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Nunavut's Drew Bell breaks one-hand reach record

Nunavut's Drew Bell set a new record in the one-arm reach in front of a packed house at the Fort Smith recreation centre during the Arctic Winter Games in Fairbanks, Alaska.

"I don't think it's really set in yet," said Bell right after winning. "There's just a lot of emotions going through my mind right now. I didn't come with an expectation to do that so it's almost surprising."

Nunavut's Drew Bell reaches out to graze the sealskin ball during a record-setting attempt in the one-arm reach in Fort Smith on Monday night. Bell's tally of 5 feet, 7 inches surpassed the previous record by an inch.

The record-setting reach wasn't without controversy. On his third and final attempt at 5 foot, 7 inches, Bell propped himself up on one hand and reached out to barely graze the bottom of the sealskin ball before returning to balance himself on two hands without his feet touching the ground to ensure his attempt would count.

At least one of the judges saw him touch the ball, but uncertainty from the other

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Clan Bell's Andrew M.J. Bell is a proud participant in the Arctic Winter Games (AWG) since 2012. In the 2018 event, Drew Bell brought home gold medals in Arctic One Hand Reach; Arctic Triple Jump, Arctic Sports All Around.

The AWG is a biennial International celebration of sports and culture from the Arctic Polar Region.

Yep! BNFT is Twelve Years Old! Happy Birthday to us!

A letter from your editor...

A truly good publication means a truly good organization!



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Your publication is the most important part of your group. Your members must be informed in order to participate.

Here are some tips that will help you to achieve a newsletter for which you can be proud - and which works for your clan, club, society, etc.

Your publication should have specific dates to be produced and distributed.

You should always stick to those dates you choose ●

Did you get that? You should stick to those dates PERIOD. No discussion. No debates.

Remember, you can plan the most fantastic event, but if your members do not know about it, they cannot attend.

Your editor must be responsible and must adhere to those dates as well. No excuses.

Your members and officers must be responsible for submitting stories and articles to your editor on time. No excuses.

What this means is, that you become a professional when you accept the responsibility of producing your organization's publication. You are also expected to act professionally when you are a contributor to the publication.

Yes, it is work. It is also about the most rewarding thing you will ever do.

When a story or article is submitted, you must be sure to include all the pertinent facts including who, where, when, what, why and how.

You should be sure your facts are correct.

You should be sure that your photographs are in focus and clear. Jpg or jpeg is the most univer-

sally accepted format for sending photographs. If you are a computer guru, please do not send some strange kind of file. Please just stick to the simple basics.

I've noticed that those who LIVE for FaceBook or Twitter, etc., think that everyone lives for those social media outlets, too.

It just ain't so.

In the great scheme of things, there are only a few who are FaceBook or Twitter, etc., fans. Truly.

You just cannot depend on social media to disperse important information to ALL of your members.

If you have folks who put good information on those places, please ask them to submit the same information to your editor.

Ask someone to proofread what you are going to submit for publication. Be sure that names are spelled correctly - and only one way in any story or article. Is he William or Wilam or Willyam? Is she Suzy, Suzi, Suzee or Soozie? See?

Please check that your grammar and spelling are correct.

If you're submitting a story about a Highland Games, it would be great if you would send along, at the same time, the logo of the games - if they have one. That would save your editor hours of searching.

Layout? That means how your publication looks. It should be easily read. It should be attractive to look at. We could talk about this for days.



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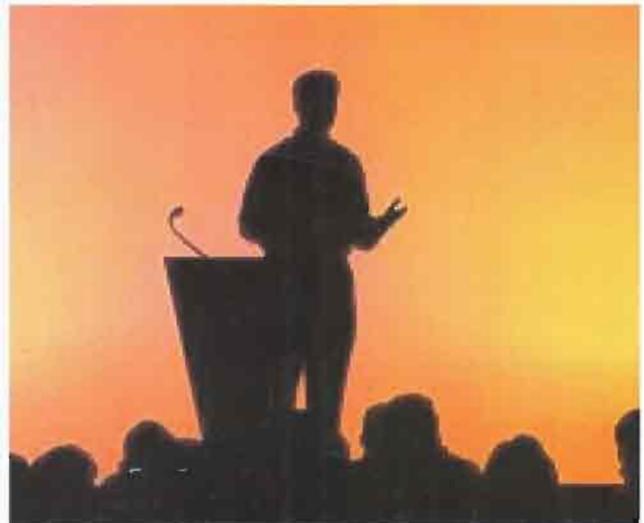
“There was no doubt in my in mind but the judges have to do their due diligence,” said Bell. “To be honest if they had said no, I would have accepted that. It happens every Games. Something doesn’t go the way you think it will and you just need to move on the next games and keep that positive energy.”

After setting the record, Bell was spurred on by the crowd to go one inch higher but he packed it in after two attempts.

Bell said the one-hand reach has been part of his regular training routine for years but he has rarely been able to reach 5 foot, 7 inches.

“I’ve probably done thousands of these and I can count on one hand how many times I’ve reached that high,” he said. “I was kind of surprised it happened with one of my three attempts here, so I’m pretty excited about that.”

Bell’s record spelled heartbreak for previous record holder Matt Jacobson. The Northwest Territories-born Jacobson, representing the Yukon at his third Games, finished with a silver medal while Akpak Duval from Nunavut took the bronze.



Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

Society Events

- **Archaeological Research in Progress 2018** conference, Saturday 26 May, Engine Shed Stirling.

This is the national conference examining recent and ongoing archaeological projects across Scotland. The all-day conference gives the audience the opportunity to hear first-hand about the most recent archaeological projects across Scotland and should not

be missed. This conference is supported by Historic Environment Scotland and is delivered in partnership with the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. Please contact Archaeology Scotland for more information or book your place here.

- **Rhind Lectures 2018** June 22 @ 6:00 pm - June 24 @ 4:00 pm

Auditorium, National Museum Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1JF

‘Drystone technologies: Neolithic tensions and Iron Age compressions’ by Dr John Barber MA, BA, FSA, FSA Scot, MCIfA, focussing on the technical engineering capacities of prehistoric builders of large Neolithic and Iron Age structures which are intriguing and impressive.

The Rhind lectures are free, but ticketed, so booking is highly recommended to avoid disappointment. The weekend lecture programme and booking form is available in print and online here. Places can also be booked by contacting the Society office on 0131 247 4133 or emailing info@socantscot.org.



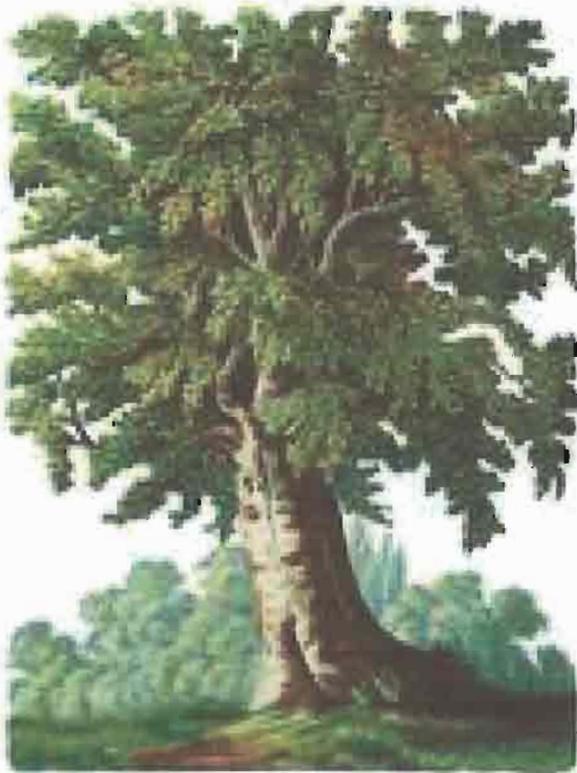


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Atlases, Maps, and Gazetteers: What's the Difference?

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS Ft. Myers, FL, Regional Library

Knowing where to look for your ancestors is a vital part of family history research. Without knowing where the ancestors lived, accessing their records can present challenges. Atlases, maps and gazetteers are useful tools for locating ancestors and understanding their geographical surroundings. How can these tools help solve research problems?

Atlases

Atlases are bound collections of maps. They may focus on a county, a state, a country, or the entire world. Some atlases focus on a theme, such as historic, economic, or social changes. Others may show roads or highways in a state, province, or region. Atlases are useful for showing the relationship of one place to another in geographic terms.

Gazetteers

Gazetteers are geographical dictionaries that summarize information about and cross-reference villages, districts and other geopolitical divisions. When you look up a place, you'll learn its administrative district, the correct spelling (or alternate

spellings) of the place name, and names of local parishes. Some gazetteers even describe life in the ancestral village, including population, area, prominent religions, history and even civil records offices. Be sure to look in neighboring villages for clues to where "missing" ancestors may be living.

Maps

When you first think of geography, you probably think of maps. In addition to giving the location of the ancestral town, maps provide geographical context, including place of residence:

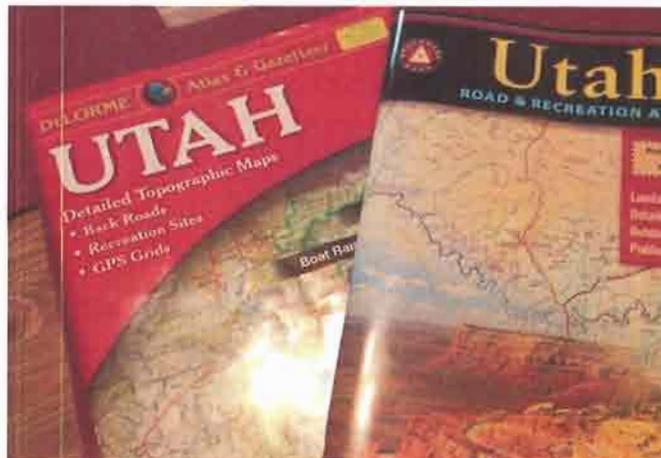
Was it located in a forest, in a mountainous area or along the coast?

Was it located in a city or in a rural or remote area?

What nearby county or town might

have your ancestor's records?

All three of these tools can contribute useful information to your genealogy research. It is important to identify the correct place and time in which your ancestors lived. Place names of countries, towns and villages change or disappear. Boundary lines have repeatedly changed over time.



Vera Benton is celebrating her 105th Birthday on June 6!

Her daughter, Sharron, asked me (Beth) to help her mother receive lots lots of birthday cards on her 105th! Belated cards are just fine. Thanks thanks.

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ABERDEENSHIRE, SCOTLAND

Burn O'Vat

A glacial pothole was once a hideout for a notorious Scottish outlaw.

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A loop trail through the Muir of Dinnet National Natural Reserve will treat hikers not only to a tranquil exploration of the Aberdeenshire countryside, but also to a geological curiosity that has attracted interest—innocent and nefarious alike—for hundreds of years.

Burn O'Vat was formed approximately 14,000 to 12,000 years ago by meltwater from a retreating ice sheet. Known locally as "The Vat," this glacial pothole is thought to have formed when a rock became lodged in the river bed causing a torrent of water to spiral around and carve out the underlying granite bedrock.

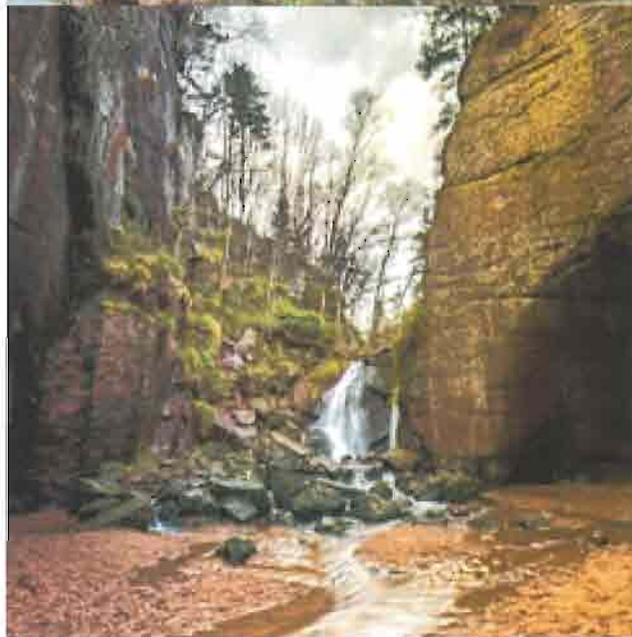
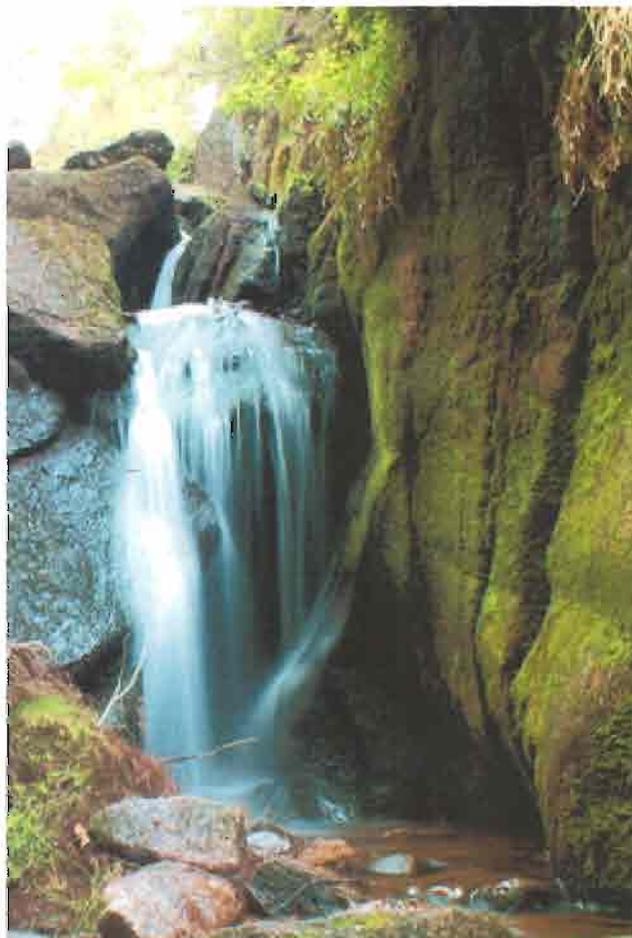
Measuring 13 meters (42 feet) deep and 18 meters (59 feet) wide with a sediment bed estimated at up to 7 meters (23 feet), the bowl is accessed via a narrow stream passage that suddenly opens up into a natural amphitheater.

The Vat has been a popular visitor attraction since the Victorian era, probably due to its location on Royal Deeside. Local legend has it that the Vat provided sanctuary to the famous Scottish outlaw, Rob Roy Macgregor. While this is merely myth, it has been established that it was used as a hideout from authorities by notorious bandit Patrick Gilroy Macgregor, a 17th-century cattle thief and general roustabout.

The hike to the Vat also affords glimpses at a variety of flora and fauna, along with some other examples of glacial morphology.

Know Before You Go

Easiest access is by car with ample free park-



ing. The nearest public transport is the Stagecoach Bluebird service 201 which stops at Dinnet. The visitor centre is an hours walk. Access to the Vat is by path of varying standards, care to be taken accessing the Vat especially at high water.

THE CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY

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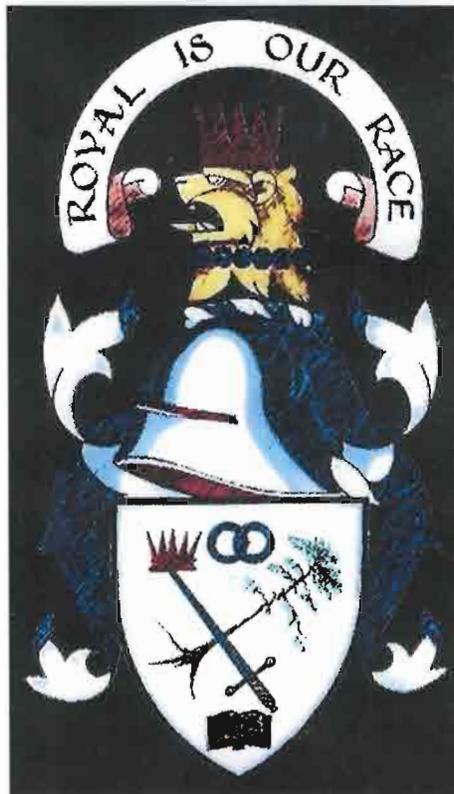
Fàilte! The Clan Gregor Society is a growing organisation with membership throughout the world. It's most active objectives are to extend the links of kinship and friendship between MacGregors, wherever they may be, and to provide a focal point for all members of the Clan and interested visitors who wish to learn more of our noble past.

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Clan MacLaren

and the Scouting Connection

Contributed by Saint Andrews Society of Tallahassee, Florida member
Nancy McLaurin Scott

<http://www.clanmaclarena.org/scouting.htm>

Scouting began in England in 1907 on a small island located near Poole, Dorset, called Brownsea. The leader was the youngest major general in the British army, Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell. His assistant at Brownsea was his long-time friend, Major Kenneth MacLaren, who became its first Secretary.

Scouting not only spread rapidly throughout the United Kingdom but also the world. The modest experiment of Brownsea with its 21 boys expanded beyond its founder's dreams; however, Baden-Powell felt that scouting needed trained leaders to look after its Scouts. To that end, a search began for a place to establish a "training centre." A Scout commissioner from Rosneath, Dunbartonshire, Scotland, near Glasgow, came to the rescue. William F. de Bois MacLaren (no relation to Major Kenneth MacLaren) purchased a derelict estate near Epping Forest near the town of Chingford (about an hour from London) and presented Gilwell Park to the Scout Association in July 1919. Scouting now had its training facility. Today, Gilwell Park, in Essex, is the principal training centre for British scout leaders.

In September 1919, the first Scout Officers' Training Course took place. Adult Scouters spent 11 days camping at Gilwell Park doing things in the same fashion as the 21 boys did at Brownsea 12 years earlier. The participants used the Patrol Method devised by Baden-Powell to accomplish the many varied tasks that this training program

presented. When it was over, Baden-Powell was in a quandary over how to recognize these leaders for the completion of his training course. He remembered a long string of curiously carved, small wooden beads that he had recovered as a military souvenir from his South African military days. He decided to present one of these beads to each leader that completed the training course. This training program soon acquired its familiar name from these small, curiously carved wooden beads - *Wood Badge*.



At first, in honor of Commissioner MacLaren's generous gift of Gilwell Park, the Gilwell Park staff members wore neckerchiefs of full MacLaren tartan. However, to reduce the high cost of these neckerchiefs, one of dove grey cloth with a warm red lining and a patch of ribbon in MacLaren tartan at the point, was adopted. After 1924, this neckerchief was restricted to Wood Badge holders only, a tradition that remains to this day. (The Boy Scouts now have their own tartan, based on the MacLaren tartan.)

The neckerchief is secured with a special leather thong Turk's head knot "woggle," or neckerchief slide, originally conceived at Gilwell Park by a young staff member, Bill Shankley, about 1920. These three unique symbols: the carved wood beads, the neckerchief with a piece of ribbon in MacLaren tartan, and the woggle continue to be used today around the world by Scouters in over

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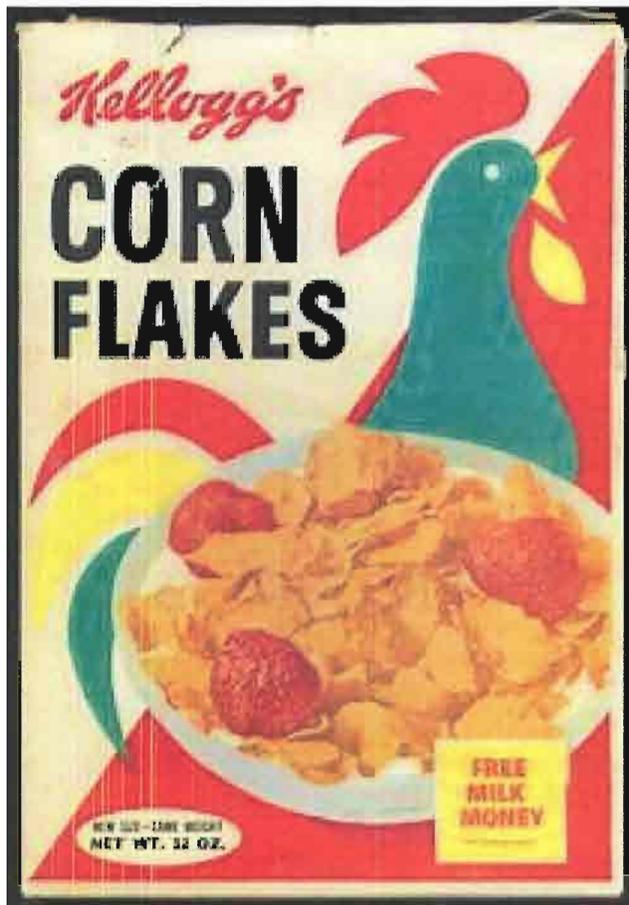
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The Welsh language is making a come-back! *CYMRU*



There are now more than a million people learning Welsh through a new language-learning app, Duolingo, raising the hope that the Welsh government's goal of 1,000,000 Welsh speakers by 2050 may yet become a reality.

About a thousand new learners are drawn to the Welsh lessons every week!

Thanks to *Six Nations, One Soul*, the publication of the Celtic League American Branch.

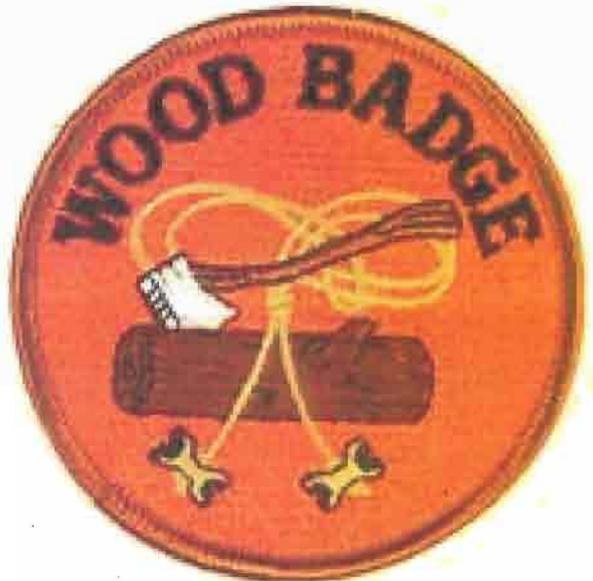
For membership information contact <SPDeVillo@earthlink.net>

Ceiliog Corn Flakes?

Legend has it that cereal mogul Will Kellogg met the renowned Welsh harpist, Nansi Richards, while Richards was on tour in the Midwest. It was she who suggested that he adopt a rooster as a new cereal logo, since the Welsh word for rooster - ceiliog - sounded a lot like Kellogg.

Whatever the truth of this tale, the Kellogg rooster, named Cornelius just so you know, has graced the American breakfast table for over 60 years.

Boy Scouts, *continued from page 11*



120 countries that have Scouting programs.

The seeds of Scouting began on a small island with the help of a MacLaren. A short time later, another MacLaren gave the world the place where Scouting was nurtured and became its worldwide home, Gilwell Park. The Clan MacLaren Society of North America has established a special associate (non-voting) membership for any Scouter who has earned his or her Wood Badge. Wood Badge membership in the Clan MacLaren Society of North America (CMSNA) is therefore extended to all Wood Badge-trained Scouters who have completed their "ticket" and have received their Wood Badge beads.

With thanks to the *St. Andrew's Cross*, the publication of the St. Andrew Society of Tallahassee, Florida. Contact them by visiting <www.saintandrewtallahassee.org>

Dr. Pete Hylton, Ed.D., Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology, Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and Fulbright Scholar...is BAAACCCKKK with more travels!

Spring Comes to the Highlands

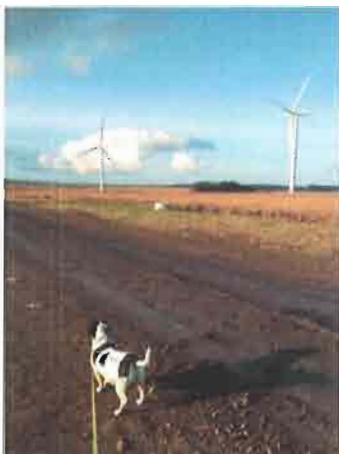
You can tell when spring arrives in the Highlands because the Snowdrops and Heather come into bloom. These were the first we saw this spring.....in our own garden.



We decided to watch the opening game of the Six Nations Tournament (Scotland vs. Wales) at the local pub with some of our students from the college.....who had dressed for the occasion.



Molly, our dawg, loves to go walking and the spring weather made it possible again. We frequently use the foot paths through either of the two local wind farms. She likes to wander amongst the giants, and sometimes when she barks at them, they wave their arms at her. It was our first visit this spring to this particular farm and we startled a pair of Capercaillie out of the brush. First time I have ever seen them in the wild.



And of course, in Scotland it can't be spring if you haven't been to a Burns Night complete with music, poems, toasts, and of course haggis, neeps, 'n tatties and men in kilts. We went to two Burns Suppers held by the local Masonic Lodges where I am involved.



.....in our kilts, of course.



You might be interested to hear about one of the classes taught in our engineering program. It requires the students to assess renewable energy sources to power a local manufacturing facility. They have to evaluate a local forestry resource

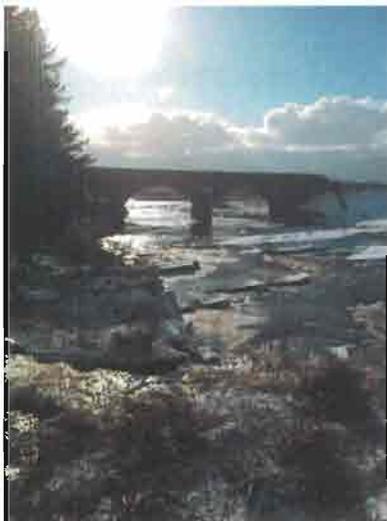


To provide wood chips for a bio-mass boiler

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and compare it to hydro-electric energy from the nearby river



using water channeled down an old mill race



andof course compare those to....Caithness wind power.

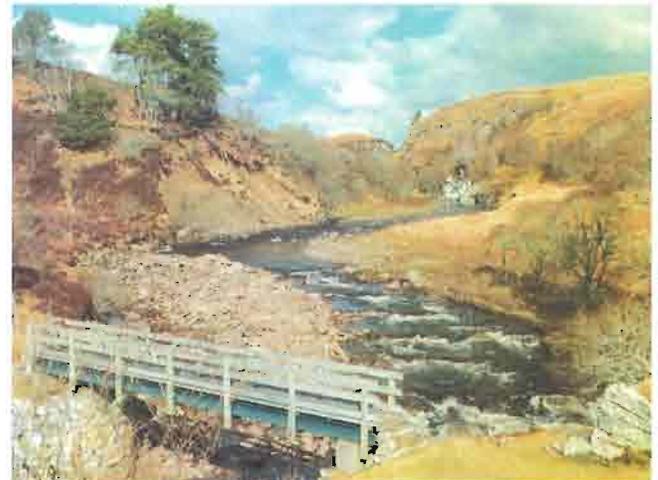


Naturally, we picked the coldest, snowiest day of the year to go traipsing around the county to all these sites.

On a slightly sunnier day, dawg and I went for a hike along the Dunbeath Strath. It was a bit like a walk back in time. We left the main carriage-way at the modern bridge, and followed a minor carriageway to the early 1900's stone bridge, where we turned onto a one-track-road to the parking spot



Then we started down the trail along the strath (river valley or gorge).



Next was a stone wall from a late 1800's estate.

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The Clan Macneil Association of America

If you are a Macneil or any of the following "Sept Names" then you have found the clan you have been searching for.



"O'n D'thainig thu."

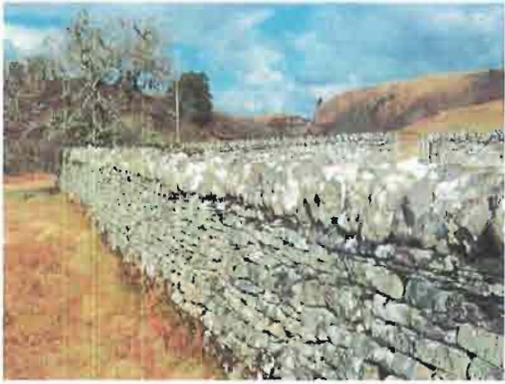
Remember the men from whom you have come.

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Dr. Pete Hylton, *continued from page 15*



And then we passed an early 1800's drover's inn.



And the remains of a 1600's monastery.



And on to a Neolithic stone broch, which would have served as the communal village a few thousand years ago.



Molly insisted on exploring that small opening, which led to a room built within the outer and inner walls of the broch. It was about 6 feet tall, 6 feet long, and 3 feet wide.

My anniversary gift to Wendy this year was to book her for a day long workshop with a specialty candy-maker near Aberfeldy, after we saw her on Countryfile on TV where she discussed her specialty – making herbal flavored chocolates, which naturally caught Wendy's interest. I also booked us for two nights into this amazing little self-catering cottage in a renovated-gatelodge at the entrance to a historic estate. It looks like something out of a fairytale.



While Wendy was at the workshop the dawg and I went hill walking. First stop was Hermit's cave.



Which then led us to a view of lower Acharn Falls, and then, as we climbed further, eventually the upper falls as well. Things were gushing along quite well, with the runoff from the snow on the Cairngorm Mountains surrounding us.

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Elliot Clan Society, USA

Membership Information 2014

The Elliot Clan Society is a worldwide organization, with active branches in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. In accordance with Scottish Clan Law, Clan membership includes all Elliots, Elliots, Elliotts, those of whose mother or grandmother was so named and their spouses. This also applies to Elliotts of known Scottish descent.

If you are a person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot, Elliott or Eliott (Including the spouse or descendant of such person) and wish to join the Elliot Clan Society, please fill out the membership form. Those forms may be found on the "Official ECS Website" at:

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For US residents, please make sure that you send your completed ECS USA membership forms to the Membership/Treasurer. Once you join the Society, you will receive periodic newsletters from the ECS USA and our Parent Society in Scotland. The newsletters will inform you of Scottish festivals in your area and other announcements of importance to our Clan. Membership allows you to meet other Elliots with similar interests who share our Scottish heritage.

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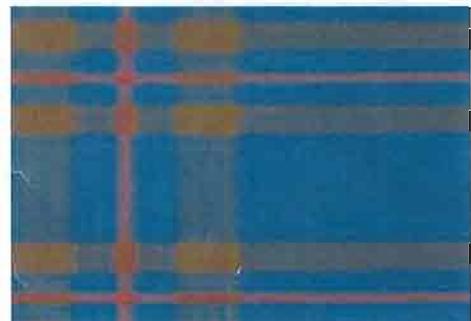
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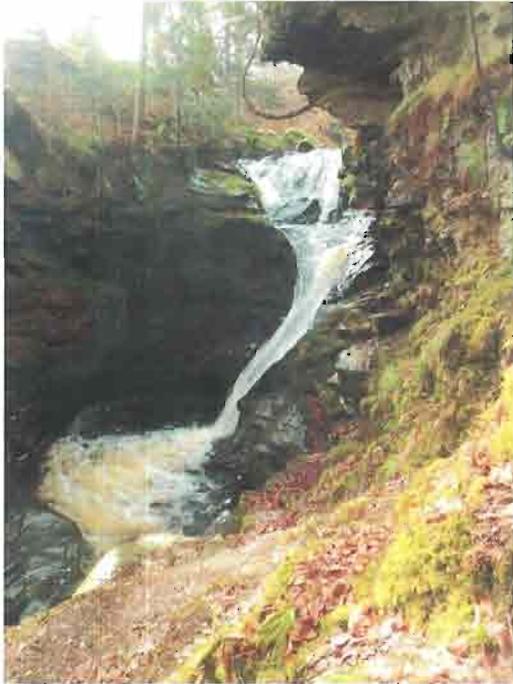
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Boldly and Rightly





We kept climbing until we reached the remains of a prehistoric stone circle at the peak.



After descending, we visited a reconstructed Iron Age Crannog. The remains of 17 of these homesteads have been found around this loch, and several have been excavated. Archeologists have taken what they learned and built one in the same manner that they appear to have been built centuries ago. There are nearly 200 logs cut to create this structure, with many of them sunk two meters deep into the bottom of the loch. All of this was done using small iron-age axes about 18 inches long, with a 2 inch blade as seen here.

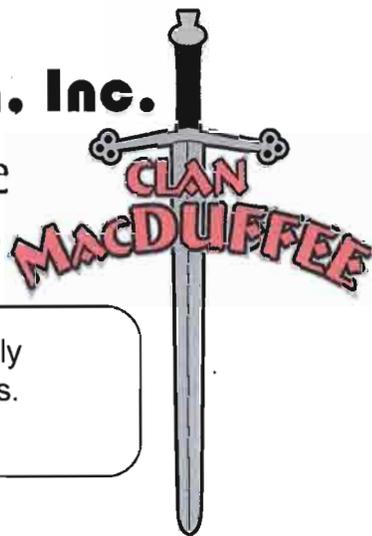


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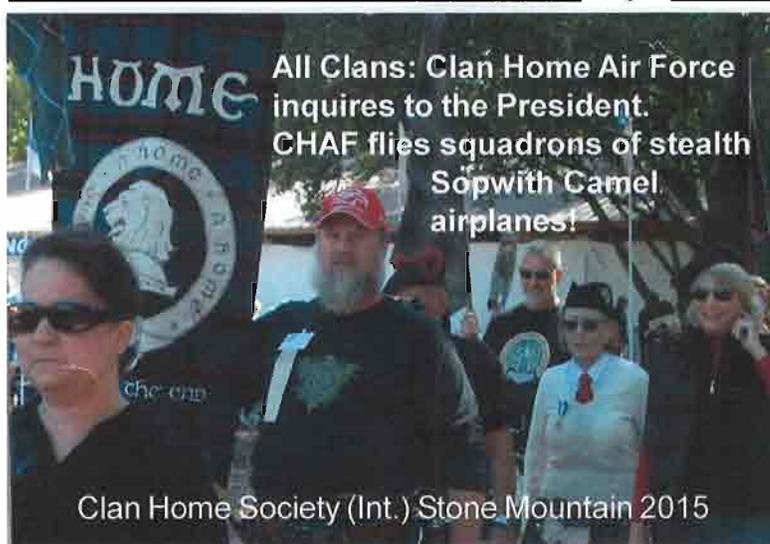


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Clan Home Society (Int.) Stone Mountain 2015

You can have the Manx TT Motorcycle Races at your house all the time to play with!

If you have always wanted to take part in the annual Manx TT Motorcycle Races, but can't fit your bike into the overhead bin, computer game designers Bigben Interactive have created *TT Isle of Man: Ride on the Edge* that brings the competition right to your computer screen!

The designers have taken the trouble to survey the actual route and

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Letter from your editor, *continued from page 3*

Just look at publications you get from magazines to newspapers - anything and everything. Notice how the pages are arranged. You don't have to be fancy. I guess the easiest way to say it - is that your publication should be neat.

There are all manner of computer programs available that make it easy. I use PageMaker7.0 and went to school for an entire year to learn how to use it, and am still learning. You don't have to go to school as there are many simple programs.

Once upon a time I was editor (for ten years) of a publication which was the national publication for a group who had, at that time, 13 regions and 13 editors + me. Each year at the AGM, we'd have a newsletter editor meeting and workshop. We had such a good time and all of us got so many good ideas in those little gatherings. I always learned a lot.

I'm scheduled for genealogical speeches at Stone Mountain Games again this year. **If there are any editors or interested folks, contact me at <bethscribble@aol.com> and I'll be happy to meet with everyone.** Friday before the games when the speeches are over would work for me. We could just meet in the lobby of the hotel or in a close-by restaurant. Of course, you're welcome to come to the free speeches, too. We have more fun than you would think.

How can I help? I'm delighted to work with you and answer questions. If I don't know the answers, I probably know someone who does.

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I'm looking forward to hearing from you.



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Flowers of the Forest

Morrison - The Kingdome of Raknar

Emma Hannigan

Mark Seltmann, of Clan Morrison, age 58, died in Spokane, Washington on August 24, 2017. He was active and involved in his home town of Athena, Oregon as former mayor, member of Athena Main Street Association, chairman of Sunset Housing District, a member of Masonic Lodge and vice president of Athena Caledonian Games. He was well-loved and respected.

The Scottish Country Shop, a Caledonian vendor and friend from Portland, Oregon, donated a Jacobite White Rose imported from Scotland in honor of Mark. It was planted in Hesketh Garden in Athena City Park at a Rose Dedication Ceremony on April 22, 2018. A recorded piping tune, written by piper, Eric Albert of Salem, Oregon was played at the Rose Dedication Ceremony and the Celebration of Life service on September 6, 2017.

Mark was a major force in Athena Caledonian Games with dedication and love for his friends, the Games, his tartan and he could tie knots of all kinds to decorate the park when it was time to put everything up. He was Caledonian Clan Representative. Sue and clan friends miss him.

ERWIN, Tenn. - **Michael Thomas Wilson**, 72, of Erwin, Tenn., passed away Thursday, May 3, 2018, at his home.

A native of Tecumseh, Mich., he was the son of the late Howard and Marie Wilson.

He was preceded in death several years ago by his wife, Tad Sims Wilson. He is survived by Tad's younger brother, Charlie.

He was an early member of the Kingdome of Raknar where he was known as the Duke of Olaf.

A date and time for a memorial service will be announced later.

Memories and condolences may be shared at www.mtnempirecbs.com. Mountain Empire Cremation & Burial Services, Jonesborough, Tenn. (423-547-0379), is honored to serve the Wilson family.

After ten cancer diagnoses, popular Irish writer **Emma Hannigan** finally succumbed to her illness in March, leaving behind a lasting legacy of hope.

Once a tireless ambassador for Breast Cancer Ireland (BCI), she complained of feeling "as useless as a chocolate teapot" just before her death, and begged others to take up her fight through a Text Cure campaign. In doing so, she sparked an initiative that quickly raised €126,000, resulting in BCI announcing the founding of the Emma Hannigan Breast Cancer Research Fellowship for pioneering studies at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

"Farewell Emma, your sparkle will never fade," concluded a moving video tribute from BCI showing Hannigan front and centre at many fundraising and awareness-building events.

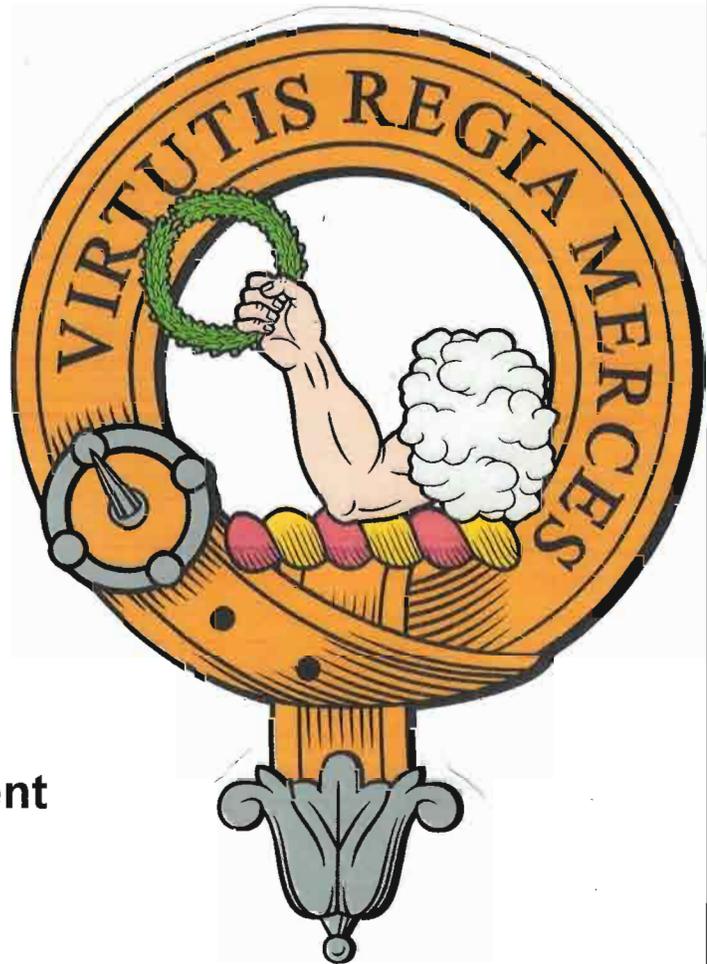
In 2005, at age 33, with two pre-school children, the Irish scribe discovered she had the BRCA1 gene mutation, which carries an 85 per cent risk of developing breast cancer and a 50 per cent chance of developing ovarian cancer. She chose to have both breasts and both ovaries removed.

"The time I knew was borrowed must be given back soon," she wrote just two weeks before her passing.

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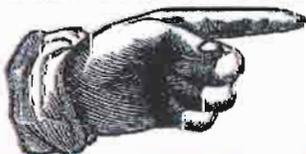
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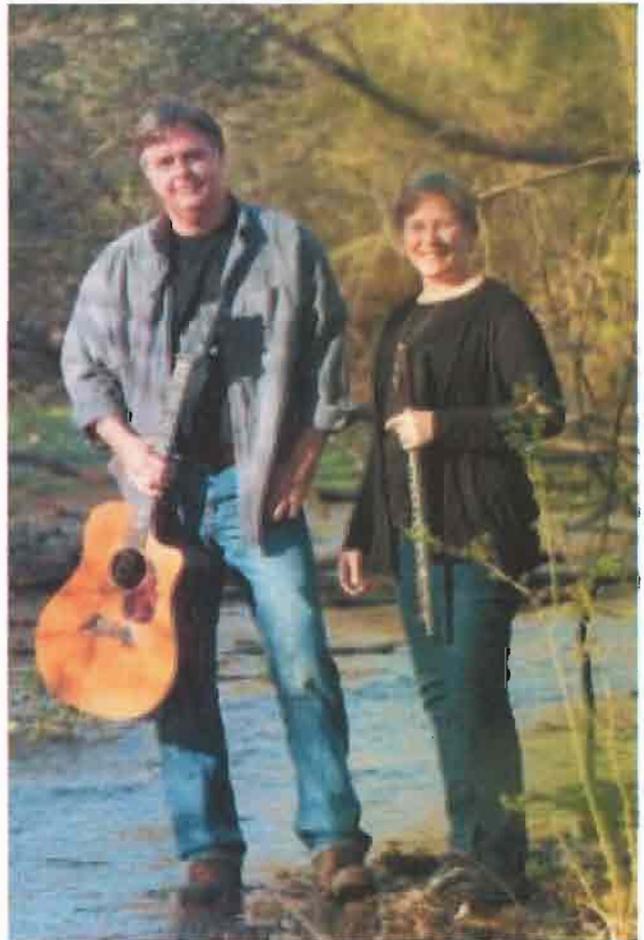


From top clockwise: Piper Jones Band, Scottish Octopus, Seven Nations, Ed Miller, Alasdair White..

Performances are scheduled at the Celtic Grove and also the Celtic Jam and the Celtic Rock Concert. For details: visit <<http://www.gmhg.org/events.htm>>



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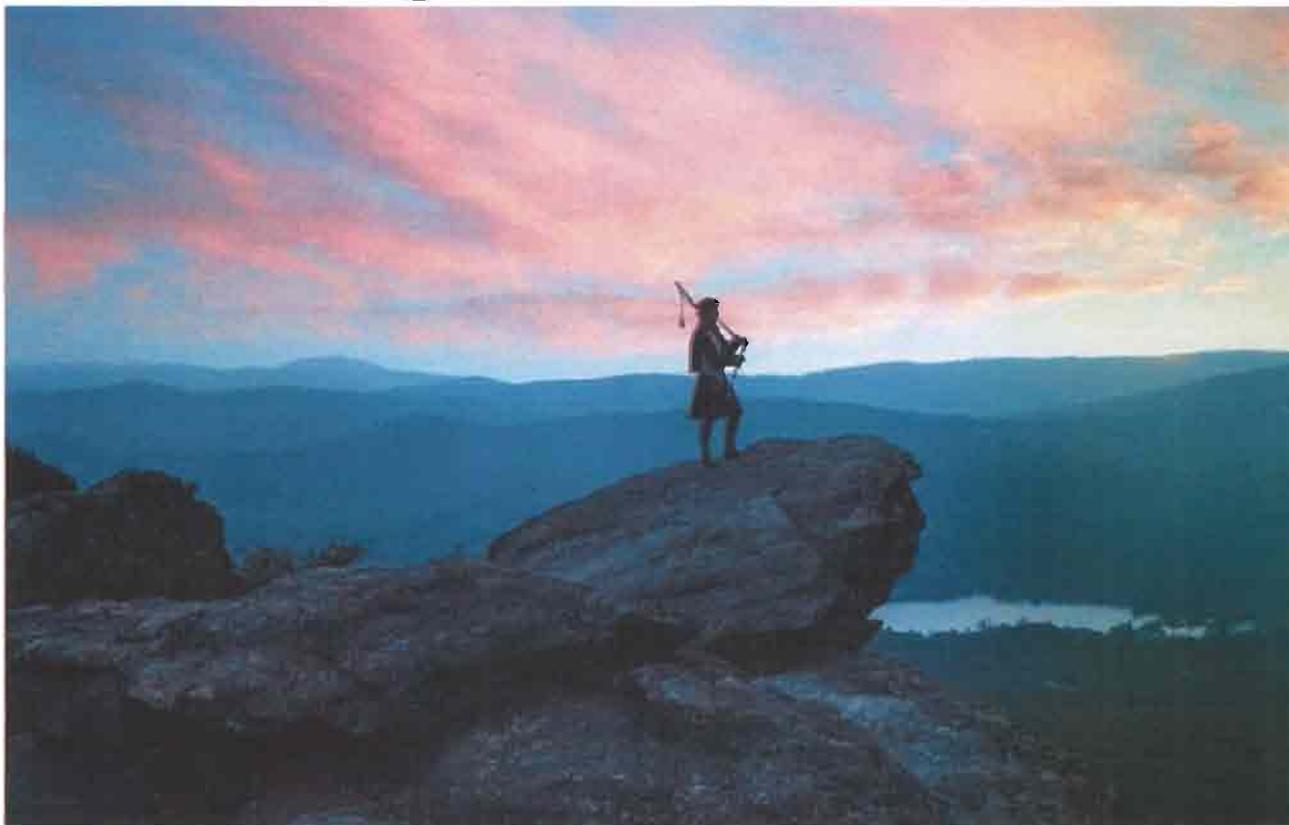
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From top clockwise: Seamus Kennedy, Atlantic North, Chambless and Muse and Rathkeltair.
Performances are scheduled at the Celtic Grove and also the Celtic Jam and Celtic Rock Concert.

For details and complete information, please visit:

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The 63rd Annual
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The Mountain Marathon and The Bear

The Mountain Marathon begins in Boone, NC. Runners will arrive at the Games track around 9:30 AM. Among the most strenuous marathons in the nation.

The Bear: Assault on Grandfather. This five-mile footrace climbs 1568 feet in elevation from the town of Linville to the summit of Grandfather Mountain.

Camping at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

For camping general information, camping fees and more information, along with a registration form, visit <<http://www.gmhg.org/camping.htm>>

Children's Activities at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games: Children's Kilted Races, Children's Wrestling, Children's Tug-of-War and other children's events, please visit <<http://www.gmhg.org/childrensactivities.com>>



**TT Manx
Motorcycle
Races,**
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incorporate it into the action, with every bump, turn and twist in the road a real racer will encounter.

Held in Mannin every June, the TT turns the entire circumference on the island into a 40-mile race course. It draws motorcycle enthusiasts, some on restored vintage cycles, from throughout Britain, Ireland and the Continent.

For more information: <http://www.bigben-interactive.co.uk/support/>

Something special! The photo your editor has used in this article is her Tom (Freeman) on his beloved vintage Norton motorcycle - taken before his accident. He misses motorcycles more than anything, so you can be sure one of these TT Manx games will be part of his birthday this year! We are hot on the trail of this video game!



A note from Colin!

Hi, Great getting to finally talk to you.

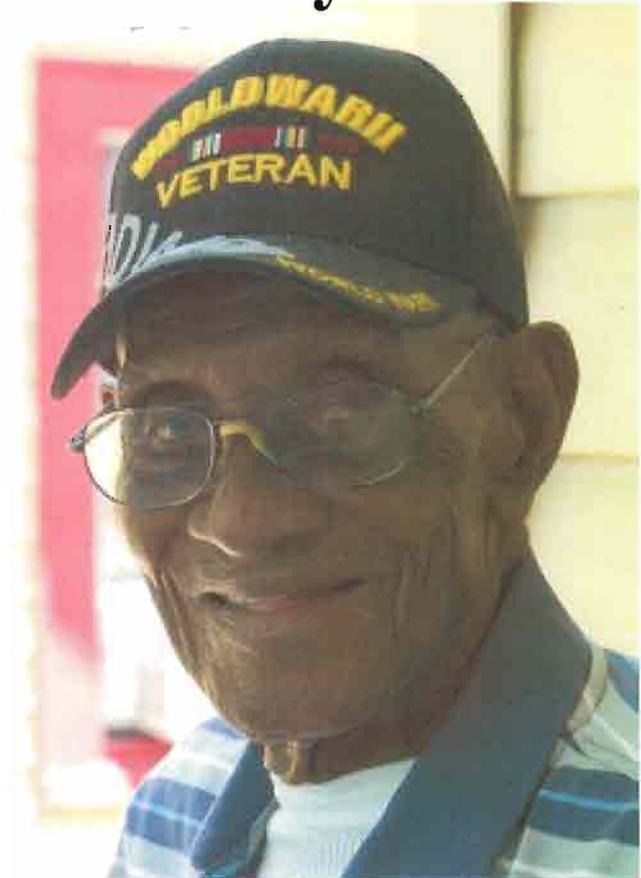
I was telling you about a new festival. It will be the Beaver Dam Kentucky Celtic Music Festival, Saturday, June 16th, 2018, from 10:00 am till four, featuring *Barrenhart*, *Skip Cleavinger Trio*, *Colin Grant-Adams* and *Katie Snyder's Sinclair School of Highland Dance*. The Farmers Market is open from 8 AM until noon.

We are looking for any Scottish or Irish clans that would like to come and set up a tent. It would be free as the Festival will be a free event, sponsored by the Beaver Dam Tourism Commission and will run in conjunction with the Farmers Market.

Thanks Beth, see you both soon. Colin



He is 112 years old!



Happy 112th birthday to America's oldest living man and WWII veteran, Richard Overton.

Born in Bastrop County, Texas in 1906, Overton served in the Pacific Theater from 1942 to 1945 with the 1887 Engineer Aviation Battalion.

He resides in his home in East Austin, Texas where he enjoys cigars and drinking whiskey on his front porch.

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The Armstrong Clan Society

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The Armstrong Clan Society was organized on October 8, 1981 and is incorporated in the State of Georgia, USA. The Society is recognized as a Section 501 (c) (3) not for profit organization and exempt from United States Federal Income Taxes. On September 24, 1984, the Lord Lyon, King of Arms in Scotland, granted warrant to the Lyon Clerk to matriculate in the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland in the name of the Armstrong Clan Society, Inc., the Coat of Arms in the upper left corner of this page. Our motto "Semper Invictus" can be translated as "Always Unconquered."

Objectives of the Armstrong Clan Society

1. To seek friendship and unity among all Armstrongs, its septs and associated families.
2. To provide for the preservation of all Armstrong artifacts unique to the family.
3. To serve as a genealogical and historical resource for the membership and the general public.
4. To provide news, Armstrong history, items of general interest and genealogy via our newsletter, *The Armstrong Chronicles*.
5. To establish worldwide geographic membership representation.

Membership

All Armstrongs, Croziers, Fairbairns, Grosiers and Nixons (regardless of the spelling and their descendants, are eligible for full membership in The Armstrong Clan Society. In the United States and Canada, dues are \$25 per year or \$45 for two years. All memberships are family memberships which includes two adults and all minor children. In all other countries, dues are \$35 per year. All dues are payable in US funds.

For a membership application, email Peter Armstrong at
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or download from <http://www.armstrong.org/membership.htm>.
Note: "spouse" on the application includes: spouse, domestic partner or any other adult living at the same address.

Clan Henderson Society, Inc., 2018 Annual Awards announced

Mark Henderson, Chair, Awards Committee, Clan Henderson Society, writes: The 2018 Awards Committee is pleased to announce the selections for The Order of the Chief and for The Order of the Chief with Distinction.

The Awards Committee is also pleased to announce that the 2018 recipient of the Chief's Prize is **Beth Gay Freeman** (CHS member #12), Editor of *An Canach*. She was awarded The Order of the Chief in 1991 and The Order of the Chief with Distinction in 2016.

The Chief's Prize is considered the highest level of award for a member of the Society. This award recognizes an individual who has made sustained contributions, acts and/or services that have improved the image, reputation and or efficiency of the Society.

The Order of the Chief Award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution, performed a service or completed an act that directly improves the image, reputation and or efficiency of the Society. The awards consist of a green ribbon affixed to the Chief's Medal.

This year those awarded The Order of the Chief with Distinction include: **Allen Henderson** (CHS member #3686) from the United Kingdom. Allen, who demonstrated oversight, energy and enthusiasm while supporting the United Kingdom Region and for his support of the activities at Glencoe, site of the Henderson Stone. He was awarded The Chief's Medal in 2016.

Linda Hendricks (CHS member #2185) from the Far South Region demonstrated oversight, energy and enthusiasm and great communication skills while supporting the Far South Region. She was awarded the Chief's Medal in 2007.

Ann Hicks (CHS member #1644) from the South East Region demonstrated oversight, energy and enthusiasm while supporting the Clan Henderson Society Scholarship program. She was awarded the Chief's Medal in 2013.

Carol Martin (CHS member #3048) from the North East Region. The award was for her performance and services while serving as CHS Treasurer. She was awarded the Chief's Medal in 2016.

Shirley Stiffler (CHS member #1204) from the South Pacific Region provided invaluable assistance in support of the Clan Henderson 2017 Tour. She was awarded the Chief's Medal in 2016.

Elton Stilwell (CHS member #3973) from the Far South Region. He was honored for his continued support to the Region and the State of Texas as a convenor. He was awarded the Chief's Medal in 2016.

The Order of the Chief Awards in 2018 include **Lauren Erera** (CHS member #3733) for services and effort while acting as CHS official photographer at the 2017 Edinburgh Tattoo.

Eric Erickson (CHS member #3946) provided invaluable assistance in support of the Clan Henderson 2017 Scotland tour.

Adam Henderson (CHS member #4405) demonstrated oversight, energy, enthusiasm and great communication skill while supporting the Oceania Region of the CHS.

David Henderson (CHS member #3725) from the North East Region has demonstrated leadership and expertise while supporting the DNA Program within the Clan Henderson Society.

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Jeff T. Henderson (CHS member #4371) of the Oceania Region has demonstrated energy and enthusiasm while advancing the presence of the Clan Henderson Society and supporting efforts within the Oceania Region.

Jim Henderson (CHS member #4257) of the Oceania Region has provided energy, enthusiasm and expertise in assisting the CHS Genealogy Group.

LaRhee Henderson (CHS member #4549) from the Central Region demonstrated energy and enthusiasm while supporting the genealogy initiatives within the Clan Henderson Society.

Mary Lane Henderson (CHS member #4166) from the South East Region has provided resources, enthusiasm and energy in support of youth scholarship programs.



Ron Henderson (CHS member #3690) from the Mid East Region has demonstrated energy and enthusiasm while supporting the genealogy initiatives within the Clan Henderson Society.

Charm Russell (CHS member #4511) from the Central Region has demonstrated oversight, energy, enthusiasm and great communication skill while supporting the Central Region.

Bryan Simpson (CHS member #4075) from the South West Region has reenergised the Clan Henderson Society athletic program.

Dr. Richard C. Goodwin (CHS membership #115) demonstrated oversight, energy, enthusiasm and great communication skills while supporting the Mid South region, including hosting the 2017 AGM.



Ceannabeinne, a thriving township until the Highland Clearances of 1842, now ruined village near Durness, Sutherland, Scottish Highlands.

The Highland Clearances, the Podcast

If you would like to learn more about the infamous Highland Clearances, here is an opportunity. There is a Podcast available now. (Because of the length of the address, it's sideways so as to be readable) The address is to your left on the page.

Robert Marshall Winters wrote on FaceBook: As Prebble says so pointedly in his book, *Lion in the North* (p. 325), "When a new war, this time in the Crimea, required the raising of more soldiers for Her Majesty's Forces, the mountains were silent except for the bleating of sheep."

"The chiefs who remained and the southern proprietors who now owned the glens of those who were gone, appealed for men to fill the depleted battalions of Alma and Balaclava. They [the recruiting officers] could scarcely raise a platoon. 'Since you have preferred sheep to men,' they were told, 'let the sheep defend you.'"

When I think of The Clearances, I always think of Jeanne Williams book, *The Island Harp*. Check Amazon.com. Yr. ed.

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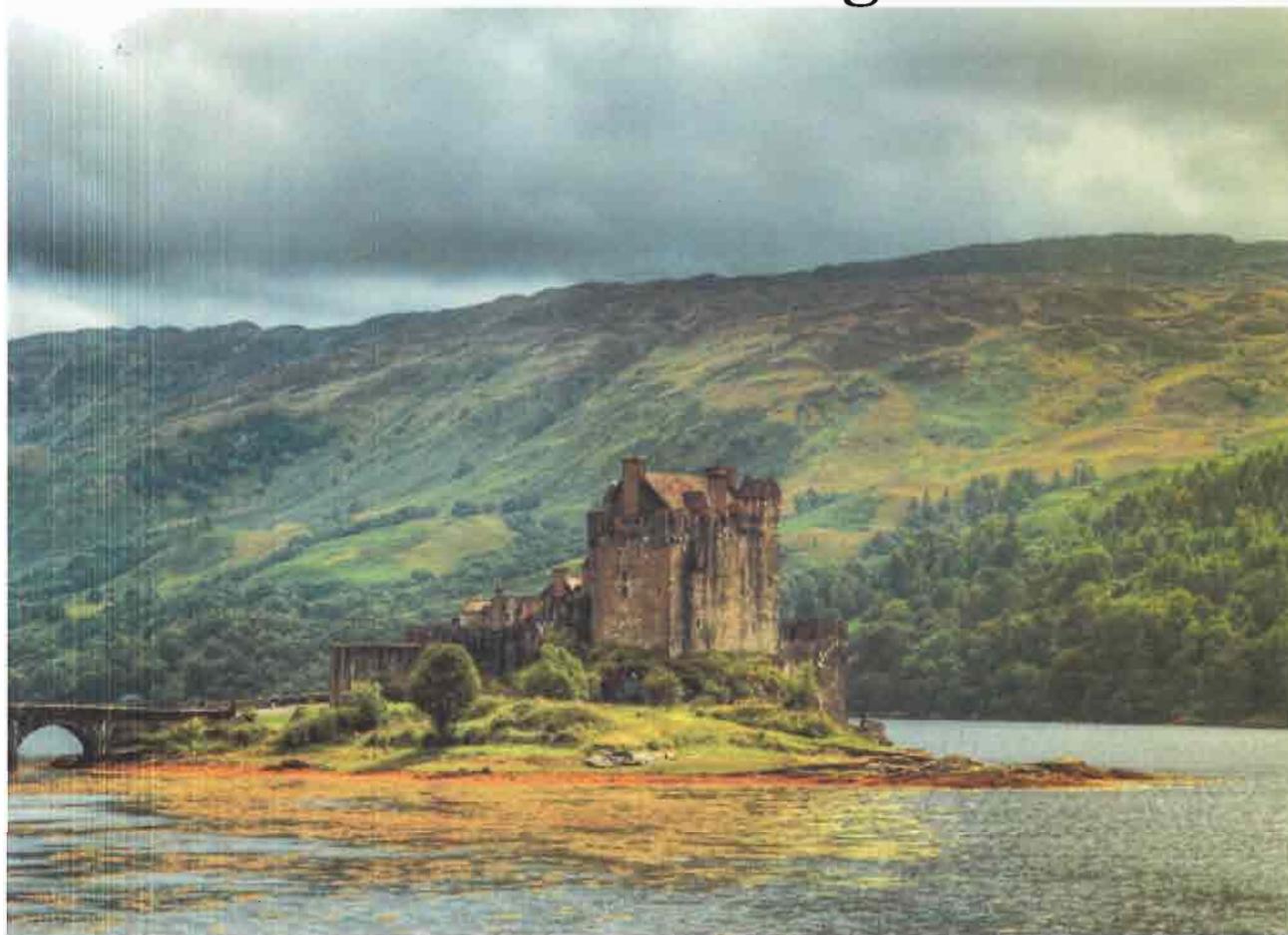
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Eilean Donan - Iconic Image of Scotland



Having been featured in photos, ads, and films, the island fortress known as Eilean Donan has spent centuries solidifying its position as the most iconic image of Scotland for natives and foreigners alike.

Built on an island a mile away from the Village of Dornie, the land was first occupied in 634 AD, home to the monastic cell of Bishop Donan.

During the 13th century Alexander II built the first incarnation of Eilean Donan to defend the surrounding mountains of Kintail and the Isle of Skye against the Viking hordes.

This original castle is said to have an immense curtained wall connecting seven towers and spanning the entire island.

Come 1719, a lesser-known Jacobite uprising partially destroyed the structure, and for the following 200 years it lay in near ruins.

Finally in 1911, Colonel John MacRae-Gilstrap arrived. He bought the island and restored the castle, reopening it in 1932.

Jutting artfully from its island perch at the intersection of three lochs, the castle has been featured in a number of ad campaigns and films, such as *Highlander* and *Entrapment*.

Today, what is deemed the fourth incarnation of the castle (the history of the second and third structures remains unknown) is still owned by the MacRae family, who run a tourist center and restaurant for those who care to venture into the Feudal folds of Scotland's history.



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Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

Please plan to attend your local Highland Games and, if you see our tent, please come by for a visit. The tent convener will have information about Clan Keith's fascinating history as well as membership information. Membership in the Clan is not expensive but one of the finest investments that you will every make. Hope to see you soon!



The Unicorn of Scotland

Scotland is a magical place filled with all the wonder and beauty of its Celtic past. But this passion for mythology goes further than usual in Bonnie Scotland – even the official national animal comes straight from legend!

The fantastic unicorn is a powerfully symbolic creature and the selection of this special creature as a symbol for Scotland tells us a lot about the character of the Scottish people.

Unicorns, and unicorn-like creatures, have existed in myths across the globe for thousands of years – appearing in writings and art from locations as exotic and far apart as Greece, India and Ethiopia.

In its original descriptions, it is portrayed as just another unusual type of animal – albeit one with strange abilities!

One such description comes from the Alexandrian merchant Cosmas Indicopleustes, who states in his writings on the flora and fauna of 6th century India that the unicorn was a fierce beast who, when cornered, would jump from a cliff rather than allow itself to be caught, landing on the tip of its horn to prevent injury to its body!

During this time, depictions of the unicorn in art and sculpture vary from being very similar to the one-horned horse image we are used to seeing today, to showing creatures that clearly have far more in common with goats, antelope or even oxen!

During the Middle Ages, unicorns became strongly associated with the virtues of purity, joy and healing and nurturing influences. As a result, they were commonly used in medieval artistic depictions to signify the presence of virgins, especially the Virgin Mary, in the artwork.

One specific legend of the time stated that only a noble young virgin could catch a unicorn, and that the otherwise fleet-footed and freedom-loving creature would be so enraptured by such a maiden, that it would go to her willingly and fall asleep with its head in her lap, causing it to be captured. Also around this time, the medicinal use of unicorn horn, a substance known as alicorn, became popular in certain circles, with proponents claiming that the powdered horn, with its qualities of purity and healing, could cure illnesses and be used to detect poison. Of course, as we know now that unicorns are mythical, these substances were

not actual unicorn horn, but probably ground narwhal or rhinoceros horn.

The Celtic mythology of Scotland recognized these qualities of the legendary unicorn as well, and the wild freedom, proud intelligence, pious purity and courageous beauty of the creature seemed to sum up the Scottish people very well!

From the fifteenth century onward the unicorn begins to appear in royal documents as a symbol of the nation, first on gold coins, then as a central image on the Royal Coat of Arms.

Originally this showed two unicorns as flag bearers, one holding the Saltire and the other the Lion Rampant, but, as a nod to the union between Scotland and England, this later changed. The new version of the coat of arms still showed a unicorn holding a St Andrews flag on the left, but its twin on the right was now replaced with the English lion, holding aloft the flag of St George.

The unicorn as it is depicted as a symbol of Scotland is not just a horse with a horn however. In a nod to the earlier illustrations of the beast, the Scottish unicorn has a horse-like head and body, but the beard and cloven hooves of a goat, with a tufted tail like a lion.

Additionally, the unicorn is bound by a golden chain round its neck which winds all round its body. This device in heraldry informs the viewer that the beast depicted is seen as wild and dangerous, as the unicorn was in ancient times. The fraught relationship between Scotland and England throughout the generations however, gives this an ideal (if accidental) additional symbolism for the Scottish people, who have long had a history of fighting for their freedom.

This constant battle between Scotland and England was immortalized in a children's poem titled *The Lion and the Unicorn*, making further reference to each nation's most recognizable symbols. But despite the unicorn still being chained in the heraldry, many people of Scotland still hope to one day break the golden bonds and take back true freedom for this nation. Others don't feel this is necessary, and are happy with the status quo with our neighbours and friends – but regardless of political leanings, it is easy for everyone to agree that the unicorn is a perfect and beautiful emblem of Scotland; proud, beautiful, strong and brave!



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