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## Icelandic Connection Uncovered, Part 1

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*An excerpt from a family tree*  
Everyone knows the story of the Icelandic settlement at Kinmount. The year was (October) 1875 when a group of 350 Icelandic settlers were brought to Kinmount to work on the Victoria Railway. They stayed less than a full year before departing for Gimli Manitoba. A poignant sculpture “In the Presence of a Soul” graces the Railway Yard in their memory. Nothing else tangible remains to mark their place in Kinmount History. It was often declared that no descendents of the original settlers live in the area. Well that is incorrect. It has recently come to the attention of the Gazette that we do have a direct descendent of one Icelandic pioneer family living at Kinmount. Research has uncovered the tale of this family. Ryan Eyford, a professor of history at the University of

Winnipeg takes up the story of the Kristmundur Benjamínsson family:  
“On September 25, 1877 Sigurlaug Bjornsdottir gave birth to a baby girl in a log cabin north of what is now the town of Gimli Manitoba. This baby was likely the seventh child born to Sigurlaug and her husband Kristmundur Benjamínsson since their marriage in 1867. Rev Pall Thorlaks-son christened the new baby girl Rannveig Sigríour Kristmundsdottir. (Most Icelanders did not use family names. Instead they use patronyms; a person’s second name is a combination of the father’s first name and the suffix son (son) or dottir (daughter) depending on the person’s gender. ) Little Rannveig’s parents were from the county of Hu-

navatnssysla in north central Iceland. At the beginning of the 1870s, there were limited opportunities in Iceland for young couples. The population was growing and as a result there was not sufficient land for young couples to form their own household and establish themselves as independent farmers. Instead, young people were forced to spend longer periods of time either as servants or lodgers on the farms of others. As a result, increasing numbers of young Icelanders began to look to emigration as a way to better their situation. In 1874 Kristmundur and Sigurlaug and two infants joined the second large group of emigrants to leave Iceland. In the late summer they boarded the SS St Patrick at the northern port of Saudarkrokur. *Continued on p. 6* This

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the larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
we shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields

*by John McCrae Dec. 8, 1915*



## Friends and Neighbours: Ballieborough and Centreville ★

One of the earliest pioneer roads to our area ran from Port Hope straight north, past Rice Lake, to Peterborough. Once it hit the bottom end of Sturgeon Lake, it stopped. In the 1850s, this road was re-started at Bobcaygeon and built straight north to Dorset and named the Bobcaygeon Road. If you look on a map or on a photo from space, you can see the line of the Bobcaygeon Road running majestically due north from Lake Ontario towards North Bay. Along the southern route (Port Hope to Peterborough), a number of small pioneer crossroads hamlets sprang up at regular intervals along the Road. A crossroads hamlet grew up where a concession sideroad crossed the main road. The hamlets usually consisted of a hotel to house travellers on the road, a blacksmith to cater to the animal welfare and stores, churches, schools, etc as necessity dictated. In its southernly course, the Bobcaygeon Road was the boundary between various townships in Durham County on the west and Peterborough County on the east. Today, this stretch of Road is called Highway #28.

The pioneer road was home to 4 such crossroads hamlets in the Township of Cavan alone. These small communities were partially in Peterborough and partially in Durham Counties. (Cavan Township was part of Durham County until the 1970s when it transferred to Peterborough County). This line of crossroads hamlets has been jokingly called “Church Row”. There were 5 churches along this stretch of present Highway #28. While the Centre Line of Cavan could be called “Mill Row” because it housed a series of mills, the east

boundary line contained zero mills, but lots of churches!

### Baillieboro

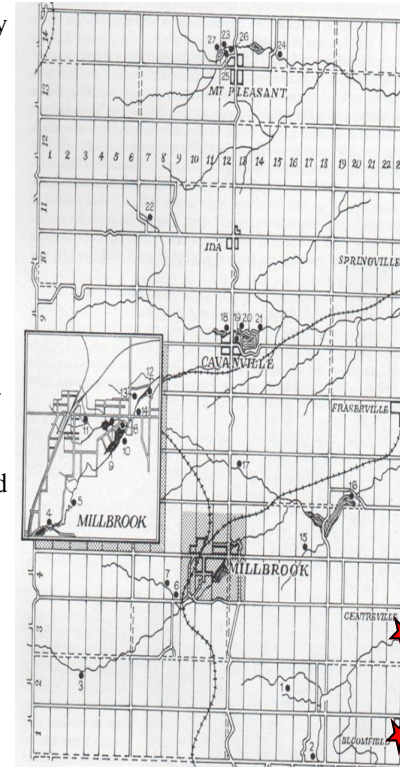
The southernmost community along the Cavan Township portion of the road is Baillieboro. The main structure was a pioneer inn run by a James Graham. A post office was established at the site as early as 1830. Before the arrival of railways, traffic on the Road was heavy; it being the main (only) route into Peterborough from the south. Originally called “Grahams”, the post office established in 1830 used the name Bloomfield. But there was another village in Prince Edward County by the same name and in 1860 the hamlet was renamed Baillieboro. This was the name of a village (complete with castle) in County Cavan, Ireland. How appropriate!

Baillieboro prospered during the 1800s. By 1851 it had 100 residents and was home to a dozen businesses including a carriage maker, tannery, cooperage, blacksmith and at least 2 hotels. Oh yes, and 2 churches. As businesses gravitated to the larger centres and the railway replaced the Peterborough Road, the village faded into a

quiet crossroads hamlet. Today it contains a general store and some houses. Even the Methodist Church is closed and used as an antique store.

### Centreville (South Monaghan)

Two concession roads north was located the crossroads hamlet of Centreville. Since this name was very, very common throughout Ontario, the name was changed to South Monaghan upon being granted a post office in 1846. The hamlet contained the usual amenities: a hotel, blacksmith, general store, school and its most famous landmark: the Centreville United Church.



Above: Centreville Presbyterian Church built in 1863;  
Left: Main Street (Hwy. 28) of Baillieboro.







## Ruston Steam Engine in Irondale

*Submitted by Paul Clement*

A sunny September afternoon in Irondale was the perfect setting for a reunion of sorts between men and machine.

As a collector of antique engines and vintage British diesels in particular I anxiously replied to an online ad in 2011 for 2 Ruston and Hornsby diesel engines that were once used to power grain elevators in Saskatchewan. These engines were brought to Ontario in 1982 by Charlie Stahn and his Son Dave as the majestic grain elevators, once the icon of the Prairies, were being reduced to piles of timbers in the name of progress. As a young man in Saskatchewan Charlie would marvel at the rhythmic pulse of these very 2 engines powering the elevators at Lakenheath and Stonehenge.

With good intentions Charlie carefully stored the engines away with thoughts of restoring them and taking them to display at various steam shows around Southern Ontario. As time progressed the demands of Family life, Church and a Teaching career trumped the desire to restore these brutes.

Fast forward to 2012 having bought the engines the previous year and restoring them to running condition it was the pleasure of my Wife Margaret and I to host Charlie and his wife Marion, their son Dave and his Wife Randi as well as Grandson Sebastian to help start the one en-

gine, Charlie's thirty year dream coming to fruition.

I took the duty of hand cranking the massive 1000 lb flywheels up to speed while Charlie manned the controls and at my signal the big engine lumbered to life, barking out for all to hear and then smoothing out into an almost silent 160 rpm. Charlie shook my hand, gave 2 thumbs up and then stood back to watch, his thoughts far away in time and place. He was back in the Prairies once again.

After stopping the engine Charlie and Dave took a turn starting the Ruston and then after another brief stop Dave and Sebastian took a turn and once again lit the engine with Sebastian on the crank handle.

There you have it readers. Three generations of one family all running the same engine the same day. A heartwarming event that made for lasting memories.

*Charlie Stahn (left, Dave Stahn (right) Paul Clement (Back) with Ruston Engine in Irondale.*



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## Kinmount Farmers Market Christmas Open House



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The Township of Harvey has some unique geological features. It is a contact point between the Canadian Shield to the north and the Great Lakes-St Lawrence Lowlands to the south. The Shield covers 2/3 of Canada's landmass and is composed of hard rocks: especially granite. The Great Lakes Lowlands contain large sections of deep fertile farmland. Many of the rocks here are softer limestone. The topography of southern Harvey is composed of limestone. Harvey has always been a site of quarrying, with the limestone rock either crushed for road gravel or the larger, flat cap rock used in land-

scaping. There are numerous quarries old and new in the Nogies Creek area. North of Nogies Creek lies several small lakes: prime sites for deposits of marl. Marl is a lime rich mud called calcium carbonate, found mostly in lake bottoms. It is used in such diverse industries as cement & explosives. In the 1940s a deposit of marl just off the White Valley Road west of Nogies Creek became the site of the White Valley Chemical Company. The marl was dredged from the bottom of the lake and processed on site. For several years it was a going concern. Eventually the site was abandoned, but the White Valley Road was kept open.

**Historical Society Bus Tour**

*The Galway Cavendish Harvey Historical Society went on their annual bus tour to Durham Region. Clockwise from top left: Lucy Maud Montgomery House; the Sharon Temple; the Foster Memorial; the Tyrone Water-powered Grist Mill*



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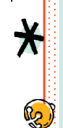
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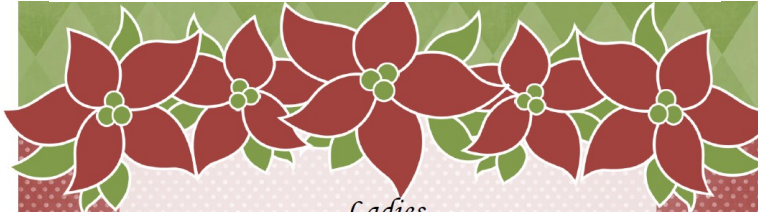
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The Kinmount & District Education Bursary Fund Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2012/2013 Bursary Fund listed in this edition's High Five on page 4.

We wish them great success in their studies. The Committee would like to graciously thank all of the Donors for their generosity. Stay Tuned for news of the 2nd Annual Kinmount & District Education Bursary Fund Dinner & Loonie Auction to be held February 2, 2013.



## Icelandic Connection, *continued from p. 1*

group, numbering 352 people, was destined for Canada. They travelled by rail from Quebec City to Toronto, then to Coboconk, and finally by wagon to the frontier town of Kinmount. The government hoped the Icelanders would make good colonists for the northern districts of the province on the edge of the Precambrian shield, which was then being promoted as a field for agricultural development. It was for this reason that the St Patrick Icelanders were forwarded to Kinmount at the northern edge of Victoria County. It was expected that they would work on the construction of a railway being extended through the district, while at the same time claiming (and farming) free land grants. Unfortunately the experiment at Kinmount turned out to be a disaster for the Icelanders. The employment on the railway dried up. And the Icelanders suffered due to poor housing and insufficient food. Many of the young children died, including Kristmundur and Sigurlaug's two year old daughter Sigridur (buried somewhere along the railway line south of town). In May of 1875 the couple and their surviving son were living at Kinmount, subsisting largely on rations grudgingly

provided by the Ontario Government's Immigration Department. However, events had already been set in motion that would take the family and most of the other Icelanders from Kinmount out of Ontario to be resettled in the Canadian Northwest. A Baptist lay missionary named John Taylor who lived in Dysart Township heard about the Icelandic's plight and approached the Governor General on their behalf. Lord Dufferin forwarded Taylor's request to the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture, who provided funds for a delegation of Icelanders led by Taylor to select a site for a colony in Manitoba, then part of the Northwest Territories. In August 1875 they chose the area along the southwest shore of Lake Winnipeg, north of the 1870 boundary of Manitoba. The federal government reserved this land for the exclusive use of Icelandic immigrants, and appointed Taylor as "Icelandic Agent" to oversee this colonization experiment. In September 1875, Kristmundur, Sigurlaug and son Bjorn joined the exodus of approximately 250 Icelanders leaving Kinmount. (About 100 Icelanders had previously moved from Kinmount to Markland Nova Scotia. ( See September 2012 Gazette for the Markland story). They travelled by rail to Sarnia, then by steamboat to Duluth

(Minnesota), then by rail to Fisher's Landing on the Red River, and finally boarded a paddlewheel steamboat bound for the muddy town of Winnipeg, where they arrived in early October. The journey down the Red River was made in flat bottomed York boats and was painfully slow. For the final stage of the journey, the Icelandic flotilla was pulled by the Hudson's Bay Company steamer Colville to Willow Point, just south of present Gimli, where the Icelanders stepped ashore on October 21, 1875; the first group of settlers in the colony that they called Nyja Island (New Iceland). Shortly after their arrival, Kristmundur claimed the \$5 prize that John Taylor had offered to the first settler who caught a fish from the lake. His catch was a goldeye, a species totally unknown to the Icelanders. On the same day they landed at Gimli, Sigurlaug gave birth to a boy, who Taylor called "our first native born citizen". Unfortunately the child died the next summer and was buried with other young children: victims of a rough first year in the new settlement. The village of Gimli was named for the paradise where, according to Norse mythology, the gods and heroes would reside after the end of the world. In reality, Gimli turned

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

We so enjoy your publication, look forward to it every month, applaud the achievements of the citizens of Kinmount and learn the history of this beautiful part of Ontario. Thank you to yourself and all the other citizens of Kinmount who give so much of their time to creating and publishing each issue of the Gazette. You all have little idea of the pleasure and knowledge that it gives to its readers.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Langlois

To the Editor:

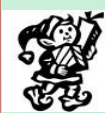
I came across a seldom seen Hognose Snake on Pinery Road Sept. 17. This little sweetheart wouldn't play dead. I'm familiar with it's antics of rising up, hissing, fanning out it's neck like a cobra then rolling over and playing dead. The anticipation of that loud hiss and fake attack mode is like saying you're going to blow up a balloon until it bursts. You know what's going to happen but you don't know when. I tapped the ground with a 4 foot level that our crew had just used to true up the posts for the new commemorative MNR Forestry signs. The snake did rise up...fan out its neck but no threatening hiss (I'll probably dream that part anyway). The Hognose snake is Threatened on the MNR Species at Risk list. The next level would be Endangered and then Extirpated - no longer found in our area. If that ever happened we'd have to be content with blowing up balloons till they burst.

Bruce Boswell  
*thepinerypeople.ca*

To the Editor:

It has been brought to my attention that I misnamed two of the students in the S.S. #4 Galway School, on page 15 of the October Gazette. The first one, being my sister-in-law. June Dettman, who I named June Sully. And also Tommy Pearson, who I named as Alan Pearson. My apologies.

Helen Dettman,  
Kinmount



## KINNEY IS BACK! WIN A PRIZE!

Starting Monday December 3rd until Saturday December 8th Kinney will be hidden somewhere in participating town businesses.

Pick up a ballet available around town, answer the questions and drop your entry off in the ballet box at Gateway. Check out the Specials on December 8th at these local businesses. ONE ballet will be picked from ballet box and that person will win a prize.

## Around the Fire Hall *by Susan Dier*

Members of City of Kawartha Lakes Fire and Rescue Station 18, Kinmount, kicked off Fire Prevention Week with a display of paraphernalia Oct. 6. The theme was "Have two ways out!"

When the smoke alarm sounds, does your family have a plan? It is important to, "Have two ways out" and a "safe meeting spot" in a safe location so everyone knows where to go when the alarm sounds! Be sure to practise your escape plan often! Go to [firesafetycouncil.com](http://firesafetycouncil.com) for more information about Fire Prevention.

## HAVE TWO WAYS OUT!



From the top: The new Fire Truck; Local Firefighters kick off Fire Prevention Week Thanksgiving Weekend, Front Row Tim Dier, Sue Dier, Back Row: Roger Lavoie, Rick Willemsen, Jim Laver, Taras Pader, Mike Penney; Petra & Hunter try on Firefighter gear assisted by Kinmount Junior Fair Ambassador Megan Dier.





## Kids' Corner



Every Thursday is  
**KIDS DROP IN DAY**  
11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
at Kinmount Public Library

The new "Expanding the World of Literacy" Program offers the chance to explore books & hands on activities!



## Rural Outreach Program

The Mobile Resource Van visits  
Kinmount Community Centre  
**10 am - noon Monday Nov. 12 & 26**

**Kinmount Knights circa 2000**  
3 people are unidentified.  
Can you tell us who they are?



Front Row: Brittany Griffith, Brooklyn Parrott, David Lougheed, Mallory Crego, Luke Silver

2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Unidentified, Brahm Thurston, Edward Griffin, Theresa Jones, Brittany Cloke

3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Coach John Cloke, Unidentified, Ethan Griffith, Unidentified, Jesse Silver, Tyler Sutherland, Coach Dave Lougheed



## REMEMBRANCE DAY QUIZ

- When was Remembrance Day first held?  
a) 1918   b) 1919   c) 1920
- When is Remembrance Day?  
a) November 11   b) November 30   c) November 1
- What is Remembrance Day also known as?  
a) Commemorative Day   b) Armistice Day   c) National Army Day
- Why do people wear poppies?  
a) Because they grew in the burial grounds after WWI  
b) The poppy is the national flower  
c) They are the colour of army uniforms
- Who runs the Poppy Program?  
a) The Service Fund   b) The Royal Canadian Legion   c) The Poppy Fund
- At what time is a 2 minute silence held on Remembrance Day?  
a) Noon   b) 10 a.m.   c) 11 a.m.
- Where is Kinmount's Remembrance Day Service held?  
a) at the legion   b) at the cemetery   c) at the cenotaph
- What is written on the cenotaph?  
a) the glorious dead   b) in memorial   c) names of soldiers killed in battle
- What does the word cenotaph mean?  
a) fallen comrade   b) empty monument   c) battle memory
- Who wrote the poem "In Flanders Fields"?  
a) Bill Craig   b) John Stinson   c) John McCrae

**ANSWERS:** 1. c 2. a 3. b 4. a 5. b 6. c 7. c 8. c 9. a 10. c

## FREE TO GOOD HOMES



2 Female - 1 Male

Litter trained and used to kids.  
Our neighbour moved and left the pregnant  
Mama Cat behind and as much as our kids  
want to, we can't keep them all!

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## The Hot Stove Leak *by Lynne Kilby*



November brings Remembrance Day and as it approaches I find myself remembering a dear lady, Reta Henry who passed away August 18. Reta is survived by husband Donnie. Both are war vets and long time members of Coboconk Legion. Reta & Donnie were married 63 years! For 43 of those years they called Rush Lake (by Head Lake) their haven. To commemorate Reta & Donnie and this Remembrance Day 2012, I share these photos.



*Top: Reta during war service. Bottom: Reta & Donnie at the 2010 Norland Remembrance Day Service. Photo taken by daughter Donna Gauthier.*



What a handsome couple!  
Thank you for defending our country!



The Remembrance Day Service in Kinmount is Sunday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cenotaph.

November also means we are well into fall. I have a clear crisp memory of a nice fall day when I was in grade 3. Back then we had what was called memory work. We had to memorize poems and recite them to the teacher in the schoolyard at recess. Boy that memory work was powerful stuff! To this day I can still recite the following poem by Robert Louis Stevenson.

### AUTUMN FIRES

In the other gardens  
And all up the vale,  
From the autumn bonfires  
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over  
And all the summer flowers,  
The red fire blazes,  
The grey smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!  
Something bright in all!  
Flowers in the summer,  
Fires in the fall!



Keep smiling and please remember to contact me at 705-488-2919 or email: [lynne.kilby@sympatico.ca](mailto:lynne.kilby@sympatico.ca) to share news.

### THE VERDICT IS IN!

And thank goodness it's thumbs up! Say hello to digital cinema in Kinmount! After much deliberation, Highlands Cinemas has come to the decision to open for another season in May 2013 with 4 digital theatres. Just can't wait to "See you at the movies!"

### KAWARTHACAN Cancer Touches Everyone

Kawartha Cancer Assistance Network

(KawarthaCAN) is a newly formed group of Kawartha Lakes residents who are cancer survivors or friends/family of those diagnosed with cancer. KawarthaCAN provides pre paid gas cards to area cancer patients needing help with expenses incurred by travelling to treatments. Their volunteer program "Katy's Kaps" calls upon expertise of chrocheters & knitters to craft headwear, chemo sweaters & IV bag holders soon available for purchase at [kawarthacan.ca](http://kawarthacan.ca). 100% of proceeds goes to area cancer patients. You can help with donations of cash, wool, new unused items or volunteer to knit or crochet. Wool & patterns supplied.

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### KAWARTHACAN POKER TOURNAMENT

Try your luck Sunday Nov. 18 at the Lindsay Exhibition. Registration 12:00 pm. Game 1:00 p.m. sharp. Tickets \$50 per person includes charity poker game entry & Buffet Dinner 5:00 p.m. Start with 5000 chips. Top 9 are in the money. 80-20 split. Re-buys \$40 for 4000 chips unlimited for the first hour. Add-ons \$25 for 25000 chips at first break. Prizes, 50/50, Raffles, High Hand Pot.

### GIRL GUIDE CHOCOLATE MINT COOKIES

The 1st Kinmount Unit of Sparks, Brownies, Guides & Pathfinders still has Chocolate Mint Cookies for sale. Please support the girls and enjoy some delicious cookies at the same time! Makes a great little gift or addition to festivities.

### QUILTING REFLECTIONS

In pioneer times there was no manufactured bedding. Rich people hired someone to make it for them. Poor women pieced together scraps of left-over printed fabric or bits from clothing too ragged to wear to make bed covers and hangings for doors and windows to keep out the cold. A quilter would have one dress for Sunday best. When it wore out, it became pieces in a quilt. The first cotton mill in Canada began production in 1845 but not until 1880 was there a regular supply of commercial fabric. Materials quilters used were often taken from their own farms; wool, down from geese, flax spun into cloth. They could only dye the threads after weaving them and their choice of colours was small. Quilting was done by hand. The Singer sewing machine, invented in 1851, was not readily available, especially to poorer women. Often the only times hard-working women on isolated homesteads could get together was at a quilting bee. Invitations went out to the neighbours, carefully including the best quilters. During the day women exchanged news, recipes and quilt patterns as they

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## The Hot Stove Leak *cont. from p. 10*

worked. At supper they were joined by the men and in the evening there was a dance. The more men a young woman met, the better her chances of marriage. Young men, of course, had opportunity to assess their prospective wife's abilities as a housekeeper after seeing her quilting and eating her food. These women quilting by candle light, and after 1860, by kerosene lamps, turned a utilitarian pastime into a lively social event. Pioneer quilting peaked in 1880 but was revived during the Depression. It attracted attention in the 1960's & 1980's but really picked up in the 1990's, when varieties of fabric and improved machines were available. Locally quilts, quilting materials and classes are available at the Quilter's Inn at 6 Hunter St. Quilts may also be purchased at Kinmount Artisans Marketplace.

*Below : The 1<sup>st</sup> Kinmount Unit of Sparks, Brownies, Guides & Pathfinders with their quilt made last year in partnership with Barb Leffering of The Quilter's Inn. Each girl designed her own block, first tracing the pattern, then heavily colouring it with crayons and finally signing the finished piece and ironing the block to set the picture. Next step - the backing. Surely, our pioneer ancestors would be pleased!*



### 1ST KINMOUNT GUIDING UNIT GIVES THANKS

Our Girl Guide Unit got 2 nice surprises recently. Janice Davidson showered them with an assortment of craft supplies and Jack Holman donated \$150.00! Thank you both for your generosity and support!

### KAWARTHA SETTLERS VILLAGE Festival of Trees 2012

Bask in glory of an assortment of decorated Christmas Trees  
Date: Nov 8 - 11, 2012,  
Thursday, Friday 5:00 - 9:00,  
Saturday 9 - 9, Sunday 12 - 3:30  
Events: Roast Beef Dinner Friday Nov. 9, 2 sittings 5 pm & 7 pm.  
\$12.00 per person  
Saturday: Children's Magical Morning 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Pancake Breakfast  
Visit with Santa  
Shop in Santa's Secret Shop  
Special crafts  
Face painting & more  
Saturday: Twilight Auction pre-registration 7:00 p.m.  
Auction 7:30pm sharp  
Murphy Barn  
Holiday Church Service Sunday Nov 11, 2012 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.  
Children's Toy Drive, please bring an unwrapped toy.  
Visit Santa Saturday 10 - 4 p.m. & Sunday 12 - 2 p.m.  
Santa's Secret Shop (children shop for \$2 - \$5)  
Christmas Café  
Craft Fair  
Christmas Boutique  
Toyland Showcase  
Children's Workshop

### BURNT RIVER UCW CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

Burnt River UCW hosts their annual Christmas Craft Sale November 3, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Burnt River Centre. Free admission but a donation for the food bank appreciated. Lunch available. Quilt Draw. For more info call Pat 705-488-3328.

### HARMONY FARM CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

For a unique dining and shopping experience visit Harmony Farm's Christmas Open House, Remembrance Day Weekend, November 9 - 11. Take Out or Eat In Food, a Gourmet Shop, Bakery, Gift Shop, Books, Jewellery, Apparel & CDs.

### MISTLETOE MAGIC CRAFT & BAKE SALE

If you were you wondering how to get that magical Christmas spirit on the brew, congratulations! You just discovered the answer! Stop by Kinmount Artisans Mistletoe Magic Craft & Bake Sale Saturday November 17, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre. Free draw for those who add to the magical mix with a food bank donation. What else will you find? Christmas Delights, Delicious Luncheon & Snacks, Country Raffle, Live Christmas Music and Special Treats for kids. Spice up your visit with an extra added touch - visit Kinmount Artisans Marketplace in the lower level of the Centre while you are there. Discover that one-of-a-kind treasure just in time for Christmas!

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### KINMOUN CALENDARS

You are going to love the 2013 Kinmount Calendar! The events and community information are definitely handy but the photos capture moments in time. The Kinmount Calendar tells a story. Available at Castle Building Centre, Gateway General Store & Café & Kinmount Artisans Marketplace or contact Yvette at 705-488-2282.

### FREE CRAFT DROP-IN

Kinmount United Church Women host a Craft Drop-In the last Tuesday of each month at Kinmount Artisans Marketplace from 10:00 a.m. - noon. Bring your sense of humour and current project. All welcome!

### SPIRIT OF

### CHRISTMAS CHARITY

Fundraiser hosted by Fenelon Falls Secondary School featuring The Pampered Chef, Sat. Dec. 1, 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Silent Auction, Door Prizes. Admission \$2.

### Razzamataz Kid Shows

### Dufflebag Theatre Presents...

### Peter Pan

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2:00 pm

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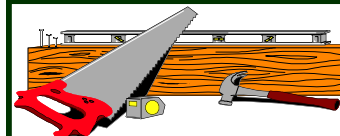
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## The Hot Stove Leak *cont.*

### KINMOUNT FARMERS MARKET CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

For Christmas culinary treats & gifts make sure to stop by Kinmount Farmers Market Christmas Open House Saturday December 1, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre. Visit all your favourite vendors. Free KFM Toonie for the first 20 customers. 50/50 draw 1:00 p.m. Better stock up. This is your last chance to shop KFM until the May long weekend.

### LIGHTS ACROSS CANADA THURSDAY, DEC. 6

Get in the mood at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. This celebration is sure to warm your heart. Meet at 6:30 pm at Kinmount Railway Station. Listen to carolling, witness the Tree Lighting, Sawmill Bell Dedication, bonfire, hot chocolate & sweets. See Santa in the Station. Free Photo Op.

### CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE SATURDAY, DEC. 8

Enjoy a day of no cooking! Breakfast with Santa at Kinmount Community Centre followed by Crafts for Kids, Wagon Rides, and Kinny the Elf Hunt. Meet Santa at 2:00 p.m. at the Post Office and follow him to the Legion for a free family lunch. Gifts for kids 10 & under. Then treat yourself to a Scottish flavoured evening of supper & entertainment by the Mundell Family at Christmas Music Night at Galway Hall. Country Raffle and Loonie Auction. For advance tickets call 705-488-2635.



*I took this picture Thanksgiving Sunday at Dot Crego's house. For many years Dot has hosted a "Family Christmas at Thanksgiving, outdoors, rain, snow or shine. Along with the group of family in this picture, there are 25 other family members who could not be there this year. It was a wonderful get-together with great people. Submitted by Helen Dettman.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 3 - **Turkey Supper** 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Galway Hall.  
Nov. 3 - **Craft Sale** Burnt River Centre  
Nov. 10 - **Turkey Supper** 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Kinmount Legion.  
Nov. 11 - **Remembrance Day Service** 11:00 a.m. Kinmount Cenotaph.  
Nov. 12 & 26 - **Public Transit to Lindsay** departs 8:00 a.m. Gateway Store.  
Nov. 17 - **Friends of the Library Book Sale** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. lower level Kinmount Public Library.  
Nov. 17 - **Mistletoe Magic Craft & Bake Sale** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Kinmount Community Centre.  
Nov. 18 - **Kawartha Can Poker Tournament** 12:00 noon at Lindsay Ex.  
Nov. 21 - **Big Buck Bid Euchre** 11:00 a.m. Kinmount Legion. Cost \$10.  
Nov. 28 - **Diner's Dinner** 12:00 p.m. Burnt River Centre.  
Dec. 1 - **Kinmount Farmers Market Christmas Open House** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Kinmount Community Centre.  
Dec. 1 - **Pampered Chef Fundraiser** for Fenelon Falls Secondary School 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Silent Auction, Door Prizes.  
Dec. 6 - **Christmas Tree Lighting** 6:30 p.m. Kinmount Railway Station.  
Dec. 8 - **Christmas in the Village** Various activities. See Santa 2:00 p.m. at Post Office. Follow to Legion for free family lunch & visit. Gifts for kids 10 & under.  
Dec. 8 - **Christmas Music Night** - Diner & Loonie Auction at Galway Hall.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

**Tai Chi:** Mondays & Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Galway Hall.  
**Seniors Cards:** Potluck Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Mondays followed by Bid Euchre at 1:00 p.m. at the Legion.  
**Sparks, Brownies & Guides** Monday nights 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre. Call 705-488-2919.  
**Monday Night Ladies Darts:** 7:30 p.m. at the Legion. Call 705-4883462 for info.  
**Lunch at the Legion:** last Tuesday monthly. Liver & Onions or alternative meal.  
**Free Craft Drop-In:** last Tuesday monthly 10:00 a.m.- noon hosted by Kinmount United Church Women at Kinmount Artisans Marketplace.  
**Kinmount Public Library Hours:** Tuesday & Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursdays are Kids Drop In Day.  
**Kinmount Playschool:** Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.- noon at Kinmount Community Centre. Call 705-488-3044. **Ontario Early Years** visits Monday November 12 & 26.  
**Yoga:** Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Kinmount Community Centre. Call 705-457-9294.  
**Wednesday Mixed Darts:** 7:30 p.m. at the Legion. Call 705-488-3462 for info.  
**Card Night:** Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. Irondale Community Centre. Cost \$2. Potluck snacks.  
**Friday Night Bingo:** 6:45 p.m. Royal Canadian Legion., \$300.00 Must Go Jackpot.  
**Sunday Morning Kids Club:** 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. at St. James Anglican Church, 5 Crego Street.



*Dot Crego's Family Christmas Thanks-gifting*





Horse Terminology Influences the English Language

Though it has been over a century since the horse was part of everyday common life their presence in everyday speech still remains prominent. Consider the following:  
**Hold your horses** Stop, wait.  
**To eat like a horse/To work like a horse** To eat a great deal/To work very hard.  
**Straight from the horse's mouth** From a person closely concerned with the subject discussed.  
**To flog a dead horse** To keep trying to get satisfaction from something that cannot or can no longer give it.  
**A dead horse matter** No longer of concern.  
**Get on one's high horse** To become offended in an angry and proud way.  
**Horse sense** Common sense.  
**A dark horse** A person or thing whose true character and worth is unknown but may be better than is thought.  
**A horse of another colour** Quite a different matter  
**Lock the stable door after the horse has bolted** Take action too late.  
**Put the cart before the horse** To do things in the wrong order.  
**A willing horse** A keen worker.  
**You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink** You can make it easy for a person to do what you want, but you cannot force them to do it if they do not want to.  
**Change horses midstream** Change one's opinions in the middle of something.  
**Wild horses couldn't keep me away** Nothing could keep me away.  
**Horse feathers!** An exclamation of disbelief.  
**Horse Opera** A cowboy movie.  
**Horse player** A gambler.  
**Horse trading** Making business deals after hard and skilful bargaining.

**A one horse town** A very small, insignificant place.  
**A war horse** A seasoned and reliable veteran.  
**Put out to pasture** To be retired.  
**Chomping at the bit** Eagerness combined with impatience.  
**Hoof it** Walk.  
**Horse around** To fool around.  
**Horseplay** Rowdy playing.  
**Donkey's years** A long time.  
**Stubborn as a mule** Will not change opinion even when wrong.  
**Iron horse** Railway train.  
**Charlie horse** Cramps in the leg.  
**Don't look a gift horse in the mouth** Don't find fault with something freely offered.  
**Trojan horse** A trick in disguise.  
**Back the wrong horse** Supporting the wrong side.  
**Horsepower** A power comparison to the power of horses.  
**Strong as a horse** Very strong.  
**At the end of my tether** Unable to deal with something anymore.  
**To give free rein** originally meant to not rein in a horse but today this saying means to allow someone to be completely in charge of something.  
**The Golden Horseshoe** Urban area around Lake Ontario.  
**He must have horseshoes up his** \_ \_ \_

well just use your imagination to finish the rest! The meaning of course is someone very lucky. And then let's not forget sometimes we may call a stupid or obnoxious person **A horse's** \_ \_ \_ . Finally something that is non-sense may be **Horse** \_ \_ \_ \_ . If you can think of more examples please let us know!



The Victoria Pony Club is still recruiting! Contact Guy Scott at 705-488-3182 or Julie Austin at 705-488-2291.

Below: The Victoria Pony Club at their Fall Trail Ride.



Ooch That's Guid: Kinmount's Scottish Heritage

On Saturday, December 8th, residents of Kinmount who wish to enjoy a flavour of their Scottish Heritage will be pleased to note that this year our annual music night, is taking a decidedly Scottish flare. The wonderful roast beef meal will be complemented by some Scottish goodies and entertainment will include highland dancing and piping as well as the musical styling of the Mundell Family. A grand celebration of the grand unveiling of our new Kinmount Tartan.  
The annual music night is a fundraiser for the Kinmount Committee for Planning and helps to support the purchase of our festive

decorations.  
Tickets are \$15.00 and include dinner, a loonie auction and entertainment.  
We are please to announce that we will have some tartan items to sell just in time for Christmas gift giving. The following is a list of items and their prices in Canadian dollars:  
*(Please note that these pictures are not of our actual Kinmount tartan items but representative of the same)*

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Men's tie \$20.00

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## Kinmount Country Jamboree Cancelled

The Board of Directors of the Kinmount Agricultural Society recently voted to cancel next year's Kinmount Country Jamboree. The Jamboree was started in 2008 to raise funds to help pay down the mortgage on the new Kinmount Arena. The Agricultural Society decided to operate the Jamboree for 5 years and then reassess its viability. After the 2012 event, it was decided the event was not producing the hoped for funds. This led to the decision to cancel the yearly event.

There are a large number of Country Jamborees held in our part of Ontario. Attendance at the Kinmount event had plateaued and was not reaching an acceptable level. This led to the cancellation of the annual event for 2013.



## Highlands Cinemas to Stay Open

Keith Stata has recently announced the famous Kinmount landmark, the Highlands Cinema will reopen for the 2013 season. Changes to the technical side of film systems had led to speculation the Highlands Cinema may close its doors for good after the 2012 season finished on Thanksgiving Weekend. The movie distribution companies are moving to digital systems after this year. The cost of converting all 5 projectors to digital would be horrendous. But after a summer of reflection and planning, the management of the Highlands Cinema decided to add 4 digital projectors for next year. Theatre #1, the original screen, will be closed, but may be reopened at a future date. Theatres # 2-5 will be equipped with the new systems.

The potential loss of the Highlands would have been a tragedy for the village. It is one of Kinmount's most famous attractions and landmarks. People from far and wide seem to recognize Kinmount as the home of the Kinmount Fair and the Highlands Cinema. Keith related several stories of movie-goers

who appealed to him to not close the doors. The closing would have meant the nearest cinema would be in Lindsay! Cinemas in Minden, Haliburton and Fenelon Falls have all shut down, leaving the whole "north country" potentially "a film desert." Rumours even flew around the town about taking up a "collection" to help purchase projectors and keep the doors open. The recent announcement the Highlands would open on May 3 for the 2013 (the 33<sup>rd</sup> season!) was greeted with relief around the community.



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## Kinmount Fowl Suppers in the 1930's

For decades, the United Church congregation would hold a fowl supper and entertainment evening, usually around Thanksgiving. As my family usually attended the United Church when the roads were passable, we looked forward to the fowl supper as a "last chance" social event prior to freeze up. Our home was 12 miles northeast of Kinmount over very hilly, crooked, dirt roads, so a minimum of one hour traveling time was always allowed if the weather was good.

The supper was spread on long tables in the lower level of the Community Hall, which in the years I remember was owned and operated by Austin & Cora Jackson. It had an upper level where the entertainment took place following the supper. There was an elevated stage with draw curtains and the audience seating area held 150 – 200 people. The amount & variety of food was more than ample, and no one left the table feeling hungry!!! Everyone was invited regardless of denomination, and I remember the United minister, Rev Lehigh and the Anglican Minister, Rev Peltier always being in attendance. On one occasion Rev Peltier caused a few raised eyebrows, when making a speech to thank all those who worked so hard to make such a sumptuous feast. He was a rather rotund man, and his clothes fit rather snugly without the added strain of the pressure of a rather large meal. During the expression of thanks, he said "I feel that every button of my clothing is doing more than its duty."

The entertainment that took place upstairs after the meal consisted of a variety of acts, mostly musical, but sometimes a short skit or play formed part of the entertainment. The Robert White Family, Bob and his wife Mamie, with children Marjorie, Clara and Bob Jr. was a very talented musical family as well as being staunch members of the United Church.

During the summer months, when road conditions would allow, we would attend church and after the service we would be frequent noon time guests at the White's home. After dinner everyone would gather in the parlour where the entire family would stage a musical concert that would rival anything heard today. We really enjoyed these sessions and when we learned they would be featured after the fowl supper, we looked forward to this with great anticipation. They were a versatile group, all seemingly proficient on the violin, banjo, guitar, piano etc. Their home still stands on the sharp bend in the road that surrounds two sides of the old cemetery in Kinmount (now Bobcaygeon Rd).

The Community Hall still stands today, having survived the Great Fire of 1942 unscathed. The lower level is now the Artisans Marketplace.

*Author Ted Thomson*

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## **TURKEY SUPPERS**



**Nov. 3 Galway Hall**

**Nov. 10 Kinmount Legion**

## **Dorothy's Delights**

*by Dorothy Heath*

### **Slow Cooker Lasagne**

Brown 1 lb hamburger and add 1 can or jar of Pasta Sauce. Add 1 cup water and stir. Set aside.

Mix together 1 tub ricotta cheese (or 1 3/4 cups cottage cheese). 1 1/2 cups Mozzarella cheese, 2 tbsp, parmesan. 1 egg, 1 pkg frozen spinach thawed and drained and 1 tbsp. dried parsley.

In slow cooker put a layer of meat sauce (about 1 cup).

Top with a layer of 3 uncooked lasagne noodles broken to fit.

Add 1/2 cheese mixture.

Then add 1/2 remaining meat mixture.

Add 3 more broken uncooked noodles.

Add remaining cheese mixture.

Top with remaining sauce.

Cook on low for about 5-6 hours in covered crock pot.

Sprinkle top with more mozzarella and 2 tbsp parmesan. Let stand covered until cheese has melted. (about 10 min) Serves 8,

Now a use for the Halloween Pumpkin.

### **Jack -O'- Lantern Soup**

Cook the pumpkin by cutting in pieces and steaming. Scoop out pulp and mash. Drain excess liquid. In a large pan heat 2 tbsp butter and cook 1 cup sliced carrots for 2 min.

Add 1/2 cup chopped onion, 1/2 cup chopped celery and 1/2 tsp. minced garlic. Cook on low for 8-10 min. until veggies are tender stir often. Add 1 carton low salt chicken broth, 3 cups pumpkin, 1/2 cup light cream, 1/2 cup water, 3 tbsp maple syrup and 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice. Heat through and taste. Add salt and pepper to taste.

**Notes:** I like to use canned coconut milk rather than the cream. I also puree the soup with a hand blender but this is not necessary.

*Dorothy Heath (centre) whips up a feast.*





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## Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441

*by Cathy King*

The most significant month of the year for our Legion is November, a time that we share with the Community in remembering all the men and women, past and present, who in peacetime or conflict, have kept us safe. Whether they were on the front lines during conflict or peacetime missions, we owe them gratitude for our freedom. There are several Remembrance Day Services in Kinmount and area. We hope you can join us at one of the services:

November 10, Gelert Cemetery (Time to be confirmed)

November 11, 9 am. Burnt River Cenotaph

November 11, 11am. Kinmount Cenotaph (lunch follows service at Kinmount Legion Hall)

November 11, 2 pm. Gooderham Cenotaph



**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM!**

## The Library Link *by Mary Ann Dobsi*

Well now that Halloween is over, Christmas will be upon us. The library catalogue has many fiction and non-fiction books available for your Christmas reading from stories to baking and crafts. Visit our website at [www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/library](http://www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/library) and search the catalogue. On Saturday, December 8 "Christmas In the Village", the Kinmount Library hosts an open house to enjoy coffee/tea and treats while you browse around.

## In the Lions Den *by Dave Anderson*

We would like to congratulate the winner of the carved bear, Judy Austin of Port Hope, which took place Thanksgiving Monday at the Kinmount Legion parking lot. We very much appreciate the co-operation of the many businesses who allowed us to sell our tickets on their premises, and thus ensured the success of our endeavour. Remembrance Day is November 11th and the Kinmount

Our Ladies Auxiliary are making plans for their Fowl Dinner Saturday, November 10, 4 - 7 pm. Cost is \$10 for adults & \$5 for children includes turkey, all the trimmings & a tasty dessert. Why not bring a friend and treat yourselves to a delicious dinner? Big Buck Bid Euchre is Wednesday, November 21 at 11am. Cost \$10 a person includes a delicious lunch. November 27 is our last Tuesday Lunch until spring. Choose between Liver & Onions or an alternative tasty meal. Cost \$7.00 includes tea or coffee & dessert. Join us November 24 at 6pm for Xmas Music/Trivia Night. At this fun event, we entertain you with a variety of music from past eras forward along with some fun Christmas themed trivia games. Admission free but a donation of a non perishable item for Kinmount Lions Club Food Drive would be much appreciated.

There will also be activities for the children to have fun with. Come drop in anytime on Thursdays during library hours and 'Expand the world of Literacy' with your child. Book packages are available with activities for children to explore. This month's book sale is Saturday, November 17 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on the lower level of the library. City of Kawartha Lakes Public Library, Kinmount Branch





## Icelandic Connection Uncovered, cont. from p. 6

to be a place of severe hardship for the Icelanders. During the first winter, when food supplies were desperately low, many people were sick from scurvy. Sigurlaug herself was



Editor Guy Scott with Gimli Viking statue.

bedridden with scurvy for nine weeks in the spring of 1876. As it struggled into its second year, the colony was struck with another misfortune; some of the 1,100 newly arrived immigrants from Iceland brought smallpox with them. New Iceland was under quarantine from November 1876 to August 1877. The economy ground to a halt, and the settlers were prevented from seeking work outside the colony. By the end of the epidemic, 102 Icelanders, mostly children, had died. Rannveig was born shortly after the quarantine was lifted. Although life was difficult for most of New Iceland's settlers, Kristmundur and Sigurlaug seem to have had a particularly difficult time. They relied heavily on loans from the Canadian Government. By the end of 1877, they had accumulated debts of approximately \$370, which they had to repay before they could obtain the deed to their homestead. They decided to give Rannveig up for adoption when she was a few weeks old. They entrusted her to the care of the Icelandic Agent John Taylor and his wife Lizzie. Rannveig was renamed Rosa by the Taylors, who raised her to adulthood. In the May 1879 issue of New Iceland's newspaper "Framfari" (Progressive), Kristmundur Benjaminsson publicly thanked the Taylors for adopting his

daughter.

'When my wife gave birth to a child last winter, the Taylors took it when it was a few weeks old and have looked after it like the best of parents. In addition to this benevolence, Mr Taylor has very often helped me in other ways. I lack the means to pay my benefactors for what they have done for me, and what is more, they do not want any repayment.; but I wish in this manner to declare my gratitude publically and wish God's blessing on Mr Taylor and his wife.'

This public declaration may have been a way for Kristmundur to make peace with the Taylors. At the time, New Iceland was split into two factions based on religious leadership. A Rev Thorlakksson was openly critical of Taylor's leadership. He preached the Icelanders would be better off if they abandoned New Iceland and resettled in the United States. Kristmundur signed Thorlakksson's petition to the government. After learning about the "Secret Deal Letter", Taylor and his assistant Sigtryggur Jonasson denounced the adherents of Rev Thorlakksson. Many of Thorlakksson's followers moved to Dakota Territory (USA) in 1879. Kristmundur and Sigurlaug were not among them.

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Stayed tuned for Part 2 in the December Edition.

*The Icelandic Ambassador to Canada visits Kinmount; the delegation makes a presentation of a window to the Sawmill ; Diane Austin accepts a copy of a history book of Icelandic settlement donated to the Public Library, Icelandic Monument*



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## From the Editor's Desk

Another milestone for the Kinmount Gazette: this edition begins Volume 5! This will be the 52<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Gazette that started way back in April 2009 to celebrate the sesquicentennial of the founding of Kinmount village.

That's a lot of editions! To celebrate this milestone, the staff decided to pay tribute to our advertisers on the front page. Without their support, we could not be at this Volume 5 milestone. Our sincerest gratitude to those who are all aboard for Volume 5. And it's still not too late to join this esteemed group. Contact Yvette or any staff member if you want to join the Volume 5 club. We have also highlighted those advertisers who have been with us every edition all the way from Day 1. Thank you!

All past editions of the Gazette can be purchased at the Artisan's Marketplace. They make a great Christmas gift. And remember: there is lots of history in every edition. Collectors items for sure! Or you can access the Gazette online

(and in colour!) at our website [www.kinmount.ca](http://www.kinmount.ca).

More sad news on the obituary front; the community suffered two recent losses. Verna Graham and Stanley Davey have passed on since the last Gazette. Our condolences to their families.

The gazette always appreciates letters to the editor and those submitting news articles. This edition thanks go to Ted Thomson (of White Lake), Paul Clement (Irondale) and Jen Pickens for special stories, as well as thanks to our regular contributors. If you have information for the Gazette, please feel free to send it in!

One of the big losses to the community over the past year has been the closing of our only gas station. Where there were once 3, now there is none! A group of concerned citizens have been working to find a company willing to open a new gas station in the village. They are looking for support from the members of the community. The first stage is to solicit letters of support. Anyone wishing to write a letter of support for a gas sta-

## Spot the Shot



Each edition we 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 month's Spot the Shot:

A school bus driving down Bobcaygeon Road by the Old Public Cemetery. Photo submitted by Robynne Kilby.

**Submission Deadline  
For December Edition:  
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tion is invited to drop off such letters at the Gateway General Store & Cafe on Main St. You just never know: perhaps they can make a difference! Word has it the Austin Sawmill has acquired a new mill bell. The old bell disappeared several years ago. The new bell will be introduced on Christmas Tree lighting night. All the church bells in the village have been asked to welcome the new bell by joining in a community bell ringing ceremony. It should make for a noisy evening!

In this edition the Gazette is featuring part one of an article on an Icelandic Family who left Kinmount in 1875, and have now returned! This has been a big year for Kinmount's Icelandic connection, with visitors and book presentations etc. On Thanksgiving Saturday, the Icelandic Ambassador to Canada was on hand to help make a donation to the Austin

Sawmill Restoration on behalf of the Icelandic Club of Canada. The Gazette has featured at least 3 major articles on our Icelandic heritage. And this summer, yours truly visited Gimli Manitoba to 'touch base' with the next stop for the Kinmount Icelandic settlers (see photo of the Viking and I: I am the small one at the base!). Next edition we will carry on the story of our modern Icelandic connection, so stay tuned! GS



MPP Laurie Scott lays a wreath at the 2011 Remembrance Day Service at Kinmount Cenotaph. Photo submitted by Cathy King.





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