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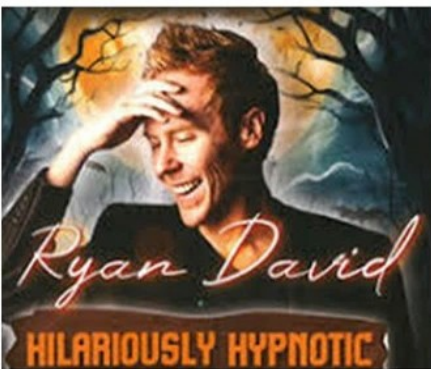


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THE KINMOUNT COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Kinmount Heritage Centre - Trent Lakes Historical Society by Janice Stange

Peter Robinson - The Next Generations Kinmount Fair Heritage Complex 2025

At Kinmount Fair in 2024, the local Historical Society (Trent Lakes) previewed the 200th Anniversary of the arrival of 2074 Irish Immigrants to the Townships around Peterborough, Ontario. The interest was extremely high with the Kinmount Fair visitors, many of whom discovered connections or at least were history buffs and appreciated this 'new' information. This anniversary is especially important to the members of the Society, as some are also descendants of the Peter Robinson Settlers.

In 1825, nine Ships carried them over the Atlantic Ocean to a new home with infinite possibilities. The British government sponsored the selection and the transport and also gave them free land and housing. They also provided the new pioneers with tools to work the land, provisions and ongoing rations to sustain them and their families. These items will be on display in the Complex.

The 'Next Generations' refers to the descendants of these initial immigrants. They are their children and grandchildren who grew up in Douro, Ennismore and Emily townships etc. who married and started

their own families. They were just in time for more free land being distributed north of Peterborough – our own Galway Township and area. A 'generation' or so later, it was just 'opening up' in the 1850s and 1860s, with Kinmount, the local village, being formed in 1859. A great number of these 'next generation' settled on the Galway Road and the Crystal Lake Road at that time.

The Trent Lakes Historical Society has produced a 'Driving Tour' of these settlers' lots, based on census records, atlases, family trees, birth and death records and cemetery records. There are still PRS families on these original settler lots, and many common surnames in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery on Galway Road. This historically important cemetery will be addressed in the future (see photo below). Our research has also shown that some of the subsequent generations migrated further afield, to the USA and western Canada, so the legacy expands but also gets further disconnected from this 200-year-old story. Genealogy, as we know is all about putting the puzzle pieces together.

Peter Robinson was the connection between the British government and the infant colony, Canada West (previously Upper Canada). He facilitated the project from start to finish and is believed to be the reason that Peterborough took his name, although there is other evidence to suggest an alternate source.

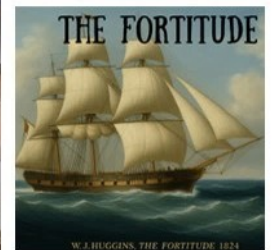
Unbelievably, many descendants do not even realize that they are part of the legacy of these pioneers. Two hundred years is approximately 5 or 6 generations, so family history may or may not have kept the stories and shared history alive. Thankfully, there have been many books written about the scheme and the settlers.

This project has created more questions for future research, so our job is far from over. We will expand our data to include new findings and more connections. Descendants are still being born!!!

Literally thousands of descendants later, we celebrate the perseverance of these early settlers and Peter Robinson himself for succeeding in completing this scheme that has forever changed the landscape of history in Peterborough County.



Left: The Kinmount Heritage Centre and Museum-PRS store-house display.
Below, one of the nine ships that will be on display



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OWENS, ROCHE (ROUCH), SHEEHAN,
SULLIVAN, SWYTZER (SWITZER), WHITE

These families' family trees are at Trent Lakes Historical Society. We are actively searching for these families' family trees.

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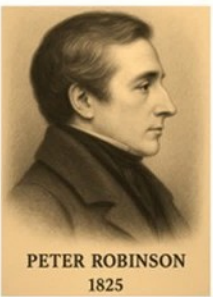
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PETER ROBINSON 1825

Immaculate Conception Cemetery — Galway Road



Music in the Park by Lynne Kilby



Thursdays 6:30 pm
Austin Sawmill Park

AUGUST

- 7 Melissa Payne
- 14 Recycled Teenagers
- 21 Jeff & Anthony—Margin Call

Grab your lawn chairs, sit back and relax to the tunes while the Bunt River rolls on by. Visit with your friends and neighbours and maybe even go home with a prize! Many thanks to MC Peter Miller and to our friendly 50/50 ticket sellers Yvette Brauer, Mary Jane Tyndale and Darlene Mann, who roam through the crowd with 50/50 tickets. And remember when you buy 50/50 tickets you are automatically entered into various voucher draws! Congratulations to all the Winners in the July Draws!

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Did you know that all proceeds from the 50/50 Draws go entirely to improvements in the park? Are you an organization or business that would like to donate a voucher as a prize? The more the merrier! Contact Yvette at 705 488 2282 or gybrauer@yahoo.com
Please note: There is no Concert on the Thursday evening before Kinmount Fair.
To inquire about performing at next year's concerts please contact Diane Austin at 705-928-2635 or di.austin.kinmount@gmail.com. Keep Smiling & Happy August - See you soon at the park!

KCVMC Thanks Our Music in the Park Supporters

As Hosts of Kinmount Music in the Park, we thank all who attended our free 2025 Concert Series this summer. Special thanks to these contributors who help make it all possible. Kinmount Lions, Custom Cottage Concierge, Crystal Lake Community Association, JC's Cuts & More, Salmon Lake Cottage Owners Association, Lorraine's Floral Creations, Violet's Frozen Yogurt, What's Your Sign, Kinmount Pharmacy, Davis Lake Cottage Association, Kinmount Legion, Kawartha Credit Union, Stuart Charity Construction, Kinmount Artisans Marketplace, Linda J's Market, and all the Music in the Park volunteers! We have already started planning for next summer and hope to see you at Music in the Park in 2026!



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Anyone Can Join

Councillor's Corner by Pat Warren Ward 2 COKL



I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. While I am writing this, the municipality is continuing brush cleanup.

This has been a mammoth task as CKL is half the size of PEI. 250k of brush can be taken to the landfill for free if you are able. On a brighter note, I look forward to the KDHSF Journey for Health Walk August 10th. Hope to see you there. I attended the Kinmount Cemetery Decoration Day but it was so hot outside the Legion held the ceremony indoors. It was a moving ceremony with the colour guard and a piper. Maybe this will be a trend?

I am looking forward to Kinmount Fair which is always a fun time!

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



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Royal Canadian Legion Br. 441 by Sharna Peters

Happening at Kinmount Legion
There's always something going on at Kinmount Legion, and we'd love for you to join us!

Come out every Friday evening for our BBQ starting at 5:00 pm, followed by Bingo at 5:30 PM – a great way to kick off the weekend. On Saturdays, don't miss our popular Meat Roll, full of fun and friendly competition.

Liver & Onions Lunch is held the last Tuesday of each month. This month's lunch is August 26. Also on Tuesdays Bring the kids to Kids Bingo at 6 pm, Last date for this summer is August 19. Midweek fun continues with Mixed Darts Wednesdays at 7:30pm – all skill levels welcome. Come connect with friends, enjoy great food, and be a part of the community. Everyone is welcome at the Kinmount Legion!

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday

Bid Euchre 1pm \$3
Cornhole 7pm. Doors open 6pm

Tuesday

Lunch last Tuesday every month 11am - 1pm Liver & Onions or an alternative. \$12
Kids Bingo 6pm Admission by donation. Last night Aug. 19.

Wednesday

Mixed Darts 7:30pm

Friday

Chair Yoga 10-11 am
Bingo 6:45pm Doors open 5pm Supper Special changes weekly.
BBQ every Friday night 5 - 7

Saturday

Meat Draw 5pm Doors open 3pm

**** SPECIAL EVENTS ****

BREAKFASTS!

August 10 - 29 - 30 - & 31

SPECIAL BINGO!

Thursday August 28

Doors Open 5pm

First come, first served.



Decoration Day in town usually takes place the second Sunday in July at the Kinmount Cemetery but due to inclement weather the service took place complete with the Colour Guard and a Piper inside at the Kinmount Legion. A BBQ followed the ceremony.



Chair Yoga Returns to Kinmount Legion

After a brief pause Chair Yoga/Chair Dance resumed Friday August 1. Drop-in to stretch, breathe and get moving from 10 - 11 on Fridays. No equipment needed. Whether you're a regular or just want to try it, everyone is welcome.

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Cost \$10

Fire at Hodgson Farm in Burnt River



It was very, very dry in July. A round hay baler caught on fire at the Hodgson farm and burnt hay bales and the field along with the baler and a tractor. Thanks to the firefighters for getting it under control.

Fortunately the fire hall was just down the street!



Around the Fire Hall by Katie Dukelow

Protecting Your Home and Health During Forest Fire Season

As temperatures rise across Ontario, so does the risk of forest fires. Many residents in our area have recently noticed hazy skies and the smell of smoke drifting down from forest fires burning in Northern Ontario. Even if those fires are far away, the impacts can reach us here in Kawartha Lakes, affecting both our safety and our health.

The Kawartha Lakes Fire Rescue Service wants everyone to know how to stay safe this summer—both from forest fire threats and the effects of heat and smoke in the air.

Protecting Your Property from Forest Fires

According to FireSmart Canada, there's a lot you can do around your home or cottage to reduce the risk of forest fire damage:

Clear debris: Remove leaves, pine needles, and branches from gutters, roofs, and decks. These can easily ignite from embers.

Create a FireSmart zone: Main-

tain a 1.5-metre non-combustible surface (like gravel) around your home. Keep grass trimmed and plants well-watered.

Store firewood and propane away from buildings: Keep these at least 10 metres from your house or outbuildings.

Choose fire-resistant plants and building materials: Some landscaping plants and exterior finishes are more fire-resistant than others.

Maintain access routes: Make sure your driveway is clear and wide enough for fire trucks, with overhanging branches trimmed. Even small changes can make a big difference if a forest fire threatens your area. You can find more tips and checklists at www.fireSMARTcanada.ca.

Forest Fire Smoke and Health While protecting your property is important, so is protecting your health. Smoke from forest fires can travel hundreds—or even thousands—of kilometers, carrying fine particles that can irritate



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In the Lions Den by J.C. LaGrange

August is always a busy month for the Kinmount Lions so here is a short list of coming events. On July 26th, the club will be fundraising by providing BBQ food items at the Kinmount Community Centre's Christmas in the Village event.

On August 10th, Kinmount and District Health Services Foundation's Journey for Health will be held to raise funds, and the Kinmount Lions will be serving pancakes and peameal for participants and attendees.

On August 16th, Kinmount Lions will help the Coboconk Lions by doing dishes for their Spaghetti Dinner and silent auction. In exchange they will help us at one of our events. This has been happening for more than ten years and shows the solidarity between our Clubs and communities.

We are finalizing the Citizen of the Year presentation to be announced at Kinmount Fair.

Through the summer we are selling our Annual Summer Draw tickets at various area retailers.

Twenty-one Lions Clubs of Districts A-3 and A-16, including the Kinmount Lions, have been recognized at a ceremony in Peterborough for collectively donating over \$100,000 to the Foundation's Campaign for PRHC. These funds will support the building of an expanded, purpose-built pediatric cancer clinic space at the hospital.

We are already preparing for our Halloween Haunt at Kinmount Arena. At last year's event we still had half of the Arena unused. We would like members of the community to host a table in that half of the arena to hand out candy to the kids. We welcome 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. Call Linda Boulton at 705-879-5701 or me at 705-934-0570.

If interested in joining our Lions club to enjoy the good times, great food, and meaningful community service we 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 the 3rd Tuesday. We would love to meet you and work together to help our community. Follow Kinmount & District Lions Club Facebook page.



NOMINATIONS NEEDED KINMOUNT

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Do you know a person from the Kinmount area who has served our community with dedication to make Kinmount a better place?

Please send an email to: notdavesbrother@gmail.com or mail a letter to:

Kinmount & District Lions Club
Citizen of the Year Committee
Box 15, Kinmount, ON K0M 2A0
Please state the name of the person and explain why they are worthy of the title -

"CITIZEN OF THE YEAR"
Deadline August 15, 2025

OOOPS!

The Gazette apologizes for an error we made in the July issue. **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2021 Len Green** - (posthumous award) Len was the Stationmaster at the Kinmount Railway Station. The 2022 award was postponed till 2023.



Lions members of various Clubs present a \$100,000 donation to PRHC representatives.



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The Happy Gardener by Lee Ann Hobson




As we near the end of the gardening season, gardeners sometimes tend to rest on their laurels. Our delicious home grown produce is the proof of all our hard work.

However one of the essential jobs in August is to prune your vegetable plants. With the cooling temperatures and the loss of hours of sunshine, pruning helps plants mature. Pruning lets the dew evaporate faster and allows air to circulate through the foliage. No shade lets the ground heat faster too. Also all those large leaves and top heavy vines use a large amount of the nutrients the roots are producing, instead of it being used to help the fruit mature.

Prime candidates for pruning are tomatoes, peas, beans and squash. With tomatoes start at the bottom and trim off any stems that have no blossoms or fruit on them. Clip close to the main stem but try not to damage the trunk. One recommended practice for tomatoes is the ratio of remaining leaves to unripened fruit should be one to one. Bean are trimmed in a similar manner. Start at the bottom, trimming as you go. With bush beans, especially if they are heavy with unripened beans, installing a support system

might help to keep the main foliage off the ground. Pole beans are easy to trim as the support system gives you easy access to the foliage. Peas are usually pulled and composted by now. However it is up to the individual gardener whether or not to keep plants growing for the production of dried peas. The pruning method is similar to pole beans. Squash are the easiest to trim. Rambling vines and extra large leaves are clipped to expose the fruit to the sun. Also keep an eye on your greens. Trim any yellow or wilted leaves. Happy gardening!



Garden Club

4th Thursday monthly
2 pm at Kinmount Library
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Time for Run: 3 - 5 pm

Time for Line Dancing Event: 7 - 9 pm

Location: Kinmount Fairgrounds

Join us at this year's Kinmount Fair as we proudly support the Terry Fox Foundation with two exciting events that honour a true Canadian hero.

In celebration of the 45th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run—and in keeping with our fair's theme, A True North Tradition – Proud to be Canadian—we invite you to take part in our Run/Walk/Bike on Wednesday, August 28th from 3–5 PM, where participants will collect pledges in support of cancer research. Then, bring the whole family back for an evening of fun at our Family Line Dancing event, where a portion of the admission proceeds will go directly to the Foundation.

There's no better way to honour Terry's legacy of courage and community than by coming together to make a difference. Thank you for your incredible support in helping keep Terry's dream alive!

Pledges can be made online at our Terry Fox Page: <https://events.terryfox.ca/112979>

You can also register a team, join a team or join as a participant.

Help us to exceed our goal of \$5000.00.

For more information about volunteering or participating in the events, please call or text Jane at 705-934-2647



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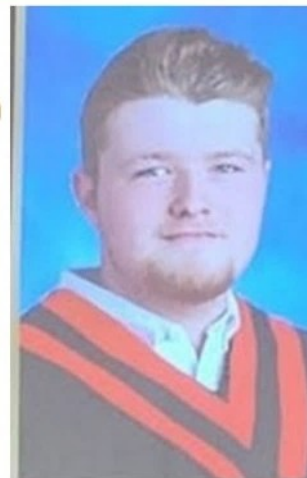


Did You Know?

Bumper Cars are more than 100 years old!

When they were first invented they were called Dodgems because but they were not supposed to crash into each other in case they fell apart!

Over the years bumper cars were re-designed to absorb impact. Now the fun is the complete opposite of the original purpose! Funny how things change.....



Congratulations to Kimmountian Austin Hill who graduated in June from grade 12 at Fenelon Falls Secondary School as an Ontario Scholar with honours and SHSM. Well done! Best of luck in your future endeavours, Austin.

WIN \$\$\$\$

ENTER YOUR ARTS, CRAFTS, VEGETABLES, BAKING & PHOTOS AT THE KINMOUNT FAIR

Get a Prize List Book at the Heritage Centre in the Train Station or at Austin Lumber or online at kinmountfair.net.



KID'S & BABY RACES AT THE FAIR

Sunday August 31, 10am at the Grandstand area beside the Judge's Stand. WIN \$\$\$

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A Message From Kinmount Fair President John Dewhurst

As President of the Kinmount Agricultural Society, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2025 Kinmount Fair! For over 150 years, our fair has celebrated the best of rural life, showcasing agriculture, community spirit, and good old-fashioned fun. This year promises to be no different. The Kinmount Fair is more than just an event -- it's a gathering that brings together families, friends, exhibitors, campers, and visitors from near and far. Whether you're here for the livestock shows, the homecraft displays, the midway rides, or the live entertainment, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Behind the scenes, an incredible team of volunteers and community members work tirelessly throughout the year to bring the fair to life. Their dedication and passion are what make this event truly special. I extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of them. The fair would

just not be possible without them. I also thank our generous sponsors and supporters whose contributions help us continue this proud tradition year after year. This year's fair is packed with exciting attractions, old favourites, and a few new surprises. We are very pleased to re-introduce a pre-fair, Thursday evening event that I am sure many will enjoy. We invite you to explore our beautiful fairgrounds (certainly the best in Ontario), take in the exhibits, enjoy the horse and livestock shows, and make new memories with your loved ones. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Kinmount Agricultural Society, I welcome you to the 2025 Kinmount Fair. Thank you for your continued support.

A Message From Kinmount Fair Ambassador Sommer Meirik

Hello, I'm Sommer Meirik, your 2024-2025 Kinmount Fair Ambassador! In the words of the Ballad of Kinmount, "it all began on the banks of the Burnt River"! From the moment I received the beautiful blue, rusty red, and green tartan sash, I just knew it was going to be an unbelievable honour to represent the Kinmount Agricultural Society, the 152nd Annual Fair, and the incredibly amazing community of Kinmount, Ontario. Over the fair weekend, watching activities from my view atop the judge's stand, I sat mesmerized for hours, in sheer delight, taking in the many sights and sounds of this outstanding 3-day fair, experiencing once in a lifetime memories and witnessing first-hand the infinite joy beaming on the faces of the many fair-

goers. This continued from my vantage point atop of the parade float, and then flourished at the Convention of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies in February 2025. The energy pulsing through the entire group of 80 Fair Ambassadors was one of the most exciting and invigorating experiences, and it again brought me back full circle to my focus to represent this extraordinary community, "on the banks of the Burnt River" at the 2025 Ambassador of the Fairs competition at the CNE. "Dare ye capture this fever? Become part of rich history"! As we write a new chapter, together, strong and proud, I'll see you all at the Fair!

KINMOUNT FAIR AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Kinmount Fair Ambassador Competition takes place at 2:00 p.m. Friday August 29th, in, the Pioneer Tea Garden at the Heritage Complex. Details are available at kinmountfair.net/ambassador

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At the Games, Julien delivered an outstanding performance in his division's athletics competition, capturing a bronze medal for Central Division; an impressive achievement that reflects his dedication and training. His win adds to the celebration of skills and inclusion central to these Games.

The Special Olympics Ontario Provincial Summer Games, hosted every four years on a rotating basis, serve as Ontario's pinnacle event for athletes with an intellectual disability. Held in partnership with law-enforcement agencies and supported by sponsors such as the Wayne Gretzky Foundation and TD Bank, the Games offer athletes the opportunity to qualify for Team Ontario, paving the way toward the 2026 Special Olympics Canada Summer Games in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Julien's bronze-winning performance is not only a personal triumph but also a shining example of sportsmanship, community support, and the spirit of inclusivity that define the Special Olympics movement.



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Make sure to bring the kids to our **Balloon Art Table** on August 10 at the Journey for Health in Austin Sawmill Park. See you soon!

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From the KDHSF by Sue Butts

The KDHSF welcomes 3 new board members. All bring with them various areas of expertise. They will be a great addition to the board. Please join us in welcoming, Jenna Brown, Holly Lougheed, Marina Hodson. Our Annual General meeting was held in June at the Howard Family beautiful log home. If you would like a copy of our annual report, please contact us at- kdhsf@kdhc.ca. In the afternoon of that same day we held a welcome reception for Dr. Van Der Leden. This was a long time in coming as Dr. Van Der Leden had started her practice in February in Kinmount. It took us awhile to co-ordinate dates and sometimes the wait is more than worth it. We had a lovely afternoon to finally welcome Dr. Van Der Leden to our Kinmount Com-

munity. The welcome reception hosted a number of representatives from the community, the county, politicians and health care organizations. Welcome speeches were given by Andrew Hodson, representing Jamie Schmale MP Terry Lamb-shead Mayor of Trent Lakes Pat Warren Councillor for City of Kawathra Lakes. Liz Danielson County of Haliburton. Lois O'Neill Jackson Chairperson of KDHSF board. Early in July KDHC hosted a McGill University student, Noah McLean. He spent 2 weeks at the Health Centre shadowing Dr. Less-lie Ponraja. We have been meeting periodically to work on our Strategic plan with a goal to have it finished by September of 2025. Our Mission. A trusted Charity advocating for health care services in the communi-ty we serve. We look forward to your support in all that we do.



DHSF will be holding Lunch and Learns again this fall. We plan on re-branding it, so watch for some interesting new topics and lunch menu's. Chair Yoga continues at the Legion, Fridays from 10 -11. KDHSF is please to see this healthy activity continue. Cost has risen and is currently \$10.00 per person.

KDHSF is busy speaking with Doctors who are interested in joining our Health Centre team and community. Don't forget to take advantage of all our supporting Health Professionals at the Health Centre. Vivian Wong Svoboda physiotherapist West Nursing advance foot care. Mya Musselman dental hygienist .

See You at the 27th Annual Journey for Health Sunday, August 10 at Austin Sawmill Park

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All Aboard by Guy Scott

Kinmount was once home to two railway lines. Everyone is familiar with the Victoria Railway and its landmark station in Kinmount, but many may be less familiar with the Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa line that terminated at Howland Junction. The main stations of the IB&O were Irondale, Gooderham, Tory Hill, Wilberforce, Highland Grove and Baptiste: Not exactly great industrial centres. Given the enormous cost of railway construction, it makes one wonder "Why did the IB&O even exist?" And thereon hangs a tale.

The Great IB&O began in 1879 as a plank in the platform of the Snowdon Iron Mines. To get ore from Furnace Falls to the world, a railway was clearly needed. W.S. Myles, the iron magnate at the time, planned to build a 'tramway' from Kendrick's Station, the nearest stop on the Victoria Line to Furnace Falls, the site of his iron mines.

Myles was the dreamer without cash and soon sold his operations to Charles J. Pusey, who actually had the cash to fulfill the project. Pusey finished the line to Furnace Falls in 1880 and chartered the line as the Toronto-Nipissing Eastern Extension Railway. In 1884, Pusey changed the tongue twisting (and confusing) TNE&E to the more romantic Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa! The name also revealed that Pusey was not finished with the railway line yet!

The IB&O gradually crept its way through the hills of Eastern Haliburton at a 'leisurely' pace. The following centres were linked by rail: Irondale 1887, Wilberforce 1893, Baptiste 1897, Mud Creek 1898, York River Station 1910. Mud Creek to York River Station (on the Central Ontario Railway near Bancroft) was only 3 miles, but it took 12 years to complete this last section. As usual, money was the problem. In fact, the poor IB&O was always strapped for funds and unkindly nicknamed the IO&U. However, after 1910 you could ride the train all the way from Howland Junction near Kinmount to York River near Bancroft in one, continuous day trip. Unfortunately, the train only went one way each day, so you had to stay overnight before returning! The IB&O was not an express.

The IB&O quickly gained a foothold in local lore. Stories of its quiriness, train wrecks and casual operation were legendary. It was said the train operated by the 'calendar' instead of time schedule. The line itself was built as cheaply as possible, and train wrecks were common. The rolling stock was mostly discarded pieces, often abandoned by other railways. But it was all the little pioneer communities of Eastern Haliburton

County had, and they were darn proud of 'their' railway. Without the IB&O most of them would not exist in the first place. It was their lifeblood in the age before motor cars and paved roads. The Kinmount doctors made emergency runs along its route. Mail, tourists, visitors and all sorts of goods rode its rails. It was even possible to board the train in Bancroft in the morning and be in Toronto by dark. In the age before motor cars, that was some service!

The Great IB&O was never a money-making venture. Pusey loved railways and was willing to fund shortfalls from his own pocket. It was soon clear the iron mining, the original reason for the line, was not a viable industry. In the late 1800s, the neighbouring Victoria Railway was profitable thanks to lumbering and passenger traffic. Pusey had hoped this prosperity could be repeated on the IB&O line, but it was not to be. The area serviced was poorer, less populated and just didn't develop the needed economic base. But hope springs eternal and the 'Little Railway That Shouldn't Be' struggled along until 1960.

Charles Pusey's death in 1899 meant the IB&O was for sale. The creditors couldn't believe their luck when Mackenzie & Mann of the Canadian Northern Railway (CNoR) purchased the line in 1909. Yes, this was Sir William Mackenzie of Kirkfield, builder of the Kinmount Station. Maybe Sir William had a soft spot for the area, because the purchase did not make financial sense! The CNoR was forced into bankruptcy in 1916 and emerged under government control as Canadian National (CN). Well, once the government was involved, the IB&O never suffered for money again: well almost never.

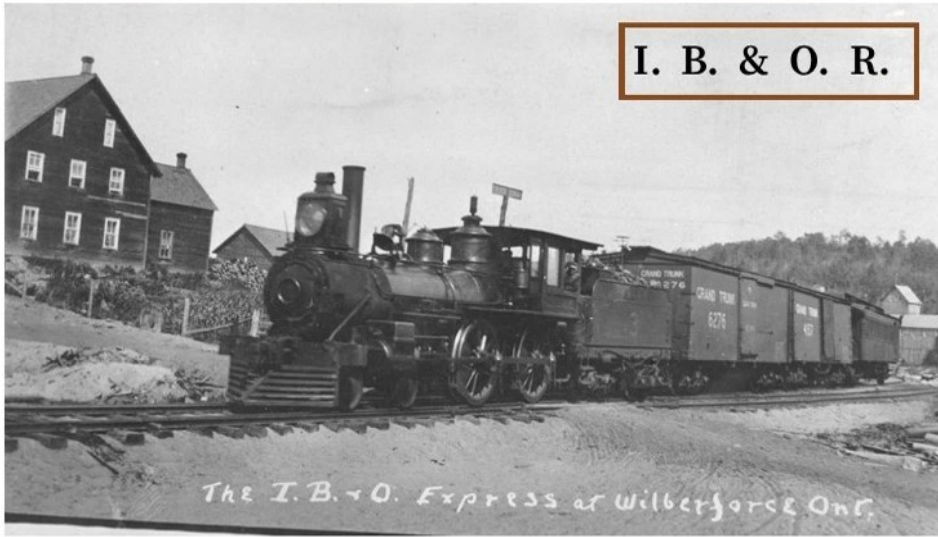
By the 1950s, the motor car was replacing the railway as the transport of choice, and the IB&O was doomed. On March 31, 1960, the IB&O witnessed its symbolic 'last train' and the line was officially closed. My grandfather, Wally Scott, had the foresight to take me on that 'last train.' It was the sad end of an era for the little hamlets that drew their history from the IB&O. The words of Theo Peacock, our backwoods poet, summed up the sentiment well in his tribute "The End of the Line."



IB&O Engine #1 was nicknamed "Mary Anne" after the engineer's wife.



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C.H. "Hebe" Watt's truck blocks the road at Tory Hill as he loads from a box car in the late 1950's. Courtesy of Gordon Barr.



Remnant of the turntable at Howland Junction, the starting point of the IB&O railway.



Construction at the end of the line of the IB&O Railway near Bancroft



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The Library Link by Shannon Bain

Here's what's happening in August at the Kinmount branch.

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Join us for a free workshop where kids can press leaves and flowers into Model Magic to make nature print ornaments! Ages 4 – 10

Ocean Immersive Experience – August 12 to August 16

Drop in anytime during branch hours and dive into an ocean-themed experience where sights, sounds and textures bring the ocean to life. Explore the sensory tent, sand table, light table and more, for all ages!

Touch-A-Truck, Thursday August 14, 11 am to noon

Meet local firefighters as they read a story, show how their gear works, and share fire safety tips – plus, check out a real fire truck up close!

Make Ocean Slime – Thursday August 21, 11 am to noon

Kids can mix, stretch and squish to create their very own ocean-themed slime with vibrant colours and sparkles. Ages 4-10

Send a Postcard Craft – August 25 to August 30

Drop in during branch hours to create a colourful postcard to share your favourite summer memory with friends or family!

Drop-In Programs for kiddos – Available at any branch, any time we're open!

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Friends of Kinmount Library by Lynne Kilby

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Ennismore Heritage Days - Nine Ships 1825

A good crowd attended on July 12 and 13 to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Irish Settlement.

The Quilt Show was massive, filling the church totally. Beyond the Quilt Show celebrations also included the unveiling of a commemorative mural, the Kitchen Party Band, the Pint of Blarney Band, children's races, Lumberjack shows, and a Crosscut Saw Competition.



Gazette Editor Guy Scott poses with a tractor he wishes he owned.



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History Matters

Memories from Kinmount Fair

Hurrah for Kinmount Fair.
The annual fall fair of the Galway Agricultural Society will be held at Kinmount on Tuesday, Oct. 7th. Since last year many improvements have been made to the grounds. A new building has been erected and a half mile track built, and as there has been a large number of entries made in the various classes no doubt the fair this year will be the best ever held in the history of the society. People from Lindsay and vicinity who are desirous of attending this fair can leave here on the 11 o'clock train, returning the same evening, or can remain over night and return early next morning. There are two good hotels in Kinmount, and those remaining over will be comfortably provided for. There will be special low rates on the G.T.R. -w183.



Newspaper article about the Fair from 1902

Pigs are historical stars of the Fair



The Carlsberg 8-hitch Team and Wagon in the 1970s, on their way to the Fairgrounds from downtown.



Monty Robson, the irrefutable 'Voice of Kinmount Fair'



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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: The Canada Flag atop Reid's Auto & Fabrication at 4990 Monck Road/ County Road 45.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE for 2Sept 2025 Edition Friday August 15, 2025

From the Editor's Desk by Guy Scott

Summer is almost over. The last event of the summer season, Kinmount Fair, is approaching fast. The list of events and entertainment can be found online or from posters around town. It looks like a good show. One fun event that we have not had for a long time is the "Pig Races", but there is so much more to see and do. A reminder for those who love the midway. The "Pay one Price" deal is \$40.00 in advance (www.worldsfinestshows.com) until August 29. After that, POP wrist bands will be available at the Midway Office at the Fair for \$45, still a bargain. The deal is good for any day of the Fair.

It has been a hot, dry summer so far. Green is a rare colour. To see green, you may have to go to a box of crayons! A "hayfield fire" took place in Burnt River: burning both farm machinery, hay bales and hay stubble. It is very unusual all three would catch fire at the same time. The local water courses are very dry, and I wonder how the Trent Canal has kept going with so little water. Hopefully the rains will soon come so I don't have to water the plants every day!

Don't forget the Friday events at the Fair. The Fair Ambassador is picked at the Heritage Tea Garden at 2:00 pm. Any contestants interested, check out the rules on our website. We will also "crown" the Lions Club "Citizen of the Year at the same time.

Thursday night has a new and growing in popularity event: Line Dancing. It should be interesting. A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the 45th Annual Terry Fox Run.

One of the roles of the Fair from "way back" was agricultural education. This year Kinmount

Fair features the Durham Farm Connection, Farm Food 360 virtual display and "No Harm on the Farm" safety display. Don't miss these opportunities to learn more about agriculture.

A show that has me interested is "The Foam Pop Up Party". Not sure what it really about, but kids should bring a bathing suit!

The Canada Day Party attracted a great crowd on July 1 but ended without a bang! The fireworks display was cancelled due to technical issues. The fireworks will be rescheduled, but no date has been set yet. Watch the bulletin boards for this date.

A great place to check the news is the Heritage Centre and the Railroad Museum, both in the Railway Station. They always have lots of information to share! GS



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