

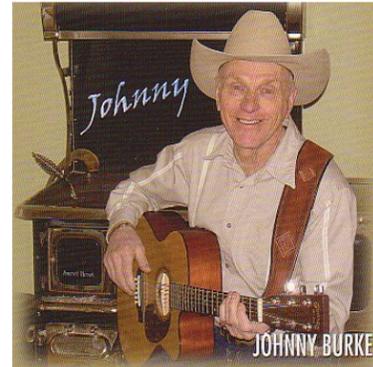


# Kinmount Gazette

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## Johnny Burke Plays Canada Day Party

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Popular area entertainer Gord Kidd was booked to play at this year's Canada Day Party. Gord was injured in an ATV accident at the end of May & is now on the road to recovery. Kinmount looks forward to welcoming him back once he is able. In the meantime Canadian Country Music Hall of Famer Johnny Burke & his band Eastwind stepped in to save the day at Canada Day Celebrations at Kinmount Fairgrounds July 1.

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**CANADA DAY PARTY**  
**Kinmount Fairgrounds**  
**5:30 pm Tuesday July 1**  
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## Friends and Neighbours: Cameron, Long Beach and Powles Corners

### **Cameron**

Cameron is a small cross roads hamlet approximately half way between Lindsay and Fenelon Falls. The earliest routes between these two centres was by water along Sturgeon Lake. Canoes eventually gave way to steamboats as the link between the two centres. But the hamlet of Cameron was several miles west of the lake shore, so it was not a "port" on the lake. Cameron was a farming hamlet, serving the local farm community. Eventually a road was pushed around Sturgeon Lake and on to Fenelon Falls via Powles Corners. Cameron received its freight and mail via this wagon road, now Highway #35.

When the Victoria Railway was built from Lindsay to Fenelon Falls, Cameron became a station on the line. The village had a station building, freight shed, weigh scale and all the other amenities of a full station, but had no station agent! Clearly a cost-cutting measure as the Cameron station was a busy place.

The original names of the cross roads was Boice's Corners, after a first settler family. But when a post office was acquired in 1860, the settlement was re-named Cameron in honour of the Honourable Duncan Cameron, the MPP for Victoria riding. Cameron Lake also was named in his honour. Duncan Cameron was not a local person and actually lived in Toronto, but he was a prominent person in the colony of Canada West and held the riding for several terms. Cameron was a typical cross roads hamlet: general store, blacksmith, hotel, school, churches and a school section. It was close to Lindsay (7.4 miles) and Fenelon Falls (7 miles) and never developed a

substantial business core or industrial base. It was not on a water course or a lake so it never was a mill site or "port". It was a pure farmer's corners. The only industry was a cheese factory just north of the village. The Orange Lodge was a powerful factor in Cameron, and the Orange Hall became the local community centre until its closure. The development of the cottage or tourism industry along the shores of Sturgeon Lake benefited Cameron. The closest point on the lake became Long Beach, Cameron's port. Highway #35 became a major highway in the great highway reorganization of the 1930s and a lot of traffic still passes through Cameron to this day. It has become a bedroom community for the surrounding larger centres.

### **Long Beach**

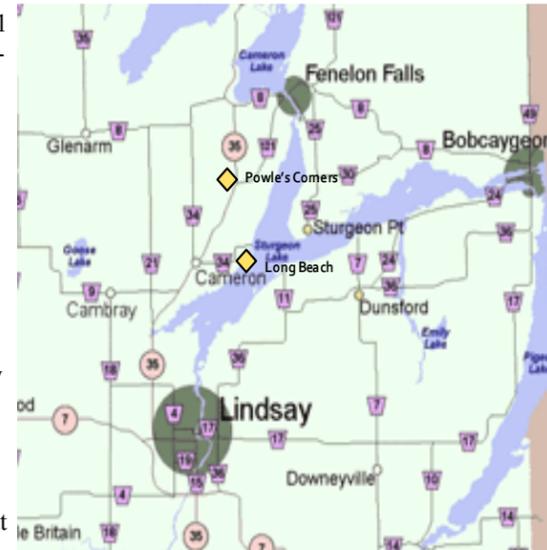
The Kawartha Lakes have always been a favoured tourist spot. By the early 1900s, the lakes became dotted with lodges, hotels and small cottages. The lodge/hotel industry was geared to summer rental only. After World War II, marinas and subdivisions began to fill the shorelines. Shoreline properties were carved into private cottages and later homes. Marinas catered to boat traffic and cottage rentals. Cameron's "port" or lake access was Long Point: the spot where a concession road met Sturgeon Lake east of Cameron village. A summer resort was built at this spot, including a large dance pavilion; a popular sign of prosperity in the tourism business. Today the whole shore is "built up" with cottages/homes and the Long Beach Cottage & Trailer Park carries on the tourist tradition.

### **Powles Corners**

Roughly halfway between Cameron & Fenelon Falls is a road junction called Powles Corners. It was also a cross roads hamlet servicing the local farmers. A post office was granted in 1891

and named after the family whose house contained the post office. It closed in 1914. The community contained a church and a school, besides the post office, but no businesses: it was just too close to Fenelon Falls. Powles Corners became a junction where Highway #121 began its journey north through Fenelon Falls and Highway #35 plunged north. The original road was the section north to Fenelon Falls with Highway #35 only added in the 1930s. There was never a railway stop at

Powles Corners, but a few miles to the east a flag station called Hall's was established on the Victoria Railway. The shore line along Sturgeon Lake also became lined with cottages and homes.



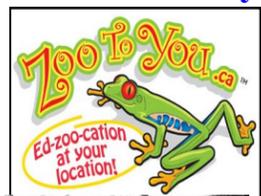
From top: the Cameron Hotel; the Cameron Cheese Factory



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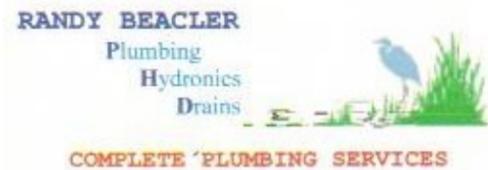
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## Side Roads of Kinmount: Furnace Falls, Part IV

The “iron rush” that engulfed the Furnace Falls area in the 1880s attracted a number of settlers to the high ground north of the Irondale River in the second, third and fourth concessions of Snowdon Township. There was a pocket of sandy soil that could be cleared and farmed until the soil played out. These farms were even more marginal than the farms along the Irondale River Valley. But a living could be gleaned by selling timber to the local mills, working for the mines or the railway and generally scratching a living from the sandy soil. These farms were in the small Bow Creek watershed. Access was gained via the Monck Road or the IB&O railway.

The mail link was Conway’s Road north from the Monck Road for two concession and then a forced road (now called Bacon’s Road east to rejoin the Monck Road at Furnace Falls. Andrew Martin (lot 12, Concession 2) and Arthur Martin (lot 12, concession 3) occupied a hardwood ridge north of the river. David Bacon settled west of Conway’s Road on lot 11. These farms were later the home of Bacon family who were the only farmers to actually built a “modern” frame barn. In the valley of Bow Creek lived the following: James McCormick (lot 15, concession 4) whose name carries on in McCormick’s Beaver Meadow; William Thomas (lot 15, concession 3) and William McCormick (lot 15, concession 2). Further along Bacon’s Road in Concession 2 lived Albert Gale (lot 16), William Cartmill (lot 17), John Bacon (lot 18) and William McCluney (lot 19). The last two settlers gained access from the Monck Road just north of the Falls. Only the William McCluney farm continued as a viable farm for more than a decade. West of Bow Lake in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Concession settled John Sherman (lot 17) and Andrew McCluney (lot 18). East of the Monck Road (today CR # 503 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession ) settled Frank Herlihey (lot 22) and Joseph Davis (lot 23). The 3<sup>rd</sup> Concession contained Charles Davis Sr (lot 21), Henry Woodhead (lot 22) and William Davis (lot 23). Most of these settlers were never true farmers, but were likely lumber workers or mine labourers who were hoping fortune might shine upon them and iron could be found on their property or in the vicinity. Several of these settlers lived east of the River and could only gain access by the old (abandoned) Monck Road. After this section was abandoned in the 1880s, a small bridge was built across the Irondale River north of the Falls to give access. The bridge is long gone, but the abutments can still be seen from CR #503.

The post office serving this area was located at Furnace Falls. The Herlihey Family ran the

office from 1883 – 1911 when the Carr family took over. The Furnace Falls Post Office was closed in 1967. The residents received mail as part of RR 1 Kinmount. In the current decade, the post code for Haliburton County Residents receiving mail from Kinmount was changed to KOM . There was also a flag stop on the IB&O railway at the Carr Farm (lot 16, concession 1) which was abandoned when the railway was cancelled in 1960. The Furnace Falls area originally was serviced by 2 schools: one on Lot 10, Concession 18 of Galway (near the Hughes Farm) and a second school in Snowdon north of Furnace Falls. The school age population justified only one school, so the classes were alternated between the two sites. Classes were held for half the year in one school and then the other half at the second site! Long walks tended to discourage regular attendance (especially in winter), so the alternating system was designed to provide easier access at least part of the year! This unique system of two schools -one class continued for many years until the Snowdon structure burned down in 1907. The trustees of the union section decided to tear down the old Galway building and build one new school in the middle of the section. The new school was located in Snowdon, just across from the White Lake Road. It served a declining population for many years until it was closed and the students bussed to Irondale.

This area was never a prime farming community. Most of these settlers had left by 1914. They sold their hard-earned clearings to neighbours and left for greener pastures. The Cartmills, Gales , and several families of Bacons and Davis’ moved to Western Canada. The McCormicks, Shermans and Herliheys moved to Kinmount to work in the saw mills. The families that did stay such as

the Bacons, Carrs and McCluneys relocated in the area, absorbing their neighbours holdings and moving to the most productive farms. Harold Carr, a life-long farmer in the area, always maintained there was no poor farmland, just poor farmers. But regardless, the farms are now all grown up as Mother Nature reclaims her domain.

The iron mines never really panned out and the lumber industry gradually faded. In the era before WWII, the Chemical Plant in Donald purchased a lot of wood from the area to make wood alcohol. Any wood was suitable so some massive loads of mostly useless timber was shipped out on the IB&O. A few cottagers have located along the Irondale branch of the Burnt River, but most of the tourism moved to the lakes. Today Furnace Falls is listed on the Ghost Towns and Abandoned Places of Ontario websites.





### Spike's Pride & Joy Kruz's in at Family Fun Day

Spike Welch was happier than a ..... (well just use your imagination!) Back in 1977 Kinmount resident Spike Welch beamed with joy as the proud owner of a brand new 1977 Dodge Adventurer SE Pickup Truck. Spike purchased his pride & joy at Mac Lang Motors in Sundridge. His dream truck cost a pretty penny back in the day, the princely sum of \$5,600.00. Spike was often known to comment that his first brand new truck back in 1947 only cost \$1,095.00. He said inflation was so bad after the war that he sold it 2 years later for twice the amount! Spike loved his '77 Dodge so much he drove that truck for 15 winters. Spike passed away in 1992 but the

truck still lives on. He left the legacy to granddaughter Jaime Kent. Home is where the heart is. Jaime stores the truck at her parents Maxine & Larry Kent's home in Kinmount. This true hometown truck is in immaculate shape. Check it out at Family Fun Day. Spike's son-in-law Larry says "Other than a paint job in 1993 there has been no body work done on it". Obviously, Larry & Maxine take loving care of Spike's treasure. They are active Classic Car enthusiasts. Kinmount owes much thanks to them for organizing a Classic Car Show 'n' Shine each year at Moonlight Mania (now Family Fun Day). And thanks to Spike for sparking their interest! Meet Larry & Maxine (& the truck) July 12. Who knows what other stories they may share?



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Last month's Spot the Shot: a beaver dam on the Galway Road

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Charles Edward Allen, Part III

Submitted by Robert Allen

In another escapade, Charlie cut off the top of his old car, so he had the first convertible in Galway. One spring day, when my Mother was doing her washing, she had run out of clothesline space so she had my Dad run a temporary line in front of the well and along came Charlie with his convertible. Trying to show off, he went down through the yard and caught his neck on the clothesline and broke it and all the clean clothes fell onto the dirty ground. He was not very popular with my Mother that day.

In the early days (1940's and 1950's), several dances were held at the old Hall (where the present Hall is located on the Galway Road). On this particular weekend, Charlie went to Lindsay and purchased all new clothes: shoes, polyester suit, hat -- the works. He loved to dance and was enjoying himself when the women decided they needed some water to make tea. They asked my Grandfather, Lorne Collins, if he could go up to my parents' well and fetch a pail of water. Charlie volunteered to go and help and off the pair went to get the pail of water. The light was very poor and they did not see the large tub that my Dad had placed near the well to water the horses. Charlie tripped over it and fell head-first into the 16-foot deep well, which

was only three feet wide. Grandfather Collins was beside himself as he did not know what to do but, since Charlie was fairly short and very agile, he got himself turned upright and was able to surface. Somehow, my Grandfather, being a very small man, managed to haul Charlie out of the well, minus his hat. Down to the Hall they both went, and Charlie thought it was a big joke and kept right on dancing. As the evening wore on, Charlie's polyester suit shrank so that the pants were up to his knees and the sleeves up to his elbows. We found his hat the next time we cleaned out the well.

Charlie tended to be combatant in his heyday and, for some reason, his biggest adversaries were Jim and Mary Allen's family, his first cousins. The one he fought with the most was Clarence Allen, who had an annoying laugh, which was a tee-hee sound. The more Clarence tee-heed at Charlie, the madder Charlie would get. On this particular day, Charlie was driving out the Galway Road on his way to Minden. In those days, that was where people went to get any refreshments. As he approached Jim and Louise Allen's (now Frank Franzen's) place, Clarence stopped Charlie and told him he had to go back and out the Crystal Lake Road. Charlie could not understand why Clarence would not stand down at Allen's Alley and direct traffic from there.

Clarence stated that Austin Jackson, the Road Superintendent, had instructed him to stand there and he had to do what he was told. As Charlie got madder, Clarence started tee-heeing more, so a yelling match began. Eventually, Charlie got out of his car they got into a fist fight. After a few rounds, Charlie knocked Clarence out with a punch and poor Clarence rolled off into the ditch. Without hesitation, Charlie jumped back into the car and out the road he proceeded. Austin Jackson was standing in front of Peter Pearson's place and, as Charlie stopped, Austin asked him what he was doing as Clarence was supposed to send him out the Crystal Lake Road. With a big smile, Charlie stated that he was afraid poor Clarence would not be doing any more tee-heeing that day.

The final installment of memories about Charles Edward Allen will be published in the August Edition. If you have missed the first two installments, check out May 2014 and June 2014 editions of the Gazette online at www.kinmount.ca



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The Hot Stove Leak by Lynne Kilby



Congratulations once again to my son Jesse Silver who recently received his Bachelor of Education degree from Trent University. The world is waiting for you! The best is yet to come!

Another milestone in our family, granddaughter Cameryn is graduating from Grade 8. And she is taller than me! How did that all happen? Best wishes on your new adventure Cameryn!

Wow! There's no shortage of things for kids to do around town this summer! Swimming, fishing, biking & the theatre are all of course on the menu but there is also a variety of organized activities to keep kids busy.

Fingers crossed for good weather for the Kinmount Heritage Festival July 10 to 12. A trio of fun awaits with Music in the Park, a Free Ghost Tour & Kinmount Family Fun Day. As long as Mother Nature co-operates this year's event promises to be better than ever! In the event of rain Music in the Park and Family Fun Day (limited activities) still go forth at Kinmount Community Centre so make sure to mark your calendar! Hope to see you at all 3 events! You'll have one heck of a time!



Keep smiling and please remember to contact me at 705-488-2919 or email

lynne.kilby@sympatrico.ca to share news in the Hot Stove Leak. Happy Canada Day!

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Mary & Ted graciously offered their pool & BBQ for a year end party for the Kinmount Sparks, Brownies, Guides & Pathfinders and their family members. Thank you so much! A great time was had by all! The Girls receive their recently earned badges at the Canada Day celebrations July 1 at Kinmount Fairgrounds. The group starts back up in late September.

NEW VENDOR OPPORTUNITY

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KIDS CRAFTS

AT THE MARKETPLACE

Have you heard about the Children's Craft Program this summer at Kinmount Artisans Marketplace? The fun begins July 9 & runs Wednesday mornings 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. till August 27. Cost is \$3 per child. Maximum of 8 children per workshop. Spots are filling up fast! If interested please call (705) 488-2938 to register. Limited space.

July 9- Jewelry Making (ages 8+)  
July 16 - A craft to enter in the Kinmount Fair

July 23 - Painting craft  
July 30 - Finger knitting  
August events to be announced. They do have some ideas in the works, but if there is a craft you think your child would enjoy, they welcome your ideas.

FUN BINGO IS BACK!

The Legion hosts Family Fun Bingo Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. starting Monday June 30.



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Congratulations once again to my son Jesse Silver who recently received his Bachelor of Education degree from Trent University. The world is waiting for you! The best is yet to come!

Another milestone in our family, granddaughter Cameryn is graduating from Grade 8. And she is taller than me! How did that all happen? Best wishes on your new adventure Cameryn!

Wow! There's no shortage of things for kids to do around town this summer! Swimming, fishing, biking & the theatre are all of course on the menu but there is also a variety of organized activities to keep kids busy.

Fingers crossed for good weather for the Kinmount Heritage Festival July 10 to 12. A trio of fun awaits with Music in the Park, a Free Ghost Tour & Kinmount Family Fun Day. As long as Mother Nature co-operates this year's event promises to be better than ever! In the event of rain Music in the Park and Family Fun Day (limited activities) still go forth at Kinmount Com-



*Turtle rescued by Tom Lang.*

munity Centre so make sure to mark your calendar! Hope to see you at all 3 events! You'll have one heck of a time!

Keep smiling and please remember to contact me at 705-488-2919 or email [lynne.kilby@sympatrico.ca](mailto:lynne.kilby@sympatrico.ca) to share news in the Hot Stove Leak. Happy Canada Day!

**THANK YOU**

**MARY & TED BATEMAN**

Mary & Ted graciously offered their pool & BBQ for a year end party for the Kinmount Sparks, Brownies, Guides & Pathfinders and their family members. Thank you so much! A great time was had by all! The Girls receive their recently earned badges at the Canada Day celebrations July 1 at Kinmount Fairgrounds. The group starts back up in late September.

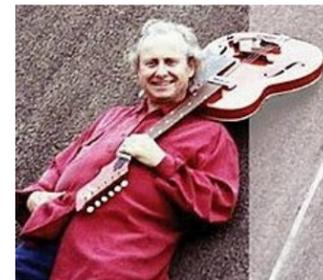
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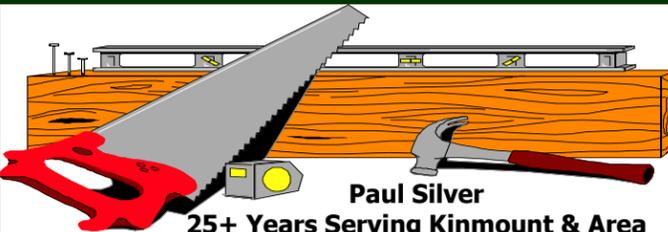


*Bobby Watson at Music in the Park*

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**The Hot Stove Leak *cont.***

**FAMILY FUN DAY**  
**Rain Location Community Centre**  
Main Street & area will be filled with smiles & laughter from 4 till 9 pm Saturday July 12 thanks to tremendous community support & sponsorships. There are so many activities & vendors there is sure to be something for everyone. Want to win a \$25 Gift Certificate for Kinmount Artisans Marketplace? If so, enter the Heritage Crafts Photo Hunt. Pick up your entry form around town or print one at kinmount.ca. Then visit the designated locations on your form & fill in the answers. Take your completed form to the Artisans Marketplace by 8:30 p.m. for your chance to win. Free Surprise Bag for all kids who enter! If you're still feeling lucky purchase a number or two at Chicken Poop Bingo. How's your appetite? A Pizza Eating Contest at Slice of the North will definitely fill you up in a hurry! Remember to check out the Classic Cars thanks to organizers Larry & Maxine Kent. Hop on board a wagon ride by the Train Station thanks to Mash Hill Carriages and don't forget to visit the Model Railroad display while there. Keep an eye out for Washboard Hank. He will be about the silliest person you will see wandering around town. Lots of vendors, Kid Zone, Zoo to You & more. The rain location at Kinmount Community Centre provides space for Washboard Hank, Zoo to You & more.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- July 1 - **Canada Day Party** 5:30 pm at Kinmount Fairgrounds. Fireworks at dusk.
- July 5 - **Strawberry Supper** 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Galway Hall.
- HERITAGE FESTIVAL**
- July 10 - **Music in the Park & BBQ** with Bobby Watson & Friends 6:30 p.m.
- July 11 - **Free Ghost Tour** Meet at Railway Station 8:30 p.m.
- July 12 - **Family Fun Day** Downtown Kinmount 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Free Vendor Space Call 705-488-2919
- July 13 - **Cemetery Decoration Day**
- July 14 - 18 **Kids Cosmic Camp** 9:30 a.m.-noon Austin Sawmill Park. Hosted by Kinmount United Church 705-488-2129.
- July 16 - **Big Buck Bid Euchre** 11:00 a.m. at Kinmount Legion. Cost \$10 includes lunch.
- July 19 - **Friends of the Library Book Sale** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. lower level Kinmount Public Library.
- July 19 - **Super Saturday** Movie & Snacks for kids, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at St. James Anglican Church.
- July 20 - Kinmount United Church hosts **Outdoor Church Service** 10:00 a.m. at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park.
- July 20 - **Bistro Night** Harmony Farm. Reservations recommended. 705-488-3300.
- July 21 - 25 **Kids Camp** 9:30 a.m. - noon at Kinmount Baptist Church 705-488-3188.
- July 29 - **Free Craft Drop-In** 10:00 a.m. till noon at Kinmount Artisans Marketplace.
- July 29 - **Lunch at the Legion** 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

- Tai Chi** Mondays & Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Galway Hall.
- Seniors Cards** Potluck Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Mondays Bid Euchre at 1:00 p.m. at Legion.
- Fun Bingo** Mondays 6:30 p.m. at the Legion.
- Free Craft Drop In** last Tuesday monthly 10 a.m. - noon Kinmount Artisans Marketplace.
- Kids Reading Program** Tuesdays 2:00 p.m. at Kinmount Library.
- Kinmount Public Library Hours:** Tuesday & Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Kids Crafts** Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Kinmount Artisans Marketplace. Pre-registration. Call 705-488-2938.
- Kids Club** 2nd Wednesday monthly, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. St. James Anglican Church.
- Wednesday Drop In Darts** 7:30 p.m. at the Legion. Call 705-488-3462 for info.
- Card Night** Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. Irondale Community Centre. Donation of \$2 appreciated. Potluck snacks.
- Knitting Club** Thursdays 1:00 p.m. No experience needed. St James Anglican Church.
- Yoga** Thursdays, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm at Kinmount Community Centre. \$9.00 per session.
- Music in the Park** Thursdays 6:30 p.m.
- Friday Night Bingo** 6:45 p.m. Royal Canadian Legion., \$300.00 Must Go Jackpot.
- Youth Group** Fridays nights at Kinmount Baptist Church.
- Farmers Market** Saturdays 9 a.m.- 2:00 pm
- Super Saturday** 3rd Saturday monthly, Kids movie 1- 3 p.m. St. James Anglican Church.
- Kids Zone** Sundays, 11:00 a.m. at Kinmount Baptist Church.

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**Family Fun Day**  
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## Hydro History

One of the most amazing technologies of the last century was the growing use of electricity in our daily lives. Today, electricity is a must at every home and business. Why even the temporary concession booths at the Kinmount Fair are mostly electrified today, even if their stay is a mere 3 days! Anybody without hydro likely can't get hooked up to the grid due to geography or cost. Our lives today are dominated by electricity.

But it was not always so. Electrical currents were being used in the late 1800s. Famous inventors of this Golden Age of technology, including Thomas Edison, were constantly producing new inventions than ran on the current. But the big issue was finding generating sites and then getting the current to customers. There are several ways of generating electrical current. Hydro power involved the energy released by falling water, and this was obviously the cheapest and most abundant for Ontario. As early as 1890, several communities were taking advantage of local dams and waterfalls to produce hydro electricity. But the results were scattered and purely local. Only the houses in the town could access the hydro, and even then the supply was very limited.

Kinmount installed its own water turbine sometime around 1900 in the grist mill (east end of the dam). It supplied power for the village, but not enough for everyone at the same time! On Saturday nights, the stores stayed open until 10:00 pm. No houses were allowed to switch on the lights until after the stores closed and turned out their lights! But Kinmount was electrified! Many other villages and all the rural areas could not make that boast. As the demand grew, it was necessary to expand over the whole province. Thus Ontario Hydro was born.

It was only fitting that the story of Ontario Hydro started at Ontario's most famous waterfall; Niagara Falls. Hydro was being generated there as early as 1880, but the real impetus was the founding of Ontario Hydro in 1906. The master mind behind the plan to bring this marvelous new invention to all Ontario was Adam Beck. He saw electricity was the future and he planned for the future. Beck was so successful (and beloved as the power man) that he was knighted by the king! And he deserved it! To promote the use of electricity (as if it needed promotion!), Beck developed a travelling road show nicknamed "Beck's Circus".

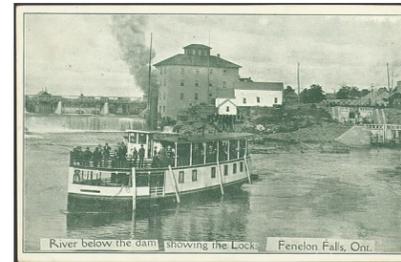
The new Ontario Hydro moved as quickly as

possible to both generate electricity and deliver it to anxious customers. Over the years, the larger towns, cities and villages were quickly electrified; receiving their hydro from one generating source or another. But the small hamlets far from sources and the rural farms did without. Demand outstripped supply and Ontario Hydro bought power from Quebec, built dams where ever possible and was blessed with the dams along the new St Lawrence Seaway in the 1950s. By 1951, it was even building coal fired plants to meet demand that water power could not meet. A huge dam on the Gull River at Minden was opened to meet the demand even as smaller stations in Fenelon Falls and Kinmount were closing because they were inefficient. By 1960, hydro was being brought in from Northern Ontario and in 1962 the first nuclear reactor came online.

By the 1940s, much of the remote rural areas in central Ontario began to get their turn at electricity though. Ontario Hydro had a policy where it would run rural lines where the locals could guarantee three customers per mile. This policy hurt the real remote areas, but it was a benchmark rural residents could aim for. Even with this policy, demand was still high for the current. In 1950, Kinmount's turn came. Hydro crews brought power down the side roads to the hungry customers. The Galway and Crystal Lake Roads turned on the current in 1951.

But not all residents were so lucky. One story from the Palestine community illustrates the story well. Palestine is a rural community in Eldon Township near Glenarm. The residents gathered their quota of customers (3 per mile average) and anxiously made application to Ontario Hydro. But nothing happened for 4 years. Every other surrounding community got power, but not Palestine. Finally, a community "mover and shaker" went to see Les Frost, the local MPP and Premier of Ontario. The Premier wrote a "letter" that was duly presented at the local Cannington depot for Hydro. Within

3 months, the power lines were down the roads to Palestine. When the first house turned on the power, farmers came from miles around to stare at electric light bulbs! Welcome to the modern age. Today electricity remains a necessity of life. Most of the old sources are still in use. The power stations at Elliot's Falls near Norland and Fenelon Falls have been reopened to produce clean, reliable hydro electricity; no matter how small the amount. Minden plant is still in full swing. Nuclear power produces 52% of today's power and coal plants are being phased out. New technologies such as solar panels and wind turbines are popping up. But the best source is still hydro; that naturally occurring, clean, reliable source that was Kinmount's first source for electricity. Maybe one day, Kinmount will have its own power plant back.



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### Trilliums

The trillium is the official wild flower of Ontario. It is a perennial that grows wild in large numbers in the temperate forests of Southern Ontario. Trilliums bloom in May, before the hardwood leaves darken the forest floors. It is part of a cycle of small plants and flowers (such as leeks) that flourish in the early spring in hardwood bushes. By the end of May, the large hardwood trees have fully leafed out, shading the ground and the spring forest floor cover goes back to sleep until next spring.

Trilliums come in 3 colours: white, red and pink. White dominates by sheer numbers and by the fact the colour white stands out, but reds can be found in most places. Pink seems to be a cross between the two, and can be rare. There are 44 species of the trillium family around the world, but in Ontario they are the trillium erectus branch.

The trillium is a rhizome plant meaning it sprouts from a bulb like root in the ground, similar to an iris. Trilliums are very delicate, and if you pick the flower the plant will die. It is a myth that it is illegal to pick trilliums in Ontario. The only areas where they are protected by law are parks and conservation areas. But because they are so fragile, it is not a good idea to pick the flowers or try to transplant them: they do best when left wild. The seeds are spread by ants, who carry them off to their nests.

All trilliums have 3 petals. But these petals can vary greatly from one another, just like snowflakes. Here are some shots to show different types from the Galway colonies of Ontario's official wild flower.



From above: White Trillium; Red Trillium

### Police Villages

The Police Village status is a form of municipal government once common all over Ontario. Municipal organization was based on the township system originally, but also allowed for incorporated villages, towns and cities. Each urban area that wished to gain their own municipal status had a series of criteria to meet before they formed their own local government. When a hamlet or community reached a certain population size, it was allowed to incorporate as a separate municipal body. In medieval England, a hamlet achieved village status when it had its own church. In pioneer Ontario, the community had to reach the 500 population mark to apply for village status.

The village status meant the community elected its own council and basically ran its own local affairs. It could set its own tax rate and plan its own operation separate from the township or county government. Some incorporated villages in our area included Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls and Woodville. But there were numerous other hamlets who could not achieve village status, but wanted to be in control of their affairs so the Ontario Government created the category "police village" as early as the 1830s.

The police villages were designated areas set up by township bylaw only that could elect trustees to manage the affairs of the

village. These affairs could include sidewalks, parks, street lights, fire regulations and other affairs for the community. These police villages still remained part of the local township, but were now empowered to carry out additional duties & responsibilities. The rural township councils cared little about street lights or sidewalks, so the built-up areas were left to provide such services. The trustees of the police village were elected during municipal elections and were empowered to put an extra tax on property taxes within the village of not more than 1%. This was a very small "extra" tax that allowed the police village to do very little. As municipal taxes and responsibilities increased, the rate was raised to a meager 1.5% extra.

Kinmount was created a police village in the 1890s. It stayed in that status until 1980, when the last trustees petitioned the Township of Somerville to revoke this status and reassume all municipal duties. Most of the police villages were dissolved in the 1970s: they simply did not have the funds to carry on. The services were passed on to the townships. Lola Dettman was one of the last police village trustees in Kinmount. Today the "village" of Kinmount is simply a designated area of the former Somerville Township and now part of the City of Kawartha Lakes.

### Kinmount Graduates Earn Honours at Ridgewood PS



At the Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony held June 24th, Ridgewood Public School Students, Julien Cloutier Austin and Cameryn Shaw were the recipients of Citizenship Awards for their work in their school and home community of Kinmount.

Julien is an active volunteer with the school's milk program and events sponsored by the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development. Cameryn is on the school's We Team and actively supports the work of the Kinmount and Area Girl Guide Association as a Pathfinder. They are often both found around our community making a difference.

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1 tbsp. sugar  
2 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. salt  
3/4 cup milk  
3/4 cup ketchup  
1/2 cup melted butter  
2 eggs  
1 tsp prepared mustard  
2 cups shredded cheese

Cook chicken & onion until meat is not pink. Drain. Mix dry ingredients. In a separate bowl mix liquid ingredients. Stir liquid into dry ingredients until just moist. Fold in meat and cheese. Fill greased muffin cups 3/4 full. Bake at 425 deg for 20 min. Let cool 5 min and remove from pan. May be served warm or cold. Makes about 18 muffins. Can be baked as mini muffins for 15 min and served as cocktail snacks (about 5 dozen).

**Strawberries Romanoff**

1 qt ripe strawberries  
1/2 cup icing sugar  
1/2 cup orange juice  
1 tsp curacao (or Grand Marnier)

Mix together. Chill several hours. Divide among 8 champagne or sherbert glasses. Top with 1 cup sweetened whipped cream flavoured with same flavour used in strawberries. Enjoy this adult dessert with thin vanilla wafers.

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 by Cathy King

**Upcoming Events in July**  
 Decoration Day at Kinmount cemeteries is Sunday, July 13 at 2pm. Back by popular demand in July is Open Mic with Dan Nickel & friends. The date TBA, so please contact the Legion for further information.

Our Ladies Auxiliary host Family Fun Bingo starting Monday June 28 at 6:30. Snack Bar. Admission is by donation. Please join us in celebrating Canada Day at Kinmount Fairgrounds Tuesday, July 1. The Legion Colour Party marches into the fairgrounds at 7pm.

**Happy Canada Day Everyone!**

**Ongoing Events**  
 Mondays: Kinmount Seniors Cards every Monday at 12:30 pm. upstairs hall. Fun Bingo 6:30 pm. Tuesday Lunch: Last Tuesday monthly. This month July 27 11am -1pm. featuring your choice of Liver & Onions or a delicious alternate \$7.  
 Big Buck Bid Euchre: Wednesday July 16 at 11 am.  
 Wednesdays: Drop in summer Darts every Wednesday at 7:30 pm.  
 Fridays: Bingo every Friday at 6:45 pm with \$300.00 jackpot.  
 Saturdays: Meat Draws every week at 5pm.



Cemetery Decoration Day is Sunday July 13 at 2 p.m.

**The Library Link** by Mary Ann Dobsi

**Zoo To You** 11:30 a.m. Tuesday July 29  
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Mark these Special Event dates on your calendar!



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#### Hector Dawson

The Dawson Family had been an original pioneer family in the Kinmount area, settling just south of Kinmount in Somerville Township. They had come to our area from Kingston. James and Anne Dawson moved to Kinmount and settled their large family into a house at 6 West Dixon Street, across from the rail station. The Dawsons worked at various sawmills around the town. Hector was one of the younger family members, born in 1889. At the outbreak of war in 1914 Hector was 25 years old and is listed as a lumberman.

In March 1915, Hector traveled to Lindsay and volunteered for the 39<sup>th</sup> Battalion. (His hometown unit, the 109<sup>th</sup> Battalion was not started until December 1915, by which time Hector had been killed overseas!) By October 1915, Hector Dawson was overseas and assigned to the 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion. On October 22, 1915 Pvt Hector Dawson was killed in Second Battle of Ypres. He was buried at the La Plus Douve Farm Cemetery. He was one of the first Kinmount men to be killed overseas serving his country. He would not be the last.

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**LET'S TALK!**

A new venture by the KCPED is the formation of a Historical Society to focus on making the Heritage Centre Building by the bridge interactive. One of the ideas is to video "storytelling". If interested in helping or telling a story please stop by the Kinmount Souvenir Booth at Family Fun Day July 12.

**In the Lions Den by Dave Anderson**

Kinmount & District Lions Club is pleased to sponsor Music In The Park this summer, at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park on Thursday evenings for July and August. It is an enjoyable evening of music and fun. So be sure to check it out (and don't forget to bring your lawn chair). Volunteers are an important part of our community and we in Kinmount have many people who do terrific work. If you know of anyone who is deserving of the honour of becoming "Citizen of the Year", please put on your thinking caps, and submit their names with a letter explaining why you think this person is worthy of the title. The flyers will be coming out soon. The Kinmount Lions kicked off their summer draw on June 7<sup>th</sup> outside of Home Hardware in Minden. The grand prize is a sculpted park bench featuring bear cubs on the side, carved by Walter VanderWindt from The Carving Gallery in Moore Falls, valued at \$1,400. Additional prizes include, from Eganridge Inn Country Club & Spa – 1 night stay for 2/Dinner and Continental Breakfast, Shop 'N Save Country Style – Grandfa-

ther clock, Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto – 1 night stay for 2 / Dinner for 2 at Old Spaghetti Factory, Canadian Tire Minden- Gun Cabinet, Gateway General Store and Cafe in Kinmount – Game package, Kinmount Tim-Br Mart – Picnic Table/ The Perfect Bite in Gooderham- Dinner for 2 , John Austin and Sons Lumber in Kinmount- \$ 100. Gift Certificate, Dianne and Vic Spring from REMAX Country Living Realty in Kinmount - \$100.cash, Doctor Elena Mihiu -\$100.cash, Home Hardware Minden – Picnic Table, Kinmount Pharmacy - \$100. Gift Certificate. Tickets are in stores now and available from any Lions member or come see us Saturday July 12 at Family Fun Day. We will be managing the Chicken Poop Bingo event. On August 2, we will be at the Seniors Yard Sale at the Railway Station and on August 3, we will be in Burnt River helping with the Ball Tournament. Anyone interested in joining or wanting to learn more about us please drop by one of our meetings at 7pm the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday monthly in the lower level of the of Kinmount Library. We are always looking for new ideas and helping hands.



Above: Vic Ballik poses with the Grand Prize for the Kinmount & District Lions Club Summer Draw. The bench was carved by Walter VanderWindt owner of the Carving Gallery, Moore's Falls. There are 11 additional prizes.

Left: Chicken Poop Bingo is managed by the Kinmount Lions at Family Fun Day July 12.



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Spot the Shot



Each edition we feature a photo from the Kinmount Area. We challenge you to identify the spot.

Submissions of photos welcome. Please submit to the editor via email with a detailed description of the spot you have captured.

Last month's Spot the Shot:
A Beaver Dam on the Galway Road

Submission Deadline
For August edition
Friday July 18

From the Editor's Desk

Congratulations to Laurie Scott who was re-elected as the MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the recent Provincial election. It was her fourth election victory. It will be the last election for our riding under the current boundaries. Starting with next year's (2015) federal election, the riding will have some boundary changes. Galway Township, along with the rest of North Peterborough County, will be stripped from the current riding and placed with Peterborough riding. The move is not good for our community. Galway has always been oriented to Victoria County (City of Kawartha Lakes) and the community will be split for both federal and provincial political boundaries. The rest of the riding remains unchanged.

There will also be a municipal election coming up this fall. And speaking of boundaries, municipal politics in the Kinmount area can be very confusing as well! The elections are scheduled for October, but because the municipal vote-by-mail system, ballots will be out weeks earlier. Watch the

Gazette for more details as voting day approaches. A problem with recent elections has been low voter turnout. I do teach Civics (government) and could give you a million reasons why everyone should vote; such as civic duty, have your say, etc. But I have one story that really drives home the voting issue. One veteran chastised a non-voter by stating "I risked my life for your right to vote. Many friends died for the right to vote. For Heaven's sake, don't let these sacrifices go in vain: use that right and vote!" Good point. The City of Kawartha Lakes has transferred the old Town Hall/old Somerville Township office/old jail (at the corner of the bridge!) to the Kinmount Economic Development And Planning Committee. Currently it is a quasi -museum, but has not been open on a regular basis. The KEDPC is planning to start a local historical society to manage the building and other historical assets in the village. They will be looking for volunteers and interested persons to plan and manage our resources. Kinmount has always had a

proud history well worth managing. After all our motto is "Explore Our Heritage - Experience Our Charm". Watch the Gazette for further details. Heritage In The Village Week is coming up (July 10-12). On Friday night (July 11 @ 8:30 pm) I will be leading a Ghost Tour of the village. Where will we go? What stories will be told? You will just have to show up to find out! Tour starts at the Railway Station. Two special musical performances will take place in the village in July. For Canada Day (Tuesday July 1), Johnny Burke and Eastwind will perform at the Canada Day Celebrations at the Fairgrounds. Johnny Burke will be replacing Gord Kidd who is on the disabled list due to a ATV accident. Not a bad replacement! Johnny Burke is a member of the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame! And you still catch local legend Gord Kidd who is scheduled (health permitting) to play at the Kinmount Fair! Washboard Hank is at the Austin Sawmill Park on Saturday

July 12 as part of Heritage Days. Washboard Hank has an eclectic mix of local themes with a "humorous/satirical approach". Be prepared to laugh! His act is like Yuk-Yuks set to music! (I have several Washboard Hank albums on cassette! Yes, he has been around that long!) See you there! A big shout out to the crew that "manage" our village floral displays. Kinmount Village has a reputation for gorgeous flowers every summer, and it looks like this summer will live up to that reputation. Rumour has it other villages have been inquiring about where we get the beautiful flowers. But the key to their success is... maintenance! So if you get the chance, thank the "Flower Power Crew". They make our little village "bloom". A couple of accomplishments that need mentioning. Happy 35th anniversary to the Highland's Cinema! The displays are bigger and better this year. I had the honour of leading a group of Icelandic students on a short tour of the village. The sights included the Highland's Cinema. They wanted to stay and see a movie; so impressed were they with the atmosphere! Best wishes to Rachel Scott who will be competing in the Canadian Pony Club National Dressage

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