

# DELTA PILOT.



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The Delta Food Bank is so very grateful for all of the donations received in 2023. Thank you so much! While all donated food items are greatly appreciated, any outdated or past best before dated items cannot be distributed to the clients as they are deemed a health risk.

A special honor was bestowed upon the Delta Food Bank in December. An open house, supporting St. Paul's Anglican Community Centre and the Delta Food Bank, was held on December 15<sup>th</sup> in Kingston. The Diocese of Ontario, the Anglican Church of Canada – Synod Office requested that attendees bring a food donation for the food bank. The Delta Food Bank is so thankful to the Anglican Diocese of Canada for their consideration.



Photo (l-r): DFO Alex Pierson and Bishop William Cliff and are pictured with a \$1,400 donation to the Delta Food Bank.

The annual Build A Mountain of Food was held at the Delta Food Market on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to RCL Automotive, Lake 88.1 Radio, Your TV, Impression Printing, Hinton Auto Group, and Hometown news for their sponsorship.

Christmas Hampers, which included the ingredients to prepare either a turkey or ham dinner, were distributed on December 22<sup>nd</sup> to area families/individuals in need of assistance throughout the holiday season. Kudos to the Mensen Family Farm, Willard's Bakery, and the Chantry B&B for generously donating potatoes, squash, baked goods (including cookies) and turkeys that were included in the hampers. Additional food items were included which allowed recipients the opportunity to enjoy time with family or friends over the holidays. Thank you to the Delta UCW for collecting socks, scarves, and mitts and thank you to a very special senior lady who, year after year, has knitted hats and mitts for the children, women and men who received a hamper.

The following organizations are also to be acknowledged for their donations throughout the year: WTC Communications, Mensen Family Farm, Delta United Church, United Church Women, Delta Baptist Church, St. Andrews United Church, St. Paul's Anglican Community Centre, Rideau District High School Students' Council, the Old Bastard's Vintage Motorcycle Club, Lower Beverley Lake Park Seasonal Campers' Recreation Committee, RWTO – Gananoque Branch, ETFO Upper Canada Occasional Teachers' Local, Delta Athletic and Recreation Society, and the 2022 International Plowing Match & Rural Expo Local Committee Inc.

2023 fundraisers held in support of the Delta Food Bank included Oliver book sales, the Brian Daye Memorial Slow Pitch Tournament, Halloween Pumpkin Fest, and the South Grenville Fire Fighters' Food Drive. Such monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

One last thank you is extended to the generous and thoughtful individuals in and around the community who continue to support the Delta Food Bank throughout the year with contributions and donations that allow the volunteers to operate an efficiently run food bank and provide ample food and services for people in need. A big thank you is extended to the volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year to provide such a valuable program.

Apologies in advance to anyone who has been unintentionally omitted.

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

## WTC SUPPORTS FOOD BANK

WTC Communications recently donated \$2,500 to support the efforts of the Delta Food Bank volunteers. By supporting the food banks in the communities, they serve, WTC has contributed \$15,000 this year towards this worthy and much needed cause.

Photo (left to right)

General Manager Mike Lynn and Food Bank Co-Chairperson Jana Curtis.

Thank you, WTC Management and Staff.



## BUILD A MOUNTAIN OF FOOD



Thank you to all donors who contributed both food and funds at the 'Build A Mountain of Food' collection day in Delta. Through the generosity of area residents and businesses, a total of 4,119 lbs. of food and \$10,067.10 in donations were collected on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Delta Country Market. Wow!

## UCW SUPPORTS SOCCER TRIP

Barb Bentley, Treasurer of the Delta United Church Women, UCW, recently presented a donation cheque to the North Leeds U18 Girls Soccer Team. This group will be travelling to Gothenburg, Sweden in July 2024 to play in the Gothia Cup.



Anyone wishing additional information on how they can support this team may contact Scott Halladay at 613-340-5092.

Good luck ladies!



## COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with the project of decorating the village this Christmas season. It looked great! Surplus decorations from the park's former Celebrating the Season program were placed throughout the village. Stay tuned for additional information on how you can become involved in this decorating initiative in 2024!



*"Instilling a Passion for Our Heritage"*

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As 2023 ends with the Mensen Family Christmas Concert at the Old Town Hall on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, time was taken to reflect upon another very busy and successful year for the Mill Society with the highlight being the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations that were held at the mill in August. This was a day of celebration that included a special visit from 103-year-old Beth Robinson, one of the original four Trustees who assumed ownership of the mill in August of 1963 from Hastings Steele for the sum of \$1.00. Since then, the Delta Mill Society has put in thousands upon thousands of volunteer hours and over 2 million dollars into restoring and presenting the mill to the public.

A detailed summary of the Society's activities can be found in the fall/winter newsletter that has been posted on the website (see "newsletter" under the Mill link in the top menu). If anyone has an interest in the mill, consider taking out a membership to support the work of the Society. Outside of supporting the various projects, a perk is that members are the first to receive the newsletter, either by email or in hard copy (your choice). In addition to detailing the activities of the society, historical articles are now being included. The 2023 Spring/Summer edition featured an article about how the women of Delta saved the Old Town Hall after it caught fire in 1888. The current 2023 Fall/Winter edition details the early rocky years of the mill (1810-1850) when it came close to closing due to being non-profitable and in debt. The 2024 Spring/Summer newsletter will continue the story with the Denaut era of the mill (1850-1893).



**WE'RE HIRING** – Positions will be available for 4 mill interpreters during the summer of 2024. Job postings will be listed on the website ([www.deltamill.org](http://www.deltamill.org)) by mid-January. Although the mill is a National Historic Site of Canada, that designation does not bring in any funding and to get grant support for summer students, all available funding programs must be sourced. The Society is usually successful in receiving such grants given the mill's extensive heritage, the programs offered and the fact that it is a significant tourist attraction which supports the economy of Delta and the Township of Rideau Lakes. During the summer of 2023, only one of four applications was approved but thanks to generous donors, the shortfall was covered, and the mill opened in May with 4 local youth being employed.



Photo (l-r):  
Students Blake Fox and William Brown hung a banner in preparation for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in August.



Some of the behind-the-scenes work involves the archival materials which include photos and other material regarding the history of the Old Stone Mill and the village of Delta in general. This information is shared with the Rideau Lakes History Centre (RLHC) that is operated by the Rideau Lakes Library system and administered by Sue Warren. Joint digitizing projects have been completed in the past and staff are now continuing a program of digitizing photos and other archival material and putting that on-line using the skills of Rebecca Rothwell. Rebecca has been a seasonal employee of the Delta Mill Society for the last 3 years (April to October) working on large collection projects.

During the fall of 2023, Rebecca accepted a contract with the Library Board to continue working with the digitizing project. The Delta Mill Society very much supported this project whereas digitizing archival material and making that available to the public (worldwide via the internet) is extremely valuable for the heritage of the township. It's one of the most significant heritage activities within the township as it is this information from the past that speaks to who we are today. Having it digitized and available on-line means that anyone, from anywhere, can access it at any time. It's a tremendous resource for those doing any kind of heritage research, from documenting an aspect of the past to genealogy.

June 10, 1828
June 10, 1928

SOUVENIR CARD

**Centennial Celebration**

OF THE

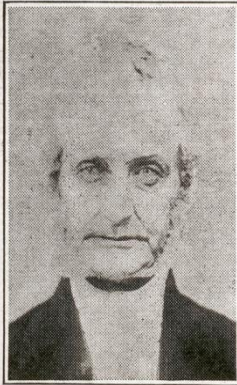
**Founding of the Temperance Movement  
in Upper Canada at Delta**

Under the Auspices of the Ontario Prohibition Union

On June 10, 1828, Dr. Peter Schofield delivered in Bastard Township, Leeds County, the first temperance address and founded the first Temperance Society in Upper Canada.

Seventeen persons joined the Society and adopted a Constitution which included an Abstinence Pledge.

He lit and threw a flaming torch. 'Tis now our duty to hold it high.



**Temperance in the Old Stone Mill**

On June 10, 1828, Dr. Peter Schofield delivered a 4-hour temperance sermon in the Old Stone Mill. Although not directly related to milling (other than the fact that two of Dr. Schofield's brothers and his nephew were millers in the Old Stone Mill), it is a story we tell visitors since it marks a significant historic event in Upper Canada, the start of the temperance movement. A photo of this card is part of a slide set donated to us this year by Dr. Paul Fritz. We are currently in the process of digitizing many of these slides and donating the digital versions to the Rideau Lakes History Centre. The set includes many photos of Delta and area taken by Paul's mother, Laura Green and his grandfather, Robert Green.

DR. PETER SCHOFIELD



For those residents who are not familiar with this resource, simply complete a search for "Lakes and Islands Times Past" or go directly to: <https://images.ourontario.ca/lakesandislands/> and enter your search of interest (i.e. "Delta").

The Society will be continuing to work on expanding its own archives, including sorting through several boxes of research material donated to us by Dr. Paul Fritz last spring. While some of the material is related to the mill, much also deals with area history. This material will be shared with the Rideau Lakes History Centre once it has been properly organized.



## 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.

The Diner's Club provides 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 (January 4<sup>th</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>) except for the months of July and August. A free will donation is gratefully appreciated. New attendees are most welcome!

For additional information, contact Marion Rice at 613-342-3693, extension 2036 or Brian at 613-928-2963 or via email to [deltabaptist@gmail.com](mailto:deltabaptist@gmail.com).



## FARMER'S BREAKFAST



Come and enjoy a morning of fellowship and a delicious breakfast at the Harmony Lodge Hall in Phillippsville on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 January 23<sup>rd</sup> and February 27<sup>th</sup>.

For additional information, contact Len Vincent by calling 613-928-2671 or via email to [vlenvincent@sympatico.ca](mailto: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 appreciated.



## 194<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DELTA FAIR

The **Advanced Homecraft / Agricultural Produce Prize List** is now available for the 2024 Delta Fair.

Should you wish a copy, please contact Fair Office Staff by calling 613-928-2800 or via email to [info@deltafair.com](mailto:info@deltafair.com)

The listing is also available online at [www.deltafair.com](http://www.deltafair.com)

## PLANNING BEGINS for the DELTA MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

As soon as the sap starts to run, the community of Delta begins preparing for the Delta Maple Syrup Festival. This year's event promises to offer entertainment, refreshments, activities and, of course, maple syrup and pancakes for the thousands of people who opt to visit the Village of Delta during the weekend of April 20<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>.

If you can volunteer at the festival, contact Leanna at 613-802-9523 or via email to [Leannathomas\\_1991@yahoo.com](mailto:Leannathomas_1991@yahoo.com).



## CELEBRATING the SEASON

Members of Beverley Senior Citizens' Club #460 joined together to celebrate Christmas as they enjoyed a catered turkey dinner in the United Church Hall on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. For information on how YOU can become a member, contact Pat Phillips by calling 613-928-2712 or via email to [harymary@ripnet.com](mailto:harymary@ripnet.com).



The Delta United Church Women (UCW) held an appreciation evening of fellowship and food through the sharing of a turkey dinner with members of the community in the Church Hall on November 30<sup>th</sup>.





Are you interested in getting out onto the dance floor instead of wishing that you could? If so, learning social dancing skills will give you the confidence that you need!

Ballroom, Latin, and swing group lessons are being offered at the Delta Legion, with beginner classes starting on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Classes will run every Sunday evening for six weeks between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tuition is \$100 per couple, payable to the instructor at time of booking. For more information or to enroll, please contact Jeff Patry by phone or text at 613-499-4315, or by email to [brockvilleballroom@gmail.com](mailto:brockvilleballroom@gmail.com)

**NOTE:**

At this time, group lessons are geared towards couples only. If you're single, reach out to us about scheduling private lessons.



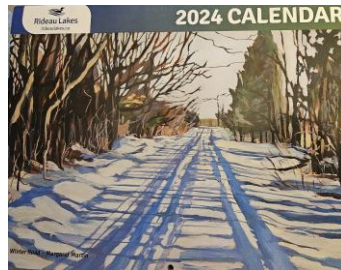

**NEW YEARS EVE DANCE**

Royal Canadian Legion,  
Branch 207  
**Time : 7pm**  
\$15 per person or \$25 per couple  
**DJ Light Refreshments provided**  
**FUNDRAISER for an accessibility ramp**

**FOR TICKETS text or call**  
**Val Brown @ 613-246-6998 or Wil Phillips @ 613-349-2485**



## LOOKS LIKE THE SNOW BANKS WERE HIGHER IN 1959



### 2024 RIDEAU LAKES CALENDARS

were mailed out to every residence within Rideau Lakes via Canada Post.

If you do not receive a calendar in your mailbox by January 15<sup>th</sup>, contact Ben Rothwell at the municipal office by calling 1-800-928-2250, Ext 230 or via email to [brothwell@rideaulakes.ca](mailto:brothwell@rideaulakes.ca).

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Thank you to all area residents who decorated their homes and property during the Christmas season. The Delta Community looked beautiful this year.



Congratulations to the following contest winners.

1. Darren Darragh-Merry
2. Karen Mustard-Festive
3. Nancy Penstone-Bright
4. Hope Chisamore-Cozy, Family Christmas
5. Tina Daye-Best Home-Crafted Christmas Decor

This year's contest was sponsored by the St. Paul's Anglican Community Committee in partnership with the Delta Community Enhancement Committee.





On Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1905, an article in the **DELTA PILOT.** read “born in the thriving village of Delta, it is a bouncing babe, the idol of the community and has grown so rapidly that it is able to run at an enormous speed”.

With the Reverend George Wellington Connors as the Editor-In-Chief, the **DELTA PILOT.** was distributed every Thursday between 1905 and 1908. The newspaper was printed in a King Street drive shed, which was opposite John Street, on a printing press that had been relocated from a defunct printing plant in Bancroft. The paper was printed until March 27<sup>th</sup>, 1908.

Revived by the Lower Beverley Lake Park Management Board, the current version of the **DELTA PILOT.**, which is now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year of printing, is produced at the park office through the support of Delta’s Not-For-Profit and Charitable Organizations.

Thanks to the combined generosity of the following organizations, the residents of Delta and area can receive the Delta Pilot.

- Beverley Senior Citizens’ Club #460, Delta*
- Delta Agricultural Society*
- Delta Athletic and Recreation Society*
- Delta Baptist Church*
- Delta Community Enhancement Committee*
- Delta Mill Society*
- Delta United Church*
- Lower Beverley Lake Association*
- Lower Beverley Lake Park Management Board*
- Rideau Lakes Public Library*
- Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207 and Auxiliary*
- St. Paul’s Anglican Community Committee*
- Township of Rideau Lakes*



## GOOD FOOD BOX

The Good Food Box offers fresh fruit and vegetables at wholesale prices for all community members.

Participants place their orders with payment at the Delta Library before the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month and pick it up on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. The program is volunteer-driven and volunteer-run with a staff program coordinator. Each order contains a copy of the Good Food News which is a monthly newsletter that highlights fruit and vegetable nutrition education and is produced by a Registered Dietitian. Orders contain local produce when available and new collaborations with local farmers are continually sought after. The program operates monthly except for August.

Orders can be placed at the Delta Library during the first week of the month on Tuesday (4:00 to 7:00 p.m.), Thursday (1:00 to 4:00 p.m.) and Saturday (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). Contact Liz at 613-928-2902 for additional information.



### Pricelist

- Large box of mixed fruit/vegetables-\$15
- Small box of mixed fruit/vegetables-\$10
- Bag of mixed fruit-\$5.00
- Bag of mixed vegetables-\$5.00

## CLASSIC COMFORT FOOD NIGHT #3 - Dine In or Take Out



Shepherd's Pie  
\$14.00

Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Delta United Church  
4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE

Meatloaf with Mashed/Roasted Potatoes  
\$13.00  
Homemade Desserts \$5.00 each



Chicken & Dumplings  
\$13.00

Cash Only Please



### WINTER ROAD REMINDERS

- ✓ **Pushing snow across streets is not only a safety hazard, it is against the law.**
- ✓ **Drive according to the conditions!**  
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>.**  
Help the snowplow operators do their job by NOT parking on the street.



### EUCHRE PLAYERS NEEDED

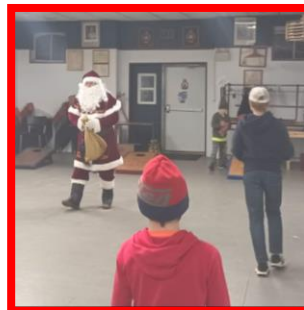
Do you enjoy playing euchre and have some free time in the evenings? If so, join in the fun at the Delta Legion every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. The doors open at 6:00 p.m.



### YOUTH CORNHOLE IS BACK

**Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207**

- ✓ Every Saturday evening.
- ✓ Registration at 6:30 p.m.
- ✓ Bags fly at 7:00 p.m.
- ✓ Admission is \$5.00 per person.
- ✓ Canteen available.



Even Santa enjoyed  
cornhole in December!

## PANCAKE DINNER

Enjoy a 'Shrove Tuesday' evening meal of pancakes and sausages on February 13<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the United Church Hall; admission is by voluntary donation.



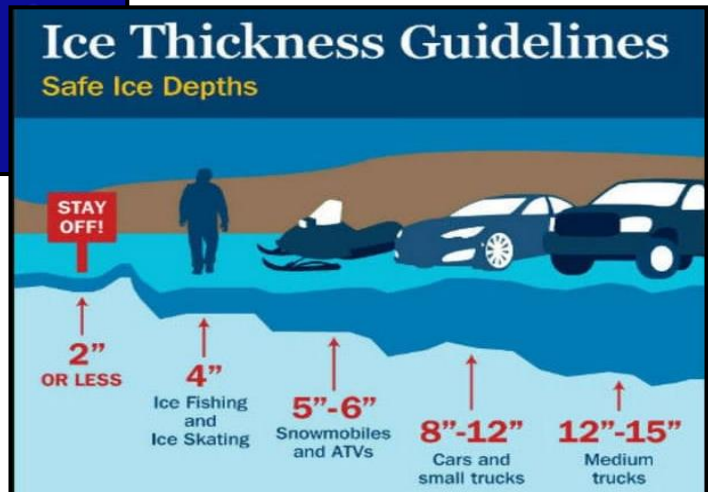
## LOOKING TO DISPOSE OF UNWANTED METAL MATERIALS?



The Delta United Church is 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.

### Holiday Fire Safety Starts at Home

Warm up the holidays with safety. **Clear snow, ice and debris** from chimneys and outdoor vents.



## Rideau Lakes Public Library

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Delta</b> 613-928-2991 delta@rlpl.ca	X	X	4:00 - 7:00	X	1:00 - 4:00	X	9:30 - 12:30



# KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Written by Connie McCullough, Delta



Chuck Chant is being featured as this month's "Know Your Neighbour". I first met Chuck while he was walking his beautiful golden retrievers, Leah and Lexie, passed our house. They are 10 and 11½ years old but they still act like they are puppies.

Chuck grew up on a dairy farm on Delta Road with his parents, Jack and Kay, and his three siblings: Molly, Tom, and Jim. Jim still resides on the family farm where the Jim Jam music festival was once held. Close friends of his mother called her Kak. While I didn't have the privilege of meeting Jack, I did meet his mother who was famous for her maple syrup pie.

When Chuck was young, he fed the cattle and when he was old enough, he milked cows, drove tractors, worked in the hay loft and cultivated the land. He also helped in tapping almost 2,000 maple trees each spring as part of their business to produce maple syrup.

Chuck attended Rideau District High School in Elgin. Following graduation, he started his first job at Phillips Cables in Brockville before working as a truck driver for CP Transport until the company closed in 1997. He then worked for various trucking firms until he retired.

Chuck met his wife Linda at a Christmas party hosted by Marsha Gifford who was seeing Linda's brother, Michael Shoubridge, at the time. They married in 1978 and had two children: Jonathan and Katie who both have two children ranging in age from 3 to 7 years. They visit Chuck often and are the light of his life. During summer visits, they go out on the pontoon boat where Chuck is trying to teach them how to waterski. Sadly, Linda passed away in 2018 after a long battle with cancer.

The Chant family owned property and two cottages on Lower Beverley Lake. In 2008, he and Linda decided that they would like to build a home, so some land was severed off and the planning began. While the house was being built, they lived in one of the cottages. The contractors worked diligently to complete the house so they could move in prior to winter. The landscaping is lovely, and the garden is huge, so it is easy to see that this place is a labour of love for Chuck.

Chuck keeps himself busy within the community. While he didn't play hockey as a boy, he decided to join the gentleman's league in Athens 15 years ago and now plays one or two times per week. Chuck is the property chairperson for the Delta Athletic and Recreation Society (DARS) where he can be found flooding the ice during the late winter evenings. Mother Nature was not his friend last year as the February Family Day event had to be cancelled due to poor weather. Chuck helps at various activities at the recreation centre and would love to see more events held there in the future. DARS currently offers horseshoes, cornhole, skating, and hockey tournaments along with a kids' camp during the summer.

Like many of us, he is eager to see Delta become a popular spot. Chuck helped with the first annual Country Christmas event on December 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Recreation Centre where a special white bearded visitor enjoyed hot chocolate, a bonfire, and so much more.

Thank you, Chuck, for the opportunity to get to know you better.





**WORK FOR YOUNG PEOPLE NEEDED: VILLAGERS**

STEVE RUMMELL, Leeds County Bureau Chief

The Kingston Whig-Standard

Kingston, Ontario, Canada

Friday, December 14, 1973

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**DELTA** — This Leeds community, nestled comfortably between the two Beverley Lakes in the heart of the county's tourist area appears to need additional employment opportunities to keep its young people at home. In a Whig-Standard survey, some local residents, talked of the necessity of a secondary industry or additional businesses to employ the young people who now seek work outside the community.



*ARCHIE OSTROM*, a successful dairy farmer and councillor on the Bastard and Burgess Township Council, believes a major need of the community is a secondary industry. Confederated Foods Ltd., a maple sugar plant, now is the only industry in the village and employs about 50 to 60 local people. "Most of the young people in the area leave to seek employment in the cities," said Mr. Ostrom. He said only two boys, including his own son, have remained to work on the family farm in a 10-mile radius of Delta. Mr. Ostrom said he is generally happy with the area but would like to see more small industry located near the village. He had no complaints about shopping in the two stores in the village or about the recreation facilities available. "There's no use of me complaining about it, I'm quite happy with it", he commented.



*DR HANS E. JACOBS*, who has lived in Delta since 1953 said a village of this size could always use more industry. "Especially in the wintertime, it's more of a little, death, village," he added. Dr Jacobs said there are a lot of older people who live in Delta while the younger ones usually leave to seek employment in Brockville, Gananoque or Smiths Falls. "So, we have this problem of over aging of the population," he explained. "We have only the one little industry, the Confederated Foods Company and that's not enough." Generally, the general practitioner is happy with the community and its service facilities. He said the new township park, constructed in the village, is a great boon to area tourism.

*REV. DONALD MACKENZIE*, pastor of the United Church here for the last year, believes recreation activities can be improved. Because many of the residents work in Brockville and other centres, Mr. Mackenzie does not believe additional industry is a major need of the community. He said Delta could almost be classified as a suburb of Brockville. He said an important need is additional businesses in the community. Nearby Elgin, which is smaller has more businesses than this village of 400 people, he pointed out. A barbershop might be one of the most important services lacking in local businesses, he added.



*RICHARD LEESON*, principal of Sweet's Corners Elementary School, sees an organized recreation plan for the community, at all levels, an important need of the village. A pharmacy service might be one of the most necessary functions lacking in the community, points out Mr. Leeson. Additional sources of local employment are likely the most important requirement of the community, said Mr. Leeson. "I would say throughout this area most people have to find employment elsewhere," commented Mr. Leeson. "So, in a sense the community is a dormitory community, I suppose". The community itself has many attractions though, points out the principal. Its location between the two lakes is a good attraction, he said and local camping facilities are good. "It's a very pleasant place to

raise children in the sense of their personal freedom,” he commented. “And to someone who was raised in a city atmosphere as I was, that’s very nice.” Delta is known for its maple syrup production and the Confederated Foods plant. The yearly Delta maple syrup festival is a popular event.



**HAROLD RUSSELL**, a retired schoolteacher, believes the village has a bright future. “Anybody can see this Rideau district is going to be one of the biggest tourist areas around,” he commented. He is happy with the services provided in the community. He is in the midst of attempting to secure a Local Initiative Program grant from the government for improvements to the old Delta Mill, the village's most historic building. Mr. Russell, 80, who retired as a Toronto school principal about 15 years ago, has lived in the village ever since.

This picturesque Leeds County village was first called "Stephenstown" after Elder Abel Stevens the first settler. When a stone mill was built it was renamed "Stone Mills" and then gave way to the name "Beverley" after Chief Justice Sir John Beverley Robinson. When application was made for a post office, it was found another Ontario community was named Beverly, so Delta was adopted in 1886 because of its location between Upper and Lower Beverley Lakes. A delta is a triangular piece of land at the mouth or mouths of rivers.



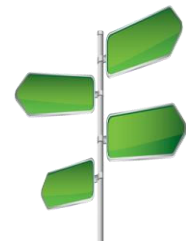
### STILL USING LOWER BEVERLEY PARK?

Residents walking through the park or using the playground equipment are reminded that they are using the facilities at their own risk. Remember that the park is not an off-leash dog park; dogs must be kept on a leash and owners must clean up after their dogs. Doggie bags are to be placed in the waste receptacle at the Gate House. Do NOT leave dog waste along the roadside for Staff to clean up.



While walking in the park, you may have noticed that all the roadways have been named after historically prominent people and places within the Delta Community.

- ◇ Abel Drive                      Named after Elder Abel Stevens / founder of Delta in 1790.
- ◇ Bell Drive                        Named after William Bell / operator of Bell's Store in 1850.
- ◇ Copeland Drive                Named after Joel Copeland / village pharmacist in 1890.
- ◇ Denaut Drive                    Named after Walter Denaut / postmaster & tax collector in 1830.
- ◇ Eli Drive                         Named after Eli Holmes / prominent farmer in 1851.
- ◇ Flood Drive                     Named after Flood's Hotel / hotel on King Street in 1900.
- ◇ Godkin Drive                    Named after Eliza Jane Godkin, schoolteacher in 1900.
- ◇ Hastings Drive                 Named after Hastings Steel / last operator of the Mill in 1961.
- ◇ Irwin Drive                      Named after Lloyd Irwin / prominent businessman in 1900's.
- ◇ Jubilee Drive                    Named after Jubilee business block / built in 1897 to honour Queen Victoria's Jubilee.
- ◇ Jones Drive                     Named after Will Jones / built the current Stone Mill in 1811.
- ◇ Knowlton Drive                Named after John Knowlton who constructed the United Church.
- ◇ LeClaire Drive                 Named after John LeClaire / original owner of Black Jack Island.
- ◇ Morris Drive                    Named after Hon. William. J. Morris / first warden of the District of Johnstown (predecessor to Counties of Leeds-Grenville) in 1842.
- ◇ Nicholas Drive                 Named after Nicholas Miller, owner of the first Delta Mill in 1798.
- ◇ Russell Drive                    Named after Harold Russell / founder of the Delta Maple Syrup Festival in 1967.





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Happy New Year to Everyone!

2024 will see some staffing changes within the Township of Rideau Lakes...

- Malcolm Norwood has moved from Parks and Facilities to the Manager of Development Services.
- Mark McFall comes aboard as our Interim Fire Chief until the permanent position is filled.
- Angela MacLeod moves into Development Services creating an opening as a reception/tax clerk.
- A new Manager of Parks and Facilities will begin in the new year...identity unavailable at time of printing.
- Shellee Fournier joins us as our new CAO in January.

We welcome all the new staff and congratulate others with their new assignments. 2024 will be an exciting, progressive and interesting opportunity for everyone.

In the last two issues of the Delta Pilot, residents were encouraged to reach out to the following provincial contacts asking for their support and commitment to rebuilding the Delta berm:

- Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources & Forestry 1-800-387-7011  
email [Graydon.Smith@pc.ola.org](mailto:Graydon.Smith@pc.ola.org)
- Premier Doug Ford 416-745-2859
- Steve Clark, MP 416-585-7000

Impress upon them the following ... that it is indeed their responsibility to rebuild this integral part of the dam operations on Upper Beverley Lake; that the dam and the berm are intrinsically linked; that the Ministry understands its moral and legal obligations to address the degrading condition of the berm and the resulting flooding of Delta Village.

Portland Outdoors has changed their format for their annual Skate the Lake event due to the unknown recent winter conditions. Watch for an announcement approximately 10 days in advance if there will be speed skating races (any weekend starting on January 20<sup>th</sup> to February 25<sup>th</sup>) and keep in touch as volunteers will have the oval open for public skating if and when all is safe.

Have a safe winter and watch for fun events sponsored by the Delta Athletic Recreation Society (DARS) at the Recreation Centre on Family Day, February 19<sup>th</sup>.





**Beverley Senior Citizens' Club #460**

- Meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup> with a pot-luck luncheon at noon in the United Church Hall.
- Exercise classes every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in the Legion Hall; sponsored by CPHC.

**Delta Agricultural Society**

- Meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Fair Office.

**Delta Athletic and Recreation Society**

- Meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation Centre.
- Family Fun Day on February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Recreation Centre (weather dependent)

**Delta Baptist Church**

- Connections Café on January 4<sup>th</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> at noon in Memorial Hall 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 United Church**

- Church Council meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.
- Pancake Supper on February 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.
- Annual General Meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> following the worship service and brunch.
- Monday morning coffee and donuts from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall.

**Delta United Church Women**

- Meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> and February 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. followed by a pot-luck luncheon 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 January 23<sup>rd</sup> and February 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the Harmony Lodge Hall.

**Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207**

- Meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.
- Euchre games played every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall; doors open at 6:00 p.m.
- Youth Cornhole every Saturday Evening-Registration at 6:30 p.m. for the 7:00 p.m. game in the Legion Hall.

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

- Meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.



**SUBMISSION DEADLINE for March / April is February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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



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