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Barbara Cain is the Kinmount Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to Barb Cain for being nominated and selected as the 2025 Kinmount Citizen of the Year.

Barb is well-known for her volunteer work with the Trent Lakes Historical Society, as well as volunteering in many other capacities including at the Galway Hall and the Kinmount Fair.

Every Year since 1998, the Kinmount Lions have recognized community minded residents with a Citizen of the Year Award. Since there are so many dedicated volunteers in the Kinmount area this is always a difficult task. The Lions present the award in the Heritage Complex at Kinmount Fair. Award recipients names are proudly displayed on a plaque at the Kinmount Kawartha Credit Union.

Read more about Barb on page 17.



Barb with Lion Dave Anderson.

The Lucky Winner of the Kinmount Fair 50/50 Draw

Congratulations to Lori Mathewson! Lori is the lucky winner of the 2025 Kinmount Fair 50/50 Draw. Her winnings were 50% of the final total Jackpot, \$21,585.

The Kinmount Agricultural Society held their very first 50/50 draw last year and this year the total jackpot nearly doubled. Tickets were sold online and in person on fair weekend, with proceeds being used to expand youth programs and other activities at the fairgrounds.



Best Decorated Campsite at Kinmount Fair

Congratulations to Thea Aldrich. New this year at Kinmount Fair was a Best Decorated Campsite Contest. The theme was *Show Your Canadian Pride*. Well done Thea!



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next Gazette



Winter is Coming: Forecast, Safety & Outdoor Fun in Kinmount

As winter approaches, residents of Kinmount area won't want to be caught off guard. While long-range forecasts always carry some uncertainty, current climate signals and historical trends offer useful clues for what to expect in the 2025–2026 winter, as well as how to get ready, stay safe, and enjoy the outdoors.

Weather Outlook: What to Expect

A possible weak La Niña in the Pacific Ocean may bring cooler-than-average temperatures and increased snowfall across Ontario this winter. Regional forecasts indicate frequent snowstorms, potential ice events, and cold spells throughout December to February, especially in mid-to-late January. Expect several strong winter systems and occasional mild periods, creating a season of contrasts.

In Kinmount, January remains the coldest month, with average highs near -5°C and lows dipping to -13°C . Annual snowfall often exceeds 130 cm, and that trend is expected to continue. Locals should be ready for both persistent snow accumulation and changing road and trail conditions.

Safety First: Winter Precautions

- **Driving:** Equip vehicles with snow tires, a winter emergency kit (including blankets, booster cables, shovel, and food/water), and check forecasts before travel.
- **Heating:** Clean chimneys, service furnaces, and check carbon monoxide detectors.
- **Emergency Readiness:** Keep a 72-hour emergency kit on hand in case of power outages—include candles, batteries, flashlights, a radio, and medications.
- **Neighbour Support:** Stay connected with elderly or vulnerable neighbors during cold snaps or storms.

Outdoor Winter Activities Around Kinmount

Despite the cold, winter offers plenty of recreational opportunities in and around Kinmount:

- **Victoria Rail Trail:** Perfect for snowmobiling, snowshoeing, or cross-

country skiing.

- **Somerville Tract:** 8.5 km of maintained winter trails through forested areas—ideal for skiing and snowshoeing.
- **Snowmobiling:** Trail access to regional networks; ensure you have valid permits and check conditions regularly.
- **Ice Fishing & Skating:** Lakes like Four Mile Lake offer great winter fishing and casual outdoor skating (always confirm ice safety).
- **Local Skating Rinks:** Community rinks often run recreational hockey or free skate sessions.
- **Tobogganing:** Gentle hills around the area make for safe and family-friendly sledding fun.

Always check local trail conditions and ice thickness before heading out.

Winter Preparation Checklist

Make sure you're ready for the season ahead with this simple guide:

Home

Clean gutters to prevent ice dams

Seal windows and doors to improve insulation

Service furnace and clean/change filters

Inspect and clean woodstoves/fireplaces

Stock up on firewood or heating fuel

Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

Prepare emergency kit (flashlights, batteries, first aid, food, water, medications)

Vehicle

Install winter tires

Check battery, brakes, anti-freeze, and wipers

Keep tank at least half full to prevent fuel line freezing

Assemble car emergency kit: blanket, food, shovel, salt/sand, flashlight, booster cables

Personal & Family

Ensure all family members have proper winter gear (coats, boots, gloves, hats)

Review emergency contact plans

Check school or community alerts for storm protocols

Charge devices before expected storms

Outdoor & Recreation

Check trail and ice conditions regularly

Carry safety equipment when snowmobiling or hiking

Let someone know your route and estimated return time for back-country activities

The 2025–2026 winter in Central Ontario is shaping up to be a snowy and occasionally volatile season. With early preparation and a cautious approach, Kinmount residents can navigate it safely while embracing the beauty of the snowy outdoors. From serene snowshoe hikes to thrilling snowmobile rides, winter here is both a challenge and a reward.

What is La Niña?

La Niña is a natural climate pattern that happens when ocean waters in the central and eastern Pacific become cooler than usual. This affects weather around the world. In Canada, La Niña often brings colder and snowier winters, especially in Ontario and other parts of the country. It can also lead to more storms and shifting weather patterns.



Postal Strike Impacts Kinmount Gazette

If you were wondering why you did not receive last month's Gazette in the mail here is the reason why. In September Canada Postal workers stopped delivery of flyers due to their ongoing negotiations with Canada Post. Since 2009, the Gazette has been mass mailed to everyone with a K0M 2A0 postal code. Therefore Canada Post always considered it the same as a flyer which are not addressed to a specific person or address.

Now that there is a nationwide postal strike, until it is settled the Gazette will be available at drop boxes located at Kinmount Fish & Chips, Galway and Crystal Lake Roads and Burnt River Post Office. Watch for it at many other locations as well as the following places, Kinmount Artisans Marketplace, Kinmount Library, and Austin Lumber. You can also sign up to receive issues through email or find it online at kinmount.ca or on Facebook.

Log Chateau Park

One of the larger (and older) resorts on the Burnt River south of the village of Burnt River is the Log Chateau Resort. The resort is located on Highway #121 at a community called "Stoney Lonesome". The place is aptly named. Max Brandon first had the first lodge in the 1920s, using the original log house of the Fell Family. It enjoyed a beautiful site on the lower section of the Burnt River.

In the 1960s, Bill and Elsie Tait acquired the site and turned it into a Trailer Park. It has over 300 trailer sites (mostly seasonal) and access to the railway corridor as well as excellent river access. That includes a boat launch and a beach.

The resort is now proudly run by Lucas and Stephanie Lowell. Their growing list of amenities include an outdoor pool, sauna, hot tub, outdoor fitness centre, children's playgrounds, jumping pillow, campground store, arcade, food tuck, indoor pavilion, pickleball and basketball courts and a laundry facility. Log Chateau Park is truly a community within a community.



SAVE THE DATE!

Kinmount Christmas in the Village

Thursday, Dec. 4 Christmas Tree Lighting

at the Station, Caroling, Bonfire, and Treats

Saturday, Dec. 6 Main Day Celebrations

Around town organized by Kinmount Community Volunteer Management Committee.

Full details in the November Gazette

Sneak Peek of what we know so far:

Farmers Market & Christmas Market at Kinmount Community Centre

Free Basket Draw

Artisans Marketplace Free Draw

Kids Gifts at Kinmount Legion 2pm (no pre-registration required)

Hunt for Kinny the Elf at local businesses

Model Railway & Museum open noon - 2pm

Kinmount Library, 10 - 2pm Activities, Stories and Games, Free Kids Books & Colouring Contest

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Facebook Kinmount Christmas in the Village



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Councillor's Corner by Pat Warren Ward 2 COKL



The weather has been beautiful but as I write this, we are getting much needed rain to help combat this terrible drought.

Council has started the budget process and there will be a Special Council meeting on November 12 from 7-9 where you can either Zoom in or come in person to make suggestions to the budget.

Thank you to the Kinmount and District Health Foundation for a fun event at the Journey for Health Walk. To thank all supporters they host another fun event on Oct. 4 Nashville meets Memphis, with Keith Kirpatrick,

I attended a Fire Smart talk at the Burnt River Fire Station recently and there was valuable information on how to make your home and community more fire resilient. Go to Fire Smart Canada to get this information.

With ever increasing weather-related emergencies, it is important for all households to have an emergency plan and a 72-hour emergency kit available. Take a moment to prepare your kit today: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/be-prepared-emergency>

Learn more about preparing for Forest Fires at Ontario.ca, <https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires-safety-information> Stay Informed Stay Safe, To get the latest news on city events and information check out



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Royal Canadian Legion Br. 441 by Sharna Peters

As always, the community can stay updated by following our Facebook page, where we regularly post news and last-minute announcements. Become a Member! All Are Welcome! No need to be a veteran to join. Becoming a member is a great way to support our veterans, connect with your community, and take part in the many events and programs we offer throughout the year. Stop by the Legion for more information or message us on Facebook to get started.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday Bid Euchre 1pm \$3
Tuesday Lunch Oct 28 11am - 1pm last lunch until spring. \$15
Liver & Onions or an alternative.
Wednesday Mixed Darts 7:30pm
Friday Chair Yoga 10-11 am
Bingo 6:45pm Doors open 5pm

Saturday Meat Draw 5pm

Doors open 3pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

Caesar Sunday Oct 19
Breakfast Sunday Oct 26
Turkey Buffet Karaoke
Saturday Nov 8

November Remembrance Day November 11

Please join us at 11am on Main Street at the Kinmount Cenotaph to honour veterans. A luncheon will follow the service in the upper hall of the Legion.





Around the Fire Hall by Katie Dukelow

Fall has arrived, and with it comes one of the busiest times of the year for fire prevention. **October is Fire Prevention Month, with Fire Prevention Week running from October 5 to 11.**

It's a time when fire departments across the province step up efforts to share safety messages, and this year's theme is especially timely: **"Charge Into Fire Safety™."**

Lithium-ion batteries are everywhere I-powering our cell phones, laptops, tablets, e-bikes, power tools, and even children's toys. They're reliable and convenient, but if damaged or misused, they can become a fire hazard. Fires involving these batteries spread quickly, which is why prevention is so important. Here are a few easy steps to keep your home safe:

- **Buy from a trusted source.**

Look for CSA- or UL-certified batteries and chargers. Off-brand versions may not have proper safety features.

- **Charge safely.** Always charge on a hard, flat surface, away from anything that can burn. Beds, couches, or under pillows are unsafe spots.
- **Don't overcharge.** Unplug once devices are fully charged and avoid charging overnight.
- **Know the warning signs.** Stop using any battery that's swelling, leaking, or giving off an unusual odour.
- **Recycle responsibly.** Never throw batteries in the garbage. They can be taken to landfill drop-off sites or returned through local programs. Check the **Call2Recycle app** or visit www.call2recycle.ca. During Fire Prevention Week,

we're focusing on battery safety, but it's also a good reminder to revisit the basics.

Take a moment this October to test all the smoke alarms in your home. Smoke alarms save lives, but only if they're in working order. Press the test button to make sure the alarm sounds, and replace batteries if needed. Remember—you need a smoke alarm on every level of your home and outside all sleeping areas.

Our firefighters are also busy this month with school visits, open houses, and training nights. If you see us say hello—we're always glad to chat about safety.

As the days get cooler and the leaves start to change, let's all take a few minutes to think about safety at home. **This Fire Prevention Week, remember to Charge Into Fire Safety™.**

**Test your smoke alarms.
Keep your family protected!**



A grateful community came together in September at the Burnt River/Somerville Centre to honour all the firefighters that bravely fought this summer's wildfires. These fine folks worked for a week under extremely hot dry conditions. Over 70 attended from Firehalls all over Kawartha Lakes, Trent Lakes and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Burnt River resident Christina Handley was also honoured for organizing food and drinks for firefighters while battling the fire near Burnt River. In attendance were MPP Laurie Scott, Mayor of CKL Doug Elmslie, Deputy Mayor Charlie McDonald and Councilor's Ron Ashmore, Pat Warren, Dan Joyce and Mark Doble. A big thank you to Robert English, MC for the evening.

Another huge thank you to Diane's Country Cooking and Catering who prepared an excellent meal and organized the many generous sponsors who provided food and drinks.

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The Galwegians by Bill Lee

Well, the hot, dry summer of 2025 officially ended on Monday, September 22nd at 2:19 pm, the moment the Autumn Equinox began. Although it is a new season, the regular activities at the Galway Hall continue to happen. Tai Chi is every Monday and Thursday, starting at 10 am. Line Dancing is every Wednesday beginning also at 10 am. There are two workshops offered in October. On Saturday, October 11th, a Soy Candle Workshop takes place from 1 pm until 3 pm. From 10 am until 4 pm, on Sunday, October 26th, a Hat Burning Workshop is offered. A Firearms Safety Course is offered in October on Saturday the 4th and Sunday, the 5th. Contact Mark Yourkevich at 705 768-6553 for details, availability, and future course dates at the Galway Hall.

The Trent Lakes Historical Society is holding its Annual General Meeting on Friday, October 17th, starting at 1 pm.

Speaking of AGMs, the Galway Hall Board's Annual General Meeting is on Monday, November 24th at 1 pm. Table set-up is on Thursday, October 30th and food preparation is on Halloween morning for the Galway Hall's annual Turkey Supper which is on Saturday, November 1st at 5 pm. To reserve tickets, phone 705 488-2831 and leave your name and the number of tickets needed or email Galwayhallevnts@gmail.com or info@galwayhall.ca.

The Clear Bay immature loon is still accompanied by one adult loon who continues to feed it. However, the young loon is being left on its own more often now. The osprey has been spotted recently after not being seen for a couple of weeks. Not one but two bald eagles were seen flying over the islands in Clear Bay one early evening in mid-September. The loons on Crystal Lake vocalize their concerns about the eagles and the osprey flying over them.

There appears to be several pileated woodpeckers in our area this year, either being seen or heard. These woodpeckers hammer on trees for several reasons—looking for insects to eat, sap to drink, build a nest, or to communicate via drumming. Did you know that the pileated woodpecker has two toes forward and two toes back (versus most birds that have three toes forward and one toe back)? This is for better grip when they are hammering on a tree. These birds also

utilize their tail as a brace against the tree when hammering.

Fifteen egrets were recently seen just outside of Lindsay. A flock of egrets is known by many names including skewer, siege, sedge, wedge, and congregation. An egret is a type of heron. All egrets belong to the heron family (Ardeidae), but not all herons are egrets. This distinction is more descriptive (white feathers is an egret) than a strict biological classification.

As noted at the start of this article, it has been a dry summer. The Trent-Severn Waterway noted that Crystal Lake reached historically low lake levels on September 17th. Lack of precipitation and high evaporation rates are the obvious reasons. One person noted that the natural spring that flows at the junction of Quarry Road and Highway 36 had no water coming out of the pipe on September 17th. Other people have commented on low water levels in their wells or that their well had gone temporarily dry. One Galwegian noted that the last time their well went dry was 30 years ago.

Here was a curious weather phenomenon that I witnessed over Clear Bay in early September. In a span of three days, there were five rainbows! The first and third days had double rainbows. The second day had a single rainbow. The weird thing was that it was not raining on Clear Bay. Mother Nature turned the day one double rainbow into a 'mystical' experience. The first rainbow was bright enough to send its reflection all the way across Clear Bay to our shore. The adult loon and the loonlet swam within the coloured lines of the rainbow's reflection across the bay, coming close, but not going beyond the rainbow's reflection edges. It was truly a unique, brief moment in time.

Speaking of Mother Nature, this month's quote comes from a sign that was made and carried at the "Draw the Line" rally held in Peterborough on Saturday, September 20th.

The sign read:

"Remember- Mother Nature bats last!"

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The Happy Gardener by Lee Ann Hobson



October is my favourite month of the year. The weather is still warm enough to be able to enjoy the outdoors with the great fall colours and no pesky bugs. Farmer's markets offer an abundance of local vegetables and fruits to taste and perhaps store for winter.

Fall is also a good time to divide perennials that have become overcrowded. The usual rule of thumb is that spring blooming perennials are moved in the fall and late summer or fall bloomers in the spring.

I divide both types in the fall for several reasons. Cooler temperatures and warmer soil let more root growth occur rather than shoot growth. Rain is more reliable in the fall and the cooler temperatures ensure less evaporation so the reduced root systems can meet the plant's water needs. However some spring blooming perennials might not bloom the subsequent year but will recover for the following years.

There are five basic types of perennial roots and each has it's own best method for division. To determine your plant's root system do a little research on the internet or find an appropriate book at the library.

For example peonies' roots have "eyes" or buds at the base of this years growth. Division is made by cutting into the main root ball but making sure that 3 to 4 eyes remain.

Dig a hole 1 ½ times the size of your division. Place your plant in the hole and add a compost, top-soil, peat mixture. Place a little soil under the root ball making sure the transplant is not left in a depression but slightly above the surrounding soil.

Some branches or stems will need be trimmed but each plant has different ways of recovering from division and your research should give you what is required. Water and mulch well.
Happy Gardening!

Garden Club

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Spot the Shot Recaptured

Last month's Spot the shot:

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Kinmount Artisans Marketplace by Lynne Kilby



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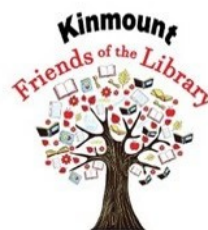
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All Aboard by Ron Claridge

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From the KDHSF by Sue Butts

By the time you read this the KDHSF will have held their Appreciation night, featuring the music of Keith Kirkpatrick at the Kinmount Community Centre. We hope all who came out had an enjoyable time.

The KDHSF is a group of Volunteers who dedicate their time to the work of recruiting Doctors, providing educational resources to the community in the form of Lunch and Learns (soon to be rebranded) and maintaining our health centre.

The summer has flown, as is the fall and we are already looking ahead to our Christmas Appeal.

With the ever changing landscape of health care it is important that we continue in the pursuit of looking for new health provider, enhancing the equipment and general maintenance of our building. So watch for our Christmas Appeal.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, as is Mental Health Awareness.

Keep people who are affected by these diseases in your hearts and minds as you go about your daily activities. Enjoy the fall.

Pharmacist's Corner

Acetaminophen in Pregnancy and Autism

Sorting Fact from Fear Sam Iskander Kinmount Pharmacy

Parents naturally want the best for their children, so it's understandable that reports linking acetaminophen (Tylenol) use in pregnancy with autism cause concern. However, as a pharmacist, I want to emphasize: the evidence does *not* support the claim that acetaminophen causes autism. The confusion largely comes from **observational studies**. These studies look at patterns in large groups of people, but they cannot prove cause and effect. For example, a study might find that mothers who used acetaminophen more often in pregnancy were more likely to have children later diagnosed with autism. But why did those mothers take acetaminophen? Very often, it was to treat **fever or infections**. And we know from other research that **maternal fever itself** - especially if prolonged and untreated - is associated with higher autism risk.

This is a classic case of "confounding." To illustrate: if we found that people carrying umbrellas were more likely to slip on sidewalks, we might wrongly conclude that umbrellas cause falls. In reality, both are linked to the underlying factor - rainy weather. Similarly, acetaminophen use may be a marker of illness, not the cause of autism.

The best evidence comes from stronger study designs. A recent Swedish study followed more than **2.4 million** children and compared siblings born to the same mother. It found **no increased risk of autism, ADHD, or intellectual disability** tied to acetaminophen. Professional organizations, including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, continue to recommend acetaminophen as the safest over-the-counter option for pain and fever in pregnancy. The advice is simple: use the lowest effective dose for the shortest duration when needed, and always consult your healthcare provider. As with any medication in pregnancy, balance and guidance are key. The evidence is clear that acetaminophen, when used responsibly, remains a safe and important option for managing fever and pain. Expectant mothers should not be frightened by misleading claims, but instead feel reassured that their healthcare team is there to help them make the best decisions. Protecting both mother and baby means treating illness appropriately - and acetaminophen continues to play a safe role in that care.



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DHSF will be holding Lunch and Learns again this fall. Watch this space for more information.

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Jack Gould's Memories of Serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force in WWII

Originally published on November 11, 2023 by the Maryboro Lodge Museum in Fenelon Falls.



D.J. (Jack/John) Gould came from a prominent Fenelon Falls family. His grandfather, David H. Gould was a physician, whose practice was located at 17 May Street (The Well Body Group, recently Lighthouse Real Estate or the Fudge House). David had started his practice on Colborne Street, and would mix medicines above the doctor's office. When his son Alvin finished high school, he attended the University of Toronto and graduated as a pharmacist in 1903, allowing him to help at his father's practice. Alvin would go on to operate a drug store on Colborne Street, which has since operated as MacArthur Drug Store. Being the son of a physician in a small town allowed Alvin a life that farm kids could only dream of. While he was a university student, he loved to play hockey and became a standout goaltender, back in the days when there were six skaters and a goalie on a team, and goalies did not go down to stop the puck. His father was instrumental in expanding the Trent Valley League to Fenelon Falls and Lindsay. While Alvin was away at school, he made the trip home to play for the Fenelon Falls Hockey Club, which won Stratton Cups in 1901, 1902 and 1905. Before the NHL, Canada had more than one silver challenge bowl named after a donor-politician. The victory was a huge event for the community, celebrated on the main street and with a

banquet at Northey's Restaurant (later J'n B's and the General Store, now vacant). Alvin was also well-known as a curler and member of the Don't Give a Damn Club—a group of young men, who obviously had a sense of humour. As Alvin and his wife Lila (Henderson) were raising their own family in the inter-war years, they too had a special childhood. The Goulds had one of the first radios in the area, and as a boy, their son Jack was really interested in this revolutionary new media. Long before television and movie theatres reached the area, radio was the only live media, though the stations were distant. CKLY 910 AM Lindsay was not launched until 1955. While early broadcasts included musical concerts, once NHL games were broadcast starting in 1932, they became one of the most popular shows. Early radios were a large piece of furniture, and families would gather around to hear the broadcasts in their parlour. Many early radios operated on batteries (not everyone had electricity, especially outside towns and villages), though some newer models worked on AC. They were a major investment, which required technicians to service.

While he was in high school, Jack got in a disagreement with his father, and decided to move to Hamilton to complete his final year of studies. As he was finishing high school, Jack enjoyed playing with radios, as he would modify one to pick up short wave messages from boats on Lake Ontario. After he finished school he moved to Toronto, and found a job working at a department store, as a radio technician. When the Second World War broke out, though he was married with a daughter, Jack enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Being in the air force was a very attractive profession—not only did they get to fly in the most spectacular of the fighting machines, the thrill and acrobatics of aerial combat held special appeal. Loss rates of 2% per sortie were common, and about 40% of air crew perished. If anything the danger that came with the job made it cooler. Airmen passing through town in their uniforms would turn heads. Jack was fortunate, as a radio technician, he had skills that were in demand, and would spend his time keeping the equipment on the planes operational from the relative safety of the airfield. Though he might be bombed, his odds of survival were a lot better than the fighter aces—though one of the radio technicians that he served with was killed during his tour of duty. On the other hand, he had a much longer tour of

duty, because the air crew had a limited number of flights to give them some reasonable hope of survival.

Jack's aunt, Marion Henderson, had served in the First World War. Though she had to face the ghastly battlefield wounds of soldiers sent to England to convalesce, it was a unique opportunity to see the world. For Jack and his comrades in arms, it was similarly the adventure of a lifetime. When he was deployed to England, though they were heading through U-Boat infested waters, Jack and his friends had a memorable time on the Holland America Line Pennland, which carried them from Halifax to Greenock, Scotland. They disembarked on Christmas Day, 1940.

A few months before Jack Gould arrived in Britain, the Battle of Britain had passed its climax. Germany's Luftwaffe had failed to subdue the Royal Air Force, making German Fuhrer Adolf Hitler's proposed invasion of Britain, Operation Sealion, impractical in 1940. The Royal Air Force (and their comrades in the RCAF) were the heroes on the front line of defending Britain—"never was so much owed by so many to so few," in the words of Prime Minister Winston Churchill. By Christmas 1940, London was in the midst of the Blitz, which would not let up until May 1941, when Hitler redeployed his forces east to invade Russia. Jack was deployed to RAF Bomber Command's Air Base at Upper Heyford in Oxfordshire. At the time, Bomber Command was attacking German cities to retaliate for the carnage wrought on London.

Though the Blitz was an ordeal for Londoners, there were many people who would not allow being bombed on 56 of 57 nights to dampen their spirits—including the boys who just arrived with the RCAF. Though the Blitz was on, one of Jack Gould's crew's first stops was the Beaver Club in London, just two days after landing in Scotland, where he soon had a membership. The Beaver Club catered to Canadians serving in Britain, and was located at Trafalgar Square. Operated by the YMCA, it offered soldiers a chance to check their kit, shave, shower, and have their shoes shined, before visiting the "beautifully furnished" canteen. With service by "Canadian and English ladies," it offered a "Soda Fountain and Snack Bar, bright up-to-date and appealing with coffee—real coffee and doughnuts, soft drinks, ice cream and short-order snacks." It offered live concerts, cinema film shows, and "one of the best dancing floors in London."

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Jack Gould's WWII Memories *continued from page 13*

While they were on leave in London, a visit to the Beaver Club had all kinds of entertainment—billiards, table tennis, darts, bagatelle, chess, draughts, cards and Chinese checkers. They supplied pens and paper to facilitate soldiers writing home, a library and reading room and Canadian newspapers. It had gymnasiums, swimming baths, squash courts, golf, and, of course, skating and hockey in partnership with London rinks. Soldiers were given special low-admission privileges to attend London theatres and concert halls. Jack enjoyed visiting the Royal Opera House and seeing Black Vanities at the Victoria Palace. The Maple Leaf Club, Canadian Legion Club and YMCA were among the many organizations boarding servicemen on leave.

Coming to London in the midst of the Blitz, Jack Gould and his comrades in the air force were heroes. They were treated to the best hospitality that London could offer. Being in the air force, active service came with thrills, and so did being on leave. It truly was the adventure of a lifetime, set amidst an unprecedented human tragedy. Just two days after Jack was enjoying coffee and donuts at the Beaver Club, a German air raid started a firestorm, the Second Great Fire of London. But even that would not stop the culture of London.

When his crew was serving at RAF Upper Heyford, there was serious work to be done, and the air crews faced the prospect of air raids, as in London. Blackouts were strictly enforced. Lights had to be turned out in the barracks by 10:15 PM, and covering the windows was not sufficient, to prevent enemy airplanes from spotting their targets. Service Police would court martial any offenders. But, when their work day or sortie was over, they had time for recreation. In January 1941, they put on a performance, with décor from the Drury Lane Theatre. When they were granted leave, they were back in London enjoying the theatres.

In May, as Hitler was turning his attention east towards Russia and the Blitz finally abated, the RCAF organized a new squadron, number 407 at Thorney Island, just off the south shore of West Sussex, near Portsmouth, where Jack would continue his service. By September, 407 Squadron was ready to begin active operations, as a strike group, attacking German shipping with Lockheed Hudson planes. They soon earned the nickname "the Demon Squadron."

Newspapers feted the Demon Squadron's successes as they raided Nazi boats in the North Sea. In their first month of operations they hit 30,000 tons of shipping. But it was an unforgiving place to operate, like the

British, the Germans tried to protect their convoys, accompanying them with Flak boats. For those who were downed over the North Sea, there was little prospect of survival. In that first month, four of Jack's Ontario friends disappeared.

Being a radio technician had its perks.

Jack's squadron hosted an overseas radio broadcast, a creative way for army and air force personnel to send a message home. Jack had his moment on the air, wishing "love to my wife and daughter in Toronto and my Dad in Fenelon Falls." All of them were tuned in at the moment, and it was special for them to hear Jack's voice across the Atlantic.

While Jack worked at the air base, his friends returned with dramatic stories of the adventures they survived, as they attacked German shipping from the North Sea to Brittany. In February 1942, the Demon Squadron was part of the raids on the German battlecruisers Schamhorst and Gneisenau, with their escorts, off the coast of Holland. Three of his friends were decorated for this mission, where they survived flying through Flak to bomb a destroyer and being intercepted by a Ju88. The Nazi battlecruisers survived the channel dash and were deployed to raid British convoys headed through the North Sea to Russia. But as Jack's comrades hit Nazi convoys, inevitably some of them did not return. For those who did, they continued to make the most of each day, travelling around England to see the country and attend shows while on leave.

For Christmas 1941, even as Germany was trying to strangle Britain by sinking convoys in the Battle of the Atlantic, the air force did its best to host a feast for its crews. They served joints (a large piece to be shared by several men) of turkey and pork, with applesauce and forcemeat stuffing (a purée of egg, bread, cream and meat). These entrees were served with potatoes and Brussels sprouts, with plum pudding, rum sauce and mince pie. For dessert the airmen could indulge in oranges, apples, nuts, cigarettes, beer and minerals.

A couple weeks before that Christmas dinner, a corporal that Jack worked with and had promoted, went to the mess hall for breakfast, and did not find the grub to his liking. He said to his comrade who was serving breakfast, "you can keep that bloody bit!" (in the 1940s, 'bloody' was much obscener than it is today).

This outburst led to a confrontation with the sergeant overseeing the mess hall, prompting the corporal to punch the sergeant several times in the face. The offender was court-martialled, and acquitted of his charge for saying 'bloody,' but convicted for punching the commanding officer and reduced in rank.

In 1942, Jack was transferred to 10 Bomber and Reconnaissance Squadron in Gander, Newfoundland. Jack's crew was flying Douglas Digby bombers, to find and destroy the U-boats that were harassing Allied transatlantic shipping. From 1942 to 1943, the squadron attacked 22 U-boats, sinking 3 of them. Where the air patrols could operate, it was a lot easier for convoys to get through. The air crews spent long hours searching the North Atlantic for U-boats—and they did not come home with nearly as many wild stories of dangerous missions through enemy Flak. Jack did not lose as many friends at Gander.

The night life at Gander was nothing like being an airman in Britain during the Blitz. After Jack was transferred to Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, he followed Boston Bruins' winger Bobby Bauer, who played in the military hockey league out of Halifax, while serving in the Air Force. He also had the chance to go with his friends to New York City to see Fred Waring at the Vanderbilt Theatre, Broadway. For an airman who had started out in Bomber Command during the Blitz and gone on to serve in the Demon Squadron, it was a quiet end to Jack's military service.

Once his tour of duty was over, Jack returned to Toronto to live with his family. The Goulds enjoyed hunting and fishing around Fenelon Falls, and liked to travel to Algonquin Park on vacation. Tragically, not long after the war ended, Jack's father Alvin drowned when he was walking home across the ice on the Fenelon River on a winter night in 1946. Jack inherited the family cottage on Cameron Lake, where he enjoyed many pleasant summer visits. He operated a radio store in Toronto, where he put his technician skills to good use. He continued into the age of television, but retired as colour TVs became the norm.





Kinmountonian John McGrath

The Royal Canadian Legion John McGrath Branch 441 in Kinmount was officially chartered on November 15, 1946 and christened the "John McGrath Branch" to honour the first Kinmount lad to fall in WW II. John Hamilton McGrath died on July 24, 1944, at the age of 23 and was the son of Thomas Edward and Phyllis Elizabeth McGrath of Kinmount.

In 2013 Belinda Wilson of Fenelon Falls was selected to represent the Ontario Command in the biennial Legion Pilgrimage of Remembrance through France and Belgium to explore Canadian Battlefields, memorials and cemeteries from both World Wars.

Under the care of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission each cemetery contains a guest book. Upon finding John's grave Belinda made the following notation in the book "It was a pleasure to find and sign this one on behalf of McGrath's community."

In Flanders Fields

*Written By Canadian
John McCrae in WW I*

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
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.



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As seasonal workers start getting their hours reduced, the price of food, gas, heating, housing, maintenance and other household bills continue to be ever soaring. Dollars do not stretch as far as they once did.

If you are able to make a donation to the Kinmount Food Bank it will be a great benefit to our friends, neighbours and our entire community.

Donation Boxes for items can be found at Kinmount Pharmacy, Kinmount Post Office and St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Kinmount Library and at this time of year, many upcoming community events.

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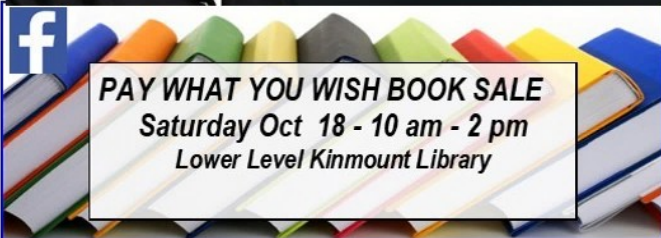
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The Library Link by Shannon Bain

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***Special Event* Meet the Author – Leslie Elizabeth King – Wednesday October 15 from 4 pm to 6 pm.**

Join author Leslie King as she shares her powerful story of resilience, faith, and self-love in her memoir, *This Is About Life*. A United Church minister, advocate, and three-time cancer survivor, Leslie's journey offers wisdom and hope for anyone facing life's challenges. *This Is About Life* is available to borrow from our library catalogue and is available for purchase at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace.

***Special Event* Meet the Author – Bruce Smith Saturday October 18 from 12:30 to 1:30pm.** Author Bruce King visits the Kinmount branch for a book talk on his novel, *The Answers Lie In Africa*. This novel features Fiona and Karl on their harrowing journey as they experience captivating safaris, luxury rail travel, and culinary delights in this gripping tale of family, history, and the unbreakable bonds that tie us to our past. *The Answers Lie in Africa* is a journey of discovery you won't forget. This event is organized by the Friends of the Kinmount Library in collaboration with the Dunsford Book Club.

***Special Event* Stroke Education Session – Tuesday October 14 from 2 pm to 3 pm.** Join us for an informative session led by professionals from Ross Memorial Hospital, focused on understanding strokes from risk factors and warning signs to prevention and recovery. This free community program will cover the latest in stroke care, offer tips for healthy living, and provide time for questions and dis-

cussion. Whether you're a caregiver, stroke survivor, or simply looking to learn more, this session is open to all.

***Plant Lovers Alert!* The library is hosting a Plant Swap during branch hours the week of October 20 to 25 at select branches, including Kinmount!**

Whether you're a seasoned plant parent or just starting your indoor jungle, this is a great chance to share your favourites and discover new varieties. Please make sure all plants are healthy, pest-free, and clearly labeled if possible. No purchase necessary, just swap and share! Bring potted houseplants, clean, unused pots or planters.

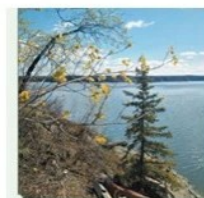
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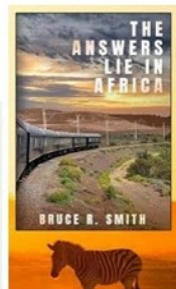
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In the Lions Den by J.C. LaGrange

By the time you read this column, Fall will have all of us firmly in its grasp and this year's Kinmount Fair will be nothing but a happy memory. One key moment at every Fair is the presentation of the Citizen of the Year as nominated by you and selected by the Kinmount Lions.

We were honoured to announce that Barbara Cain is the 2025 Kinmount Citizen of the Year. Here is an excerpt of the nomination letter (as is usual, the name of the submission's author is held back):

"I would like to nominate Barbara Cain for this year's Citizen of the Year."

Barb is a long-time resident whose husband's (Sam Cain) family actually dates back to the early settlers in the area. I think this family story is what drew Barb to join the historical society over 20 years ago. After many years of volunteering her time and countless hours of research, Barb helped grow the local office here in Trent Lakes and Kinmount area.

Barb became an active director in 2014 and is currently President of the Trent Lakes Historical Society. Her endless enthusiasm and curiosity has helped many people discover their family roots and history.

Barb was instrumental in establishing a permanent home for the Society at the Galway Hall with another satellite location at the railway station in Kinmount to enable easy access for all those interested in learning more about their ancestry.

This is a gem in our community, which I am thankful that Barb has continued to develop.

Her enthusiasm and love of Ancestry has supported many in learning more about their family trees. She is welcoming and inclusive to new members and has personally assisted many in their quests to know more about their past.

While this volunteer activity is significant in itself, it doesn't stop there. Barb has also been involved in many other community events: church activities, community fund-raising, volunteering at the Kinmount Fair and spending many

hours preparing and helping serve community dinners at the Galway Hall.

Barb is truly a volunteer with a heart and loves working with others to shine a star on our community and its history."

The Kinmount Lions congratulate Mrs. Cain for being recognized for her continued volunteer work and her contributions to bringing our history to life and helping others find their roots.

In the next Column, I will report back on the Summer Draw, the Terry Fox Run, our second edition of our Annual Euchre Tournament, and all the Halloween Haunt preparations.

To join our Lions club and enjoy the good times, great food, and meaningful community service. Should you be interested in learning more about what we do, we will invite you to come out to one of our dinner meetings and participate in one of our activities to determine if we are a good fit. Please feel free to contact Lion Linda Boulton at 705-879-5701 for more details. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm with our dinner meetings usually held on the 3rd Tuesday. We would love to meet you and work together to help our community. Follow Kinmount & District Lions Club Facebook page for more information on current and upcoming events.

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History Matters



Kinmount Heritage Centre and Museum *by Janice Stange*

The new name of our local Historical Society is 'Trent Lakes Historical Society'. We will be formalizing our by-laws with our membership on October 17 at Galway Hall. This will signify another step in the evolution of this organization.

When the 'Buckhorn Historical Society' first met in someone's basement back in 1984, it was never expected that one day, we would be using computers and technology to preserve the past heritage of our area. They never expected to become a 'presence' in the Kinmount and Buckhorn area. The original members wanted to firstly document the history of Harvey Township and then to preserve the pioneer cemeteries. They published 'Harvey Township, an Illustrated History'. "With the profits from the sale of our books, the society erected two commemorative monuments, one at Nogies Creek Cemetery and the other at Sandy Lake Cemetery."

Like these OG's, today we are also purposed to document and honour the immigrant pioneers who came before us, by recognizing the final resting places of these old families. Here's some of the backstories of 3 of them.

Nogies Creek Cemetery 381-429 Gypsy Point Rd, Bobcaygeon, ON K0M 1A0 (inactive) (Description from Find a Grave website)

'At the crossroads of Regional Rd 36 and Kens' Rd. Nearest town is Kinmount, Ontario. Has been known as

many things through the years, for example: Gypsy Point Cemetery, and Vantress Burial Ground. The cemetery went out of use and was abandoned. Then someone was digging up there, and found graves, the town stepped in and found out just whom was there, they found 90 graves. I have listed 75, does anyone know any of the last 15?' **Sandy Lake Cemetery** 75 Cemetery Rd, Trent Lakes, ON K0L 1J0 (active) The sign says it was established in 1874 and is situated in Lakehurst. The commemorative stone was erected in 1999 by the Greater Harvey Historical Society.

Silver Lake Cemetery 1110 Kawartha Lakes County Rd 49, Trent Lakes, ON K0M 1A0 (inactive) Information from Township of Galway-Cavendish Harvey via Find a Grave website:

The Township of Galway-Cavendish amalgamated with the Township of Harvey in 1998. At that time the Cemetery was already long closed, actually considered "abandoned" because it had fallen into disrepair and the settlement was no longer there. The Cemetery was located in Galway-Cavendish and the settlement of Silver Lake straddled the old "Bobcaygeon Road" which roughly follows County Road 49. It was partly in Victoria County when it existed. Local citizens approached Council and contributed to the monument holding the stones that were broken and fallen after the Cemetery was all but forgotten and the Council of the day in Gal-

way-Cavendish approved taking care of the closed cemetery. When the Townships amalgamated in 1998, the Council at that time agreed to continue maintenance of the Silver Lake Cemetery. History of Silver Lake:

The cemetery is located on what was the Bobcaygeon Road. Today, it is County Roads #49 & #121. The first community along the road north from Bobcaygeon was Silver Lake.

Where the road touched Little Silver Lake, a pioneer settlement grew up in the late 1850s. All lots along the road were free-grants and hence were occupied as soon as settlers could locate them. The early settlers included a number of retired pensioners from the British Army. The cemetery surnames found include Lambert and Lawrence. There is also an unknown internment referenced.

Silver Lake flourished due to its proximity to the Bobcaygeon Road. The community had several hotels, a store, post office and school. A local sawmill was the only industrial structure. The Silver Lake Post Office, opened in 1859, closed and re-opened 4 times until its permanent closure in 1927. The arrival of the railway at Fell's Station, Burnt River and Kinmount decimated the Silver Lake Settlement until it became a ghost hamlet. The only remaining symbol of Silver Lake is the abandoned Silver Lake cemetery. Few tombstones remain to mark the once thriving settlement of Silver Lake. (Courtesy: Kinmount Friends)



Silver Lake Cemetery Monument.

**Annual
General Meeting
17 October 2025
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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:
Dam From Catchacoma Lake to Buckhorn to feed the Trent Canal.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE
for November 2025 Edition
Friday October 17, 2025

From the Editor's Desk by Guy Scott

Labour Day and the Kinmount Fair have passed, signaling the end of true summer.

Thanksgiving will soon be here and gone rushing through fall. The Fair was a success this year, with a larger crowd than last year. Final figures are not released yet, but the board of directors were happy with the turnout and the quality of the show.

The forest fire season seems in decline with the passing of some rain. I heard the rattle of rain on my roof and realized I had forgotten the sound of rain on my roof!

Remembrance Day is approaching. The service in Kinmount is held at the cenotaph on Main St on Tuesday November 11 @ 11:00am. Irondale will have a magnificent Remembrance display at the Church from November 9-11.

It is well worth seeing how much effort one small community poured into the war effort and the remembrance of those who served. Norland holds its salute to veterans Thursday November 6. Show your respect by attending a ceremony.

Names on this month's obituaries. Gary Byrne, a Kinmount native passed away in Lindsay. He was a retired member of the Lindsay Police Force. Later he went into business on his own. Condolences to son Darren and family. Linda Staples was a long-time director of the Kinmount Fair.

Mathew Burgess passed away suddenly. Our condolences to his wife Susan and family. Barb Cain was selected Citizen of the Year. The award was presented at Kinmount Fair. GS

A Thanksgiving Message From the Kinmount Gazette

Thanksgiving is a time to embrace the spirit of gratitude and reflect on our many blessings.

The Gazette extends sincere thanks to our dedicated staff, our columnists, those who submit information, stories and photos, and all of our patrons and advertisers. We appreciate your help keeping our community informed, united and connected.

WE HOPE EVERYONE HAD A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



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