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## The 34th Annual Harvest Fair – Old Meeting House

The Granville Historical Society would like to thank all the visitors who came to The Old Meeting House during the 34th Annual Harvest Fair. The weather was a perfect fall weekend with sunshine and blue skies.

The Old Meeting House was a place of wonderful handmade arts and crafts along with delicious aromas of soup and pie. The Granville Quilt and Needle Work Guild had their beautiful display of quilts and ongoing quilt demonstration. We also had great vendors inside displaying handmade bags, knitting, Christmas decorations, wreaths, pillows, beaded art, and home and office décor.

On the lawn was held the annual scarecrow contest sponsored by the Granville Cultural Council. We had a variety of entries in all age groups, which made it tough on the judges this year. Also outside was the display of old tractors. Both the young and old, enjoyed looking them over.

Inside many wonderful volunteers helped sell apple pie with cheese and a large variety of donated soups for the Granville Historical Society. This all would not have happened if not for the wonderful towns' people of Granville. I would like to thank the volunteers who helped serve and keep the area clean for our visitors: Joan Clendenin; Laurie Blakesley Ritchie; Dot LeClair; Jeannie Pinney; Teddi Daley; Susan Beckman; Kathy Martin; Ann Jensen and Chris Teter. Also the cooks among us who provided delicious soups this year: Coralie Stevenson; Wendy Meadows; Joan Clendenin; Laurie Blakesley Ritchie; Teddi Daley; Chris Teter; Ann Jensen; Susan Beckman; Kathy Martin; AnnMarie Maceyka; Verna Sadowski and Byard Miller. And last but not least Bill Stevenson our great cheese cutter!

I am looking forward to next year's Harvest Fair at The Old Meeting House. Best wishes to all of Granville for joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Ann LeClair, Granville Historical Society Member

## Thank You

Ann LeClair does a fantastic job of heading up the Harvest Fair at the Meeting House, she is very organized and has every detail down to a science.

Thanks Ann.

From the volunteers at the Meeting House.

## Granville Parents Association

Granville Parents Association would like to Thank all the volunteers who helped out with the harvest fair and Halloween Party. Please join us for our next meeting November 10th Location TBD. Check out our facebook page for more up to date info.

A poster for a Granville Police Open House. The background is a light blue and yellow police badge. The text is in bold, black, sans-serif font. It reads: "Granville Police", "Open House", "November 16th, 2015", and "6PM-8PM".

## Granville Police Open House November 16th, 2015 6PM-8PM

**Join us on Monday November 16th  
as we invite the public to meet  
the Officers of the Granville Police  
Department and view some of the  
recent upgrades that have been  
made to the station. Light  
refreshments will be served.**

## GRANVILLE LIBRARY NEWS

### Granville Library Hours:

Monday 10-12, 3-8 pm • Wednesday 3-8 pm

Thursday 5-8 pm • Saturday 10-12

[www.granvillelib.info](http://www.granvillelib.info) • 357-8531

### New books for adults and YA:

*Boundless: Tracing Land and Dream in a new Northwest Passage* by Kathleen Winter.

*Brief Candle in the Dark: My Life in Science* by Richard Dawkins.

*Deep South: 4 Seasons on Back Roads* by Paul Theroux.

*Embracing Cuba* by Byron Motley.

*Gift from Bob: How a Street Cat Helped One Man Learn the Meaning of Christmas* by Bowen.

*Had I Known: A Memoir of Survival* by Joan Lunden.

*My Kitchen Year: 136 Recipes That Saved My Life* by Ruth Reichl.

*Neurotribes: The Legacy of Autism and the Future of Neurodiversity* by Steve Silberman.

*6 of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo.

*Adventuress, The: A Lady Emily Mystery* by Tasha Alexander,

*An Affair Downstairs* by Sherri Browning.

*Bark Before Christmas* by Laurien Berenson.

*Beauty is a Wound* by Eka Kurniawan.

*Big Bout* by Michael Lister.

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*City of Echoes* by Robert Ellis.

*Come Rain or Come Shine* by Jan Karon.

*Corridors of the Night* by Anne Perry.

*Diamond Caper* by Peter Mayle.

*Dishing the Dirt: An Agatha Raisin Mystery* by M.C. Beaton.

*End Game* by Catherine Coulter.

*Fates and Furies* by Lauren Groff.

*Finale: A Novel of the Reagan Years* by Mallon.

*Friction* by Sandra Brown.

*Front Runner* by Felix Francis.

*Girl in the Spider's Web* by David Lagercrantz.

*House of My Own* by Sandra Cisneros

*Is Fat Bob Dead Yet?* by Stephen Dobyns.

*Lark Rise to Candleford* by Thompson.

*Mycroft Holmes* by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

*Murder House* by James Patterson.

*Pretty Girls* by Karin Slaughter.

*Saturn Run* by John Sanford.

*Scam* by Janet Ivanovich.

*Secondhand Souls* by Christopher Moore.

*Shadow Play* by Iris Johansen.

*This Heart of Mine* by Brenda Novak.

*This Side of Home* by Renee Watson.

*Wildest Dreams* by Robyn Carr.

*Winter Stroll* by Elin Hilderbrand.

### For Kids:

*Where Do Babies Come From?: Our First Talk about Birth* by Jillian Roberts.

*Blackthorn Key* by Kevin Sands.

*Click, Clack, Ho, Ho, Ho* by Cronin.

*Day the Crayons Came Home, The* by Drew Daywalt.

*Fire Engine No. 9* by Mike Austin.

*Lenny and Lucy* by Phillip Stead.

### New Audio CDs

*Bat* by Jo Nesbo

*Friction* by Sandra Brown

*Make Me: A Jack Reacher Novel* by Lee Child.

*Nature of the Beast* by Louise Penny.

*Speaking in Bones* by Kathy Reichs.

*Wedding at the Orange Blossom Inn* by Shelley Shepherd Gray.

### New DVDs

*5 to 7*

*Americans, The Season 2*

*Banshee Season 1*

*Cop Car*

*Cinderella*

*Furious 7*

*Marvel's Avengers: Age of Ultron*

*Outlander Season 1 Volume 2*

*Pitch Perfect 2*

*Rudderless*



### Help wanted!

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference in your community?

Do you value education?

Do you have skills and experiences to share with your neighbors?

Consider joining the Granville-Tolland Dollars For Scholars, a non-profit organization working for more than 40 years towards our mission to *promote scholarship, community involvement and leadership among the undergraduate college students of Granville and Tolland through financial support for their education.*

We are seeking volunteers willing to bring their experience and energy in fundraising, investments, business, education. All ideas and backgrounds are welcome! Join us for our next meeting on Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 1pm.

Please take some time to visit our website to learn more about what we do, at [granville-tolland.dollarsforscholars.org](http://granville-tolland.dollarsforscholars.org). If you are interested in speaking to one of our board members, please email [GranvilleTollandDFS@gmail.com](mailto:GranvilleTollandDFS@gmail.com), or call Kris LeFebvre at 357-9044.

### New Business Directory

The Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars® is developing a business directory to give our local townspeople the opportunity to access your business, service and/or trade. The directory is a unique opportunity for you to advertise your services and will be available in the Spring of 2016. In addition, we will distribute it to our local public facilities and local businesses in Granville and Tolland. With your support, we are offering placement in our directory at the following dollar levels:

1. \$50 for 1/8 of a page
  2. \$100 for 1/4 of a page
- \$150 for 1/2 of a page

Please provide us with a business card along with your donation or other information if you wish to be published in our Business Directory. You can mail your donation to: Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars, P.O. Box 214, Granville, MA 01034. Thank you for your support. Donations are due by December 15, 2015.

Should you need to contact us for clarification, feel free to call Sarajane Adams at 413-357-6327.

### Attention High School Seniors and College Students!

The Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars online scholarship will be available in January, 2016. The requirements are as follows: Each full-time, undergraduate student may apply for a second-semester scholarship by midnight, May 1. Students must be a resident of Granville or Tolland Massachusetts, 01034. If you have a GED and were home-schooled and/or are not currently in school and plan to become a full time college student, you are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Up to 5 scholarships (5 years) may be awarded based on scholastic performance, a 300 word essay, activities, work experience and community service. Each student meeting the above requirements and submitting a complete application will be eligible to receive an award. Contact Sarajane Adams at 357-6327 or email us at [granvilletollanddfs@gmail.com](mailto:granvilletollanddfs@gmail.com) for more details or visit our website at [www.granville-tolland.dollarsforscholars.org](http://www.granville-tolland.dollarsforscholars.org).

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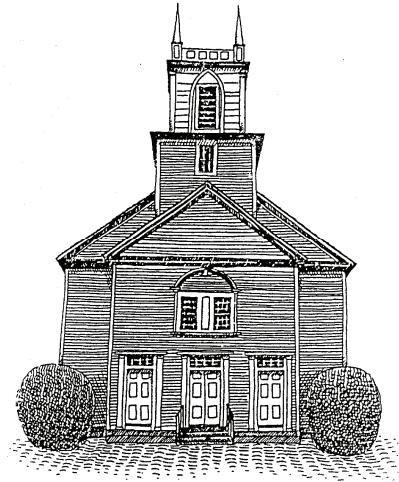
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The schedule is as follows:

Old Home Sunday Picnic & Service -

November 8, 2015

December 13, 2015

All services are at 7PM.

Prior to the August "Old Home Sunday" service  
on August 9<sup>th</sup> we will be conducting our 13<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Community Potluck Picnic at 5PM. All  
are welcome to attend!

Our Worship leader is Rev. Dr. Lorrie Dunham –  
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All are invited for refreshments and fellowship  
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6360 for more information.



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## COA and Senior News

Greetings Granville Residents,

My name is Phil Burns and I have recently been hired as the Outreach Coordinator by the Southern Hilltown Council on Aging Consortium and the Hilltown Community Health Centers (Yes, that's quite a mouthful). Basically, what this means is that I will be working closely with the different COA's in the towns of Russell, Huntington, Blandford, Middlefield, Granville and Tolland. I will also be working with the Health Centers through the Social Services office at 9 Russell Road, Huntington. I am currently being trained as a SHINE counselor and in the fall I will complete a Community Health Worker certification course at UMass-Amherst. In the next several weeks and months I am hoping to meet residents from your community and get to know people better, particularly seniors. I think it's important to know each other's stories. It helps people understand where others are coming from, and in the case of my job I think it will help me develop a deeper bond with the community. I'm also hoping we can talk about ways to get more intergenerational activities going in the Hilltowns. I hope some of you will reach out and take the time to sit and talk with me.

I am really excited to be working with COA's to expand outreach in the region. This is especially exciting for me because I am new to the Hilltowns. I've done quite a bit of travelling over the last 10 years, but I grew up mostly in Maryland outside Washington, DC. While I had visited Western Massachusetts and other parts of New England many times before being hired. I'm looking forward to meeting new friends and enjoying Hilltown life. I love being outdoors, especially hiking and kayaking and there are few places better than the Hilltowns to hike and get out on the water.

I'm also a big sports fan and I must say coming from the Washington, DC area I am a little jealous of the New England professional sports teams'

run of success over the past 10 years or so (I moved to the Washington, DC area a couple years after their last Super Bowl, so it's been 20 plus years of getting excited when our teams merely make the playoffs and inevitably lose). So, I hope we can get together and talk about anything from the Patriots and Sox to good hikes in the area to negotiating the health care system and everything in between.

I can be reached by phone 413-667-2203 (office) or 301-455-8216 (cell) or by email at [pburns@hchcweb.org](mailto:pburns@hchcweb.org).

I really hope to hear from you.

***“Life is short and we never have enough time for gladdening the hearts of those who travel the way with us. O, be swift to love! Make haste to be kind.”***

**— Henri Frederic Amiel**

## THANK YOU!

The Granville COA and Senior's would like to express our gratitude to Chief Scott Flebotte and Ron Minor for the most generous gift of the recent bus trip and meal to Hyde Park to visit Eleanor Roosevelt's Home and the grounds at Franklin D. Roosevelt's residents. We had great weather, good food and we learned so much history about Eleanor Roosevelt's life. We also had a very interesting trip home! Once more thank you so much, Sincerely the Granville COA

## Notice to all our Veterans

The Council on Aging will be sending out invitations to our veterans to join us at the Granville Town Hall for our annual salute to you with a luncheon. It will be held Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.

## Apple Shortcake



4 cups apples, pared and cored then sliced into chunks

1 cup water

Place in a pan and cook down till soft but not into applesauce, remove from heat.

Add 1 cup sugar,

1 Tbsp cinnamon,

½ tsp nutmeg:

Stir and set aside.

### Biscuits

2 ¼ cups of bisquick mix

2/3 cup milk

Heat oven to 450

Stir ingredients until dough forms, drop by spoonful's onto an ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown.

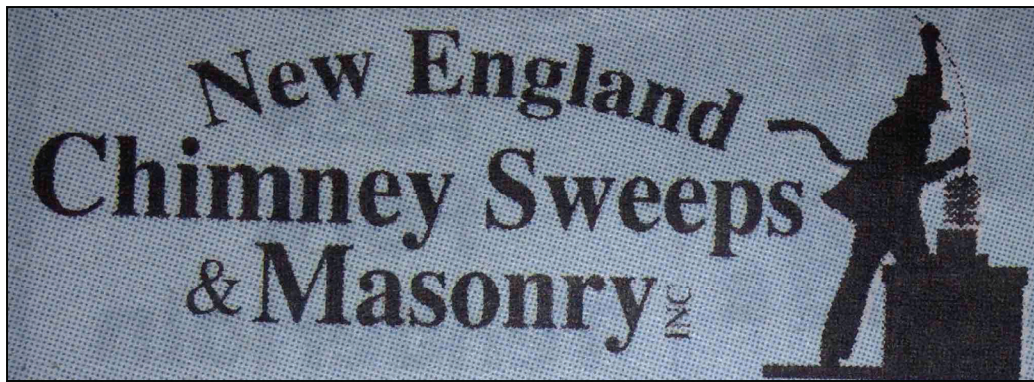
Remove from oven, split biscuit in half, spoon apples onto biscuit and top with whipped cream.

## “SENIOR MOMENT”

This is a true account recorded in the Police Log of Sarasota, Florida:

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and upon returning to her car found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her lungs, “I have a gun and I know how to use it! GET OUT OF THE CAR!” The four men didn’t wait for a second threat. They got out of the car and ran like mad. The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver’s seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried and then she realized why. It was for the same reason she had wondered why there was a football, a Frisbee and two 12-packs of beer in the front seat. A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake. The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn’t stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair and carrying a large handgun. No charges were filed. Moral of the story? If you’re going to have a senior moment.... Make it memorable!





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## Granville-Tolland Lions Club

**Dan Stosick, Secretary, Granville-Tolland Lions Club**  
**91 Old Westfield Road, Granville MA 01034**  
**285-6494 – d.stosick@comcast.net**

**Gentlemen of Granville and Tolland,**

**Would you like to meet your neighbors and make new friends? Are you interested in serving your community? If you have answered yes to any of these questions, the Granville/Tolland Lions Club would like to invite you to attend one of our meetings. We are individuals working together throughout the year in several different fund raising activities to benefit organizations in our Granville and Tolland communities as well as the international struggle to prevent blindness. Some of our Club fund raising activities include fried dough sales and a car show at the Harvest Fair, Breakfast with Santa, Granville Community Calendar and a spaghetti dinner for student scholarships.**

**Granville-Tolland Lions Club members are proud to donate their time to serve our community and to continue our record of achievement we are always looking for individuals willing to continue our tradition of service. As a member you will use your time and talents to make an impact in your community!**

**If you may be interested in making a difference in your community, call one of our members and he will gladly give you details about our next meeting:**

**President Frank Wolak, Vice President James Connors, Membership Chair Art Adams, Secretary Dan Stosick, Treasurer Ron Bouwer, Brad Burnett, John Batterman, John Banish, Robert Beaudoin, Chris Bouwer, Amos Carpenter, Mike Crawford, Mike Fillion, William Jarvis, Jay Jones, Tom Jones, Rick Knoener, Ian Lane, Ralph Ledger, Matt Lefebvre, Robert Norton, Jim Psillas, Bob Rahn, Leon Ripley, Ted Sussman, Stan Tkaczuk, Robert Gleason, Tom Wolak,**

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**During the calendar year of 2014-2015 the Granville-Tolland Lions donated to the following organizations:**

**Tolland Fire Dept  
Granville Fire Dept  
Country Caller  
Student Awards  
Wounded Warrior Project**

**Emergency Sight & Hearing  
District 33Y Eye Mobile  
MA Lion Eye Research  
Lions Club International Foundation  
Donations Within The Community**



## Granville-Tolland Lions Club 2017 Calendar

Greetings from the Granville-Tolland Lions Club.

Every year the Lions Club puts out a calendar where people can have birthdays and anniversaries printed on it, plus local business advertisement. This calendar has been a tradition for 50 years in Granville and Tolland but we have found that not everyone knows about it, now is your chance to get your birthdays and anniversaries included.

You submit birthdays and anniversaries that you would like to remember and it will be printed on the calendar. **THE CALENDAR WILL HAVE EVERYONES NAMES AND DATES NOT JUST YOUR SUBMISSIONS.**

**COST: \$4 PER CALENDAR AND ONLY 25 CENTS PER BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY**

Submitting names is easy:

### **Birthdays – Name and Date**

John Smith - 5/21

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### **Anniversaries – Name and Date**

John and Jane Smith - 10/22

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(A separate piece of paper can be used if more submissions are needed)

Make check payable to: Granville – Tolland Lions Club ☐ or

Pay on Delivery ☐

Your Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Calendars @ \$4 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Birthdays and / or Anniversaries @ 25 cents = \_\_\_\_\_

**Return form to Dan Stosick, 91 Old Westfield Rd or Email: Birthdays and Anniversaries to:**  
**[d.stosick@comcast.net](mailto:d.stosick@comcast.net)** - Delivery will be in December. The Lions Club supports organizations in the Granville and Tolland communities. The lions are always a helpful resource for those with hearing, eye and sight emergencies and our club has helped several local citizens.

**Contact Dan Stosick for interest in an advertisement on the calendar.**

## GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

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

We sincerely thank all who support the Granville Church Capital Campaign. Donations without pledges are still accepted. Just mark Capital Campaign in the memo on your check. We have been able to make many, many needed repairs and updates thanks to your contributions. Thank you!

A Thank you card has been received by the church from the Baptist Association. It reads: Dear Church Family, On behalf of the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts, I want to thank you for your continued support to the United Missions. It allows us to attend to pastoral needs in the state. We have been able to train 50 Mission Advocates as a result of your support. Thank you for your support. Thank you for being part of the family.

Peace,  
Reverend Sandra Dorsainvil,  
Director Mission & Stewardship

### 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. Senior choir

Third Wednesday-12:00 Noon-Ladies Aid

Third Sunday-8:30 to 9:30 am-Fellowship  
Breakfast (Open to all)

### Big Y gift cards

We have Big Y gift cards available for purchase.  
Please see Jean McMahon.

### Help Wanted

We are looking for helpers to wait on tables, clean up crew and foil wrapping potatoes for our upcoming Granville Federated Church Ham dinner in the Church' Fellowship Hall November 7th at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in helping please give Dot a call at 357-6698

### Missions Moment

Each year at Christmas time we have our Mitten Tree. We decorate it with new mittens, hats and scarves which are taken to the Springfield Council of Churches for distribution to children who badly need them.

### CHURCH DINNER SATURDAY,

**NOVEMBER 7, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**Adults \$12.00, Children under 12 \$8.00**

**Please call Dot for a reservation at 357-6698**

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Rob and Pam Petschke 357-6202

## Volunteer Drivers Needed!

The Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA), in partnership with the Granville Council on Aging, is seeking volunteers interested in transporting local seniors to their appointments. Must have a clean driving record, reliable vehicle, and some free time to help. Volunteers receive a driving stipend of \$0.55 per mile. To sign up or for more information contact the FRTA at 413-774-2262 x 105 or toll free at 1-888-301-2262 x 105.



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## OBITUARIES

### Edwin Henry Humphrey

Ed, age 87, of South Yarmouth, MA died suddenly on Tuesday, August 25, 2015. Ed Humphrey was born and raised in the quaint, small town of Granville, MA. He was the only child of late Stillman Humphrey and Lena (Frisbee) Humphrey. Ed often spoke of his childhood adventures in Granville; where he would fish in the brook behind his house, visit the local general store, work in his grandfather's toy drum factory, and was carted around by his beloved friend, "Billy," the goat. Ed graduated high school from the Mount Hermon School for Boys in 1945. This past June, Ed was able to visit his alma mater to celebrate his 70th reunion with fellow classmates and family. After Mount Hermon, Ed continued his education at American International College (AIC) in Springfield, M.A. where he received his bachelors in Physics in 1949. During his time at AIC, Ed was an active member in his fraternity, Sigma Alpha Phi. He also met his late wife, Ingrid (Benoit) Humphrey during his college years. Ed's dedication to AIC continued long after his time there, for he was president of the Alumni Association for many years. After Ed graduated from college, he began his long career in education as a teacher in a one-room school house. Ed then served full time in the Army National Guard from 1950-1954 and stayed in part-time while teaching until 1962. Years later, after receiving his master's degree from UMASS Amherst and certificate of Advanced Studies from Springfield College; Ed would climb to his most cherished position as the principal of A. Ward Spaulding Elementary School in Suffield, C.T. - where he remained for 20 years. Ed was a trailblazer in education, and his passion for knowledge and enlightening young minds carried on with him until his untimely death. He was proud to see his children and grandchildren graduate from college, and watched a few follow him into teaching. After Ed retired from education, he found himself on Cape Cod. The Cape always held a special place in his heart. Ed enjoyed taking his grandchildren camping and fishing at Shawme Crowell, in Sandwich; to the local playhouse, in Dennis; for clam cakes and chowder at Captain Frosty's, and frequent visits to Smugglers beach and Basshole (Grey's beach). While he retired on Cape Cod, Ed continued to work. He began working with the homeless population in Hyannis, and often said that his work at the Noah Shelter was the most rewarding job he ever had. He helped his family and friends look at the homeless through a more compassionate lens. Up until his death, Ed continued to meet with his fellow Noah counselors once a month. During breakfast they would contemplate and solve the world's problems, as well as catch up on the doings of each other. Ed is survived by his four children: Debra Humphrey, Steve Humphrey, Karen Scichilone, and Eric Humphrey. "Beepa" will be sorely missed for his wisdom, advice, proof-reading, stories of his childhood and "Beep Wads" by his is eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He also leaves his long-time friend, Lois Gagnon. Ed will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and community.

### Neil R. Bixby

Neil, age 59, passed away peacefully Sunday, October 11, 2015 surrounded by his family, hand in hand with his loving wife of 40 years Katherine (Tippett) Bixby. He was born in Haverhill, NH, the son of Shirley (Gardner) Bixby and the late Gerald Bixby. He spent many years working on his farm, Laid Back Acres in Russell. He was a member of the Farm Bureau, Boone and Crockett Club and the Northeast Big Buck Club where he received many awards. Neil enjoyed his time on the farm, he had many hobbies including hunting, and fishing. He enjoyed spending time with his family, and building his Mustang. Neil is survived by his son, James Bixby and his wife, Tiffany of West Granville; his daughter, Amy Bixby and her husband, Donald Thomas of Westfield; his siblings, Guy, Kim, Carla, Laurie, John, Storm and Robin; his grandchildren, Cailey, Paige, Dakota, Austin, Madison, James Jr., and Michael; and his extended grandchildren and great-grandchildren



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