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52 Gallons of Maple Syrup and 10,000 Pancakes Disappear

The Kingston Whig-Standard
Kingston, Ontario, Canada
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By Staff Writer Harry Kilfoyle

DELTA

A record 10,000 pancakes, 52 gallons of maple syrup and 20 gallons of maple taffy "disappeared" at the third annual Delta Maple Festival here Friday and Saturday. "It was our biggest year, doubling everything we had last year." explained Lloyd Irwin, secretary of the festival committee.

An estimated 3,500 persons, including 1,200 school children, toured the 14 maple bushes and the Confederated Foods Ltd. processing plant. Mr. Irwin said Delta may have found a spring attraction to rival its popular summer agriculture fair. He said most people came from Brockville and Kingston as well as Toronto and the United States.

The two-day festival started as a centennial project under the direction of Harold Russell. The success of this year's event indicates another one will be held in 1970. W. Harrison Russell, director of Confederated Foods Ltd., also indicated a tremendous increase in business. The plant sold more than \$2,000 worth of maple products, syrup, taffy, sugar and butter compared to previous sales of \$600 in 1967 and \$1,200 in 1968. A planned program between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. each day allowed visitors to tour the surrounding maple bushes, the processing plant and then back to the village hall for a pancake flooded with maple syrup with a side order of taffy spilled on ice.

Delta farmer Elton Curtis, one of the few syrup operators boiling sap, indicated he had 600 persons through his maple bush in less than two hours Saturday. He also handled the bulk of the 1,500 school children from Kingston and Brockville schools. Syrup producers allowed the public to see their operations and even took some gathering sap in the maple bush. After watching the sap boil, many were treated to free samples of the thick brown syrup. Few people were able to purchase the syrup directly from the local farmers because most had already sold out well in advance. The best they would do was put their names on waiting lists.

In the heart of the Leeds County maple bush country, syrup is selling for \$7 a gallon. Elton Curtis said Saturday he has sold the entire 400 gallons he produced. He said he was selling it for 50 cents more than last year. Mr. Curtis, whose maple bush lies north of here said he knows of other producers receiving \$7.50 per gallon Confederated Foods Ltd of Delta was selling maple syrup for \$6.50 per gallon during the two-day festival. The processing plant purchases the bulk of its maple syrup from Quebec farmers. The price of maple syrup has gone up an average of 50 cents a gallon since 1966. For most farmers it is a source of income for the early spring. Modern sap gathering methods haven't been implemented by Leeds farmers because they are too costly to implement. The small margin of profit usually means that syrup gathering is a family affair since hired help is also too costly.

Please Support Our Local Syrup Partner Producers!

<p><u>Antoine's Maple Syrup</u> Marwin & Kathie Antoine 342 Lyndhurst Road Lyndhurst 613-928-2473 mkantoine01@yahoo.ca</p>	<p><u>Curtis Valey Farms</u> Ernie Curtis 711 Daytown Road Delta 613-928-2964 darlenecurtis@hotmail.com</p>	<p><u>Findlay Farms</u> Darrell & Rosanne Findlay 118 Kitley-Bastard Town Line Toledo 613-275-4125 cleaner.66@hotmail.com</p>
<p><u>Gunnebrooke Farms Limited</u> The Gunnewiek Family 206 County Road 8 Elgin 613-359-5071 gunnfarm@rideau.net</p>	<p><u>Halladay Maple</u> Darrell Halladay 11337 Miller Road North Augusta 613-246-2923 darrell@halladaymaple.ca</p>	<p><u>Leggett's Maple Syrup</u> Bruce and Kathy Leggett 637B Crosby Road Crosby 613-246-6542 www.leggettmaplesyrup.com</p>
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Did You Know?

During the 2025 festival, 2100 patrons enjoyed 130 kg / 286 lbs. of sausages, 240 kg / 529 lbs. of pancake batter mix, 2500 patties of butter, 12 bottles of juice mix, and 400 lbs. /140 litres of maple syrup. Wow!

We Need Your Help!

If you can assist at the festival by cooking, serving, or cleaning tables, please contact the following:

Leanna Thomas

613-802-9523

leannathomas_1991@yahoo.com



Vendor spaces are still available for outdoor locations and indoor craft sale tables.

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

Marlaine Hart

613-928-2800

info@deltafair.com

April 18th and 19th, 2026
 Delta Fair Grounds, 110 Mill Creek Drive

ALL YOU CAN EAT
PANCAKES flooded with FRESH MAPLE SYRUP

First Order Served with Sausages
 3 Additional Sausages for \$5.00



11 Years of Age and Over: \$12.00
 10 years of Age and Under: \$8.00
 5 years of Age and Under: Free
 (Note: HST included in price)



Debit/Credit Cards accepted with \$1.00 Service Charge

At the Fair Grounds

Craft Sales

Upper level of the Fair Exhibit Hall
 (both days)
 Outdoor Displays (both days)

Local Syrup Producers

Onsite selling produce at the Fair
 Grounds (both days)

Fun for Kids

Magic of Dr. Orkestro
 Saturday at 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Old Town Hall

8 Lower Beverley Park Road
 Ginormous Book Sale
 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (both days)

Old Stone Mill

44 King Street
 Tours on Saturday from 10 a.m. to
 4:00 p.m.
 Milling Demonstration at 1:00
 p.m.
 Blacksmithing Demo on Saturday
 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Athletic & Recreation
 Centre**

47 Recreation Drive
 Ball Hockey Tournament on Saturday
 9:00 a.m.
 Contact Brandon at 613-561-6684
 for details

Fire Hall Museum

121 Mill Creek Drive
 Stop in for a visit and see Delta's
 1937 Fire Truck

Legion Dance

32 William Street
 Saturday at 8:00 p.m.
 Music by DJ / \$10 pp



Students attending
 the 1967 Festival.



Rideau Brand Syrup
 Packaged at
 Russell Maple Products Co.
 Delta, Ontario.



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Website: www.deltamill.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/DeltaMill

Instilling a Passion for Our Heritage"

We Are Hiring

The Delta Mill Society has several positions of summer employment available as mill interpreters for university or secondary school students who are interested in gaining experience at a significant National Historic Site of Canada. The position involves greeting visitors to the mill and showcasing the mill with the many stories it represents. Full training and support are provided. Depending on the grant funding program used, applicants 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 on our website, www.deltamill.org



The 2025 interpreter team of Gillian, Lilly, Charlotte and Corinne worked at the Old Stone Mill.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the heritage of the mill, Delta, and area.

Delta Maple Syrup Festival on April 18th and 19th

The Old Stone Mill will be open on the Saturday of Delta's Maple Syrup Festival (April 18th) between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. A milling demonstration will be held at 1:00 p.m. and the Blacksmith Shop will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Ginormous Used Book Sale



The Ginormous Used Book Sale will be held at the Old Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during both days of the Syrup Festival. The book sale is jointly sponsored by the Delta Mill Society and the Rideau Lakes Public Library. A huge selection of books will be available to the public by donation.

Donations of used books for both adults and kids are being accepted along with jigsaw puzzles, DVDs, CDs, and vinyl records in good condition. Used textbooks, encyclopedias, or magazines will not be accepted. Please contact Liz Priebe at 613-928-2902 with any questions and to arrange for a drop-off.





Lower Beverley Lake Park

146 Lower Beverley Lake Park, Delta, ON K0G 1E0

Phone: 613-928-2881

Email: info@beverleylakepark.com

Website: www.beverleylakepark.com

The Lower Beverley Lake Park Management Board has embarked on yet another project to improve the operation of the 235-campsite ground in Delta. Since the establishment of the Management Board in 2003, an impressive total of \$2,284,051.00 has been reinvested in capital improvements within the park; all expenses have been paid from park generated revenues and not at the expense of the taxpayer.

Following receipt of an engineering report regarding the operation of the septic systems within the park in December 2025, the Management Board has approved the scope of a project that will address the three park systems where replacement leaching beds were recommended. Several of the minor items identified in the report have already been addressed and rectified.

It is important to emphasize that the recommendations for repairs, upgrades, and replacements were made despite the fact that all existing sewage systems remain functional. No system failures have occurred. Staff continue to monitor the operation and maintenance of these systems in accordance with all applicable regulatory requirements to ensure continued safe and reliable performance.

The approved upgrades are targeted improvements to specific systems and are not related to, nor part of, the previous proposal to construct one large, centralized sewage system for the entire campground.

The Management Board remains committed to responsible stewardship of park infrastructure and to ensuring that Lower Beverley Lake Park continues to operate in a safe, compliant, and environmentally responsible manner for the benefit of campers, Rideau Lakes Township and the broader community.

Reservations

Camping and cottage reservations for the 2026 and 2027 season are being accepted on an ongoing basis 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.



Park Website

Please visit the website at www.beverleylakepark.com/events-and-attractions/ for a complete list of this year's park activities and services.

Tour the park by viewing the following video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=OD_ppucaifM

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 \$15.00 per person. There is only one sitting at 8:00 a.m. so be sure to come early and get your seat!



Breakfast dates in 2026 include **March 24th and April 28th**.

Contact Len Vincent by calling 613-928-2671 or emailing vlencincent@sympatico.ca for details.



*“Seek the Lord while He may be found;
call on Him while He is near.”*

Isaiah 55.6

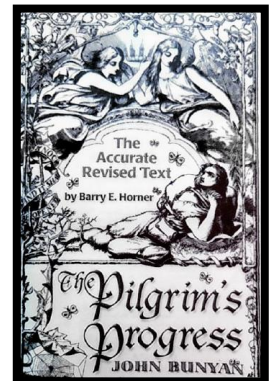
Faith Family Fellowship invites you to join them on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for a time of sharing, learning and fellowship followed by a light luncheon. Meeting in the historically known house as the “William Bell House” at 60 King Street in Delta, residents are led by Pastor Jesse Okum, a fully accredited pastor who trained at Tyndale Bible Seminary in Toronto. Residents are invited to come and enjoy practical and relevant Bible teachings along with a special program for the young children.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Pastor Jesse Okum at 647-882-0895, Box 174, Delta, Ontario or by emailing faithfamilyfellowship727@gmail.com.

Faith Family Fellowship welcomes those who are looking for clarity in a world of confusion, peace amid chaos, hope where despair reigns, and a fresh look at the Bible’s answers to life’s questions.

Pilgrim Book Club

The Pilgrim’s Progress is an amazing book known as the first English novel which was published in 1678. It has never been out of print and has been translated into over 200 languages. It is also said to be the most read book in the history of literature. Yet, many people in our day have never had the enjoyment of reading it. John Bunyan, a Bedford English tinker wrote this allegory while imprisoned for being a “non-conformist”. It is a timeless book, relatable to everyone’s life. It weaves the story of a pilgrim plodding through his life intent on finding meaning and purpose. He discovers the challenging path that he must take and along the way, he encounters many people who are quite familiar to us including Pliable, Obstinate, Talkative, Faithful, Mr. Fearful, and Formalist. He ventures through such places as the Hill of Difficulty, Vanity Fair, Valley of Humiliation, Slough of Despond, and Palace Beautiful. Lessons can be observed on how he responded to and overcame difficulties. The revised version, which is written by Barry Horner, The Pilgrim’s Progress-Accurate Revised Text, is available through Amazon.ca. The club will be reading the book during March and April.



Additional information can be obtained by contacting David at 613-803-1008 or Sharon at 613-928-2228. Email contact to onepilgrim@ymail.com is also available.

Monday Morning Coffee



Be sure to stop by the United Church Hall for some coffee, treats, and fellowship every Monday morning between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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



Delta Legion Hall is the Place to Be!



There is something for every member of the family!

Dart games every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

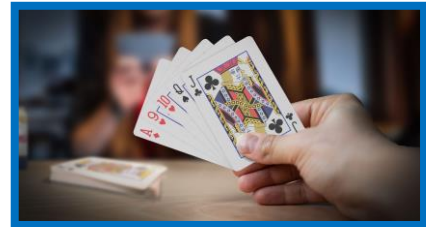
Euchre games every Friday night at 7:00 p.m.; Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Youth cornhole every Saturday night at 6:00 p.m.

Adult cornhole every Sunday afternoon at 12:00 p.m.

Super Euchre on March 14th and April 11th; Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Crib tournament on January 31st and February 28th; Doors open at 11:00 a.m.



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 last Friday of each month.

- ✚ March 27th
- ✚ April 24th



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.

Pitch-In 2026

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 12th to April 25th. For additional information, call Ben at the Municipal Office 1-800-928-2250, extension 230 or via email to brothwell@rideaulakes.ca

Trash 2 Treasures

As the saying goes... 'one person's trash is another person's treasure'!



Do you have used items that are of no use to you any longer, but are not quite ready for the landfill? They might become someone else's treasure! Saturday, April 25th has been marked as Rideau Lakes' Trash 2 Treasures Day. Residents are asked to place their 'trash' at the end of the driveway, with a "FREE" sign, and turn their 'trash' into someone's 'treasure'.

This is a great opportunity for people to travel throughout the Township, collect little treasures, take them home and re-use the items that are surplus for someone else.





Residents are encouraged to take part in **Earth Hour** on March 28th 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 act on climate change. Additional information can be found online at www.wwf.ca/earthhour .



Daylight Savings Time

begins on
MARCH 8th
At 2:00 a.m.



Fire Protection Grant

Rideau Lakes Fire & Rescue is receiving \$62,000 in provincial funding through Ontario's Fire Protection Grant program.

The funding will support firefighter safety and cancer prevention efforts, including protective equipment and decontamination-related infrastructure.



Delta Branch of The Rideau Lakes Public Library

18 King Street, Delta, ON K0G 1E0

Delta Branch Hours

Phone: 613-928-2991

Website: www.rideaulakeslibrary.ca

Facebook: www.facebook.com/rideaulakespubliclibrary



Tuesday 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Delta is the location of the Rideau Lakes History Centre which features local histories, genealogies, archival materials and a microfilm reader. The History Centre is open during Library Branch hours on most Thursday afternoons between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Appointments may be made by emailing rideaulakeshistory@gmail.com .



Looking Ahead!



St. Paul's Anglican Community Committee

SPACC wants to cheer you up with thoughts of their **Annual Spring Yard Sale** on May 23rd.

It will be held - rain or shine - in the Hall at the rear of the church and on the lawn from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar and clean out the closet. If you wish to donate clean items, call Claire at 613 928-2761.

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**.

Don't wait until the deadline to begin considering a deserving candidate. Start thinking now!

Community Visioning

Help Create the Future for the Village of Delta:

The Delta and Area Community Enhancement Committee extends a warm invitation to all community members to participate in a conversation about the future of the Village of Delta. Information will be gathered about how residents and stakeholders want to see their community in the next ten to fifteen years. A "Community Visioning" session will be held on July 18th between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall where people will be encouraged to complete a short survey. This opportunity provides a positive contribution to the vision for Delta, to determine what is desired; and the specifics of how to get there.



To register, contact Marie White by calling 1-800-928-2250 ext. 288, by emailing the office at mwhite@rideaulakes.ca or by registering online at <https://DeltaVillageVision-InPerson.eventbrite.ca>

~Springtime Memories ~



Flood of 1935



Flood of 1950

*Notes from Paula and Sue
Ward One Councilors, Township of Rideau Lakes*



Councillor Paula Banks
Email: paulainpolitics@hotmail.com
Phone: 613-284-0238



Councillor Sue Dunfield
Email: 736SueD@gmail.com
Cell: 613-802-1415

The cleanup of the former Maple Syrup Factory demolition will continue this spring. We requested the 2026 budget address this property for future parking, however at press time the Strong Mayor budget had not been passed. Contact the Mayor via email to mayor@rideaulakes.ca with your thoughts.

The Delta Athletic Recreation Society (DARS) held a very successful Family Day event with prizes being awarded to the following residents:

- 🏆 Oldest Male on Skates - Randy Drew
- 🏆 Oldest Female on Skates - Willy Leadbeater
- 🏆 Youngest Male on Skates - Waylon Graham
- 🏆 Youngest Female on Skates - Rian Rhoden
- 🏆 Largest Family on Skates - all 3 generations of the Leadbeater family!



Special thanks to Chuck Chant (Volunteer Rink Manager) and his helpers for an excellent ice surface this season along with the members and volunteers who continue to support DARS programming including Pat Phillips, Paula Banks, Samantha Ferguson, Wil Phillips, Michelle Miller, Ron Read, Ava Phillips, Travis Perrin, Ernie Curtis, Providence Marleau, Kayla Crabb, Kyleigh Rhoden. Scott Graham, Chase Holmes, Clayton Gutierrez, and Charlie Van Muyen.

Rideau Lakes is actively involved in commenting on the High-Speed Rail line which is proposed to go through the municipality. Information can be found on the municipal website or by googling ALTO High-Speed Rail. Your voice needs to be heard; this will change Rideau Lakes forever!

Bill C-15 is also very concerning as it will affect every landowner in Canada. Reach out to Michael Barrett, MP, via Canada Post to House of Commons, Ottawa Ontario. K1A 0A6 (no postage stamp required) or by calling 613-992-8756. Be heard!

Join in the fun of the First Annual Daffodil Dash! Since fall is the best time to plant bulbs, November 1st has been chosen as the date. All levels of participation are welcome for the 1k or 5k race. Walk, run, ride - have fun. The run will start from Hanna Park, Water Street in Portland at 11:45am ... this gives you time to train! Registration forms are on the municipal website under Recreation.





Beverley Senior Citizens' Club #460

- Meetings on March 25th and April 22nd for a pot-luck luncheon at noon in the United Church Hall.

Delta Agricultural Society

- Meetings at 7:00 p.m. on March 23rd and April 27th in the Fair Office.

Delta Athletic and Recreation Society

- Meeting on March 24th and April 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Centre.

Delta Food Bank

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

Delta Maple Syrup Festival

- April 18th and 19th between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (See Page 3 for details)

Delta United Church

- Monday morning coffee and treats from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Church Hall.
- Council meeting on April 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall

Delta United Church Women

- Meeting on March 18th at 11:00 a.m. followed by a pot-luck luncheon in the Church Hall. (No April meeting)

Good Food Box

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

Harmony Lodge

- Farmer's Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on March 24th and April 28th in the Harmony Lodge Hall.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207

- Dart games played every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.
- Euchre games played every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall; doors open at 6:00 p.m.
- Youth cornhole played every Saturday night at 6:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.
- Adult cornhole played every Sunday afternoon at 12:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.
- Meeting on March 9th and April 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.
- Super Euchre games on March 14th and April 11th in the Legion Hall; doors open at 11:00 a.m.

Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary, Branch #207

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



**Deadline for Next Issue
April 17th, 2026**



LOWER BEVERLEY LAKE PARK MANAGEMENT BOARD

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