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SELECTMAN'S CORNER

By Dick Thackston, Chairman Troy Board of Selectman

Selectman's Office Updates:

The Selectmen, Town Administrator and Budget Committee have begun the process of putting together next year's Troy Town Budget. The Town's Budgeted v Actual Expenditures since the beginning of the year are slightly under the budgeted amount overall with some one time over budget amounts. There have been no large over runs in terms of dollar amounts, all the Department Heads have been very conscious of spending, but there have been a few high per centage over runs on relatively small amounts mostly these have been the result of unexpected changes in small one time items. If we only look at managing to the bottom line we remain well within the safety margin to get us to the end of the year.

Significant work has been done on updating the Town's Property Files and organizing our Records within Town Hall. We encourage you to visit the Town of Troy website, <https://www.troy-nh.us/>, and check the property records on your property. No one will ever know your property better than you and with a re-assessment coming up in the next year or so we all benefit from accurate Property Cards, Tax Maps and Ownership Records.

Tax Anticipation Note:

The Treasurer has worked closely on monitoring the availability of Town Funds and instructed the Select Board to make early payments on the existing TAN. (You may remember that the existing TAN is a refinance of one obtained last year that ballooned in December.) The result of the early payments has been a reduction in interest due to our lender, Mascoma Savings Bank, and a significant reduction in the balloon payment due to pay off the balance. As of this writing the balloon payment is not due, however it is my expectation that by the time you're reading this it will be paid off. Both the Treasurer and Select Board agree that a new TAN will not be required before the end of 2022.

Audit:

The Select Board has received our financial audit for the year 2018. That was certainly a difficult year for the town financially. The challenges are laid out in detail in the audit but could be boiled down some basic items: improper handling of payroll in the prior years, failure to make timely tax payments, failure to make timely payments to the NH Retirement fund, use of improper accounting software and lack of proper internal controls and reporting. Any one of those would be a problem and it is worth noting that this was four years ago and that significant improve over the situation has been made in the financial operations of the Town of Troy. The operations within the Select

Board now reflect the significant efforts made by all parties but the most important factors have been the development of the Town Administrator's position which lead to the separation of the Welfare Administrator, Administrative Assistant: handing Payroll, Accounts Payable, Reporting and Permits as well as consolidation of various funded Committee Secretaries into one position. Conversion of the financial records to the same accounting system used by the Tax Collector, Water Department and NH Department of Revenue Administration. All of which had been recommended to some extent in earlier audits. Completing the 2018 Audit was milestone as it has held up more straight forward audits for the following years. The 2019 Audit is in process now and is expected to be completed in a few months. It is worth pointing out as bad as 2018 was for operations in the Select Board Office a surplus of revenues over expenses was noted in the audit.

Setting the Town's Tax Rate:

Based on the information available at the time of this writing it appears that the Tax Rate for 2022 will be a little higher than last year. I know it may seem early, but Troy will not be exempted from the economic turbulence now affecting our country in the form of inflation. Sadly, it seems likely we should anticipate between a 5 & 8% increase in the overall tax rate.

Off Highway Recreational Vehicles:

The Select Board has received requests to open some parts of the Town's road system to OHRV's. In discussions the Select Board is inclined to make this change at least on Class VI roads. The process by which this is done seems a little less than clear to the Board at this time and we are exploring the mechanics of opening things up for the OHRV's. The confusion comes from the fact that it appears the Select Board closed the Class VI roads a few years ago without a hearing, public input or notice but all those things appear to be required to open them at this writing we are reviewing what was done and what needs to be done so that any further action by the Board does not double down on prior error, if any.

Voting:

We have two elections coming up. The New Hampshire state primary is on September 8th and the general election is on November 8th. The Select Board has scheduled our candidate's forum at the Rec Center on October 27th. The Troy Candidates Forum has proven successful in engaging candidates interested in representing Troy in any office with each other and voters for several years now. We recommend you attend and encourage candidates to attend. History has shown that the more engaged we are as citizens the ore responsive government – big and small – is to our needs.

As always, Thank-you for your support.

TROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FROM MONADNOCK BERRIES

The gardens are in and blooming at Kimball Hall thanks to Lynn and MaryLee. The perennials were donated by members and friends. Stop by to see what is blooming outside Kimball!

Join us on the Common Friday, July 15th at 5pm for the Rec Committee's chicken BBQ. Following the BBQ will be musical entertainment by **Rick and the Red Head**, one of Troy's local bands.

Our annual **Craft Fair/Flea Market begins on Saturday, July 16th** at 9am. Come see all the different craft and flea market booths. **Jim Nero**, a local musician, will lead off the musical entertainment on **Saturday at 10am**. The Troy Fire Department will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs and trimmings for a lunchtime meal.

Come check the Common out to see what's happening!

A little historical tidbit from the 1908 The Town Register: "...the first settlement within the present town of Troy was made by William Barker and Silas Fife on West Hill and East Hill respectively then in Monadnock No. 5."

Just a reminder: Summer hours for Kimball Hall and the Depot are the 1st and 3rd Saturdays and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday until October. Our monthly meeting is the 3rd Saturday at of each month at 12:30. Please come by and see what we have done with Troy's collection. All are welcome!

Think about becoming an active member of the Troy Historical Society during its 30th year and help to continue "**Preserving the Past for Tomorrow.**"

TROY RECREATION

By: Bob Norton

July events:

July 9th—Fun Family Day. Starts at noon. Craft Fair and 2 live bands

July 15th—Chicken Barbecue on the Common.

Please check with The Samuel E Paul Community center for further events in August.

GOOD NEWS! This year's 27th berry harvest brings changes. Our son, Oliver, and his partner Elise have taken over the farm and plan to continue growing berries and hosting weddings. We are delighted that Monadnock Berries, which extends to 56 acres with 9,500 bushes, will stay in the family.

Oliver grew up on the farm and went to Troy Elementary school and continued his education all the way to Bentley University. He knows the farm and New England well, due to his hobby, mountain biking, and has climbed Mount Monadnock many times! Elise comes from Maine and met Oliver in Boston where they both lived until recently. She enjoys the spectacular mountain view each day, along with Wilson their dog. Please give them a warm welcome as they settle into the berry farming life.

We are ever grateful to our customers who keep returning year after year. We love to see familiar faces and make new friends each season. Our family farm welcomes customers from far and wide and we delight in showing them what our farm, our town, and our community have to offer in the Monadnock Region.

You will of course see us on the farm helping out and we look forward to many more seasons. Fenella & Anthony



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By Jennifer Momaney

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Toddler Tuesdays: at 2:00pm

Bring your toddlers for their own story time at the library. We will read books, sing songs, and play games all geared for your children under 5.

Wii Wednesdays: Our Wii is up and running! Come on down to enjoy the fun and games.

Storytime Thursdays: at 4:00pm Sheila will be doing a themed story time for ages 4+ which will include a story and a take away craft.

July 9th 1:00pm Cookies as Canvas decorate your own cookie party!

July 13th 6:00pm Dungeon World Game Night a family friendly Dungeons and Dragons style game!

July 19th Author Visit Contact the library for more details!

July 28-30 Teddy Bear Sleep Away Camp Send your plushie pal to camp at the library! Drop them off on Thursday and pick them up on Saturday! What adventures do YOU think they will have?

Remember we have FREE e-books & audio books AND MAGAZINES! from our NH Downloadable Collection (in co-operation with the State Library & other NH Libraries) for your Kindle, iPad, iPhone, etc. Find the link on our website.

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Tuesday – 10:00am - 7pm, Wednesday & Thursday - 2pm - 7pm, Saturday - 10am - 2pm. Do those hours not work for you? You can make use of our **24/7 Library Lockers!**

The **Library Board of Trustees** will meet June 1st at **5:30pm to discuss library business.**

GAP MOUNTAIN LIONS

– WE SERVE

By Nancy Nye



Summer is in full swing with the BBQs, swimming and generally having a great time with our friends. Graduations have happened and all those June weddings. Life is good right now and all is beautiful

So many have gotten their new glasses or hearing aids they can enjoy summer more too. Do you need our assistance? Please call.

Our 4th annual ENORMOUS YARD SALE will be held July 16th from 8am to 2pm with proceeds supporting our Operation Kids Sight program. We have already received many great items and will be open to receive more on July 9th. We've gotten some great donations and I'm sure we will get more on the 9th. Cannot wait to see what comes in next. **PLEASE NO BOOKS, ELECTRONICS OR CLOTHES.**

Don't forget to set aside Saturday, August 6th for our FREE Diabetic screening and testing at the Fitzwilliam Fire Department from 10am until 1pm. This will be in conjunction with the Dan Baker Memorial Fund Raiser. Both Troy and Fitzwilliam EMTs will be present through the day and a doctor from the Monadnock Hospital will be with us starting at 10:30am. Questions or concerns? Now is the time to get them answered. **Remember Diabetes is a diagnosis not a life sentence.**

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HISTORY OF EAST HILL FARM: 1970S

Our story picks up in the 1970s...

During the 1970s, the Inn hosted about 80 guests at full capacity. The original Cottage 1 (now called Barnside) was moved to its current location after a devastating fire destroyed the original Cottage 2. Today's two-story Cottages 1 and 2 were built immediately to house the guests that were due to stay in them!

In the barn, along with the horses, cows, and pigs; chickens and about 60 sheep were added year-round – no longer just in the summer.



Guests continued to hike, swim, listen to story time, boat on the pond, ice skate on the pond, and toboggan down the hill behind the barn. There was nightly entertainment as well, including a LIVE band and BINGO.

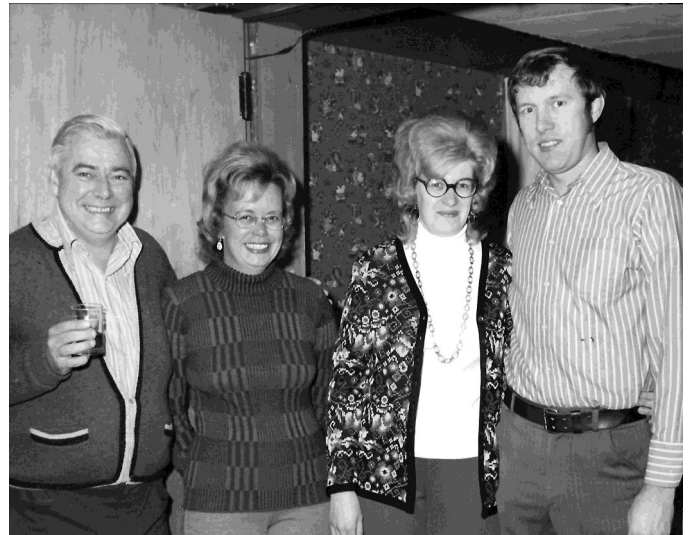


Guests were caravanning to the lake where the renowned red boat would tow water skiers. In the winter, guests were still pulled by the rope tow up the ski hill for snowy fun.



The Hideaway was completed in 1973 as a home for Parker and Julie. In the late 70s, the ski rope tow was removed, cross country ski trails and equipment were added to the winter program, and a hot tub and solarium were installed.

Most notably during this decade, there was a change in ownership. In 1974, Dave and Sally Adams formed a partnership with the Whitcombs.



Whitcombs and Adams

Two years later, in 1976, Dave and Sally took on full ownership while Parker and Julie retired to Florida.

Join us in September as we travel back to the 1980s.

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TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

As the summer months come upon us, so does the anticipation of a special time of year. A time when the youthful exuberance of the town's children fills the halls of the sanctuary again for Vacation Bible School! This program, otherwise known as VBS, is a pillar of the Children's Ministry of the Trinitarian Congregational Church whose mission is to introduce school aged youth to the foundations of the Bible through intentional lessons, activities, and collaborative play. In this way, the church desires to embody the instructions of this insightful proverb: "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

This program has been growing in its service to the youth of the community for almost a decade now. VBS runs the first week of August from 6-8 p.m. It is open for children in preschool through age 12. Forms are due by 7/17/22. The festivities conclude with a Children's Sunday service where the VBS participants are highlighted in a Children's Choir piece as well as other special duties. The joyous and peaceful atmosphere of VBS at the church has shown itself to be an enriching experience for so many participants. Through the teaching of the Scriptures, the reverent worship of God in the sanctuary, and in crafts, games, and snacks, there is much to be gained by such a valuable program. Look for more information regarding this year's upcoming VBS program through posts on the church Facebook page, website, and around town.

The summer sermon series in the church is titled "The Names of God." Pastor Stanley Clark will be answering the following complex questions: "What are God's Names?" "What do they mean?" "What do they describe about His nature?" And most importantly, "Who does God say that He is?" This series will survey how God's names define Him and encapsulate the importance of learning what God states about Himself. This exercise is vital, for as Pastor Clark has said, "It seems that most approve of God as long as we don't define Him." Let us then become those who are better acquainted with who God truly is by learning His names and how they describe Him. "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe." Proverbs 18:10

Come and learn at the weekly Sunday Morning Service that starts at 9:30 a.m. Participate in worshipping God in the sanctuary, listening to the sermon, and fellowshiping with brothers and sisters in the faith! If you are unable to make it you can still listen to this crucial series "The Names of God" by going to our YouTube channel (Trinitarian Congregational Church) where you will also find the Evening in the Word teachings. During the summer, this Bible study will be continuing through the book of Acts, one chapter each week. To find even more from the Trinitarian Congregational Church, check out the church's Facebook page where you can receive links to all the YouTube recordings as well. May God bless you!

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The myth of independence

There is a TV series in which a group of individuals volunteer to go into isolated wilderness locations with a minimum of gear; the goal is to see who can survive the longest on their own.

Some don't even make it 24 hours.

Being independent is hard—and dangerous.

So why do we prize this thing that is so difficult and dangerous? I know it sounds good, but without some qualification it is just nonsense. We come to our celebration of Independence Day with sound enough reason—this nation has its roots in a desire to be free of a tyrannical government. I think we can all agree that was a good thing, but where are we now?

We have become dependent on so many modern conveniences like online shopping and social media. If the power grid failed, I don't think many of us would shout, "At last we are free!" because being free to live off the land would get old really fast.

But the real problem is deeper, darker, and closer to home.

The apostle Paul wrote to Titus, "we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures." All of us are like that—whether it is french fries or the NFL, gossip or greed...the list could go on and on, but you know what I mean. We have done things, said things that we regret, that we knew were wrong, that we don't even understand.

Here is something we can understand. We were not created to be like that. We were created to be free, and that freedom is not that far away. Jesus said, "If you abide in my word, ... you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." God's love for you is greater than any of the things that enslave you. Jesus suffered even death so that you can live. He rose from the grave so that you too can have a new life—a life that truly is free both in this world and the next.

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OBITUARY: A. ARTHUR MCKEW

Andrew Arthur McKew, 86, formerly of NH and TN, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family in Frederick, MD, on June 4, 2022, after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was born on August 9, 1935, in Troy, NH, to the late A. Arthur and Florence Mills McKew.

Arthur grew up and attended public schools in Troy, NH, where he later became a Selectman and Library Trustee. He was the first Human Resources manager in the newly reorganized Troy Mills Company, a charter member of the Troy Jaycees, and Vice President of the New Hampshire Jaycees. He represented New Hampshire in the Jaycees' "Our Stake In Better Government" initiative, a national study of the cost of government programs. He was a charter member of the Gap Mountain (NH) Lions Club, and a member and President of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission and served on the Executive Committee of the National Association of Regional Planning Commissions. Arthur was a member of the Nashua Rotary Club, President of the Somerville (MA) Rotary Club, President of the Bellevue (TN) Rotary Club and a member of the Green Hills (TN) Rotary club. He was extremely proud of his appointment as a Paul Harris Fellow, an honorary position in the International Rotary Club.



Arthur is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sherry Kizik McKew of Frederick, MD; daughter Beth (Denise Amann) McKew, of Frederick, MD; son David A. McKew of San Francisco, CA; sisters Kathleen Johnson of Pittsburgh, PA, and Sharon McKew (Richard) King of Swanzey, NH; niece Diane King (Jay) Nielson as well as a grandniece, grandnephews and a great grandniece. He was preceded in death by his parents and half-brother Marshall McKew of Lewiston, ME.

Arthur will be remembered as a gentle, hardworking, thoughtful man who loved trains, history and politics, telling stories, his hometown of Troy, NH, and his family. He had a very dry wit and once, without cracking a smile, jokingly asked a waitress not to seat his wife in front of the window as she was in witness protection and hiding from the Mafia. As a final tribute to their father's sense of humor and one of his favorite jokes, his children could not pass up the opportunity to share, with great sadness, that "Dad is on the roof."

A memorial service will be held in Nashua, NH, at a later date. Those wishing to honor Arthur's memory are welcome to make a donation in his name to the Troy (NH) Historical Society, PO Box 593, Troy, NH 03465. An online guestbook is available for signing and sharing memories at www.staufferhome.com

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Summer!!! Time for some fun in the sun! This may include things like grilling on the deck, time at the beach, camping, traveling, summer camp for the kids, golfing, fishing, and hopefully some wonderful time to make happy memories as a family! We will celebrate July 4, remembering to be so very thankful for the wonderful country we live in with all the freedoms we enjoy because of those who sacrificed to fight for our freedom.

It is also important to remember that even though it is summer when we often think of this as vacation time, time with less stress, less pressure, we also need to remember it is not a "vacation" away from God and from gathering as a church family so don't forget to go to church on Sunday even in the summer!

We invite those who do not already have a "home church" to visit First Baptist Church of Troy. We are on Route 12 north of the common so look for our white columns and brick building! Our Sunday morning service is at 10:30 am. During that time, we focus on four things: singing hymns and songs in praise to the Lord, praying, the teaching of God's Word, and fellowship with one another all of which encourage us to have a closer relationship with the Lord and live for Him.

The Sunday morning messages are available to everyone. The messages are on Pastor Donn's ministry website www.biblelabs.com. From the homepage, click on the link titled "Bible Book Commentary" under the heading "Audio Message Library" and that will take you to the message series. The current message is uploaded usually before 10:30 AM every Sunday. If you have a prayer request, or want to be added to the list of those who receive the link to the messages via text or email you are encouraged to email Pastor Donn at pastor@troybaptist.com or Sue at suewill@me.com. The podcasts are also linked from the homepage at <http://www.biblelabs.com>. **We would love to hear from you.**

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