



Preble Today

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For the People of Preble

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Message From The Supervisor



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James Doring, Town Supervisor

First, I'd like to say, "Thank you" to all the voters, who in November had the confidence to elect me as your Town Supervisor. I will do everything within my power to serve the residents of Preble to the best of my ability.

For those of you who don't know me, let me introduce myself. I was born in Queens in 1960 and grew up in Kings Park in Suffolk county as the oldest of five children. I attended college at Clemson University in SC for two years before transferring to SUNY Oswego, from which I graduated in 1982. In 1993 I started attending night school at Chapman University, which held graduate school classes at Hancock Field on E. Molloy road in Syracuse. In 1997 I graduated with a Masters degree in Business. In May

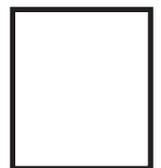
of 1997 I married the former Laura Maybury at the Preble Congregational Church.

I worked in the printing business early in my career before joining AG Edwards as an investment advisor in 2000. In 2003 I started my own business working as a registered investment advisor and money manager.

The purpose of this newsletter is to enable the Town Board to communicate directly with the residents of Preble. Town communication also takes place through the website (www.preble-ny.org), the Town Board meetings and by answering specific questions through email and telephone. I will briefly run down some of the issues that we are currently discussing.

Farmland Protection is an ongoing

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Preble Today is a publication of the Preble Town Board. The Preble Town Board presents a spring and fall newsletter for the current year of 2010. Preble community members, friends and families are invited to submit materials and ideas for future newsletters to:

Debra Brock
7375 Song Lake Road
Tully, New York 13159

Or email to: dbrock1@twcny.rr.com
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project headed by Peter Knapp and Deb Brock. Any questions about this topic should be directed to either of them.

An important issue that has arisen recently is the revised flood zone maps which are being published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). If you happen to own a home with a mortgage in the new flood zone, the bank could require you to purchase flood insurance. If you have questions or need additional information concerning this matter, please contact Dan Dineen, Director of the Cortland County Planning Department, at 753-5043.

As many of you realize, our current highway building is old and in need of repair. We are considering the construction of a new highway building next to the existing salt shed on Route 281. We have invested in engineering drawings, which are a prerequisite for applying for grants. The proposed plan, as it stands now, would put a significant financial burden on the Town. Therefore some type of grant would be essential in helping to fund the project. A public hearing was held on April 26 and there may be another one in the future.

If anyone wishes to use the town park during the summer for family reunions or to schedule ballgames please contact Babe Carroll at 299-4474.

We are currently living in very unstable and difficult economic times. Currencies around the world are going through devaluation. Around the world we see entire systems of finance and government

in varying stages of collapse. Municipalities are going broke from local school districts to entire nations. I am pleased to report, that as a town, we are operating well within our budget and my desire is to continue that practice. It is also my desire to keep your local taxes reasonable.

On top of all of this, severe weather and geologically induced events are increasing. We have been fortunate not to have suffered from such catastrophic events that have effected other areas. However, think back 12 years ago during the North Country ice storm when many were without power for 2-3 weeks. There are any number of possible events that can cascade a power failure or a regional emergency. I would suggest that each family think about food, water, heat, light and personal supplies should there be such an extended emergency in our area. Life on earth may become a bit more chaotic over the next few years before it improves. It is better to be months early in a preparation plan than to be a minute too late.

I hope to see everyone at the Memorial Day Parade on May 31 at 11 am. I would also encourage everyone to be involved in your town and please take part in the numerous fund raising efforts that are offered through various organizations. The Town of Preble holds Town Board meetings on the second Monday of every month at 8 pm. We invite you to come visit to see what a Town Board meeting is all about. We value your input.

At Your Service,

James Doring
Supervisor

Preble Business Community Update

The Town needs to update the Preble Business Listing on the Town's website Preble-ny.org

All businesses in Preble are asked to review the website information, and please submit changes if your business information is out of date or in error. Send corrections to:

Debra Brock
7375 Song Lake Road
Tully, New York 13159
Phone 315-696-5549

Or email to: dbrock1@twcny.rr.com

If further assistance is needed to view or update your Preble Business information, call 315-696-5549.



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Bessie Swayze

Happy Birthday, Bessie!

Bessie Swayze, a long-time Preble resident, celebrated her 103rd birthday on May 12, 2010. Bessie now resides at Fahey Loretto in Syracuse. She enjoys getting cards and greetings from family and friends in Preble. To send her a card her address is:

*Fahey Rehabilitation Center at
Loretto
700 East Brighton Ave
Syracuse, NY 13205*

Town Clerk's Hours

From Jane Davenport, Preble
Town Clerk

Office Hours for the Preble
Town Clerk are Mondays and
Wednesdays, 9:00 A.M. to noon,
and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Licenses available include:
Hunting, Fishing, Dog, Marriage

Recreation Director Babe Carroll Announces Events

Do you have someone else's treasure in your closet?

Community Garage Sales planned for the Preble area on June 5, 2010 from 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Rain or shine! Special items are advertised by Preble Recreation Department at no cost to sellers. To list your item in the ad, contact Donna Wheelock at 607-749-4805 before June 1, 2010.

Girls' Softball in Preble – let's play ball!

Jill Sears, assisted by Bill Sears, is the new Girl's Softball Coach for ages 14 – 18. Girls can sign up for the team on the Recreation Board at the Town Hall, and must register by May 26, 2010. Players do not need to be Town of Preble residents. Games will begin the second week in June. For more information call Jill Sears at 607-749-4289.

May 31, 2010 Memorial Day Services Information

(Weather permitting)

- **10:30 A.M. Parade participants meet at the Memorial Boulder on Preble Road. Homer High School Band featured.**
- **11:00 Parade begins down Preble Road to Route 281 and on to Elmwood Cemetery.**
- **Service will be given by Reverend Brown from the Preble Baptist Church.**
- **Ice Cream Social follows at the Preble Fire Hall.**

For Further information, call Dave Morse 607-749-2856

Veterans of Preble

The Town wishes to acknowledge veterans at the Memorial Day Parade, please call Tom Fox at 607-749-2464 .



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Preble Memorial Boulder on Preble Road near Route I-81 overpass.

Elmwood Cemetery

Dear Friends of Elmwood Cemetery,

The Elmwood Cemetery in Preble has been a long-standing private association organized in 1868. As you may be aware, funding for this association has been primarily by selling cemetery plots to families who have lost a loved one and people who plan to be buried at the cemetery. From time to time we have also received monetary gifts that have helped in the maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery. As with most organizations today, however, we must cut costs because expenses exceed income. As the cemetery grows in size, so do our expenses and the time needed to properly care for the grounds. We do not want to compromise how the cemetery is maintained and we do not believe you do either.

From Memorial Day, when many of you are present for the ceremony, to fall, we have taken pride in the well groomed grounds and want to continue this tradition for those who have special ties to the cemetery.

We are asking your support in our efforts to raise funds necessary to maintain the buildings and grounds now and for several years to come. Any amount you could donate will be greatly appreciated. Your contribution can be directed to:

**Preble Elmwood Cemetery
c/o Anne Henderson
2108 East Clark Road
Homer, NY 13077**

If you have any questions, please call Anne at (607) 749-2044.

Thank you for considering this request.

Trustees
Elmwood Cemetery Association

History of "The Boulder"

By Anne Henderson, town historian

A World War Memorial was erected on Memorial Day, May 30, 1937, in memory of Mark J. McCauliffe and to the men of Preble who served in World War I. For many years, the people in town had sought some kind of memorial. The Preble Firemen re-awakened the interest and members of the Town Board, led by Supervisor Elmer J. Anderson, began the labor of creating a memorial. It was a huge boulder moved from West Hill, a distance of more than a mile. A bronze plaque was attached with the names of the Preble war veterans.

Glen VanPatten, head of the town veterans and members of the Burns-McCauliffe Post in Homer arranged the ceremony. The parade formed in front of the Preble school and moved to the cemetery for ceremonies honoring the dead. Then it returned to the boulder where the dedication took place. Following World War II, a similar plaque was attached with the names of the veterans from that war. Glen VanPatten was a veteran of both wars and his name appears on both plaques.

In May, 1983, a tree was planted in honor to those town veterans who served in the Korean War and Vietnam. A custom that started with the first observance honoring veterans continues today. All children and parade participants are treated to ice cream at the end of the parade.



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*Rick Fritz
Code Enforcement Officer*

W. RICK FRITZ **Code Enforcement Officer**

Don't let my title put you off. I'm really a nice guy, easy to get along with and I enjoy getting to know the residents of the town. I had to go to school and learn all about State Building and Fire Codes to get licensed by New York State and then the Town hired me as their Code Enforcement Officer.

It's my job to make sure that all new construction or renovations are done according to State Codes and the State Codes are designed to make sure everyone is safe. I issue building permits and do inspections.

I also have to make sure that the Town Ordinances are observed, and again, these have been written to ensure the health and safety of the residents and that includes environmental issues as well as building issues.

I work closely with the Town Supervisor, the Council, the Planning and Zoning Appeals Boards as well as the Fire Department.

If you need a building permit or have a question I'm in my office at the Town Hall every Wednesday afternoon from 2:00-4:00.

2010 Town of Preble Building Permits Issued to Date

Date	Customer	Notes
01/06/2010	Teresa M. Wrobal	Roof and Remodel 7549 Saulsbury Rd
02/10/2010	Dan Jezer	Demolition 7426 Song Lake Rd
02/24/2010	Dianne Smith Brickbaton	Addition 6888 Route 281
03/24/2010	Daniel and Rhea Jezer	Addition 7426 Song Lake Rd
03/31/2010	Don and Robyn Fisher	28' x 48' home 6234 Little York Rd
04/02/2010	George McAvoy	Demo barn 1809 Preble Valley Rd
04/07/2010	Linda Underwood	New Pole Building 7612 Route 281
04/14/2010	Charlotte Delaney	Enclose porch 1938 Preble Rd
05/12/2010	Joe and Tarki Heath	Demo 1906 Rittenhouse Sq.



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With the help of a State grant, the Preble Garden Club is making the Town Hall more beautiful.

Preble Garden Club

Preble Garden Club maintains the flower bed at the town hall which was established in 2008 in commemoration of Preble's bi-centennial and which was funded by a New York State grant obtained by Debbie Brock. Debbie was instrumental with the landscaping of the beds with the assistance of the Garden Club.

Also, the flower bed at the main entrance of the cemetery is maintained by the club. If you would like more information about the club's program for this year, please contact Sue Wright at (607) 749-4431 or Pat Griswold at (607) 749-3678.

Cortland-Onondaga Federation of Kettle Lake Associations, Inc.

Part I

The Cortland - Onondaga Federation of Kettle Lake Associations, Inc. (COFOKLA) is dedicated to the preservation of the kettle lakes, surrounding waters and watershed regions in Cortland and Onondaga counties. COFOKLA does so by advocating awareness of lake resources, educating communities about watersheds and their protection, and promoting stewardship of those waterways.

C-OFOKLA was formed as vehicle to share access to information, provide watershed planning with a unified approach, and bring outreach and education to a broad audience. All our watersheds are connected either by tributaries or groundwater. Current members include associations from Song Lake, Crooked Lake, Tully Lake, and Little York Lake.

What is a Kettle Lake?

Preble is a unique and beautiful region. One of its defining characteristics is the presence of several kettle-hole or kettle lakes. According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the area was formed by the advancing and retreating of glacial ice during the last glacial period in North America. To the west of us, the same glacial process formed the Finger Lakes. The process here caused smaller holes to be formed when huge chunks of ice broke off the glacier. These holes, or “kettles” were then buried by till¹ as the glacier receded. When these ice chunks melted, the depression remained. Each kettle lake has its own unique properties. Some have natural or created outlets, while others are landlocked. All of these lakes are, however, connected to the surficial aquifer. A surficial aquifer is generally defined by the USGS, as an “unconfined, shallow aquifer system, recharged by rainfall and leakage from surface water bodies.”

The glaciers also formed the Valley Heads Moraine, an area of sand and gravel deposited when the retreating ice paused. The moraine runs east to west and separates the Tully Valley to the north from the Tiohgnioaga Valley to the south. This moraine also forms the surface water divide for the St. Lawrence River drainage (north) and the Susquehanna River drainage (south).²

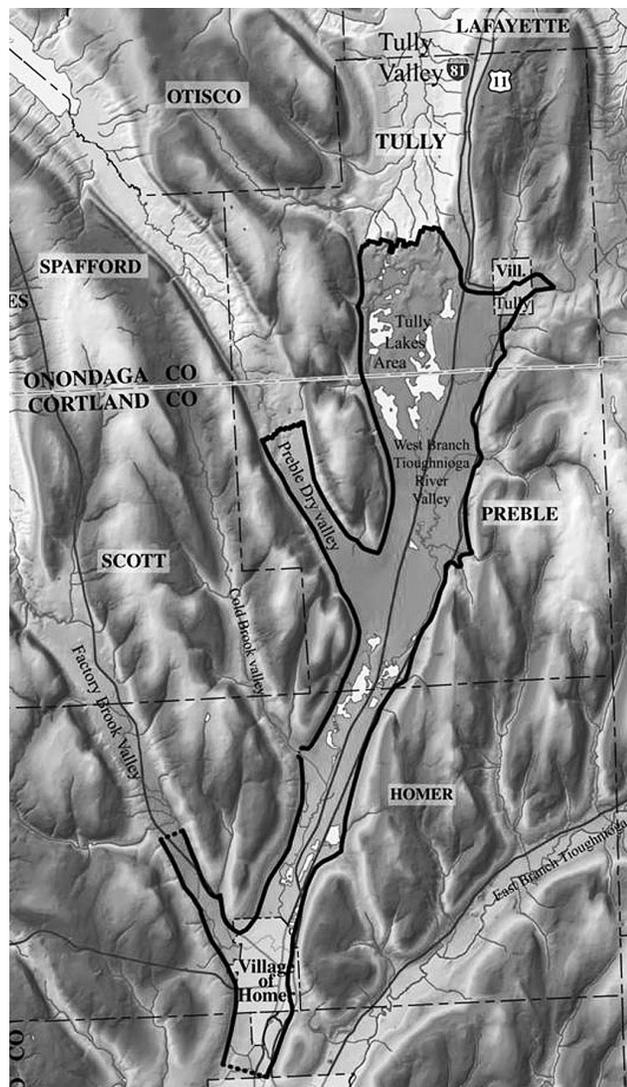


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Join Us

As part of our outreach and education program, each C-OFOKLA meeting begins with a short presentation from an expert or professional on a variety of water quality issues. Our next meeting will be in mid March at the Tully Town Hall. If you are interested in learning more please call Tarki Heath at 696-5262. All presentations are open to the public.

Part II will describe our work in more detail. (Next Issue of **Preble Today**)

- 1 sediment of various particle sizes deposited by the direct action of ice
- 2 Information from USGS