

NMOUNT 150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE KINMOUNT COMMITTEE FOR PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CELEBRATE KINMOUNT'S 150TH HERITAGE WEEK

Friday, July 24 to Sunday, Aug. 2 Visit the Special Heritage Displays at Kinmount Artisans Marketplace 10:00 am to 5:00 pm daily.

Kinmount Model Railroad and Museum daily throughout the Heritage Celebrations.

Friday, July 24 Talent Night at Kinmount Community Centre 7:30 pm. Advance Tickets at Austin Lumber \$5.00. Price at door \$8.00.

Saturday, July 25 Tea Time with Friends at Kinmount Public Library 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 25 Moonlight Mania Downtown Kinmount, 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Main St. Raindate Aug. 1. FIREWORKS at Dusk, Austin Sawmill Heritage Park.

Sunday, July 26th United Church Outdoor Service @ Austin Sawmill Heritage Park, 9:45 am. BBQ following Service.

Sunday and Monday, July 26 & 27 Gate & Garden Tour, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Passes \$5.00 at the Gazebo.

Tuesday, July 28 Tea Time with Friends at Kinmount Public Library, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28 (7-10 PM) and Friday, July 30 (1-4PM) Film Festival at Kinmount Community Centre, Snack Bar. Admission by donation.

Wednesday, July 29 Ghost Tour with Guy Scott. Explore Kinmount by Night. Meet at 8:30 pm at the Gazebo. Raindate July 30.

Thursday, July 30 Tea Time with Friends at Kinmount Public Library, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and Sensational Snakes - A hands on program, 11:00 am at Kinmount Public Library.

Thursday, July 30 Music in the Park featuring: Washboard Hank & Co. 6:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chair.

Saturday, Aug. 1 Geocaching - Explore the Wonders of Kinmount, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Meet at Kinmount Railway Station. Call 488-2291 to register your team of 2.

Saturday, Aug. 1 Kinmount Seniors Yard Sale at the Railway Station, 9:00 am. For table rental contact 705-488-1110. Rain date Aug. 2.

Saturday, Aug. 1 Dance at the Community Centre Featuring: The Emily Creek Band 8:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 1 & 2 Art Showing by Multi Media Artist Brenda Mulholland, 9 am - 5 pm at Kinmount Gazebo.

Sunday, Aug. 2 Grand Finale - Meet Local Authors & Genealogists at the Railway Station, featuring: Ron Brown Travel Writer - Lecturer & Nina Spencer Motivational Speaker/Author.

Opportunity to Explore the Rail Line by Wagon or self guided tour beginning at 10:00 am.

Rubber Duck Race @ Austin Sawmill Heritage Park 2:00 pm.





Neighbours and Friends: Ewan

I bet most readers have never heard of Ewan before! The community of Ewan was found on the Galway Road between Mount Irwin and the White Lake/Fortescue settlement. By the late 1800s, enough settlers had located beyond Mount Irwin that a new school section (SS # 5 , Galway) was formed. The school was located on Lot 30, Concession 15, roughly the corner of the South Salmon Lake Road and the Galway Road. A Post Office followed in 1894. The mail was teamed in from Furnace Falls via the White Lake Road, which was actually a shorter route from Kinmount. As in most settlements, there was no formal post office: the home of the

post master served this purpose.

The land in the Ewan settlement was rough, swampy & poor for farming. After a generation, most families moved to greener pastures: in Ewan's case Western Canada. By 1918, the McMahons, Rosses & Becketts were all converted into Prairie farmers. Only the Jackson & White families remained. The Whites (Joe, Bob & Bill) bought out the abandoned homesteads and turned the area into a huge cattle ranch. In the 1920s, they charged \$1.50 for young cattle & \$2.00 per cow for a summer's pasturage. The school was abandoned by this date, although the post office lingered until 1945. Today, very

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few signs remain of the Ewan settlers: just some abandoned fields & fence lines. William McConnell came directly from Ireland to settle on the south side of White Lake. Eventually friends from Anytime you pass a local Ireland, the Dolans, moved to Canada and settled beside the McConnells. But the Dolans were Catholic & the McConnells Protestant: a faux pas in 1800s society. When this situation was realized, several Catholics from Mount Irwin "re-located" the Dolans in the Catholic community. At least everyone remained friends! The McMahon family were contractors: frame barns being their specialty. They constructed many of the big frame barns that still dot the area.

albeit in ever decreasing numbers. Each barn builder had his special mark: Charles McMahon using the Maltese Cross. These identity symbols were placed high in the eaves. barn, look up at the symbol in the eave & see if it is the stylized Maltese Cross favoured by Charles McMahon.



Ride the Rails

On Sunday August 2, the Kinmount Sesquicentennial Committee offers the unique opportunity of presenting guided tours of the Victoria Railway Trail. "Trains" will leave the Kinmount Station and travel both north & south along the rail corridor. North bound trips will take travelers to Howland Junction and the "Big Trestle", while south bound trips will journey to the "Little Trestle" over Rushworth's (Crego) Creek and the site of the lost Icelandic settlement of Havford. Trains will leave at 10:30 am, 1:30 pm & 3:30 pm. The trip

should take approximately 90 minutes. Space is limited to 17 seats per tram, so be early to book your seat. The trip is by donation only and is sponsored in part by the Minden Museum & Cultural Centre. It should be a fascinating voyage of exploration along the scenic & historic Victoria Rail Corridor.



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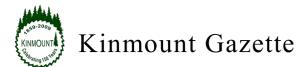
The Kinmount Committee for Planning and the Anniversary Committee are looking for artefacts: diaries/journals, stories, clothing, tools, and pictures to support the Anniversary Celebrations and the Sawmill Project. Contact Diane at 488-2635

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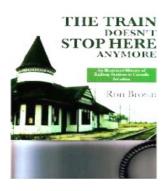


Cultural Corner: Keynote Speakers at Authors' Day

mount to showcase his book, "The Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore", a celebration of the marvellous heritage of train stations in Canada. Ron's slide show offers a nostalgic look back on the days when the railway station was the gateway to the rest of the country. The show takes its audience back to the beginnings of the railway era in Canada and how the station evolved not just into architectural grandeur, but also as the heart of Canada's communities large and small.

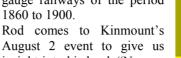
Ron Brown presents "The Train Doesn't Stop Here Any-

Ron Brown is visiting Kinmount to showcase his book, **am** and **1 pm**. 1860 to 1900.



Rod Clarke has long been appreciative of the achievements of Victorian engineers, and has a particular interest in the engineering and modelling of narrow

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August 2 event to give us insight into his book "Narrow Gauge Through the Bush", a definitive history of the pioneering Toronto, Grey and Bruce and the Toronto and Nipissing narrow gauge railways.

Rod Clarke gives "Toronto and Nipissing Railway arrives in Victoria County 1872" presentation with slides at **11:30 am** and **2:30 pm**.







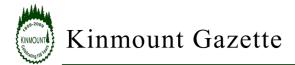
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The river, the dam and the mill as seen from Austin Sawmill Park





Gates and Gardens

Ever wonder what local landmark buildings held inside? Now is your chance to tour many of these local sites thanks to the Gates & Garden tour. The following places will open their doors to the public on Sunday July 26 & Monday July 27 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

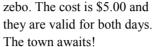
Railway Station Blacksmith Shop Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Old Jail & Town Hall United Church

Moonlight Mania

Moonlight Mania bursts into Kinmount at 5:00 p.m. and departs with a glorious fireworks display at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. In between, the downtown core will be magically transformed such as you have never seen before. An explosion of live music by the Black Fly Boogie Band will fill the air as you cruise the classic car show, street vendors, kids events and wagon rides. From candyfloss to beaver tails, there is lots of great food sure to send you to the moon. Kids will enjoy moon bouncing in the Bouncy Castle, face painting and of course visiting with Sparky the Dog. Remember to get your astronaut picture taken. Get your free passports stamped at specified destinations to turn in for entry in a free draw with some great prizes! Browse Heritage displays at Kinmount Artisans Marketplace and Kinmount Model Railroad & Museum. A variety of Heritage paraphernalia including

Artisans Marketplace Masonic Lodge Anglican Church **Baptist Church** Roman Catholic Church Health Centre (gardens only)

Passports & programs can be picked up at the Railway Yard Ga-





The Millennium Garden is in full bloom for the Gates and Garden Tour

T-shirts, postcards, pins and videos are available for purchase. Moonlight Mania is a long-standing frolic brought to you by Kinmount Business Association. Don't miss this out of this world extravaganza. The rain date is Saturday, August 1.



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The Icelanders at Kinmount

A sad and poignant chapter to Kinmount's history is the brief saga of the Icelandic settlement. The story begins in the early 1870s in Iceland when a series of dramatic climatic changes rocked the northern island. Cold winters, volcanic eruptions and economic troubles drove many Icelanders to seek "greener pastures" elsewhere. Canada, a growing nation in search of settlers. was a prime destination for these refugees. In September 1874, over 350 desperate souls boarded the steamer St Patrick in northern Iceland for their journey to North America. They had no firm plan, just a desire to seek better times in the New World. Originally bound for the USA, they were persuaded to stay in Canada and seek their fortunes.

While languishing in a railway shed in Toronto, the Icelanders were discovered by officials of the newlychartered Victoria Railway Company who were scouring the town for labourers. The Icelanders were recruited en mass to work on the railway and shipped by train to the nearest railhead at Coboconk. They arrived one cold and dark October night, suffering from dvstentry, diarrhea and culture shock. Local teamsters met the arrivals and carried them by wagon in the darkness to their new home near Kinmount. It was quite a shock to the new immigrants, heading into the cold dark to heaven knows what and where!

The railway company had prepared a series of lumber shanty-style buildings for

their newest employees just west of town at a place later called Hayford. The shantys were 70' X 20' and were meant to house gangs of navies as bunk houses. It was a shock to the locals when entire families turned up to live in accommodations designed as sleeping bunkhouses for men. The Icelanders suffered from over-crowding, poor sanitation, bad ventilation and a strange diet that caused sickness to run rampant in the settlement Within a few weeks, 16 small children had died, mostly from dehydration caused by diarrhea and dietary problems. The lost children were buried in the vicinity of their new homes.

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Top: Kinmount's Icelandic Memorial; Bottom: Gimli. Manitoba's Iclelandic Memorial







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The Icelanders at Kinmount continued

The Victoria Railway Company, having no experience in family medical situations was slow to act, but eventually a doctor was dispatched. Higher roofs were installed to aid ventilation, more shantys relieved overcrowding and dietary advice was dispensed to improve the health of the new settlers Conditions did improve, but the death of so many young children left its tragedy on the community. Other problems soon surfaced to make life in Kinmount a struggle. The Icelanders had been small farmers, herdsmen & fisherman by profession. In Canada, they were suddenly expected to be day-labourers, working 10 hour shifts 6 days a week. The railway foremen were often exasperated at the absenteeism & lack of punctuality of the workers. Language remained a barrier: only 1 Icelander spoke English! The climate and diet were different for the new

settlers. And finally, the railway company ran out of money & suspended all work. Suddenly unemployed, the Icelanders were forced to scrounge for any work available.

In 1870s Kinmount, the main employers were lumber companies, but the Icelanders were not used to the forest industry. A joke went: "How do you find your way out an Icelandic forest? Stand up!". In tall-timber Ontario, the bush was intimidating! Icelandic families were encouraged to settle on farmland in the area. But once again, cultural differences hindered the potential bush-farm pioneers. By the summer of 1875, the situation was becoming critical. The settlement was dissolving as the Icelanders scattered in search of work. This dispora was exactly what the settlers feared the most! Finally fate intervened in the Icelandic dilemma. A young

lady named Caroline Taylor was travelling by stagecoach up the Bobcavgeon Road to join her missionary uncle in the wilds of Haliburton County. The stage stopped in Kinmount where she observed several Icelandic women (in native dress) on the main street. Her inquiry about them revealed the story of their plight. She relayed this tale to her uncle, John Taylor, who became determined to help. Taylor took up their cause and lobbied for their removal to a better situation. The choice of the Icelandic Kinmount community was to relocate in the Northwest Territories, just recently acquired by the Government of Canada from the Hudson's Bay company, at a site that eventually became Gimili Manitoba. The Kinmount Icelanders moved en mass to Manitoba in the fall of 1875, and the rest is history!

The residents of Kinmount had mixed feelings about the

Icelandic settlement. Told to expect an influx of workers from a cold northern country called Iceland, the geo-

graphically-challenged expected a group of Eskimoes! Imagine their surprise when a whole colony of Vikingdescendents showed up on their doorstep! The arrival of families was a shock: usually railway navies were single men. And to watch the daily struggles of the newcomers saddened local residents, especially the high infant mortality and the desperate poverty of the unemployed settlers. Remember, pioneer Kinmount contained less than 100 souls, which was greatly outnumbered by the 350 residents of Havford! With one exception, all the Icelanders had left Kinmount within a year. Hayford crumbled into a ghost town to the point where its actual site is now unknown. The railway started up again and soon Kinmount was a boomtown. In Gimili, the Icelanders endured several more years of privation until they were established. Today at the Gimili Museum, a whole room is devoted to the "Kinmount saga". And finally, in 2004 a statue was unveiled at the Kinmount Railway Station honouring the Icelanders and their brief experience at Kinmount. "In The Presence Of A Soul" by sculptor Gudrun Girgis sums up succinctly the Icelandic chapter in Kinmount.

On August 2, a special "train" will run excursions south along the railway line to the suspected site of Hayford, following in the tracks of a poignant chapter in Kinmount's history.

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The Kinmount Model Railway

Kinmount has a rich railway tradition. Various groups and individuals are always searching for ways & means of expressing and preserving that those traditions. In 1992 Bob Mitchell, then a member of the Kinmount Pioneer Society, suggested a model railway club to express our railway heritage. Eventually a group of dedicated model railway affectionados came together to found the Kinmount Model Railway Club. Original members included Henry Kunz, Herman Formsma, Bob Mitchell, Bruce Stinson, Danny Klochkoff, Al MacIver & Austin Gleadhill.

Anyone who has dabbled in model railways will recognize the dogged determination these people bring to this "hobby". The club decided to recreate the Victoria Railway from Kinmount to Haliburton in minature. It was a huge project, but led by Henry Kunz, the club planned to build the model in sections with the 22 mile stretch divided into 11 sections of 5 feet each for a total of 55 feet of rail history! The sections were built "table style" and were designed to be taken apart for transportation.

The club asked for support, and in true Kinmnount style, the project was embraced by the community. The Kinmount Lions Club contributed \$3,000 in start up money. The Lions also started a fund raising blitz, selling sponsorships for \$25. Hundreds of plaques on the model railway attest to the spirit with which the community embraced the project.

As the model railway grew, the club moved from location to location. They started at the railway station ticket office. moved to the old school/ Baptist Church, then to the new Pioneer Society building in the fairgrounds. Finally, the club settled in the baggage room of the now restored railway station: a perfect fit historically & size-wise. Today, the model railway, now rooted in one spot, has become a main attraction for the village.

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Model Railway

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Nomenclature aka Place Names

The editor has received several queries about some of the place names used in previous articles. It should come as no surprise many local landmarks have more than 1 name. Usually they break down into old vs new names or official "government" names vs local "unofficial" labels. Some examples of name changes: Crystal Lake was called Swamp Lake by many locals. Why? The beautiful Lake doesn't have large swamps around it? It likely gathered that moniker from the swamps settlers had to cross to access the lake from the Bobcaygeon Road (west). Salerno Lake in Irondale was originally called Devil's Lake. After World War II, the more exotic Salerno title was substituted. Salerno, a town in Italy, was the site of a WW II battle. After all, Devil's Lake was not so appealing to real estate agents selling properties.

The little lake on the Reid Street (or Road?) is called Kinmount Lake to newcomers, but known locally as Rock Lake.

The creek west of town on the Monk Road/Highway #503/ County Road #45 (the title depends on your age!) is labeled Crego Creek on the maps because it flows from Crego Lake into the Burnt River. In my youth, it was Rushworth's Creek after the early settler who lived on its banks.

And village names... there is some history there! A rumour Kinmount was first called Burnt River Crossing is likely just a nick-name. The title Kinmount was used by 1859. Burnt River Village adopted the title when it received a Post Office in 1873: previously it was Rettie's Station. The residents of Norland wanted to call their village "Northland", but the registrar missed the "th". Who says typos are not important! Coboconk tried out the name "Shedden" after the president of the Nippissing Railway. But there was a Shedden elsewhere in Ontario, and the old native term Coboconk was resurrected.

The strangest of all may be Buckhorn. The earliest residents wanted the name Buckhorn, but a post office near Windsor already had that name, so they called their hamlet Hall's Bridge after the founding family. In the 1930s, the original Buckhorn Post Office (the one in Southwestern Ontario) closed, and Hall's Bridge acquired its original

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choice... about 50 years later! If you know more nomenclature trivia for the Gazette, please feel free to submit it. We are always on the lookout for interesting facts about the area!



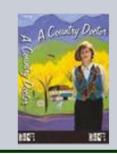
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Kinmount Kids' Corner

Do you have a story or picture to share with our readers? Send your submissions to the editor at gdsscott@mail.com

Merlin the Magnificent

Once there lived a pony named Merlin. He was a beautiful bay colour with a long black mane and tail. One day Merlin went for a walk to find some juicy apples. As he walked he noticed a path he had never seen before. The path seemed creepy but Merlin was brave and he turned down the path to see where it woul lead. As he walked it became darker and darker.

. Merlin was a little nervous. All of the sudden Merlin saw four snakes hissing in front of him. Merlin hated snakes. These ones looked like King Cobras, which are very dangerous. He thought he better walk faster and get away from them. Up a little further he saw three shadows dancing on the trees. They were tall and long like monsters. Merlin wanted his mom but he didn't want to turn back so he started cantering and nickered loudly. He must have waked up a bear from his sleep who growled from inside his cave. Merlin ran faster and faster whinnying for his mom. Where was she?

Up ahead Merlin could see something. Was it his imagination? He stopped and stood still for a few minutes and then he realSummer Chuckles

"I thought I told you to keep an eye on your cousin," the mother said. "Where is he?"

"Well," her son replied thoughtfully, "if he knows as much about canoeing as he thinks he does, he's out canoeing. If he knows as little as I think he does, he's out swimming."

ized it was his mother! Merlin said, "What are you doing here?" His mom said, "I heard you whinnying and it sounded like you were in trouble. But now I am lost," said his mom.

It was now night time so Merlin and his mom found a nice place to sleep between two big trees with bit roots. Merlin slept all through the night and in the morning his mom woke him up and told him she had found an apple tree for breakfast. Merlin looked up and saw the biggest apple tree with great big red apples on it. Merlin was hungry so he had a few apples and they left to find their way home...without taking the scary path!

The End

By Natasha Austin, Age 8

CHECK IT OUT !

Merlin may be at the Pony Rides at Moonlight Mania!

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Campers at the VIBE Bible Camp, which was held last week at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park and organized by the Kinmount United Church.

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The Hot Stove Leak by Lynne Kilby

Are you ready? It's time to get in gear for Kinmount's 150th Heritage Week Celebrations. I bet Kinmount's first residents would be totally astounded with the variety of events honouring the town they founded. Kinmount Heritage Week is brought to vou through true Kinmount spirit from dedicated volunteers whose involvement, monetary or in-kind donations make it all possible. Many thanks must be extended to the City of Kawartha Lakes & the Township of Galway, Cavendish & Harvey whose generous donations to our 150th Anniversary Celebrations unite our community in celebration.

It's not too late for kids to join the Summer Reading Program at Kinmount Public Library every Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

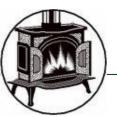
The annual Journey for Health fundraiser for Kinmount & District Health Foundation takes place on Sunday, August 9. The foundation depends on this major fundraiser to continue to bring improvements to local health care. Obtain pledges, walk, run or bike the rail trail south of Kinmount. Register at

9:00 a.m. at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Participants with pledges over \$100 will receive a tshirt. To obtain a pledge sheet call 488-3053. If unable to join in, please sponsor a participant. Health is everything! A Point in Time holds Summer Adventure Day Camp for kids ages 6-11, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Aug. 10 -14 at Kinmount Community Centre. Cost is \$30/wk. per child. Register at Point in Time, 60 Eastern Ave, P.O. Box 1306, Haliburton, On, KOM 1S0, download a form from pointintime.ca to mail in or call me at 488-2919.

Kinmount Seniors sponsor their bi-monthly trip to Casino Rama on Thursday, August. 13. The bus leaves the legion parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Enjoy a free lunch while you are there. Return time is 4:00 p.m. Bus cost is \$5.00. To reserve your spot call Theresa at 488-1110.

Kinmount wants to hear from you, so please remember to contact me at (705) 488-2919 or lynne.kilby@sympatico.ca to leak info through the Hot Stove Leak. And now presenting (drum roll please).....

KINMOUNT 150TH HERITAGE WEEK CELEBRATIONS JULY 24 – AUGUST 2 Join in on the fun as Kinmount rocks this summer with its 150th Anniversary Celebrations! Visit kinmount.ca for updates.



CATCH THIS SPIRIT! Drop by Kinmount Artisans' Marketplace any day during Heritage Celebrations to be cheerfully greeted by members dressed in period attire. The heritage display will put you in awe and so will everything else Kinmount Aritsans' Marketplace has to offer.

View Kinmount Model Railroad and Museum daily throughout the Heritage Celebrations. Volunteers will be in period dress. This season, the Model Railroad features new leading edge technology accurate to the 1920's on the Victoria line complete with authentic sounds. Rail enthusiasts from across the province have been visiting Kinmount to view and experience this new technology. To celebrate the 150th anniversary the Model Railroad group is producing a quantity of large framed photographs of early railroad days and Kinmount which will be displayed in the station. On August 8th at 1:00 p.m. "Heritage Ontario" will be presenting a historical plaque to the station. Everyone welcome. **KINMOUNT TALENT**

AINMOUNT TALENT NIGHT July 24

Events take off with the revival of Kinmount Talent Night, an annual standard in days gone by. Come re-live the days of vester-year! Who knows, perhaps this evening of pure enjoyment may once again become an annual tradition. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are available through committee members or at Austin Lumber. Tickets at the door cost \$8.00. An evening full of surprises and laughter is on the menu!

TEA TIME & AGENT 150 July 25 & August 1

Enjoy Tea Time with Friends from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Kinmount Public Library. Librarian Maryann Dobsi will greet you dressed in period attire. Kids can play "Agent 150" a game based on the History of Kinmount, at Craft Time for Kids at 11:00 a.m.

MOONLIGHT MANIA July 25

A touch of magic transforms Kinmount from 5:00 -10:00 p.m. with live music by the Black Fly Boogie Band, a Classic Car display, street vendors, in-store specials, kids games, wagon rides, great food and fireworks at

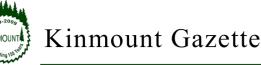
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The Hot Stove Leak cont...

dusk at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Moonlight Mania is brought to you by the Kinmount Business Association, a sub-committee of Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development. Rain date Aug. 1. For more info call 488-2919.

DON'T MISS PITCH-BURST AT SLICE OF THE NORTH July 25

Similar to a dunk tank so popular in days of old. Pitch-Burst is brought to you at Moonlight Mania by the owners of Slice of the North. Trish & Peter Gautreau. Trish, a certified swimming instructor, will also have a table set up with information on drowning prevention. By the way, Trish & Peter have an indoor pool available for private rental. Peter, Trish & her sister Jackie Wade are soon celebrating their first anniversary of taking over management and physical operations at Slice of the North. Check out their Summer Time Specials which include pizza, chicken, subs and soft ice cream. Call 488-3030

UNITED CHURCH OUT-DOOR SERVICE July 26

Join Kinmount United Church in an Outdoor Service at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park at 9:45 a.m. Enjoy a BBQ in the park following the Service. Along with the town of Kinmount, the United Church celebrates its 150th anniversary this year.

GATE & GARDEN TOUR July 26 & 27

Explore Kinmount & Area's intriguing sites & beautiful

gardens from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Pick up your passports at the Gazebo by the Railway Station. Cost \$5.00. Passports purchased July 26 are still good July 27.

STARLIGHT RESCUE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 27 - 31

Children are invited to participate in Starlight Rescue Vacation Bible School from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Kinmount Baptist Church. Free. Call Dave Sedore at 324-2034 or Susan Dier at 488-1419.

TEA TIME WITH FRIENDS July 28

Enjoy tea time from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Kinmount Public Library.

FILM EXTRAVAGANZA July 28

Film Festival at Kinmount Community Centre, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Munch along to some great films about Kinmount including the latest video "A Community Celebrates," a film featuring a year in the life of Kinmount. You may be a star! Buy your own copy for \$10. Admission by donation.

GHOST TOUR July 29

Explore Kinmount by night with Ghost Tour Guide Guy Scott. Who know what surprises lay in store? Meet at 8:30 p.m. at the Gazebo by the Railway Station. Rain date July 30.

SENSATIONAL SNAKES & TEA TIME July 30

Kinmount Public Library invites you to experience a hands on program - Sensational Snakes at 11:00 a.m. Enjoy Tea Time with Friends

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. PLAY THAT WASHBOARD July 30

Music in the Park featuring **Washboard Hank**, 6:30 p.m. at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Free admission. Be prepared to be delightfully entertained. Bring your lawn chairs.

FILM FESTIVAL STRIKES AGAIN July 31

Enjoy an afternoon Film Festival at Kinmount Community Centre, 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m. Films featuring Kinmount may include you! Come check it out. Admission by donation.

THE WONDERS OF KIN-MOUNT

August 1

Geo Caching Tour - Explore the Wonders of Kinmount, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Meet at Kinmount Public Library. Call 488-2291 to register your team of 2. YARD SALE AT THE STATION

August 1

Kinmount Seniors Yard Sale at the Railway Station 9:00 a.m. Vendors welcome. Call 488-1110 for more information. Rain date Aug. 2.

KINMOUNT FARMERS MARKET August 1

Browse Kinmount Farmers Market from 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Make sure to enter the free draw for a basket of goodies fresh from Kinmount.

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY August 1

Dance at Kinmount Community Centre featuring The Emily Creek Band, 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Light Lunch. Admission \$10.00.

ART SHOWING

August 1 & 2 Multi Media Artist Brenda Mulholland displays an array of works from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Kinmount Gazebo. Brenda produced the new Kinmount Mural displayed on the south wall of Kinmount Post Office.

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Hot Stove Leak continued

THE GRAND FINALE AUTHORS, GENEALOGY & RAILWAY DAYS August 2

Meet Local Authors & Genealogists at the Railway Station & Kinmount Community Centre, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. A variety of guest authors includes Ron Brown, author of "The Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore", Rod Clarke author of "Narrow Gauge Through the Bush" & Nina Spencer Motivational Speaker & Canadian Bestselling Author of "Getting Passion Out of Your Profession."

Seize your chance to ride the rails! Explore the rail line on

Spot the Shot Recaptured

Last week's shot came from the Catholic Cemetery beside the Galway Hall. The tombstone is shaped like a tree trunk: a fitting symbol for the early pioneers who spent their lives, ax in hand, wrestling with the forest. After Immaculate Conception Church burned in 1930, the cemetery was abandoned and internments were made in St Pattram rides departing at 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. or experience the rails through a self guided walking tour.

Rubber Duck Race 2:00 p.m. Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Proceeds support Special Olympics.

BBQ in the Park sponsored by Kinmount & District Lions Club. The Lions Club recognizes the tough economic times we are dealing with. Therefore, they are donating proceeds from this BBQ to the local food bank that is always in need of supplies.

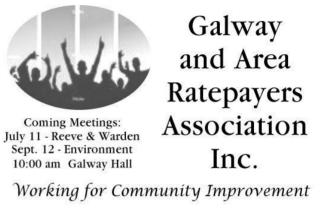
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rick's Cemetery in Kinmount. But thanks to locals who care, the Galway cemetery is kept in "immaculate" shape. Here rest the original pioneers: those gallant settlers who lit-

erally carved their farms out of the bush.



Happy 150th Birthday, Kinmount



Washboard Hank Geocaching Tour

On Thursday July 30, Music in the Park is proud to feature Washboard Hank live at the Austin Sawmill Park. Washboard Hank brings his unique style of music, sometimes called Kawartha Lakes chic, to Kinmount for this special event. His repertoire of instruments includes.... well, let's just say most of these items can be found in a hardware store! Hank sings about local legends and the small towns of Ontario. Washboard Hank: Canadian humour & local lore at its best. Don't miss this one-of-akind concert: 6:30 pm.

Attention all geocaching enthusiasts and wannabes: don't miss our special Heritage Geocaching Tour. This backroads, GPS experience will introduce you to the Wonders of Kinmount & area. But you have to do the tour to find out what these sights are! Date: Saturday August 1 Tour leaves the Kinmount Library @ 10:00 am Team of 2 recommended. For further details, contact Andrew @ 488-2291



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Thomas Baker's tombstone. 1st settler in Kinmount, 1st person to buy a lot in the cemetery (Lot #1).



Cultural Corner

Authors Visit Kinmount

The Kinmount Sesquicentennial Committee is proud to present Local Authors & Story-tellers day on Sunday August 2. Much has been written about our area, and it's our pleasure to accumulate this distinguished group of local authors in the Railway Yard to promote their works, tell stories & advance the cause of history & culture.

Some of the authors present will include:

Ron Brown: author of "Ontario's Ghost Town Heritage", "The Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore" "Backroads on Ontario" and "Top 100 Unusual Things to See in Ontario". These topics really fit our area! Ron will be giving 2 presentations in the Community Hall @ 10:00 am & 1:00 pm. Ontario Community History at its finest!

Rae Fleming: A resident of Argyle, Rae is a historian, biographer & lecturer. His works include "Railway King of Canada (Sir William Mackenzie)", "Eldon Connections" & "General Stores of Canada: Merchants & Memories".

Rod Clarke: A Railway Historian, Rod has written "Narrow Gauge Through the Bush" chronicaling the story of early Victorian railways in Ontario, including the line to Coboconk. Rod will also be presenting a slide show in the Community Hall @ 11:30 am & 2:30 pm.

Phil Graham; "Preserving the History of Hydro in Minden"

Earle Grey: "The Great Canadian Oil Patch: The Petroleum Industry From Birth to peak"

Nina Spencer: "Getting Passion Out of Your Profession"

Marjorie Green:

Catherine Swift:

Ray Miller: "From Coal Oil Lights to Satellites"

Garth Kellett:

Guy Scott: "History of Kinmount", "Country Fairs in Canada" & "Ontario Agricultural Fairs: A Snapshot in Time".

The following titles will be available as well:

Peter Pearson: "Over the Years" John Hulbig: "Whispering Pines: A Haliburton Heritage" volumes 1-4 Elva Bates: "A Journey Through Glamorgan's Past", "Goodroom, Eh?" Theo Peacock" "Tales of the Trail" Ken Emerson: "The Mill Reserve" Hilda Clark: "Mustard Plasters and Handcars: Through the Eyes of a Red Cross Outpost Nurse"

Don Gislason, "The Icelanders at Kinmount"

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A lonely piper plays a lament at Decoration Day in the "new" Kinmount Cemeterv

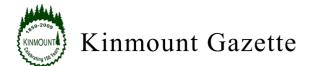


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From the Editor's Desk

Dear Editor:

Enclosed please find a donation towards the production of the Kinmount Gazette. I have enjoyed each issue, and together they will become a little "collection", as a reminder of the celebrations of Kinmount's 150th anniversary. Thank you,. Sincerely, Mrs. Joyce Strang Crystal Lake Road

Well this is it! Kinmount's Heritage Week starts on Friday July 24 and runs through to Sunday August 2. Each day will feature a "special event". The Sesquicentennial Committee has lined up some rather unusual events. After all, Kinmount is noted for its "one of a kind" things. We definitely take the "road less travelled" here in Kinmount.

It all climaxes on Sunday August 2 with Railway



Each week we will feature a photo from the Kinmount Area. We challenge you to identify the spot.

Submissions of photos welcome. Please submit to the editor via email with a detailed description of the spot you have captured.

Last week's Spot the Shot: The Catholic Cemetery at Galway Hall.

Days/Local Authors & Storytellers Day. The committee has lined up some notable authors for our "Cultural Corner" down in the railway vard. Don't forget to take in the slide shows by Ron Brown & Rod Clarke in the Community Centre. These are 2 well known writers and it was a coup in having these authors at our event. So for those who think our rural. backwoods corner of Ontario is a cultural wasteland, check this out!

I am also excited about our railway tours. There will be trains on the railway line again, or at least trams for 1 day! Each trip will have a conductor aboard to act as a tour guide. The Victoria Rail Corridor is likely an underappreciated part of our community. Now is your chance to check it out.

A big thanks to Carol Simmons & the Minden Museum for sponsoring our Railway Days component. It is great to see our neighbouring communities cooperating to help each other out. Don't forget to check out Minden's list of sesquicentennial celebrations as well. Their "big week" runs from August 7-15. Happy Birthday Minden! An update: last edition I wrote about the Ladies Auxiliary of the Legion and their fundraising drive for new flags for their colour guard. Thanks (again) to the Kinmount Lions Club who made a "healthy" donation to the drive, the LA has met their goal and the new flags are on the way! The Lions are sure a savior to this community!

Don't forget to visit the Sesquicentennial Table at the Moonlight Mania on Saturday July 25. We will have lots of Kinmount memorabilia for sale as well as a limited supply of back issues of Gazette, in case you missed some. As an avid history collector myself (my wife calls it the "pack rat syndrome).



