkuzdeba@yahoo.com.

Beautiful handmade stoneware functional pottery for sale. Mostly blues, greens, and purples. Microwave, oven, and dishwasher safe. Commissions accepted. Come check it out. Also would like to barter for housework. Call Rhonda Wainshilbaum at 624-5175.

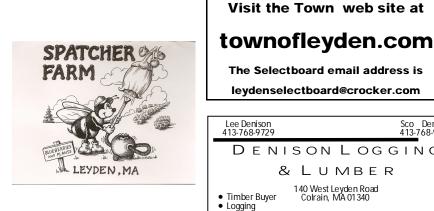
LPs and Cassette Tapes to CDs: Will convert your favorite (or even your not-so-favorite) LPs and/or tapes to CDs. \$7.50 per CD. Call Jerry at 624-5546, or e-mail at jlevine4@verizon.net.

Excavating, Land clearing, installing and repairing driveways, septic systems, drainage, field mowing, snow-blowing and sanding driveways. Also sweet maple syrup. Allis Construction at 624-5582.

Bill Maguire Painting serving Leyden's interior and exterior needs for 28 years. Staining, power washing, trim work, deck refinishing, paper hanging. Insured. Call Bill at 774-5330.

Lumber

Fire Wood



## **Sweet Morning Farm CSA**

EGGS & EXTRAS: I sell organically grown chicken eggs for \$5.00/dozen. Mesclun, spinach, daikon radishes, and leeks are ready for fall eating and I hope to have salad greens, leeks and more through the winter. To get weekly updates about eggs and vegetables, email me to be placed on the Eggs & Extras Email List.

SHARES: Call or email if you want to know more about them or to reserve a share for 2014. For pictures of the shares, go to Sweet Morning Farm's blog or Facebook page.

-Laura Timmerman, 413-773-8325, laurat@crocker.com http://sweet-morning-farm.blogspot.com/

## Linda Romano

Fall sessions began in September. Massage, bodywork and Yoga sessions for seasonal balance. New clients special: \$10.00 discount. Monday Yoga private therapeutic sessions; Thursday chair Yoga 1:00 to 2:00 PM, 5:30 to 6.30, beginner's class; Friday 3:00 to 4:00, restorative yoga. Linda Romano, 624-3334

