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Photos and information concerning Pertle Springs history.

**Super duper special thanks to all the family members of the cast!  
Your love, support, patience, and understanding are most appreciated!**

“Families are the compass that guides us. They are the inspiration to reach great heights, and our comfort when we occasionally falter.” – Brad Henry

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**We are always in need of talent, be that  
acting, singing, sewing, building, directing,  
managing, writing...**

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**Warrensburg Community Theatre  
Presents:**

# **Trouble Bubbles At Pertle Springs**

**A Hero and Villain Production**

# **Cast**

## **Paige Turner : Jennifer Smith**

The cue-card maven who pops in to cue audience to audience participation.

## **Trudy Lite : Denise Robinson**

Our resident piano tinkler who's full of melodramatic antics!

## **Warren Peace : Charles Chapman**

The town sheriff who will go to melodramatic lengths for the law.

## **Dustin Debree : Scott Maple**

A nostalgic and quite mysterious late night guest.

## **Barnaby Wilde : Charles Bechtol**

The henpecked caretaker of the Minnewawa Hotel who likes his coffee!

## **Gloria Debree : Laura Kennedy**

The mysterious guest's wife. She just may surprise you.

## **Denise Debree : Kyrrah Potts**

The mysterious guest's enigmatic young daughter with a sad secret.

## **Barry Sweet : Justin Womack**

A candymaker from back East who has traveled to Pertle Springs just to meet Carmen.

## **Zoltan Pfeffer : Dave Kopp**

The odd spiritualist that has come to Pertle Springs to do a little ghost hunting.

## **Avery Braveman : Doug Conley**

The newspaper reporter and our hero who is smitten with the hotel's owner.

## **Jenna Rossity : Monica Fields**

The Minnewawa's pretty and perky owner and our heroine.

## **Carmen Ceditt : Vicki Wittmaier**

The fashionable and irrepressible international actress and our heroine's friend.

## **Professor Marcus Absent : Dan Plets**

A fortune hunter and our villain who has a ruthless obsession with gold.

## **Robin Banks: Celyna Burgess**

The famous "on-the-run" outlaw with a fast horse and an even faster six-gun.

## **Bea Wilde : Tori Hunter**

Barnaby's hot tempered and vociferous wife.

## **Director/Stage design : Cindy Bechtol**

She's quirky. Let's just leave it at that. Don't want to upset the boss lady.

## **Stage Construction : Dan Davis**

Can we build it?! NO! We can't! But Dan sure can!

## **Lighting and Sound Technician : Dan Davis**

Yep, it's Dan again. Is there anything this man can't do?! Oh yeah, swim, he can't swim.

But that's ok. He's still alright with us!

## **Advertising and promotions: Carol Davis**

Word on the street is that she has the word on the street!

# **Prologue**

**Lobby of the Minnewawa Hotel, late in the evening**

**- the year is 1898.**

## **Act 1 Scene 1**

**Early the next morning.**

## **Act 1 Scene 2**

**Early evening.**

## **Intermission**

**15 Minutes**

## **Act 2 Scene 1**

**The next day in the late morning.**

## **Act 2 Scene 2**

**Later in the evening.**

## **Ode To Pertle Springs**

**Time to do some singing ya"!!?**

Hark! The song of Pertle, beautiful Pertle Springs  
Where the laughing water, ever seaward sings  
Where the wandering night winds, Thru the woods complain  
Where the birds of morning, wake their choral strain.

Chorus: Pertle! Pertle! Down in a shady glen  
Thine unfailing fullness, o'er and o'er again  
Dip we, drink we, gift of the King of Kings  
Type of life eternal, Beautiful Pertle Springs

By the springs of Pertle, sparking, clear and cold  
High upon the hill crest, stand a hostel old  
'Fore whose ample portals lies a lovely scene  
Hill and vale and lake let glimpsed thru living green.

# Pertle Springs

Pertle Springs was a popular recreation and leisure destination of the late 19th and early 20th century. It operated as a mineral spring resort from the 1880s to the 1920s. During its prime, Pertle Springs boasted a huge open air auditorium, numerous cottages, meeting halls, an elaborate gazebo, a green house, a zoo, a bowling alley, and an 150 room hotel. (The Minnewawa Hotel).

Pertle Springs was purchased by James H. Christopher in 1884 and he started development of the land in 1885. James was a marketing genius and promoted Pertle Springs as a " self-improvement opportunity not just reckless enjoyment." He added four manufactured lakes and introduced new plants, animals, birds, and fish into the area.

Attendance skyrocketed with the addition of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and with the implementation of "The Dummy Line".

The Dummy Line was finished in 1889 and was a single track street car route with a few open passenger cars and a tiny steam engine called a dummy. The route ran between the railroad station and Pertle Springs. During Pertle Springs' haydays, it wasn't unusual for the dummy line to make twenty trips back and forth.

# Minnewawa Hotel

Built in 1884, The Minnewawa Hotel was three stories tall and could accommodate 300 guests. There are no known pictures of the interior but descriptions from guests stated that the hotel was spacious and lavishly furnished. A herd of 40 cows provided guests with fresh milk and butter. Vegetables and fruits were also grown at the resort to provide patrons with fresh produce.

In 1898 The Minnewawa Hotel was one of the first buildings in Warrensburg to have electricity AND running water.

Minnewawa is a Native American (possibly Osage ?) word that loosely translates to "healing water".