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TOWN CLERK'S CORNER....

by Donna M. Fillion

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Census

The Town Clerk's office has sent out the 2018 Annual Census forms. Please respond within 10 days of receiving your form. Per Massachusetts General Law, census forms must be mailed to street addresses. If you have your mail sent to a post office box and did not receive a form, call or stop in for a form to complete.

Dog Licenses

The census package will also include a dog license application for dog owners on record to license their dog(s). For first time licensing of your dog(s), you may go to the Town web site and print a form to complete. You may also call, request a form via mail, email or stop by the Town Hall. All dogs that are six months of age or older must be licensed annually under M.G.L. Ch. 140. An updated proof of rabies vaccination is required prior to licensing as well as proof of spaying and neutering. I have many rabies vaccinations on file from veterinarians and owners for dogs residing in town. Incomplete applications will be returned to the sender.

Nomination Papers

Nomination papers for candidates running for town offices are available at the Town Clerk's office for any town voter wishing to run during the annual town election to be held April 9, 2018.

Candidates for town office must obtain at least 30 signatures of registered voters town wide. The last day to file nomination papers with the Town Clerk/Board of Registrars is February 22, 2018.

The following slates of office will be on the April 9, 2018 ballot:

one member of the Selectboard for three years;
one Moderator for one year;
one Assessor for three years;
one Town Clerk for three years;
one Library Trustee for three years;
one member of the Regional School Committee for three years;
one Constable for three years;
two members of the Planning Board for three years; and
five members of the Recreation Committee for three years.

If any resident has questions pertaining to the census form, the dog license form or nomination paper you may call the town clerk's office for assistance. Forms may be returned by mail, hand delivered or scanned and sent to the town clerk's office.

Notary Public

The Town Clerk, as well as the Town Administrator/Matt Streeter are Notaries Public. If you need our services, please call either of us and make an appointment. The service is free of charge to Granville residents.

Granville Public Library

2 Granby Rd. • 357-8531 • granvillelib.info
Hours: Monday 10-12, 3-8 • Wednesday 3-8
Thursday 5-8 • Saturday 10-12

Granville Public Library Happenings for February

Visit the Granville Public Library during the month of February. Borrow a book with one of the following words – winter, snow, cold, etc. (see complete list posted at the library) in the title, point it out to the librarian on duty to receive a ticket. A winner will be picked at the stroke of 8:00 p.m. February 28th. All patrons are invited to participate.

Activities

Bring a friend – Meet up with an old friend –
Make a new friend

February 10 (Saturday) 10:30 – 11:30 Drop in and make a Valentine's Day Card and /or make a snowmen/hearts/snowflakes to help decorate the Children's Room and Hallway.

Winter School Vacation Activities

February 21 (Wednesday) 3:30 – 4:30 Listen to a story about snowmen and play a few simple games

February 24 (Saturday) 10:30 – 11:30 Drop in: Bring a blanket to snuggle with and listen to stories about winter.

Children must be accompanied by a parent for all activities.

Congratulations!

Congratulations go to Gwen Woodger who guessed the correct title of the mystery song – "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas". Thanks to all patrons who took part in the challenge.

New Books for Adults and YA:

Happiness is a Choice You Make: Lessons from a Year Among the Oldest Old by John Leland.
Killer of Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann.
Let Trump Be Trump by Corey Lewanowski.
Brass by Xhenet All.
Girls Done by Louisa Luna.
Hard Core Twenty Four by Janet Ivanovich.
Light it Up by Nick Petrie.
Mitford Murders by Jessica Fellowes.
Moonlight Over Manhattan by Sarah Morgan
Need to Know by Karen Cleveland.
Oliver Loving by Stefan Merrill Block.
Other Side of Everything by Lauren Doyle Owens.
Past Perfect by Danielle Steel.
Points North: Stories by Howard Frank Mosher.
Year One by Nora Roberts.

For Kids:

Big Book of Treasures: The Most Amazing Discoveries Ever Made and Still to Be Made by Raphael Honigstein.
Brave Jane Austen: Reader, Writer, Author, Rebel by Lisa Pliscou.
Secret Life of the Red Fox, The by Laurence Pringle.
Getaway, The : Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney.
This is So Awkward by Lisa Greenwald.
Unicorn Quest by Kamilla Benko.

New Dvds:

American Made.
Battle of the Sexes.
Breathe.
Crooked House.
Goodbye Christopher Robin.
Last Flag Flying.
Loving Vincent.
Marshall.
Professor Marston & the Wonder Woman.
Scooby Doo & Batman: The Brave and the Bold.
The Stolen.



GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Granville Fire Department wants to wish you a safe and Happy New Year!

By Lt. Tim Rickis – GFD Firefighter & Public Relations Coordinator

2017 in Review

During the year of 2017, the Granville Fire Department responded to a total 205 calls for Service, combined medical and fire. This was our busiest year of the past four years.

We saw the promotion of Firefighters Steve Cook and Tim Rickis to Lieutenants, and welcomed new members Josh McGorty, Landon DeMay, and Jacob Myers to the department. Four members also attended Firefighter 1 Training in 2017, and two are nearing completion of their Massachusetts and National EMT Certifications.

We put our new and much improved Rescue truck into service, and collected over 270 toys for our Toys for Tots initiative in partnership with the Granville PD.

Our dedicated volunteer members each also logged approximately 150 hours of training during the year. Our current member roster is as follows:

Chief of Department Matt Ripley
Deputy Chief of Fire Wes Bauver
Deputy Chief of EMS Reba Velky
Captain of Fire/EMT Josh Rutola
Lieutenant/Fleet engineer Steve Cook
Lieutenant/Public Relations Tim Rickis
FF Scott Loomis
FF Josh Markowski
FF Joe Pothier
FF Andrew Isner
FF Tim Phair
FF Jacob Macomber
FF Dave Dion
FF Cole Provost
FF Dan Bryant
FF Gary Brunelle
FF Ray Flagg
FF Jacob Myers
FF Peter Sorrajja
FF Josh McGorty
FF Landon DeMay
EMT/FF Kaile Blaze
EMT Ashley Cook
EMT Julie Skibski
EMT Richard Williams
EMT/FF Taylor Warren
REHAB Sue Luntta
REHAB Lara Bauver

We all look forward to serving you in this new year!

The Granville Police Department Town Hall meeting March 20th 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The second

The Granville Police Department will present crime trends, statistics and new strategies being employed. Attendees will meet with the Chief so they can share their concerns about the Police Department and policing in general. We will also share Police Department volunteer opportunities with community crime watch programs and community event information. The goal is to create an opportunity for the citizens of Granville to voice their concerns openly and free of criticism. The meeting will progress to allow attendees to propose what they believe should be the priorities for their neighborhoods. It is an excellent time to get to know the law enforcement officers working in your neighborhoods and help direct the activity of the Police Department in the coming year.

Council on Aging News

Valentine's Day "Make your own sundae party" bring your lunch; coffee and soda will be provided by the COA. Then make your favorite sundae, play cards, scrabble or just visit. Monday, February 12th, noon at the Town Hall. Hope to see you there!

March 19th, Monday our St. Patrick's lunch with your choice of corn beef or turkey sandwiches. Cost will be \$8.00, must call by March 15th.

Patty 357-8761

Dottie 357-6698

The Southwick Regional High School will be putting on the play **"Wizard of Oz"**. Several Granville students will be in the play. The school has notified us if we get a block (8 to 10 tickets) we can purchase tickets for \$8.00 each. The play will be the end of March, more to follow in the March Caller.

Recipe of the month

Chocolate Peanut Butter No Bake Cookies

½ cup brown sugar

¼ cup honey

½ cup milk

1 stick (½ cup) butter

3 cups oats

1 cup Peanut butter (creamy or chunky)

2 tsp. vanilla

1 cup chocolate chips

Instructions:

Line cookie sheet with wax or parchment paper. Heat sugar, milk, butter and honey until butter is melted. Boil for 90 seconds. Add peanut butter, oats and vanilla; fold in chips. Using spoon, drop cookies onto prepared cookie/baking sheets, flatten to round cookies. Let set for 30 minutes before serving. Store in air tight container for 3 days.

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

American Baptist and United Church of Christ
16 Granby Rd., Granville, MA 01034
Pastor: Rev. Patrick McMahon
Cell Phone: 413 579-4674

Morning Worship is held each Sunday at 10 a.m.
A coffee hour follows the service each week

WEEKLY/MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Sunday-10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Coffee hour

Monday-8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday-7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal

Third Sunday 8:30 a.m. Fellowship breakfast

Big Y gift cards are available. See Jean McMahon to purchase them. A percentage of the sale goes to the church.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

February 18th from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Church Fellowship Breakfast.

Take the time every day to stop and count your blessings .



Joe Pietroniro
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Ruth M. Boucher
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*The Town of Granville
fondly remembers Ruth for
her more than 35 years of
service as Emergency
Services Dispatcher for the
Town*

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Ruth's name to the Granville
Ambulance Fund,
PO Box 247, Granville, MA 01034*

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APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR!

GRANVILLE TOLLAND DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS is pleased to announce that the application for the 2018-2019 academic year is now available on our website, www.granville-tolland.dollarsforscholars.org.

Scholarship applicants:

- Must be a full-time undergraduate student - up to five (5) scholarships may be awarded
- Apply for second-semester scholarship
- Must be a resident of Granville or Tolland, Massachusetts 01034
- Have a High School Diploma, GED, were home-schooled with appropriate requirements and/or are not currently in school but plan to become a full-time college student

Application Requirements:

- 300 word Goals & Aspirations Essay to be revised for each scholarship year
- Activities updated each scholarship year
- Work Experience updated each scholarship year
- Community Service - Have you volunteered for Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars?
- Academic Grade Point Average from fall semester

Applications close on May 1, 2018. Awards are for the spring semester 2019.

Volunteers Needed!

The Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars will be holding our annual Mailathon on Monday, February 19, 2018, at 11:00 AM at the Granville Town Hall. Please join us for a couple of hours to prepare this year's mailing. We'll provide snacks, music, and company to help make the time go by quickly! Students can earn 2-4 hours of volunteer time. Feel free to email us at granvilletollanddfs@gmail.com or call Kris at 357-9044 if you have any questions.



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Granville Police Department

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The Granville Police Department is dedicated to ensuring public safety and crime reduction. However, the community must remember the police can't do it alone. There are safety precautions that each member of the community can do to help reduce his or her chances of becoming a victim.

No one knows this community better than those who live here. *If you see something say something.* Only you know what is supposed to be in your everyday life. Keeping the community informed and alert plays a vital role in building partnerships with the community and the police.

Since Granville Police Department is a part-time police department, I would like to clarify the best way to reach the police and how our communications systems work. I would also like to provide some tips on how to effectively reach a police officer.

Since this is a part-time police department, if you call the police after 11pm you are most likely going to get a Massachusetts State Trooper to respond. When you call the Granville Police Department at (413) 537-8585, extension 7, you will get the phone in the police station. Even if you see a police cruiser on the road that does not mean there is someone in the station to answer on the phone. It may be hours before we return that phone call. When you do call, please talk slow and leave your name, number and the nature of the call. Many times, people do not leave a phone number for us to call them back at. We do not have caller I.D. We have a very old phone system and the feature simply does not exist.

If you need to speak to an officer immediately, but you feel it is not quite a 911 emergency, please call Northampton Control at (413) 586-1508. You need to think of Northampton Control

as an extension of the Granville Police Department. They know who is on duty and who is not. They also have every officer's contact information and can get us a message immediately. If we are not available and you need an officer, they will get you the closest available officer or trooper.

Please do not hesitate to call 911 anytime you feel you have an emergency. All 911 calls go to Northampton Control and, again, they know the availability of all the police, fire and ambulances in the area.

The Granville Police Department will be hosting another Town Hall Meeting March 20th at 6pm in the Town Hall. If you missed the last one, I hope to see you there. This is an open meeting; I will be talking about crime trends, response to crime and new initiatives. This is also your time to bring up any issues or concerns you may have with the Police Department.

The Granville Police Department in cooperation with the Granville Fire and EMS Department and at the direction of Chief Flebotte has decided to implement a new community initiative. This new initiative will take the form of a group of individuals comprised of members of the Police, Fire and EMS from the town of Granville.

The team will be tasked with the mission of community outreach, public service stewardship, and community service. As a group, the Community Action Team (CAT) will develop ideas, practices and projects to re-connect and stay connected with the community of Granville.

The first project the CAT team will be implementing will be the distribution of "File of Life" Cards. The cards will contain important medical, and emergency contact information on household members. This will aid First Responders in the event they need to respond to your residence in an emergency.

The program is voluntary and will be provided at no cost. In the next few weeks more information as to where to pick up the cards, and when they will be available will be forthcoming. The information will be posted on Facebook, the town website and via mailings.

Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes do
 When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
 When the funds are low and the debts are high,
 And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
 When care is pressing you down a bit,
 Rest, if you must, but do not quit.
 Life is queer with its twists and turns,
 As everyone of us sometimes learns,
 And many a failure turns about,
 When he might have won had he stuck it out,
 Don't give up though the pace seems slow—
 You may succeed with another blow.
 Often the goal is nearer than,
 It seems to a faint and faltering man,
 Often the struggler has given up,
 When he might have captured the victor's cup,
 And he learned too late when the night slipped down,
 How close he was to the golden crown.
 Success is failure turned inside out—
 The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
 And you never can tell how close you are,
 It may be near when it seems so far,
 So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—
 It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.

— Edgar A. Guest

Granville Village School Yearbooks Available

Extra yearbooks dating back to 1979 are available at the Granville Town Hall. Books are located in the Town Administrator's office. Please see Matt Streeter if interested.

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Help Wanted

Part-Time Circulation Clerk at the Granville Library

Job Description:

- Provide customer service and general assistance for the operation of the library
- Perform various functions related to the circulation of library materials
- Must be able to work independently; under the direction of the Library Director and Library Board of Trustees with minimal supervision

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Handle all opening and closing procedures of a secure building
- Check books and media into and out of the library
- Process inter-library loans
- Provide customer service and general assistance to support the daily operation of the library
- Assist patrons with locating library materials both in-house and via the state wide system
- Renew library materials for patrons in person and over the phone
- Register new patrons and update expired accounts
- Provide patron assistance with basic personal computing skills to include internet use and use of the online library catalog
- Assist patrons with the photocopier and fax machine
- Process and collect overdue charges and fines
- Shelf returned library materials
- Process new books and media

Qualifications:

- Good organizational and communication skills
- Knowledge of literature and an interest in reading
- Excellent customer relation skills to include the ability to work effectively with patrons of all ages and interests
- Working knowledge of library operations and the ability to type and complete data entry on computers
- Familiarity with Microsoft Word and Excel and knowledge of both PC and Macintosh environments
- High school diploma required
- Flexible schedule with the ability to work extra hours
- Reliable Saturday attendance is extremely important
- Physical requirements include the ability to move around the facility, walk, sit, bend, climb, kneel, carry, stoop and be capable of moving material weight up to 25 pounds from the floor
- Previous library experience and familiarity with the Evergreen Circulation system is desired

Hours include: Wednesday 3 to 8 PM
Thursday 5 to 8 PM
Saturday 10 to 12 PM (2-3 per month)

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From Conn.: Take Rt 91 north to exit 3, take Rt 57 through Agawam and Southwick and into Granville. From Granville center continue on Rt 57 west for 4.1 miles to North Lane. A Maple Corner Farm sign is on the corner. Turn onto North Lane and follow signs to Maple Corner Farm

OBITUARIES

Susan Lee (Frasco) Haas

Susan, age 63 of Granville, passed away peacefully at home with her loving family at her side on Friday December 29th, 2017. Born in Springfield to the late William and Constance (Chestnut) Frasco, she was a graduate of Southwick High School. Sue served her country honorably for nine years in the United States Army as a Medic. She remained in the medical field throughout her career and was employed with Fairview Pediatrics in Chicopee for over 25 years. Sue was an amazing quilter and could often be found with many projects in her quilting room at her home.

She is survived by her loving husband of 33 years, Kenneth C. Haas of Granville; her daughter, Deanna (Strickland) Heuer and her husband Matthew and their two children, Samuel and Adele of Germantown, NY; three brothers, William Frasco, Jr. of The Villages, FL, Mark Frasco of Westfield and Gary Frasco and his wife Keri of Springfield, OH; many nieces and nephews; dear friend Patricia Meyers and her many quilting friends over the years.

Elizabeth (Beth) Entwistle

It is with great sadness that Beth passed peacefully after a brief illness, on December 8, 2017. Beth was predeceased by her beloved brother, Philip Entwistle, her mother Peggie Entwistle, father Rowland Entwistle and grandmother Nana Foakes.

Beth loved being around people, interacting with them at the family country store in her hometown of Granville, Massachusetts. Her infectious laugh and sense of humor entertained us all! She loved all animals; she owned many cats and dogs and her horse Blackie. Beth loved being outdoors and going on adventures with her friends and family. Whether it was a day trip hiking, biking, horseback riding or a once in a lifetime vacation, swimming with the dolphins, Beth embraced it all!

Ruth M. (Brown) Boucher

Ruth, age 91, (1926-2017) passed away at home on January 3, 2018. She was born in Hartford, CT to the late Frank and Eletto (Press) Brown. Ruth was the Granville Emergency Dispatcher for over 35 years, for the Police, Fire and Ambulance. She was predeceased by her beloved husband William H. Boucher, her daughter Jane Zellner and a brother Robert Brown. Ruth is survived by her children, David W. Boucher of Westfield, Robert F. Boucher and his wife Suzanne and Diane S. Boucher, her brother Francis Brown of Ellington, CT, eight grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren and four great, great grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

Lisa Mary Hansen

Lisa was born on May 7, 1955 to Frederick C. and Lucille C (Belleau) Hansen. She is pre-deceased by both her parents and also two brothers, Mark C Hansen and Matthew J Hansen.

She leaves, with many loving memories, her brothers, Michael F. Hansen and David J. Hansen both of West Warwick, Rhode Island; her two sisters, Jeanne Hansen-Tevyaw of Florida, MA and Mary Enos of Yarmouthport, MA; and her nephews Alan M. Hansen & John F. Enos.

She was an active member of the United States Air Force from 1974-1978 and is an honored veteran. Her education, military experience, and employment allowed her to travel extensively through the United States and many countries. Traveling, golf and fine dining were three of her favorite things. However her true passion was in support of those suffering from cancer...ovarian specifically. She was a member and President of the Caring Together Cancer Research group of Albany, NY, she spoke in front of Congress of the need for research and funding on many occasions, and advocated for those with this disease by speaking to nursing students, at hospitals, and to those in treatment like herself.

She fought this disease for 14 years with grace, passion, and a never-ending spirit for those who could not advocate for themselves.

She will be missed by so many and wanted everyone to know how much she appreciated and loved each and every one. From her "Thank You". From our family also "Thank you".



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