



# Preble Today

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## Neighborly FFA Help Gets Trees Planted



*Five members of the Homer FFA that donated their time to assist with the tree planting at Preble Park are (L. to R.): Tristin Brown, Nichole Ponticello, Marissa Phelps, Danielle Angell, and McKenzie Brown. More page 3.*

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# Message From the Supervisor

Greetings and happy spring! There has been no shortage of news and activities over the past few months.

The I-81 bridge repair is coming to a conclusion. With the overpass now finished, I asked Gene Cilento, spokesman for the NY State Department of Transportation, when he expected Preble Road to reopen. He said it would be closed until mid-July. This is because additional work is needed under and around the bridge. They will also be repaving the road in the work zone area. Preble residents are welcomed to call Gene at NYSDOT for current status at 315-428-4351.

On April 21, 2014, a large enthusiastic contingency of Preble residents planted 70 trees in Preble Park. Norway Spruce and Douglas Fir were planted along the east border of the park as a barrier to I-81. Large more mature maple and oak trees were planted around the play areas.

The town board is pleased to announce Preble will have a youth program this summer. The board was recently approached by Renee Compton, who gave a powerpoint presentation showing that Preble has enough children to warrant having a youth program and that there is community interest as well. She also volunteered to create and run the program. In years past, Preble had a successful summer youth program headed by the Recreation Committee. Over time, it faded out due to a decline in our youth population. Now, with a sufficient youth population once again; a preliminary survey showing significant interest; and a member of the community, Renee Compton, willing to take on the task of creating, implementing and running a program, the town board gave the go ahead, for her to create a youth program this summer.

One of the biggest stories over the past months has been the Post Office changes. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, the United States Postal Service sent a letter to box holders announcing "the opening of the Preble Village Post Office at Uncle Tom's Family Grocery and Deli beginning on May 17." The Post Office at the town hall will then change to morning hours only. Many residents have asked me about this postal change. Due to the financial state of the USPS, they are consolidating and making changes. Neither I, nor the Preble Town Board had any influence on this decision. The USPS has a five year lease with the Town and they have approximately two years remaining on that lease for the space in the town hall

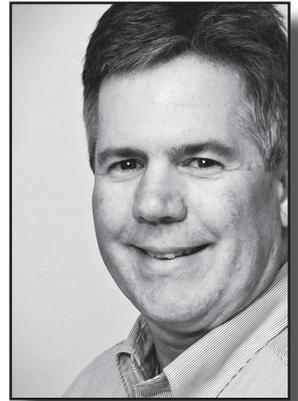
building. The town board has not been officially contacted yet by the USPS concerning their future plans.

As many of you may be aware, the town board voted unanimously

in March to revise the town's zoning code which bans the exploration and extraction of natural gas through hydraulic fracturing and the high volume storage of propane. Preble is now the first town in Cortland County to do so. Towns such as Preble have the right to "home rule" according to the New York State Constitution. The State of NY has had an ongoing moratorium against hydrofracking activities for the past five years. It seems that Albany is hesitant to make a committed decision one way or the other. We realize that this decision can be controversial. However, our reasoning was to remain consistent with our comprehensive plan which calls for; "retaining the overall rural character of the Town"; the "protection of the Cortland Valley Sole Source Aquifer"; the "continued protection of the Town's lakes"; and the "preservation of prime agricultural land". It was in this context that the board decided to make the zoning code revisions.

Our Memorial Day Parade and ceremony will be held on Monday, May 26 at 11am. Our guest speaker will be Cyndi Park, Executive Director at the Waterloo, NY Library and Historical Society. Ms. Park was formerly the museum director at the National Memorial Day Museum in Waterloo. We are looking forward to hearing from her and honoring our veterans. This parade and ceremony is the premier annual event for the Town of Preble. This is an excellent opportunity for friends, family and neighbors to get together.

Please remember to support the non-profit groups who put on chicken barbeques and other fund raising events. As always, should anyone have questions, comments or just want to chat, please feel free to email or call me. Have a great summer!



*Jim Doring*

At Your Service,  
Jim Doring

# Spruce Up America Project

A look and perspective through the eyes of....

## Community Partner

For the last few years, the Garden Club had discussed the need for shade trees at the park, especially near the two playground areas. We had been involved in the renovation of the flower beds at the town hall and the memorial boulder grounds. So when the opportunity arose to be a partner with the Homer FFA in the Spruce Up America project, for the purpose of planting trees at the park, the club was overwhelmingly in favor. On the day of the plantings, not only did FFA high school students appear but so did many Preble children come to participate. They worked together, had fun together, and embraced the project in such a manner that made us proud of our youth. Years from now some of them are going to bring their children to the park and show them the trees they helped plant.



*Bridget and Zack Hulbert were two Preble youth who participated in the local Spruce Up America Project.*

## School Partner

Homer FFA members Marissa Phelps, Danielle Angell, Nichole Ponticello, McKenzie Brown and Tristin Brown, along with their Advisor Mrs. Kathy Pratt, thoroughly enjoyed the experience of planting evergreens and maples to improve the Preble Park! We learned a lot about planting different types of trees from Mr. Ron Rogers, a Preble resident and tree specialist with Michael Grimm Services.

Many hands make light work and we worked alongside volunteers of all ages, giving back to the environment in a project that will increase the enjoyment of the Preble Park for years to come!

We were very impressed with all the people from Preble who came together for this project - from organizing all the details, getting everyone out to plant, to making delicious cookies to keep us energized! Preble has a lot to be proud of! Thank you for giving Homer FFA the opportunity to be involved in this wonderful community effort!

## Community member

"It was great to see the community come together like that. I bring the kids I babysit to the park so it will be nice to have some trees for shade. Hopefully, more people will be drawn to the park now." - Erin Casterline

## Preble Fire Department

"As a member of the Fire Department and the community it was a great opportunity to collaborate with everyone. Watching this project cultivate from an idea by Laura Doring to such a successful community activity was inspiring. The Spruce Up America Project reinforces that as a community we can accomplish goals. I had asked some of our department members to participate with the planting and was very pleased to see those who turned out." - Renee Compton

When asked to share their thoughts, the young firefighters unanimously agreed it was a great experience, as well as an opportunity to work together while getting the community together, meeting new people, and having fun!

"It was a lot of fun with the kids and to get out with the town. I think that it is something that should be done more often." - Bridget

"It was wonderful to see the community members along with others come together to make everything happen. Hope to see future generations enjoy the park and what it offers the community" - Richard

"The people were kind and joyful which made it all the better. Being outside helping is always fun and today was extremely fun!" - Frankie

"I had a lot of fun doing it and it was good to see the community come together." - Jason

"Planting the trees helps get out and do things outside. People met new people and I would gladly do it again." - Zach

Chief Michael Compton really wrapped up the day's events with this, "It was nice to see the enthusiasm of the younger members of the community working together to beautify and spruce up the park not only for their use, but for generations to come. Everyone seemed to work well together. I believe that the older generations present were happy and pleasantly surprised with the attitude, work ethics, and enjoyment that the younger generation displayed."

## Coordinator

Support, enthusiasm and participation in the Spruce Up America program to plant trees in Preble Park was overwhelming. It all started



*FFA Advisor Kathy Pratt looks on while Ron Rogers, of Michael Grimm Services, demonstrates how to properly plant a tree.*

with a talented and knowledgeable planning team and concluded, on April 21, 2014, when community members of all ages came together to plant the trees.

Many children showed up to help. In addition to the five students from Kathy Pratt's Homer High School FFA class, there were youth from the Fire Department, the McBride Trailer Park as well as children from the Preble Children's Center. The older children helped plant the seedlings, while the younger ones helped water the trees. "Four cups for every tree!" they chanted as they marched off with their cups and water buckets in hand to water the thirsty trees. The very young children learned the value of earthworms as they took part in replacing the soil around a newly planted Red Sunset Maple.

Support for the project came from many places. The Recreation Committee prepared the bathrooms and pavilion for use. The Preble Garden Club provided pizza, drinks and homemade cookies for the hungry helpers, and Dunkin' Donuts provided morning refreshments. Donations from Northeast Transformer Services, Kennedy Hardwood, Seven Valley Snow Goers, and Pomeroy, Armstrong, Casullo & Monty, allowed us to purchase ten larger oaks and maples to plant around the playgrounds. The Burt's volunteered to transport the larger trees and Kathy Pratt, the seedlings. Michael Grimm Services donated mulch and an expert, Ron Rogers, who demonstrated the proper way to plant trees. The Highway Department used their equipment to clear and level the site for planting. The Brock's loaned out their truck and

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# Historian Notes

by Anne Henderson

In the mid to late 1940's, State Route 281 reached Preble. A smooth wide road now beckoned people to travel more easily through the northern part of Cortland County and beyond. As a result, new businesses began to spring up in Preble.

One of the few remaining businesses, is the store on Route 281 known as, Uncle Tom's Family Grocery and Deli. In the early 1950's Earl Dennis built and operated the store. Other owners, in order of succession, were Walt Neuman, Don Palmer, Don Wright, Al Arcurio, Doug Brown, and the Farino's. Today it is owned and operated by Tom Fox. When motels became popular for the traveling public, Mr. Dennis built the Preble Motel next to the store. Today, it's a private residence.

George Lewis had a Sinclair gas station that sat to the left of the tan house on the north-west corner of Route 281 and Preble Road. He and his family lived in the house next to it on the corner. Later, a person named Parker-son had a bait shop there. The gas station and bait shop have long since been replaced by a private residence.

In the late 1940's the Chaffee family lived in the house on the opposite corner of Route 281 and Preble Road. Jerome "Spike" Strong repaired bicycles in the small building to the north of the home. The front part was a small store where you could buy candy, cigarettes, and soda while visiting with townspeople. In 1956, the Woody Swayze family purchased the property. He repaired vehicles and had an Esso gas station out front. His wife, Bessie, would often be seen pumping gas for customers. Woody was our town supervisor for many years. He then became our county legislator and was county chair. Bessie was one of our oldest town residents living to the age of 103!

After Woody closed shop, Gary Bolt ran the gas station and had a repair car shop there.

No longer a gas station, Scott Allen used the small building to operate his Scott's Small Engine repair business. Scott's was the last business to operate on that corner.

In 1967, Jim and Pat Griswold started the first laundromat in town. It was located on their property along Route 281 north of Preble Road. It was a brand new structure offering townspeople the use of washers and dryers seven days a week. It was a bright and cheery place where people could catch up on their washing and visit with friends at the same time. Jim and Pat continued the business until 1980. The yellow cinderblock building can still be seen today.

Traveling south on Route 281 from Preble



*Woody Swayze purchased this Esso gas station in 1956. Woody was the town supervisor for many years.*

and just past Steger Road on the right, Anna Rich had a little gift shop know as the Hillside Gift Shop. It was a great place to go at Christmas and other times throughout the year to get just the right gift for someone.

Further south on Route 281, Leon Smith had a very nice chicken business and just before Mt. Toppin Road, a Mr. Walker started a trailer park. Just past Mt Toppin Road on the right, Rena Sweeney had a tourist home where travelers could stay and rest. It was similar to a Bed and Breakfast, but on a smaller scale.

Businesses sprung up on Steger Road as well. Next to the Calvary Baptist Church, Carroll Nye ran a pallet and saw dust business for many years. The business was run out of the barn behind the house Malcom Nye lived in. Mac worked with his father in the pallet business until it closed.

A little farther down Steger Road, Jack Morgan started the Preble Auto Sales. Jack was mechanically minded and always knew which part was needed to get a car back on the road. Jack was also a super painter and paper hanger.

In 1960, Charlie Randall opened a barber shop in the motel that Earl Dennis built. He later moved his shop to a room in the Swayze home on the corner. Eventually, he bought the house on the corner of Preble Road and Reynolds Road where he set up shop until he retired. A long time resident of Preble, Charlie grew up in the house next to the Swayze house on Preble Road, graduated from Homer High School in 1956 and joined the army before opening his barber shop. He "clipped" people in Preble for more than 50 years!

Farther down on Preble Road, where 1-81 runs through, Frank Corl had a successful lumber business.

For many years, Preble was well known for growing cabbage. Nearly every farmer in Preble grew the cash crop. At one time, there were four dealers of cabbage in town. As a dealer, Robert Knapp sold cabbage plants to the farmers in the spring and bought the harvested cabbage from them in the fall to sell out of town. Mannie Siegle had a business near Little York Lake called Victor Produce. Ruth Riehlman was Mannie's bookkeeper for many years. Louis and Irving Kaplan operated Preble Produce, a processing plant that made sauerkraut. It was located where Beck Equipment is today. They employed many towns people including: Carrie Plank, Loretta Nye, Evelyn Fox, Meta Baldwin, and the Ted Fox family. On Route 281 between the park and the Mountain View Restaurant, Morris Swartz had a large building for buying and storing cabbage.

Today, only one farmer, Joe Simon, is still growing the crop that made Preble so well known years ago. His cabbage is shipped to a processing plant in Mullica Hill, NJ.

It was a lot of work to grow cabbage. First, the seed was planted in a cabbage bed, a small plot of land where the plants were started. When they got to be about six inches high, they were then planted by hand in the fields. Throughout the summer, many young kids in town would go and pull out the mustard plants that grew in the fields. Later, they would help the farmers with the harvest. At harvest time, the cabbage was all cut by hand and it still is today. It was then bagged, put on a truck for shipment out of town or moved to one of the plants in town to be processed or sold.

Next time, I'll talk about how Interstate 81 changed the town of Preble.

# SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM 2014

The Preble Town Board has given the green light to initiate a youth program to serve our youth. The Preble Park Youth Program will be run during the months of July and August under the supervision and planning of Renee Compton. Preble will be partnering with neighboring communities to provide an array of adventures which will include fields trips. There will be a small cost for the field trips and for some park based activities. Park activities may include: Sports Day, Arts & Craft Day, Water Play Day, Movie Night. Field trips may be to: the zoo, baseball games, Green Lakes State Park or other fun destinations. There's so much we can do!

Weekly activities will be held at Preble Park for various age groups. A calendar of events will be made available in mid-June on the Preble website and at the Town Hall. Parents and children can review the calendar to decide which activities they would like to participate in. As with any program, there will be permission slips and various forms to be completed for each child who participates. These forms will be available on the Preble Website, at Preble Park during supervised activities, at the Town Hall, or directly from Mrs. Compton. There will be supervision for all activities and field trips.

The youth program team is asking your assistance in making this program a success!! Please take a few moments to complete a survey which will help ensure the Preble Park Youth Program meets the needs of our youth. You can fill out the survey on line at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/L7NPPPD](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/L7NPPPD), or by using the form on the back side of this page. Both methods are anonymous. Your feedback is valued and greatly appreciated. Please submit the survey or return via mail by Thursday, June 5, 2014.

The planning team is excited to provide a summer youth program for the children in our community. Thank you for your help in the planning process by completing the survey. For more information, contact Renee Compton at 607-749-4227 or via e-mail at: [prebleparkyouthprogram@gmail.com](mailto:prebleparkyouthprogram@gmail.com)

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**Mail To:**

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# Preble Park Youth Program Survey

Please take a moment to read over the following questions in the survey. As you answer each question, please mark any and all activities your child(ren) would be interested in. Parents are welcome to attend any of the activities; in some cases, such as a trip to a Syracuse Chiefs' game, the whole family is welcome – provided there is room. All thoughts, comments and ideas are welcomed and encouraged. Your feedback is very important in providing the best possible program; one which will meet the needs of the children in our community. Please note that all feedback will be read and given consideration in the program planning process.

1. What are the age(s) of your child(ren) and how many:  
 2-5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6-10 \_\_\_\_\_ 11- 15 \_\_\_\_\_ 16- 20 \_\_\_\_\_

2. What activities would they enjoy:  
 Basketball \_\_\_\_\_ Volleyball \_\_\_\_\_ Soccer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Play \_\_\_\_\_ Movie Night \_\_\_\_\_ Arts & Crafts \_\_\_\_\_  
 Painting \_\_\_\_\_ Swimming \_\_\_\_\_ Swimming Lessons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Woodworking \_\_\_\_\_ Baseball \_\_\_\_\_ Gardening/Flower beds \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tee ball \_\_\_\_\_ Softball \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. What Field Trips would interest them:  
 Science Center \_\_\_\_\_ Green Lakes SP \_\_\_\_\_ Yaman Park \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pizza & Movie \_\_\_\_\_ Mini Golf \_\_\_\_\_ Bowling \_\_\_\_\_  
 Roller skating \_\_\_\_\_ Library \_\_\_\_\_ Theatre \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wonder Works \_\_\_\_\_ Zoo \_\_\_\_\_ Cortland County Fair \_\_\_\_\_  
 Syracuse Chiefs Baseball Game \_\_\_\_\_ Kayaking/tubing/canoeing \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Would your child(ren) participate in a free Summer Lunch Program, if it were available?  
 Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

5. Does your child(ren) live within walking distance of the park? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ **If no**, does your child(ren) have transportation available to the park? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

6. The Youth Program team is seeking volunteers, 18 years or older, to chaperone either the park based activities and/or the Field Trips. Would you be interested in chaperoning?  
 Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
**If yes**, please contact Renee Compton at 607.749.4227

7. Do you have any questions, thoughts, or comments?  
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# Water Travels

by Tarki Heath

Those who attended the March 17<sup>th</sup> presentation at the Tully High School Auditorium were treated to a stunning environmental photo essay narrated by the photographer, David O. Brown. It was a visual treat with spectacular photographs of polar bears, colorful birds of the Amazon, and whales and fish from oceans and rivers around the globe. His presentation was also a wake-up call for awareness of our precious water resources. David presented pictures

from the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill which he described as, "an exercise in futility." He spoke too, of the deliberate contamination of water through the hydraulic fracturing process and included a video he took while in Pennsylvania. In the end, David brought us home to the Finger Lakes with photographs of our native bluegill and pumpkinseed fish and his favorite amphibian, the red spotted newt. David's overarching message: "water is the stuff of life, as we know it," and the Earth's water needs protection.

David is originally from the 6 Mile Creek

area in Ithaca where he has returned to live after traveling the world. He is working on a project involving the underwater documentation of the Finger Lakes region of New York, made possible by grant from the Park Foundation. Still, he continues his work as a worldwide producer, videographer, photographer, and lecturer, specializing in water-related subjects.

As a member of the Cousteau team, David participated in filming expeditions with the vessels *Calypso* and *Alcyone* for over seven years exploring above and below water environments from Papua New Guinea to Alaska. He also designed a Cousteau Society lecture program about marine and freshwater environments which he presented at universities, trade associations and aboard cruise vessels around the world. Brown left The Cousteau Society to begin Passage Productions, a documentary film company and stock house. His work has aired on NBC, CBS, ABC, CNN, Discovery Channel and National Geographic television.

Prior to David's presentation that evening, the SUNY-ESF Limnology class projects on the Kettle Lakes were posted for viewing. The students and Professor Kimberley Schulz were on-hand to question and converse with about these projects. This is the fourth year that Professor Schulz has brought her class to our lakes for their class projects, and they were, once again, truly impressive! All of those are listed on the Song Lake website: [www.songlakewatershed.org](http://www.songlakewatershed.org) on the "Student Projects" page.

This event was sponsored by The Cortland-Onondaga Federation of Kettle Lake Associations, Inc. To learn more about us, go to our website: [www.cofokla.org](http://www.cofokla.org) You can see a few more pictures at our Facebook page too.



Photographer/videographer David Owen Brown described his adventures traveling the world and photographing about the earth's water and the animals that depend on it.

## Spruce Up America - Cont'd

water tank to water the trees. Homer High School and the Preble Fire Department sent many hands to help with the planting. In the end, it was members of the community who came with eager hearts and capable hands, bearing: shovels and rakes, buckets, rope, water, and lawn tractors with trailers, who put it all together and made the project a success.

At the end of the day, a double row of little pines stood upright in a long straight line and lovely tall oaks and maples accompanied the playgrounds, offering the promise of shade and beauty in the years to come. What a wonderful sight it was to see the fruits of this labor of love for the park take root for generations to come!

# Calvary Baptist Church of Preble Gets New Pastor, New Building

By Pastor Tim Mowers

Calvary Baptist is pleased to announce that they have called a new pastor to serve their church family. Pastor Tim Mowers and his wife Barb bring over 20 years of ministry experience to Calvary. The Mowers served for 16 years as Church Planting Missionaries in Cape Town, South Africa. Prior to going to South Africa, Pastor Tim served in Preble as an intern under the mentoring of Calvary's former pastor, Merle Brown.

The Mowers hope to use their experiences to help lead Calvary into the future. "Our goal is to have a greater impact in our community and the surrounding communities." In December, the church distributed Christmas boxes in the community and visited several homes to sing Christmas carols to them as part of their outreach efforts. They also have several activities planned for the coming months to serve their neighbors in Preble.

Activities planned for the community this summer include:

- a once a month Sunday evening meeting in Preble Park with free hotdogs for all who come, the first one is to be June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- a two day event in Preble Park on August 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> for children in the community to come and participate in

fun, games, and snacks.

We will keep you updated on these events and hope you will join us. Watch for our posters around town for more details.

Calvary is excited to have Pastor Mowers' son Josh coming to do an internship. Josh has been studying for youth ministry at Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania. Upon his graduation in May, he will begin putting that training into practice at Calvary Baptist. His passion for working with young people fits well with Calvary's desire to see the next generation remain engaged in church and community service.

Calvary Church is excited to begin breaking ground for their new church building. The work will commence in May with ground leveling and site preparation. Soon after, foundations will be dug, footers poured and walls raised for the new building. Construction of the facility will be done by Church Care Construction. Dale and Colleen Murphy, members of Calvary who have been serving as Missionary Builders with Church Care Construction, will return to Preble as part of the team that will assist with the year-long project. The new site is located opposite Preble Park on Route 281. All who travel on Route 281 can watch the progress over the next several months.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Tim on (845) 476-0922 or the church phone (607) 749-4221. Please know that you are always welcome in our services.

## Preble Activities

All are welcome to participate in the following activities.

- **Preble Garage Sale** - Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **Community Volleyball** - In the Preble Park, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. for the months of July and August First night will be July 8<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Jill or Bill Sears at 607-749-4289.
- **Community Picnic and Band** - Date and details will be posted on the Preble website and on the Town Hall bulletin board.

## Town of Preble Building Permits Spring 2014 Report

<u>Date</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Address</u>
11/01/2013	Tyler McIntosh	Walkway to basement	6775 State Rt 281
12/09/2013	Roger A. Beck	Update paint booth electric	2090 Preble Rd
02/03/2014	John Morgan	Deck upgrade, bath, stairs	6769 Steger Rd
02/10/2014	Stacy Piano	Wood Stove	1779 Song Mountain Rd
03/03/2014	Richard G Kurtz	8 x 10 shed	7634 St. Charles Bay Rd
04/07/2014	Calvary Baptist Church	New Church	6753 State Route 281
04/07/2014	Don Fisher	Bath and Bedroom	6234 Little York Lake Rd

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.