

Town of Preble Building Permits Spring 2015 Report

Date	Property Owner	Notes
11/03/2014	Matthew Hale, Sr	Shed, 29 Marybelle Lane
11/10/2014	Blue Top Management LLC	Deck 6' x 8' 63 Marybelle Lane
12/15/2014	Richard Bandy	Step and small deck Marybelle Park
12/22/2014	Mountain View	Electric, plumbing, etc. 6662 St Rt 281
03/09/2015	NRG Solar	Rooftop system 1987 Preble Road
03/09/2015	NRG Solar	Rooftop system 6888 Route 281
03/23/2015	Contento Contracting	Demolition 6894 Route 281
03/23/2015	Glenn Carig	Demolition 1901 Preble Road
03/23/2015	D L Haumann & Sons	Addition 7667 St. Charles Bay
04/06/2015	Comfort Window	New Deck 14' x 14' 2133 Friendly Shore
04/06/2015	Preble Church	Remodel
04/13/2015	Dianne Bickerton	Rooftop PV System 6888 North Street
04/13/2015	Blue Top Management LLC	Sign 42 x 48 Marybelle Lane
04/20/2015	Crown Construction	Install Dormers 6250 Little York Lake
04/27/2015	Christopher White	40' x 30' garage 6616 E. Homer Baltimore
04/27/2015	Don Fisher	24' x 26' garage 6234 Little York Lake
04/27/2015	Julie Palermo	14' x 20' shed 6169 Dwyer Park Place

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Preble Today

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Interview with Dick Kennedy

Interview by Debra Brock

The first thing Dick Kennedy has to say to those who want to know more about him is that he is proud to be a Preble resident. In the 1960s, he and his wife chose to establish their home in the Preble area. Preble was the place to raise their children and to build lifelong friendships and develop solid business relationships. Dick knows they made the right choice.

Dick and Betterae moved to the Preble area in 1966. Dick came to help build the Agway Office Complex in the Town of Dewitt. He received \$4.56 per hour plus hospitalization health care. That was a great job, great pay and great benefits back then.

For a while after the completion of that project, Dick worked on the Tully Central High School construction.

In 1970, the Kennedys decided to buy the Old Marybelle Restaurant on St. Rt. 281. The restaurant had closed in 1967 due to the change in traffic pattern that the opening of I-81 brought to Preble. It was a good location for their new business. Coming from the mild climate of New Jersey, Dick was fascinated with upstate New York snow which led to a snow mobile sales and service business. The business soon expanded to the sales of lawn and garden equipment and hay wagons. The Kennedy family built hay wagons in Preble, which was the product that 'put them on the map'.

A year later, Dick bought eight acres from Darrell Henderson, which

was the last land the Hendersons had west of the new highway (I-81). Some folks questioned the building site that Dick chose because there was a gravel pit close by, created by the construction needs of the I-81 highway. As it turned out, the location proved to be very beneficial to the Kennedys. When round bales decreased the need for hay wagons, the Kennedy family adjusted their business direction by moving to the Clark Road site. There they produced a new product line of various hardwood products for use not only in the Preble area, but across the country. They also built portable wooden storage buildings that serve many purposes for families and businesses across the area. When the State of New York upgraded the electric service at the Preble Rest Area, three phase electric service became available to Kennedy Hardwood. The Empire Zone Program added additional business benefits. Dick is pleased with the good fortune his land in Preble has provided. He is also proud that the family shared their good fortune by continuing to invest in the Kennedy Hardwood business in Preble.

Along with the businesses Dick ran, he drove a bus for Tully Central Schools for thirty seven years, a job he did enjoy a great deal. That job is a good fit for self-employed people in the community who can fit their work around the schools' transportation schedules. Throughout his experience in the Preble area, Dick has enjoyed the people he worked with and the experiences they shared. Just one

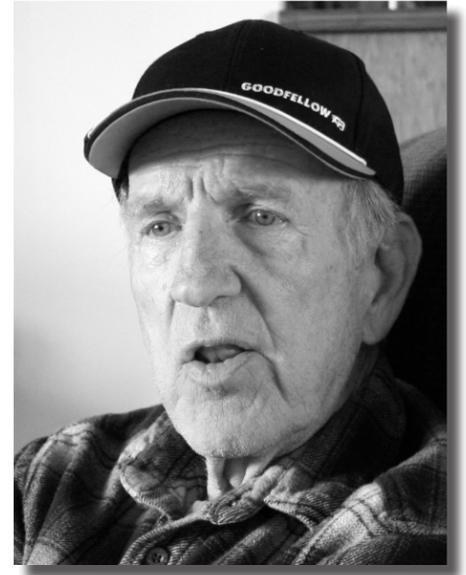


Photo by Deb Putman

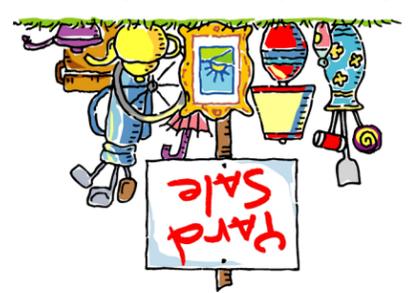
example is Park Owens, a friend who drilled the last salt well in the Tully Valley. Dick remembers the salt potatoes they cooked in the brine from ponds on Tully Farms Road as the best he ever ate. His stories of experiences and people in the Preble area are not just entertaining. Dick's remembrances bring the past times back to life, vividly and in full color. His ability to share his recollections is just one of his many talents.

To understand Dick Kennedy's life a bit better, it's important to start at the beginning - his beginning. He was born December 25, 1934 in Columbus, New Jersey. The doctor who was to deliver him was late! The neighbor lady, Mrs. Ridgeway, helped him into the world just in time for Christmas celebrations. The elder Mr. Kennedy, Dick's father, received a bill totaling \$5.00 from the doctor for delivery services. That bill was not paid due to the fact that the doctor was not in attendance

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Annual Preble Garage Sales June 6th - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain or Shine
This event will be advertised in the Cortland Standard for three days preceding the sale courtesy of Preble Recreation Committee
Contact Donna Wheelock at 749-4805 by June 1st if you would like listed in the ad at no charge to you. Help make this fun event a success!

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Population: 1,393 (2010 Census)
Registered Voters: 910

Town of Preble website: www.preble-ny.org
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to submit materials and ideas for future newsletters to:
Deborah Putman at deborahputman@earthlink.net
or call 315-729-1422

Message From the Supervisor.....

After one of the most brutal winters in memory, spring is finally here, and with the change in seasons comes a change in activities.

The Town Board has appointed a new Recreation Committee. Deb Smith has graciously volunteered her time and efforts to lead the committee as chairperson. The schedule for Park events is now posted on preble-ny.org. If you would like to schedule your family reunion or social gathering at the park this summer, please fill out the online form on the website or contact Deb Smith. For more information, please call Deb Smith at 749-4742 or send her an email at dsmith.prebrec@gmail.com.

There will be a picnic organized by Kevin Krueger on July 3rd, starting at noon at the Pavilion. Please call Kevin for details at 315-729-4765.

There are also many other positive changes in the works for Preble Park. The Homer High School baseball team has announced their intentions to use the ball field for practices. With this commitment, they plan to upgrade the field according to their specifications. They have expressed the hope that someday there will be varsity baseball games being played on our field. We are certainly looking forward to high school baseball games being played in Preble in the coming years!

This year will be our second year of the newly developed Preble Summer Youth Program. Once again, Renee Compton has volunteered her time and energy to head this program. The program was so successful during last year's pilot launch that the Town Board gave her the go ahead to continue this year. Anyone interested in learning more about this program, please contact Deb Smith.

Another popular event will be on the schedule again this summer. The Old Timer's Band will play under the Pavilion on Saturday, July 25th starting at 6pm.

This fall will be an election year for local government positions. Anyone who is interested in running for office is encouraged to contact me for details.

The Town of Preble has been working on the engineering phase of a new highway garage that will be built on Route 281 next to the existing salt shed. We have been working on this project for many years and saving money for it along the way. At some point we will shift from the engineering phase to the construction phase. Any questions about this project should be directed to either me or Jeff Griswold.

Our Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 25th, commencing at the Boulder on Preble Road at 11am. Our guest speaker will be Chuck Goodwin. Chuck grew up in Preble and he returns every year from Endicott to attend this event. This is one of the few events in Preble that gathers so many neighbors, friends and families together in our community. If you have never attended this event, we encourage you to come join us.

Please don't forget to support all those who volunteer their time and efforts to help make this community what it is. Have a great summer!

At Your Service,
Jim Doring
Supervisor



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Town Supervisor

Preble Milk Cooperative Assoc. Inc. Celebrates its 75th Anniversary

Seventy five years ago in February, 1940, milk producers and business people in the Preble area met to discuss starting a milk co-op. They had found a big demand for locally produced milk. They each paid a five dollar membership fee. They also authorized the directors to deduct a set fee per quart of milk produced to help fund the operation. The milk was shipped to Brooklyn.

John Rouse, a town resident, built the plant at a cost of \$45,000. It could handle one thousand cans a day. On the first day, forty four producers brought 33,675 pounds of milk. The first delivery was made by J.K. Henderson and the second by Elmer Anderson. Each producer was assigned a can number and to this day farmers who long ago stopped shipping their milk can still recite their given can number.

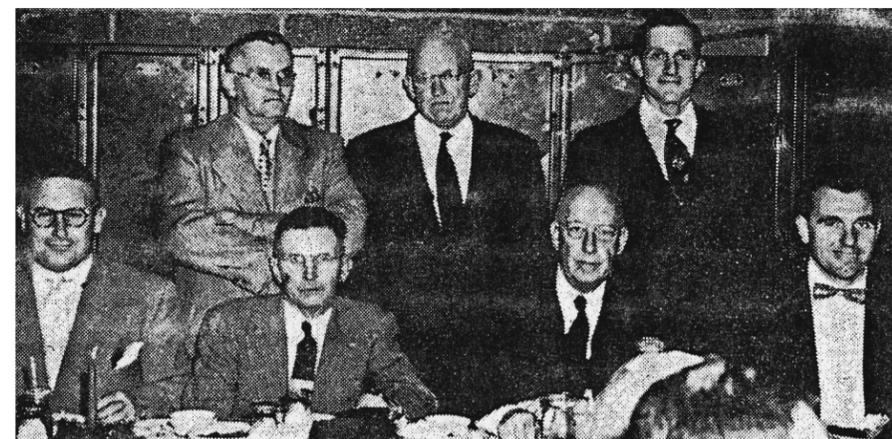
The co-op has employed many local residents over the years. Cliff Blair was the first Plant Manager and Andrew Mahan, Harold Rofe and Gerald Fox worked receiving cans. The first officers were President Elmer Anderson, Vice President William Currie, Secretary LeRoy Rofe and Treasurer J. Richard Padgett. Other directors were Wellington Wright, George McEvoy, Ward Henderson, Robert Knapp and Robert Vossler.

Today Jeff Crandall is plant manager. Others who filled that role through the years are Don Wilmot, Gene Fairchild, Ralph Ward, Lynette Mowers, Brian Young, and Lynn Webber. Marilyn Twentyman Stohrer managed the office for seventeen years. Connie Griswold, the present office manager has been there twenty three years.

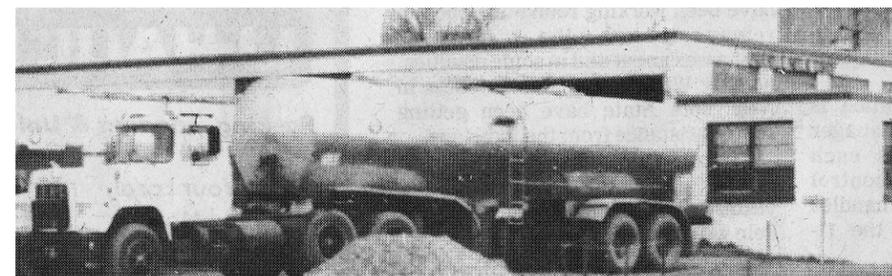
In 1969 the plant changed to bulk pick up, with the tankers going to the member farms. Drivers pick up milk and make deliveries in all kinds of weather. Seven large tankers pick up milk from thirty-nine producers within a twenty-five mile radius of the plant. They haul seven loads a day to Kraft and Chobani yogurt plants. Some past and present drivers are Steve Whipple, Judah Currie, Charlie Randall, Earl Frost, Bill Chase, Bob Phillips and Don Allen. Mike Tickner is still driving and has been for many years. John Stone drove for forty two years and still helps out when needed.

Presently the directors are Peter Knapp, President; Chris Romano, Vice President; John Snavlin, Secretary and Kevin Sharp, Treasurer. Other directors are Kevin Streeter, Dan Carey, David Griswold, Kyle Ripley, Galen Head, Ed Doody and Chad McCloy.

Congratulations to the Co-op for 75 years of successful business operation in Preble.



From Dec. 16, 1954 Cortland Standard: Two hundred and twenty five members and guests of the Preble Milk Producers' Cooperative attended the 14th annual dinner. Pictured (front row, left to right) William Morgan, cooperative consultant; Leroy Rofe, president; Abert Haskell, toastmaster; John Carew, Cornell University faculty member and featured speaker. Standing-Robert Knapp, Secretary; George McEvoy, Treasurer and Murray Steger, vice president.



This photo was printed in the Independent Villager on April 11, 1983. The accompanying article stated the Preble Milk CO-op served 64 farms and had been "vital to the Cortland County dairy economy for the past 40 years."



Bugs Wanted!

by Tarki L. Heath

Little beetles and weevils have been munching their way across the United States in search of their favorite food: *Lythrum salicaria* L., commonly called, purple loosestrife. This is a well-known, harmful, invasive plant in North America. It is difficult to control, but after years of research, there are currently two leaf-eating beetles, *Galerucella pusilla* and *Galerucella calmariensis*, one flower and seed head eating weevil, *Nanophyes marmoratus* and the root damaging weevil, *Hylobius transversovittatus*, that have proven to be safe and effective.ⁱ Today on Song Lake, there are a modest 700, tiny loosestrife flower weevils (*Nanophyes*) that have been introduced, and are working their way around the lake, to ease the negative impacts of purple loosestrife on the watershed. The lake residents began to notice a dramatic increase in the growth of purple loosestrife over the past three years. Although the lake residents implemented best practices for reducing or eradicating the plant, it continued to thrive in the riparian areas and wetlands around the lake. The Song Lake Property Owner's Association mapped the distribution of the invasive plant, taking pictures and documenting its spread. In August, 2014, with assistance from the NYS office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and the Cortland-Onondaga Federation of Kettle Lake Associations,ⁱⁱ Song Lake was permitted through USDA APHISⁱⁱⁱ (United States Department of Agriculture - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service) to distribute *Nanophyes*. These flower weevils are expected to provide minimal impact initially, that is why the association is planning a second phase, with the release of the more aggressive loosestrife leaf beetle, *Galerucella*, in the summer of 2015.

Although purple loosestrife is an invasive non-native in North America, with no natural predator, it is a native plant in many countries around the world and there are over 100 insects that do feed on the plant. However, as the plant traveled across North America - planted by gardeners and beekeepers going back to early 1800's, transported in ship ballasts and later assisted in its spread with the development of roads and ditches - life for this unthreatened plant was good. By the 1930's the plant moved into waterways and wetlands, creating massive communities, destroying the natural diversity and negatively impacting wildlife and critical wet land functions.^{iv}

Attempts to control the plant by digging, mowing and the use of herbicides failed to stop the invasion. The search for a biological agent for use in North America began in Europe around 1987, and after rigorous testing, the first beetles were approved for release in the United States in 1992 and 1994. Each of these insects has proven to be host-specific (impacting only purple loose strife), and their success and safe use has been well documented over the years. The Montezuma Wildlife Refuge is an impressive example of bio-control success on purple loosestrife. As stated on their resource management page, "*Numerous invasive species are found at Montezuma. Purple loosestrife is the invasive species that has had the greatest impact on the quality of habitats available at Montezuma. Current management of purple loosestrife primarily involves the use of biological control agents, weevils and beetles that are host-specific (feed and live exclusively on purple loosestrife). The goal of this biological control program is to establish the competitive balance between native plant species and purple loosestrife.*"^v

Purple loosestrife can be identified at any time of year by its ridged, square stem. From late June to late September, the plant puts forth lovely pinkish to purple flowers that cluster tightly together on a long spike. A single, mature plant can produce as many as 30 stems generating 2.5 million seeds. The plant spreads by seeds, roots and stem fragments. The smooth leaves grow oppositely and at right angles to the stem. Historically, it's easy to see why gardeners liked this plant. In addition to its prolific growth and beauty, purple loosestrife had been used as a medicinal plant. Although a discussion about the specific ecological impacts of purple loosestrife continues, the consensus from botanists, wildlife managers, and anglers confirm that purple loosestrife causes drastic changes to the ecosystem, making some areas inhospitable to native flora and fauna.^{vi}

Other kettle lakes in the C-OFOKLA coalition plan to replicate the efforts of Song Lake, but it's not enough to depend on controlling an invasive species after-the-fact. All of these lakes are doing what they can now, to prevent the introduction of new invasive species - through extensive education regarding boat washing and other best management practices - while continuing to work to control the invasive species already present.

Two good sources for learning more about Purple Loosestrife and their biological controls can be found at: <http://epolicypace.blogs.pace.edu/2014/05/16/the-double-life-of-purple-loosestrife/> and www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/Weeds/Pages/BiologicalControl.aspx

Notes From the Editor

I'm sure everyone is embracing the warmth of this spring season with just a little more enthusiasm and gratitude than normal. To echo our Supervisor's sentiment, this winter seemed impossibly endless and harsh. My heart was warmed when I heard accounts of neighbors going out of their way to help neighbors keep their driveways cleared of snow. I know there are other examples of people supporting their neighbors through tough times and that's just one of the ways our community stands out.

All who reside in the Preble area cannot help but appreciate how much natural beauty surrounds us. We cannot assume that our incredible natural resources will remain as they are. As stated in our municipal land use plan, we have a responsibility to protect our rural environment. We are fortunate to have a voice in the shaping of policies and decisions at the grass roots level of town government. Consider a board position or find out more about local efforts such as The Gateway Project. You can find out more by visiting the Preble website: <http://www.preble-ny.org/>.

You can contact me with any ideas for future newsletter articles or contributions of photos at deborahputman@earthlink.net. In the meantime, sit back and enjoy reading the articles your neighbors have written. Deborah Putman, Editor - Preble Today Newsletter

A Message from the Highway Superintendent:

Hopefully the good weather is here to stay. This past winter we used 220 tons of salt, 650 tons of sand, 5,060 gallons of diesel fuel and worked 423 hours of overtime (2 men) from October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015.

The highway garage project is progressing, just a little slower than planned. Being a municipality in New York State brings its own set of challenges. Some of the requirements include: the "Wicks Law" (Any project over \$ 500,000 must have multiple prime contractors); the required "Prevailing Wage" rates; the required engineering and clerical paperwork to track compliance. All these requirements add to the overall cost of the project.

Considering this, the money the Town has saved over the last 8 years will not cover the total cost of construction. Two plans are being considered:

1. Borrow the difference in available funds and the final cost (@1.90 % interest for a bond anticipation note). This option uses the current funding stream to save money to pay the debt
2. Build a smaller building and plan to expand when funds are available. This option will inevitably cost more as building material cost are rising faster than the current rate of inflation.

Please understand the Town Board is doing their best to meet the current and future needs of the Town, both in needed improvements and in keeping Town of Preble taxes as low as possible.

Any questions, feel free to contact me at the Highway Garage at 607-749-2710.

Jeff

Feel free to contact : Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Jim Seward and Assemblyman Gary Finch regarding the burden the Wicks Law and Prevailing Wage place on a small Town



Betty Ann Pittman, Wilda Saulsbury, Sandy Henderson Haynes and Babe Carrol proudly carry the Women's Auxiliary banner in a long ago Preble Memorial Day Parade

See you at the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony Monday, May 25th Starting time is 11:00 at the Boulder on Preble Rd.

Marching to the cemetery where a ceremony honoring our Veterans will be held.

Preble Town Government Positions Available This Fall

There will be positions available this fall in the Preble Town government. Anyone who is interested must be nominated in a caucus in September. For more information please contact Jim Doring via email at jdoring@twcny.rr.com or at 607-749-5315.



Kennedy continued

at the birth. Dick wonders what the delivery bill would be these days! Knowing Christmas babies often do not get cards or cakes in the shadow of the Christmas season, Mrs. Ridgeway never failed to send Dick a birthday card as long as she lived. Last year Dick's daughter Bettemae made his 80th birthday a very special occasion by notifying all friends and family of Dick's fondness for December 25th birthday cards. Her goal of having 80 cards sent to Dick was met and surpassed by far!

Longevity runs in Dick's family. Two older brothers, one in New Jersey and one in Florida, enjoy good health. His father enjoyed a long and active life as well. Dick has reasonable expectations of many more happy birthdays to come.

Dick met his future wife Betterae at a high school dance in the early '50s. When he first saw her across the dance floor, he remembers telling his friend that Betterae was the girl for him. He was right. They were married in 1956 and were together until Betterae died in April, 2014. Dick credits her for the happy, successful lives they've had. She was a wise and wonderful companion, not only instrumental in their business success, but also in helping to guide Dick in what he believes to be the right path for his life. As an example, in Trenton New Jersey in the 1950's, Dick became a professional boxer. He was 6 feet tall and weighed 147 pounds with long arms, which was an advantage in the ring. He won many bouts. However, Betterae believed his best life, including good health, would be lived by using the other skills he had, and she insisted that he give up his boxing career. Dick is grateful that he took her advice and validates her wisdom with his excellent health

today. In Dick's words;

'My wife deserves as much credit as I do for getting us where we are able to enjoy a comfortable life. That was her with the books, paid all the bills, got me a good credit score. She was a part of all our businesses as office manager, took orders, scheduled deliveries, took good care of it all. She was very good for me, too. Kept me in control. Never wasted any time telling me what she thought, when she wanted to say it, which was very valuable to me. I knew better than to not listen.'

Betterae and Dick had four children. The oldest son, Scott, is part of the Kennedy Hardwood business and lives on Meeker Hill. Daughter Lauren lives in Kissimmee, Florida. She and Dick talk every day. Bettemae, a school teacher in Tully, married Jeff Russell and lives on Long Road in the restored Hollenbeck home. Son Dennis is also a teacher and lives on Song Lake Road, not far from Bettemae. He has coached lacrosse for many years and is currently Girls Varsity lacrosse coach at Jamesville Dewitt High School. There are eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren, all represented by the photo gallery in Dick's living room. He treasures every one of them, as can be proven by the many stories he has of each one.

The Masonic Lodge is an important part of Dick's service to community. He has been a member for nearly fifty years, has held many high offices within the organization and was very active in all of their community based efforts.

The Kennedys traveled to many wonderful places throughout the years, including coast to coast in the United States, Europe, Monaco and Ireland. The trip to Ireland was a gift from their children. The trip

included a visit to the Kennedy compound near New Ross. Ted Kennedy personally returned Betterae's phone call request for a guided tour of the compound. They thoroughly enjoyed Ted's call and the tour. They then travelled to Tipperary where Dick found records of his grandfather's birth in 1820. Records also showed that his great grandfather travelled to the United States in 1840. Dick brought his father a bit of Irish soil to cherish as a memento of the family's heritage. When asked about future travel, Dick says he would like to return to Ireland someday for a round of golf.

When asked what he hopes for Preble's future, he believes we need to strive to keep Preble as it is today, a rural area that has a strong community spirit. There's also room for development, done with care, which would help keep taxes under control.

Dick's favorite words of wisdom come from his father. 'Never quit work'. His dad lived to be ninety-nine. In his final years, when he wasn't able to hold down a regular job, Dick's father raised flowers and sold them at the side of the road. With his family traits in mind, Dick plans on many active and happy years to come in Preble.

We end with this Irish blessing, as it seems to be written with Dick in mind:

*May there always be work
for your hands to do.*

*May your purse always hold
a coin or two.*

*May the sun always shine
on your windowpane.*

*May a rainbow be certain
to follow each rain.*

*May the hand of a friend
always be near you.*

*May God fill your heart
with gladness to cheer you.*



Preble Park Youth Program 2015

The Preble Park Youth Program is preparing for another summer of fun! Field trips, crafts, games, and other activities are being organized for Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and some Fridays during the months of July and August. PPYP will begin Tuesday, July 7 with our last day being Thursday, August 20. We will meet at the pavilion in the Preble Park from 10 AM until

1PM. All Preble youth are welcome to participate.

The summer lunch program is back too. A hot lunch, sponsored by Cortland Catholic Charities, will be provided at the Preble Park from Noon until 1PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. On days that correspond with field trips, a bagged lunch will be provided for those attending. Participation in the Preble Park Youth Program is not required for inclusion in the hot lunch program at the park. All youth 18 years and under are welcome to come enjoy the hot lunch.

The necessary forms to participate will be available at the following locations and times: www.preble-ny.org, the Preble Park on July 3rd from 1-4 PM and Uncle Tom's Store. Please contact Mrs. Compton for further information.

Join us at the Preble Park. PPYP 2015 promises a summer of fun for all Preble youth!

Renee Compton
PPYP Director
607-749-4227

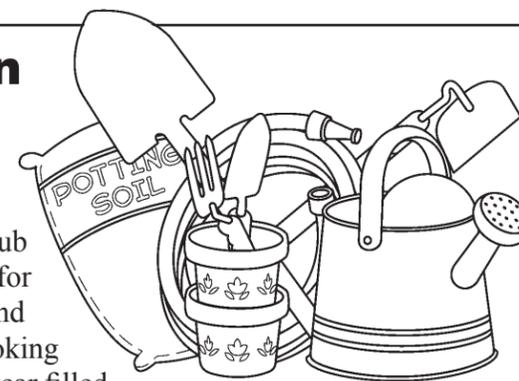
Preble Garden Club News

The Preble Garden Club meets every second Tuesday of the month. Our Garden Club does the planting and caring for the flowers at the cemetery and Preble Town Hall. We are looking forward to another exciting year filled with fun activities, educational programs and some local field trips.

The first meeting of the year included a presentation on Dutch Hill Maple Syrup. The May meeting featured a program given by the head of the New York State Bluebird Society, local resident Niles Brown. There will be a plant exchange held on June 9th at 7 p.m., location TBD.

Some other upcoming plans include a lesson on basket weaving, our Summer Picnic at Preble Park, a Harvest Dinner, White Elephant and Cookie Exchanges. There will be a Backyard Photo Contest, prizes for which will be given at the Picnic. Field trips will include Sauders in Seneca Falls, and Strawberry Fields Hydroponic Farm in Skaneateles.

The Preble Garden Club welcomes new members. Feel free to contact Club President Esther Hoose at 749-3382 for more information.



Letter From the New Recreation Committee Chair

Dear Town of Preble Residents,

First and foremost, I would like to extend my gratitude to Babe Carroll and the members of the Town of Preble Recreation Committee for their many years of service and commitment to the community. A big 'thanks' also goes out to Hank Carroll for his continued support in maintaining the park.

A newly formed Recreation Committee was appointed at the February 23, 2015 Town Board meeting. Members include: Rick Burt, Renee Compton, Nancy Dalley, Jim Doring, Tammy Fotti, Teena Griswold, Kevin Krueger, Josh Mowers and Dave Seils. Each and every member of the committee is extremely motivated and focused on increasing the utilization of the park. Many excellent ideas have been shared and will be discussed further. More on this will follow...

I would like to encourage all Preble residents to please share any ideas, suggestions or concerns regarding the park with me and/or any member of the committee. Your input will be very much appreciated and will help to make for a successful season. On behalf of the Town of Preble Recreation Committee,

Regards,
Deb Smith
Chair, Preble Recreation Committee
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