

DELTA PILOT.



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~57th Anniversary Edition~

DELTA MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

will be held on

Saturday, April 20th and Sunday, April 21st, 2024



DISREGARD THE DATES
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RIDEAU LAKES CALENDAR



ONE DAY ONLY
Tuesday, March 27th, 1917

TOWN HALL, DELTA

Matinee, 4.15 p.m. Evening, 8 o'clock
CHILDREN 10c. ADULTS 25c. CHILDREN 15c.

Under the auspices of the **156th Battalion, 1st Reinforcing Company, Major J. L. Newman, O. C.**
The Wonderful Military Moving Picture Spectacle (6,000 ft. of film)

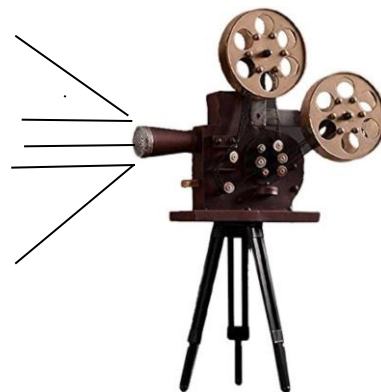
Canada in Khaki

With **H. WILMOT YOUNG**, the Famous Lecturer and Entertainer
ALSO OTHER TALENT WILL APPEAR

This Big Military Spectacle shows on the screen, Officers and Men of the 3rd Military District (which includes all Officers and Men of the 154th and 156th Battalions) in training. See if you can see your Husband, Son, Brother, Sweetheart or Friend.

Wonderful Scenes of the Trenches, Bomb Throwing, Bayonet Fighting, Wireless, Signaling, Rout Marching, Life in Bivouac, Building Pontoon Rangers, Field Artillery in Action, Field Ambulances, First Aid, H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught inspecting the Troops, (his last official act in Canada), the Royal College and Cadets, Convalescent Homes and Hospital, Convalescent Soldiers, The Nursing Sisters, Fun and Frolic of the Soldiers in Camp and Everything of Interest in Military Training.

NONE OF THE HORRORS OF WAR
UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF BRIG.-GENERAL HEMMING



Registration is Necessary!



Held the 2nd Friday of the Month
Portland
Country Roads Community Health Centre
4319 Cove Rd. at Hwy 15
1:30 - 3:30pm

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Alzheimer Society
LANARK LEEDS GRENVILLE

JUST FOR YOU GROUP (Portland)



Isolated
no more!

Supported by:  Ontario Health

What is the Just For You Group?

The Just For You Group is for individuals who are experiencing the middle to late stages of dementia that cannot be left on their own at home.

This group is designed to run simultaneously with the caregiver support group.



The purpose of the group is to:

- Provide a stimulating environment where group members can socialize, relax and reminisce.
- Provide an opportunity for caregivers to attend a support group knowing their loved ones are cared for at the same time.

What to expect from this group

The Just For You Group seeks to provide a non-judgmental, failure-free environment for participants with the hope that the members will experience an increase in self-esteem in addition to the benefits associated with cognitive stimulation and socialization.

What happens in the group?

The focus is on group activities and discussions where participants interact with one another and with facilitators. A variety of activities are provided which are intended to engage the interests of participants by using humour, age-appropriate activities, presentations from guest speakers and music events.

Alzheimer Society
LANARK LEEDS GRENVILLE

Please note: Caregivers may attend the caregiver support group alone but dropping off loved ones with dementia and leaving is not allowed.



A caring, social environment to stimulate your senses, share some memories and have some fun!

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April 20th and 21st, 2024



WE NEED YOU!

If you are able to volunteer as a **cook / server / table cleaner**, contact **Leanna**
613-802-9523
leannathomas_1991@yahoo.com.



If you wish to reserve **concession vendor space**, contact **Marlaine**
613-924-2407
grave_diggerest@hotmail.com



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



If you wish to volunteer with the **Delta Mill Society**, contact **Liz**
613-928-2902
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Instilling a Passion for Our Heritage"

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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 jobs provide experience for secondary school, college, or university students at a significant National Historic Site of Canada. The position involves greeting visitors and highlighting the mill while sharing the many stories it represents. Full training and support are provided. Depending on grant funding program utilized, participants must either be returning to school or be between the ages of 15 to 30 years and a Canadian citizen who is eligible and willing to register with a government grant program. Full details can be found online at www.deltamill.org.

Volunteers Wanted

New volunteers are always welcome! If anyone is interested in helping in any way, please contact the Society. Volunteers in demand are those who would like to become mill interpreters. A volunteer 'Meet & Greet' session will be held towards the end of April or in early May to chat about the various volunteer opportunities. Mill interpreter volunteers will be included in the normal pre-season training sessions as many opportunities will be available this summer to highlight the mill and interact with the visiting public. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact the Society's volunteer coordinator, Katherine Killins via email to katherinekillins@gmail.com.

Delta Maple Syrup Festival

The Old Stone Mill will be open on the Saturday of the Maple Syrup Festival (April 20th between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.) with a milling demonstration being held at 1:00 p.m. The Blacksmith Shop will also be open between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday.

The **Ginormous Used Book Sale will be held** on both the Saturday and Sunday of the festival. The book sale, which is jointly sponsored by the Delta Mill Society and the Rideau Lakes Library, offers a wide selection of books available for the taking by a donation.



PITCH-IN 2024



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, 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, help is needed! Think of the cumulative effort if every resident picks up one bag of garbage! Invite friends, family members, neighbours, groups/clubs and organize a day of "pitch-in" in Rideau Lakes. A huge thank you is extended to all the volunteers who have pitched in every year since the program's inception in 2000.

Participate in PITCH-IN RIDEAU LAKES every April and help keep every neighbourhood clean. PITCH-IN bags are free to volunteers and can be obtained at the Township Office and libraries. 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 14th to April 27th.

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

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.

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 7th and April 4th) except for the months of July and August. A free will donation is gratefully appreciated. New attendees are most welcome!

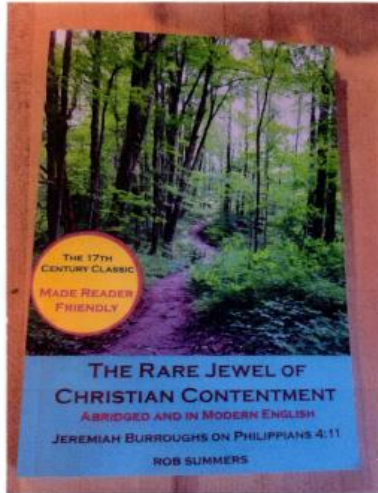
Contact Brian by calling 613-928-2963 or Marion at 613-342-3693, extension 2036 for additional information.



PILGRIM BOOK CLUB

Read a book over a two-month period, after which you can join together as a group on Monday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m. for discussion of it. It will take place in the parlor at the residence of David and Sharon Okum which is known historically as the William Bell house at 60 King Street in Delta. Following that, the next selection of a Christian book on a relevant topic will be made. Refreshments will be served.

The first book of study is *"The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment"* by Jeremiah Burroughs.



The Cambridge educated puritan; Jeremiah Burroughs (1599-1646) was the author of this book. It has proved to be enduring and relevant throughout the centuries. It is highly rated and well-reviewed by all who have read it.

"I have read it myself many years ago and still recall it as an enjoyable book, very practical and well worth the read. It is applicable to all of life's troubling situations, be they personal, familial or times of societal crisis." David Okum.

"Dare I say that this book has changed my life? So many trials, worries and concerns but all is dissolved away now in the contentment of all situations as ordained by God." Robert Norman.

Copies of this book will be available a cost of \$10.00 (Abridged in modern English by Rob Summers). The books will be ordered in early March. If anyone wishes to order a copy of the book, contact David or Sharon Okum by calling 613-928-2228 or via email to apilgrim@myyahoo.com

MARCH MADNESS PIE SALE

Everyone has a 'sweet tooth' so here is a perfect opportunity to order a delicious pre-made pie of your choice! The Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207-Delta will be hosting a pie sale on March 27th between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Legion Hall. Customers must pre-order their pie by contacting Pat Phillips at 613-928-2712 (call or text) or by emailing harymary@ripnet.com before March 22nd. Pies, available at a cost of \$17.00 each, will be pre-made and frozen...just waiting to be cooked and served with ice cream. Pie flavours available include apple, cherry, pumpkin, and blueberry.



**Daylight Savings Time
begins on
MARCH 10th, 2024
at
2:00 a.m.**





DELTA ODD FELLOWS LODGE MARKS 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

HARRY PAINTING, Reporter / Focus on the District

The Brockville Recorder and Times

Brockville, Ontario, Canada

Friday, June 3rd, 1999 / Page 18

THE RECORDER & TIMES

DELTA — For 100 years, Delta Lodge No. 265, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has served this community well and faithfully. This year, No.265 is observing its centenary. A banquet marking one hundred years of service was recently held in Delta's Beverley Elementary School with IOOF Grand Master of Ontario Lloyd Brown and long time Delta member, Ronald Morris, as guest speakers. Grand Master Brown presented a 100th anniversary plaque to Delta's Noble Grand Pat McCarthy.



Photo: Beverley Elementary School

Farmersville Was Mother Lodge

The seeds for the first lodge were planted in 1887, when 12 leading citizens of Delta journeyed to Farmersville (now Athens), to join Farmersville Lodge No. 237. Later that year, after having obtained their degrees, the 12 inductees decided to seek a lodge for Delta. They applied to the Grand Lodge of Ontario for a charter. Their request was granted, and on March 27th, 1888, the grand lodge directed Farmersville Lodge to act as the mother lodge to the new unit, and to initiate proceedings for the creation of the lodge. After the lodge was duly instituted, the members of the mother lodge supervised nominations, elections, and the installation of officers. In the wee hours of the morning, the installations were completed and Delta Lodge IOOF No. 265 came into being.

18 Signed Up

The first Noble Grand was a prominent Delta physician, Dr. John M. Sinclair. Eighteen members were signed on, the 12 original members being those who joined Farmersville No. 237, and six new initiates. The proceedings were supervised by District Deputy Grand Master D. Wiltse, of IOOF District 42. He was assisted by C. C. Lyman of Brockville, District Grand Treasurer C.L. Lamb of Farmersville, James Ross of Farmersville, and Grand Master James E. Kincaid of Brockville. The 12 originals included Dr. Sinclair, R.M. Percival, George Morris, Albert Gallagher, W. R. Singleton, Rufus I. Stevens, Russell Dowsett, John Williams, F.C. Austin, John H. Moulton, Matthew McArthur, and W.H. Denaut, Jr. Dr. Sinclair's executive consisted of H. M. Percival as Vice-Grand, F. C. Austin as Treasurer, Rufus Stevens as acting Past Grand, Albert Gallagher and John H. Moulton. Noble Grand Sinclair then appointed extra officers including George Morris as Warden, Matthew McCarthy as Conductor, W.H. Denaut, Jr., John Williams, and W.H. Singleton. Additional candidates for membership were interviewed, and duly accepted into the lodge. They included Joel Barlow, Luther Stevens, Wesley G. Niblock, Francis W. Singleton, and George Chamberlain.

Meetings

The members voted to hold their meetings on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The Treasurer reported that the lodge took in \$27 on its first night. The Singleton Block was built on King Street (photo-right) in 1885 with rooms above the businesses on the ground floor. The new lodge rented a meeting hall there and began to expand. William T. Sheridan was initiated on May 1st, 1888, followed by Bastard and Burgess Township Clerk John Brown, shoemaker Bill Hollister, William Humphries, stone mason W.J. Birch, and Baptist minister, the Rev. George D. Connors.

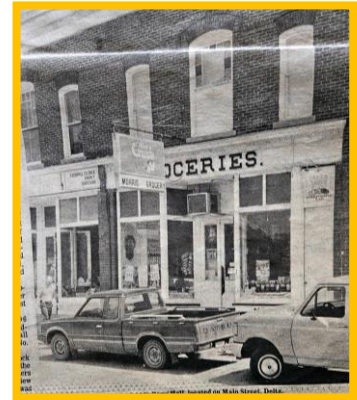


Disaster Hit

Disaster hit Lodge No. 265 in 1896 when fire leveled the Singleton Block and wiped out all paraphernalia and records of the lodge. The members had to start over from scratch. All the lodge trappings, the books, papers, and documents were lost. For several months, the lodge members met in the kitchen of the Birch home, until a new block rose from the ashes.

Jubilee Block

Named the Jubilee Block, the two-storey structure still dominates King Street, housing businesses as well as the Odd Fellows Hall, above Morris' Grocery. The new block commemorated the jubilee of Queen Victoria. Birch himself built the block and he was the janitor, caretaker and cleaner for the block. He looked after the lodge room, provided oil for the lamps, and heated the chamber by means of pipe from the stove in the store below. He charged \$25 a year for the heating and paid taxes of \$15.10 yearly to the township.



Expanded Lodge

In 1907, the lodge rooms were expanded, and a kitchen was constructed. The kitchen was further extended in 1925 when the Rebekah Lodge was created. As the membership grew, the lodge began taking on an active role in community affairs. The lodge instituted an "At Home" social evening which was to prove the highlights of the year for Delta folk. Between 150-200 people attended this annual event. Lodge No. 265 also held maple syrup parties and brought in stage players for plays with the proceeds going towards the purchase of a piano and new regalia for the lodge. In 1947-48, the lodge attained its highest membership of 147 brothers.

CPT Fund

The IOOF Cancer, Polio, and Tuberculosis Fund was launched, and the lodge has since paid out thousands of dollars for the relief of patients and research towards finding a cure. When the village needed a fire engine in 1937, the lodge bought up a large share of the debentures issued to cover the cost. It was the first motorized piece of fire equipment bought for Delta.



District Deputy President Irene Stevens, 1975-76.
Back Row (l-r)
Lorna Henderson, Marg Morris, Alma White,
Clara Townsend, Shirley Halladay.
Front Row (l-r)
Vera Sheridan, Shelva Hutchings, Irene Stevens,
Betty Ostrom, Audrey Talbot.



District Deputy Grand Master Ron Morris, 1978-79.
Back Row (l-r)
Lewis Burtch, Bill French, Bruce Teepell, Len Morris.
Middle Row (l-r)
Charles French, Sam Douds, Cliff Morris, Neil Jansen.
Front Row (l-r)
Lloyd Sawyer, Ron Morris, Ernie Kelly.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR

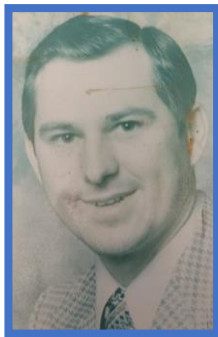
Written by Connie McCullough, Delta

Meet Bill Hayes; known to many as Wild Bill but with age, he is turning into Mild Bill! Many people know Bill from his musical talents at the Delta Fair or at Delta's Got Talent and, as many of you know, he likes to sing Elvis and especially Johnny Cash songs.

Bill was born in Kirkland Lake, and he has 3 sisters; Rachel (88), Isabel (86), and Jean who passed at age 84. He has 3 brothers: George (82), James (80) and Jack (75). Bill is the second youngest and we will keep you guessing what his age is. His sisters taught him how to read and do arithmetic which he loved. Bill's dad liked to move around a lot, so he attended many different schools including Otto Township outside of Kirkland Lake, Barrydale - North of Burk's Falls, Kearney, Melissa which is near Huntsville, Bear Lake - Seguin Falls, Sprucedale, Bancroft and high school at Norwood High. While attending elementary school in Bancroft in 1958, he can remember hearing this huge noise that shook the school so hard they almost fell out of their seats. Later they learned that this was caused by a supersonic jet breaking the sound barrier, probably the Avro Arrow.



Bill was very shy and quiet in school where he usually finished his work before the other kids so he would quietly read while the other finished their work. The teacher talked to his parents and suggested Bill advance a grade. His parents decided to let him make up his mind, so he decided to try it. It didn't take Bill long to figure out that it wasn't as much fun, and he asked to go back so he could be with his buddies. This is when he started to be a little more social to the point where he had to write lines "I must not talk in class" 100 to 200 times and if he argued, then it was five hundred times! Being crafty, he taped pencils together so he could write several lines at once.



When Bill graduated high school, he attended York University where he earned a degree in Psychology with a specialist in Special Education and Behavioral Modification. Bill was one of the first students at York to become a specialist in computer education. He was hired at a Toronto area school where he taught several different grades including special education. The very same teacher that made him write lines in elementary school ended up being the administrator at this school. There was a group of 17 boys that thought they were so smart they knew how to get away with anything. The principal asked Bill if he would consider helping with this group of troublemakers. By the end of the school year, he had 33 boys and 3 girls in his class. Bill made a difference in the lives of those students and many others for the next 32 years.

Bill was married for 19 years and lived in Willowdale with his wife. During this time, he went into sales, selling an automotive product called Molly Black Gold. A business associate of his, Bob Buck asked Bill to come down to Delta where he was building on a property along County Road 8. Bob had an immense knowledge of cars, and he became one of Bill's best distributors of the product. Bill had a trailer and Bob brought it to his property so Bill could stay in it when he visited. He travelled back and forth to Toronto before staying at motels in Westport, Newboro, and Seeley's Bay. When Bob got too sick to continue working on his property, he ended up going into the Veteran's hospital in Toronto and his family was thinking of selling the property. At this point, Bill needed to do something. Arnold Greenhorn had a farm across the road, and he suggested Bill put his trailer on his property. He could live there and help him out on the farm, so Bill helped Arnold with farm chores and the maple syrup production. Eventually, it became known that the Township had rules about living in a trailer year-round so Bill was told that he had to move

within 24 hours or both he and Arnold would get a hefty fine. Bill was able to find a house in Chantry and rent it from the lady that also owned the house where he currently resides. He lived in Chantry for quite some time and at one point, the house was divided so the owner could also live there with her 5 children. The kids and Bill had a blast with each other as they rode bikes together, played board games, told stories and just had plain good old fun. The house in Delta was empty and Bill decided he would approach the owner and see if she wanted to sell it to him; he needed a place of his own. He bought it and has lived there since 2000. Bill also owns another property in the village which is currently rented.

Bill loves to sing, tell stories, and was thrilled to go down memory lane with me. He even called his one sister to make sure he had his facts straight. Since moving to Delta, he is extremely impressed with the friendliness and kindness of all the people - both young and old. When you see Bill, have a visit with him and I guarantee you, he will keep you in stitches and stories.

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



DELTA BAPTIST CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!



A Good Friday worship service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 29th, 2024, in Memorial Hall at the Delta Baptist Church. The service, which will be held with a reflection and focus on *the King and the Cross*, is a combined service between the Delta Baptist and Delta United churches. Everyone welcome; please use the side door to gain entrance to Memorial Hall.



Regular Sunday Worship is held in Memorial Hall at 9:30 a.m.

LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK



Camping reservations for the 2024 and 2025 seasons are now being accepted by calling 613-928-2881 and leaving a message.

Campers may also submit their reservations online by completing the website registration form at www.beverleylakepark.com. Confirmation calls will be returned on Wednesday mornings between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

USING THE PARK WHILE IT IS CLOSED?

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.



WINTER CARNIVAL IS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Even Mother Nature supported the Delta Recreation Society on February 19th as their annual winter carnival was held under sunny skies and cool conditions, perfect weather for such a wonderful family day activity. In addition to public skating, attendees enjoyed a hockey game, jack wax, roasting marshmallows on an open fire, balloon animals, races for all ages and a canteen.

The Delta Athletic and Recreation Society would like to thank all the participants, spectators, volunteers, and sponsors who helped make this year's carnival a great success!



Calling all youth 6 to 12 years.....

Have you planned your summer fun yet?

A summer day camp program in Delta will be available that will keep you busy, happy and engaged from Tuesday, July 2nd through to Friday, August 23rd. Week-long programs offer crafts, games, sports, hikes and so much more. Registration opens May 6th and closes June 21st. For information on how to register, contact Pat at harymary@ripnet.com or watch for more details in the next edition of the Delta Pilot.

This project is sponsored by the Delta Athletic Recreation Society (DARS), Lower Beverley Lake Park Management Board and the Rideau Lakes Library.

**TRIVIA NIGHT
AT THE
BASTARD COFFEE HOUSE**

Hoping to see all the regular players there and a warm welcome to all newbies!

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with games starting at 5:45 p.m. Bring your smarty pants and see you there on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month.



March 8th and 22nd
April 12th and 26th



NORTH LEEDS U18 GIRLS SOCCER

Anyone wishing to purchase raffle tickets in support of the North Leeds U18 Girls may contact Scott Halladay at 613-340-5092.

This group of young athletes will be travelling to Gothenburg, Sweden in July 2024 to play in the Gothia Cup.

Good luck ladies!



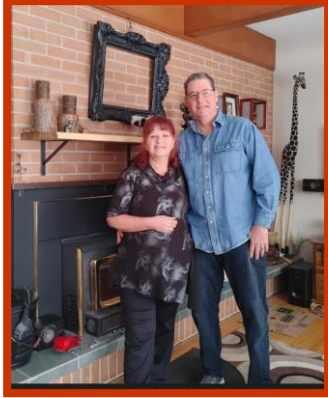
SPAGHETTI SUPPER SOLD OUT



Members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #207, Delta would like to thank everyone who supported their spaghetti supper on February 19th at the Delta United Church Hall. The supper was a 'sold out' success.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Written by Connie McCullough, Delta



Gene and Ricky are the owners of the '3 Continents B & B' at 83 King Street / County Road 42, Delta. 3 Continents reflects their heritage as Gene came from South Africa, Ricky is Canadian, grew up in Belgium and lived in South Africa. The couple arrived back in Canada with their children in 1997 and lived in Oshawa until relocating to Delta in June of 2022. After considering a new venture, the couple narrowed their choice down to seven properties after looking at over 300 homes online across Ontario. Eventually, 83 King Street was selected for their bed and breakfast.

Along with other Delta residents, Gene and Ricky were impacted by the microburst in July of 2022 when their basement was flooded and many of their furnishings were damaged. At that point, their home renovations appeared much more intense than originally anticipated. After a slow and challenging start to the renovations, a local craftsman was hired to renovate and update the guest section of the residence. During the renovations, some old newspapers and cartoon clippings were found which have since been framed for display. Each bedroom has been given a name: The Poppy Room, The Bunchberry Room, The Protea Room (referencing the natural flowers of Belgium, Canada, and South Africa) and The Rideau Room. Two of the three bathrooms are connected to the bedrooms... One - the Spanish Style bathroom, and the other, the African Style bathroom. Photos of the rooms are available online at <https://3continentsbnb.ca/>. With the unforeseen need of extra work, the opening date of their B&B was delayed until August 2023 when their first guests arrived. 3 Continents B & B is lovely and so bright and spacious which would make any guest feel right at home.

Gene also has a bridal alteration business which she operated in Oshawa prior to the COVID-19 pandemic shut down. Since moving to Delta, word of mouth has spread, and her business has increased. Gene is a very talented seamstress. Her efforts in the transformation of wedding dresses, bridesmaid dresses, mother of the bride/groom dresses are breathtaking. Online photos are available at <https://shimmeralterations.ca>

3 Continents B & B can be used as a wedding venue along with a big tent and beautiful backdrops for photos. In the event of rain, the home is big enough to host the party indoors. Attendees can be accommodated overnight followed by a scrumptious breakfast.



Ricky worked in Ajax as a landscaper, and now, he has used his talent, skill, and expertise in developing their B & B property. Sadly, there was a large tree in the front yard that had to be taken down. Luckily, he was able to leave a part of the stump and fashion two chairs out of the wood to sit beside it. In the back yard, there was a large overgrown tree stump that needed attention; a large part of it remains which the woodpeckers seem to enjoy. Later this spring, hundreds of daffodils and tulips will bloom around the stump. In the same area, there are large, raised beds which hold oodles of vegetables for farm to table use in the B&B meals.

Gene and Ricky have two children, Christopher and Nedushke. Nedushke has an eight-year-old daughter, Theron. Christopher can work online from home and is relocating to the home in Delta.

Welcome Gene, Ricky, and Christopher!

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY CENTRE



The volunteers at St. Paul's are getting ready to bring more fun events to the Delta community this year.

Plans are underway to host three-yard sales so be sure to mark May 25th, August 17th, and October 19th on your calendars. The sales will be held at St. Paul's between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

The third annual Pride Picnic will be held on the lawn at St. Paul's on July 13th from 2:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this family friendly event.

With a focus on helping and supporting those people in the Delta community, members of S.P.A.C.C. have a lot of fun and they welcome anyone who might be interested in becoming a volunteer.

Contact Claire at 613-928-2761 for additional information.

COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE

It will soon be time to once again honour Delta area 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!

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 26th and April 23rd.

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



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.





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.

RIDEAU LAKES PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

MARCH/APRIL 2024



RLPL.CA

Kids at the Library

Play, Learn and Storytime

for kids 0-6 and their caregivers
Drop in!

Baby Songs and Rhymes

newborn-15 months and their caregivers
Drop in!

Monthly Kid's Afterschool Program

sign up at rlpl.ca

March Break Kids

Full "STEAM" ahead!
March 11-16th



Puzzle Races
at Elgin Hall

Monthly Movie Matinee



Weekly Teen After School



drop in Mondays
at RDHS

Monthly Paint Club



Solar Eclipse



Presentation
April 2nd at
Elgin Hall

**Museum Passes,
Snowshoes,
Audiobooks, Digital
collections, crafts,
and more!**

Now accepting
seed donations
**Seed Lending Library
will be open April 1st
at ALL branches!**



**GINORMOUS Used
Book Sale**
at the Delta
Maple Syrup
Festival



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 light lunch will be served at half time.



A Super Euchre tournament will be held at the Legion Hall on March 30th. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m. with the games beginning at 11:00 a.m.



Residents are encouraged to take part in *Earth Hour* on **March 23rd from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** During earth Hour, residents are asked to turn off non-essential lights and appliances to raise awareness of the need to take action on climate change. Additional information can be found online at www.earthhour.org

CORN HOLE and MORE CORNHOLE

If you enjoy playing cornhole, come out to the Legion Hall and have some fun!
Youth Cornhole is held every Saturday evening-Registration at 6:30 p.m. / Game at 7:00 p.m.
Adult Cornhole is held every Sunday afternoon-Registration at 11:00 a.m. / Game at 12:00 p.m.
Admission is \$5.00 per person. A canteen is available.



ROBERTSON CEMETERY NEEDS YOU!



Delta's Robertson Cemetery is located near the entrance to Lower Beverley Lake Park on land that was donated by the Robertson family in the early 1800's and the Lower Beverley Lake Park Management Board in the late 1990's. The entrance of the cemetery, which is adorned with a masonry gate that was built by Lloyd Sawyer in 1994, serves as a foundation for the wrought iron sign that reads "Robertson Cemetery 1811".

This interdenominational cemetery, which is registered with the Township of Rideau Lakes and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario, has 200 plots remaining to be sold at a very reasonable price. The cemetery is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors which was established in 1989 and meets three times a year. The Board is currently working to increase its membership; anyone wishing to become a member can do so by contacting Chairperson Mark Halladay via email to halladay.mark@gmail.com.



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Happy Spring!

Rideau Lakes - The Daffodil Capital of Ontario - their sunny disposition is so welcoming, and a sure sign that spring has arrived!

We are happy to report that your letters and phone calls have made a difference! M.P.P. Steve Clark recently announced that a \$20K feasibility study has been approved to examine the options regarding flooding in the Village of Delta. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry at Kemptville and Kingston along with the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority will partner to achieve this goal. If you wish to reach Mr. Clark, his email address is steve.Clark@pc.ola.org.

During 2022 and parts of 2023, Lower Beverley Lake and the Village of Delta were part of the mandatory septic inspection program (along with Troy Lake). In 2022, 296 inspections resulted in 120 sites with no concerns, 157 sites with some remedial work needed, and 19 systems needing replacement. In 2023, 403 inspections resulted in 186 sites not requiring any more follow-up, 142 sites needing remedial work (like a pump-out), 68 systems needing full replacement and additional information was required for 7 systems. Keeping our lakes clean and clear is so very important for our future generations; thanks to all residents who took part.

As a result of concerned citizens asking for a dog park, the Township may bring “doggie poop bag dispensers” to the Village. The municipal Parks and Recreation Master Plan is currently in its draft form and will be presented to Council later in March.

Students with lifeguarding credentials and interested in summer employment should send their resume to Leila Stafford, Recreation and Volunteer Coordinator at lstafford@rideaulakes.ca. Swimming lessons will be offered at Lower Beverley Lake Park during the month of August.





Beverley Senior Citizens' Club #460

- Meeting on March 27th and April 24th for 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 March 25th and April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Fair Office.
- 57th Annual Maple Syrup Festival breakfast on April 20th and 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Fair Grounds.

Delta Athletic and Recreation Society

- Meeting on March 19th and April 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation Centre.

Delta Baptist Church

- Connections Café on March 7th and April 4th at noon in Memorial Hall at the Baptist Church.
- Good Friday Service on March 29th at 10:00 a.m. 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

- 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 April 17th 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 March 26th and April 23rd at 8:00 a.m. in the Harmony Lodge Hall.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207

- Meeting on March 5th and April 2nd 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.
- Super Euchre on March 30th at 12:00 noon in the Legion Hall; doors open at 11:00 a.m.
- Youth Cornhole every Saturday evening-Registration at 6:30 p.m. for the 7:00 p.m. game in the Legion Hall.
- Adult Cornhole every Sunday afternoon-Registration at 11:00 a.m. for the 12:00 p.m. game in the Legion Hall.

Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary, Branch #207

- Meeting on March 21st and April 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.
- Pie Sale on March 27th between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall (must pre-order by March 22nd).



SUBMISSION DEADLINE for May / June is April 19th, 2024.

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



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