

DELTA PILOT.



March ~ April 2023

Volume 13 - Number 2

Available on line at

www.rideaulakes.ca/experience/general-info/our-villages/delta



~56th Anniversary Edition~

DELTA MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

April 15th and 16th



WE NEED YOU!

If you are able to volunteer as a
cook / server / table cleaner,
contact **Leanna Thomas**
613-802-9523

leannathomas_1991@yahoo.com.

If you wish to reserve
concession vendor space,
contact **Marlaine Hart**
613-924-2407

grave_diggerest@hotmail.com

If you wish to enter into the
ball hockey tournament,
contact **Brandon Brooker**
613-561-6684

If you wish to volunteer with the
Delta Mill Society,
contact **Liz Priebe**
613-928-2902
priebe.liz@gmail.com





DELTA MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL, 1994



The Delta Maple Festival turned into old home week Saturday for two war buddies. Leonard Birchall, left, and Lloyd Sawyer served together briefly during World War II but hadn't seen each

other since Birchall was shot down and taken as a prisoner of war. Above, the two share a few memories while eating pancakes.
(Staff photo by Vickie Megrath)

Wartime friends reunited at Delta Maple Festival 1994

BY VICKIE MEGRATH
Staff writer

DELTA — Leonard Birchall was looking forward to his first trip to the maple festival here this year — but it wasn't only for pancakes drowned in maple syrup.

Birchall, a retired air force commander now living in Kingston, had planned to attend the 17th annual event and was looking to see what the festival had to offer. What he saw listed in the promotional material shocked and surprised him and he knew he'd have to make the trip for old time's sake.

Listed among the fair organizers was the name Lloyd Sawyer, a long-time Delta resident who, along with his wife, has worked with the festival for several years. Sawyer, a maintenance man in the air force during World War II, had served with Birchall in 1942.

"I wrote to the festival and got Lloyd's name on the list so I intended to look him up," said Birchall, who served two weeks with Sawyer before being shot down over the Indian Ocean. After Birchall was taken as a prisoner of war, he never saw (Sawyer) again — until Satur-

"I knew he was shot down but we didn't know he had been taken as a prisoner of war until about two years later," Sawyer said of Birchall's fateful flight. "I hadn't seen or heard from him until he called me a few days ago and we set up this meeting."

More than 2,500 people turned out to the two-day event to get a taste of the fresh pancakes and maple syrup made locally, said Alice Leeson, one of the fair organizers. The event usually attracts between 6,000 and 10,000 people annually from as far away as Kingston, Ottawa and Cornwall but Leeson said attendance has been dropping steadily during the past few years.

"The attendance wasn't too bad this year, though," said Leeson, adding Sunday's rain contributed to the small crowds. She said it's possible the fair could be cut back to one day if the attendance continues to fall.

The fair used to be a three-day event but was cut back two years ago to two days, said Leeson. The festival was held from Friday to Sunday so that school children in the area could tour the plant and get their fill of griddle cakes while on a school outing.

"But once the kids see it once, they aren't really that interested in it the next year," said Leeson.

The money raised during the festival — about \$2,670 last year — goes to support local groups such as the volunteer fire department, the athletic association, the senior citizens group, the Lions club and the local Legion. Leeson said the event usually generates about \$8,500 in revenue but more than two-thirds of that (about \$6,000 to \$7,000) is spent on such things as milk, eggs and flour for the pancakes as well as promotion for the event.

There were only two scheduled trips to the sugar bushes this year for anybody interested in seeing how maple syrup is made. The United Maple Products building was open to visitors during the weekend for those who wanted to see how the sticky stuff was manufactured and bottled for retail sale.

An added attraction to this year's event was the Queen's University Golden Gaels Band. The band, complete with baton twirlers, majorettes and a gymnastics team, entertained a crowd of about 75 people Saturday who were waiting outside the town hall for their turn at the pancake dinner.

NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION in WARD ONE on Monday, May 15th, 2023




NOTICE pursuant to Section 65 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, notice is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of Ward One (1) – Bastard and South Burgess, that nominations may be filed as outlined below for the office of Councillor Ward One (one to be elected).

FILING A NOMINATION – Eligible Candidates may file a nomination paper including the prescribed fee and submission of 25 signatures of eligible voters supporting the nomination starting Tuesday, February 7th, 2023 up to Friday, March 31st, 2023 (Nomination Day), at the Clerk's Office during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and on Nomination Day, until 2:00 p.m. The Nomination Fee of \$100 must be paid by cash, debit, certified cheque or money order.

VOTING

Voting will take place via the internet/telephone. The process will remain the same as the Regular 2022 Municipal Election that took place in October. The voting period will run from Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. thru until Monday, May 15th, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

MEET THE CANDIDATES (as of printing time of this issue of the Delta Pilot)

CANDIDATE	CONTACT INFORMATION	DATE FILED	PHOTO
Laura Redman	630 Lake St. Delta ON K0E 1G0 613-349-7477 laurabethredman@gmail.com	07 February 2023	
Paula Banks	104 Golf Club Road Smiths Falls ON K7A 4S5 613-284-0238 paula-joshua@hotmail.com	08 February 2023	
Yann Hidioglou	2963 MacDonald Road Portland, ON K0G 1V0 613-727-6027 yannbarb@hotmail.com	13 February 2023	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available by contacting the following:

Mary Ellen Truelove

Clerk

Phone: 613-928-2251, Extension 293

Email: mtruelove@rideaulakes.ca

YOUR VOICE
YOUR VOTE



Instilling a Passion for Our Heritage"

Box 172, Delta, ON K0E 1G0

Telephone: 613-928-2584

Email: info@deltamill.org

Website: www.deltamill.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/DeltaMill

WE ARE HIRING – The Delta Mill Society has several summer positions available for mill interpreters. These are job openings for university or high school students interested in gaining experience at a significant National Historic Site of Canada. The job involves greeting visitors to the mill and showcasing the mill and the many stories it represents. Full training and support are provided. Depending on the grant funding program, candidates must either be returning to school or be between the ages of 15 to 30 and a Canadian citizen who is eligible and willing to register with a government grant program. Full details can be found on our website, www.deltamill.org

We will be open during Delta's Maple Syrup Festival featuring milling, blacksmithing and the Ginormous Used Book Sale. The book sale, jointly sponsored by the Delta Mill Society and the Rideau Lakes Library, will be held in the Old Town Hall with the books available by donation. Proceeds from the book sale are split between the DMS and the RLL.

The newly renovated Blacksmith Shop will feature a hammer-in on Saturday, April 15th, with blacksmiths hammering away for the enjoyment of the public. The Old Stone Mill will be open for tours and the millstones will start grinding heritage red fife wheat into flour at 1:00 p.m.

Volunteers continue to be very busy behind the scenes as they are working to complete the "new" blacksmith shop displays and signage. One such sign will be a large new Blacksmith Shop sign on the front of the building which we hope to have in place this spring. We are also working with local blacksmiths to have the shop open as a Living Museum on Saturdays during the summer and we are looking into hosting blacksmith training courses. We'll have details posted to our website as they become available.

Our Collections Project will be entering its fourth year in 2023. This is a large project to properly document, arrange and store our large collection of archives and artefacts. Some of these artefacts are on display, but many more (over 1,000) are held in our collection spaces. The proper documentation of these, to museum standards, is a long and exacting process.

The Old Town Hall will again be the home to several musical events, we already have two scheduled (May and June) with several more in the works. See the events page on our website for details.

We always welcome new volunteers. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact us. We are in particular need of those who would like to become volunteer mill interpreters. While we use students during the summer, there is a need for volunteers in the off season as well as mentors and student supervisors during the main season. This activity is particularly suited to those with an interest in history and communicating that history to the visiting public. The mill has a very rich history and we have people and written resources available to assist with training.

THE BASTARD COFFEE HOUSE

51 King Street, Delta

Call 613-292-1564

Email: bastardcoffeehouse@gmail.com



The Bastard Coffee House continues to be one of the focal points in the village. Open seven days a week, visitors can enjoy coffee, sandwiches, sweets, and local products. It has also become a gathering place for the community to stop in and have a visit.

Musical performances continue to be showcased every Saturday evening between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and board game night is held every Thursday evening until 8:00 p.m. Drop by, meet your neighbours and have some fun!

FARMER'S BREAKFAST



Come and enjoy a morning of fellowship and a delicious breakfast at the Harmony Lodge Hall in Phillippsville on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The menu includes bacon, sausage, eggs, hash browns, baked beans, pancakes, toast, juice, coffee and tea for \$12.00 per person. There is only one sitting at 8:00 a.m. so be sure to come early and get your seat!

Breakfast dates include March 28th and April 25th.

For additional information, contact Len Vincent by calling 613-928-2671 or via email to vlenvincent@sympatico.ca.



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.

DELTA FOOD BANK



The Delta Food Bank is located at the St. Paul's Community Centre, 77 King Street, in Delta and is open on the second Tuesday of each month between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

The Delta Food Bank Volunteers would like to thank the following for their continued support and generosity throughout 2022:

- ✚ The generous and supportive individuals who contributed food items and donations throughout the year.
- ✚ The talented knitters who donated scarves, hats and mittens made with love for inclusion in the Christmas Hampers.
- ✚ The UCW for providing a large bag of men's and women's socks and gloves that were packed into the Christmas Hampers.
- ✚ Delta United Church, United Church Women (UCW), Delta Baptist Church, St. Andrew's United Church and St. Paul's Community Centre.
- ✚ RCL Automotive, Metroland Media, Lake 88.1 Radio, Your TV, Impression Printing and Hinton Auto Group for the annual Build A Mountain of Food drive held in December at the Delta Food Market. Thank you to Chris Craig and Brian Perkin for all the work they do in support of the "Build A Mountain of Food" campaign.
- ✚ Mensen Family Farm, WTC Communications, Willard's Bakery, Bakers Feed Store, Delta Country Market, Fairfield Farm, Rideau District High School Student Council (food drive), Rideau Lakes Vintage Motorcycle Club, RTO-ERO District #48, Lower Beverley Lake Seasonal Campers, and Delta Athletic Recreation Society.
- ✚ The many individuals and/or groups that held fundraisers throughout the year for the Delta Food Bank.
- ✚ The volunteers for their endless support and dedication to serving the food bank clients.
- ✚ Our apologies in advance if we have unintentionally left someone out.

Thank you one and all very much for all that you do in support of the Food Bank. The donations received allow the community to continue to have an efficiently run Food Bank that provides ample provisions for the patrons in need. The Delta Food Bank could not have done it without everyone's help and support. Stay healthy and stay strong.

Jana Curtis, Co-Chairperson of the Delta Food Bank 613-349-6464

Linda Gifford, Co-Chairperson of the Delta Food Bank 613-213-4828





**Welcome Back to the 90'S -- The
Delta Maple Syrup Festival Dance**

Where:
Delta Legion -32 William St

When:
April 15, 2023

Cost:
\$10 per person

From 8 p.m. til 1 a.m.

DJ JEFF

50/50 Draw

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. and a lite lunch will be served at half time.

CONNECTIONS CAFÉ / DINER'S CLUB

Sponsored by Community and Primary Health Care-Leeds Grenville, Diner's Clubs are available to seniors and adults who are looking for more opportunities to meet people and socialize.

Diner's Clubs provide a freshly-prepared, nutritious meal, as well as entertainment, educational presentations and the opportunity to socialize.

The Diner's Club is held at noon in Memorial Hall at the Delta Baptist Church on the first Thursday of each month (March 2nd and April 6th) except for the months of July and August. A free will donation is gratefully appreciated. New attendees are most welcome!

For additional information, contact Brian by calling 613-928-2963 or Marion at 613-342-3693, extension 2036.



COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE



It will soon be time to once again honour Delta residents with the presentation of the *Citizen of the Year Award* and the *Youth Award of Excellence*.

Nomination forms will be available in the May / June issue of the Delta Pilot.
Don't wait until the deadline to begin considering a deserving candidate; start thinking now!

PITCH-IN 2023



Most people are committed to keeping the area around their homes looking great and free of litter. "PITCH-IN RIDEAU LAKES" is an annual program that gives residents a chance to join together, expand our areas and set an example to others that we truly care about the beauty and safety of our environment.


With over 600 Kilometers of public roads in our Township, we need you! Think of the cumulative effort if every resident picks up one bag of garbage! Invite your friends, family members, neighbours, groups/clubs and organize a day of "pitch-in" in Rideau Lakes. A huge thank you is extended to all of the volunteers who pitched-in every year since the program's inception in 2000.

Participate in PITCH-IN RIDEAU LAKES every April and help keep your neighbourhood clean. PITCH-IN bags are free to volunteers and can be obtained at the Township Office. Pick up roadside litter, place it in a PITCH-IN bag and set it out for free collection on your regular day (no bag tag required). Only pitch-in litter will be picked up, do not put your household waste in the yellow bag.

Pitch-In Rideau Lakes is held from April 16th to April 29th.


For additional information, call Ben at the Municipal Office 1-800-928-2250, extension 230 or via email to brothwell@rideaulakes.ca

**Free All Ages
Public Skating**




Centre 76 Arena
March 14th 2023
1-3pm

Ice time paid for by the



Athens Lions Club





**WATCH FOR
FLASHING
GREEN LIGHT
FIREFIGHTER**



**EMERGENCY
RESPONSE**

Every Second Counts!



ontario.ca/firemarshal



DON'T FORGET

Spring forward!

Change the hour. Check the power.

- ☒ Test all smoke and CO alarms
- ☒ Replace batteries at least once a year
- ☒ Replace alarms that are 10 years old
- ☒ Read manufacturer's instructions

March 12, 2023

**We turn our clocks
forward.**

**More Light
Longer Days**

SPRING IS COMING!

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING OR WORKERS' MOURNING DAY



The National Day of Mourning, or The Workers' Mourning Day is observed in Canada on April 28th. It commemorates workers who have been killed, injured or suffered illness due to workplace related hazards and occupational exposures.

In December 1990, the Canadian Government passed the Workers' Mourning Day Act which officially acknowledged this day in tribute to all persons killed or injured in the workplace.



Beverley Senior Citizens' Club #460

- Meeting with a Pot-Luck luncheon on March 22nd and April 26th at noon in the United Church Hall.

Delta Athletic and Recreation Society

- Ball Hockey Tournament on April 15th at the Recreation Centre.
Contact Brandon Brooker at 613-561-6684 for registration details.

Delta Baptist Church

- Good Friday Service (Combined) on April 7th at 10:00 a.m. at the United Church.
- Connections Café on March 2nd and April 6th at noon at the Baptist Church.

Delta Food Bank

- Open on the second Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in St. Paul's Community Centre.

Delta Maple Syrup Festival

- 56th Anniversary Edition on April 15th and 16th – See front cover for details.

Delta United Church

- Monday morning coffee and donuts from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall.
- Church Council meeting on March 23rd and April 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.
- Good Friday Service on April 7th at 10:00 a.m. at the United Church.
- Easter Sunday Service on April 9th at 9:15 a.m. at the United Church followed by a pot-luck breakfast.
- UCW Meeting with a Pot-Luck luncheon on March 15th and April 19th at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall.

Good Food Box

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

Harmony Lodge

- Farmer's Breakfast on March 28th and April 25th at 8:00 a.m. at the Harmony Lodge Hall.

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.
- Weekly Youth Cornhole-Contact Wil Phillips at 613-349-2485 for details.
- Meeting on March 7th and April 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.
- Dance with a Hawaiian theme on March 11th from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Legion Hall.
- Syrup Festival Dance on April 15th from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Legion Hall.

Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary, Branch #207

- Meeting on March 16th and April 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.



SUBMISSION DEADLINE for the May / June Edition Is April 21st, 2023



SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

United Church at 9:15 a.m. / Baptist Church 9:30 a.m.

LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK MANAGEMENT BOARD

William Morris, A.M.C.T., Park Manager
146 Lower Beverley Lake Road, P. O. Box 130, Delta, Ontario K0E-1G0
Website: www.beverleylakepark.com and Email: info@beverleylakepark.com