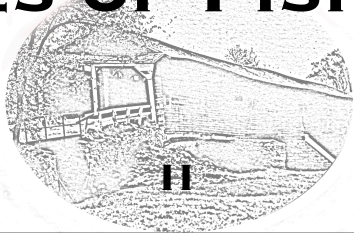


# ECHOES OF FISH HOUSE



**JULY 2013**

**BREAKFAST DATES  
AUGUST 18TH, SEPTEMBER 1ST**

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## Rummage Sale

This FHCC rummage sale is always held the weekend after the July 4th weekend. So this year it was on July 12 & 13. Despite all of the rain storms earlier in the summer, those two days were dry! The heat, however, was another story.

As always, people donated many, many items which enabled us to have a successful rummage sale. We had lots of clothes, jigsaw puzzles, books, seasonal decorations, baskets, appliances and knick knacks. Every year the rummage sale seems to have a theme determined by the type of items donated. One year many exercise machines were donated. This year it was jigsaw puzzles! What puzzles we didn't sell were donated to a local assisted living facility

Before 8 AM on Friday, people gathered at the end of the Center's driveway, anxiously awaiting for the sale to begin. When the "gates" opened, people ran to items that they had been eyeing. The first item sold was a stuffed deer head!

The sale started up again at 9 AM on Saturday. A couple of hours into the sale, the BAG SALE started. This has been a tradition with our rummage sale. People were given plastic shopping bags and told to stuff as much in them as possible. They then only had to pay \$2.00 for the stuffed bag! Such a deal!

Whatever items were not sold at our rummage sale were packed up by volunteers and taken to local charities.

Thank you to everyone who contributed. This fund raising event enabled us to pay off most of the cost of our new furnace. Thank you!!!!!!

## Little Free Library

The Little Free Library is up and running! Feel free to borrow a book to take to the beach! There are fiction books, some non-fiction and also children's books. This library will be running from May to mid-October.



## T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Sale

We are selling Fish House T-Shirts and Sweatshirts again this year. They have the map of the lake on the back!



The T-Shirts are orange and the sweatshirts are gray-hooded ones with zippers. We also have T-Shirts and sweatshirts from past years. You can buy them at all of our FHCC breakfasts!

## Interested in Learning Something New?

Have you always wanted to learn basket weaving? What about yoga? We are exploring the possibility of offering classes at the Community Center next summer. Please take the time to fill out the questionnaire offered at this breakfast. If the interest is there, we will organize the teachers and schedules for next summer. We will also be looking for volunteers in this new endeavor.

## Bottle Drive 2013

All the rain in the beginning of the season kept many of our summer residents away from the lake until later than usual. So our bottle drive started out a little slowly. But we are now back on track and lots of refundable bottles and cans are being left off at the center. So thank you to all who have contributed! Keep those bottles and cans coming in! The proceeds go directly back to the maintenance of the Community Center.



Want to receive emails about upcoming FHCC events? Sign up on the Email List before you leave today!

Interested in the history of Fish House? Go to [northamptonnyhistory.com](http://northamptonnyhistory.com)

## The Stores of Fish House

Before 1930 and before the lake, Fish House was a small thriving hamlet with craftsmen and general stores. From the 1850's to the early 1900's there were 4 hotels, two general stores, as well as sawmills, blacksmith shops, barbers, tailors, chair makers as well as many homes.

The first store built around 1805, was made of brick. It was on the corner of 109 and Old Fish House Road across the street from the Fish House Hotel. It was torn down and later the Osborn Hotel was built on that spot. The second brick structure in Fish House, also a store, was built further up on Old Fish House Road. This store was run by the Stead family.

There was also a wooden frame store just down the road from the brick store. It had many owners, including the Noyes, the Smiths, the Steads and the Humphreys.

\* Just a note here...the two main stores of Fish House also contained the post office. Depending on what political party was in office, would determine which store had "custody" of the post office.

In 1927, the New York state placed markers at the elevation of 770 feet all around the Sacandaga Valley. Any structure lower than 770 feet had to either be moved or torn down. (12 structures were moved in Fish House).

The brick store was torn down. ( When the water level is really low, you can continue to walk out from Old Fish House Road and still see part of the store's foundation.) The wooden store was moved up to CR 110. It was run as a store by the Steads from the 1930's to the 1960's. Now it is a private home. (It is the tan house with maroon shutters just a little north of Fish House Rd, on the right.)

After 1930, Percy Orton built a small Bait/Ice Shop on the corner of CR 109 and CR 110. Percy died in 1949. The building was enlarged and from the 1970's to the 1990's it was known as The Cozy Corner, a small ice cream shop and diner. Now it is no longer a store, but a Fish House resident's workshop.

In 1949, Vernon Hamm moved to Fish House and opened a grocery store on CR 7 (just into Saratoga County), south of Fayville Road. It stopped being a store in the 1960's. Now it is a private residence. It has brown wood siding with red shutters.

That was the last of the Fish House stores.

## FISH HOUSE HISTORY

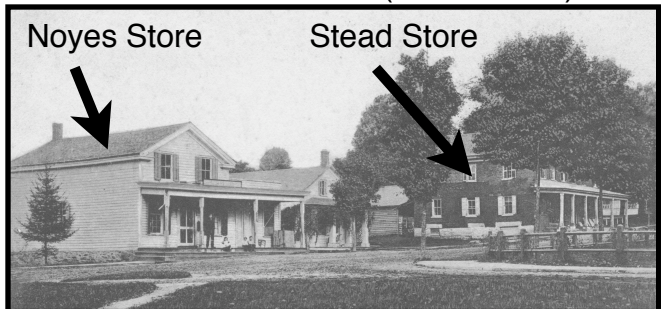
The Stead brick store. (torn down)



The Noyes/Humphrey/Smith wood frame store before 1930 (later moved up to CR 110)



The above two stores in relation to each other on Old Fish House Road (before 1930)



The wood frame store at its new location on CR 110, run by the Stead family.



Orton Bait/Ice Shop



Hamm grocery store (now)

