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## THANK YOU

We, the family of Antonia Beckwith would like to thank everyone that came to the wake and funeral services for our mother.

Unfortunately, we will be postponing the celebration of her life party on Sunday, September 6, 2020 due to the coronavirus regulations.

We hope that we can have a celebration in the late spring or summer of 2021. Thank you again for your kindness during this heart felt loss

The Beckwith Family

## From the family of Tom Monteith

We wish to thank everyone for your condolences, thoughts and prayers. They really meant a lot to us.

Virginia and family



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## Granville Public Library Summer Reading Program 2020

This summer Take Home Activity Packets were made available for reading participants. The Granville Cultural Council okayed the use of grants funds for art supplies to be purchased and included in each packet. Thanks are extended to the council for being flexible and allowing for this change. One was handed out in July and another in August. Thanks goes to Patty Dickinson who helped prepare the packets.

An in-person Make-and-Take Fairy Tale Puppet Theatre event was suppose to take place this summer, however plans changed. The Granville Cultural Council grant funds paid for a Take Home Puppet Theatre packet for each participant.

Raffle prizes included a \$25.00 gift card to Barnes and Noble and other items. Thanks go to an anonymous town resident who donated the items for the raffle.

Thank you to all the readers who wrote to Page (the bookworm) or drew pictures for her. She enjoyed each one.

The following are August Riddles and answers:

#1 When you look at my face, you see somebody. When you look at my back, you see nobody. Who am I?

#2 What kind of stories do puppies like best?

Hint: --- Tales

#3 What belongs to you but other people use it more than you do?

Answers: #1 – a mirror #2 – Furry tales #3 – your name

Please share any feedback by calling 357-8531 (Granville Public Library) or drop a note in a return bin.

Looking forward to the Summer of 2021!

Linda Dickinson

Summer Reading Program Coordinator

### Woodlands Cemetery Update and History

September is here and with it the anticipation of yet another beautiful autumn season in our wonderful town.

Before Home Depot, Tractor Supply, IBS, and Walmart, there were numerous mills and shops right here in town that took care of many the necessities of the farm and family living of the time.



Abel Curtis was reportedly the first blacksmith in town about 1754 and Jonathan Rose began the first sawmill in town having run a sawmill in Enfield for a time. Frame houses came early to Granville.

The Holcombs owned a blacksmith shop (the Barnes Blacksmith Shop) in the center of town that was torn down before 1920. →

Roswell Rowley owned a blacksmith shop next to 522 Main Rd. ↓



*Granville, Mass. June 1, 1901*

*Mr R B Cooley*

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 + + + AND + + +  
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<i>17 April</i>				
<i>16-18 Horse Shoeing</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>35</i>		
<i>27 "</i>		<i>25</i>		
<i>21 May</i>		<i>30</i>		
<i>25 "</i>		<i>60</i>		
				<i>240</i>



Nathaniel Hubbard (1718-1762) had a mill on the Hubbard River near the State Forest. It was, at one time, a gristmill, sawmill, and fulling mill (hooks). Eventually the mill also made wooden bowls, custom wooden parts and piano keys. Nathaniel died accidentally when he drowned trying to clear logs at his mill. He is buried in Main Rd cemetery.

The Arnold's, who lived on North Lane, had a sawmill probably also on North Lane.



CONT'D →

## Woodlands Cemetery Update and History Cont'd



The following illustration and caption was published in The Granville Center News, July 21, 1934:

←  
 "FOUNDATION OF THE OLD WELLS MILL ON THE WILDCAT ROAD  
 About 90 years ago this mill made wooden dishes, bowls, spoons and powder kegs, the latter being hauled by team to the powder factory in Hazardville. Later they made chestnut piano legs."

This dates the Wildcat Rd. mill as being in existence in the 1840's. It was built by William Wells who is buried in Silver St. Cemetery. As of a few years ago, maybe even today, this foundation was still visible on Wildcat Road.

Albion Wilson describes the powder keg process in his *History of Granville*:

→  
 In 1857, there were 20 sawmills identified in Granville. "Possibly the largest number encountered in any town in the county." (MA Hist Comm)

In addition to blacksmith shops, gristmills, sawmills and powder keg makers, Granville also made leather satchels, hand-made shoes, painted wagons, ox carts, jewelry, parquet floors, wooden hoops for barrels, gloves, shingles, whips and we almost had a hoop shop for hoop skirts. We had a "spectacle shop", a tannery, a tin shop, a paint shop, and, of course, a drum shop.

In bygone days gun powder was manufactured in Enfield, Connecticut, and it was necessary, on grounds of safety, to have wooden containers in which to transport this dangerous substance, and the making of kegs for this use became an important industry. Whether or not Granville had a monopoly of the manufacture of powder kegs, it is certain that a great many such kegs were made in town. The staves and heads were of chestnut and the hoops of alder. Granville had an endless supply of both these trees right at hand. There were small mills on every stream and the necessary machinery was simple and primitive. Chestnut was a very stiff, dry, light wood, but it sometimes had been bored through and through by small worms about the size of the lead in a lead pencil. These little holes would let moisture into the keg and damage the powder, so to meet this difficulty small boys were employed to drive wooden shoe pegs into them. One peg would fill one hole so snugly that it could only with difficulty be extracted. These powder kegs were all taken to Enfield and sold at the powder mills there. For many years the keg makers in Granville could not find any feasible way to make the bungs for the kegs, and the Shakers in Enfield had a monopoly of the manufacture of this small but absolutely necessary part. Finally, Holcomb Brothers, who had a small water power and shop a short distance east of the present drum shop of the Noble and Cooley Co. went to Enfield and learned the process. Thereafter they made all the bungs for the Granville kegs.

Today, we still have our Granville Country Store. Thank you for that.

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

Credits: Vital Records of Granville 1600-1849, findagrave.com, ancestry.com, Massachusetts Historical Commission Report 1982, *Long Ago Days* by Leona Clifford, *Granville Center News* 1934, *History of Granville* by Albion Wilson, and the Granville Historic Image Library at granvillehistory.omeka.net.



## **Congratulations to the Granville-Tolland Dollars for Scholars®**

### **2020-2021 Recipients**

Emma Conroy – Springfield Technical Community College  
Carly Duval – Assumption College  
Cole Duval – Bentley University  
Lydia Kinsman – Westfield State University  
Emily Pinney – Springfield Technical Community College  
Peter Sorrajja – Springfield Technical Community College

#### **Named Scholarships**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Travis Fuller Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Abby Hoschouer – Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
Mackenzie Sullivan – Southern New Hampshire University

##### **Dorothy Miller Trust Endowment**

Kathryn Phair – University of New Hampshire

##### **Elizabeth H. Meiklejohn Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Matthew Corrigan – College of the Holy Cross  
Elizabeth Tenerowicz – University of Massachusetts Amherst

##### **Everett O. and Miriam T. Rockwell Scholarship Endowment Fund**

Jodie Cahill – Bowling Green University

##### **Jane and Stuart Watson Endowment Fund**

Margaret Drohen – University of Massachusetts Amherst

##### **Robert and Gloria Gery Scholarship Fund**

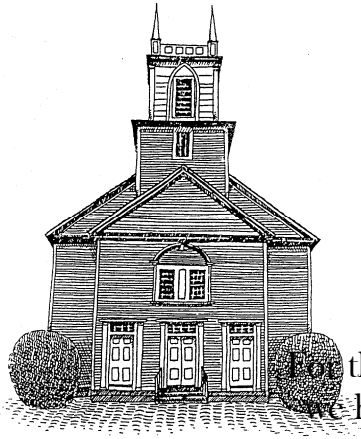
Rebecca Drohen – Fairfield University

##### **The Ladies Aid Society of Tolland Honoring Bertha Fowler Hale Endowment Fund**

Grayson Duval – Massachusetts Maritime Academy

##### **Walter A. and Katherine E. Phelon Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Kaytlyn Laferriere – Westfield State University



# West Granville Congregational Church

1580 Main Road, Route 57 - West Granville

## UPDATE FOR 2020 SEASON

In the safety of our congregation, friends and family  
we have decided to cancel all services for this year.  
Everyone please stay safe.

Both the Church and Academy are available for rental.  
Please contact Deborah Boulanger 357-6360 for more information.

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

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

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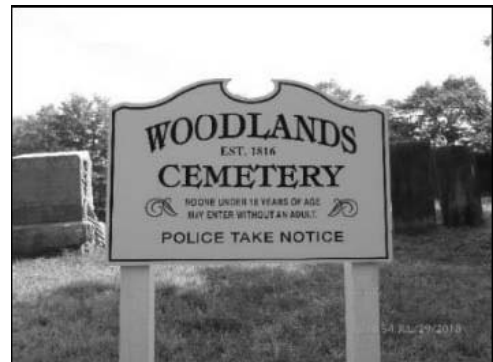
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Woodlands Cemetery has sites available:

48 Blandford Road

Contact us for information:

Carolyn Donatini

Dorrie Holmes

WoodlandsCem@comcast.net

## GRANVILLE FEDERATED CHURCH

American Baptist and United Church of Christ  
16 Granby Rd., Granville, MA 01034  
Interim Pastor: Dr. Rev. John Wilson

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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 357-0194

Our online services have been very well received and will continue. They can still be seen on You Tube at GFC 2020 and on our Facebook page at Granville Federated Church, Granville, Mass. Many thanks to Sarah the Fiddler and her husband Keith and their friend Joseph for contributing to the music portion of our online presence. What a special treat!

We have also reopened the church and have been holding services Sunday mornings at 10:00 am with safety precautions in place. It has been great to see everyone again. Please consider joining us.

Thank you to the many donors who have continued their financial support of the church during this time. If you wish to donate to the church, checks can be sent to:

Granville Federated Church  
PO Box 246  
Granville, MA 01034

We have been made aware that the Agape School that we help to support in Uganda is experiencing health issues with some of their livestock. Please pray for them with us.

News has come to us that one of the orphans there, 8 year old Patricia was hit by a motorcycle recently and sustained some very serious injuries. Prayers would be very much appreciated for her total recovery.

Big Y gift cards are available.

Please see Karen McLaughlin to purchase them. A percentage of the sale goes to help support the church.

The Granville Federated Church Fellowship Hall will be available for rent when the church reopens for functions, 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

HAPPY SEPTEMBER!

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### Granville Public Library

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#### What's new at the Library? What's up with all the trucks? The library always has answers!

Thanks to the Green Initiative, we added new energy efficient split systems to heat and cool our air. We are preparing to repair the front steps this month and we will be renovating the basement after that. Until the renovations are done and COVID is still hanging in there, we can not yet hold meetings here.

HOWEVER, we are getting ready for **LIMITED OPENING** for in person browsing, starting on Wednesdays (Sept 2), from 4-8, and Saturdays (Sept 5), 10-12. Upon arrival at the Library you must call 413-357-853, give your name and cell number and the number of adults and children in your party. No phone: one person in party knock on door. You will be placed on a list in the order of arrival and called to come in, when it is your turn to enter the Library, if there are others in the library. Otherwise, you will be simply welcomed into the library. **CURBSIDE WILL CONTINUE FOR ALL HOURS.**

- At this time, there is a 3 adult patron limit, unless your whole group traveled together in one vehicle and normally spends non-social distancing time together. There is a one-child/one adult limit for the children's room or one family. There is a 20-minute browsing limit.
- Hands must be sanitized at the front door sanitizing station immediately upon entering.
- Masks, properly covering nose and mouth, must be worn at all times
- Maintain 6 ft safety distance. Check out will be through the screen at the counter.



**StoryHour is resuming:** Saturday Sept 12 & 26, 10:30-11:30. It will be held outside. (Library lawn or Park- TBA) Weather permitting.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Linda Dickinson will be our wonderful reader and there will be a craft to accompany.



**The Library Club** will be **distributing free books**. Books will be bagged by genre and placed on a rack on the front steps or other location based on construction. Bags will be labeled according to genre. You will not be allowed to look in the bags, but simply choose/take a bag. Envelopes will be available for free will donation and placed in a drop box or simply taken and enjoyed.

#### New Books for Young Adults

One Person, No Vote (YA Edition)

Jacky Ha-Ha: A Graphic Novel

#### Adult Fiction

The Last One by Paul Doiron

The Boy from the Woods by Harlan Cobin

Ready or Not by Madeline Levine

Credible Threat by J.A. Jance

A Reasonable Doubt by Phillip Margolin

Choppy Waters- by Stuart Woods

Then She Vanished by T. Jefferson Parker

Deadlock by Catherine Coulter

Last Mrs Summers by Rhys Bowen

Midnight Sun by Stephanie Meyer

Silent Wife by Karin Slaughter

Half Moon Bay by Jonathan Kellermen

Lantern Men by Elly Griffiths

Revelators by Ace Atkins

Near Dark V19 by Brad Thor

#### New Audio Book for Young Adults

The ballad of songbirds and snakes by Collins, Suzanne (author.). Fontana, Santino, (narrator.).

#### New DVD's

Watchmen

The Etruscan Smile

Portrait of a Lady on Fire

The Short History of the Long Road

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The Outsider • Season 1

Fisherman's Friends

End of Sentence

Orange is the New Black • Season 7

Jojo Rabbit

Call of the Wild

Tom Clancey's Jack Ryan • Season 2

Sometimes Always Never

King of Staten Island

## Calling all Artists or Family of Artists or Wannabe artist, The Library needs you!



The Library drop boxes have been serving our community for generations. But they need brightening up. The Library is sponsoring a DROP BOX PAINTING CONTEST. Will you take your creative talents and bring them to the Library for generations to come?

### Here are the contest rules:

There are two categories: Media and Books.

1. A person(s) or family can submit to one or both categories.
2. Submissions must show the proposed drawings for two sides of the drop box (front and side) and optional, top.
  - Minimum size for submission 11 x 17 portrait view.
  - Category type must be clearly written on back.
3. Contact information clearly written on the back of submission:
  - Name, Address (Granville residents will be given extra points on the scoring), phone # and email, if you have it.
4. **Submissions are due by Wednesday September 30, 5:00PM.**
  - They can be dropped off at the Library in a drop box or mailed to the address below.
5. Themes:
  - For Media Drop Box - History of Media
  - For Book Drop Box - Books and the History of women of the Library Club,.
6. Scoring Points for:
  - Demonstrates creativity
  - Demonstrates the ability to complete the project.
  - Colorful
  - Family and Community Appropriateness
  - Clear Connection to theme
  - Residency in Region
7. A panel of local judges will make the decision on submission(s) on Thursday October 1,2020. Winners will be expected to have the boxes completed by Saturday October 31,2020.
8. The Library will assist in priming of the boxes and the purchase of Acrylic Paints.
9. Recognition will be given through local publicity.
10. For more information Contact: Lise LeTellier Granville Public Library Director
  - [granvill@cwmars.org](mailto:granvill@cwmars.org)
  - 413-357-8531
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