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Area Fires in August

The summer of 2025 was the one of the driest on record. Kawartha Lakes was no exception. It was prime forest fire weather. In August a small fire was reported near Bumt River. The fire was located in the bush between Burnt River and County Road # 49. Smoke could be seen from a long distance (but no flames). The local fire departments were on the site very quickly. Access was hard to find and #49 (Bobcaygeon Road) was closed temporarily. Water bombers, the modern wonder, were called in. They filled up on Four Mile Lake and continued fighting the blaze which was less than 100 acres.

Two other fires broke out in the Kirkfield area. They were more like grass fires than forest fires, but they threatened several farms. Being in the open, they were quickly extinguished.

When compared to the 1948 fire equipment, we have come a long way in the fire wars!



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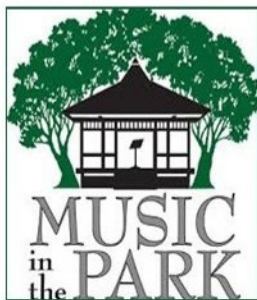
The KCVMC would like to thank all of our sponsors for this year's Music in the Park. Kinmount Lions, Kinmount Legion, Kinmount Artisans Marketplace, Crystal Lake, Custom Cottage Concierge, Salmon Lake, Lorraine's Floral Creations, What's Your Sign, Violet's Frozen Yogurt, Kinmount Pharmacy, Davis Lake, Sturatt Charity Construction.



All Music in the Park Photos courtesy of Christine Brickman and Holly Lougheed, who together wandered the crowds in the park snapping all these pics plus many more. Thank you for submitting and for your time and effort ladies. Great job!



Music in the Park 2025 Recap *by Yvette Brauer*



What an exciting Musical Summer in the Park! The Musicians were all fantastic! Injuries from a fall kept me from my usual duties such as walking through the crowd to encourage the purchase of 50/50 tickets. Thank you to team colleagues Mary Jane Tyndale and Darlene Mann, along with my friends who rallied round to assist them in my absence, Christine Brickman, Sandy Countryman, Holly Loughheed and Lee Ann Hobson who all sold tickets, took photos, served my son Trevor's birthday cake to the audience and danced too!

Thank you to both MC Peter Miller, an accomplished musician who plays base guitar and sings with the bands on occasion, and Lynne Kilby who does the advertising and promotion. What a wonderful supportive community we live in! It is really special when asked, "How can I get involved with "Music in the Park?" We must be doing something right!

Follow Kinmount Music in the Park on our Facebook page.

P. S. The Musicians love our new steps to the stage! Some audience members have mentioned they have names of bands who would love to play in Kinmount. If you have the name of a band, please pass the name along to Diane Austin 705 928 2635 or di.austin.kinmount@gmail.com. THANK YOU! See you next summer!



Diane and John Austin.

Music in the Park was the brainchild of Diane Austin, Chairperson of the Kinmount Community Volunteer Management Committee. Each season Diane books the bands. The KCVMC pays the wages and receives financial support from community organizations such as the Kinmount Lions Club and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441, various community businesses, and cottage associations.



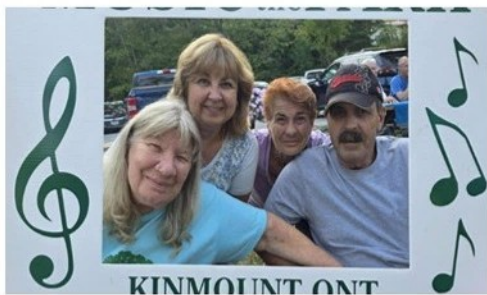
*Linda J's Market BBQ team
Left: John McKimmon, Centre: Isabella Buffet Right: Linda McKimmon*



Emcee Peter Miller



The 50/50 Ticket Sellers Team Mary Jane Tyndale, Darlene Mann and Yvette Brauer.



Lynne Kilby and husband Paul Silver with friends Rachel Lavoie and Sharon Guttormson.



50/50 Team Assistants Holly Loughheed and Christine Brickman.



The 50/50 Team with assistants Lee Ann Hobson and Sandra Countryman.

**KCVMC THANKS ALL SUPPORTERS,
THE BANDS AND OF COURSE
THE ATTENDEES.
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*WOW! The 50/50 Team and assistants raised a whopping total of \$2,600 towards enhancements to the park!
How amazing and awesome is that?*





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Councillor's Corner by Pat Warren Ward 2 COKL



It is August 14th as I write this and some wonderful news just happened! The status of the wildfire near Burnt River is now "Being Held." This indicates

the fire is not likely to spread. A huge thank you to all firefighters for their incredible efforts. They have had a grueling time fighting fires in such heat and the ice storm made the conditions so much worse. Thank you is not enough!!

The Burnt River fire was such a worry for everyone in the area. Keep updated on Ontario wildland fires via the Interactive Fire Map.

It is important to have an emergency plan and a 72-hour emergency kit. Prepare your kit today and Stay Safe!

To get the latest news on city events and information check out



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Ward 2 Councillor Pat Warren wins a prize at the Journey for Health

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Around the Fire Hall by Katie Dukelow

September in Kinmount is always a mix of back-to-school excitement, cooler evenings, and the start of fall routines. You can hear the school bells ringing again, the buses making their rounds, and the community coming back together after a busy summer. The Kinmount Fair has wrapped up for another year, the farmers' market is still bustling on Saturdays, and the leaves are just starting to hint at their autumn colours.

While kids are getting used to new classrooms and friends, they're also taking part in school fire drills. These practice drills are an important part of keeping students safe, but did you know that home is where most fires happen? Yet, many families have never practiced a home fire escape plan together. That's why September is the perfect time to take a page out of the school safety book and run a "fire drill" at home. Here's how to get started:

1. Make a plan together.

Draw a simple map of your home showing all the doors and windows. Mark two ways out of each room, if possible. Choose a safe meeting place outside—like a tree, mailbox, or the end of the driveway—where everyone will gather.

2. Check your alarms.

Smoke alarms should be on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas. Test them every month and change the batteries at least once a year. If your alarms are more than 10 years old, it's time to replace them.

3. Practice, practice, practice.

Run through your plan during the day first, then try it at night when lights are off. Make sure everyone, including children, seniors, and pets, knows what to do and where to go. Aim to get outside in under two minutes.

4. Talk about "stay low and go."

If there's smoke, teach children

Practicing a home escape plan only takes a few minutes, but it can make all the difference in an emergency. Plus, it's a great way to open up conversations about fire safety with your family.

As we settle into fall let's keep our community safe both at school and at home. So, once the backpacks are unpacked and the homework is done, gather your household and give your own "fire drill" a try—you might be surprised at what you learn.

Stay safe, Kinmount!

Kinmount Firefighters were busy fighting area wildfires so were unable to attend the Journey for Health or the Kinmount Library Touch a Truck event exactly as they originally planned with a fire truck, activities, displays and giveaways, but they did provide fire educators and representatives to insure safety of attendees.



COKL Kinmount Fire Station 18 on Majestic Street

Pickleball Awards and Lunch

Kinmount Pickleball end of season awards and lunch took place in early August. Michael and Suzanne Olejnik received a lot of appreciation for all their work to organize and host the activity at the Kinmount Arena and fair grounds.

Though the season was shorter than hoped for it was very well attended and enjoyed. Organizers hope to host the event again next year so watch for updates on facebook next spring.



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In the Lions Den by J.C. LaGrange

Get ready for the 2nd Annual Kinmount Lions Euchre Tournament!

As we near autumn and cooler temperatures our Kinmount Lions are getting ready for a few upcoming events.

First, we are happy to announce that Barbara Cain was selected as the 2025 Kinmount Citizen of the Year. We thank all the those that have made submissions and I can attest that it was a hard decision by Club members considering all our well deserving nominees. A longer profile of Mrs. Cain will be in the next Gazette.

We continue selling tickets on our Summer Draw for a chainsaw carved bench and over ten other prizes. The draw will be on Thanksgiving Monday, so if you see our Kinmount Lions selling tickets don't miss your opportunity to get tickets and get a chance to win. During the Fair, you will find our members parking cars and selling draw tickets at the Kinmount and District Health Centre.

On October 5th our Second Annual Euchre Tournament will be held at the Kinmount Legion. By the time this edition of the Gazette is out, check on our Facebook page for further information on how to pre-register. Registration will be at 9:30am and games start at 10am. All proceeds will go to childhood cancer charities.

As mentioned last month, we are starting our preparations for our Halloween Haunt at the Kinmount Arena, and we have a couple of opportunities for members of the community to join in the fun. At last year's event we still had half of the Kinmount Arena unused, and we would like to allow members of the community to host a table in that half of the arena to hand out candy to the kids. Additionally, we are welcoming any Kinmount volunteer group to join alongside our Lions Club by organizing a Halloween display in the arena to dazzle or spook the Trick or Treaters. This event provides an alternative for everyone in the community to enjoy Halloween in a sheltered and safe space while keeping the fun and community aspects of a fun Halloween experience. Contact Lion Linda Boulton at the number below, or me at 705-934-0570.

To join our Lions club and enjoy good times, great food, and meaningful community service, we invite you to attend one of our dinner meetings to determine if we are a good fit. Please contact Lion Linda Boulton at 705-879-5701 for details. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month at 7pm with 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 event information.

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The Happy Gardener by Lee Ann Hobson



Like last September's column, now is the time to review your gardening season. Gardeners will need to change gardening practices if we have another summer like this year. During our drought like summer many gardeners were challenged with watering, sun scald, blossom drop etc. Is this summer an anomaly or will Zone 4 gardeners have to cope with year after year of extreme temperatures and drought?

In the coming months we will have seasonal topics, tips to help gardens thrive during droughts, and economical solutions.

This summer many of my old reliables like cherry tomatoes, beets, peas, beans and squash struggled to cope with the intense heat. Even though I had soaker hoses working throughout my garden hydrating the roots, the sun scorched the leaves and blossoms often dropped within a day of opening. As I observed my garden struggling I wondered about methods that could have helped.

When chatting with gardeners, many told stories about making choices between watering their annual flowers and perennials or their vegetable gardens. Especially if their only water source was a well. Some may have an almost unlimited amount of water, others depend on wells to

keep gardens growing. In the past I have written about the benefits of soaker hoses. For years I have talked to gardeners about these labour saving treasures. There are many designs but, it seems the best is a flat hose with articulating male/ female ends. These tough hoses come in lengths and last years if store properly. Laying hoses along your plant line at the start of the season works best. Adding sections as you plant is a simply a matter of attaching. When growing season ends remove hoses, fold and store in a dry spot. Even those with lots of water resources should consider soaker hoses to target roots to prevent mold or mildew. This summer was challenging but there are options to help with our current situation. Don't be discouraged, you are not alone. Next year may bring torrential rains or frost in July!! Happy Gardening!

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Fall Adventures Await in Kinmount

As autumn settles into Kinmount, the village glows under a canopy of crimson, gold, and amber. There is so much to do! Whether you're craving adventure, peace, or artistry, Kinmount in the fall is a feast for all senses.

Walks, Trails & the Victoria Rail Trail

The Victoria Rail Trail (VRT) stretches about 85 km across Kawartha Lakes, linking Kinmount to Bethany through Fenelon Falls and Lindsay. It's open year-round for walking, hiking, cycling, horseback riding and even off-road vehicles (ROVs) north of Northline Road.

Good access points in Kinmount include Austin Sawmill Heritage Park (at Kawartha Lakes Road 121 and Station Road), which has parking and washrooms.

Somerville Tract, about 5.6 km west of Kinmount on County Road 45, offers three loops totaling ~8.5 km through mixed forest, rocky outcrops, wetlands and hardwoods — beautiful fall colour, fewer bugs, and a quiet immersion in nature.

Pre-Polar Plunge & Water Time

The Burnt River offers continued swimming while the water cools; a "pre-polar plunge" experience for daring souls. Even as days shorten and water chills, a late-afternoon dip when the sun is still warm can be exhilarating. Just be sure to dress in layers and have something warm to change into afterward.

Picnics, Back Roads & Scenic Drives

Pack a picnic to enjoy at roadside parks. The backroads around Kinmount offer a glimpse into the history of the area and you never know what treasure you will stumble upon.

Dorset Scenic Lookout Tower.

Dorset's tower (1191 Dorset Scenic Tower Rd, Dwight, ON P0A 1H0) is open roughly 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily from Victoria Day weekend through Thanksgiving. At 30 metres high, it offers panoramic views over Lake of Bays; the walk from the base of Tower Hill takes about 20 minutes on a marked trail. Facilities include picnic

tables, a gift shop, restrooms, and kiosk.

Scenic drive suggestions: head toward Haliburton via Highway 118 East of Haliburton Village to Skyline Park for elevated views and sweeping vistas. Also consider the James Cooper Lookout Trail, at 1065 North Shore Road, just north of Carnarvon off Highway 35. A ~1.5 km loop leads to vistas overlooking Maple, Beech, Boshkung and Twelve Mile Lakes.

In Minden, try Panorama Park off Panorama Park Road, K0M 2K0, for a lookout over town and the hills — especially lovely at sunset or in the golden hours of autumn.

Arts, Markets & Warm Drinks

On Saturdays from Victoria Day till Thanksgiving (roughly May through October), the **Kinmount Farmers' Market** runs 9 AM to 2 PM at Austin Sawmill Park (4072 County Road 121) by the Burnt River, between the Historic Railway Station and the Heritage Park. There you'll find fresh fall produce, baked goods, local crafts, and warmth in community.

The **Kinmount Artisans Marketplace** is in the lower level of the Kinmount Community Centre (County Rd. 45 W at Road 121). Shop local fine art, handcrafted gifts, antiques; hours in winter are Friday 11 AM - 5 PM, Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM, Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM.

For a warm up, stop by **Violet's Frozen Yogurt** at 4090 Main Street (Kawartha Lakes Rd. 121), Kinmount, not only for frozen treats but also aromatic coffees, hot chocolate and teas to take the chill off. Hours vary: open Fridays and Saturdays noon-7 PM and Sundays noon-6 PM; closed weekdays.

Shows & Cultural Spots

Catch one of the last shows of the season at **Highlands Cinemas**, located at 4131 County Road 121, Kinmount, ON K0M 2A0. They screen films through Thanksgiving (closing on Thanksgiving Monday) and operate four days a week in spring and fall: Friday-Monday. Admission is typically \$13 for adults, \$11 for children/seniors, with The Theatre & Museum combo.

The theatre also houses a 4,000 sq ft muse-

um (movie projectors, vintage memorabilia, etc.) that is open same hours as the cinema.

Algonquin Park Day Trip

For a longer day, head to **Algonquin Provincial Park** — drive in early to catch maple and birch blazing in colour, mist rising off lakes in the morning, perhaps a canoe paddle or short hike on one of the many trails. Ensure you check the park's maps, entrance fees, and that the trails you choose are reliable in fall conditions (loose leaves, muddy in spots).

What to Look For in the Fall:

Colour Peaks — maples, birches, tamaracks and poplars offer a kaleidoscope. Usually late September through mid-October is best around the Haliburton/Kawartha borderline.

Wildlife Migrations — geese gathering in Austin Sawmill Park, ducks on the river, squirrels gathering acorns.

Light & Mist — early morning mist over the Burnt River or lakes, golden light at dawn and dusk making waterfalls, rivers, or forest paths glow.

Falling Leaves & Quiet Trails — fewer mosquitoes, more crunch underfoot, quieter roads and trails as the summer visitors fade.

Weather Layers — cool mornings, warm afternoons, crisp evenings; perfect for cozy sweaters, campfires if allowed, warm drinks.

So whether you wander the Rail Trail by bike, walk Somerville Tract loops, climb up Dorset Tower or the James Cooper lookout, enjoy market mornings, or watch films at Highlands Cinemas — Kinmount in the fall is a place to slow down, fill your senses, and embrace the season.





Kids' Corner

BACK TO SCHOOLCROSSWORD PUZZLE

FIND THESE WORDS

ACROSS

2. WAIT FOR IT

3. READ THESE

5. LEARN FROM DOING IT

8. RUB OUT

9. TIME TO EAT

10. SIT HERE



DOWN

1. PALS

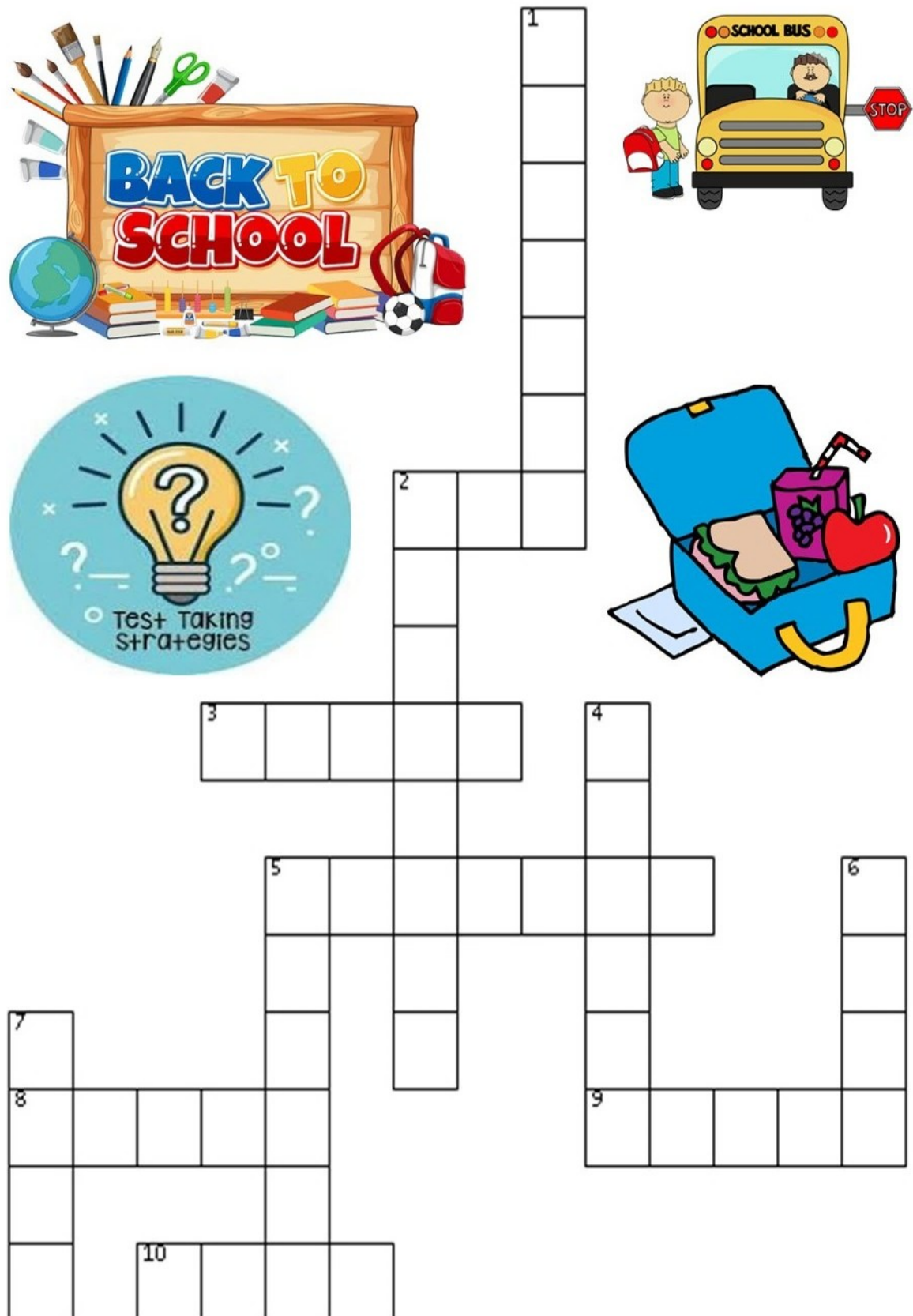
2. CARRY IT

4. WRITING TOOL

5. BREAK TIME

6. NUMBERS

7. LIKE AN EXAM





All Aboard by Ron Claridge

Welcome Aboard!

This summer so far has been a very good one for visitation to the Kinmount Station especially on long weekends despite the extreme temperatures. We would like to express our thanks to our visitors from all over the world for stopping by and enjoying the Visitor Information, Railway Museum, Model Railway and Heritage Centre.

A reminder we will be closed the weekend of the Kinmount Fair and will re-open the following weekend.

As the dry weather continues and the risk of fires continues, I just wanted to touch on the devastating fires of the past in Kinmount. There were five major fires in the history of Kinmount, 1877, 1890, 1917, 1922 and 1942. The fire on September 26, 1890, was one of the largest wiping out 18 businesses and sparing 4 others one of which was the Kinmount Station. The fires of 1890, 1917 and 1922 were also terrible occurrences but probably the most devastating of them all was the fire of April 29th, 1942. It is said that the fire started in a sawdust pile at the Austin sawmill soon the mill was ablaze the fire burnt it's way to the water tower sparing again the Kinmount Station, soon with the gusts of wind the cedar shingle roof on the tower exploded sending a mass of flying embers to the downtown and with the weather then being as dry as it is this year the buildings never stood a chance. With wooden buildings and cedar shake roofs it wasn't long before the town was levelled to a massive pile of ash and rubble. As you can tell this town has always been very resilient and is a popular stop for a lot of travellers over the years.

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Kinmount before and after the fire of 1942.

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WILD TURKEY FUN FACTS

In winter wild turkeys sleep for many days at a time in trees with southern exposure. Only male turkeys "gobble" which they use to attract females. Males also fan out their tails and puff out their chests to attract females. Turkeys have a "beard" on their chest, and their head and neck colour changes with their mood. Turkeys can recognize individual voices and form strong social bonds. An adult turkey has over 5000 feathers. With eyes on the sides of their heads Turkeys have superior eyesight and see 3x better than us!

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From the KDHSF by Sue Butts

gurney for Health has come and gone. What a beautiful Sunday morning we had. This long-standing fundraiser was very successful. Over \$16,460. Was raised and more donations continue to come in.

The KDHSF was blessed with an added bonus. Not only did our Pharmacist donate his annual matching fundraising grant of \$1500. Sam Iskandar topped up his donation to \$10,000. This top up will be used to support the recruitment and retention of an additional Doctor that we are currently working on.

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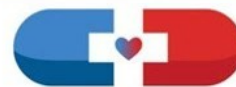
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The Galwegians by Bill Lee

Galway Hall continued to be a busy place throughout the summer months of 2025. Tai Chi, Line Dancing and Euchre were regular events. A Canadian Firearms Safety course was conducted in both July and August. Two workshops were also held. One was for sign making and the other one was for UV resin jewelry making. The Kinmount Fair Board enjoyed our air conditioned hall and meeting room to continue to plan for their big show on Labour Day weekend. September will continue this trend of being an active spot. Tai Chi happens on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 am until Noon. Line Dancing is on Wednesdays from 10 am until 11 am. Euchre happens from 7 pm until 9 pm on Friday, September 12th and Friday, September 26th. There is a 'Paint Party' on Saturday, September 27th from 1 pm until 3 pm. Add a couple of meetings and two private functions and the Galway Hall has all its weekends filled for this month. For all of the up-to-date happenings at the Hall, please check out our Facebook page.

In keeping with everything seeming to happen early recently, like the Kinmount Fair ending on the last day of August and school starting on September 2nd, you might as well add the Galway Hall's Turkey Supper to this list and circle the date, **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1**. There will be one sitting at 5 pm. Reservations are recommended. Call the Galway Hall at 705 488-2831 and leave a message with your name and the number of tickets needed. There will be no call back to confirm but your request will be added to our master reservation list. Also, you can email info@galwayhall.ca to reserve your tickets. You shall receive a confirmation email if you choose this option.

Well, the summer of 2025 has been hot and dry. Add the tons of fallen debris from the 'Ice Storm of 2025' and you have the ingredients for a natural disaster recipe like the forest fires that have occurred within our region. Here is a Galwegian "Shout out" to everyone that is doing their most to fight to control and contain these fires. Let us all do our most by obeying the fire bans and by staying alert and aware of what is happening.

How grows your gardens during these extreme weather conditions? I frequently use the word 'neglected' when referring to my flower beds as there seems to be

little commitment on my part to make a concerted effort to help out the flowers. And yet, the plants do grow and flower and make me look good (from a distance). The plants and wildflowers and weeds along our roadsides are also suffering from the heat and the lack of moisture. To this point, when there is a service at the little white church on Kinmount's East Hill, I try to bring a vase of flowers from my garden and the roadsides that I walk. The bouquet for August's service was a testament to the plants along the roadways that were drought-resistant such as Queen Anne's lace, Milkweed, Brown-eyed Susans, and Wild Asters. From sporadic watering of my gardens, Orange Lillies and Tiger Lillies were added to the mix. Note: If I had not found plants that were still flowering, I did have a 'Plan B'. I was going to cut and collect some of the plants and flowers that had succumbed to the elements and create a "Fried Flower" arrangement.

Here is an update on the pair of loons on Clear Bay. They hatched one of their eggs on their second attempt. The loonlet is continuing to grow bigger. The other egg was abandoned a couple of days after the first loonlet hatched. Perhaps the parents knew that there was not enough time to try to raise and feed two chicks. Remember, loons are a prehistoric bird. According to Canadian Geographic, fossilized loon bones date back 40-50 million years. This species does have a strong survival sense for sure. For example, our loon family, in a span of two weeks in July, had aerial threats from an osprey, a turkey vulture, and a bald eagle! As a side note, the bald eagle also went after a gull in flight.

There were several reports that the 2025 Perseid Meteor Shower did not disappoint. According to Andrew Fazeka (known as 'The Night Sky Guy'), it is pea-sized stones from a comet, travelling at 150 000 km/hour that cause these meteors, also called shooting stars or falling stars. As we head into September, remember that school buses will be back on the roads. Please pay attention and obey all the rules of the road. Also, be extra careful if you are travelling near school zones.

I am taking a line from a recent commercial for one of our Canadian banks as the quote to ponder for September:

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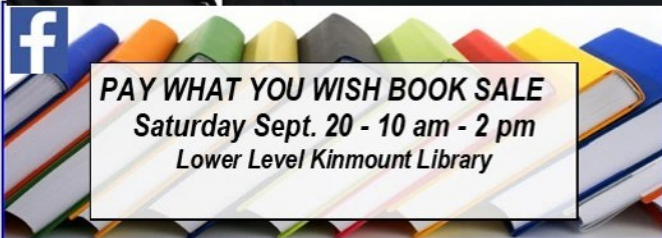
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The Library Link by Shannon Bain

What a summer, Kinmount! The library has been bursting with fun and laughter every week. The Immersive Ocean Experience was an incredible hit, so was the Summer Reading Club programs with Emma. Did you hear about the crowds at the Wooley Wonderland event? Over 150 people hung out with fuzzy creatures! Thank you to the Friends of Kinmount Library for arranging this special event, with help from Kinmount Legion. Unfortunately, our area was under threat of forest fire in August. I watched as water bombers scooped up many loads of lake, saw helicopters landing in a field to pick up fire fighters, and noticed all the tents set up for exhausted fighters to rest in between what must have been gruelling days on the front line. It's clearer than ever, community ties are the strongest link we have to each other. To all the fire fighters who fought so hard to keep us safe, thank you a million times over. You are incredible and so very dedicated to helping fellow citizens. Let's take note of their example - we need to lean on each other in times of trouble, and take time to celebrate what we accomplish together. Job extremely well done to all who helped out. Lots of citizens sent supplies to the front lines and posted on social media to keep us all informed. It does take a village That's for sure!

September at Kinmount Library
In partnership with Haliburton Muskoka Kawartha Water Festival there is a Storywalk. Come any day to walk and read the book "Follow the Water from Brook to Ocean" with prompts on how everyone can be water stewards.

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Water Festival Event Saturday September 20 - drop-in event for kids from 10:30 -12:30 pm in the upper parking lot.

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The Friends of Kinmount Library had great success at their Book Sale at the annual Journey for Health and were happy to make a donation to the Kinmount Health Services Foundation. Hope to see you at our next sale.



Peter Robinson Settlers - The Next Generation

It is difficult to obtain accurate records of the Irish people who emigrated during the period between 1825 and the end of the century. However, the following account compiled from the best available records is reasonably correct. It is regrettable that we have not been able to obtain more details of all family members to the present day. John Collins lived and died in County Tipperary in Ireland. His grave is located in a small cemetery, and the time of his death is marked on the stone as 1825. The cemetery is at Templetenny Corner and at that time the parish Church was located there. John lived on a farm at Coolaprivane just a few miles away. The present parish church is now located in Ballyporeen about five miles from Templetenny and another short distance from Coolaprivane.

The cemetery is now a part of the farmland owned by Thomas Clancy and his wife, Kitty. Thomas has fenced off the cemetery and does his best to keep it in good order. It was from Tom that the information was obtained in regard to the location of the graves, and the location of the original Collins' farm in Coolaprivane.

John's son, James, with his wife, Mary (nee Walsh) came to Canada during the mass emigration in the time of the potato famine of the 1840s and 1850s. They first came to the Peterborough area, and then to Galway township. They located on the property that is now Lot 18, Conc. 12, Galway township.

The dates of baptism of the family of James and Mary were obtained from the Parish Church at Ballyporeen. This information was compiled by a recent Pastor and is now available on computer printout.

Patrick was the eldest member, and the youngest was Michael. They settled on Lots 16, 17, and 18, Concession 12, Galway. Five sisters also came. It is recorded that one of them who was ill was carried in from the Bobcaygeon road. She died shortly after their arrival. One other sister, Mary, married James Dalton and lived in Galway. A second sister, Anne Collins married Thomas MacNamara and they also lived in Galway. Two other sisters, whose first names are not identified, married and moved away from the area. One sister married a man named Hamilton and lived in Lindsay. Another married a man named Doherty and they moved to Michigan. Unfortunately, no other information is available at present about these families.

When the Collins' family arrived in Galway in the late 1850's it is reported that the priest from Downeyville celebrated the first mass in the area at the home of James Collins. At that time there was no priest or Church in Galway.

For several years after mass was celebrated at the district school near Harty's corner. The Church of the Immaculate Conception was built in 1882.

It was located on the Galway Road, opposite the property now owned by the Allen Family. The church was destroyed by fire on Easter Sunday, 1930, and was not rebuilt. From that time until the present the parish Church of Galway has been St. Patrick's Church in Kinmount which had been built in 1910. James Collins and his wife Mary are buried in the Galway cemetery which is on the site of the original parish Church. Mary died in 1869, but the date of James death is not known. The eldest son, Patrick, and his wife Mary Anne (nee Hartnett) had one son Patrick, and three daughters. Patrick married Josie Logan, Mary married Martin Byrne, Addie married Joseph Owens, and Norah remained unmarried. Michael, the youngest son of James and Mary married Margaret O'Brien. They had eight children, five sons and three daughters. The eldest child, Mary, married Maurice D. Hickey. Margaret, the second child, married William Doherty, and the third child Loretta also married a William Doherty, a cousin to Margaret's husband. Lawrence, the eldest son, married Dorothy Byrne. James married Maud Doherty. John Patrick, the third son, married Estelle Russell. William, the fourth son died unmarried at age 23, and the youngest Leonard, also never married.

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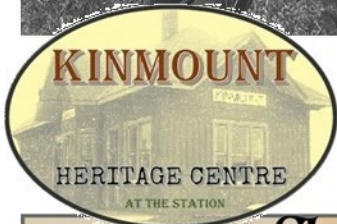
Michael's wife, and two of his children died of tuberculosis which was very prevalent at that time. Lawrence, John Patrick, Margaret, Mary and Leonard lived to a good age, but the others all died early in life. Michael was blind for twenty-five years before his death in 1929.

Patrick, Michael's older brother, lived on Lot 16, Conc. 12. and he was Clerk of the Township from 1870 until his death in 1914. Copies of the council meeting minutes are still available and prove to be interesting reading.

The names John (Sean) and James (Semas) have passed down seven generations from John Collins of Coolaprivane in County Tiperrary to John Collins, of Edmonton, Alberta. John and his older brother, Thomas, will serve the mass celebrated at the Collins reunion in St. Patrick's Church, Kinmount, July 11, 1987.

It is gratifying that this mass highlights our celebration 137 years after the arrival of James and Mary and their family in Galway.
Excerpt from the Collins Family tree insert 1987

*Clockwise from right: tombstone of Martin Byrne Sr., father of the groom at the Galway Pioneer Cemetery on Galway Road; tombstone of Patrick Collins, father of the bride in 1905, buried in Galway Pioneer Cemetery on Galway Road; Kathleen Dorothy Collins & Bob Allen, June 8, 1940; Groomsmen at 1905 Wedding of Martin Byrne & Minnie Collins
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From the Editor's Desk by Guy Scott

Labour Day, the traditional end of summer, is upon us. Once the Kinmount Fair is over, it becomes a different world. This summer the weather was hot and dry. If you are a gardener, it was a lousy year. Many people blamed the heat, but the real villain was lack of rain. Any green grass is a memory. In some places the hardwood trees have shed their leaves early. It looks like the trees are dead/dying. Next year will answer that question. Another issue is the proliferation of tent caterpillars which will not show up until next spring. My memory casts back to not so long ago when we had a plague of caterpillars that deforested the hard trees to the point where most of the leaves were gone, like late Fall! Fortunately the leaves grew back, but it was not good for the trees. Another year it was so dry, trees on rocks also lost their leaves. The trees recovered, but it sure looks like this year! Nature seems to move in cycles. Another thought that occurred to me was Kinmount actually has four museums! Not many towns can make that point! What are these museums? I will let the readers list them. If you haven't checked them out, better get going! Three of the four will be closing after Thanksgiving. We should be boasting about this fact. The last month was "Forest Fire Month" as some people called it. There were four fires in our area (officially the Haliburton area), with the nearest at Galena Hill was a small settlement between Burnt River and Union Creek. Yes, it is still on the old road maps. Check it out. The reactions of the local Fire Departments was stellar! The fires were controlled and restricted to small areas. No properties destroyed and I believe there were no evacuations. The water bombers were called in and bombed the fire from the sky. Two fires were found in the Kirkfield area. There were not ground covers in this corner of Kawartha

Lakes and the fires were quickly suppressed. Our area was actually lucky as huge forest fires still rage across Canada. And still no rain! And speaking of previous forest fires, I included a history past of forest fires. One in 1913, destroyed a huge section of Haliburton County, although the losses were low. After this fire, the Government of Ontario set up an extensive system of Forest Fire Towers. These manned towers were designed to detect fires early before they grew out of control. In the 1960s the towers were replaced by aerial patrols, and the towers were torn down. Towers in the Kinmount area were found near Gooderham and Gull Lake (Lutterworth). Two of these towers are still standing (for tourists only). The Dorset tower allows people to climb to the top, but since its glory days, the trees have grown and blocked much of the view. But it is worth a view in coloured leaf season. The Forest Fire Towers story was published in a previous Gazette. In 1948, a huge fire broke out north of Kinmount. The story of this is told in newspaper articles in this Gazette. Fire departments were still primitive by today's standards and all the local men were "conscripted" to fight the fire, mostly armed with shovels. We have come a long way! Congratulations to those who participated this summer at pickleball in the arena in the fairgrounds. They enjoyed the season. Hope to see you again next year! This year the tourist season was upset by issues between Canada and the USA. Many Canadians boycotted the USA and stayed in Canada for their holidays. There was also a unofficial policy of boycotting American goods and "buying Canadian". I made a trip to Atlantic Canada (not related to USA policy) and was pleased to see the tourist sites crowded. There was also an

Spot the Shot



Each edition we feature a photo from the Kinmount Area. We challenge you to identify the spot. Submissions of photos welcome. Please submit to the editor via email with a detailed description of the spot you have captured. Last month's Spot the Shot: The Church on the Rock Stony Lake

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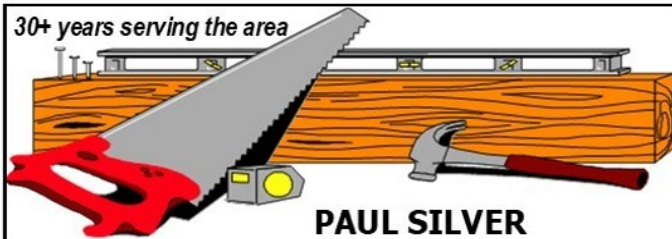


increase in Canadian flags and Canadian History. They also freed the statute of Sir John A Macdonald from his box prison at Queen's Park.

Many Canadians are standing up for their history. I like it! GS

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