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10TH ANNIVERSARY of CELEBRATING THE SEASON



The Lower Beverley Lake Park Management Board would like to take this opportunity to express their heartfelt gratitude to all of the community members who volunteered their time and efforts during the **10th Annual Celebrating the Season Festival**.

Whether it was the evening meals at the church, the tours of the Mill, the wagon rides throughout the park to view the spectacular presentation of lights and displays or the festive atmosphere at Santa's Workshop, "*Celebrating the Season 2014*" was a true success in every sense!

Not only does the "*Celebrating the Season*" festival serve as a catalyst to start off the Christmas celebrations for many residents, it assists with the promotion of Lower Beverley Lake Park and the Village of Delta as a year round travel destination.

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 to the thousands of people who opt to visit the Village of Delta during the weekend of April 18th and 19th.

In preparation for the 48th Anniversary Edition, a special planning meeting will be held on Sunday, January 11th at 1:00 p.m. at the Delta Fair Office. Members of the public are welcome to attend and share suggestions and plans for this year's event.



For additional information, contact Melinda Held-Cowan at 613-924-1849 or by email to: melindaart@hotmail.com

HYMN SING / DESSERT PARTY



Share in a delightful evening together at the Delta Baptist Church singing, learning about missions, and enjoying your favourite desserts at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 15th.

Bring along a dessert and a friend. Everyone Welcome!

UPDATES from the DELTA ATHLETIC & RECREATION SOCIETY



Wonderful News!

The Delta Athletic and Recreation Society is very pleased to announce that all of their fundraising efforts during the past four years have been rewarded and that a new surface for the outdoor rink will soon become a reality. A heartfelt vote of thanks is extended to all of the individuals, businesses, organizations, and members of the community who have generously donated and supported this project.

By raising the initial funds, DARS was able to demonstrate that the community was serious in supporting the installation of a new rink surface. In co-operation with the Township of Rideau Lakes, an application for additional funding was submitted to the Ontario Trillium Foundation and in late November, a grant of \$77,000 was approved for the project.

Over the next few months, members will continue to work in partnership with the Township of Rideau Lakes to finalize plans, secure quotes, and oversee the removal of the old and construction of the new rink surface. Because the DARS fund raising goal was not only met but exceeded, additional maintenance work will also be completed to the Recreation Centre building along with the purchase of new equipment, and the implementation of new programs.

Plans are to use the existing surface for the current winter season with construction beginning as soon as possible in the spring.

The Delta Athletic and Recreation Society is also very proud and thankful to be the recipient of the 2014 *Scotland Funeral Home Community Service Grant* of \$1000.

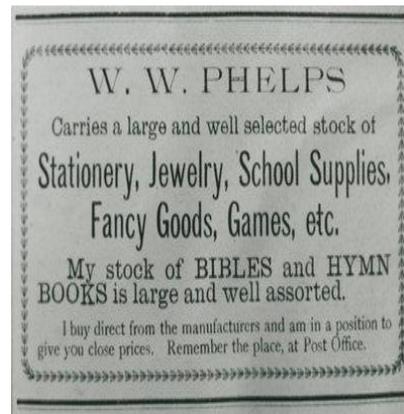
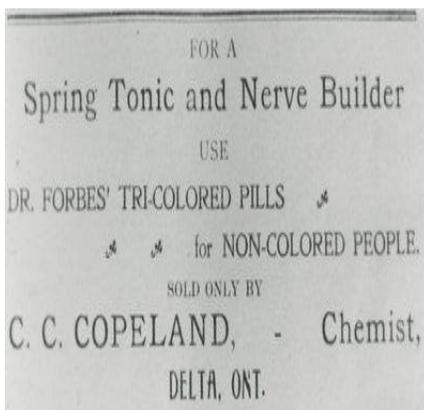
A special ceremony to officially re-open the renovated rink will be held later in 2015.



Be sure to mark February 7th on your calendar for a great day of fun and activities at the DARS Winterfest. Held between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., there will be activities for the kids and people of all ages. Winterfest information is available on the DARS Facebook page.

For additional information, contact Pat Phillips at 613-928-2712 or by email to: harymary@ripnet.com

A BLAST FROM THE PAST.....ADVERTISEMENTS FROM THE DELTA PILOT, APRIL 1905



DELTA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES 185th FAIR in 2015

Established in 1830,

Delta Fair is one of Ontario's oldest continuously operating agricultural fairs.



Photo: 1890 Board of Directors; 60th Anniversary

With 39 prominent farmers and businessmen of Leeds County in attendance, the foundational meeting was held at the home of Joseph Derbyshire in Farmersville (now Athens) on June 10th, 1830. The Honourable Charles Jones, a pioneer merchant, miller and Member of the Upper Canada Legislative Council became the first elected President. Jones was born in 1781 and died in Brockville in 1840 after serving the Society as President for ten years.

Three Vice-Presidents were also elected at the inaugural meeting including George Breakenridge, John Ketchum and Joseph Wiltse. Ben Hamblin became the first Treasurer and J. K. Hartwell of Brockville assumed the role of the first Secretary. A Board of nine community leaders was elected as Directors including the following citizens: Levi Soper, Edward Howard, Stirling Deming, Elijah Judd, Truman Hicock, George Delong, Jonathon Sexton, R. Munsell and Ebenezer Smith. The membership was comprised of farmers from Elizabethtown Township, Yonge Township, Lansdowne, Leeds Township, Bastard Township, South Crosby Township, Kitley Township and Elmsley Township.

The inaugural fair was held in Farmersville with several farmers from seven neighbouring townships exhibiting their stock and produce. Following a three year period, the fair was moved to Gananoque which allowed farmers from each section of the County to participate without a great travelling distance being realized. The fair rotated throughout Leeds County for the next twenty-six years until 1856 when it became permanently lodged in Beverley (now Delta).

The existing fair grounds were purchased from William George Morris (farmer and merchant) and his wife Eliza Jane Morris (school teacher) in 1911 for the sum of \$1,600. Prior to this date, the grounds which formed a part of the original Thomas Morris farm, were leased from the Morris family.

Originally incorporated as the "South Leeds Agricultural Society", the membership adopted "the people's holiday" as a slogan to represent the fair. In 1930, the Ontario Department of Agriculture erected a stone monument on the grounds bearing a plaque which commemorated the first 100 years' service of the Society to residents of Leeds County. Following this anniversary, the membership opted to change the name to the current Delta Agricultural Society. In 1980, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food erected a similar plaque acknowledging the 150 years of service provided by the Delta Agricultural Society.



Photo: 2000 Delta Fair; 170th Anniversary

As the fair grew in size and popularity, the Society purchased additional parcels of land adjacent to the grounds on William Street from Dr. Hans Jacobs in both 1987 and 1993. The additional land allowed for the creation of a parking lot and a horse show ring. While the fair has been held in July, August and September, the fair settled into a new four day Thursday to Sunday program in July of 2000.

Mark your calendar for the 185th Anniversary which will be celebrated from July 23rd to July 26th, 2015.



Submission Deadline for the March / April Edition is February 13th, 2015

Beverley Senior Citizens' Club #460

- Regular meeting with Pot-Luck luncheon on January 28th at noon in the United Church Hall.
- Regular meeting with Pot-Luck meal on February 25th at noon in the United Church Hall.

Delta Agricultural Society

- General Meeting at the Fair Office on January 22nd at 7:00 p.m.
- General Meeting at the Fair Office on February 26th at 7:00 p.m.



Delta Athletic and Recreational Society

- *Winterfest Carnival* at the Recreation Centre on February 7th.

Delta Baptist Church

- Choir Practice is held on the second Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. New members welcome!
- Bible Study is held every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. in Memorial Hall.
- Hymn Sing / Missions Event and Dessert Party on February 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Delta Food Bank

- Open on the second and fourth Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the United Church Hall.
Call Sharon at 613-928-2885 for information.

Delta Maple Syrup Festival

- Planning Meeting on Sunday, January 11th at 1:00 p.m. at the Fair Office.

Delta United Church

- Monday Morning Coffee/ Tea Break between 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the Church Hall at no charge.
- Choir Practice is held every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. New members welcome!

Good Food Box

- The Good Food Box offers fresh fruits and vegetables at wholesale prices for all community members. Payment is required on the 7th of the month and delivery is on the 3rd Tuesday.
Call Claire at 613-928-2761 for information.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207

- Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the United Church Hall.
- Euchre party is held every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the United Church Hall.

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207 Ladies Auxiliary

- Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the United Church Hall.



SUNDAY SERVICES	
Baptist Church	9:30 a.m.
Last Sunday of the month is Children's Sunday	
United Church & Sunday School	9:15 a.m.



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