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For the People of Preble

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Cortland - Onondaga Federation of Kettle Lake Associations, Inc.

Part II

By Tarki Heath

Why We Formed

Invasive species, toxic algae, nasty weed growth, phosphorus, nitrogen, bacteria, and other impacts are putting all our waters at risk. Collectively, we can do more to protect our waterways from further degradation and promote a return to cleaner conditions.

Individuals living near and around the lakes have particular interests in, and responsibilities for improving watershed management, but water doesn't stop at the shoreline. All those in the region benefit from access to clean water in the lakes, streams and groundwater, especially our unique and precious Cortland-Homer-Preble Sole-Source Aquifer. Understanding

the nature and flow of water, and how it affects us all, is the key to protecting this regional resource.

C-OFOKLA formed with the intention to increase awareness of the importance of watershed management for the entire region. It is a recognized 501(c)3, non-profit, New York State Corporation. Our board consists of two elected representatives from each of four lake associations: Song Lake Property Owners Association, Crooked Lake Homeowners Association, Tully Lake Property Owners Association, and Little York Lake Improvement Society.

Current Work

With the mission of education and awareness, each of our meetings begins with a 20 to 30 minute presentation from



professionals. Many experts have presented on a wide variety of subjects, however all relate to watershed issues. Past speakers include: Bill Kappel, from the

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Barbara Albro
Nate Curry
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James Seaman
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Mary Anne McCloskey, Secretary

Planning Board regular scheduled meeting:
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Amy Bertini
Robert Lieber
Linda Riehlman
Kay Vossler
Don Armstrong, Attorney
Mary Anne McCloskey, Secretary

Zoning Board of Appeals regular scheduled meeting:
1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm

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Ann McLyman
William Underwood

Recreation Chairman: Babe Carroll
Phone 607-299-4474

Historian: Anne Henderson, Phone 607-749-2044

Population: 1,582 (2000 Census)
Registered Voters: 946

Town of Preble website: www.preble-ny.org
Cortland County website: www.cortland-co.org

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to submit materials and ideas for future newsletters to:

Debra Brock
7375 Song Lake Road
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Or email to: dbrock1@twcny.rr.com
Or jdoring@twcny.rr.com

Message from the Supervisor

It has been a long cold winter but finally, Spring, warm weather, and longer days are here. With the warmer longer days, come an abundance of outdoor activities.

Our annual Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 30th, commencing at 11:00 A.M. Our guest speaker will be New York State Assembly Minority Leader, Brian Kolb. This year the Tully High School Band will be marching and playing. We encourage all Preble residents to be a part of this important holiday event.

Saturday, June 4th, is scheduled for the community yard and garage sale. As this is an annual event, we usually generate lots of visitors from outside of Preble. So, clean out those attics, closets, and basements and sell your unwanted stuff. One person's unwanted item is another person's treasure. Thank you Donna Wheelock for organizing this event.

The Town of Preble will host a Community Day at the Preble Park on Saturday afternoon, July 30th, starting at 4 P.M. Food and drink will be provided by the Preble Fire Department and live music will be provided by Jeremy Benedict. Sharing the stage with Jeremy will be Jason, The Entertainer, a comedian from Syracuse. For the children, there will be a clown act, bounce house, and games. The evening will wind down

with a bonfire being lit at 9 P.M. Mark your calendar! This is your opportunity to come out and meet new residents and reconnect with longtime neighbors and friends. All Preble residents are invited.

As mentioned in our Fall newsletter, the town of Preble received a Community Development Block Grant for the purpose of rehabilitating owner occupied housing. There are still funds available. If you would like to apply for this grant, please call Thoma Development at 607-753-1433.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. Please remember to participate in the many non-profit community activities our town has to offer. Together, we can all help make Preble a wonderful place to live.



*Jim Doring
Supervisor*

At Your Service,
Jim Doring
Supervisor

Kettle Lake Assoc. - Cont'd

US Geological Survey -John T. Helgren, Public Health Engineer, Cortland County Health Department - Pat Reidy, Water Quality Specialist, Cortland County Soil & Water - Dr. Lars Rudstam, Director and Dr. Randy Jackson, Senior Research Associate from the Cornell University Biological Field Station - Dr. Kimberley Schulz, Associate Professor at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry focusing on limnology - Joe Heath, General Counsel for the Onondaga Nation and Environmental Activist - Mat Webber from the Isaac Walton League – and many more.

This year, two interns from SUNY-ESF are working with C-OFOKLA. Andrew Brainard is a doctoral student working to identify the different lake species and map their presence with human development. Adriana Beltrani is a senior completing her project to help all our lakes establish carry capacities for our watershed management planning.

Water Festival

Fun, food and information! We will

have our annual indoor/ outdoor picnic again this year at the Little York Lake Pavilion in September. Please watch for our announcement and do join us at this gorgeous setting.

Join Us

Join us, and learn about the fish, plants and other fascinating life in our lakes and streams. Join us, and understand issues of water quality and water testing, or hear from experts about the geology of the region or how climate change will affect our waters. Join us, and learn the importance of best management practices for septic systems, lawn care and other watershed planning and management issues. Ideas for presentations are always welcome.

Look for a posting of our future meetings and presentations in the events listings in the Cortland Standard and the Syracuse Post Standard. Better yet, follow us on our website at www.cofokla.org

If you are interested in learning more or have an idea for a presentation, please call Tarki Heath at 696-5262.

Preble Garden Club

Garden Club is up and running for the season! The club generally meets on the second Tuesday of the month and the program agenda can be found on-line at the Preble website, www.preble-ny.org under the "Calendar" link. For additional information, please contact Sue Wright at (607) 749-4431 or Pat Griswold at (607) 749-3678.

Plans are underway for flowers to be planted at the town hall and cemetery before Memorial Day. In addition to the two new lilac trees planted at the memorial boulder last fall, the club is planning to add two french lilacs later this spring. Weather permitting, a plant sale will be held on Memorial Day, May 30th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the corner of Preble Road and Rt. 281.

Recreation Department

The Recreation Committee is busy getting the Preble Park ready for family reunions, summer picnics, etc. We are making improvements to the kitchen facilities with the purchase of a new stove and with a new coat of paint applied by John Morgan.

The Preble Softball team is looking for players. Please call Jill or Bill Sears at 607-749-4289 if you would like to be on the team. Due to lack of players, Preble won't have a Babe Ruth team for boys this year. Maybe next year.

There will be a Community Volley Ball Night at the Preble Park once a week during the months of July and August on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Contact Jill or Bill Sears if you would like to play.

From the Town Assessor

I want to thank the town board for asking me to continue to be the town's assessor after the county legislature discontinued my position as a county employee. This means that I will actually be in your town much more than before. Working around the Tuesday court nights I will be in the town hall – or traveling around the town doing site inspections – on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 5:30 – 9:30pm. Dates and hours are posted at the town hall.

If you need to contact me you may call the town hall and leave a voice message or you may email me at assessor.griswold@gmail.com Mail for me used to go to the county office building and I will still check there – just in case – but the best mailing address for me now is the town hall.

Nedra Griswold, Assessor

Fire Department Report

The Preble Fire Department was relatively busy in 2010 with a total of 148 calls answered. Of those calls, 57% were Emergency Medical calls and 25% were calls for service on Interstate 81.

The election of officers for 2011 was held in December with Chief Compton and 1st Asst. Chief Allen being re-elected to the same positions. Additional election results were, 2nd Asst. Chief Clinton Dalley, 3rd Asst Chief Nick Casterline, President Jeff Griswold, Treasurer Betty Ann Pitman, and Secretary Renee Compton. Ethan Allen was appointed Fire Captain and Jeff Griswold was appointed EMS Captain.

The Department held several fundraisers including 6 Pancake Breakfasts and a Chicken Barbecue. The Department also participated in Community Night at Preble Park which is planned this year for July 30th.

As always the Department is seeking new members. To inquire, stop by the Fire Hall any Monday night at 7 p.m., or call 607-749-4237.

The Preble Fire Department thanks our community for your continued support.

Historian Notes

by Anne Henderson

In March, I hosted a Cabin Fever Lunch at the fire station. Nearly 50 people came and enjoyed a dish-to-pass meal together. Our oldest town resident, Alice Clark Reynolds came and had a great time visiting and seeing fellow neighbors and friends. Alice celebrated her 96th birthday in late January so we all sang Happy Birthday to her. Our long hard winter prompted much discussion and lead to reminiscing about past winters we remembered. I am hoping to have another gathering in late fall before winter sets in.

There will be a dedication of an historical marker that will be placed on Currie Road later in May. It denotes the first church formed by missionaries at Preble Center in 1804. In 1810 they organized the First Presbyterian Church. It was also the first Presbyterian Church in Cortland County. The first meetinghouse was erected in 1815 and the burial grounds directly behind it in 1816. In 1830 the church building was moved across the valley and became a private residence where Song Lake Road and Song Lake Crossing Road meet. A much larger church was built at the original location on Currie Road in 1831. In 1859, the church was moved across the fields from Route 11 to the Preble Village. It continues to stand in town having had additions and renovations made over the years. In 2004, a 200th anniversary celebration was observed. In 2011, the lighted steeple shines brightly as a beacon to travelers on I-81 and local roads. It is home to the Preble Children's Center, which cares for area children and to a community food pantry, which is open once a month to help those in need. As in the early days of Preble, people join in worship and fellowship each week.

I applied for a grant to receive an historical marker through the William G Pomeroy Foundation in Syracuse last fall. Earlier this year, we received notice that they chose Preble to receive funding for a marker. This marker will be placed at the beginning of East Hill Road which is off of the East Homer-Baltimore Road. This will denote the first school in Preble in 1801. At this time, Preble was still a part of Tully. Students came from Tully and also from Homer. Miss Ruth Thorpe was the teacher. In 1808, Preble separated from Tully and joined, as a town, with Cortland County.



Because You Asked...

There are some residents who have inquired about the relationship between the town supervisor and the planning board and zoning board. In this brief article, I will explain these relationships. The town supervisor is an elected official hired by the town to preside at all town board meetings. The town supervisor is also a member of the town board and must vote on all matters that may arise. The planning and zoning boards are created by the town board and by means of appointment. These boards function independently from the town board except where the planning and zoning boards must submit certain recommendations to the town board. The supervisor has no oversight over the planning or zoning boards. Once established, these boards are independent and autonomous in their functioning with the understanding that they are working for the benefit of the town. Neither the town board nor the supervisor should have any undue influence on the functioning of these boards. Anyone who has additional questions on this topic is welcome to email or call me.

Jim Doring
Town Supervisor

Upcoming Events

Clean-up Days: May 20th & 21st from 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Salt Shed on Route 281

Memorial Day Ceremony: This year's event will be on Monday, May 30th at 11:00 a.m. starting at the Memorial Boulder on the east side of the village. The Tully High School marching band will participate and everyone is encouraged to dress up and take part in the parade to the cemetery.

Annual Preble Town Garage Sale: Saturday June 4, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Donna Wheelock by June 1st if you wish to advertise in the paper. Her number is, 607-749-4805.

Preble Community Day Picnic: Saturday, July 30, 2011 at Preble Park starting at 4 p.m. and concluding with a bonfire at 9 p.m. There will be food, games, and entertainment for all. Don't miss this great opportunity to interact with friends and neighbors in our community.

Town of Preble Building Permits Spring 2011 Report

Date	Property Owner	Notes
10/11/2010	Mike Fay	Addition, 7556 Song Lake Road
11/01/2010	Mark Drum	Demolition, 7073 St. Rt. 281
11/22/2010	Drum Construction/Mirabito	Convenience Store Construction, 7073 St. Rt. 281
12/13/2010	Linda Pearson	Pole Barn, 6270 Little York Road
03/28/2011	Jeffrey Bordwell	Addition, 7205 St. Rt. 11
04/04/2011	David and Kimberly Brown	Bathroom/shop, 6754 E. Homer Baltimore Road

Code Enforcement Officer Rick Fritz holds office hours in the Preble Town Hall each Monday afternoon from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., and can be reached other times at telephone number 607-591-9898.

Farmland Protection Update

Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan from the beginning:

In 2007 the Towns of Homer, Preble, and Scott discussed applying to New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for funding to develop a joint Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan (AFPP) focusing on protecting farmland in the Towns of Homer, Preble, and Scott. It was discovered that only two towns could be on a single application. At that point the one application was made for Homer and Scott and a second application was made for Preble. The two applications were awarded funding in 2008. The purpose of the plan is for the community to document the importance of local farms and the challenges facing local farmers, as well as to develop strategies that the three towns can implement including drafting language revisions to each town's zoning and subdivision ordinances.



Spring plowing was made more difficult this year due to the rainy weather. This either caused delays or messy plowing conditions for farmers.

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This AFPP is a report on the state of agriculture in the Towns of Homer, Preble, and Scott today and a template for the future of agriculture for the three towns. It provides a snapshot of various economic data as well as data on land and soil resources, regulatory issues and trends in agriculture and land use.

The AFPP contains a number of recommendations for action by the three towns both regionally as three towns and as individual towns when appropriate. In addition, there are recommendations that others in the community can undertake to promote the long-term viability of agriculture in the three town region.

Agriculture is closely connected with the history of the Towns of Homer, Preble, and Scott. Local municipal support for agriculture has often been informal as the Town Board and other boards and committees have farmer representation on them. The AFPP will now formalize each town's support of agriculture both in the town and in the three town region from this point forward.

2011 Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan completion schedule:

May - Revised draft (third revision) plan to town officials for comment prior to a public meeting..

June, July - Public meetings will be held in each town for comment on the fourth revision. Plan will be sent to Cortland Co AFPP and NYSDAM for comment.

August –September - Final Plan will be presented to the towns for formal adoption.

The public meeting planned for the Town of Preble residents this summer will be announced in the Cortland Standard and the PennySaver. Notices will be placed in the Town Hall and local businesses. The announcement will also be posted on the preble-ny.org website.

Copies of the AFPP draft can be viewed at the Preble Town Hall or on the [preble_ny.org](http://www.preble-ny.org/projects-farmland-protection.htm) website: <http://www.preble-ny.org/projects-farmland-protection.htm>

Climate Change Innovation Program Grant awarded to the Town of Preble

In October, 2010, a grant was awarded to the Town of Preble by Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board (CNYRPDB). The Climate Change Innovation Grant (CCIP) award, sponsored by the EPA, is up to \$30,000, with an equal match from other sources, for a potential \$60,000 to be used to implement a pilot project.

The Town of Preble chose to retrofit a municipal building for energy efficiency as our pilot project, and chose the Preble Town Hall as the site for the retrofit effort.

The overall goal of the US EPA Climate Showcase Communities grant program is to create replicable models of community action that generate cost-effective and persistent greenhouse gas reductions while improving the environmental, economic, public health, or social conditions in a community. Specific goals are:

To improve energy performance in local government operations

To remove barriers for greenhouse gas management

To reduce vehicle miles traveled through the development of effective local government programs, policies, and outreach in the areas of land use, transportation, and community master planning.

The Town of Preble will:

1. Follow the 5 Milestone Process established by the Cities for Climate Protection campaign administered by ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability. This requirement includes completion of a greenhouse gas inventory of local government operations by using ICLEI's Clean Air and Climate Protection (CACP) software and completion of a Climate Action Plan. CNYRPDB will provide up to \$1,000 for communities to join ICLEI and receive access to the CACP software.

2. Adopt the Climate Smart Communities Pledge, a voluntary program administered by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in partnership with local communities throughout the state. The CNYRPDB will help local communities to carry out the Pledge and implement local climate and energy efficiency measures.

3. Become a Pledge Driver for the United States Environmental Protection Agency's "Change the World, Start with Energy Star" campaign. The CNY RPDB will assist local communities to develop outreach strategies to educate and motivate community members. The Town of Preble is given credit for each person who takes the pledge. Each pledge is valued and added to the Town of Preble's Community Outreach Goal.

An Advisory Committee is formed to develop a plan for Preble's grant responsibilities. The committee will set Preble goals and time schedules and have oversight on the tasks that the plan includes. The Advisory Committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00 P.M. at the Preble Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Lynn Webb, CCIP Advisory Committee Chairperson

Debbie Brock, CCIP Program Manager

Committee members:

Jim Doring

Tom Fox

Mike Compton

Jeff Griswold

Jim Seaman

Peter Knapp

David Morse

John Steger

Jay Currie

Tarki Heath

Some other communities chosen by CNYRPDB to participate in the CCIP program are: City of Cortland, City of Syracuse, Village of Skaneateles, Madison County, Oswego County, Village of Port Byron and Town of Dewitt.