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COVID UPDATES/VACCINE INFORMATION

The Board of Health is participating in the **West of the River Collaborative Vaccination Site** at the Big E in West Springfield. Call our COVID information line at 413-357-3177 and we can assist setting up appointments. Also on THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS at the West of the River Collaborative there will be limited number of Pfizer **APPOINTMENTS FOR CHILDREN** aged 12-17. Call for appointments at 357-3177. Please feel free to reach out with any COVID or vaccination related questions or visit the town website: www.townofgranville.net for COVID information and vaccination information.

GET VACCINATED = REMOVE MASK REQUIREMENT

As of May 29, 2021 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts face covering order will be rescinded and replaced with current CDC guidance which allows for all vaccinated individuals to be unmasked except in a very few situations i.e. hospitals, long-term care facilities and K-12 schools. All gathering limits will also be rescinded. Unvaccinated individuals will still be required to be masked in public. Details on town website or www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts

COUNCIL ON AGING

The efficient running of the municipality requires more than just town employees and elected officials. Volunteers are needed to keep the wheels of government turning. We are in need of members to serve on the **Council on Aging**. This board promotes a spirit of healthy, positive, aging through education and activities for all seniors, their families, and the community at large. The Council on Aging will be putting together a survey. The more input received will assist the town how best to utilize funding for the council on aging. Please consider joining. Email Matt Streeter at townadministrator@townofgranville.org with subject line COA if interested.

KNOX BOXES

The Council on Aging has a few Knox Boxes still available for Granville Seniors. These Knox Boxes securely hold house keys to allow emergency services such as police, fire and ambulance gain access to your house in the event of an emergency. The Fire Department will install the boxes. The boxes are provided **FREE** of charge to seniors 55+ who request them on a first come first serve basis. If there are no other seniors interested, then the remaining purchased Knox Boxes will be offered to Non-Seniors on a first come- first serve basis for a subsidized cost of \$50.00 per unit. Email Wes Bauver of the Granville Fire Department at wbauver@townofgranville.org or Matt Streeter at townadministrator@townofgranville.org with subject line COA if interested in a Knox Box for your home.

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS

The Council on Aging and the Granville Fire Department are offering reflective house numbers/address markers to be posted at the curb or mailbox. These numbers increase visibility for police, fire and ambulance first responders to quickly locate properties in an emergency situation. These numbers are FREE to seniors 55+ and can be purchased by all other Granville homeowners for \$20.00. These have already helped first responders save lives and are highly recommended! If interested fill out form at www.granvillefire.net



GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Granville Fire Department appreciates your continued support!

*By Capt. Tim Rickis – GFD Firefighter &
Public Relations Coordinator*

What have we been up to?

Like everyone else, the GFD has had to navigate through the pandemic this past year, not only as first responders, but as an organization. Our in-person meetings were put on hold and like many we used zoom to stay in touch and train. With the majority of our department fully vaccinated, we've recently resumed in person training, so we wanted to share "what we've been up to". The GFD meets every Tuesday night at 7pm.

Every month we do an in-depth check of all our equipment, apparatus, and air packs to ensure they are all working properly, followed by an association meeting to discuss department protocols budget as well as upcoming events.

In addition, during the month of May we attended a live burn drill with our Southwick partners. These live burns are an essential and mandatory part of keeping our interior trained firefighters prepared for actual live fire scenarios.

The following week we conducted ladder training where we went to the GVS and all members worked on proper use of emergency ladders, roof operations as well as ventilation and basic rescue.

For our last drill in May we practiced our airbag usage. Air bags are used to lift extremely heavy objects in rescue scenarios.

So far for the month of June we started out with a basic hazard materials drill, where we created four different chemical spills, crash, and fire scenarios. In this drill we utilize resources to look up evacuation protocols, proper handling of materials, as well as incident command and community notification procedures.

Our second drill in June as you may have seen in the community forum Facebook page, was an air management drill with our partners from Tolland fire department. We wore air packs, played basketball to work up a sweat, then used techniques to conserve air, a critical skill for firefighters to learn.

Our last drill for June was a motor vehicle extrication.

We'll be looking to "freshen up" the information we share with you in future months. We're planning on a combination of fire safety tips as well as information about what the GFD is currently working on.

Together, we can improve the life safety and well-being of our Granville residents!

The all-volunteer members of The Granville Fire Department are proud to serve our residents 24/7. Please visit our web page at <http://www.granvillefire.net> or find us on Facebook! For Public Relations contact Capt. Tim Rickis at firedept@townofgranville.org

Granville Block Dance



The Blues Brothers Briefcase Concert will be performing at the
Annual Block Dance on the Town Green at 6:00 pm

Mark your calendars for Saturday August 14th

(Rain Date August 21 Same time & place)

Bring your snacks, drinks, family, & friends



The Granville Recreation Committee will be hosting this event, with a
grant from the MASS & Granville Cultural Council



**Mark Your Calendars! Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars is
planning a town-wide tag sale on August 28!**

TOWN-WIDE



If you are interested in paying a small fee to be included on the yard sale map, pledging to donate a portion of your sales to the GTDFS scholarship fund, placing a donation jar on your table, and/or donating items to be sold at the GTDFS sale table, please email us at GranvilleTollandDFS@gmail.com

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A Program of Scholarship America®

Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars® is pleased and proud to announce that it has recently awarded \$22,000 in scholarships to 11 deserving Granville and Tolland college undergraduates for the 2021-2022 school year. Scholarship recipients and their schools are as follows:

Lauren Sussmann – University of Hartford

Luke Dargie – University of Arizona

Dorothy Miller Trust Scholarship

Kathryn Phair – University of New Hampshire - Durham

Walter A. and Katherine E. Phelon Fund Scholarship

Emily Pinney – Springfield Technical Community College

1st /Lt. Travis Fuller Memorial Scholarship

Abby Hoschouer – Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Rebecca Drohen – Fairfield University

Jane and Stuart Watson Fund Scholarship

Margaret Drohen – University of Massachusetts - Amherst

Everett O. and Miriam T. Rockwell Scholarship

Mackenzie Sullivan – Southern New Hampshire University

Elizabeth H. Meiklejohn Memorial Scholarship

Cole Duval – Bentley University

Robert and Gloria Gery Fund Scholarship

Hayden Pike – State University of New York - Cobleskill

The Ladies Aid Society of Tolland Honoring Bertha Fowler Hale

Grayson Duval – Massachusetts Maritime Academy

Funding for our scholarships comes from our Annual Mailathon, Harvest Fair, Moto-X parking and other fundraisers, as well as from our endowments. Endowment monies are used to supplement each year's fundraising results, making more funds available to our recipients. The **Dorothy Miller Trust** was established over 30 years ago and the **Walter A. and Katherine E. Phelon Fund** followed it. The **1st / Lt. Travis Fuller Memorial Scholarship Fund** was created in 2005; the **Jane and Stuart Watson Fund** was created by Watson family members to honor their parents in 2006; the **Everett O. and Miriam T. Rockwell Scholarship Fund** was established by retired Granville Village School principal, Everett Rockwell, and his wife in 2007. The **Elizabeth H. Meiklejohn Memorial Scholarship Fund** was established by her estate at her encouragement in 2010. Also established in 2010 was the **Robert and Gloria Gery Scholarship Fund**, started by the Gerys as part of their strong commitment to education. In 2015 **The Ladies Aid Society of Tolland Honoring Bertha Fowler Hale** endowment was established to continue the tradition of awarding scholarships to Tolland students in the name of Bertha Fowler Hale after the Ladies Aid society disbanded.

We would like to thank all who donated to the Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars. Your generosity goes a long way toward helping our recipients achieve their higher education goals and ambitions.

Congratulations and best of luck to our 2021-2022 Scholarship Recipients!

Granville Public Library 2 Granby Rd · 357-8531

granvillepubliclibrary.org

www.facebook.com/GranvillePublicLibrary/



Starting July 12, we are adding **New Extra Summer Hours** for you early risers. **Monday and Thursday we will be open from 9-12.**



Do you get our Granville Public Library from WOWbrary.org every Wednesday? Weekly events, news and new books in a bright, colorful newsletter. If not, Check your spam or come and ask the librarian to update your email and to add you to the list!

From July 6 until July 24, the library is inviting ALL PATRONS, with overdue fines, from GPL, that are from years or months ago, to come back home to your local library. Start fresh. We ask you to come in and visit. Please bring ID and your library card, so we can verify your library card status, and update as necessary. We want you back! Come see what we have to offer!

**PROGRAMS, PROGRAMS, PROGRAMS****2021 SUMMER READING PROGRAM (SRP)****Kick- Off June 26 DROP IN 10:00 - 12:00**

STORY BREAKS: 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 11:45

Help add sparkle to the Children's Room, Play A Matching Game, check out what Page, the Bookworm, is going to have you do this summer. Check out the raffle prizes and earn tickets. Pick up your packet and start reading!

Summer Reading Program Events will take place Outside under our Big Tent-

ADA accessible Porta Potty on site- Bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

PREREGISTER SO WE CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY-**July 17 (Sat) *Pixie Luna*: 10:30-11:30 AM**

Local author, Brittany Franklin, will share her book titled: *Pixie Luna Gets Adopted*. Her first book in a series about her adopted dog. Feel free to bring an item to be donated to a local animal shelter.

July 24 (Sat) *Zoo on the Go*: 10:30-11:30 AM

Zoo on the Go programs are designed to provide information about the animals, including their special adaptations, habitats, behaviors, diets and status in the wild. Come see the special animals.

Sponsored by the Massachusetts and Granville Cultural Councils

July 29 (Thurs) *The Big Tails!* 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Guest American Paleontologist - Mark McMenamin from Mt. Holyoke College will present: Dinosaurs with tales from his adventures and even a song about the "state" dinosaur hopeful.

July 31 (SAT) *Fantasy Creature Workshop* 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Creative workshop with Sharon Billings. Decorate a tail and mask. What creature will you create?

Sponsored by The Massachusetts and Granville Cultural Councils

August 7 (SAT) *Jack Tuesday: Fairy Tale Investigator* 10:30-11:30 AM

The Lionheart Puppet Company will present this special puppet show for all ages

Sponsored by The Massachusetts and Granville Cultural Councils

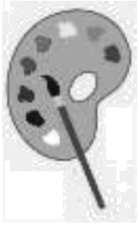
Weather may cause the location of this event to change. Please check library website, Facebook, or the weekly WOWbrary for an update.

August 11 6:30 - 7:30 or August 12 10:30 - 11:30 **GRAN - VAL Scoop** TBA**August 14 (SAT) FINALE 10:30 - 12:00 PARADE of FANTASY CREATURES**

Summer Reading participants are encouraged to show off their creations from the previous workshop. We will find out the raffle winners and enjoy a special snack



Granville Public Library's Other Programs this summer include:



Paint Along with Pals with Kim Velkey

Thurs July 15, 3-6 pm for ages 11-15
(Almost filled, so call today)
July 22, 3-6 pm for ages 16 to 116.



Thursday July 29 7:00- 8:00 PM
Guest American Paleontologist - Mark McMenamin from Mt. Holyoke College will present and adult talk on *Local Geology, Dinosaurs and Ancient Life*. An energetic and intriguing evening, sure to delight and educate.

Other Upcoming August Programs are still being finalized, but watch for more information.

They include:

August 4- Card Stamping 101 for ages 11 to 111

Collette Bussiere is bringing hundreds of stamps and material just for you. With gentle guiding, you will be making special cards for the special people in your life.

After this we will add Stamping kits to our Library of Things!

August 12 or 19- (TBA) Summertime Herbs: Discovering the Medicine of Summer



Herbal Medicine teaches us that each season has its own plants, gifts, and unique medicine to offer. By following the rhythms and plants of each season, we give ourselves the opportunity to integrate the healing powers of plants back into our lives. Join Nora Toomey, Clinical Herbalist of True Bloom, for a journey into the medicine of summer. In this one-hour class, we will go over a handful of summertime plants, learn easy medicinal preparations, and inspire you to bring the medicine of summer into your daily routines and herbal medicine cabinets!

***The library invites you to help us meet our challenge-
Come and Visit!***

Reacquaint yourself with this gem in the center of your town.

Our Goal is to receive 350 visitors this summer. Can you help us reach that goal?





West Granville Congregational Church

1580 Main Road, Route 57 - West Granville

Pending Statewide Re-opening we will resume services in 2021!

We will start with our Old Home Service on August 8, 2021.

Our Worship Services for 2021 will be held on the 2nd Sunday of each month:

August 8, 2021 - Old Home Sunday

September 12, 2021

October 10, 2021

November 14, 2021

December 12, 2021 - Christmas Service

All services are at 7PM.

Upcoming Events:



- 18th Annual Potluck Picnic on Saturday August 7th at 5PM.

This year we are having

"The Sarah the Fiddler Trio" for a concert following the picnic! Check out Sarah's FB Page:

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

- Scarecrow Contest - Columbus Day Weekend October 9-11th

Thank you to the Granville Cultural Council for helping fund the Concert!

Both the Church and Academy are available for rental.

Please call Deborah Boulanger at 357-6360 for more information.

Check our Facebook Page for updates on upcoming services and events!

<https://www.facebook.com/WestGranvilleCongregationalChurch1778/>

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

American Baptist and United Church of Christ

16 Granby Rd., Granville, MA

Interim Pastor: Dr. Rev. Johnny Wilson

Church Services: 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings at the church.

ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

We are continuing our online services which have proved to be very well received. Please join us either on You Tube (type in Granville Federated Church) or on our Facebook page. The services are posted on Saturday evening.

Our regular in-church services are also continuing and growing! Masks are no longer required but we are continuing to observe social distancing during the service. Please feel free to join us for the service and coffee hour.

HARVEST FAIR

We are planning to take part in the town Harvest Fair in October. If you would like to help us out, please let us know. At this point, plans for the tent at the front of the church with hot dogs and hamburgers, vendors in the Fellowship Hall and the School are in the early stages and being developed. More information will follow as we get closer. We missed our Harvest Fair last year and are so happy to have it back!

DRIVE IN/PICK UP SUPPERS

We will be taking a break this summer from these suppers. They have been hugely successful and we thank everyone for supporting us. Please watch for our next event which will be a Ham and Bean supper in November.

FELLOWSHIP HALL RENTALS

The Fellowship Hall will be available for rent when the church reopens for functions, complete with 2 restrooms, tables, chairs and kitchen facilities. For more information contact Bobbi at 413 357-0194.

BIG Y GIFT CARDS

Big Y gift cards are available. Please see Karen Rahn to purchase them. A percentage of the sale goes to help support the church.

CONTACT US

We try to help anyone in town who is in need of help in shopping, transportation, running errands, food, emergency fuel, etc. but we need to know. Please call.

To contact the church to leave a message for Pastor Johnny, please call 357-8583.

In Assisted Living

Skip and Alice Demarais,
The Arbors, 40 Court Street
Room 329, Westfield, MA 01085



TENT SALE

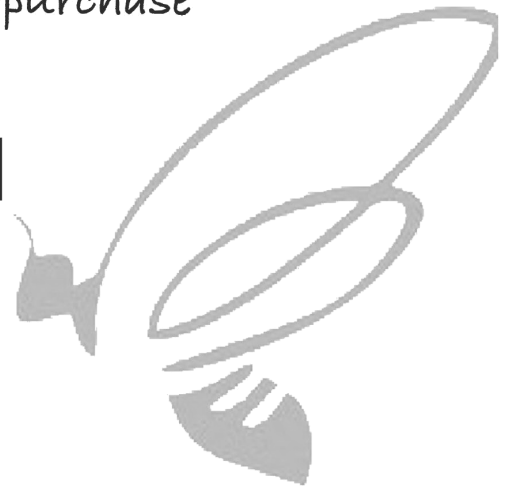
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**July 30 - August 1
and
August 6-8th
10 am - 6 pm**



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The Tolland Church will
resume its summer services
June 13th at 10 AM,
with a Bible Study at
9:30AM before the church
services.

The other services will be:

June 20, 27

July 11, 25

August 1, 8, 15

RECORDS WANTED:

Buying your old vinyl
records-LPs and 45s.

Looking for Rock, Blues,
Jazz, Folk, Soul, Funk,
Heavy Metal and more.

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Call or text Mark
@ 413-626-6396.



SANDMAN'S WILD BLUEBERRIES

104 McCarthy Road

Our 2021 picking season should start between the 2nd and 3rd week of July and we are currently taking pre-orders for ten- and twenty-pound boxes of fresh berries.

2021 Prices: quarts-\$7, 10 pound boxes-\$38 and 20 pound boxes-\$65. We will also have an assortment of jams using our berries while supplies last!

To place orders call Gordon at 413-297-8411, Barb at 413-388-3885 or visit our Facebook page and leave us a message!

Barn hours: M-F 9-5, Sat/Sunday 9-2 or by appointment



60th Wedding Anniversary

June 24, 1961



Francis & Cynthia (Smith) Sayre have lived in Granville Ma 53 of the 60 years they have been married.

They have 3 children, Pamela (Sayre) Hoover, of Tucson AZ, Michael Sayre of Statesville, N C and Lauren Sayre of Westfield, MA.

They have 3 grandchildren, Angela and Austin Kearney and Lauren (Harnden) Jensen and 2 great-granddaughters, Catherine and Olivia Jensen.

Juli Jensen-Derrig

Juli passed away suddenly on June 20, 2021, surrounded by her husband and children. She was taken from us far too soon at the young age of 54. Born in Westfield, Ma, Juli was raised in Graville, MA and graduated from Southwick High School. She went on to Westfield State College where she majored in Education. Juli and her husband Tim raised their family in Montgomery, MA for eighteen years.

Juli touched many lives with her kindness as the Principal at St. Mary's Parish Elementary School for the last 4 years, and prior to that as a teacher there for 17 years. She loved her students, knew all of their families, and supported them through many of life's challenges. She motivated and appreciated her outstanding staff, and her affectionate black lab, Mabel, often joined her at school.

She spent the majority of her life with her best friend, Jackie, who was her younger sister. She also stood by her throughout her courageous battle with cancer. When Jackie passed, Juli made sure that her sister was honored and that her family was taken care of. She ensured that she attended every important event for her brother-in-law Gene and her nephew Charlie, and that they could always rely on her at any time.

Juli was full of life, compassion and humor. She was a ray of sunshine every day with a beautiful smile and a hearty laugh – nothing was off limits. She made friends easily wherever she went, and you couldn't help but know who she was at any social gathering. Juli had the biggest, most kind and loving heart. Although facing hardship of her own, including her past battle with cancer, she always focused on helping others.

She brought energy and that beautiful smile to everything that she did, and had many friends and her extended family whom she valued deeply. She loved the sun in her face, the nearby tranquility of an ocean or lake, and enjoyed escaping the cold of winter with Tim for a short trip to Myrtle Beach or Florida. Juli also loved flowers, reading books, and a good meal – but the dessert was always more important than the meal.

Most of all, she cherished every minute with her precious granddaughter, Morgan.

Juli is survived by her husband Tim Derrig, her son Taylor Derrig, and her daughter Chelsi Derig. Her son and his daughter, Morgan, gave her all of her happiest memories as a grandmother. Her daughter, an Emergency and Trauma nurse at Baystate Medical Center, resembles her in many ways. She was extremely proud of both of her children and their accomplishments.

In addition, she leaves her father Paul Jensen of Granville, MA and his companion Irene Gogol, her mother Rita M. LaVertue of Westbrook, CT, as well as her brother-in-law Gene Keen and his son Charlie of South Windsor, CT. She was pre-deceased by her sister, Jackie Jensen Keen, in 2005. Juli also leaves behind many close friends, and her St. Mary's family.

The family would like to sincerely thank the Westfield Fire Department, and Baystate Medical Center Emergency Department staff.

Richard Wayne Adams

Richard, age 61 passed away Thursday June 10, 2021 at his residence.

He was born in Hartford, CT to the late David and Judith (Morse) Adams and was a 1978 graduate of Southwick High School (MA). Richard spent his youth growing up in West Granville, MA with his brother (David) and sisters (Deborah and Susan) and the neighborhood of Beech Hill Road. A hard worker since his early years there was always work needing done on the family property which included dogs, horses, chickens and gardens. At Southwick High he was a talented cross country runner, earning many awards including a first place finish at the Western Massachusetts Championships in 1977. Richard accredited his success to training on the Granville hills and dirt roads. After high school Richard enlisted in the Air Force Reserves, later enlisting full time in the Air Force completing Basic Training and specializing in Flight Mechanics as a jet mechanic. Upon leaving the Air Force Richard settled in Ohio working as a machinist and then continuing his education in trade school earning his Heating and Cooling Certificate. Richard worked for various Heating and Cooling Companies for the last 15 years in the Maryland, Ohio and DC suburbs.

Richard married Dorothea Stocking Adams in 1994 and they settled in Kearneysville, West Virginia. Coming full circle he was working hard, raising horses, chickens, dogs and growing a garden on their family property. Generous with his time and always ready to lend a helping hand Richard was the first to help out anyone in need putting in hay, building a barn, providing Heating and Cooling advice or cooking for a crowd. In addition Richard had a love for traveling which he enjoyed with his wife Dotty, traveling to the Bahamas, France, and Europe. In addition to returning to his childhood home and neighborhood to visit Family and friends as often as he could.

Richard leaves his beloved wife Dotty and devoted German Shepard. He is survived by his wife Dorothea (Stocking) Adams, a brother David K. Adams Jr. of Springfield, MA , sister Deborah (Adams) Boulanger of West Granville, MA, sister Susan (Adams) Beckman of Blandford, MA and a Nephew Robert Boulanger of West Granville, MA. Richard is predeceased by his parents David and Judith (Morse) Adams.