



Summer Breakfast Dates

July 28th, August 18th, & September 1st

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FHCC Little Free Library

In 2009, Todd Bol launched the Little Free Library movement. He built a small library box that looked like a one room school house and put it in his front lawn. Now there are thousands of these little libraries all over the world and the Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization. These little libraries help to promote reading and to build a sense of community.

Fish House is a wonderful little community but miles from a library. So starting this May, there is a Little Free Library attached to the community center. Please feel free to borrow books and also to donate books to our little library. As many people up here are summer residents, the FHCC Little Library will be available from May until October. Adult books will be a mix of fiction and nonfiction. There will also be children books available.

Books will be identified with a Little Free Library stamp (once it is mailed to us) and also a FHCC address label so you will remember where the book came from. We will also have an official sign and number.

If you want to learn more about Little Free Libraries, go to

www.littlefreelibrary.org

If you have any questions, or if you have a lot of books to donate at one time, contact Joanne B. at 518-424-9025. She is the steward of this library and will keep it stocked with quality books. Please consider donating some of your books!

Hopefully with this new addition to the Center, we as neighbors, can share our favorite books with each other.

Happy reading!



RUMMAGE SALE

July 12 & 13



Please note the "late" dates of this year's FHCC Rummage Sale, July 12 & 13. The rummage sale is always held the weekend after the 4th of July weekend and festivities. With the 4th being on a Thursday, that is pushing our sale to almost mid July.

If you have any items that you would like to donate to the FHCC for the rummage sale, drop them off on the Center steps. As it gets closer to July, we will set up tents where donations can be left.

Many people clean out their camps on the July 4th weekend and bring their old furniture, etc. over to the Center. Please remember, we no longer accept upholstered furniture. We also have decided not to accept TV's, computers, or monitors as there is really no way to determine if they work.

Please note the times for the sale:

Friday, July 12, 8-4

Saturday, July 13, 9-2

This event is a fun community event. Come out to visit with your neighbors and also find treasures! We hope to see you!



Bottle & Can Drive

The FHCC has started its third annual bottle drive. It will run until Labor Day weekend. Drop off your bottles and cans at the back of the Center.

This year any profits from the bottle drive and the summer events will be going to help offset the cost of a new furnace. So even though you might not see any major improvements in the building, please know that your donations will be greatly appreciated and that the center will be warm during the cold months.

Sweatshirt & T-Shirt Sale



Want a sweatshirt or T Shirt with the map of the Great Sacandaga Lake on the back? Well you are in luck! We have several of last year's shirts and sweat shirts that will be for sale at the May breakfast.

Sweatshirt colors are green, blue & maroon. We have also ordered a new batch of shirts that will be available starting in July. This year's color is orange!

Sweatshirt prices are \$30 for a pullover and \$35 for zippered. T-Shirts are \$10.



FHCC Information

- The FHCC is a nonprofit organization run by volunteers.
- Summer events are planned to offer a way for the community to come together to enjoy each other's company.
- Profits from these events go to maintaining the Community Center that was built in 1908.
- If you would like to become involved by being a volunteer, please attend our meetings. They are held at 7 PM on the second Tuesday of each summer month.
- If you would like to donate money to the FHCC, our mailing address is:

PO Box 1127
Broadalbin, NY 12025

Fish House History

Percy Orton 1869-1949

Percy Orton was born in Fish House to Dr. Darius Orton and Anna Austin. He was raised in the house up on Shew Hill and lived in Fish House for most of his life. He married Margaret Rhodes and they had a son, H.D. Orton and a daughter, Jane Orton, who married John Moore. The Moore family is still in Fish House.

Percy worked at GE but he was also very involved in this community. He served on the Broadalbin School Board and was also the historian for the town of Northampton (Fish House). He wrote articles about the history of the area and had them published in the Gloversville Leader Herald. He raised bees and had articles published regarding his bee research. He also published articles that dealt with tools he had developed to assist in raising bees.

Several years after the brick Presbyterian church closed, Percy bought it as well as the white parsonage house next to it. He lived there with his wife, Margaret. There was a small house on the corner of County Highways 109 and 110 that he had moved down 110 across from the brick office of his father. Percy then built a small store on that corner lot and sold food, bait, gas and ice as well as lining up fishing tours with the guide, Stubb Mussen. He rented out boats and worked closely with Arthur Vandenburg. The old store is now owned by Dr. Dean Detweiller. He uses it for his workshop.

When the Fish House covered bridge came apart during the formation of the lake, Percy used many of its timbers to build a garage. That garage is still standing, next to the moved house. You can still see the bridge timbers inside the garage. To increase his ice business, he built a small ice house next to the garage. It still stands. Later owners used it as a gift shop.

Percy Orton



Percy standing by his store.



The Ice House



Orton published articles in the American Bee Journal