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The Granville-Tolland Lions club Bertha Parker & Eddie Gogol Memorial Student Award applications are due May 1, 2020. Any graduating high school senior from Granville or Tolland with plans to further their education in a structured program is eligible for this award. Please submit applications to the Granville Tolland Lions Club, PO Box 84, Granville, MA, 01034. Applications are available from the area school guidance departments or emailing Art Adams artsadams8@gmail.com

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. Thank you

In Nursing Homes

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

Arline Schultz
American Inn, Southwick, MA 01077

The Boy Scouts Troop 114
are have a spaghetti dinner
on April 4th
at the
Southwick Congregational Church
488 College Highway



Joe Pietroniro
Granville, MA

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Woodlands Cemetery Update and History



Keep the faith; Spring is coming to Granville...eventually.

The GPS projects for Northeast and Main Rd cemeteries have been completed. All known graves in each of those two cemeteries are documented along with the GPS coordinates of each grave and a picture of the headstone. In addition, the immediate families for each deceased is identified. These are available online on the Granville Historic Image Library.

Of all the people in Woodlands Cemetery, Daniel (Elihu) Spelman was the earliest born. July 12, 1738. He had 11 siblings. According to the Spelman Genealogy, Daniel married Mary Carpenter and spent a great deal of his life as a soldier...including the French and Indian War and the Revolution. His rank in the Revolutionary War was that of Drum Major. Drums were crucial in battlefield communications from the officers to the troops. It is assumed that, as in the war of 1812, a drum major's only weapon was a sword. The published family Genealogy says that Daniel's sword was in the possession of his descendants. Perhaps it still is. Daniel lived to age 90 and is buried in Woodlands Cemetery.



DRUM MAJOR IN THE REVOLUTION BY CAPTAIN DANIEL SPELMAN

Daniel had a sister Elizabeth (1740-1836), married to Samuel Bancroft Jr. Her descendants speak of her: →

Elizabeth (Spelman) Bancroft was one of the most estimable members of the Spelman family, and we may look back upon her record as one typical of all that is most admirable in those traits of character which our Puritan grandmothers possessed, and which every true American must reverence. She lived to the grand old age of ninety-six years, her life having been set in stirring times. She saw her husband, son, and other near relatives depart from the quiet mountain town of Granville to brave the perils of war in the struggle for the independence of the Colonies. Serene, faithful, and unshaken in her devotion to her family, she walked in the "even tenor" of her tranquil ways, rearing her family of nine children, and "training them in the way they should go." She was a woman of great piety, and had a wonderful influence over her own immediate family, and upon her friends and neighbors.

Her grandson, Mr. Ashley A. Bancroft of San Francisco, wrote of her: "I remember her slightly. She was of medium size, a devoted Christian, and highly esteemed by those who knew her. She lived to a great age, retaining her faculties to the last."

Her son, Azariah, wrote: "She was a woman of great endurance, though slender, and had a faculty for accomplishing work which was a marvel. She did not possess great physical force, but managed to accomplish no inconsiderable amount in rearing a large family and providing for their temporal and spiritual wants, clothing them, according to the custom of the time, with the wool and flax of her own spinning. The raw material entered the house from the farm and never left it except as warm durable garments upon the backs of its inmates."

Back in the day when almost no one commuted daily out of town to make a living, life consisted of town, neighbors and family. If a spouse died at an early age, remarriage was rather customary. Daniel had an older brother, Aaron (1733-1821). Aaron owned a home at 275 South Lane and was married 3 times. He first married Elizabeth, the sister of Justus Rose. Elizabeth died at age 61. Aaron then married Deborah, the widow of the same Justus Rose. Back when Deborah was married to Justus, they had a daughter also named Deborah. Daughter Deborah married Aaron's younger brother Stephen. Aaron and his wife Deborah (the mother) were, at the same time, step-father and mother, uncle and aunt, brother and sister-in-law to Stephen and Deborah (the daughter)...who, by the way, had 12 children.

Aaron had a son, Elijah (1766 - 1846), buried in Woodlands. Elijah was a Deacon of the church and had 13 children with his first wife, Mary Chapman, and 4 children with his second wife, Temperance Bailey, who brought with her to this marriage 6 stepchildren. His third wife, Jemima Winchell, brought 8 stepchildren, totaling 31. It isn't known how many children were living at home at any one time but it suffices to assume that it was a busy household much of the time.

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Woodlands Cemetery Update and History Cont'd



Aaron Spelman's home, 275 South Lane



The extended Spelman family came to Granville from Durham and Middletown, CT, most in the mid 1700's. Their individual families were large and over time occupied numerous homes in

Granville. In addition to Aaron's home on South Lane, there were two Spelman houses originally on the town green. Those two, both in somewhat poor condition, were demolished in 1996 making way for "Citizens' Park", our town green.



Spelman homes, Town Green



From the members of the Woodlands Cemetery Association,
WoodlandsCem@comcast.net.

Credits: Spelman Genealogy, ancestry.com, and the Image Library at GranvilleHistory.omeka.net.

Woodlands Cemetery has sites available:
48 Blandford Road

Contact us for information.

Carolyn Donatini

Dorrie Holmes

WoodlandsCem@comcast.net



TOWN CLERK'S CORNER....

by *Donna M. Fillion*

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Email: townclerk@townofgranville.org

Website: www.townofgranville.net

Office Hours: Monday evening 6:30 pm – 9:30 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

**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.**

Annual Census

The Town Clerk's Office has sent out the 2020 Annual Census forms. 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.

Marriage Intentions

If you wish to marry, you can contact my office or any other Town Clerk in the Commonwealth. The first document that the couple must complete is the Marriage Intentions Form and both must be present at the same time to do so. Following this, a license is issued and you can be married any place in the Commonwealth. Your marriage license is filed at the Town Clerk's Office where the Marriage Intentions Form is completed. Here is some additional information on marrying in MA: <http://www.mass.gov/courts/case-legal-res/law-lib/laws-by-subj/about/marriage.html>

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. Please note Notary Services are provided as a courtesy.

A Notary does NOT give legal advice.

The following are REQUIRED in order to be provided with Notary Services:

- The document CANNOT already have been signed
- All signers MUST be PRESENT at time of notarizing
- The Notary is stating they have WITNESSED the document being signed
- The person(s) signing MUST provide a proper photo ID
- The document MUST contain the appropriate Notarial Statement (Clause) - NO EXCEPTIONS ...
Types of Notary: Jurat (statements are true) OR Acknowledgement (ones free act). The certificate MUST contain the oath given by notary to identify the type of notary act.

We do not notarize copies of original documents - NO EXCEPTIONS

We reserve the right to deny notarial services based on circumstances i.e., if the above-mentioned policies are not followed, documents are incomplete, documents are in a format that is unacceptable to this office or if the documents do not have the notarial clause/statement.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
TOWN of GRANVILLE
BUSINESS CERTIFICATE

_____, 20__

In conformity with the provision of Chapter 110 §5 of the Massachusetts General Laws, notice is hereby given that the business of (explain specifically what type of business): _____

Business Title _____
 is being conducted at _____
 in the Town of Granville by the following persons:

Full Name (print clearly)	Residential Address
_____	_____
_____	_____

 Signature of Applicant

SS/FEIN # _____ Phone# _____

Then personally appeared before me the above-named applicant and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be true and his/her/their free act and deed.

License # _____

Donna M. Fillion
Town Clerk

A Business Certificate is a report by the applicant to the Town Clerk of the specific type and location of his or her business.

c: Building Inspector Planning Board Selectmen/Town Administrator Assessors	Filed in the Town Clerk's Office: _____ Last Expiration Date: _____ New Expiration Date: _____
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TOWN OF GRANVILLE 2020 DOG LICENSE APPLICATION



Owner's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Telephone: _____

All applications **must** include the following:

- Current rabies vaccination certificate
- Spay/Neuter certificate
- If applying by mail include a stamped self-addressed #10 envelope. Two stamps are required if licensing more than one dog.
- Make your check/money order (no cash) payable to the Town of Granville before April 15
- Any license obtained after May 1 will be assessed a late fee of \$20.
- You may purchase a dog license that expires the same year as your rabies certificate. The expiration date must be at least three (3) months into the licensing year.
- Spayed/Neutered \$10.00
- Unaltered Dog \$15.00

By State Law, all owner/keeper of dog(s) must license their dogs (MGL C 140, §137). All dogs in the State of MA must be licensed at 6 months. www.townofgranville.net

NAME OF DOG	BREED	COLOR	MALE or FEMALE	RABIES EXP	SPAYED/NEUTERED	FEE	TAG

Granville Town Clerk, Town Hall, 707 Main Road, P O Box 247, Granville, MA 01034-0247
413.357.8585 Ext 3
townclerk@townofgranville.org

Donna M Fillion, Town Clerk

Date

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
APRIL 12, 2020



BLUEBERRY HILL/NORTH LANE

6:00 A.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME

7:00 A.M. BREAKFAST

SERVED IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

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American Baptist and United Church of Christ
16 Granby Rd., Granville, MA 01034

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT GRANVILLE
FEDERATED CHURCH, GRANVILLE, MASS. TO
KEEP UP ON GFC NEWS

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

You can also 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, March 15, 2020 Church Fellowship
Breakfast 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

COME AND MEET DR. REV. JOHN WILSON!
Dr. Rev. John Wilson is presently serving 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.

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 MIRACLES DO HAPPEN

Update on the Agape School, Kaleko Village,
Uganda

The orphanage/school survived the intense rainy
months and the contamination of the well. But
the miracle that did occur was...after having
spoken with my sister, Pat, around Christmas I
was telling her about the school, the well and
feeding the children. A couple of days later, I
received a card with a check for \$400.00 from my
sister that was earmarked for the Agape School
well maintenance fund. Little did I know but a
mechanical part of the well had broken and to
repair it would cost over \$300.00 (a lot of money
in Uganda). No sooner had I sent the check on to
our liaison, Patti Ricotta, than I got a call from her
telling me about the needed repairs and how
critical it was to get the money. The well was
back up and is back up and providing its life line
for these people!! God works in wonderful ways.

I am continuing to send monthly funds to help
feed the children, along with assistance from the
Missions fund of the Granville Federated Church.
So if you can spare \$5.00 per month to help it is
greatly appreciated.

Peace,
Bobbi O'Connell
48 Dickinson Drive
Granville, MA (cell 297-0445
or mail to the church

HALL 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

Tuesday, March 17th, 2020
Southwick-Tolland-Granville
Regional School Committee

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Granville Town Hall
707 Main Road
Granville, MA 01034

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Executive Session 5:30PM - Regular Meeting 6:00PM

Your opportunity to attend and participate
at a school committee meeting on topics such as

- Fiscal Year 2021 Budget
- Capital Projects
- Issues affecting Granville students

STG Regional School Committee
Rules for Public Comment

Each School Committee meeting will feature two (2) public comment periods:

The first will be following Section I Routine.

The second will be following Section VI Reports.

The Chair has discretion as to the length of the period.

Public comment will exclude personnel issues. Each speaker will have a three (3) minute time limit.

If ten (10) or more speakers are there, time is reduced to two (2) minutes per individual.

Large groups addressing the same topic are encouraged to consolidate their remarks or select a spokesperson

Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 6:00 PM

Public Town Hall Meeting

Guest Speaker: John Cain

Candidate For MA State Senate

Cain is running in a special election for the MA Senate seat previously held by Sen. Humason. The special election will be held **March 31, 2020**. Hear Candidate Cain's positions on current state and local issues.

Plenty of time allotted for Q & A.

Granville Town Hall

707 Main Road

Granville, MA

(Inclement Weather Date: Thurs. Mar. 12th,
6:00 PM)

For more info call: 843-384-7991 or email: info@johncain4ma.com

MAPLE CORNER FARM

Beech Hill Road

357-8829

It's Maple Sugaring Time

Come watch the maple sap boil

Visitors welcome to our Sugar House

Pancakes, French Toast, Ham

Bacon, Sausage, Hash, and eggs

Maple Syrup available

Served weekends, Now – April 11

8:00am-2:00pm

GRANVILLE DAYS @ BLISS FARM

July 25, 2020 1:00-5:00 PM



Bliss Farm will be hosting a gathering of local business owners and their products to promote what they offer. As a wedding venue we are often asked about local businesses. If you want to showcase your products and are interested in participating in setting up a booth in the event barn, please email l.blakesley@yahoo.com for an application.

If you have questions call Shawn @ 413-250-2558 after 5PM

We have limited space inside the barn and will offer lawn space as needed

Fifty Dollars sent with your completed application will be refunded when you set up your space. This is a first come first serve event. Granville business will have priority until May 1, 2020.

As a Granville business we hope this will bring add interest to all local business. We will be advertising in local papers, inviting wedding planners, towns people, brides and grooms, along with anyone interested in local businesses.



GRANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Granville Fire Department appreciates your continued support!

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

Clothes Dryer Safety

In 2017, there were 100 dryer fires that caused civilian injuries, eight fire service injuries, and \$2.7 million dollars in property damage. Almost half of the fires, 47%, occurred in 1- and 2-family homes.

Clean the Lint Filter After Every Load

Remember to clean the dryer filter screen after each load of laundry, to clean the outside vents twice a year and to occasionally vacuum the motor area of the dryer. If materials such as cooking oil, solvents and other combustible or flammable liquids were not removed completely during the laundry cycle, heat from the dryer may cause them to ignite. This is the reason that mop heads should not be put into the dryer. An adult should be at home whenever the dryer is in use and the home should have working smoke alarms.

Dryer Fires Prevention Tips At-A-Glance:

- Clean the filter screen after each load to prevent lint buildup, which can cause fires.
- Stay home when the dryer is in use.
- Clean the outside vents twice a year to clean out any accumulated dust and lint.
- Vacuum the motor area. The dust and lint in the vent area can ignite if it gets hot. You may need to remove a panel in order to get to the motor area.
- Commercial dryers should be cleaned out regularly because of their frequent use and shared venting system.

- Don't dry mop heads in the dryer! The dryer's heat can ignite the chemical residue on mop heads.

- Keep the surrounding area clean. The dryer's heat may ignite anything left too close to the dryer.

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

LIBRARY NEWS



Come Celebrate Spring!

Join us in the Children's Room for a few stories and a craft on March 21 from 10:30 – 11:30. Receive two tickets towards the March Raffle for attending.

“Gold Coins” Discovered in Children's Room

Someone lost a treasure of “gold coins” in the Children's Room at the Granville Public Library. Your help is needed to find and collect them all.

During the month of March, children who find a gold coin can turn it in for a raffle ticket. (One coin = one ticket per visit) This month the raffle prize will be a bag of: Everything Green! The drawing will take place at closing time on March 30. Good Luck!

OBITUARIES

Sean Patrick Forshay

Sean, beloved son of Carrie and Edward Wienckowski of Delaware and Patrick and Fiona Forshay of Scotland, passed away on February 13, at the age of 37, as yet one more tragic victim of the insidious disease of the opioid epidemic. Sean was born in Hartford, CT, and raised in Granville, MA. In addition to his parents and step-parents, he leaves behind a brother Michael and his husband Robert, his long-time partner Jennifer Trempe, his two beautiful daughters Emma and Ella, who he loved to the moon and back, his Aunt Gene (McLoughlin), Uncle Doug (Barber) and cousins John, David and Lindsey. Sean achieved his Bachelor's in Business Administration from Westfield State University in 2014. Other than his family, nothing sparked his passion more than fishing. He was sweet and loving and will be sadly missed. Donations can be made to shatterproof.org in Sean's name, an organization whose goal it is to change the way addiction is treated and to end the stigma.

Edith Hibbard Jinks,

Eddie, age 84, of Bainbridge, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. She was predeceased by her parents, Milton and Marian Hibbard; sister, Fanny Hibbard Coulombe and grandson, Robert Jinks. Edie is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Milton and Dee Jinks of Bainbridge; daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Mike Nordstrom of Red Lodge, MT; grandchildren; Michael and Ashley Jinks, Ross, Eli and Andy Nordstrom; granddaughter-in-law; Laura Jinks; great-granddaughters; Charlotte and Paige Jinks and great-grandson, Waylon Jinks; sister; Marcia Hubbard Kalata as well as many nieces and nephews. Edie graduated Class Valedictorian from Greene High School in 1954. After raising her family in Granville, MA for 28 years, she was happy to move back home to Chenango County, New York. She enjoyed living in her house on Dingman hill with her view of the valley. Her passion was riding her horses and being outside.

Note from family: Edie, Roy, Milton and Beth Jinks moved to Granville in 1971 and lived on Sodom Street. It was a small farm, where we had horses and cattle. Edie rode her horses there, Roy worked for Smith & Wesson in Springfield. Beth went to school in Granville and then Southwick High School where she graduated. Milton went 5th-8th in Granville then Southwick High School where he graduated. Edie then worked at Salmon Brook Vet Clinic in Granby, CT. When she retired 1998, she sold her home in Granville and moved to Bainbridge, NY to be closer to her hometown Greene, NY. She lived close to her son Milton and family enjoying time with grandsons Bob and Mike. Beth married and moved to Red Lodge, MT. Edie visited Beth and her family often and enjoyed time with her grandsons Ross, Eli and Andy. Roy remained in Granville and remarried to Jean.

***Granville is known for it's cheese,
and ice cream and syrup and skis.***

***We boast of our views and the mountains and fields,
but not of this ice if you please.***