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The Mill Renovations: An Update

The sesquicentennial celebrations coincide with much excitement at the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park site. If you have driven by, or visited the park lately, you'll notice many changes taking place. The Kinmount Committee for Planning, together with the City of Kawartha Lakes, has been working together and much has been accomplished this year. The red beams which held the mill aloft for the past 2.5 years, while the foundation work was being completed, are history and the mill has been set down on its newly constructed base. The future viewing gallery and interpretive centre has been created and attached to the mill in the place of the former storage and control room. This important room will allow visitors to see into the mill and provide an opportunity for the information panels to be installed to guide visitors through the history of the site. The solid wooden fence has come down to provide a seamless transition from the mill grounds to the rest of the Heritage parkland. Royel Paving donated the grass hydra seed that is beginning to give a green tinge to the Park. Finally, a team of workers have worked to cap the mill with a new steel roof. All of these changes have been made possible through

the generosity of individuals and businesses through fourteen annual Dinner/Auctions and other fundraisers, a SuperBuild Grant from the Federal Government and supported by the City of Kawartha Lakes staff and council. The project is gaining momentum. The next phase will include three projects: replacement of the mill windows (read about the Windows to the Past Campaign), repair of the cladding, and the return of the mill bell to its tower (see the mystery of the missing bell article). The logging industry was pivotal to the settlement of Kinmount 150 years ago. It is very fitting that as we move forward and celebrate our anniversary year that one of the vestiges of this important industry is returned to its former glory on the banks of the Burnt River.



Missing Bell

More than a decade ago, the bell disappeared from atop the mill. Since then, its whereabouts have remained a mystery. The Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development (KCPED) is appealing to the public for the return of the Austin Sawmill bell. If you have any information, please contact a member of the KCPED or write to P.O. Box 38, Kinmount.

The finder of the bell will be lauded as a community hero and special patron of the Austin Sawmill Heritage Park.



Clockwise from Top: The Mill Complex circa 1910 at its height of prosperity; the new viewing gallery is under construction; the red beams support the mill as the foundation goes in.



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Neighbours and Friends: Mount Irwin ★

Early settlement penetrated into the interior of Galway Township primarily along the Galway Road. A pocket of good farmland attracted many pioneer farms along the 12th & 13th Concessions of Galway Township. The Galway Road eventually reached the far end (east side) of the township at White Lake. Before long, there were 3 distinct settlements with Post Offices along the Galway Road. The first such settlement was called Mount Irwin. The first postmaster was Christopher Irwin who settled on Lot 15 in the 13th Concession on a hill (who didn't live

on a hill!) and hence the name Mount Irwin. The post office changed locations as the post masters changed, but the name stuck.

A school house was built on the Gully Road (a cross line to the Crystal Lake Road). It is located on Lot 16 in the 12th concession on a piece of land donated by Pat Collins. SS #4 Galway also served the settlers all around Crystal Lake. Many of the early settlers in Mount Irwin were Roman Catholic, the sons & daughters of the Peter Robinson Irish Emigration of the 1820s. The next generation of Irish-Canadians moved north into

the back townships of Peterborough County looking for new farmland. The earliest church services were held in various homes. By 1882, Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church was dedicated, standing on the present site of the Galway Township Hall. Soon a parish hall was added and a community grew up around the site. Tragedy struck the little community on Easter Sunday 1930 when the church burned to the ground. It was never re-built, the congregation transferring to the St Patrick's in Kinmount. All that was left was the cemetery & the parish hall. The hall

eventually passed to the Township of Galway to be a community hall. The old structure, witness to so many community celebrations, was demolished in 1982 & the modern Galway Township Hall built on the site. A fire hall & roads garages were added later.

Today, most residents refer to the community as "Galway".



Windows to the Past

The mill project has begun to move forward at a rapid pace. The foundation has been completed, the storage/control room has been recreated and given new life as the viewing gallery, a new steel room caps the building. The next phase of the project includes the replacement of the windows. Originally, the mill had many windows that allowed in the natural light by which the sawyers worked. Over the years that the mill has sat silent, these windows were broken and fell into disrepair. Now they need to be replaced. Wood framed windows will be purchased and installed this summer. Through the Windows to the Past Campaign, individuals, families, organizations and businesses can sponsor either an entire window or make a donation towards the project. The

names of sponsors and donors will be placed prominently in the viewing gallery for visitors to see the generosity of our community.

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Cultural Corner

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The Ballad of Kinmount (10 min)
 Ancestors in the Attic episode on Path to Gimili (25 min)
 Wintario Looks at Kinmount (5 min)
 Scenes From Kinmount Fair (15 min)
 A Yet Un-named Promotional Video (25 min)
 A Country Doctor (75 min)

Anyone who has some suitable material may contact the Gazette; we are still open to additional films. The Ballad of Kinmount is written & produced by Lynne Kilby. It is featured on our website www.kinmount.ca. In the summer of 2005, a group of Icelanders undertook to retrace the trail of their ancestors with the Path To Gimili mission. They brought Icelandic ponies and travelled

from Kinmount to Gimili (Manitoba). Since the distances are so large, the ponies spent most of the trip in a trailer! But word has it both Icelandic guests & ponies enjoyed their 4 day stay in Kinmount. A film crew followed the trek and the result was an episode of Ancestors in the Attic, a popular series shown on the History Channel.

In 1978, the Wintario travelling lottery show visited the Kinmount Fair the Wednesday of fair week. Wintario, the first lottery in Ontario, broadcast a live draw from a different town every week. The show produced a 4 minute vignette on the community as part of the half hour live show. The arena was filled with curious Kinmountians for our moment on live television.

Over the years, many videographers have filmed the Kinmount Fair. From the dozens of tapes, we have selected a few snippets of fairs past just to show the fair in days past and highlight how things have changed... or have they? Check it out! Maybe you will see yourself!

As part of our Sesquicentennial celebrations, the KCPED

has sponsored a promotional video on the community of Kinmount. A professional movie-maker was hired to film the community & its activities over the course of the last year. This as yet unnamed video will debut at the Festival & be available for purchase.

And finally, our feature presentation: A Country Doctor. This National Film Board of Canada presentation has put Kinmount on the map (if we weren't already there!). Composed by accredited director

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Mills in Kinmount

Kinmount was always a “mill town”. Most of these mills related to the lumber trade. The village had an ideal geographical site with its position on the Burnt River, the waterfall & dam to provide power and later the railway & roads to provide access to outside markets. The original surveyors identified the village site as a “mill privilege”, and John Hunter, the founder of Kinmount, certainly had mills on the brain when he purchased the mill privilege in 1857. As soon as the Bobcaygeon Road reached the Burnt River, Hunter began to construct a saw & a grist mill on the east bank of the falls. A dam was the first priority to

regulate water levels & allow for a spillway into the mill’s turbines. Before the dam, The Burnt River in Kinmount was just a mud channel, full during spring run-off, but quickly shrinking to a trickle flanked by steep mud banks during the rest of the year. Hunter’s dam maintained a steady level all year round. The grist mill was likely the most important of Hunter’s mills. In pioneer Ontario, the biggest demand was for ground flour or grist. Local farmers always grew grain for their own use, but getting the wheat ground into flour was a job for the grist mill. The nearest grist mill was

Bobcaygeon, and later Minden, which meant the local farmers were channeled into the village of Kinmount for this important function. While in town, all sorts of transactions enriched the financial health of the village. In early Kinmount, several stores catered to the local trade attracted by the grist mill. The grist mill continued in operation into the early 1900s. My great aunt remembers a family trip to the grist mill around 1905. Her father pulled the wagon up to the mill right beside the Bobcaygeon Road and left bags of wheat to be ground into flour while the family went shopping. Some time later, the grist was discontinued, but the building stayed in use as a hydro generating plant supplying the town. The building was destroyed in the great flood of 1928 and never replaced. A sawmill was also established on the east bank in 1859 by John Hunter, but its use was limited. There was lots of great timber to be had, but no practical way of getting the sawn lumber products to market. Teaming lumber down the Bobcaygeon Road was impractical. The sawn lumber was



sold locally: a tiny market. The arrival of the Victoria Railway in 1874 kick-started the sawmill industry. Kinmount’s location made it an ideal spot for sawmills: the River delivered the logs on one side, and the railway hauled away the finished product on the other side of the mill! Handling was minimal. Various mills sprang up all along the Burnt River. A big new mill was constructed on the west side of the dam, right beside the new railway line. A second large mill filled the area now occupied by Tim-BR-Mart Lumber. Further upstream/up the Road, a stave factory was built. Numerous smaller mills around the town also produced lumber products for shipment to outside markets via the Victoria Railway. At one time, seven mills in and around Kinmount were in operation. Kinmount was now officially a lumber-town! What were these products? Sawn lumber was of course the main product. Softwood lumber was the most common product as the millers exploited the rich forests of the area. But hardwood lumber was also sawn. Hardwood logs were difficult to float, but they could be caded into the town now the mill was so much closer to the source. Wood shingles were also produced in huge quantities. Cedar was the favoured wood, and the Kinmount area had some good stands of cedar. Tanbark was another product, used in the curing of leather. Natural chemicals

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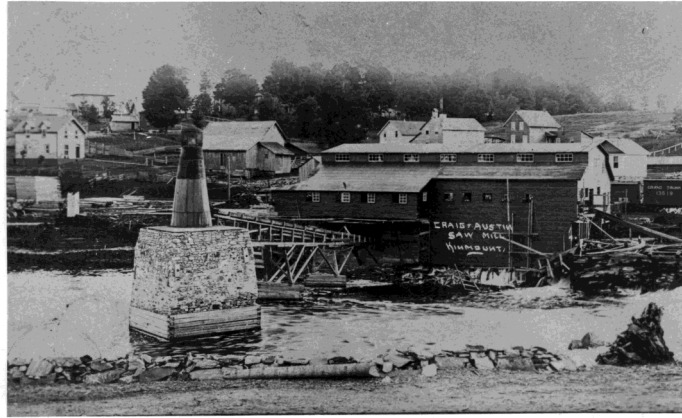
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called tannins are found in the bark of certain trees, especially hemlock. The local farmers could turn the otherwise useless hemlock into a cash crop: no processing needed! Fence posts, railway ties, telephone poles & cordwood for burning were other forest products that had value & were shipped out in large quantities. While the forests lasted, Kinmount was a centre for the wood products industry.



The Shingle Mills

In 1880, John Dovey built a shingle mill on lot 15, East of Main Street. Shingles were a popular export from the mill town of Kinmount. In the 1800s, wooden shingles were the most common roofing material, and the demand was high. Dovey built the brick house across the Bobcaygeon Road and went into the shingle business big-time, eventually moving to the next lot and selling the original site to a Mr Dixon who went into the sawn lumber business. A newspaper clipping from 1886 credits John McGrath with cutting 42,000 shingles in a single 11 hour shift! Over 400,000 shingles were produced that year with the product being shipped to Springfield Massachusetts. Dixon's mill next door cut 8,000 railway ties in the same year, among other products. Kinmount's first plank sidewalks

were supplied by the Dixon Mill. Fire, that scourge of the town, destroyed Dovey's Mill in 1886. By 1902, the Dixon site was sold for tax arrears. Eventually the Phillips Lumber Company acquired the site and today it is the home for TimBrMart.

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Kinmount Stave Factory

Anybody travelling north on the Bobcaygeon Road (aka Highway #121), will have noticed the concrete structures standing forlornly in the field beside the River. These are the last remnants of the Stave Factory. At one time, a large mill complex graced the site, dedicated to the production of wooden barrels. In the age before steel drums or fiberglass tanks, wooden barrels were the primary means for the storage & transportation of many products: both liquid & solid. The barrels were semi-rounded and comprised a series of small boards or staves. These staves were carefully fitted and held together by a metal band or hoop. Each end was sealed by a head or round wooden platform. Barrels varied dramatically in size, but many weighed over 100 lbs when empty! They were made slightly round so they

could be rolled. Since the main part of the barrel, the staves, were rounded, it was necessary to bend them from their original flat shape. At the local mill, this was done by steaming the staves and bending them into shape. And that is where the concrete “steam houses” or kilns come in. They were far more durable (and safe!) than wooden structures for the steam process. Concrete was uncommon in local mills, but the specializing of the Stave Factory made this structure necessary. Of course, the wooden structures are all gone, and all that is left are the concrete kilns. A special railway siding was built to the back-door of the Stave Factory, and during peak production, a railway car was filled every week! The staves and barrel heads were loaded unassem-

bled, to save shipping space. The Burnt River brought the raw logs to the east side of the mill, they were sawn right on the site and shipped to markets down south. Steam powered the mill, and at its peak, it employed 50 men! For whatever reasons, the Stave Factory seemed to be continually plagued by financial difficulties. It underwent many changes of ownership, usually related to bankruptcy. Its many owners & managers in-

cluded Alex McIntosh, R. J. Mills, George Rowlinson, International Cooperage Co, Kinmount Cooperage Co, O’Hara & Donnelly and finally Noel Rivers. By the 1930s, the Stave Factory ceased operation. James Graham, manager for many years acquired the site & the wooden structures soon disappeared, leaving only the cement kilns: a sort of

“Stonehenge” to the lumber industry.



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The Legends of the 12th of July Parade

Many younger Canadians have never heard of the Orange Lodge. But for decades, the Orange Lodge was Ontario's largest fraternal organization and its big day, the 12th of July, was the celebration in many communities. The whole "Orange" movement is firmly rooted in British history. Throughout the 1600s, Britain struggled with the concept of democracy & Parliamentary rule. The age of "Divine Right of Kings" was disappearing in the face of democratic rule by the people. In 1688, the English Parliament fired the King of England (James II) for ignoring the laws & wishes of the English, elected Parliament. William III (his son-in-law) was proclaimed King by Parliament. Now having 2 kings in Britain at the same time was not a good idea. Civil war erupted, especially in Ireland where deep divisions already existed. James invaded, Wil-

liam replied and the whole issue came to a head at the Battle of the Boyne (River) on July 12, 1690. James was decisively defeated and the history of democracy received a huge boost. "Good King Billy" as William of Orange was called, reaffirmed the rights & freedoms of British citizens. In fact, many of these rights are still with us today, even in Canada, thanks to our British Parliamentary Heritage. The Orange Order (named after William's home in Germany) was set up to "safeguard" these rights, especially in Ireland. Their day was celebration was designated the 12th of July, the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne. Unfortunately religious differences crept into the Orange Order in Ireland. Even today, the 12th of July is filled with distrust & violence in Northern Ireland. Irish settlers brought their Orange Lodges



with them to Canada. Fortunately this violence was not as prevalent in the New World. The Canadian arm of the Orange Lodge was more concerned with fraternal, community & benevolent works than sectarian violence. But they were an important force in politics: being intensely pro-British, monarchist and guardians of the British democratic traditions. Orange Lodges were very numerous in this area of Ontario. The first groups organized in a pioneer community were a school, a church, an

agricultural society & an Orange Lodge. Haliburton County alone supported 15 lodges: more lodges than villages! Kinmount's chapter of the LOL (Loyal Orange Lodge) was formed in 1886. The building stood on the present site of the Kinvale Restaurant. The Great Fire of 1890 destroyed the structure & the next lodge was built atop the hill on Cluxton Street. It still stands there today, even though the Kinmount Lodge has long since disbanded. The 12th of July was the big celebration for Orangemen. A century ago, it was even larger than Canada Day (then called Dominion Day). District rallies were held where all the Orange Lodges in the area would gather in one spot for a big celebration. The key moment was the parade of Orangemen, complete with banners, regalia, bands and led by King Billy on his white horse. Thanks to our excellent transportation network, Kinmount was often the site of these celebrations. Today, the Orange Lodges are almost all gone and the 12th of July all but forgotten. But it remains an important part of our past, forever embedded in Canadian legend.

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Wet vs Dry

Kinmount has had many hotels over its history. At the zenith of the hotel era, 3 huge hotels (Dunbar House, Bowies Brick Hotel & Northern Hotel) were the main businesses in town. And a key part of these businesses were the beverage rooms. "Over-indulgence" of alcoholic spirits was a problem from time to time, especially when the river drivers came through in the spring. For the thirsty loggers, Kinmount bars were often the first stop after a winter in the bush and they enlivened the local social scene. The village often employed a constable to keep order, and it is no coincidence the town hall contained 2 jail cells. Such scenes led to the formation of a local branch of the Temperance League & a detachment of the Salvation Army. The temperance situation came to a head in the early 1900s. Under pressure from Temperance organizations,

the Government of Ontario passed a "local option" law whereby municipalities could ban the sale of alcoholic beverages within their boundaries by a plebiscite. Thanks to pressure from the local "dry" forces, Somerville Township held such a vote in 1908. The publicity battle was joined with great gusto by both dry & wet forces. The hotel keepers & their wet allies may have underestimated the strength of the dry forces until it was almost too late. The night before the vote, hotel keepers James Simpson & George Dettman met to plot strategy. On voting day the turnout was brisk as both sides cast their ballots. The final result was very close, but Somerville voted dry. If the wet forces had brought in the denizens of a nearby lumber camp to vote, the final result might have been different. But history is filled with "might have beens", and Kinmount vil-

lage on the Somerville side went dry! The hotel-keepers were ruined. The profitable part of their businesses were the beverage rooms. To this very day, Somerville is still a "dry township". This does not mean all alcoholic beverages are forbidden, just bars & beverage rooms. Alcohol may still be served with meals & the local LBCO outlet is permitted. It is not a coincidence the Legion is on the Galway side of town: Galway is a "wet" township. Several attempts to lift the dry ban since 1908 have been unsuccessful!



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munity. It is a must for every lover of history and the Kinmount community!

Spot the Shot Recaptured

Last week's spot the shot was the 3 Brothers Falls, the lower or largest waterfall. The name 3 Brothers was coined due to the 3 waterfalls in this complex. The 3 branches of the Burnt River, Irondale, Drag & Burnt branches, all unite right above the falls & then tumble over 3 ledges of rock. It must have been a hazardous obstacle for log drives. It was a test of courage for river drivers to "shoot" the falls in a canoe. The Falls was a local landmark as evidenced by the postcard circa 1900. Legend of the 3 Brothers

Falls. Native legend has it an Indian princess was angered by her father's choice of a husband for her. Not getting her choice, she went over the Falls in her canoe and disappeared forever in the broiling foam of the lower falls. It is a fact confirmed by many divers that a large cave exists underneath the falls, scooped out by the constant undertow of the river. It is said to contain large logs, rotting fish and other things of an inde-

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scribable nature. Some of the cave is above water. Perhaps the princess hid in this concealed cave, maybe forever! Some locals claim on misty days you can still see her canoe shooting over the Falls, only to disappear in the mist.

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Did You Know

A saw mill was built by the pioneers as soon as possible. It provided lumber to construct all the other buildings of a village. The person who worked in the saw mill was called a sawyer. 

Lumberjack Jokes

What does a lumberjack have in common with Sesame Street's Count?
They can both count to tree.

I used to be a lumberjack, but I couldn't cut it.
So they gave me the ax.

The Crash of the UFO

It was late in the evening when Natasha and I went for a moonlight walk by the mill. We were looking up at the moon, it was big. Suddenly, something caught our eye. Floating over the dam was a big, shiny, round, saucer-shaped object.

"What could it be?" Natasha said.

I said to her, "Let's go closer to have a better look at the object." We gazed at it for a long time when suddenly it crashed. It made a huge splash when it hit the water. We saw yellow foam floating in the river. We really had a scare as soon as we saw metal floating in the falls. We wondered if an alien crashed in his UFO. Natasha and I looked down in the river and saw something looking up at us. Natasha and I thought that somebody was playing a trick on us, but then we saw a non-familiar shape coming up from the crash site.

It was crouching down and was gurgling. It was about 1 metre tall and as wide as a human. It had big black eyes and red skin and was wearing a black cloak. It made a grumbling sound like it was injured from the crash. Natasha and I backed away slowly. We

were hoping that it wouldn't come any closer because it looked hungry for something to eat.

We said in a frightened voice, "Welcome friend! We will not harm you." He started to gurgle again like he was saying, "I won't harm you children. I just want to repair my ship. The alien described how he landed on the river because he ran out of lunar power and his lunar panels crashed. Now he was hungry and wanted to roam the mill for something to eat. Natasha and I were still scared. It looked frightening and sounded strange. It smelled really funny. We were still afraid he wanted to eat us.

I said, "I brought an apple for something to eat on our walk." I threw it in front of him. He wobbled over and bent down lower and picked it up with his three fingers. He stared at it. Luckily, I had packed another apple. I bit into it and pointed at him. He started to bight into it and ran off in the mill to hide from other people knowing that he existed. Natasha and I took a picture before he ran away. You might think that when you visit the mill the pieces of steel are leftovers from the

roof of the mill, but they are really chunks of metal from the UFO that landed in the river one summer's night.

By Annabelle Austin, age 8



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The Hot Stove Leak by Lynne Kilby

It's coming! Kinmount Heritage Week is on its way so spread the word! Events taking place each day from Friday, July 24 to Sunday, August 2 promise something for all to enjoy! Come take part. Let's do Kinmount proud by celebrating our 150th Anniversary to the fullest!

Please contact me at (705) 488-2919 or lynne.kilby@sympatico.ca to leak info through the Hot Stove Leak.

VISIT kinmount.ca

If you haven't been there lately, you should pay a visit to kinmount.ca. Though we did experience some difficulties with the site, everything is superb now. Let's just say, surprises await you there!

RE-LIVE THE FUN OF YESTERYEAR

Back in the day Kinmount Talent Night was an annual event. Come re-live the fun at the kick-off to Kinmount Heritage Week, Friday, July 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre. Advance tickets available through committee members or at Austin Lumber cost \$5.00. Tickets at the door are \$8.00. Either way it's a bargain, for an evening that promises to be one to remember! Make sure to sign the Anniversary Book.

ATTENTION CLASSIC CAR

OWNERS

Cruise into Kinmount's 150th Anniversary Celebrations Saturday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to attend Kinmount's First Annual Cruise Night taking part in conjunction with Moonlight Mania Celebrations. Come show off your pride and joy while taking part in a multitude of other fun activities. Contact Larry Kent at (705) 488-1706 for details.

MOONLIGHT MANIA BLASTS OFF JULY 25, 5 – 10 PM

This year Moonlight Mania literally blasts off! Though rain spoiled our Canada Day Celebrations, Moonlight Mania is thrilled to become the guest host for this year's **Community Fireworks Display** at dusk at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. In fact, Moonlight Mania is host to a few more new things at this year's extravaganza. Boogie along with The Black Fly Boogie Band while checking out the 1st Annual Classic Car Display. Make sure to get your free passport stamped at each destination to turn in for entry into a free draw with some great prizes! There are

plenty of fun activities for kids with Checkers the Clown, a bouncy castle, kid's games, prizes and pony rides along with wagon rides for the whole family to enjoy. Don't forget to check out the great food and in-store specials. For a vendor table call 488-2919. And yes, there is a rain date – Saturday, August 1.

INTERESTING CANADIAN FACTS

Canada Day was called Dominion Day from 1867 until 1982.

Canada was named from the Huron and Iroquois word *kanata*, which means village.

The largest mall in the world is in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

More than 75% of the world's maple syrup comes from Canada.

Saskatchewan has more cows than people.

Basketball was invented by a Canadian named Dr. James Naismith in 1891.

Five pin bowling was invented by T.E. Ryan of Toronto in 1909.

The comic "Superman" was created by a Canadian named Joe Shuster.

Winnie the Pooh was a Canadian bear cub named after Winnipeg.

Canada does not own the North Pole. In fact, the North Pole is not owned by any country. It is believed, however, that Santa Claus is from Canada.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 11 - Saturday Craft Time for Kids, 11:00 a.m. at Kinmount Public Library. Play "Agent 150" a game based on the History of Kinmount.

July 11 - Strawberry Supper, 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Branch 441, Royal Canadian Legion. Call 488-2307 for more info.

July 12 - Cemetery Decoration Day by area Churches, 2:00 p.m. at Kinmount Cemeteries. Call 488-2005 for more info.

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July 13 - 17 - Vibe Bible Camp for Kids, sponsored by Kinmount United Church at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Free program includes stories, songs, crafts, games and snacks. To pre-register call 488-2919.

July 15 - Big Buck Bid Euchre, 11:00 a.m. at the Legion. Cost of \$10 includes lunch.

July 15 - Talent Night Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre.

July 16 - Summer Reading Program for Kids begins at 10:30 a.m. and runs till the end of August at Kinmount Public Library.

July 18 - Friends of the Library Book Sale, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., lower level of Kinmount Public Library.

July 18 - Bistro Night at Harmony Farm. Reservations required. Call 488-3300 or visit harmonyfarm.ca

July 22 - Talent Night Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m. at Kinmount community Centre.

July 27 -31 - Vacation Bible Camp for kids ages 5 - 12, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Kinmount Baptist Church. Free. Call Sue at 488-1419 or Dave at 324-2034 for more info.

HERITAGE WEEK EVENTS

July 24 - Talent Night 7:30 p.m. Kinmount Community Centre. Advance tickets \$5.00 at Austin Lumber or

\$8.00 at the door.

July 24 to Aug. 3 - Special Heritage Displays at Artisans Marketplace 10 am to 5 pm daily. Members will be dressed in pioneer attire.

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

July 25 - Moonlight Mania 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Main Street. Classic Car Display, Black Fly Boogie Band, vendors, in-store specials, kids games, wagon & pony rides, Fireworks at dusk at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Call 488-2291 for more info. Rain date Aug. 1.

July 25 & 26 - View Kinmount Model Railroad & Museum. Members will be dressed in period attire.

July 26 - United Church Outdoor Service at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park 9:45 a.m. BBQ following Service

July 26 & 27 - Gate & Garden Tour, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pick up passports at the Gazebo by the Railway Station. Cost \$5.00.

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

July 28 - Film Festival at Kinmount Community Centre, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Admission by donation.

July 29 - Complimentary Ghost Tour with Guy Scott - Explore Kinmount by night. Meet at 8:30 p.m. at the Ga-

zebo by the Railway Station. Rain date July 30.

July 30 - Kinmount Public Library hosts a hands on program - **Sensational Snakes** at 11:00 a.m. Enjoy **Tea Time** with Friends 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

July 30 - Music in the Park with **Washboard Hank & Co.**, 6:30 p.m. at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Free admission. Bring your lawn chairs.

July 31 - Film Festival at Kinmount Community Centre, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Admission by donation.

Aug. 1 - Tea Time with Friends at Kinmount Public Library, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Aug. 1 - Dance at Kinmount Community Centre featuring **The Emily Creek Band**, 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Admission \$10.00.

Aug. 1 - Kinmount Seniors Yard Sale at the Railway Station 9:00 a.m. Vendors welcome. Call 488-1110 for

more information.

Aug. 1 & 2 - Art Showing by Multi Media Artist Brenda Mulholland, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Kinmount Gazebo.

Aug. 1 & 2 - View Kinmount Model Railroad & Museum. Members will be dressed in period attire.

Aug. 2 - Meet Local Authors & Genealogists at the Railway Station & Kinmount Community Centre, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Guest Authors: Ron Brown Travel Writer/Lecturer & Nina Spencer Canadian Bestselling Author/ Motivational Speaker.

Explore the rail line by wagon ride or self-guided walking tour. **Rubber Duck Race** 2:00 p.m. at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park - Proceeds support Special Olympics. **BBQ** in the Park sponsored by Kinmount & District Lions Club.

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

Kids Bingo: Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the Legion.

Kinmount Walking Group: Meet downtown Monday, Wednesday & Fridays, 8:15 a.m.

Baseball/T-ball for kids: Monday & Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Field.

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.

Summer Reading Program

for Kids: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., Kinmount Public Library.

Music in the Park: Free Summer concert Series, 6:30 p.m. at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Various entertainers include Doug Barber, Big Al Trainer, Gord Kidd & Kristen Clark.


Friday Night Bingo: \$300.00 Must Go Jackpot at the Royal Canadian Legion, 6:45 p.m.

Kinmount Farmers Market: Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Austin Sawmill Park.

Model Railroad & Museum: Saturdays at the Railway Station, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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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: The Three Brothers Falls (north-east of Kinmount)

From the Editor's Desk

Our next edition of the Gazette will highlight our Heritage Week events. Starting on Friday July 24 (with Talent Night) and ending with Railway Day/ Local Authors on Sunday August 2, the 10 day run promises to be a fun-filled event! Every day holds something new or as we say in Kinmount: "Something For Everyone!"

Please circle Sunday August 2 on your calendar. Many local authors will be present in the Railway Yard to promote their books. The Greater Harvey Historical Society will also be there to "talk genealogy". If you have a family tree, please bring us a copy. The GHHS is collecting family genealogy for our archives. The GHHS Archive & Heritage Centre is located in the old Highway Shed on 649 just outside Bobcaygeon. On Saturday July 18, they will hold an Open House for

everyone to visit the site & learn about what we do. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount is having a fundraising drive to purchase new flags for their Colour Guard. The "personalized" Branch 441 flag is a particularly expensive and necessary part of the 4 flag Colour Guard. This hard-working organization does fantastic work in the community and are responsible for the myriad of magnificent meals served at the Legion. They are more than worthy of our support. Check out our updated website! Thanks to Lynne Kilby, we have added lots of new stuff including the Gazettes and updates on events. Oh, yeah: check out the Ballad of Kinmount as well. YouTube...move over! The community was saddened by the loss of 3 members recently. Verna Crego was a long-time resident of

town. Ian Tate had a country home on the Davis Lake Road. Helen (Hopkins) Howe, who was born in town, was a cottager on Davis Lake for 81 consecutive years! On a similar vein, Cemetery Decoration Day is Sunday July 12. As weather-watchers know, we lost our Canada Day activities to rain. But fear not, the Fireworks et al will be back at Moonlight Mania (Sat July 25 @ dusk). While at the Kinmount Kountry Jamboree, I had an inquiry on why was it necessary for the Legion to be in Galway Township. This spawned an article on Wet vs. Dry (on liquor regulations!) that should explain the whole issue. If you have questions, comments, etc, please don't hesitate to contact me. I love feedback! GS

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