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Hockey In Kinmount: A History

Kinmount, being a typical Canadian small town, has a rather passionate affair with the sport of hockey. A century ago, organized winter sports were rather limited. The only real competitive winter team sports were curling and hockey. Both could be played outdoors on frozen ice surfaces, and the Kinmount area boasted lots of ice surfaces! The local pond was a primary focus once the ice was formed. The Burnt River was "ok", but it was a rather "risky rink" due to poor ice conditions and currents keeping it from freezing. The ideal "ice rink" was man-made, complete with side boards that were left from year to year, and the ice quality could be more easily controlled by artificial flood-

ing. The earliest skates were rather primitive: usually metal blades strapped onto shoes or boots by leather straps. For the novice skater, a double bladed skate added extra stability. The modern skate was invented by a Canadian James Whelpley. By the early 1900s, one piece skates were common. They featured leather boots on a permanent, single blade. The earliest hockey sticks were hand-made & rather primitive. Ash or birch were the preferred woods, and the stick was often a single piece of carved wood! These sticks were very heavy, but extremely durable. One hockey player could use the same stick for his entire hockey career! In today's world of the

expensive throw-away stick... wow! By the 1940s, laminated sticks became the norm, followed by fibreglass, graphite & composite sticks. In the 1970s, curved blades became fashionable to the point where a straight-blade stick belongs in the museum today. The only common thread in hockey sticks has been the rising prices! Hockey gloves to protect the hands were the first protective equipment used, followed by shin pads, shoulder pads and last (but not least) helmets & visors! Early goaltenders used cricket pads for their legs & a baseball catching glove. Once again, the last piece of protective equipment for goalies was

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*Kinmount Imperials:
Tagalder Gardens
1947.
Back row (left to
right): Jack Thomp-
son (coach), Dick
Austin, Garland
Barkwell, Clark
Simpson, John
O'Toole, Ralph Phil-
lips, Bill Austin, Bill
Scott.
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Austin, Ray Zettler,
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Bill Butts, Jerry Sil-
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Friends and Neighbours: Coboconk ★

The oldest settlement north of the Kawartha Lakes is Coboconk. Its name is native in origin and has 2 possible sources: Quash-qua-be-conk meaning “where the gulls nest” or Ko-ash-kob-o-cong loosely translated as “the part of the river where a portage needs to be made”. Take your pick! Coboconk grew up where the Gull River emptied into Balsam Lake. A small waterfall provided an excellent site for a sawmill and the village could be accessed by water from the south. The Coboconk Post Office was officially opened in October 1859. But in 1873, the village suffered an “identity crisis”. The arrival of the new railway in town (1872) had excited the locals. When the president of the railway company, John Shedden, died in a railway accident in Cannington, the devastated railway supporters changed the name of the village to Shedden in his honour. The name change met with substantial local disapproval. A standoff developed to the point where one side of the village used the old term, while the other side of the river was called Shedden. For 7 years confusion (and ill-feelings) reigned, until in 1880, the village returned to its original name of Coboconk. By 1851, a sawmill & dam was under construction and it is no accident lumbering was Coboconk’s primary industry. The Gull River drained a huge area to the north & was a major “highway” for the lumber companies. Each spring & summer, countless thousands of sawlogs would pass through the village on their

way to mills in Fenelon Falls, Bobcaygeon and even points further down the Kawartha Lakes such as Peterborough & Trenton. The arrival of the railway greatly enhanced the lumber industry. Coboconk was the only village on the entire Gull River system to have railway access. Why float your logs further south at great expense when lumbermen could access the railway at Coboconk? There were sawmills operating in the village until as recently as the 1970s, Like many similar villages in the area, Coboconk was just a sleepy backwater until the arrival of the railway. Several influential businessmen had holdings in the area and they rightly reasoned a railway was a necessary step in advancing their business interests. Once such entrepreneur was William Gooderham, a flour miller & distillery baron in Toronto. Due to his efforts, the Toronto-Nipissing Railway was chartered in 1868. The first stage was the 68 miles between Scarborough Junction and the nascent little village of Coboconk on the Gull River. On November 26, 1872 the first steam train chugged into Coboconk village, making the village the boomtown for the back townships of Victoria County. But the Toronto-Nipissing Railway was based on Uxbridge & Toronto: far away from the county seat of Lindsay. Jealous and worried the wealth of its back townships would be siphoned off by rival towns outside the county, the good burgers of Lindsay reacted and built their own railway line: the Victoria Railway

(which altered the history of Kinmount greatly!). Coboconk also had some other “natural advantages”. The village is flanked by limestone ridges. Limestone is a useful mineral, especially in pioneer times when it was used as both a fertilizer and a building material. The rock, which can be easily broken, was burnt in large kilns and sold as slacked lime for gypsum wallboard and other uses. The massive lime kilns still stand by the river today, long disused, but grand symbols of a bygone age: a sort of Stonehenge for Coboconk. The Gull River at Coboconk was a popular fishing spot, especially during the spring spawning run of the Balsam Lake muskelonge. A report claimed over 5,000 muskies were speared during the spring of 1886. A single “fisherman” was credited with spearing 50 on May 24th all by himself! Now fisherman are noted for “expanding” on the facts, but it was obvious Coboconk was a great site for fishing. Needless to say, such ‘habits’ are frowned upon today! The later history of Coboconk (nicknamed the Limestone Village) mirrors the history of many other villages in the area. The timber industry dwindled as the good timber was harvested. Railway traffic declined in the face of the spread of motor vehi-

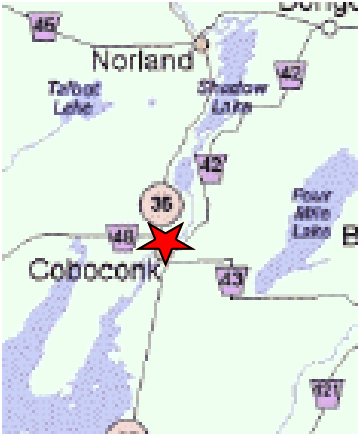


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cles. Coboconk became a “tourist town” basking on its water access to the Trent Canal & its lakes & rivers.

Below: Canada’s Smallest Jail





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the face mask! Jacques Plante first wore this essential piece of protection in the 1960s. Today's hockey players often dress like medieval knights in complete body armour. But the old-timers were either much braver or more foolish! While pleasure skating was fine on any old pond or body of water, to be part of a hockey league, you needed a proper rink. Most of the rinks were outdoors, but that was often all the small communities could afford and there was no stigma to an outdoor game in the early days of hockey. (In fact, the NHL has returned to its roots lately with the outdoor "Winter Classic Game", played on New Years Day.) The outdoor rink had some drawbacks: snow had to be shovelled off the surface and it was open to rain & rain, but don't tell the hockey purist it was colder under the stars! It also meant it was day games only. Kinmount's famous outdoor arena was called Tagalder Gardens. It was situated on the Simpson Garage site beside the LCBO store. The name was derived from the profusion of tagalder bushes that grew on this (or any other) "wet" site. Besides the rink, the complex included a roofed viewing section, 2 dressing rooms and a snack bar. The dressing rooms were each heated by small wood stoves. Stan & Annie Silvers were the "staff", Stan flooding the ice surface & shovelling off the snow while Annie ran the snack bar. Annie was a great cook and her homemade hot dog buns were legendary! Many kids came to the rink just for the snacks! (Some things never change;

there is something about a rink hotdog...) The local "league" included teams from Haliburton, Minden, Bobcaygeon and Fenelon. In the pre-motor car days, road trips were made by train. A "special" excursion train was booked and everyone travelled together. When snow plowing became common in the 1930s, the train lost its role to the motor car. In 1960, the Kinmount Fair Board built a large Quonset hut in the fairgrounds as an exhibit hall. The new building was almost regular size for a hockey surface, but best of all, it had a roof! Tagalder Gardens was abandoned and the skaters of all sorts moved to the new Fairgrounds Arena. The first years, there was no spectator area, so a balcony was built in the south end of the Arena. To see what went on around the net, spectators had to lean over the front rail! Two sheds were moved in as dressing rooms. These accommodations were unsatisfactory, so an addition was built on the south end to act as a viewing area/dressing rooms/heated area/snack bar/foyer. It was called the "kitchen" because that's the role it served at the Fair. The old Arena went on to serve its role as an ice palace for 45 years. Affectionately known as the "Barn", it hosted skating, minor hockey, broomball, and just about every activity on ice you could think of. It was a natural ice arena in an age when every other arena was using artificial ice. The big municipal arenas for all their bells & whistles were money

losing propositions: the Kinmount Arena was run by volunteers on a shoestring budget. When it came time to "put in the ice", local volunteers would simply show up and using the basics (garden hoses & cold nights), make ice. Various groups would operate the Arena, the current caretakers being the Kinmount Lions Club. The Kinmount Agricultural Society provided the building free of charge to be used as a community area. A lot of fun was had in the old Barn. In the summer of 2005, the roof on the old Arena developed a sag. The old girl had run her course. Condemned by engineers, the Barn was torn down and Kinmount was "arena-less". But the spirit in this community is strong. The Fair Board were determined to rebuild and in 2007 a new building was built on the foundations of the old Quonset. It was touch & go, but the new arena was ready 3 days before the Fair started! It took the builders a mere 3 weeks to assemble the "arena in a box" structure. The community of Kinmount rallied and initiated a "Bring Back The Ice" fundraising drive to raise the \$40,000 necessary to convert the new building into an arena. The drive was successful, and Kinmount was back in the arena-business. In 2009, the Kinmount Agricultural Society procured a Trillium Fund grant to rebuild the "kitchen" area. The updated structure included year-round flush toilets! Kinmount had come a

long way since the frozen snowbanks of Tagalder Gardens. The completion of this project meant Kinmount had a completely new ice arena for winter sports. Kinmount's legendary hockey team won a lot of awards during the 1947 season. They were a once-in-a-century team. Local legend has it one local sports enthusiast proclaimed them better than the Toronto Maple Leafs. To back up his claim, he was willing to rent Maple Leaf Gardens if the pros would play the Imperials. The offer was never accepted. From the Maple Leafs point of view, this was likely a good thing: imagine losing to a group of backwoods yokels!

Olympic Trivia Time

- What do the 5 rings of the Olympic Flag mean?
 - A) 5 Cities B) 5 Countries
 - C) 5 Continents
 - What does the Olympic Motto "Citius, Altius, Fortius" mean?
 - A) Harder, Stronger, Faster
 - B) Swifter, Higher, Stronger
 - C) Better, Bigger, Bolder
 - According to the Olympic Creed, the most important thing is:
 - A) to play fair
 - B) to win big
 - C) to take part
 - Where is the Olympic torch first lit?
 - A) Athens
 - B) Italy
 - C) Olympia
 - What year were women first allowed to play in the Olympics?
 - A) 1800
 - B) 1900
 - C) 2000
- Answers Pg. 13



Hockey: Canada's Official Winter Sport

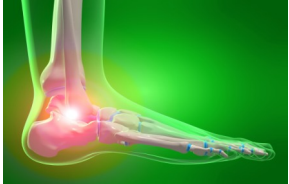
There are several theories about the origins of ice hockey, Canadian-style. While the modern game is certainly of Canadian origin, its roots lie deeper in time. Several biblical references to field hockey are recorded, but ice in the Middle East? A more plausible story relates to Sweden in the 1500s where ice skates were first recorded. The Dutch were avid ice skaters centuries ago, but weather patterns made ice skating in Britain problematical. Hurling was an ancient gaelic sport that closely resembles modern field hockey. It is popular in Ireland even today and was carried around the world by Irish settlers. The next step in ice hockey was in Nova Scotia. Several garrisons of the British army were placed in Nova Scotia. One such garrison town was Windsor NS. Times were boring for the soldiers, especially during the long winter months. The garrison commanders often organized games & competitions to keep the soldiers occupied and give them exercise. Legend has it one such officer, Colonel Hockey, married ice skating and Irish hurling into winter exercise played in the frozen surface of a local pond. With few other diversions during

the winter months, "Colonel Hockey's Game" became a popular diversion & spectator sport. Thomas Chandler Haliburton reported playing "hurly" or hockey during his college days (1810) at Windsor. Sir John Franklin wrote of a game of "Hockey" played in the Arctic in 1825. Local papers in Kingston reported hockey scores from the garrison of Fort Henry in the 1840s. The first organized game of Hockey was played at the Victoria Skating Rink in Montreal on March 3, 1877. The players were from McGill University and featured several Nova Scotia students. A formal set of rules was drawn up and the first official hockey team was the McGill University team. A tournament was organized in 1883 and 3 years later the Amateur Hockey Association of Canada was born: Canada's first hockey league. The season consisted of "challenge games" between rivals from Montreal & across Canada. Enter the most famous name in hockey history: the Governor General, Lord Stanley of Preston. During his time in Ottawa, his family became enthusiastic participants in the quintessential Canadian game

of ice hockey. Recognizing there was no trophy for hockey supremacy, in 1882 he donated a small silver bowl as a championship. Montreal Hockey Club was the first champions in 1893. The Stanley Cup has been awarded every year since then, and is the oldest sports trophy in North America! The first teams were purely amateur, but rivalries between towns became serious and by 1902, professional teams were being formed with (horror of horrors!) paid players! The sport quickly spread from its eastern roots all across Canada. The Stanley Cup was still a "challenge cup" with teams from Western Canada playing against the Eastern Champions for Lord Stanley's mug. The first Western Challenger, the Winnipeg Victorias won the Stanley Cup in 1896. The early years were truly open to challengers in all parts of the country. A list of participants in the Stanley Cup before 1914 includes the following teams:
Quebec Bulldogs, Galt ?, Rat Portage (Kenora) Thistles, Berlin Dutchmen, Brandon Wheat Cities, Dawson City Nuggests, Halifax Cresents, Moncton Victorias, New Glasgow Cubs, Port Arthur Bearcats, Smith's Falls ?, Sydeny (NS) Millionaires, Victoria Aristocrats, 4 Toronto teams (Marlboros, Trolley Leaguers, Wellingtons, Blueshirts). But the twin powers were the hockey-mad towns of Ottawa & Montreal. A medley of Montreal teams captured 19 chamionships while Ottawa Ottawa won 13 cups. Toronto managed only 2 wins, tied with Quebec City

& one behind Winnipeg. By the way, the Stanley Cup could be won more than once in a year! The smallest town to win a Stanley Cup was Rat Portage, now Kenora. The Dawson City Nuggets had the most
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“interesting” trip: travelling 4,000 miles from the Yukon to Ottawa to play the famed Ottawa Silver Seven. They travelled by dog sled, steam boat & railway and it took them a month to get to the rink. By the way, they were hammered 23-2 in the final game! They must have been exhausted!

The National Hockey League was set up in 1917 with 4 teams: Montreal Canadians, Montreal Maroons, Ottawa Senators & the Toronto Arenas. Other teams were still allowed to compete for the

Stanley Cup, but only once (1925 did an outside team win the cup. By 1926, the NHL had hijacked the trophy and no longer were the “amateurs” allowed to compete for Canadian hockey supremacy. The first American franchise (Boston Bruins) entered the League in 1924, and well, the rest is another story.

But hockey is not a purely Canadian story. The British were the first to adopt hockey outside North America. As early as 1885, Oxford vs Cambridge was a university

hockey grudge match. A 1895 match at Buckingham Palace featured 2 future Kings (Edward VII & George V). An international ice hockey association was formed in 1908 and the first champion was Britain! Over the years, many other nations have adopted the “Canadian Game” and today ice hockey is a truly international sport. As any hockey fan will tell you, the game still deeply touches the Canadian psyche. Just watch the Olympics to see the national pride Canadians put into the sport of hockey. It truly is “our game”.

Left: A game of shinny on the Burnt River in Kinmount circa 1900; Bottom: The Kinmount Knights playing a game in the new arena this January



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The Kinmount Creamery

Kinmount Creamery
 In the late 1800s, many farmers in the Kinmount area kept dairy cattle as part of their mixed farming operations. Most settlers were from Britain or northern Europe and brought a love of fine cattle & dairy products as part of their agricultural heritage. In the pioneer era, the farmer was too occupied with land clearing & improvement. But after a decade or so, the farm operation was ready for some serious livestock production. The progressive, local farmer (yes, at one time there was such a thing!) milked several cows and used the milk for a number of products including cheese, butter & cream. During the spring & summer seasons, the farmer often produced a surplus of milk products, which he was desirous of selling. Local stores accepted butter & cheese in trade from local farmers, but a more organized system was

desired. Hence communities organized dairy cooperatives to process & market their products. These dairy operations could take many forms, but the most common were cheese factories & creameries for the production of butter. Cheese factories were the most common. Home-made cheese was labourious to make: it took a lot of specialized knowledge & labour. However, the commercial production by a professional cheese maker with state-of-the-art equipment was both practical & profitable. In 1870 there were no cheese factories in Victoria County. By 1896, there were 16! They bought milk from 1,047 farmers (over 15,000,000 pounds of milk!) & produced \$95,954 in receipts. In the heyday of the local cheese factory, Ontario produced some of the world's finest cheese and cheese was Canada's largest

export until replaced by wheat after 1900. By 1964, the cheese factories were all closed. The nearest cheese factory to Kinmount were in Fenelon (Red Rock) and Bobcaygeon (Fairbairn). But creameries could be found in Fenelon Falls, Coboconk & Kinmount.

All the local operations were done on a cooperative basis. A few local businessmen or farmers would form a coop & sell shares to raise the money for a building, equipment & the hiring of staff. A minimum of 50 farmers were contracted to supply milk on a regular basis, usually once or twice a week. A large tank was placed on a wagon & the driver made his rounds collecting whatever milk the farmer had collected. For years, Robert Stone was the cream wagon driver, wending his way along the back roads from farm to farm. The milk from each farm was measured (hence the cream can) and a sample was kept separate in a bottle so the cream content could be measured. The farmer

was paid by volume & butter-fat content!

The arrival of cream separators was a huge boon to the butter industry. They became common after 1900. A simple device, they separated the butter fat from the milk whey by simply using gravity! The farmer now kept the skim milk & butter-milk & shipped the cream only. The skim milk was excellent pig feed or could be given to calves.

The Kinmount Creamery Company was formed in the 1890s by members of the Graham family. It was located on the present site of Austin Lumber. Harry Austin Sr. bought the operation in later years & kept a farm just outside of town where the by-products were fed to pigs. Calvin Hall & Dunc Emmerson were 2 of the professional butter makers. A fire in the 1930s destroyed the creamery & it was never rebuilt.




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Cultural Corner: Winter Fest 2010

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win cool prizes by making a Bristol board flag from a participating Olympic country, with a drawing of their favourite Winter Olympic sport on the reverse side. Arrival time to assemble for the parade is 11:00 a.m. Free Sleigh Rides begin at noon. Everyone is invited to make and decorate a toboggan using cardboard and tape for the Downhill Dash. Bring your creation to the toboggan hill at noon. Prizes awarded for the furthest distance and best decorated unit. The Kinmount Knights play an exhibition game from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Outdoor activities include snowshoeing, 5 man skis, tug of war, obstacle course, snow angel competition, face painting, snow painting, photos and more. At 3:00 p.m. a Hockey Skills Competition, races and a Chuck A Puck Contest begin inside the arena. Enjoy great food including Beaver Tails and an Olympic Chili Tasting Contest and don't forget the Snack Bar. To enter the Chili Contest bring a crock pot of your best tasting chili to the arena by 11:00 a.m. Prize awarded for this event. Tobogganing and free public skating are ongoing except for scheduled events. Colouring contest sheets are available at Gateway Variety, Kinmount Foodtown, Slice of the North and Austin Lumber or print a copy at kinmount.ca. Come experience Kinmount Winterfest, a heart warming event supported by numerous community groups & area wide businesses. This event is sponsored by Kinmount Business Association, a sub-committee of Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development.

Kawartha Dairy

The number of local dairy operations began to shrink after 1930. By 1960, all the cheese factories were gone, and only 3 dairies remained: Silverwoods (Lindsay), Briars (Lorneville, later Sutton) and Kawartha Dairy in Bobcaygeon. The first two were eventually bought out by big corporate dairies, but Kawartha Dairy survived and flourished.

In 1937, Jack & Ila Crowe purchased a small dairy in Bobcaygeon. The operation consisted of 3 small rooms and the products were chilled by ice blocks! Local farmers provided the milk, much the same way as in the 1800s. In the 1950s, Jack Crowe decided to start making ice cream. In short time, Kawartha Dairy Ice Cream became a premium brand and a local legend. A store and ice cream bar were established in Minden. Later branches were set up in Bancroft, Huntsville, Uxbridge, Lindsay & Peterborough. The ice cream bars were legendary as summer stopovers on the way to or from the cottage. Anyone who has been to the Minden bar on a summer day will know! In the era of large, corporate stores and chain franchises, Kawartha Dairy stands out as a sterling example of the little local business that scored a success. And the whole story has a Kinmount connection. For several decades in the 1800s, the Crowe family lived in Kinmount. Each year, Kawartha Dairy puts a float in the Kinmount Fair parade: just a little tribute to one of their "hometowns".

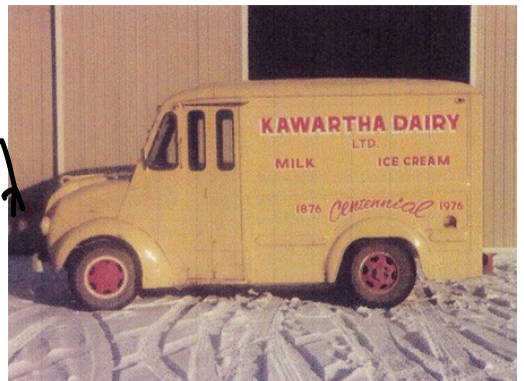
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Mark your calendar for Sunday February 7th, the Marg Viney Memorial Ladies Dart Tournament. Registration at 9:30 with games starting at 10:00 am

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Later that day we are planning a pot luck Superbowl party in the clubroom. Come out and enjoy watching your favourite team on our big screen TV.

A reminder to our members that time is running out. Membership dues for this year must be paid by January 31st in order for the member to remain in good standing.

On Saturday February 27th a benefit dance is taking place at the Legion Hall for Darryl Dettman. Come out and show your support and enjoy dancing to music by DJ Bruce Newman. An update regarding details of this benefit will be forthcoming in our next newsletter or you can contact Michelle or Bruce Newman for more information.



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third Wednesday of each month and our regular Bingo is every Friday night with a \$200 must go jackpot. The proceeds from our bingo go back to our community a recent example being Child ID kits were given out at Hallowe'en to the families with children and the annual community children's Xmas Party and visit with Santa at our Legion.

And speaking of the Santa Claus Parade, we would like to sincerely thank the Galway Firefighters Association for donating towards the children's gifts this year as well as our Seniors, and Ladies Auxiliary who provided the food, refreshments and snack bags for the children; and it goes without saying we couldn't have a Santa Claus Parade and children's party without Santa, his helpers and Mrs Claus - THANK YOU!

The Pearson's horses will be back at the annual Winterfest, Saturday, February 27th at the Kinmount Fairgrounds



Culinary Cupboard

Pearson's Perfect Potatoes (submitted by Susan Pearson)

- 2 Pkgs. McCains Hash Browns
- 1 Large Container of Sour Cream
- 2 Cans Mushroom Soup
- 1 Cup Grated Cheese

Mix together and place in 9x13 pan

Top with 2 cups crushed cornflakes and 1/4 cup of melted butter mixed together

Bake at 350 for 1 hour

Cooking Q and A

Over the holidays, I got to wondering if there was any connection between our North American turkey and the country of Turkey. Can you tell me anything about this?

Mary

A case of mistaken identity resulted in the North American Turkey being named after the country. When the Spanish first found the bird in the Americas more than 400 years ago, they brought it back to Europe. The English mistakenly thought this bird was called a "turkey" when actually it was a different bird from Africa that came to England by way of the country Turkey (lots of shipping went through Turkey at the time). The name stuck even when they realized the birds weren't the same. By the way, if Benjamin Franklin had his way, the turkey would have been the symbol of the United States instead of the bald eagle. He thought the wild turkey was more dignified than the eagle!

Left: A North American Turkey



Kinmount Kids' Corner

KINMOUNT WINTERFEST CONTESTS - Sat. Feb. 27

Olympic Mascot Colouring Contest: Get colouring sheets at kinmount.ca or downtown stores & bring to Kinmount Arena with name & phone # on the back.

Olympic Flag Contest & Parade : Using Bristol board, create a flag from a participating Olympic country, draw a picture of your favourite Olympic sport on the back & join the Olympic Parade! Arrive at Fairgrounds by 11:00 a.m.

Downhill Dash Contest: Make & decorate a toboggan from cardboard and tape & bring to the sled hill at noon. All ages welcome! **Grand Prizes for all contests! Registration and rules at all local businesses.**

OLYMPIC STORIES

Submitted by Grade 4 Students at Ridgewood Public School

The Olympic Torch Run

By Cameryn, Aaron, Brook, Alex & Mack

The Grade 4 students of Ridgewood Public School attended the Olympic Torch Run in Lindsay, Ontario on December 16, 2009.

Once they got there, they went to a Coca Cola stand. There were special edition bottles there and everyone got a free taste of Coca Cola. It was yummy.

Then they listened to bands and an I-coke presentation. It was great. One of the highlights was Frank Sims, an artist who painted a picture of a girl holding a torch for the Olympics. It started out as a blob of paint and then it was spun into a painting.

Next we saw Jack Prins run up onto the stage. As Aaron, a grade 4 student said, "That was so cool!"

The torch has been heading to Vancouver for a couple of months now and has 1 month left in the 104 day marathon of more than 1000 runners.

This is the Olympic Torch Run. It is a piece of history we never are going to forget and we hope we will to see it again someday.

The Olympic Torch Strikes Again

By Alayha & Destiny

On December 16, 2009, the Olympic Torch struck again. This time in Lindsay, where students from grade 4 to grade 8 of Ridgewood Public School gathered to see Jack Prins run with the Olympic Torch.

The grade 4 to 8 students got off the bus and saw thousands of people. One group of Grade 4 students met up with the Olympic mascots. Lisa, a student from Ridgewood P.S. said, "They were cute". She went on to take pictures of the group hugging the mascot.

About an hour later, Destiny and Alayha, grade 4 students, said, "It was the happiest moment of our lives", after seeing the Olympic Torch Run. They were also able to get Olympic Torch Runner, Jack Prins' autograph.

After speaking with many students it was agreed, they all hoped the Olympic Torch Run will come again soon to their community.

The Olympic Torch Run

By Emma, Chloe & Katelynn

On December 16, 2009 Ridgewood Public School went

to Kent St., downtown Lindsay to see Jack Prins run with he Olympic Torch.

Kent St. was filled with lots of noise because Frank Sims was painting an amazing picture of a girl holding the torch. First it started out as a splatter of paint, but then it turned into an amazing picture of the girl with the torch. Wow! He's a fast painter because he did it in 8 minutes. Then we saw the Olympic mascots. One of them looked like a whale, but the rest just looked weird!

There was a great crowd of people to see Jack Prins run with the torch. He ran so fast some people could barely see him!

It was a miracle that we got to see the torch run and hopefully our children can see it too some day.

The Olympic Torch with Jack Prins

By Taylor & Lisa

December 16th, 2009 was an amazing day for Canadians who gathered in Lindsay to see the torch run!

We were on the corner of Kent St. and Victoria St. where they had a festival. Volunteers handed out flags, tambourines and drinks. We also go to see mascots, like Leo, Muk Muk, Quachie, and Miga. Destiny, a nine year old student from Ridgewood Public School kept hugging them.

Then we saw Frank Sims paint a picture while the canvas was spinning around. We also saw a gymnastic troupe. They did flips with the hoola hoops. It was amazing. Another girl from Ridgewood Public School, Katelynn was amazed that she could see that sight.

After that we finally got to see the Olympic Torch with Jack Prins holding it. Lisa, a nine year old student from R.P.S. was amazed that she could be there that day!

As soon as Michael, Lisa's brother got home, he said, "I'm proud to be a Canadian!" His mother, Janice, was so proud of him for saying that.

This will be a day to keep in our proud Canadian hearts forever!



Olympic Torchbearer Cathy King poses with the 1st Kinmount Unit of Sparks, Brownies, Guides & Pathfinders.

See the Kinmount Knights in action every Sunday from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Kinmount Arena and Sat. Feb. 27 at Winterfest..



01/10/2010



The Hot Stove Leak by Lynne Kilby

Yahoo! A most delightful day of winter beckons. The arrival of Groundhog Day stirs anticipation for that wistful first taste of spring. Whether the groundhog sees his shadow or not doesn't matter since either way we endured the climb to winter's peak. Now its full speed ahead, downhill all the way. This year, as we welcome the longer daylight hours to our home and native land, we also greet the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games. Here are some Olympic facts you may find interesting.

The first recorded ancient Olympic Games were held in 776 BC.

The Olympic flame is a practice continued from the ancient Olympic Games. In Olympia (Greece), a flame was ignited by the sun and then kept burning until the closing of the Olympic Games.

The modern Olympics were resurrected in 1896.

Women were first allowed to participate in 1900 at the second modern Olympic Games.

The first opening ceremonies were held during the 1908 Olympic Games in London.

During the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games, the procession of athletes is always led by the Greek team, followed by all the other teams in alphabetical order

(in the language of the hosting country), except for the last team which is always the team of the hosting country.

The last Olympic gold medals that were made entirely out of gold were awarded in 1912.

Today, the Olympic medals are designed especially for each individual Olympic Games by the host city's organizing committee. Each medal must be at least three millimeters thick and 60 millimeters in diameter. Also, the gold and silver Olympic medals must be made out of 92.5 percent silver, with the gold medal covered in six grams of gold.

The Olympic flag was first flown during the 1920 Olympic Games.

The five rings of the Olympic flag symbolize the five significant continents and are interconnected to symbolize the friendship to be gained from these international competitions. The rings, from left to right, are blue, yellow, black, green, and red. The colors were chosen because at least one of them appeared on the flag of every country in the world.

The Winter Olympic Games were first held in 1924.

The Olympic flame first appeared in the modern Olympics at the 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam.

When choosing locations for the Olympic Games, the IOC specifically gives the honour of holding the Games to a city rather than a country.

Because of World War I and World War II, there were no Olympic Games in 1916, 1940, or 1944.

The word "gymnasium" comes from the Greek root "gymnos" meaning nude; the literal meaning of "gymnasium" is "school for naked exercise." Athletes in the ancient Olympic Games participated in the nude!

Please contact me at 488-2919 or lynne.kilby@sympatico.ca to leak news through the Hot Stove Leak and remember to keep visiting kinmount.ca. See you around town!

**THANK YOU
CATHY KING**
Girls of the first Kinmount

Unit of Sparks, Brownies, Girl Guides & Pathfinders experienced a special treat when Olympic Torchbearer Cathy King of Kinmount visited a recent meeting. Cathy brought along her Olympic Torch which she was able to keep through help from family, friends and Kinmount Royal Canadian Legion at a cost of \$400.00. After a question & answer period Cathy let each girl have a turn holding the torch to get their picture taken.

KINMOUNT 150TH ANNIVERSARY WRAPS UP

Kinmount bid farewell to its 150th year with a festive lunch and Time Capsule dedication Sunday, Dec. 27 at Kinmount Community Centre. The "snapshot in time" included Kinmount 150th memorabilia such as T-shirts, a commemorative ribbon, two DVD's, Volume 1 of the Kinmount Gazette, the Kinmount Post Office cancellation stamp and a photo of town residents taken at Kinmount Picture Day Thanksgiving weekend. Other items included church bulletins, maps, a Kinmount Fair program, a Highlands Cinema playlist, collector

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pins, a walking tour brochure, Kinmount & Area Calendar of Events, a Toronto Star newspaper, flyers and an Icelandic memorial brochure. The Time Capsule will rest in the basement at Kinmount Community Centre for the next 50 years. MPP Rick Johnston, City of Kawartha Lakes Mayor Ric McGee & Councilor Peter Franzen of Galway, Cavendish & Harvey were among the crowd present for the ceremony.

WELCOME TO KINMOUNT ARENA

Thanks to the dedicated members of Kinmount Lions Club we are once again able to enjoy Kinmount Arena. Hours for public skating are Friday evening 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m., Saturday 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. & Sunday 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Watch the Kinmount Knights in action on Sundays from L00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Kinmount Arena is available for rent at reasonable rates. Call Greg at 488-3293 or Glen at 488-1513 for information.

HOCKEY EQUIPMENT WANTED

The Kinmount Knights are in desperate need of used hockey equipment particularly for older children. If you have something to donate please call 488-2237 or drop off at Kinmount Arena.

KINMOUNT ARTISANS MARKETPLACE NEWS

After being closed for the month of January, Kinmount Artisans Marketplace reopens in February, Fridays through Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for your personal or gift giving needs.

SLEIGH RIDE FUN

The Pearson Family Community Sleigh Rides held Jan. 17 celebrated its 44th year according to team owner & Kinmount Citizen of the Year, Ralph Pearson. Every year profits are donated to a community cause. This year's proceeds go to the Austin Sawmill Windows to the Past Campaign. Last year proceeds went to the Kinmount Gazette Publishing Fund. If you missed the fun you can still catch a Sleigh Ride with the Pearson's at Kinmount Winterfest.

THANK YOU J & K DEVITT SERVICES

The 1st Kinmount Unit of Sparks, Brownies, Girl Guides & Pathfinders extend thanks to J & K Devitt Services Ltd. who provided free school bus transportation for the Community Sleigh Rides.

KINMOUNT WINTERFEST SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27

Frolic from morn till night at Kinmount Winterfest. Events kick off with a **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Kinmount Community Centre. Cost \$5.00. Country Raffle & Door Prizes. Next Stop...Experience Winterfest at beautiful **KINMOUNT FAIRGROUNDS & ARENA**. Catch the **OLYMPIC SPIRIT** at the "OLYMPIC PARADE & OPENING CEREMONY" with Torchbearer Cathy King at 11:30 a.m. Olympic themed events continue till 4:00 p.m. Enjoy **FREE SLEIGH RIDES**, skating, tobogganing, a cozy fire, races, games, con-

tests, & great food.. Winterfest is sponsored by Kinmount Business Association, a sub-committee of Kinmount Planning & Economic Development Committee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 7 - One Day Self Defence Course, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre. Cost \$15. Proceeds to Kinmount Gazette Publishing Fund. Pre-registration desired. Call Dave Lougheed at 488-3177.

Feb. 7 - Marg Viney Ladies Memorial Dart Tournament. Registration 9:30 a.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Feb. 7 - Superbowl Potluck Party at the Royal Canadian Legion. Call 488-3462.

Feb. 11 - Trip to Casino Rama sponsored by Kinmount Seniors. Bus leaves the Legion at 9:00 a.m. Return time 4:00 p.m. Cost \$5 includes lunch. To reserve your spot call 705-488-1110.

Feb. 17 - Big Buck Bid Euchre, 11:00 a.m. at Kinmount Legion. Cost of \$10

includes lunch.

Feb. 20 - Friends of the Library Book Sale, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Discover hidden treasures at the lower level Kinmount Public Library.

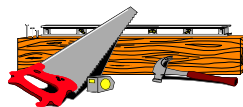
Feb. 24 - Diners Dinner 12:00 p.m. at Burnt River Centre. Cost for a delicious lunch only \$7.

Feb. 13 - Kinmount Winterfest - Pancake Breakfast at Kinmount Community Centre 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Activities & events including free sleigh rides, skating, hockey skills competition, games, races & great food at Kinmount Fairgrounds 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Kinmount Playschool: Co-operative Playgroup meets Monday & Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - noon at Kinmount Community Centre. Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach visits the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month. Call 488-3044 for details.

Seniors Cards: Enjoy potluck lunch, 12:30 p.m. Mondays followed by bid euchre at 1:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion.



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Sparks, Brownies, Guides & Pathfinders: Mondays, 6:30 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre. Call 488-2919 for info.

Lunch at the Legion: Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Hot Meals \$6.00, Soup & Sandwich \$5.00, includes tea & coffee. Eat in/take out.

Junior Book Club: Wednesday evenings, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Kinmount Public Library.

Fitness & Yoga: Tuesday & Thursday mornings at Kinmount community Centre. Fitness 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Yoga 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Call Janet Dalzell at 488-2630.

Evening Yoga: Wednesday nights at Kinmount Community Centre. Call Gail Holness at 705-455-9294.

Preschool Storytime: Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. at Kinmount Public Library.

Friday Night Bingo: 6:45 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion. \$200.00 Must Go!

Public Skating: Friday 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Saturday 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Sunday 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at Kinmount Arena. Snack Bar.

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*Answers to Olympic Trivia
C, B, C, C, B*

Myth Busters: Boating License Required?



These individuals were caught off guard recently when the mild temperatures caused the rapid thaw of Davis Lake. They went out for a day of ice fishing and ended up on an ice flow. The good news! They had their cell phones and were able to contact the Gazette staff who immediately went out to capture this unique moment.

The individuals were promptly rescued along with their cooler. When asked about the experience, the gentlemen replied that they had a new appreciation for the troubles faced by Polar Bears.

Any further information (or bizarre photos) are welcomed by the Gazette staff.

Thank you to Dave Ingram for submitting this month's photo.

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Friday, January 22, 2010
8:00 p.m., Community Hall, Kinmount
Potluck Supper: 6:30 p.m.

For information, contact tdettman@rogers.com



In the Lions Den by Janice Davidson

In 1916 in the United States there were several Lions clubs operating under the name of “ Association of Lions Clubs”, with the headquarters in Indiana.

There was the “Business Circle of Chicago” in 1917 who thought it would be a good idea to ally themselves with other independent clubs to form a national organization that would be dedicated to the improvement of communities as a whole.

On June 7th, 1917 there was a meeting of all these clubs and an agreement was made to rally under the Lions name. That October a convention was called in Dallas, Texas and the Lions Club designation was approved. At this time a constitution and bylaws were adopted, the colors of purple and gold were approved and work was started on the Lions Club objectives and Code of Ethics.

In 1920, the association became “international” with the formation of a club in Windsor, Ontario. In 1927 there were clubs in Mexico, China and Cuba. Panama in 1935 and Co-

lumbia the following year. Then Sweden and France in 1948, Japan in 1952, Hungary, Poland and Estonia in 1989, and Moscow in 1990. To this day we are still growing.

On a present and local note for those who are not aware, the Kinmount Lions Club has medical equipment, such as hospital beds, wheel chairs, walkers, bathing apparatus, crutches, etc. available on loan for anyone who is in need of such equipment.

To finish out 2009 other donations our den made within our community were to: Kinmount Legion for flags, Austin Sawmill for a window, and Ridge-wood School for a robotics kit. There will be more to follow next time.

If anyone is interested in helping out or becoming a member please contact a Lions member.



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Spot the Shot



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: County Rd. 121 coming from the North near the Highlands Cinemas

From the Editor's Desk

The old pioneer farmers had a deep appreciation for winter. It was a time when you "held-on" until spring. They measured the days of winter, or more appropriately, the days until spring. An old saying stated the snow stayed on the ground for 100 days. The farmers measured this time span from the time the first snow fell and stayed on the ground. This fall, the first snow stuck on December 2. That means February 1 will be Day 62 of winter, or to be more positive, the snow should on the wane by March 12. Let's see how the old wisdoms work! On a sadder note, Kinmount lost 1 resident & 1 former resident this month. Tom Macdonald passed away the first week in January: condolences to Joanne. The same week Casey (Cork) Lipfeld lost her battle with cancer at the young age of 37. Casey lived on the Reid

Road and was likely best known as the "horse girl". For a time, she ran a riding stable. Casey was Queen of the Kinmount Fair in 1989. Just after the Fair, she was diagnosed with brain cancer. When it came time for her to attend the Fair Queen Contest at the CNE next August, she had lost all her hair from radiation treatment. It takes courage to be onstage with a hundred 18 year old girls with no hair, but Casey went all out to represent the Kinmount Fair. Her bravery was admired. In a sadder note, Casey leaves 2 small children. This edition features hockey as a lead story. The Arena is going full blast with all sorts of activities. Enjoy the ice sports: they make winter bearable. I also want to thank the volunteers who make our Arena happen. While many communities spend mountains of money on their arenas, we in Kinmount just

make it happen. Everyone comes together and creates what we need to have an ice arena: kudos to all the volunteers. Coming up next month is the long-awaited Olympic Games in Vancouver. The Olympic Torch Run was certainly an uplifting event as it touches as many Canadians as possible across Canada. I attended the Lindsay celebrations and it was great to see thousands of people crowd the main street to cheer on the torch, celebrate the Olympics and show some Canadian spirit. The expression of sheer joy & happiness on the torch bearers faces was uplifting. Canada's goal in 2010 is to come first in the medal count. I believe millions of Canadians will tune in to the 2 weeks of the games and cheer on our Canadian athletes. A little nationalism can be a good thing. And speaking of Canadian nationalism, Monday January

11 was Sir John A Macdonald's birthday. It is a travesty Canadians don't celebrate our first prime minister. He was the leading light in the movement to carve the nation of Canada from a hodge-podge of disparate forces. He defined Canada as a new nation, giving it substance and character. He laid the foundations for our present country. And do we celebrate his accomplishments? G.S.



Letter to the Editor

Please accept this patron donation in memory of Isabelle McKinnon who passed away Dec. 10, 2009. Isabelle was a long time resident of Crystal Lake who dearly loved this area. As demonstrated by her generous donation to Volume 1, Isabelle was an avid fan of the Kinmount Gazette. She eagerly poured over each issue. We shared many conversations over articles featured in the Kinmount Gazette.
Lynne Kilby



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