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THE DELTA MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL 45TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION



Delta was the first Maple Syrup Festival in the area. During the event planning stages for Canada's Centennial, a small group of dedicated volunteers met regularly in the Council Chambers at the Old Town Hall. As President of the group, Harold Russell worked tirelessly as he contacted every farmer, arranged sugar shack visits and tours, promoted sugaring off demonstrations, and jack wax parties.

Other members of the community who were involved heavily were Arch Ostrom, Sally Halladay, Ron Morris, Lloyd Sawyer, Howard Jones, Sid Talbot, Glenn and Irma Chant. There was very little advertising required but huge crowds came from far and near.

In the beginning, the Festival was a three day event which included busloads of students who visited Delta on school trips to enjoy pancakes and syrup which were served on both floors of the Town Hall. Visitors were able to tour the local sugar bushes and to watch maple syrup being bottled and maple candy being made in the Confederated Foods Syrup Plant.

Over the years, the Festival continued through the efforts of many local residents and Service Clubs until it recently became a project for the Directors of the Delta Agricultural Society.

So 45 years later, we continue the tradition!

Saturday, April 21st and Sunday, April 22nd, 2012

Delta Fair Grounds, 110 Mill Creek Drive, Delta, Ontario K0E 1G0

"ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES FLOODED WITH FRESH, LOCAL MAPLE SYRUP"
First Order of Pancakes Served With Sausage

Saturday-9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday-9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Adults: \$8.00
Senior Citizens: \$7.00
Children Under 12 Years of Age: \$5.00

All applicable taxes are included



Maple Syrup Festival Activities



April 21st and 22nd

Craft Sale – Fair Hall (2nd Floor)
Silent Auction/ Gift Table (Fair Hall)
Fire Hall Museum Display
“Not Just a Dessert Maple” Bake Sale (Old Town Hall)
Tours of the Old Stone Mill
Blacksmithing Demonstration (Mill Drive Shed)
Book Sale (Old Town Hall) Book donations will be received at the Delta Library during their regular hours.

April 21st Only

Ball Hockey Tournament at 9 a.m. (Rec Centre)
Sunday School Barbeque from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Dance at 8 p.m. to Midnight (Legion Hall)
Queen’s Band (Tentative)

On the way to have your pancakes, stop on Mill Creek Drive and pick up some Willard’s donuts, cookies and even butter tarts!

Local Maple Syrup vendors will have their maple products for sale at the Fair Grounds and along King Street within the Village.



GABLE BROS



Children’s Rides, Air Bounce Castles & Candy Apples / Cotton Candy

For a complete listing of events, visit
www.deltafair.com



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Volunteers are needed to help with cooking/serving pancakes and table clean up.

If you are able to assist at this year’s festival, please contact one of the following:

- ✓ **Heather Halladay** 613-928-2949 for Table Servers and Clean Up
- ✓ **Liz Preibe** 613-928-2902 for Cooking and Serving Pancakes

Spaces are available for the Craft Sale held on the Second Floor of the Fair Hall.

If you are interested in reserving space, please contact the following:

- ✓ **Melinda Held-Cowan** 613-924-1849



75 Years of Community Service Delta Fire Station

Early in the hours of March 5th, 1937, fire destroyed Flood's Hotel which was owned by Sadie Kilbourn and Clive Halladay's Barber Shop in Delta. If it were not for the members of the Athens Fire Department, who came directly from a fire at McIntosh Mills, more of the Village of Delta would have been lost. That night, a meeting of concerned citizens was held in the Clerk's Office at the Town Hall to up-date the fire equipment.

Prior to this date, Delta had a dual tank chemical engine mounted on two large wheels which was drawn manually and was housed in a tin building which stood on the road allowance on the north end of Main Street. The cart contained 40 gallons of water in each tank. When water was needed, a combination of acid and baking soda was mixed, creating a gas that produced the necessary pressure to force the water through the hose.

At the meeting on March 5th, it was moved and seconded that the Village of Delta Trustees buy a fire engine that was as good as or better than the truck in Athens. Those in attendance had great respect for the Athens fire fighters and their engine under the direction of Chief Cliff Hewitt. At the meeting, the Clerk was instructed to send \$100 to the Athens Fire Department as a donation and \$10 for each of the men who came with the engine.

Delta residents who were asked to look into the engine purchase were W. A. Bell, W. J. Morris, W. W. Phelps, Dr. J. M. Kelly and the three Village Trustees. Several residents at the meeting volunteered to join the Fire Department with C.G. Morris becoming Chief and H. T. Morris becoming Secretary-Treasurer. Truck drivers included Roy Halladay, Fred Dougall, Glen Sweet and Len Morris with Clive Halladay, Sid Talbot, Tom Grant, Noah Halladay, George Snider, Arnold Kelly, Lloyd Irwin, George Webb, Ray Steele, Cliff Morris, Charles Yates and Ralph Edmunds serving as firefighters.

The engine, complete with hose, was purchased at a cost of \$1220.02 and arrived at 6:30 p.m. on July 5th, 1937 and was turned over to the Village Trustees the next day following a demonstration. Within the next 24 hours, the newly formed department would respond with their new engine to a fire at Jessie Brown barn.

The next project was to build a fire hall. W. A. Bell donated a parcel of land with a 99 year lease to build upon. Several farmers gave standing timber that was cut and sawed by volunteers. The cost of the hall was kept very low with the gravel being donated and the total lumber cost being \$248. The carpenters received \$3 per day while the labourers received .25 per hour. The hall was completed on November 16th of 1937. Within nine months, the Village had suffered a major fire, purchased a fire truck and constructed a fire hall.

The Delta Fire Department answered calls from as far away as Westport, Portland, Toledo, and Seeley's Bay with the firemen and the Village carrying the cost. This prompted the members to ask the Bastard and Burgess Council for assistance resulting in a \$100 donation. The municipality also started invoicing the Township where the fire was located for costs incurred.

In the spring of 1973, the Township purchased the building on William Street which was previously owned by Ontario Hydro. Once again, the members went to work renovating the



building; studding, insulating, strapping and paneling the walls in the bay for the trucks, building a Chief's Office, meeting room and kitchen. With the exception of lowering the ceiling, all of the labour was completed by the volunteer firemen.

A 1000 G.P.M. pumper was purchased by the firemen from the Newtown Hook and Ladder Company in Connecticut. The Chief's Office and the trucks were all equipped with radios and the kitchen was equipped with a double sink, refrigerator, stove and dishes out of the firemen's funds. In 1974, the members also purchased and painted a van.

In 1980, the members spent another \$7,000 to upgrade its communications system with a higher radio antenna, a new base station radio and pagers. The following year, a pumper tanker, which carried 1000 gallons of water and pumped 500 gallons per minute, was purchased from the Fire Company in Waterbury, Connecticut.

After celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 1987, the Delta station amalgamated with the Chantry and Portland Fire stations to form the Bastard and South Burgess Fire Department. Under the direction of Fire Chief Albert Shire and Deputy Chief Paul Ostrom, this department was well equipped with a full crew of firefighters and state of the art equipment.

With the creation of the Township of Rideau Lakes on January 1st, 1998, the Delta Station became known as Rideau Lakes Station #1.



Delta Fire Department-1987 at the time of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations

Front Row (l-r): Dennis Halladay, Robert Raison, William Morris, Chief Millard Goodsell, Glenn Chant, Lloyd Day, Peggy Fuller, Paul Ostrom, Victor Raison

Second Row (l-r): Jeff Findlay, Ron Morris, Graydon Willard, Mark Astbury, Tom Laviolette, Brian Banks, Jerry Fitzgerald, Ed LeBlanc

Back Row (l-r): Jim Cowan, Pat Carbino, Gary Raison, Robert Whitmore, Steve Willard, David Cripps, Mark Halladay

Fire Chiefs of the Delta Fire Station
(Year Appointed)



C.G. Morris-1937	Bob Willey-1949	Howard Warren-1960	John Fickes-1961	Gord Gray-1966
Ralph Furzer-1973	Victor Raison-1980	Millard Goodsell-1985	Paul Ostrom-1987	Dan Chant-2000
		Brian Abrams-2004		



Journey to the Cross Hometown Nazareth at Easter

March Break Program for children and their families at the Delta Baptist Church

Tuesday, March 13th and Thursday, March 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Walk, touch, feel, listen, and smell! Come and join in on the journey to the cross; an Easter experience for children and other family members. Visit with Peter as he tells of Jesus' power to calm the storm and learn from Mary, the mother of Jesus, as she contemplates the crucifixion and rejoices in the resurrection.

For additional information, contact Pastor Brian Wheaton by calling 613-928-2963.



The Wizard is coming!

The Rideau Islands & Lakes Theatre School production of The Wizard of Oz will be taking place at Rideau District High School on Saturday March 31st, 2012 with performances at 1p.m. and 7p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 for anyone over 5 years of age, and free for all under 5. Come out and see what our acting and dance students have been working on this year. Many members of the community have volunteered with the making of sets, costumes and props, along with coaching vocals and accompaniment in order to make this the best show RILTS has put on yet! Performers range in age from 5-16 years.

RILTS will be holding a Taco Night fundraiser to raise money for costumes, props and make-up for their upcoming Wizard of Oz production. Taco Night will take place on Saturday March 24th, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Delta United Church. Tacos are \$1.00 and desserts are \$1.00 (drinks included!). Come out and enjoy some tacos while supporting your local actors, actresses and dancers!

St. Patty's Day Sing-Along and Dinner

Come to Delta United Church on March 17th at 5 p.m. for an Old Fashioned St. Patty's Day Sing-Along and a New Orleans style Jambalaya dinner. At a cost of \$10 per person, the meal will include Jambalaya (shrimp is optional), rolls, cucumber salad with creamy dill dressing, bread pudding topped with maple syrup and a beverage.



For reservations, contact Janice Brophy at 613-928-9937 / janace@sympatico.ca on or before Sunday March 11th.

This event is sponsored by the Delta United Church Choir.



Remember: The Deadline for the May / June Edition is April 23rd, 2012

Submit your Information Today to the Park Office!

Email: bevlake@ripnet.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Beverley Senior Citizens' Club #460

- Meeting at the United Church Hall on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Pot luck meal will be served at noon followed by a meeting. New members are welcome to attend!
- Euchre party every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at the Delta Fair Office.

Delta Agricultural Society

- Board of Directors Meeting at the Fair Office on March 22nd at 7:00 p.m.
- Board of Directors Meeting at the Fair Office on April 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Delta Baptist Church

- Choir Practice is held on the third Thursday at 1:30 p.m. New members welcome!
- Combined Good Friday Worship on April 6th at 10 a.m. at the Delta United Church
- Easter Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.

Delta Food Bank

- Open from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the United Church Hall. Call Claire at 613-928-2761 for information.

Delta Maple Syrup Festival

- April 21st and 22nd at the Delta Fair Grounds

Delta United Church

- Evening Church Service held on the last Wednesday of the month starting with a meal at 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.
- Choir Practice is held every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. New members welcome!
- UCW meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.
- Youth Group meets every second Monday at 6:30 p.m.
- Good Friday Worship on April 6th at 10 a.m. at the Delta United Church
- Easter Sunday Service at 9:15 a.m. preceded by a Pot-Luck Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Fire Hall Museum Committee

- Meeting on March 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the New Fire Hall

Good Food Box

- The Good Food Box offers fresh fruits and vegetables at wholesale prices for all community members. Payment is required on the 7th of the month and pick up is on the 3rd Tuesday. Call Claire at 613-928-2761 for information.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207

(Meeting at the United Church Hall until April)

- Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
- Euchre party is held every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207 Ladies Auxiliary

(Meeting at the United Church Hall until April)

- Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



SUNDAY SERVICES

Baptist Church	9:30 a.m.
St. Paul's Anglican	8:30 a.m.
United Church	9:15 a.m.

Contact Information

LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK MANAGEMENT BOARD

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