



July 2010

Upcoming Breakfasts:
August 15th
September 5th

Our New Roof!!

The community center's roof was in serious need of repair. Several leaks had begun and ceiling tiles had been ruined. The church voted to have a new metal roof put on the center. John Carpenter came in with the low bid and in June, a new green metal roof was put on!

NO MORE LEAKS!!!

The Community Center is very grateful to the church for our new roof. We, in turn, are running a summer long bottle drive to help the church with the roof bill.



Shirts For Sale

Once again, the FHCC is selling T shirts and sweatshirts with a Fish House logo as well as the map of the Great Sacandaga Lake. They will be sold at all three of our breakfasts. T shirts will be sold for \$10 and sweatshirts will be \$35. Buy them while they last!



Bobby Young

This past January 27th, Bobby Young passed away. He and his crew were our breakfast cooks for years. We miss him!!

During this breakfast, there is a written tribute to Bobby on each of the tables.



Rummage Sale

The Center has done its annual rummage sale for almost 50 years. Some people even take the day off from their jobs just to be able to find all the "treasures" that are at the sale!

This year, we opened our doors an hour earlier than usual, 8 AM. We also extended our Saturday hours to 3 PM. We put up extra tents as rain was expected (and it did show up on Saturday morning). Thank you to all those who lent us their tents!!

As always, at the end of the sale, we had unsold items. For the past two years, the Broadalbin Methodist Church has arrived after the sale with several trucks to take the unsold treasures for their sale the last week-end of July. What a fantastic help! Terry & Jim Migili volunteered to take the left over clothes to the Saint Joseph's Thrift Store in Broadalbin.

Thank you to everyone who put time and effort into making this sale such a great success!

Bottle Drive

This summer the Center is having a bottle drive to help the church pay for our new roof.



Bring your cans & bottles to the Center. So far, we have raised over \$1000! Thank You!

Fish House History

Susan Owens is the great great granddaughter of Robert Humphrey. She is writing a book about her grandmother who lived in Fish House years ago. She visited me over the July 4th weekend and we shared what we knew about her family.

Robert Humphrey was one of the many store owners of the old "Hank Smith" store. Humphrey was the postmaster at one time. We learned that the Humphrey family lived in the large farmhouse on the village square. After Robert Humphrey died, the Steads bought that farmhouse. It was torn down to prepare for the flooding of the valley.



The Humphrey family in the side yard of the above house. Circa 1894

Fish House History

Last year the FHCC held its first Historical House and Garden tour. In preparing for the tour I learned a great deal about Fish House. As a result, I was appointed the deputy historian of Northampton. My job will be to collect information on Fish House history. If you have any photos and/or information about Fish House I would love to hear from you.

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Bridge Requests, Old & New

On the "eve" of a new bridge at Batchellerville, it is interesting to go back and look at history. An article printed in the Schenectady Gazette in 1928, states that "**representatives of county and city legislative bodies...appeared before the regulating district...showing the necessity for a bridge over the new Sacandaga at Northampton**" which is now known as Fish House. These representatives presented detailed studies as to why there should be a bridge here. The above meeting ended due to time, but the representatives believed that the regulating district was in favor of a bridge.

"There can therefore be no question that the link connecting Northville with the Broadalbin-Saratoga highway over the Northampton Bridge is essential from the viewpoint of the highway engineer."

The regulating district proposed a ferry instead of a bridge. The response to that was: "**The ferry service proposed by the regulating board is wholly inadequate for the present traffic. Installation of such service will virtually mean the conversion of what should be the main artery to the Adirondacks into a dead end road**"

And after all was said and done, Northampton did not even get the ferry and yes,,,Fish House Road became a dead end road. Food for thought:)



Rummage Sale Policy Change

This year it was very difficult, if not impossible, to sell any furniture that was upholstered. So we decided that... **we will no longer accept upholstered furniture as donations.**

We are very grateful to all who have donated in the past and we hope that you continue to donate items for our future rummage sales. **THANK YOU!**