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### **INGREDIENTS**

2 pounds chicken wings  
1/3 cup soy sauce  
1/3 cup bottled zesty Italian salad  
dressing  
1/3 maple syrup

### **DIRECTIONS:**

Place the wings in a large ziploc bag.

Pour the soy sauce, dressing and syrup  
over the chicken, and mix so that all  
pieces are coated. Seal the bag, and  
marinate in the refrigerator for a few  
hours or overnight.

Preheat the oven to 400 F.

Place the marinated wings in a single  
layer on a broiler pan.

Bake, uncovered, in the preheated oven  
for 30 minutes. Turn the wings over,  
then return to the oven and bake for  
another 30 minutes, or until the chicken  
is cooked through.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Granville Country Caller is looking for  
volunteers to help fold the Caller each  
month.

We get together the beginning of each  
month (day varies) at 9:30 for about an hour  
or so at the Granville Town Hall to fold, count  
and label the Caller for mailing. If interested  
please give me a call Debbie at 357-6420.  
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To contact the church, please call a deacon  
(Dale Florida 357-8775, Eileen Jerome 357-6610,  
Fran Wackerbarth 357-6492, Alan Gregg 357-6156,  
Laura Fielding 357-6368), or our head trustee  
(Bobbi O'Connell 357-0914)

### WEEKLY/MONTHLY SCHEDULE

Morning Worship is held each Sunday at 10 a.m.  
A coffee hour follows the service  
Monday nights- AA meetings  
Thursday nights 7 p.m. choir rehearsal  
Third Sunday 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. CHURCH  
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 2, 2020 Church annual meeting  
following the Church service and Pot Luck  
luncheon

Sunday, February 16, 2020 Church Fellowship  
Breakfast 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

### COME AND MEET DR. REV. JOHN WILSON!

Dr. Rev. John Wilson has been hired to serve as  
our transitional pastor as we search for a settled  
minister. Dr. Wilson (Pastor John) comes to us  
with over 36 years of experience in the ministry.  
He has served as Navy Chaplain, college lecturer  
and instructor, Director of college ministry, senior  
pastor, interim pastor, guest speaker at special  
events and much more. He and his wife Levonne  
live in Springfield. Please join us as we welcome  
Pastor John and Levonne to our fellowship.

### UPDATE

Pastor John has been with us for several months  
now and things are happening! Come and hear  
the positive and encouraging and exciting  
messages that he is sharing with us. Big Y gift  
cards are available. Please see Karen McLaughlin  
to purchase them. A percentage of the sale goes  
to help support the church.

## NEWS FROM AGAPE SCHOOL, UGANDA

Terrible rains for several weeks have caused crop  
failures and greatly increased food prices, This is  
also causing well water contamination (3 children  
hospitalized for typhoid). I am asking you to  
consider helping me to send the school more  
funds in Nov., Dec., and Jan. to purchase food-no  
amount is too small! In addition, at year end I try  
to add new money to the well maintenance fund.  
The water contamination required chemical  
treatment to make it safe to drink and cook with.  
We are fortunate to be able to just turn on the  
tap!

Thank you.

Bobbo O'Connell and the GFC Missions

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This past November after a gap of some time we  
restarted our collection of shoeboxes stuffed  
with toys, school supplies, books and hygienic  
essentials for children around the world. We  
collected 14 boxes this year (many more next  
year) but it added to the over 10 million boxes  
collected and distributed worldwide! This coming  
year if you would like to participate, it is a simple  
thing to purchase small items when they're on  
sale and set them aside for the collection which  
will be during the beginning of November. More  
information to follow in the fall.

## FELLOWSHIP HALL AVAILABLE FOR RENT

The Granville Federated Church Fellowship Hall is  
available for rent, complete with two restrooms,  
tables, chairs and kitchen facilities.

For more information contact Bobbi O'Connell at  
413 357-0914 or Karen McLaughlin at 413 357-  
9090





## TOWN CLERK'S CORNER....

by Donna M. Fillion

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Website: [www.townofgranville.net](http://www.townofgranville.net)

Office Hours: Monday evening 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

and by appointment

### **2020 Important Dates**

Presidential Primary – March 3, 2020, 7 am – 8 pm, Town Hall

Special Primary State Senate (Second Hampden and Hampshire Senatorial District) – March 3, 2020, 7 am – 8 pm, Town Hall

*Early Voting hours will be as follows for the Presidential Primary and/or Special Primary State Senate:*

Monday, February 24, 2020 – 5 pm – 9 pm

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 – 10 am – 6 pm

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 – 10 am – 6 pm

Special General Election State Senate (Second Hampden and Hampshire Senatorial District) – March 31, 2020, 7 am – 8 pm, Town Hall

Annual Town Election – April 13, 2020, 12 pm – 8 pm, Town Hall

Annual Town Meeting – May 11, 2020, 7 pm, Village School

State Primary – September 1, 2020, 7 am – 8 pm, Town Hall. There will be no early voting hours prior to State Primary.

State & Federal Election – November 3, 2020, 7 am – 8 pm, Town Hall

Early voting hours will be determined, at a later date, for the week of 10/26/2020.

The *last day* for Massachusetts residents to register to vote, update their address, or change their party for the Presidential Primary and/or Special Primary State Senate on March 3, 2020, is February 12, 2020. My office will be open 10 am – 4 pm.

### **Annual Census**

The Town Clerk's Office has sent out the 2020 Annual Census forms. Please respond within 10 days of receiving your form. 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.

### **Annual Dog Licenses**

The census package also included a dog license application for dog owners on record. 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. 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 the annual town election to be held April 13, 2020.

Candidates for town office must obtain at least 30 signatures of registered voters town wide. The last day to file nomination papers with the Board of Registrars is February 24, 2020.

The following slates of office will be on the April ballot: one Selectman for three years, one Treasurer, one Tax Collector, one Moderator for one year, one Assessor for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, one Constable for three years and two members of the Planning Board for three years.

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



## Woodlands Cemetery Update and History

CPA Applications have been submitted for 2020 for the Woodlands, Main Rd, and Northeast cemeteries. This is a joint effort by Woodlands Cemetery and Dick Rowley who volunteers at NCCHP and the Granville Library Historical Room Association, and maintains the Granville Historic Image Library. His ancestors are from Granville.

In 1873, there was published, in an unknown newspaper, a testimonial to the town of Granville for the longevity of many of its residents. Keep in mind that the life expectancy for someone born about 1800, as these people were, was well short of 70 and some publications state that it was younger than 40.

In 1910, in just that thin slice of history, the federal census of that year reports that there were 781 people living in Granville, 86 of whom were immigrants. They came from 14 different countries between the years 1848 and 1908. Most from Ireland, followed by Denmark, Russia, Canada, Germany, England, Austria, Italy, Finland, France, Scotland, Sweden, Norway and Holland in that order. These folks, born outside the US, accounted for 11% of our town residents. If we add their immediate offspring, the numbers become very considerable.

According to the Jensen descendants, the Danes came for the availability of land. They were farmers. They purchased land and lived spartanly in order to do so. They wrote back to the families in Denmark and others came to join them. Tobacco was a big first endeavor followed by the apple orchards and berry fields. And as time passed, Granville became the apple town. Jens and



Sophia Jensen, who came from Denmark in the early 1890's, purchased land on Old Westfield Road. Their house is now gone. The children continued the farming tradition with the establishment of Mountain Orchard on Main Road 100 years ago. In the early days, son Edward and wife

Anna, grew not only apples but peaches and even celery, turnip, and potatoes, some in the lower wetter areas of the fields. Early on, Edward and Anna purchased the house at 678 Main Rd for \$10,000 and with 3 of the best apple years ever, paid off the property in 3 years. Two more generations of Jensens have continued the orchard tradition and Mountain Orchard is still producing apples and fruit for our health and enjoyment.

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hence by giving a list of  
**AGED PERSONS IN EAST GRANVILLE.**  
 This parish is noted for the longevity of its inhabitants. The following are the names of persons now living in that parish who are upwards of seventy years of age:  
 Justus Rose, 81 years old, Isaac Rose, 81, Heman Barlow, 83, Polly Barlow Rose, 81, Mrs. Perse Hamilton, 81, Mrs. Electa Clark, 82, Alexander Seymour, 84, Mrs. Benjamin Andrews, 84, Albert Parsons, 85, Phebe Parsons, 80, Gad Phelou, 80, Mrs. Gad Phelou, 78, Mrs. Alva Stowe, 80, Sarah Bancroft Church, 80, Ardon Seymour, 82, Stephen Herriek, 83, Mrs. Stephen Herriek, 83, Mrs. Ruth Humphrey, 92, Mrs. Reuben Noble, 74, Lucius Gibbons, 79, Elijah Seymour, 76, Jas. H. Gibbons, 78, Elijah Chapman Spelman, 71, Widow Maria Seymour, 70, Mrs. Orpha Seymour, 78, William Parsons, 75, Ely Strong, 78, Sylvanus Tinker, 75, widow Almira T. Gibbons, 79, Mrs. Jemima Rose Marvin, 75, Rehsalaer Buttles, 72, Samuel H. Whitney, 74, Carlton Strong, 70, Mrs. Diana Barlow Spelman, 71, Anson Clark, 81, Pember Kelley, 75, Widow Rowley, 80, Mrs. Samuel P. Reed, 73, Widow Haley, 82.

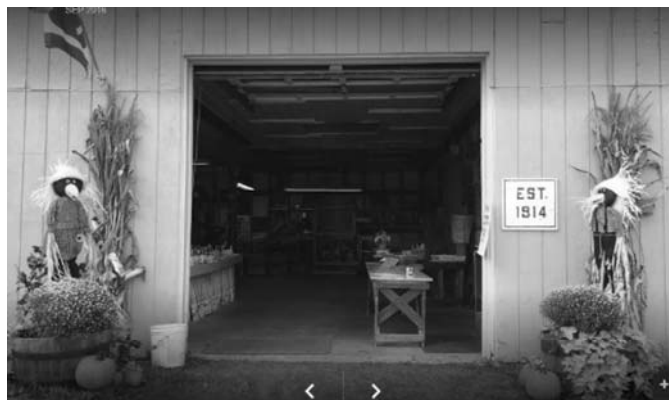


## ***Woodlands Cemetery Update and History Cont'd***



Andrew Nestrovich, who immigrated to the USA from Russia in 1912-13, also established an orchard in Granville in 1914. It is now in its 106<sup>th</sup> year.

Other surnames that you may recognize from that group of 86 immigrants in 1910 are: Clifford, Hansen, Holcomb, Phelon, Rowley, Shaw, Beckman, Dubois, Dickinson, and Deganio. They were generally strong, industrious and enthusiastic and embraced the town as their own...which it was. They had farms, started business,



provided services, were instrumental in the success and well-being of our town and have descendants who still live and work here today.

Credits to Jim Jensen and ancestry.com.

From the members of the Woodlands Cemetery Association, [WoodlandsCem@comcast.net](mailto:WoodlandsCem@comcast.net).

Woodlands Cemetery has sites available:  
48 Blandford Road

Contact us for information.

Carolyn Donatini

Dorrie Holmes

[WoodlandsCem@comcast.net](mailto:WoodlandsCem@comcast.net)



## **Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars® Celebrating 45 Years of Success**

Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars has awarded over \$500,000 in scholarships to benefit the students of Granville and Tolland. This could not be achieved without the selfless volunteers and board members.

We are in need of board members and volunteers as we progress in 2020, people willing to bring the organization into the future. There are four meetings a year with a few fundraisers that need your help, your new ideas, and your new energy. Please contact us today to become a part of this rewarding organization.

Our next activity will be our annual mailathon, held on Monday, February 17 at 11:00 AM at the Granville Town Hall. Walk-in volunteers are welcome, but please consider emailing your plan to join us at [granvilletolldanddfs@gmail.com](mailto:granvilletolldanddfs@gmail.com). Students will receive community service hours for donating their time!

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## 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*

#### 2019 in Review

During the year of 2019, the Granville Fire Department responded to a total 198 calls for Service, combined medical and fire. This is right in line with prior year.

We welcomed new Firefighters Devon Doiron, Tim Short, Austin Audet, and Aaron Sherlin. The Rehab team added Morgan Letendre.

Three members attended Firefighter 1 Training, and several members completed driver training for various apparatus. In addition, 4 members completed EMT training.

We collected over 200 toys for our Toys for Tots initiative in a great partnership with the Granville PD.

2019 also saw the successful loaded baked potato and chili booth at The Harvest Fair with record sales, and the reintroduction of the Granville Emergency Services Road Race!

Our dedicated volunteer members each also logged approximately 150 hours of training during the year.

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 Lt. Tim Rickis at [firedept@townofgranville.org](mailto:firedept@townofgranville.org)

#### **Our current member roster is as follows:**

Chief of Department Matt Ripley  
Deputy Chief of Fire Wes Bauver  
Deputy Chief of EMS Reba Velky  
Lieutenant/Public Relations Tim Rickis  
Lieutenant/Engineer Steve Cook  
FF Scott Loomis  
FF Landon Demay  
FF Joe Pothier  
FF Andrew Isner  
FF Tim Phair  
FF Devon Doiron  
FF Dan Bryant  
FF Josh McGorty  
FF Tim Short  
FF Rob Boulanger  
FF Austin Audet  
FF Aaron Sherlin  
REHAB/FF Gabe Alfano  
REHAB Laura Bauver  
REHAB Morgan Letendre  
REHAB Maggie Ripley  
REHAB Danielle Demay  
REHAB Nicole Berndt  
REHAB Scott Macomber  
REHAB Sue Luntta  
EMT/FF Jacob Macomber  
EMT Ashley Cook  
EMT/FF Peter Sorrajja  
EMT Richard Williams  
EMT/FF Taylor Warren  
EMT/FF Josh Markowski  
EMT/FF Nate Sinland  
EMT/FF Cole Provost  
EMT/FF Devon Drowniany  
EMT Sue Markowski  
EMT Josh Ilnicky  
AUX EMT Laura Hayes  
AUX EMT Rob Hayes  
AUX EMT Hunter Zackaricz  
AUX EMT Milread Kelly  
AUX EMT Steph Gleason

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



## Granville Library

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



For weekly updates on our new books, check out  
[granvillepubliclibrary.org](http://granvillepubliclibrary.org)

### **New Books for Adults and YA**

When You See Me by Lisa Gardner  
Golden in Death by J.D. Robb  
The Museum of Desire by Jonathon Kellerman  
Perfect Little Children by Sophie Hannah  
The Blaze by Chad Dundas  
All the Ways We Said Goodbye by Beatriz Williams  
Hunter Killer by Brad Taylor  
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Strange Exit by Parker Peevyhouse  
The Better Liar by Tanen Jones  
Treason by Stuart Woods  
Big Lies in a Small Town by Diane Chamberlain  
The Wild One by Nick Petrie  
The Poison Garden by Alex Marwood  
Long Bright River by Liz Moore  
Three Things I Know Are True by Betty Culley

### **New Non-Fiction**

The Third Rainbow Girl: The Long Life of a Double  
Murder in Appalachia by Emma Eisenberg  
Last Stop Auschwitz: My Story of Survival from  
Within the Camp by Eliazar de Wind  
Sizing People Up: A Veteran FBI Agent's User  
Manual for Behavior Prediction by Robin Dreeke  
Imperfect Union: How Jessie and John Frémont  
Mapped the West, Invented Celebrity, and  
Helped Cause the Civil War by Steve Inskeep

### **New Audio CD's**

All the Ways We Said Goodbye by Beatriz Williams  
When You See Me by Lisa Gardner  
A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende

### **New Kids Books**

I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912: Graphic Novel  
Speedah-Cheetah: A Branches Book (Binder of Doom #3)  
This Drop of Water: A Look at the Water Cycles  
Almost Time  
Pokémon Sun and Moon V. 6  
Molly of Denali Crane Song  
The Great Eggscape!  
Diana Princess of the Amazons  
Bad Kitty Joins the Team  
The Bad Guys in the Baddest Day Ever  
Magic Tree House: Narwhal on a Sunny Night  
Hard Work But It's Worth It: The Life of Jimmy Carter  
Pig the Tourist

### **New DVD's**

Gentleman Jack: Season 1  
Joker  
The Lighthouse  
Zombieland: Double Tap  
Malificent: Mistress of Evil  
Harriet  
Terminator: Dark Fate  
Motherless Brooklyn



### **Library News**

Pokémon Club will meet on Feb. 6 from 6-7 pm.  
We will have Pikachu trivia starting at 6:20, make  
sure to be there by 6:15 to sign in and get placed  
in a team.

The library will be closed February 17<sup>th</sup> for  
President's Day.

## OBITUARIES

### **Jennie (Dickinson) Maceyka**

Jennie was born on September 7, 1928 and passed away peacefully in the early hours of Thursday, December 5, 2019. Jennie was a life-long resident of Granville, Massachusetts, where she was an active member of the Granville Federated Church and Ladies Aid Society. At the church, she sang in the choir alongside her husband, Emil E. Maceyka for many years, served on the memorial committee, and maintained the church's historical records. Through about 2014, she presided over the Church Rummage Sale at the annual Columbus Day Granville Harvest Fair. She resided at Armbrook Village in Westfield, MA at the time of her passing. Jennie was dedicated to her community and family. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of her life. She liked to laugh and was fond of saying "okey-dokey!"

She was predeceased by her husband Emil E. Maceyka (1984), brother Ralph Dickinson (2016), sister Lucy Aspinall (2017), son Wayne B. Maceyka, Sr. (1991), daughter-in-law Kathleen Maceyka (2003), and great-granddaughter Charlotte (2018). Jennie is survived by sons Emil J. Maceyka, Jeffrey Maceyka and his wife Annemarie, Brett Maceyka and his wife Laura, and daughter Kathy Godward and her husband Jeffrey. Her legacy is also carried on by 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren

### **Raymond W. Carlson, Jr**

Ray, age 88, of Granville, MA, husband of the late Margaret Lucille (Grant) Carlson, died Saturday, December 28, 2019 at the Suffield House. He was born March 15, 1931 in Manchester, son of the late Raymond Werner Carlson, Sr. and Lillian (Johnson) Carlson and had loved living in Granville, MA. Ray was very active in the fire department over the years having been a member of the Ellicott City, MD department, a Lieutenant with the Simsbury and Southborough, MA departments and was retired Deputy Chief of the Granville, MA department. He also served as the Assistant Fire Marshall for the Town of Simsbury for many years. He enjoyed gardening, making bouquets of gladiolas. He also enjoyed going to the Harvest Fair, the Big E and the Simsbury Carnival with his uncle Bob. Ray was member of the Windsor and Warehouse Point Fife and Drum Corps. He is survived by his son, Raymond Carlson, III of Granville, his daughters, Linda Annino and husband Bill of Rhode Island and Susan Luntta and husband Paul of Granville, MA; his grandchildren Shawn Rutola, Christopher Rutola, Joshua Rutola and wife Felicia, Billy Annino and wife Anne, Michael Annino and wife Jackie, Alicia Carlson and Samantha Carlson; great grandchildren, Lillian Rutola, twins Madeline (his little Svenska) and Lucille Rutola, Sal and Emma Annino and Will Annino.

### **Mary Theresa (Baranowski) Milligan**

Mary, age 101, (1918- 2019) passed away January 1, 2020 at Westfield Center. She was born on May 3, 1918 to the late Jacob and Mary (Lagunzse) Baranowski in Ashley PA. Mary worked for many years as a waitress at the Lido Ristorante in Springfield. She was a member of the Southwick Senior Center and a communicant of Our Lady of the Lake Church in Southwick. She will be deeply missed by her son John Milligan and his wife Elizabeth of East Waterboro ME, 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 50 years Albert E. Milligan, 4 sisters and 2 brothers.

### **Ruth E. (Brainard) Lessard,**

Ruth, age 87 (1932-2020) of Westfield, MA, born in Colebrook, NH, passed away January 3, 2020. She was predeceased by her husband, Oliver W. Lessard in 2002. She is survived by her sister Hazel B. Greene of Vancouver, WA; her son, Dana R. Lessard and his wife Robin; her daughter, Martha J. Lessard all of Zephyrhills, Florida; several nephews and nieces. Ruth and her family lived in Granville for many years and she was a teacher at the Granville Village School. Her interests included reading, gardening, playing games, needlework, knitting and crocheting. Ruth was a member of the Second Congregational Church, of Westfield.