



Next and Last 2018 Breakfast
September 2nd

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Rummage Sale

This year's rummage sale was held on Friday the 13th (of July) and Saturday the 14th. We were not met with any bad luck on that superstitious Friday. Many people turned out and the weather cooperated!

Every year there seems to be a theme with the donations. Last year it was a sailing theme,, we had lots of sailboat books and models and flags. This year the theme was not as exotic,,,it was beds! We had 5 beds and even a daybed. People cooperated by not donating mattresses, however a box spring did sneak in and had to go to the dump.

Thank you to everyone who made this annual event such a success. My favorite time is the Saturday bag sale. Everything you can fit into a plastic shopping bag for \$2.00!!! It is surprising how much you can jam into a bag!

The rummage sale helps helps to raise money to maintain our community center. So thank you for all your donations and all your purchases!! Until next summer!

Shirt & Sweatshirt Sale

This year, as always, we have T-Shirts and sweat shirts for sale. The 2018 color is a fun bright green! We sold many at the rummage sale! You can buy them at our breakfasts!

Bottle Drive 2018

This year's bottle drive has been amazingly successful! We have raised a lot of money for the Center. Please check out our new road sign. Thank you, David Floyd!



FHCC Breakfasts

In past summers, the FHCC volunteers have hosted up to 4 breakfasts a summer. A couple of years ago we eliminated the July breakfast as it was too hard to clean up after the annual rummage sale and get ready for a breakfast all in a month's time. This year we were sad to not run the Memorial Day breakfast as several volunteers were unavailable.



We are always looking for new volunteers to help with our summer events. If you are interested, please contact Joanne Blaauboer at zuma95@gmail.com

Fish House Quilt Raffle!

Our very talented, Janet Kessler, made an amazing quilt this past winter. It features historical houses of Fish House. She is allowing us to raffle off this quilt. There are a limited number of tickets, only 200, so your chance to win this quilt are good! Tickets are only \$5 a piece and are sold at the breakfasts. Check out the wonderful quilt during our two summer breakfasts! If you can't make the breakfast and you want to buy a ticket, contact Joanne Blaauboer at zuma95@gmail.com.

For more information about the houses on this quilt, look on the back of this Echoes newsletter.

Little Free Library



The Little Free Library started in 2013. It is now it its sixth year and doing well! Lots of books have been borrowed and many new books have shown up to take their place. If you haven't checked it out, it is located on the outside wall of the Fish House Community Center in a small exterior cabinet. The window on the cabinet came from the brick office of Dr. Orton and is over 200 years old. Enjoy!!

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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Fish House Historical Quilt

Methodist Church - 1860

This church was built on land once owned by William Slocum. It cost \$2000 to build. The bell, which was founded in Troy, came from the first church of Fish House. The church is on Cty Hwy 110.

Shew House - 1784

This house was built by the first permanent settler of Fish House, Godfrey Shew. It still stands in its original location just up the road from the Center.

St. John House - 1795

This house was built by Alexander St. John on land that belonged originally to Sir William Johnson. This Federal style farm house still stands today and is located at the end of Old Fish House Road.

Sinclair House - 1809

The Sinclair's were a wealthy family from NYC. They owned a distillery in Brooklyn. The Sinclair house was their summer retreat. It was a brick home located on Dyke Road, that was the road to the covered bridge. It had to be torn down due to the formation of the lake. The Sinclair's built another beautiful home over on Sinclair Point. When the water is really low, you might be able to see the sidewalk that was in front of the Sinclair home.

Grinnell House - 1810

Alexander St. John built this house for his grand daughter, Parnell and her husband, C.S. Grinnell. A Greek Revival wing was added in 1841. This stately house is located up on Shew Hill on Old Fish House Road.

Stark House - 1838

This brick home was built with bricks from a local brick pond. It was in the Stark family for over 100 years. It is located on the corner of 109 and 110.

Dr. Ingall's House - 1850

Dr. Ingall's practiced in Cranberry Creek and moved to Fish House to semi retire. An addition on the right of the house served as the doctor's office. It is located up on 110,

Map of Fish House 1890 - 1900

This hand drawn map shows the five roads leading into the hamlet of Fish House. When the lake was made, they had to reroute Cty Hwy 110, and it cut through the Stark property to connect to what was referred to as East Main St. Old Fish House Road is a remnant of that road.



Presbyterian Church - 1870

After an 1815 revival, a church was built on this spot. It was taken two in 1869 and the present church was built the next year. It was built with bricks made at a brick pond up Fish House Road. The steeple was taken down in 1947, for fear it was unsafe. Next to the church is an old abandoned cemetery with many of the original Fish House residents buried there.

Old Brick Store circa 1809

This brick store was run by the Stead family at one time. It was not moved when the lake was made. When the water level is low, you can walk down past the end of Old Fish House Road and find the store's foundation.

Fish House Hotel - 1803

This building was built by John Fay to be used as a family house for his large family. It then became a very popular hotel. It stood at the center of the hamlet of Fish House. It burned down in 1920.

Dr. Alvah Wood House - 1823

Dr. Wood was one of the first doctors of Fish House. This house originally was on Main Street (109) near the Stark brick house. (The brick house on the corner of 110 and 109). The house was moved to the corner of 110 and Ryder Road.

Covered Bridge - 1818

This unique double lane bridge was designed by Daniel Stewart of Saratoga Springs. It spanned the Sacandaga River and connected Fish House to the high land now known as Sinclair Point. The people of Fish House tried to save the bridge with cables, hoping to float it to shore after the lake was made, but the cables snapped and it broke apart.

Sumner House - 1905

This beautiful Victorian home was built on the site of the old Osborn Hotel in the center of Fish House. (Where Old Fish House Rd. & 109 would have intersected. It was moved up on 110 just north of Ryder Road.

Fish House Community Center 1909

This building was School #6. It was built to replace the one room school house. It had two classrooms. In the beginning the bathrooms were outside. Willis Hayden, the school superintendent, donated the land on which the building sits.

Smith Store - 1865

James Henry Smith was a successful businessman in Fish House. This store was also run by other families, including the Humpfries and the Steads. The building was located on East Main St. near the Fish House Hotel. It was moved up to Cty. Hwy. 110 and for a while it was still a store. It is now a family residence. It has tan siding and maroon shutters.

One Room School House Circa 1867

This small school house was built on land donated by the Slocum family. It's original location was near the Methodist Church. The stipulation was that when it stopped being a school house it would have to be torn down or moved. After the two room school house was built, it took some time to move the little school house. It is now located at the end of Ryder Road and is part of a much larger house. It's original roof line can still be seen.

Beecher House - 1860

This house was built by the Baker sisters. In 1890 it was bought by the Beechers who were descendants of Godfrey Shew. There is also a connection to Harriet Beecher Stowe. The house still stands today in its original location, but it has fallen on hard times.

Between 1928 - 1930, 12 houses in Fish House were moved and 6 were razed due to the formation of Great Sacandaga Lake. Many houses moved up to the Ryder Road area which was a high point owned by the Stead family and referred to back then as Overlook Heights