

# DELTA PILOT.



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## DECORATING CONTEST

Residential 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Pam Willard & Steve Ball, 123 Mill Creek Drive

Residential 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Dave & Sue Thomas, 82 King Street

Residential 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Fred & Sharon Olivo, 42 Railroad Street

Commercial 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Cedar Knolls Campground, 29 Railroad Street

Thanks to all residents who decorated their properties as it helps to make our community more welcoming to not only visitors but to all people within the community. Special thanks to Mensen Farms for sponsoring this contest.

## BREAD BAKING CONTEST

### White Bread Category

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Diana Kemp, Westport - Cardamon Loaf

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Jean-Sebastien Gagne, Lyndhurst - White Bread

### Whole Wheat Bread

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Pat Watson, Elgin-Old Stone Mill Whole Wheat

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Diana Kemp, Westport - Country Loaf

### Artisan Bread

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Pat Watson - Old Stone Mill Fine Flour

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Diana Kemp, Westport - Tomato Bread



## CLASSIC CAR SHOW



Drivers received door prizes and Anne Curtis of Gananoque won the 50/50 raffle at the show.



### **Beverley Senior Citizens' Club #460**

- Meeting with a Christmas meal on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon in the United Church Hall.

### **Delta Agricultural Society**

- Meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Fair Office.

### **Delta Athletic and Recreation Society**

- Meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Centre.

### **Delta Baptist Church**

- Connections Café (formerly The Diner's Club) will be held in Memorial Hall at noon on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
- Christmas Eve Service on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary



### **Delta Food Bank**

- Open on the second Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in St. Paul's Community Centre.
- Food Drive on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Delta Country Market.

### **Delta Mill Society**

- Christmas Craft Market on November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Old Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Festival of Small Halls Concert on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Old Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- Mensen Family Christmas Concert on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Old Town hall at 6:30 p.m.

### **Delta United Church**

- Monday morning coffee and donuts from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall.
- UCW meeting with a Pot-Luck luncheon on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall.
- Church Council meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.
- UCW Christmas meal on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.
- Christmas Eve Service on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary.  
There are NO services scheduled for December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 or January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

### **Good Food Box**

- Fresh fruit and vegetables are available at wholesale prices for all community members.  
Call Liz at 613-928-2902 for information.

### **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207**

- Euchre games played every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall; doors open at 6:00 p.m.
- Meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.
- Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.
- Meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.

### **Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary, Branch #207**

- Meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.
- Shepherd's Pie Supper from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Pie Sale on December 15<sup>th</sup> between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.; Order before December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **St. Paul's Anglican Community Centre**

- Yard Sale on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Church.

 **SUBMISSION DEADLINE for the January / February 2023 Edition Is December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**



**SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES**  
United Church at 9:15 a.m. / Baptist Church 9:30 a.m.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



Members of the Community are invited to join the Comrades of **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch # 207 Delta** for a **Memorial Service** at the **Cenotaph** in Stone Mills Park on **November 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

Refreshments will be served at the Legion Hall following the Service. In the event of inclement weather, the Service will be held at the Legion Hall.



**Congratulations!**



Comrades of **Royal Canadian Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary, Branch # 207 Delta** recognized the dedication and long-time service of their membership on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Congratulations and thank you to the following members for their milestone achievements:

-  Comrade Terry Kelsey, 40 years Branch
-  Comrade Carl Willard, 45 years Branch
-  Comrade Annie Mercier, 55 years Ladies Auxiliary

## EUCHRE PLAYERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy playing euchre and have some free time in the evenings? If so, join in the fun at the Delta Legion every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. The doors open at 6:00 p.m.



*Instilling a Passion for Our Heritage"*

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It was great to see that even after two years of closure, the Old Stone Mill was still a place where tourists from all over the world placed on their itineraries to visit this past season. Miller Chris Wooding ground wheat every other Saturday; this was an added feature and quite a bit of flour was sold.

The Old Town Hall was also busy place with the Festival of Halls concert being held in late May, children’s painting classes in July and August, an historical documentary film preview and a Platinum Tea Party in honour of HM Queen Elizabeth being held in August followed by a few private rentals. A Festival of Small Halls concert featuring the Barra Mac Neils was held on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Harvest Festival in September was a great success with lots of people visiting the village. The grand opening of the “New” Blacksmith Shop was held featuring a Hammering-In Event with over eight blacksmiths on site to officially open the facility. Plans are underway to discuss a Blacksmith training program.

After Remembrance Day, the Old Stone Mill, Old Town Hall and Blacksmith Shop will be beautifully decorated and lit for the Christmas Season.

**Upcoming Events**

<b>Nov 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Festive Christmas Craft Show at the Old Town Hall</b> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$20.00 for a 6’ table. Canteen will be available and the Delta Room will be set up as a café. If you would like to rent a space in the hall, contact Liz Priebe via email at <a href="mailto:priebe.liz@gmail.com">priebe.liz@gmail.com</a> or by calling 613-928-2902 before November 16 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Dec 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Festival of Small Halls Concert at the Old Town Hall</b> starts at 7:00 p.m. with the <b>Devin Cuddy Band</b> Purchase your tickets on line at <a href="http://festivalofsmallhallsholidayseries.frontgatetickets.com">http://festivalofsmallhallsholidayseries.frontgatetickets.com</a> The Devin Cuddy Band is a Toronto based country rock band. This Juno nominated band has taken their sound all across Canada, the US and Europe. Led by the rollicking piano playing of lead singer Devin Cuddy (son of Blue Rodeo's Jim Cuddy), their sound will take you on a journey through the history of Blues, Country and folk-rock music, and will be sure to get you out of your seat and onto your feet. Bring your dancin' shoes!
<b>Dec 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mensen Family &amp; Friends Christmas Concert at the Old Town Hall</b> starts at 6:30 p.m. Come out for an evening of fun and song; a takeaway gift is available for children of all ages. For additional information, contact Cathy via email at <a href="mailto:cathy.livingston9@gmail.com">cathy.livingston9@gmail.com</a> or by calling 613-928-2796.



## ANGEL DONOR INSPIRES COMMUNITY GENEROSITY



When Reverend Bruce Ross of Delta was deciding where to donate \$100,000, he wanted to have the biggest possible impact on the Kingston community. With help from his daughter-in-law, Margaret, he decided to donate to the University Hospitals Kingston Foundation (UHKF) as an Angel Donor. This remarkable generosity rallied the community through a matching gift challenge during UHKF's 2021 holiday campaign. Raising a total of \$241,781, Bruce's gift fueled the most successful holiday campaign in the Foundation's history.

"It was a big decision, but I also knew it couldn't go wrong because local health care is such a good cause," says Bruce. "I was aware it was going to be an incentive for others but seeing that it inspired so many others in the community to give back just blows my mind!"

"I had read about the matching program, and that seemed like a very interesting opportunity," says Margaret. "Kingston's hospitals have so many different needs, and help so many people in the community, that it just felt like the best place to support. I think our good fortune was also making contact with UHKF. We couldn't have had a better partner in this. It's been wonderful!"

Bruce believes his background as a pastor in the United Church has a lot to do with his desire to give back. But the healthcare professionals at Kingston Health Sciences Centre (KHSC) also have a special place in his heart after caring for his late wife during her cancer illness.

"They were so good to her," says Bruce. "There was always a nurse or healthcare worker there for her and just a true spirit of caring. So, I hope this gives back to the staff and has an impact on patients and families, now and in the future."

Whether it's helping to upgrade facilities, purchase equipment or fund education opportunities, the generosity and kindness of donors like Bruce is vital for the future of health care in southeastern Ontario.

"UHKF is extremely grateful to Bruce, Margaret and the thousands of healthcare supporters in our community and surrounding area who gave so generously to UHKF's holiday campaign," says Tom Zsolnay, President and CEO of UHKF. "There is no doubt that this remarkable generosity will have a significant and lasting impact on the people we serve in the community."



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**University Hospitals Kingston Foundation**



Two new businesses, that have recently opened in the Jubilee Block, will be showcased in this edition of the Pilot.



## *The Bastard Coffee House*

Written by Cathy Livingston



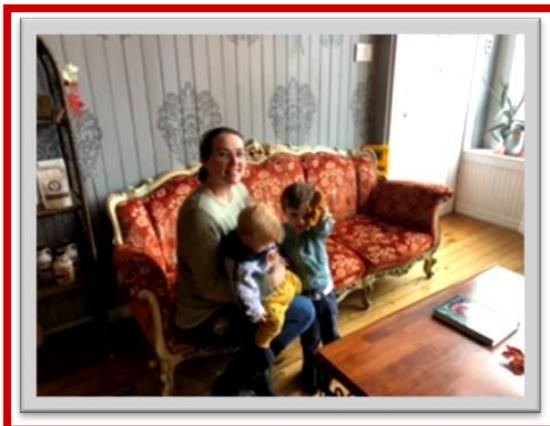
After the closure of the Jubilee Bake Shop earlier this year, a new business quickly took its place. Tao Hipwell and Johnathon Carr, owners of the first two store fronts of the business block, started a new venture. It is something that Tao, who is a singer and song writer, always had envisioned when they purchased the store fronts. It is great to have a local coffee house in the village that keeps in line with our heritage as it has been named after the former Township of Bastard and South Burgess which is now referred to as Ward One within the Township of Rideau Lakes.

This shop not only sells coffee, sandwiches, sweets, and local products it also has become a gathering place for the community to stop in and have a visit. Tao was surprised as to how many people will come in alone but will take up a conversation with whoever is there, so it has created a strong 'sense of community'. Some other plans include hosting board or card games and showcasing live music on the weekends along with other entertainment.



While I was there, a couple was sitting at one of the tables with their laptops, so I asked where they were from. They replied that they are local but they work from home and occasionally like to have a change of scenery, so they come for breakfast, do their work and stay for lunch.

Tao is planning to start up her Yoga and Dance classes again in the future along with catering for various events.



We wish Tao, Johnathon and their four little ones, all the best in their future endeavors. It is great to see these store fronts being lit up once again!



## Zipper Thrift Co. Family Boutique

Written by Cathy Livingston



The second business that opened this past summer was the Zipper Thrift Co. Family Boutique.

Operated by Amy Clements, high end clothing items are purchased through online auction sales and then resold onsite at reasonable store prices. There is a great variety of items available including some end of the line products and some seasonal merchandise. Clothing lines range from Ladies and Men's to Children's and Infants in all sizes and for all seasons. Other items such as shoes, jewelry, hats, and mittens are also available. Zipper Thrift is a great place to stop in and do your Christmas shopping. Purchases can be completed with either cash or online transfer payments.



We wish Amy and her family all the best in their future endeavors. Thank you bringing this great addition to our community.

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## IT IS TIME FOR SHEPHERD'S PIE !



Be sure to mark Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and treat yourself to a delicious meal!

Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207-Delta, a meal consisting of Shepherd's Pie, salad, dinner roll, dessert and a beverage will be served at the Legion Hall from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at a cost of \$15.00 per person.



Dine in or take-out. Reservations are required before December 2<sup>nd</sup>. by contacting Pat via email to [harymary@ripnet.com](mailto:harymary@ripnet.com) or by calling 613-928-2712.

P.S. Even Santa will be coming for supper!

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## PIE SALE



Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207-Delta, fresh home baked pies will be available for pick-up on December 15<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Legion Hall. Pies available include mincemeat, apple, and pumpkin and must be ordered by December 2<sup>nd</sup> by contacting Pat via email to [harymary@ripnet.com](mailto:harymary@ripnet.com) or by calling 613-928-2712.

## DELTA FOOD BANK



Fall has arrived in all its glory with vibrant colour and rainy weather. The Delta Food Bank has been at its new location at St. Paul's Community Centre, 77 King Street in Delta for over a year now. Thank you to the SPACC Board of Directors for providing space for the much-needed community food bank.

Notification has been received that the *Build A Mountain of Food* event will take place on December 10<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot at the Delta Country Market. Donations of canned goods such as soup, vegetables, tuna, fruit, spaghetti sauce and dry goods like cereal, instant coffee, pasta, toilet and facial tissue would be greatly appreciated. Given the rising costs of food, these donations will supplement family grocery needs.

Planning for the December Community Christmas Hamper distribution will begin in November. Residents within the Delta area that are in need of a Christmas hamper are asked to register now by calling Jana at 613-349-6464.

A heartfelt vote of thanks is extended to everyone who has donated food and funds throughout the year. Your continued support keeps the shelves full and also allows for the purchase of items for the freezer (bread, frozen meat etc.) or refrigerator.

The Delta Food Bank is open on the second Tuesday of the month between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. We could not do this without you!



*Jana Curtis and Linda Gifford*, Co-Chairpersons of the Delta Food Bank.



## DARTS ANYONE?

Initial planning is underway to start a dart league which will play at the Royal Canadian Legion-Branch #207, Delta.

Leagues will be organized for both adults and youth.

For additional information, contact Kurtis at 613-340-6305.





## YARD SALE

The final outdoor yard sale of 2022 will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Community Centre, 77 King Street, Delta on October 29<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. There will be items not seen before along with a good variety of Christmas decorations. Come and enjoy a free cup of cocoa while shopping for Christmas gifts!

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## DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!

Are you interested in dancing the night away? If so, you will want to participate in these events!

Ballroom, Latin, and swing group lessons are being offered at the Delta Legion with beginner classes starting on January 8<sup>th</sup> and will run every Sunday evening for eight weeks from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The program is geared towards couples, but singles are welcome if they bring a partner. Tuition is \$160 per couple, payable to the instructor. For more information or to enroll, please contact Jeff Patry by phone or text at 613-499-4315.



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## DELTA ATHLETIC AND RECREATION SOCIETY



The end of season horseshoe tournament was held on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Recreation Centre in Delta.

Congratulations to Clayton Batters and Emily Willard as the top male and female player respectively. Horseshoe enthusiasts have been playing every Thursday night throughout the summer.

Congratulations and thanks to all of the participants!



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## CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating A Birthday Over 75 Years or an Anniversary Over 40 Years?

If so, your special day can be included in the Delta Pilot.

Send your information to Lower Beverley Lake Park via email to [info@beverleylakepark.com](mailto:info@beverleylakepark.com) or by calling 613-928-2881.



## CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

It is that time of the year again to put up your Christmas lights and decorations! A decorating contest is open to all residents within the village sign limits; everyone is encouraged to participate. Judging will be completed during the evening of December 17<sup>th</sup>. Participants will have an opportunity to win a turkey donated by the Athens Village Store along with other prizes.



Help us to light up Delta and Area!

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## LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK

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Website: [www.beverleylakepark.com](http://www.beverleylakepark.com)

*“Come as a Visitor, Leave as a Friend”*

Thanks to everyone for their support during another successful season. 1,800+ individual reservations were received during 2022.

Work is being finalized on a new website which will be released in early November. Please visit the site which will showcase all 2023 events.

Call or email the park office to submit your reservation requests for the 2023 camping season. Confirmation calls will be returned on Wednesday mornings between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Reservations for the 2024 camping season will be accepted after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

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## CAMPERS SUPPORT TERRY FOX

Congratulations and Thank You to all of the campers at Lower Beverley Lake Park who supported Delta's annual Terry Fox Walk in the name of cancer research.

A total of \$1,645.00 was raised in September from Seasonal Camper and staff sponsorships within the park. The total camper contribution is now \$ 22,952 since the Delta run started in 2003.



## Life Connections at Delta Baptist Church



From the first Sunday of Advent (November 27, 2022) through to Good Friday (April 7, 2023) we invite you to join us for **Life Connections** each Sunday at 9:30 AM. Beginning with *Life*

*Connections for Advent* - the four Sundays of Advent plus Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Christmas Day Worship.

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This will be an informal worship time - grab a cup of coffee and join the group as we sing, pray, share, hear from the Pastor, and learn about being followers of Jesus in our time and place in this world.



New Year *Life Connections* in world - finding the way of God messed up world. We invite you not about a building but about grace and brought into others, and with all of transforming power of Jesus.



### Delta Connections Café (Diner's Club)

**12 noon Thursday November 3, 2022** – with thoughts about listening and hearing and a presentation from the Hearing Society

**12 noon Thursday December 1, 2022** – bringing us into Advent and anticipation of the coming of God's Son

### Delta Baptist Church

Building Connections  
Food for Body, Soul, and Spirit

Wholesome Lunch    Stories of Life and Hope  
Music for Connecting    Biscuits and Berries for the Soul

Cost: Freewill Donation

For more information call Brian (613-928-2963) or Sharon (613-928-2228)  
Or email: [deltabaptist@gmail.com](mailto:deltabaptist@gmail.com)



If getting the flu shot could save even one life,  
isn't that worth it?

Stop the spread, **get the shot.**



get your

**Flu Shot**



## RIDEAU LAKES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Where were you in 1972?

*Celebrate 50 years  
of library service at the  
Elgin Branch*

Saturday, November 19th 2022

RLPL - Elgin Branch (open house) 1-3 p.m.  
Hall (presentation and light refreshments)

For more information contact Lorie  
elginlibrary50@gmail.com or call 613-359-5315

### **DROP IN - Baby Songs & Rhymes**

Birth to 15 months 10 am to 11 am

Elgin Hall - Nov 2 Dec 7 South Elmsley Hall - Nov 16 Dec 21

### **DROP IN - Play & Story Time**

For children Birth to 6 years of age 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Delta - RLPL Branch - Nov 22 Dec 13

Elgin - RLPL Branch - Nov 18 Dec 2, 16

Portland - CRCHC - Nov 21 Dec 5, 19

South Elmsley - RLPL Branch - Nov 14, 28 Dec 12



Also happening at the Rideau Lakes Public Library

- Monthly Pop-up Afterschool Program
- Saturdays at the SE Branch Makerspace (Try out the 3D printer, Cricut, Robots, Lego etc.)
- Free Craft Kits for Kids are available monthly

Don't miss out REGISTER for our monthly newsletter and follow us on social media



For more info visit [WWW.RLPL.CA](http://WWW.RLPL.CA)

## ANIMAL CONTROL REMINDERS



### Township of Rideau Lakes By-Law # 2012-3; Section 6.

- 6a) The owner of a dog shall **keep the dog leashed and under control** when the dog is on land other than that of the owner unless prior consent is given by the property owner.
- 6b) No owner shall allow his/her dog to urinate on any property, other than the property of its owner, or the property by permission, nor to defecate on any such property, unless the **droppings are forthwith cleaned up**.
- 6c) No owner shall allow a dog to run at large in the Township and any **dogs running at large** shall be liable to be seized, impounded, and disposed of as hereinafter provided.

Please remember that Lower Beverley Lake Park, the Lakersfield Ball Diamond, the Delta Fair Grounds and the Royal Canadian Legion lot in Delta are **NOT off leash dog parks** and should be respected accordingly. Thank you.

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## LOOKING TO DISPOSE OF UNWANTED METAL MATERIALS?



The Delta United Church is once again collecting scrap metal, copper, and lead acid batteries as a fund-raising project. Metal materials may be placed inside the container at the farm of Gerald Phillips, 718 Daytown Road, Delta while spent batteries and wire may be placed beside the container. This recycle bin is NOT intended for regular garbage; thank you for your cooperation.

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## WINTER ROAD REMINDERS

- ✓ **Drive according to the conditions!**
- ✓ **Pushing snow across roads / streets is not only a safety hazard; it is against the law.**  
The Ontario Traffic Act states that "No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road." R.S.O. 1990, c H8, s. 18.
- ✓ **Overnight parking is prohibited on the roadways between 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from November 15<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>.**  
Please help the snowplow operators do their job by not parking on the street.



## Delta & Area Community Enhancement Committee

Thanks to the efforts of Committee Member Laura Redman, the first Delta Summer Writing Contest was a huge success with several wonderful entries. The story that stood out most however was submitted by First Prize Winner, Colin Guthrie. His story, which is printed below, masterfully wove together a personal relationship story with some local history about Upper Beverley Lake.



**Prize Winner** was Colin Guthrie from Ottawa

**Runners Up** for Honourable Mention included the following residents:

Effie Woods-Warren

Philip Schroeder

Kelly Jean Cole

**Child's Contest Winner** was Allyson, age 10 years. Allyson spends two weeks each summer at her grandparents' cottage on Upper Beverley Lake. While there, Allyson loves to swim, hang out with her cousins, read books and write stories.

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**Written by**

*Colin Guthrie*



Some years ago, my girlfriend (now wife) Tanya and I set out for a Beverley Lakes adventure and had our relationship tested along the way.

It's a tradition to boat from Ottawa to the family cottage on Upper Beverley Lake by following the Rideau Canal and then portaging into Morton Creek and through Delta. My grandparents, Roderick and Rose Sheridan, made the voyage in a canvas canoe while scouting out potential cottage properties in the early 1940s. My uncle completed it in a tiny homemade rowboat and 2 HP outboard in the 1960s. Tanya was a complete novice when it came to camping and cottages and I wanted her to see firsthand the beauty of the lakes and towns that mean so much to my family. Surely her love of the great outdoors would blossom on a trip like this. I suggested we reverse the classic route and leave from the cottage, camp at lock stations and visit towns along the way. With the route set, our fate was sealed.

It was already a hot August morning at the cottage when we loaded up our 12-foot tin boat, topped up the grumpy old 10 HP gas guzzler and set off west down the Upper Beverley towards Delta. Motoring down the lake, we passed a string of three islands. My family calls the biggest one "Bell's Island", but I'm unsure of its official name. A 1953 Upper Beverley map shows a cabin or other structure near the southeastern shore, but the island has been uninhabited for at least as long as I've been around. A rope swing and jumping platform dangling over the cliffs on the west side provided many happy afternoons with visiting cousins in the 1980s. We quickly finished the Upper Beverley leg of our trip and pulled up at the public boat launch at the head of the creek leading to Delta.

We carefully set the boat onto the portage cart, which I noticed was looking older than I remembered, and made our way down the launch's access road and onto King Street. Our pace was anything but brisk with Tanya pulling from the bow while I pushed the stern. The cartwheels squeaked past the Delta Country Market and LCBO. The Country Market was the Red & White when I was young and the place to spend your allowance on a fudgesicle or Cracker Jack to enjoy on the car ride home. Morris' Grocery in the Jubilee Block down the road had better selections of Fun Dip, Swedish Fish and Fizz candy under the old glass countertops. My mother always pointed out the original tin ceilings while we waited for the grocer to serve us from behind the counter. A small grocery store had been a fixture of the block for so long at that time that legend said it was the location of Delta's first telephone and the original shopkeepers would have seen their stock brought in by horse and cart. My grandfather, born and raised in Soperton, played steel guitar in his youth and sometimes joined Harry Morris' orchestra with Len Morris, Stan Singleton and Raymond Steele to rehearse in the rooms behind the store.

We pushed the boat across King Street and the wheels groaned and creaked as they bumped up and over the curb and back onto the sidewalk. We had great views of the Old Town Hall and the backside of the Old Stone Mill as we rumbled down Court Street. Nowadays the Mill is a fascinating museum full of artefacts and smiling volunteers. Considerable investment and work have made it that way compared to the dustier and sparser space I remember from almost 40 years ago. Tanya and I have visited the mill many times since our fateful trip; including one memorably frigid December night to see the Christmas light displays and indulge in all-you-can eat spaghetti and pie at the United Church.

You could almost hear the rickety old wheels sigh in relief to see the boat afloat once more in the mill creek. We cruised smoothly down the creek, waving to friendly campers at Lower Beverley Lake Park on the right bank and catching glimpses of the Delta Fairgrounds on the left. The annual agricultural show now called the Delta Fair was established in 1830 and has made Delta its permanent home since 1856. It is among the oldest agricultural fairs in Ontario if not Canada and traditional agricultural events and displays now live cheek-to-jowl with modern attractions like the midway and concerts. I have a vivid memory of relaxing on the cottage dock one July evening in 2008, faintly hearing David Wilcox and wishing I was in the audience.

Exiting the creek and chugging out into the Lower Beverley, we crossed the lake against driving wind and waves that could not detract from a wonderful vista of pine-studded islands and rocky green shores. Our path dipped south around Whisky Island allowing a glimpse of the Canoeshuk rising proudly on an outcrop just off English Island. Canoeshuk was Ed VanVoorhis' brainchild and installed in 2007 to commemorate the Lower Beverley Lake Association's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Lower Beverley paddlers owe a visit to Canoeshuk to reflect on its "*follow the path*" inscription and think of other adventurers who have plied these watery highways since time immemorial. Lower Beverley Lake gets cozier as you move west past Horse Island, and the shorelines close in on Oak Bay. I patted myself on the back as I easily navigated to the Morton Creek outlet and avoided the pitfall of turning too far east and vanishing into the ominously named Lost Bay. From the corner of my eye, I swear I could see the portage wheels smirk at my hubris. We churned our way up Morton Creek as it meandered gently past farm fields and trees toward the Highway 15 bridge near Morton itself. The heat and humidity were oppressive as we shut down the motor and rowed the final metres to the portage dock through floating mats of weeds. We wrestled the boat from the water and heaved it up the steep bank on the tottering portage cart. Were those wheels getting even more wobbly? No time to check as the day was getting

later and hotter by the minute. We felt a rising sense of doom as the boat reeled and swayed along the first section of the carry to Morton Bay. The trail closely follows the upper section of Morton Creek, and you can spot the ruins of George Morton's mill in the water beside the portage. Successive mills and dams built along this part of the creek starting in 1803 were responsible for reshaping the area's lakes and watercourses into what you see today. Wiping sweat from our eyes, we staggered over rocks and tree roots inch by wheel-shattering inch.

Disaster! With a loud SNAP! The cart's wooden spokes splintered into toothpicks and dumped our boat on the side of the portage. Silence. This was a pivotal early moment in the relationship for Tanya and me. She had believed me when I said I was a consummate outdoorsman and assured her this trip would be genteel bordering on 'glamping'. Now it was a scorching late afternoon and we were 15 km from where we had started with a heavy boat, too much gear and the sad old portage cart dead and broken beside a tree stump. We were in quite the predicament in the middle of the forest and without that cart. Would we argue? Collapse in despair? Wander off into the woods, never to be seen again? Nope. Unfolding our camp chairs, we sat down, drank what little water we still had left and summoned the strength we'd need to get out of this pickle.

Working together over what felt like hours, Tanya and I lifted and shifted our motorized tub a foot at a time all the way back to the dock at Morton Creek. Collapsing exhausted into the boat, we bullied our tired muscles to row us back down the weedy creek until we could start the motor again. A Good Samaritan at the boat launch behind the mill back in Delta generously loaded our boat onto their trailer and returned us to the welcoming arms of the Upper Beverley. And so, our Beverley Lakes adventure ended in failure with us sitting on the wall in front of the United Church, gulping down a two-litre carton of raspberry lemonade and ploughing through a family-sized bag of potato chips from the Country Market. Our young relationship had survived being stranded in the woods far from home, with a heavy boat and motor on the ground and only our wits and teamwork to get ourselves out of trouble. Undeterred, Tanya and I were married a few years later and even made another attempt at our adventure. We would succeed the second time by borrowing an ultralight canoe, packing light and leaving my grandfather's now-retired antique portage cart behind, but that's another story.

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## **MONDAY MORNING COFFEE**

Be sure to stop by the United Church Hall for some coffee, donuts, and fellowship. This activity is offered every Monday morning as part of the Church's Outreach Program between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

There is no charge, but a free will donation is welcomed.



**NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>**  
*at 2:00 a.m.*





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## Delta People Hold Showers

A Miscellaneous shower was held at the home Mrs. Henry La Forty for war bride Mrs. Allan Girden. Many and useful gifts were presented. An address of welcome was read by Miss Peryl York. Mr. and Mr. Girden replied thanking all for their kindness.

A miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Miss Jean Dougall in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald (Buster) Halladay. There was a large number present and varied gifts were received. An address was read by Miss Verla Tabot to which Mrs. Halladay replied thanking for the gifts.

Bus and other traffic were forced to detour for several hours when a house being moved to Brockville got stuck on the Glen Elbe bridge. The house purchased by Mr. Logan was being moved from Delta to Brockville.

A shower was held at the home of Mrs. David Dean on Monday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pratt. Many useful gifts were presented. Miss Florence Mc Machen read the address. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt replied thanking all for their gifts and to Mrs. Dean for opening her home.

Miss Muriel Anglin of Kingston spent the weekend at her home here. Herbert Bresee has returned to Montreal for a few days. Mrs. Ronald Halladay is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lorne Sawyer, at Cornwall. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Halladay visited their daughter, Mrs. Elmer Garret and Mr. Garret, Kingston, on Sunday

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## 200 War Veterans Welcomed at Public Reception in Delta

The Township of Bastard and Burgess (South) tendered a complimentary banquet in the Delta Town Hall for all personnel from the township who served in Canada's armed forces. About 200 returned men with wives and guests were present at the dinner prepared by the women of the township. The chairman of the program was Reeve J. W. Newsome, and the special guest speaker was Dr. Olive Russell, formerly of Delta, now of the office of the Department of Veteran's Affairs, Ottawa, who spoke on veteran's affairs. Toasts to the King and to the service personnel were proposed by Rev. A. J. Fieldus, of the Baptist Church. Victor Halladay of Delta made the reply on behalf of the veterans. A toast to the war brides was given by Rev. L. S. Throop of the United Church and replied to by Mrs. Netterfield Trotter of Chantry. Deputy-Reeve William Preston and Councillors S. Morris, T. Stone and C. Freeman also addressed the gathering. A sum of money was presented to each of the veterans by Eric Waddell of Portland. Three Polish soldiers, who have been working on the farms, were guests at the reception and each was presented with a similar gift. Parents of those killed in action were among the guests. Telegrams and letters from a number of boys unable to attend were read by the reeve. A minute of silence was observed in memory of those killed in action, namely: "Buster" Baker of Portland, Johiel Baker of Phillippsville, Douglas Frye of Soperton, Douglas Heath of Portland, Arthur Gillespie of Portland, Edward Lapoint of Plum Hollow, Ford Stevens of Portland, Delormie Stevens of Portland, Gordonier Warner of Phillippsville, Osborne Tedford of Soperton, Lloyd Laviolette of Delta.



## **MUNICIPAL NEWS**

**from Councillor Cathy Livingston**

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Welcome to Autumn 2022!

It is hard to believe that we are heading into another busy November and December. I would like to give you a couple of updates.

The Delta Waterfront Project is now in the final stages of construction. Once completed, the area will look much different following its complete transformation. It will be great when this project, which was initiated in the Spring of 2018, is finally completed. There will be some additional cosmetic work completed in the spring including such things as benches, name signage along with a donor board which will showcase the names of all those who have generously donated funding to this project.

The Waterfront Project was a huge undertaking which will cost almost \$400,000. Thanks to the generosity and support of community donors and through fundraising activities, approximately \$100,000 was raised which demonstrated a solid commitment from the community at large. After receiving additional funding through the municipality, success was also realized when a federal grant was secured that allowed the project to be finished. Once complete, this project will truly add a “sense of place” within our community.

Another piece of great news is that the municipality is now in the process of acquiring ownership of the former Confederated Foods / Maple Syrup Factory property and the adjacent property at 42 King Street. The newly elected Council, with support from Staff, will be making decisions regarding the future of the site and what the next steps will include. Options could include a partial demolition of the building, the use of a portion of the building as a small business venture or even an affordable housing project. This venture will certainly be a great opportunity for our community.

Any residents interested in becoming a member of the Delta & Area Community Enhancement Committee are asked to contact Recreation and Volunteer Coordinator Leila Stafford at the Municipal Office by calling 1-800-928-2250, ext. 238 or via email to [lstafford@rideaulakes.ca](mailto:lstafford@rideaulakes.ca). The Delta Committee encompasses the communities of Delta, Phillippsville, Chantry and Plum Hollow. If you are interested in making a difference within the community, this is a great way to get your ideas through to Council.

As this term of Council has come to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to everyone for all of the support received during the past four years. It has been a very trying term for everyone as we dealt with the many challenges of the pandemic. Council and Staff continue to serve you by completing the daily tasks at hand along with coordinating the many other projects as we move forward. I look forward to working with you during the upcoming term of office.

Take care!



The Township of Rideau Lakes is a rich, vibrant community in which residents are willing to contribute their time, talent and resources to work together for the betterment of the entire municipality. Public service is one of the noblest pursuits an individual can undertake and service on Municipal Council provides a wonderful opportunity to give back to one's community.

A sincere vote of thanks is extended to all of the candidates who participated in the 2022 election followed by congratulatory wishes to the following individuals who will represent the Ward of Bastard & South Burgess during the 2023-2026 term of council:

Candidates Elected	Contact Number	Contact Email
<b>HOOGENBOOM, ARIE</b> Mayor-Elect	613-323-0901	<a href="mailto:arieathome@hotmail.com">arieathome@hotmail.com</a>
<b>DUNFIELD, Susan</b> Ward 1 Councillor-Elect	613-802-1415	<a href="mailto:sueforrideaulakescouncil@gmail.com">sueforrideaulakescouncil@gmail.com</a>
<b>LIVINGSTON, CATHY</b> Ward 1 Councillor-Elect	613-928-2796	<a href="mailto:CathyLivingston@Kingston.net">CathyLivingston@Kingston.net</a>
<b>SCHOULAR, JAMIE</b> Upper Canada District School Board Trustee-Elect	613-326-0402	<a href="mailto:jamie.schoular@gmail.com">jamie.schoular@gmail.com</a>
<b>CUMMINGS, CHRISTOPHER</b> Catholic District School Board Trustee-Elect	613-284-7729	<a href="mailto:theworldaccordingtomycamera@gmail.com">theworldaccordingtomycamera@gmail.com</a>
<b>LAFORREST, RACHEL</b> School Board Trustee-Acclaimed (Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario_	No Information Available	No Information Available
<b>BURNS, DIANE</b> School Board Trustee-Acclaimed (Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est)	613-885-5473	<a href="mailto:dianeburns99@gmail.com">dianeburns99@gmail.com</a>

**Election Results, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Representatives for Ward 1: Bastard & South Burgess**



OFFICE OF MAYOR	CANDIDATE	VOTES RECEIVED
	Bresee, Carolyn	1180
<b>Elected</b>	<b>Hoogenboom, Arie (I)</b>	<b>2995</b>

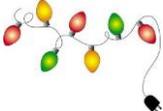
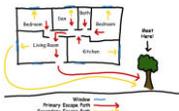
OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR	CANDIDATE	VOTES RECEIVED
	Banks, Paula	490
	Chvostek, Paul	303
<b>Elected</b>	<b>Dunfield, Susan</b>	<b>736</b>
<b>Elected</b>	<b>Livingston, Cathy (I)</b>	<b>608</b>

The inaugural meeting of Rideau Lakes Council will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Ronald E. Holman Municipal Complex in Lombardy.

Participate in the

# 12 Days of Holiday Fire Safety

Make this the Safest Holiday Season to Date!

DAY 1		Water fresh trees daily.
DAY 2		Check all sets of lights before decorating. Ensure that they are CSA or ULC rated.
DAY 3		Make sure smoke alarms function.
DAY 4		Make sure carbon monoxide alarms function.
DAY 5		Make sure everyone knows how to get out safely in the event of a fire.
DAY 6		Use extension cords wisely and properly. Check for the safety rating.
DAY 7		Give space heaters proper space.
DAY 8		Blow out candles before leaving.
DAY 9		Keep matches and lighters out of the sight and reach of children.
DAY 10		Watch what you heat. Don't wear baggy clothing around flames.
DAY 11		Encourage smokers to smoke outside.
DAY 12		There's more to responsible drinking than taking a cab home.



*DELTA'S VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE  
December 1997*

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