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Summer Breakfast Dates
July 20th, August 10th & 31st.

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Rummage Sale



Get ready! This year's rummage sale will be July 11th and 12th.

Clean out your camps and houses and donate your unwanted furniture and other treasures. As always, the rummage sale is the weekend after the 4th of July weekend. That gives people time to do some spring cleaning.

So get to the Fish House Community Center on Friday, July 11th, starting at 8AM and it goes to 4 PM. Saturday, July 12th, the hours are 9-2. Donations can be dropped off at the Center from June 1st to July 6th. Please, no upholstered furniture or TV's..

This event helps to raise money to maintain our community center. It is made successful by all the donations. Please consider donating.

Shirt & Sweatshirt Sale

This year, as always, we have T-Shirts and sweat shirts for sale. The T-Shirts are a beautiful blue color with the map of the lake on the back. They will be available at the May breakfast. The hooded sweatshirts will be in navy blue and they will be available by July. If you don't like blue, we still have T-Shirts and sweat shirts in different colors from past years.



Bottle Drive 2014

Once again the FHCC is having a summer long bottle & can drive.

Why drive your empty refundable bottles/cans back to Amsterdam? Just drop them off behind the Center.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!

FHCC Breakfasts

The FHCC is happy to be putting on breakfasts again this summer. Lots of french toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and potatoes. Prices this year are: Adults-\$9, Seniors-\$8 and Children under 12-\$5. At each breakfast you can also buy Fish House T-Shirts and sweatshirts with the logo on the front and the map of the lake on the back.



The dates of the remaining summer breakfasts are above. They are also listed on a sign by the road. So don't forget to come and see your neighbors and eat all you want at our breakfast buffet!

Little Free Library



The Little Free Library is starting its second year at the Fish House Community Center. It is a great place to get a summer beach read book.

Feel free to borrow a book anytime. If you have any books to donate, just leave them in the library. For those of you who have not visited the Little Free Library, it is on the exterior of the community center in a small, enclosed cabinet. There are also books for children and teens. Enjoy!!

Fish House History

The hamlet of Fish House is filled with history. Check out the back of this **Echoes** and learn how Fish House is connected to the movie: Twelve Years a Slave.

As the historian of Fish House, I am constantly looking for artifacts from Fish House's history. If you have any old photos, I would love to see them. If you know of any stories about Fish House, I would love to hear them. Please contact me, Joanne Blaauboer, at 518-424-9025.

If you are interested in history, check out my website: northamptonnyhistory.com

Fish House Community Center Website

Check out our website to learn about upcoming events and to see photos of past ones.

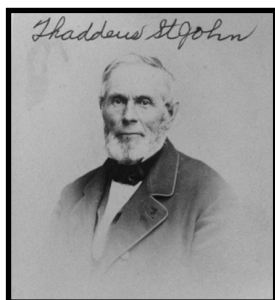
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Twelve Years a Slave and Fish House.

(from History Channel)

In 1841 Solomon Northup, a free African American was abducted and sold into slavery. When he finally regained his freedom, he wrote his memoir, Twelve Years A Slave. It was published in 1853. When the book was published, it stirred up the United States.

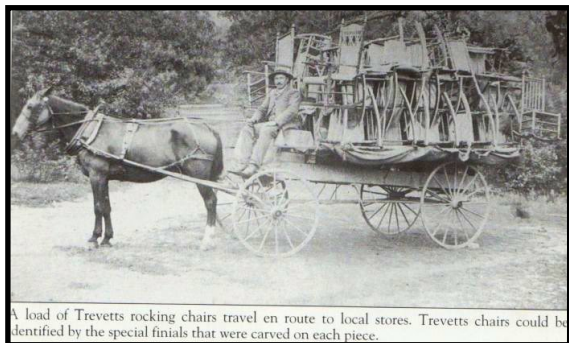
It also “stirred the memory of Thaddeus St. John, a New York, Fulton county judge who had witnessed Northup along with two boyhood friends, Alexander Merrill and Joseph Russell, while journeying to Washington, D.C. in 1841. When St. John encountered the two men a few days later, they were without Northup but in possession of new clothes and flashy watches and ivory canes. St. John accused them of selling Northup for \$500, but Merrill told him he was wrong—they had in fact sold him for \$650.



Based on St. John’s lead, Northup identified Merrill and Russell as his abductors. Authorities arrested the pair in July 1854, and a hearing was held in the Saratoga County Courthouse. Merrill and Russell spent a few months behind bars, but ultimately the case fizzled amid questions of jurisdiction and statute of limitations. A quest for justice against the slave trader who bought Northup in the nation’s capital also failed as the color of the black man’s skin precluded the kidnapping victim from being permitted to testify in court.”

Thaddeus St. John was the son of Alexander St. John, one of the early settlers in Fish House. The St. John House is on Old Fish House Road, the last one on the left, by the lake. Thaddeus was born in 1797 in Fish House and lived in his father’s house until his 40’s. (Alexander St. John died in 1825). Thaddeus was listed in the 1840 census of Fish House, in the same house as his mother. He was involved in politics and was a representative of Northampton Township. in the newly formed Fulton County.

Do You Own a Trevett Rocking Chair?



A load of Trevetts rocking chairs travel en route to local stores. Trevetts chairs could be identified by the special finials that were carved on each piece.

The Trevett Chair factory was located at Han’s Creek on Fayville Road. According to the 1855 census, they made 3,000 chairs a year, employing 2 men and using water for power. Henry Small worked hauling loads of chairs on special wagons that resembled hay racks. Each chair was sold for \$2.00

The rockers were called porch rockers, which were made of ash splints or rush. The material was bent so that the slats were curved and extended up the back making it a continuous piece from the front of the slat to top of the rocker. The rockers usually had flat arm rests. They sold for \$3.00. (History by Mary Packer, Providence Historian)

Trevett Rockers on EBay!

Recently, two Trevett Rockers were on EBay. It is wonderful to think that these historical rockers are still being found and hopefully cherished! Pictured at left are the two rockers. Does anyone here in Fish House have a Trevett chair?

