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## Turkish yard wins contract to build Islay ferries



The new ships will replace *MV Hebridean Isles* and allow *MV Finlaggan* (pictured) to be re-deployed to another route. The £110m contract to build two new CalMac ferries for Islay is likely to be awarded to a shipyard in Turkey.

Scottish government-owned Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL) has named Cemre Marin Endustri as the preferred bidder.

The nationalised Ferguson shipyard missed out on the order to build the new ferries.

The Inverclyde yard was among 11 bidders for the order to replace the ships on the

Argyll route.

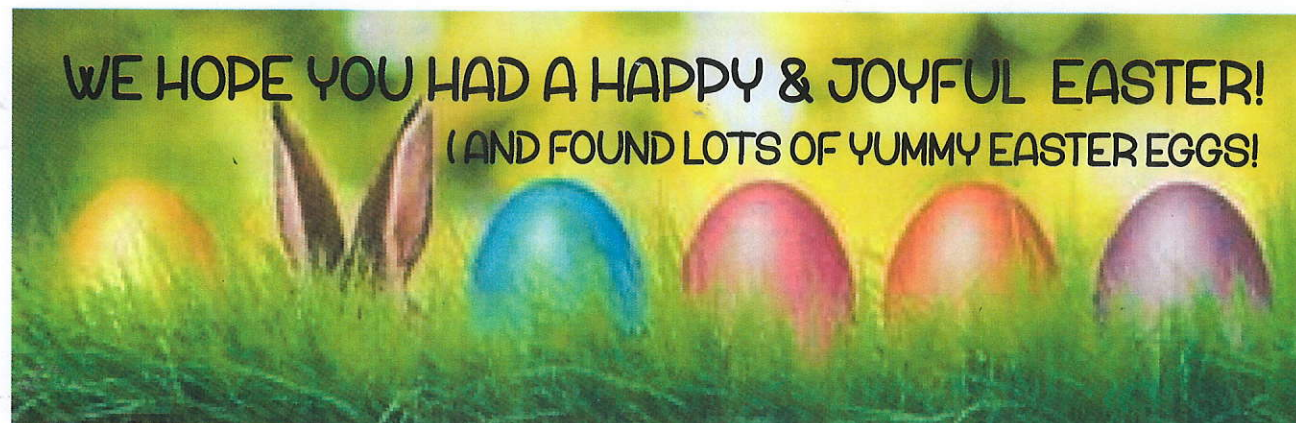
But it failed to make the shortlist last September, leaving four yards based in Poland, Romania and Turkey to submit bids.

Ferguson Marine said at the time it was "disappointed" but would learn lessons as it looks for future work.

Two ferries it is building have been hit by delays and will cost more than double the £97m contract price originally agreed.

The overall cost of the new Islay ferries project, including work to ports, will be £130m.

The Scottish government said the boats would bring an almost 40% increase in vehicle and freight capacity on the Islay routes, a reduction in emissions and would improve the resilience of the wider fleet.







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 and others as much as you wish!**

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## A letter from your editor

# NEW BEGINNINGS

Most of us are taught that you are the way you are when you are born for as long as you live.

Most of us are taught that there are no "do-overs" in this lifetime.

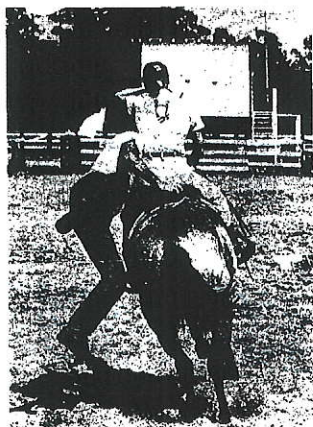
I loudly beg to differ.

This, as Spring comes again, is a wonderful time to change things in your life

In my life, I have been (in high school) an artist, an editor, and known as a girl who loved sports and played everything offered. I used my lunch money to go to a local stable and ride horses at every opportunity.

A little later, I was a horse person who belonged to Bit and Spur Saddle Club in Jacksonville, Florida, and who was never happier than playing "horse games" at every opportunity. I was a barrel racer at any competition I could find.

Below, you'll see a photo of the "three B's." That's my beloved Buck, me, and my dear friend Bubba Pagonis doing Personal Pickup at Bit and Spur. The photo is awful and is rather beat up, but you can see a little. Talk about fun!



to know more. If you have questions, I don't mind talking with you. Other than "home" I was happy and busy.

This was about the time I rode each and every morning at Buddy Barnett's in Kissimmee. Floyd Lingle also rode there every morning training a horse for someone.

I'd get up very early, haul my lovely AQHA mare, Poco Lanette (called Sweet Thing) over to Buddy's and go to class about learning to ride like a real and

The artist part stayed put throughout everything I did as did the love of horses and dogs. I always had beloved dog/s, and cats too.

My personal life went from scary to awful for 34 years. Look up Narcissistic Personality Disorder if you wish

true working cowboy rides with my "professor," Mr. Floyd Lingle. You can look Mr. Floyd up on the Internet if you wish.

Bubba and Mr. Floyd are the closest people to a real father as I ever had. How I loved them!

I had to be home, with Sweet Thing taken care of to be on time for work at the shopper.

I was a radio person for many years, working for a little radio station in Kissimmee, then WMOP and WFUZ in Ocala, Florida. What fun!

I was still working as an artist, too.

I moved to Moultrie in about 1981. By this time, I had three horses and three Newfoundlands and cats.

I must tell you about tooling about Moultrie in a tiny MGB convertible. Two Newfies in the back seat and one riding "shotgun."

We would cause quite a stir.

My radio days continued in Moultrie where I worked in broadcasting for several more years.

When I lived in Moultrie, whenever I traveled through Atlanta in those years, I'd stop and be on The Ludlow Porch Show. Ludlow and Nancy became real and wonderful friends as long as Ludlow lived and Nancy still is my friend.

A real change came when the library in Moultrie



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# A letter from Bryan L. Mulcahy about Italian Genealogical Research

Good Afternoon: Over the past year, several patrons have contacted me about having some seminars related to Italian Research. I have good news for all of you who expressed this wish.

John Bifano, our local expert of Italian Research and Genealogy will be presenting two programs on this topic. The dates and descriptions are listed below.

## ***Session One – Researching Italian Ancestors in United States Records.***

Speaker: John Bifano

Date: Saturday, May 21, South Building Meeting Rooms A & B 10-11:30am

Italian research offers many benefits and unique challenges. To put yourself in the best position for long term success, the best way to begin this process is exhausting all records generated in the United States first.

Since it is critical to know an ancestor's Italian birth town and approximate birth year, we will explore the use of US documents to determine the Italian town of origin and approximate birth year.

Examples of this are--ship manifests, WWI and WWII Draft Registration Cards, Naturalization documents, US and state census records, newspaper obituaries, personal family history and documents, information from family members.

Participants are encouraged to bring their laptops to this program and to become members of Family Search, a free, spam free genealogical service.

## ***Session Two – Researching Italian Ancestors in Italian Records and Websites***

Speaker: John Bifano

Date: Saturday, June 18, South Building Meeting Rooms A & B 10-11:30am

Having determined the ancestral birthplace, we will explore online resources for locating and transcribing Italian civil and, if time permits, church records.

All records, either civil or church, were kept on the local town level with copies forwarded to provincial Capitals or Dioceses.

We will examine sample birth, marriage and death acts from the three periods of Italian civil



records--Napoleonic, pre-Unification, Modern.

Other online resources will be consulted, ie, Italian and Latin Genealogical Word Lists, Italian Occupations, et al.

If you do not know your ancestor's birthplace, please attend Part One on May 21.

Since this will be a "hand on" program, participants will need to bring a laptop to the presentation, be members of *Family Search* and watch a few online videos prior to attending.

List of suggested links to videos to follow.

You can register for both programs at the following links on the program and events calendar.

<https://leelibrary.librarymarket.com/events/researching-italian-ancestors-us-records>

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Looking for a Closing Ceremony coordinator too... 3:45-4:30 pm

You said you wanted to get more involved in the Games... feel free to share this request with anyone you think would be interested... Bethabara is a great place to start...

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## New Beginnings, continued from page 3

asked me to come to work for them. I was hired to do myriad things. I was to be the Scottish Liaison for the Odom Genealogical Library, I was the Public Relations person for both the Odom and public library and I was editor of *The Family Tree*, the publication of the genealogical library.

This teenie publication grew from something made on an old word processor to have a circulation of over 100,000 people, mostly Scottish, on its mailing list and printed on the huge web press at the *Albany Herald* in Albany, Georgia.

The horses and dogs continued although my art work and my rose garden both shriveled with 100 hour work weeks.

As I recall, I worked for the libraries for 17 + years.

Let me say here that I never intended to change my life. It just changed by itself. But, change it did.

I always worked hard and always tried to do the best I could do...and, Lordy, still try to achieve that today.

I never had all the education I wanted. I've studied and tried to learn forever and still do. Learning is almost as much fun as being on a horse. Almost.

I met Tom after becoming free from anyone during the last years in Mountrie.

His partner called me, out of the blue, one day and asked if there was room in the Scottish Community for a good graphic design company?

"Oh, yes," I said. "Quality work would be fantastic."

Tom was the artist and a partner in the company. I asked if he would design pins and various things for *Scottish Weekend*. He did.

This meant I had to talk to him on the phone and tell him what I needed. He says today, all he had to do was listen and then create what I told him.

I quickly realized what a nice person he was and that we could talk for hours about fonts and design and horses (Yes, he was a horse person too.) and another million or so things. We became great phone friends.

He did not tell me he was a paraplegic in a wheelchair.

When I finally met him, I was shocked. In about a Planck length of a second, myself told me, "Wheelchair? Who cares?"

My life changed again and changed into a new beginning of a wonderful, laughing, loving life and has been for about 16 years now.

*This is just a smidgen of my many different lives where I have started over - and over - and over. Friends of asked me why don't I write a "real" story of my life?*

*I don't and won't because there is so much sadness and hurtfulness woven in amongst it all.*





# OH, CANADA!



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# Best kebab houses in Scotland unveiled after Glasgow takeaway scoops top prize



**Daily Record**

It is believed that around 1.3 million kebabs are sold across the UK every day, according to a recent study.

The awards, which are sponsored by *Just Eat*, describes themselves as “recognizing and championing the efforts of local kebab takeaways and restaurants across the United Kingdom.

Their website reads: “The British Kebab Awards are a true celebration of our industry, which naturally draws their figures from all sections of the takeaway and restaurant sector.”

As a reflection of the kebab industry’s significant contribution to the UK economy and British culture in general, the awards welcome a host of celebrities, prominent politicians, journalists, and, most importantly, the nation’s hard-working restaurant workers for an evening of celebration.

Kebabs have become a favorite amongst Scots for a number of decades

now, and kebab houses are now a staple on high streets up and down the country.

A study from the British Kebab Awards estimated that about 1.3 million kebabs are sold in more than 30,000 outlets in the UK every day.

The kebab industry is said to be worth hundreds of millions of pounds to the UK economy.

Earlier this week, the British Kebab Awards held their annual ceremony in London.

One of the awards up for grabs was the Best Kebab House in Scotland, which was scooped by a beloved Glasgow takeaway.

Shawarma King, which is based on King Street in Glasgow, took home the coveted prize during the glittering ceremony.

Bosses at the Glasgow kebab house were on hand to collect the trophy, after beating nine others to the crown of the best in Scotland.



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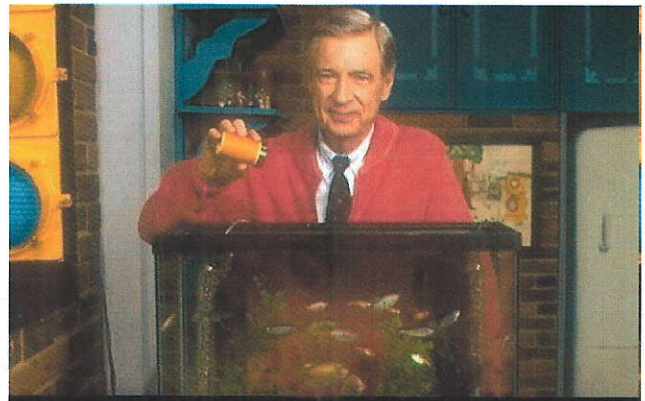


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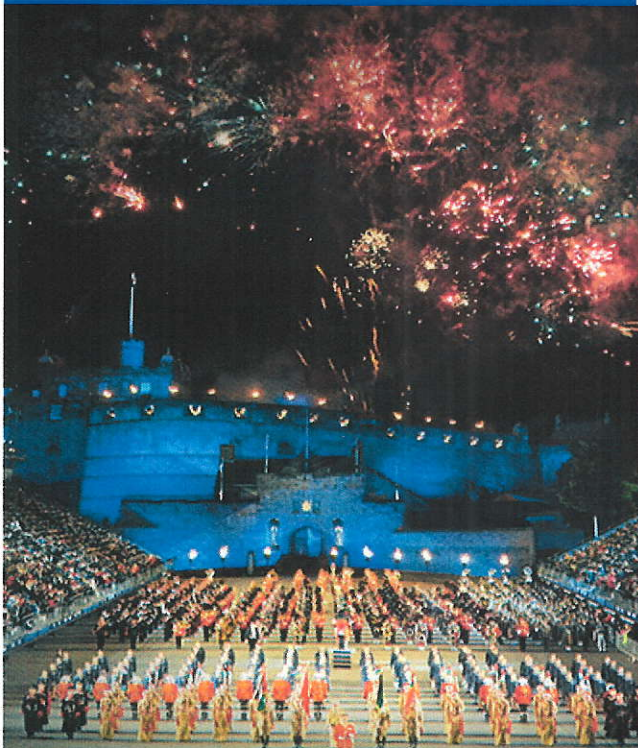
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Mr. Rogers personally answered his fan mail. A 5-year-old blind girl once wrote him and asked him to say when he was feeding his fish because she was worried about them and couldn't see. From that moment on, every time he fed the fish, he said it out loud.



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# COCKSPUR HERALD

## *The Heraldic Art of Tom Freeman*

Thomas R. Freeman, Jr., FSA Scot

This article appeared some years ago in SCOTS magazine.  
It appears here with their permission.  
It has been updated where necessary.

*Walhalla, a sleepy little town nestling in the foothills of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of South Carolina, is about as remote from ancient Edinburgh and the hidebound traditions of Scottish Arms as it's possible to be. It is however the hometown to one of the world's most talented heraldic artists, the graphic designer, Tom Freeman, whose meticulous clan banners and armigers' standards now fly at Highland gatherings throughout the world. Some years ago, Tom moved to Clarksville, Georgia - even further in the country than his home in Walhalla was.*

*Mr. Freeman spoke with Bruce MacWilliam.*

Tom Freeman's Scottish forebears were Stuarts and Frasers uprooted in the turmoil of the Highland Clearances of the early nineteenth century and obliged, like so many Scots, to make new lives for themselves on the far side of the Atlantic.

At the end of their voyage, both his maternal and paternal ancestors continued their journey overland, all the way down to the safe haven of South Carolina. There, in the wooded foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, they settled and farmed and generally prospered.

The emigrant Scots of South Carolina are particularly proud of their cultural heritage and they've held fast to their traditions, particularly their music. Over time their distinctive toe-tapping fiddle tunes morphed into the distinctive folk music of Kentucky and the Carolinas. A love of music in general and Bluegrass in particular are among the many strands woven into the fabric of Tom Freeman's life.

As a boy he taught himself to play the bagpipes. Whereas his tone-deaf brother heard only "the squealing of a stuck pig" Tom was mesmerized by the beauty of the musical chords that seemed to be floating down to him from his ancestral past. "It was," he says, "the kind of music I'd been pining for."

Tom wanted nothing more than to be a professional musician or perhaps a teacher of music. However, a "chain of happy accidents" as he puts it, was to send him in an altogether different direction. When he was a student at the University of South Carolina he enrolled, almost as an afterthought, in an advertising and layout course. It was a decision which was to have profound bearing on his life. He quickly discovered that he had a natural flair for commercial art, so much so, that he was kept busy with professional commissions long before his graduation. In the years in which he worked as a graphic designer with one of Atlanta's leading publishing houses, he earned a reputation for his artwork and for his business acumen.

Then, in 1988, his world literally came crashing down around him. Apart from music and art, Tom's other great passion was motorcycles. He and a friend had ridden up into the mountains to listen to a Bluegrass session at a local pub.

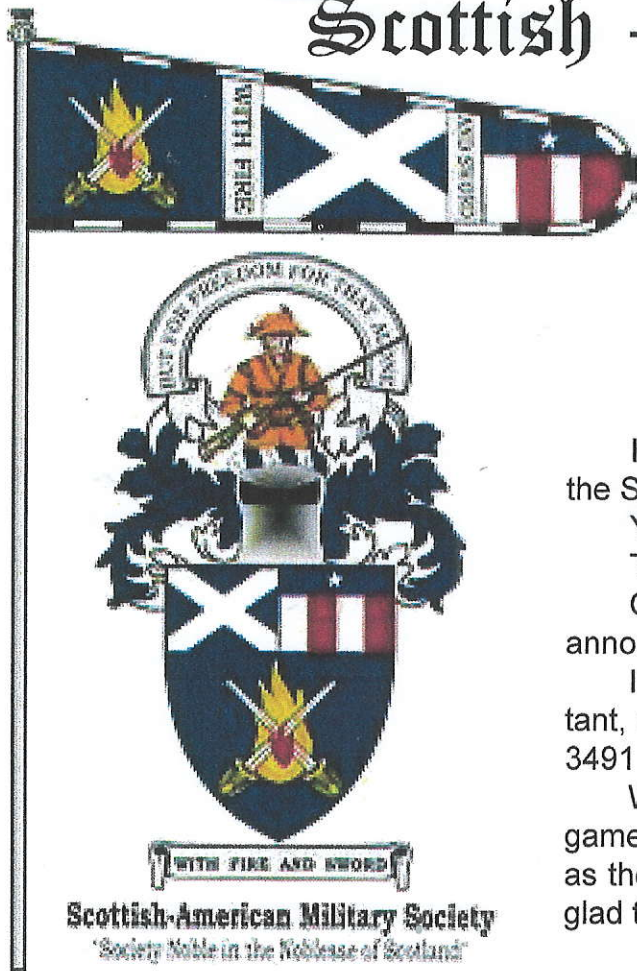
On the way home Tom came off his bike. To this day he does not know why. "I ended up in the ditch," he said. "I remember lying there, looking up at the bright stars in the night sky. I could feel my arm resting on my leg, but my leg couldn't feel my arm."

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# Scottish - American Military Society

## General Elijah Clark Post #60



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When the Scottish Games start again, visit a games and look for the SAMS unit, which usually acts as the flagbearers for the event. Any of them will be glad to talk to you.



# Scottish - American Military Society



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*This wonderful photograph was included in the Christmas card of our friends Kitty and Peter Carrol a Christmas or two ago.*

*It's Newton the Barn Owl flying over the crowd back to Kitty at the Silverleaf Renaissance Fair. Kitty says the photo was just a "happy accident" as it was taken by someone in the crowd. Kitty and Peter have Accipiter Enterprises, Educational Birds of Prey. If you'd like to contact Kitty, just write at <hawkmom74@birds ofPrey.net>*

## IF CARS WERE LIKE COMPUTERS...

If a big auto industry had developed technology like a big computer company we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

- \* For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.

- \* Everytime they repainted the lines on the road, you would have to buy a new car.

- \* Occasionally, your car would die on the free-way for no reason. You would have to pull over to the side of the road, close the windows, then shut off the car, restart it and reopen the windows before you could continue on your way.

- \* Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, was five times as fast and twice as easy to drive, but would run on only five per-cent of the roads.

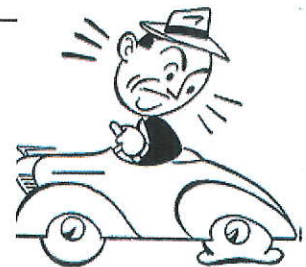
- \* The oil, water tem-perature and alternator warning lights would be re-placed by a single "this car has performed an Illegal Operation" warning light.

- \* The airbag system would ask, "Are you sure?" before deploying.

- \* Occasionally, for no reason, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you back in until you simulta-neously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed ahold of the radio antenna.

- \* Everytime a new car was introduced, car buy-ers would have to learn how to drive again, because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.

- \* You'd have to push the starter to stop the car.







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The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., to reflect our society's expanded purpose and membership.





# The Blue-Ridge Brass, Pipes and Drums still going strong today!

In 1985, the Board of Directors of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games needed musicians for the Games opening ceremonies and the Sunday worship service. Band members of the Avery County High School stepped forward to help out and became the Blue-Ridge Brass, Pipes and Drums. Band members were given scholarships for their service.

Today, the Band has changed to an adults-only ensemble, but inspiring young musicians are still at the core of their purpose. Monies earned from performances and CD sales fund scholarships to the North American Academy of Piping and Drumming.

The Band promotes our Celtic heritage through its performances of traditional and contemporary Scottish music. The 20-member group, of which six are original members, is made up of 13 brass players, 3 drummers, 2 pipers and 2 vocalists.

Since its inception, the Blue-Ridge Brass, Pipes and Drums has performed all the opening ceremonies at GMHG, including the virtual one in 2020.

Their music has been presented at the Kirkin of the Tartan at the Washington National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery Memorial Amphitheater, US Marine Corp Memorial Museum, The Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, and numerous other venues. They have even done a five-concert tour in Scotland!

James Laughridge, one of the original founders, directs the Band still after retiring from 45 years as a band director and instrumental music instructor. Mr. Laughridge is also the principal composer and arranger for the Band's repertoire.

Scottish Heritage USA is a longtime supporter of the Blue-Ridge Brass, Pipes and Drums (and Scottish music in general). If you would like to help preserve this beautiful heritage, please consider a donation to Scottish Heritage's scholarship fund. Or you might buy a CD (or two) and enjoy their music at home. (Contact Scottish Heritage USA for information on purchasing CD's)



## A wedding dress is white... thanks to Queen Victoria...

The color white for a wedding dress was introduced by Queen Victoria. Before that, any color was fine except green (which was associated with the fairies) and black (which was for mourning). The tradition of the bride wearing "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue" is still often followed.

Traditionally, there were never any knots in ribbons or wedding clothing. If there were, they were re-tied after the wedding.



When Anais Bordier saw a YouTube video of Samantha Futerman, who looked exactly like her, she Facebook messaged her and discovered they were both adopted and born on the same day. They were identical twins, separated at birth, who'd found each other through happenstance and social media.





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In that instant, he knew he had a spinal cord injury and that his whole life had changed. Paralysed from his chest down, he realized that as a paraplegic he would spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair.

He was gripped not by fear and despair as most of us no doubt would be, but by an incredible calm. A disembodied voice - his own - told him it was "time to go to plan B" - a plan that did not involve self-pity.

"Both my parents had led very tough lives," he said. "They had lived through the First World War, the Great Depression and the Second World War. They knew all about hardship, but not once did I ever hear them complain about anything. I'm sure that had a lot to do with their Scottish stoicism.

My parents were always cheerful in the face of adversity and I very much admired them for that. I figured that if I allowed myself to feel even the smallest degree of self-pity I'd be dishonoring all that they stood for. I told myself 'something good will come out of this' and sure enough, it did, eventually."

In the meantime, though, Tom lost his job (along with everyone else) when his company was sold and quickly discovered that even with his talents and experience, finding employment was far from easy for a man with disabilities.

"I was extremely lucky," Tom said. "I had my arms, my hands, my head, everything I needed for my work. Trouble was, nobody wanted to hire me, so I figured I'd better hire myself."

That's exactly what he did. Together with a couple of friends, he formed *Caberdancer Graphic Design*, a company which would tap into the rich vein of Scottish sentiment that surrounds Highland Games in the United States.

He started by creating a t-shirt designed as a souvenir of the year 2000 Charleston (SC) Highland Games. "Lo and behold," he said, we sold a whole bunch of them. We were in business."

It was a success that he and his partners were to repeat at many other Highland Games. In 2004 he received his first commission to display what he calls

"flying heraldry." It was a metre square banner displaying the Achievement of the Arms of the Baron of Cowdenknowes. "I really didn't know much about Scottish heraldry at that stage," he said, "but once I started to delve into research, I was hooked. It snowballed from there." Indeed it did.

Mr. Freeman subsequently met Romilly Squire, the world renowned heraldic artist, and through his assistance and generosity he has been able to ensure the all-important accuracy of the heraldic artwork.

"It took awhile to locate all the craftspeople to take the artwork and turn it into banners and standards," he said, "but now that we've figured all that out, we've carved

a neat little niche market and business has grown steadily. Our clients are Scottish Clans, Saint Andrew's Societies and Armigers (individuals who have matriculated Arms) who display their regalia at Highland Games. These are the people who take a particular pride in their cultural heritage and in their Scottish identity in particular."

Several years ago, Tom opened his own business, *Cockspur Herald* (With a nod to his University of South Carolina *Gamecocks*).

Tom Freeman is at pains to point out that heraldic banners are not simply decorative items. Flying proudly at Clan Gatherings, he says, they act as beacons that signify rallying points for clansfolk and kinsmen, just as they did in ancient times.

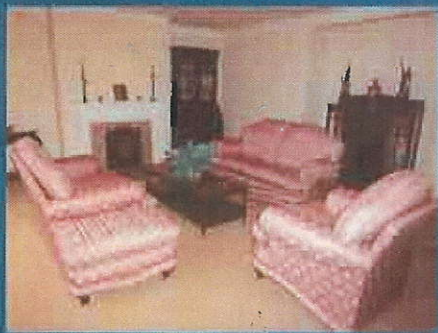
"All the symbols that we see in heraldry have their roots in traditions that go back over many, many centuries," he said. "They have been into battle and cherished in family homes and castles throughout Scotland. They're at the heart of the cultural identity that we all share."

In July 2009, when the great parade of Clans and Armigers marched from Holyrood Palace up the Royal Mile for The Gathering on the Edinburgh Castle Esplanade, did you look closely at the banners and standards being held aloft? Chances are that many of them came from the genius of Tom Freeman.

If you would like to email Tom anytime, just visit <trf@cockspurherald.com>

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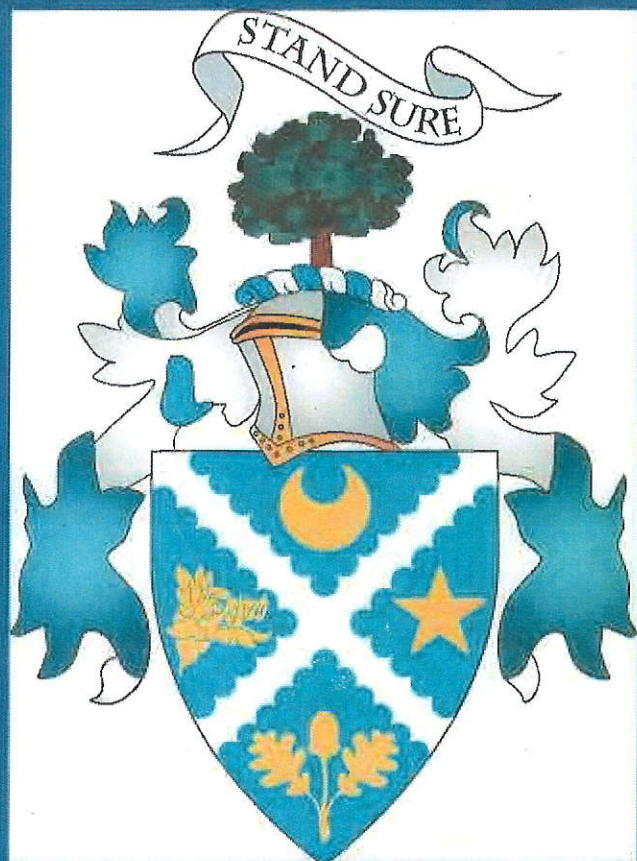
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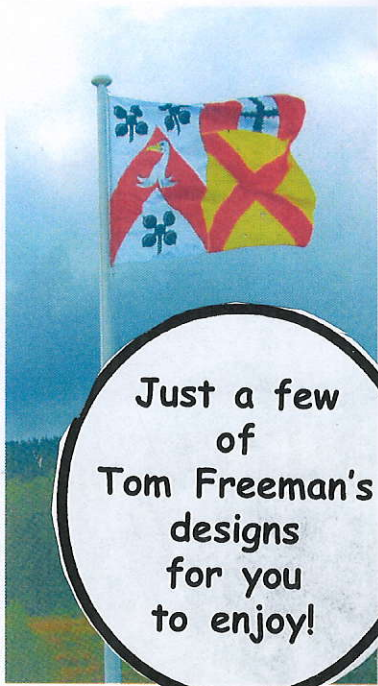
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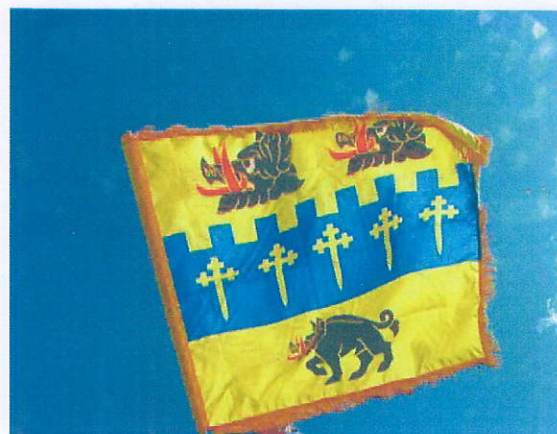
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# EXCITING STONE AGE DISCOVERIES IN THE CAIRNGORMS

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*University of Aberdeen students at work to unearth the traces of the stone age inhabitants of the Cairngorms.*

New research has uncovered rare evidence of people living in Scotland's mountains after the end of the last Ice Age.

Archaeologists found stone tools and traces of firepits and possible shelters in Deeside in the Cairngorms.

Finds from the Mesolithic period, also known as the Middle Stone Age, are rare and usually made in lowland areas.

The research, published in the *Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society*, adds to existing evidence from a handful of other upland sites.

These include on the mountain Ben Lawers in Perthshire and at locations in Lanarkshire and Dumfries.

Evidence for those who lived in Scotland after

the end of the last Ice Age about 10,000 years ago can be hard to find, say archaeologists.

The population at the time was low and the communities of hunter-gatherers were "mobile, moving around and living off the land".

They did not build permanent monuments and their homes were usually temporary.

What traces of their lives that can be found often amounts to a handful of tiny stone tools, such as flints, and discoloured soil "that hint at an ancient hearth or the stance of a shelter".

Because this evidence has long been buried over time, the "easiest" locations for archaeologists to search are along sea-eroded coastlines or on farmland where

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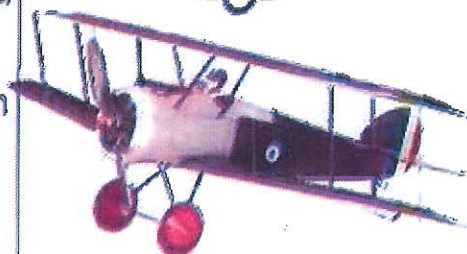
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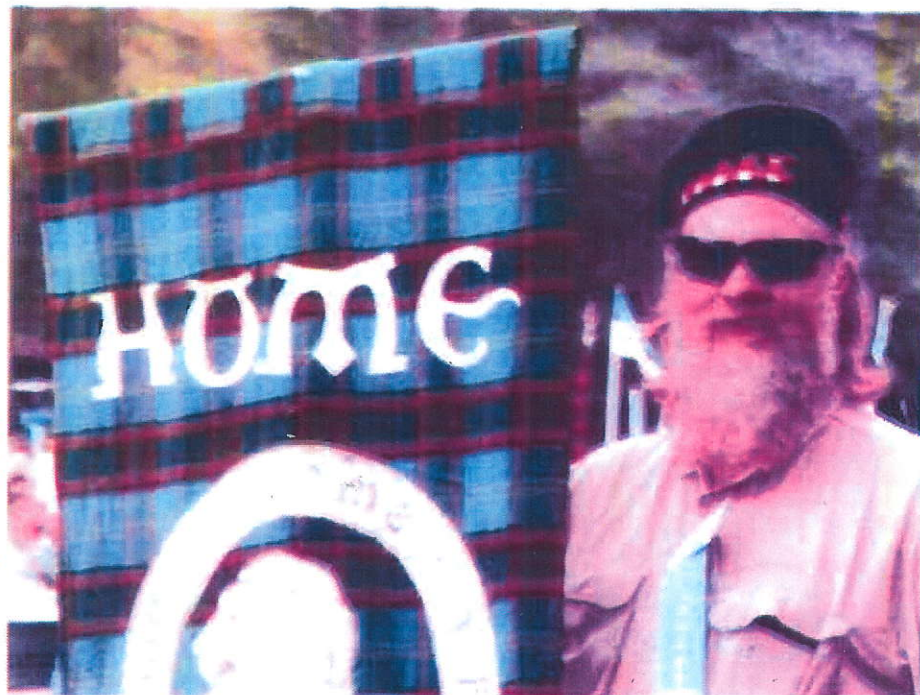


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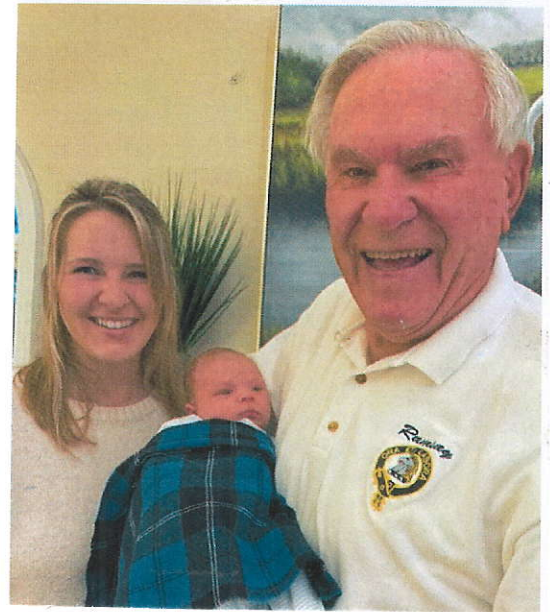
## Happiness within Clan Ramsay!



To the right, the newest member of Clan Ramsay! Here he is at only one month old,

Elliot English, is the great grandson of Clan Ramsay president, Dick McGraw. He is pictured with Elliot's mother, Mary English, Dick's granddaughter.

Elliot was born December 11, 2021.



### Cairngorms, continued from page 23



farm work can bring the buried evidence closer to the surface.

Several archaeological sites were found in an area of Deeside in Aberdeenshire

While archaeologists have long suspected Mesolithic communities occupied mountain landscapes, little evidence to support that has been discovered.

Now a team made up of students from the universities of Aberdeen and Dublin has uncovered evidence confirming people were living in the Cairngorms from as early as 7500 BC.

The team's finds at several archaeological sites - including traces of firepits, flints and possible huts - were made on land owned by the National Trust for Scotland (NTS).

Archaeologists believe Mesolithic people headed into the hills carrying their own provisions which they later supplemented by hunting deer, fish and birds and foraging for plants and fungi.

Larger mammals, such as deer, also provided them with skins for use in clothing and shelters, sinews for bindings and antler and bone for use in making tools.

NTS and Aberdeenshire Council were among the organisations that supported the new research.

Further investigations are planned for this summer, if allowed under Scottish government Covid-19 rules.





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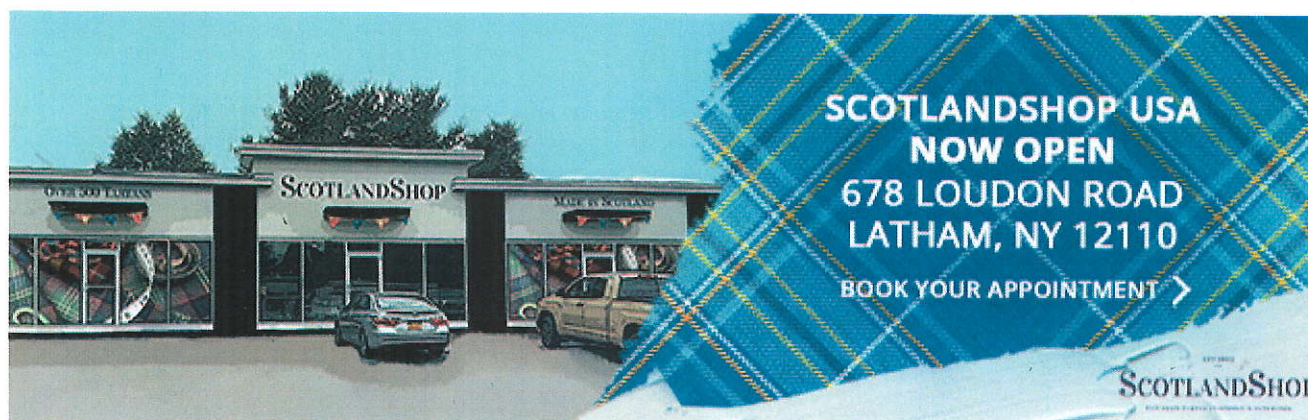
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## Bring Scotland Home this Spring

According to *Vogue Magazine*, vibrant colours and bold patterned fabrics are on trend for interiors this Spring, and what could be better to introduce either of these trends into your home than tartan? Especially as there's over 500 colourways to choose from!







# Prayer Book inscribed by Mary Queen of Scots is on display in Edinburgh

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The manuscript *Book of Hours*, which will be on show until 3 August 2022, originally belonged to Mary's great aunt, Louise de Bourbon, Abbess of Fontevraud (1495-1575).

The teenage Mary composed the touching four-line verse in French in the late 1550s, around the time of her marriage to the Dauphin Francois.

She signed it with the motto 'Va tu meriteras' (Go, you will be deserving), and her monogram, combining her initial 'M' with the Greek F, the phonetic representation of 'F' for François. The translated poem reads:

*Since you wish to remember me here  
in your prayers and devout orations,  
I ask you first that you remember  
what part you have in my affections.*

Dr Anna Groundwater, Principal Curator, Renaissance and Early Modern History at National Museums Scotland, said: "It is wonderful to be able to display this rare, jewel-like book. It's particularly moving to see the young Mary, writing in her best script, to one of her closest relations in her mother, Marie de Guise's absence. She had had to remain in Scotland when Mary came to the French court in 1548, so Mary was particularly dependent on her mother's relatives for comfort and support. This poem therefore reflects the intimate bond with her great-aunt Louise."



*Mary Queen of Scots prayer book*

Written in Latin on vellum, the book contains 40 exquisite illuminations by a Master artist (fl. 1525-46), associated with Archbishop François de Rohan. It would have been used for private worship, and it is believed that the Abbess gave this precious volume to Mary.

It is on loan to the National Museums Scotland from The Pininski Foundation, Liechtenstein, for the duration of the display.

Count Peter Pininski said: "There is a real fascination across Europe with the great figures of Scottish

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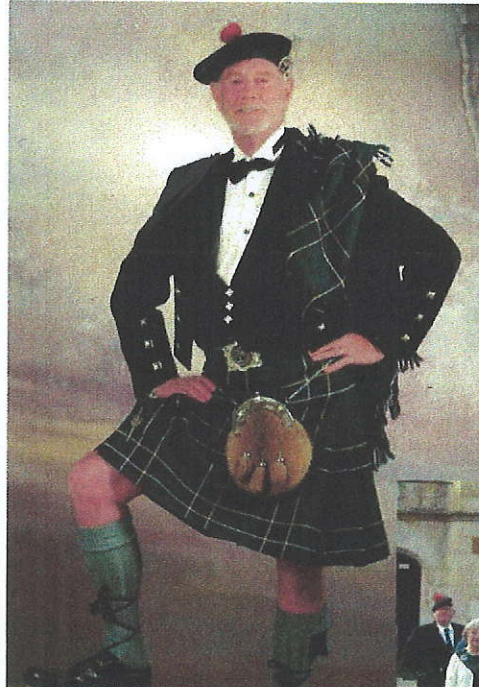
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**Mary  
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history, like Mary Queen of Scots and Charles Edward Stuart. I am very pleased to be able to share this wonderful treasure and I hope many people will go to see it in the National Museum of Scotland.”

#### **Exhibition details**

Over the course of the display, six different pages within the Book of Hours will be shown, with a new page displayed every three weeks, giving visitors the opportunity to see multiple pages. It has also been fully digitised and a QR code will enable visitors to scroll through the pages and view some of the illustrations. These images will also be accessible on the museum’s website.

The prayerbook will be exhibited in the Kingdom of the Scots gallery alongside other objects on permanent display linked to Mary Queen of Scots, including the Penicuik Jewels, recently returned from a major exhibition at the British Library, Elizabeth and Mary: Royal Cousins, Rival Queens, and a replica cast of her tomb.

For opening times, visit the National Museum of Scotland website.

# Finlay is still missing

Hi All

We still have no news about the whereabouts of Finlay, how he is being treated, or whose care he is under. Just to be completely honest with you, we are totally devastated. We have also spoken to John and Angela who originally rescued him and they are heart-broken and in disbelief. The stress and worry are almost unbearable for us all. We saved his life and watched him grow as you all have, from a tiny, helpless kitten to a magnificent, healthy, and strong animal. He was just a few weeks from release.

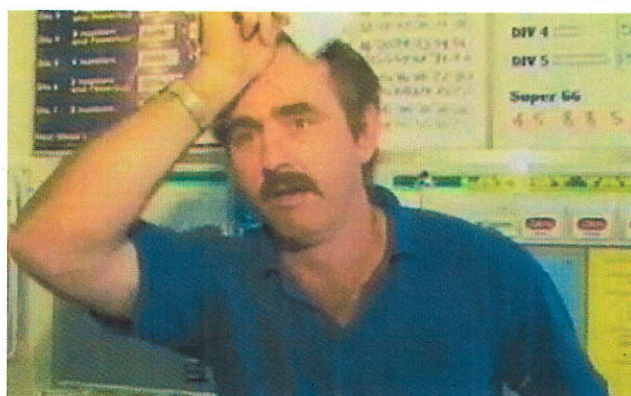


When we described the events of the seizure, many of you reacted with disbelief (as did we), particularly as no warrant or paperwork was produced by the police. Many of you quite rightly had deep concerns that it was people impersonating police officers. However, it was the police and the incident reference has been published in the media. It was provided by North Wales Police. Here it is: 21000883036

We have sought the best legal help we can and the legal team is working on getting him back. Every additional day Finlay spends away from his rehabilitation enclosure, the bleaker his future looks and that is

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An Australian guy named Bill Morgan was declared dead for 14 minutes. He somehow survived. To celebrate his survival, he bought a scratch card and won a \$27,000 car. The media news asked him to re-enact the scratch card moment so he bought another card and won a \$250,000 jackpot!







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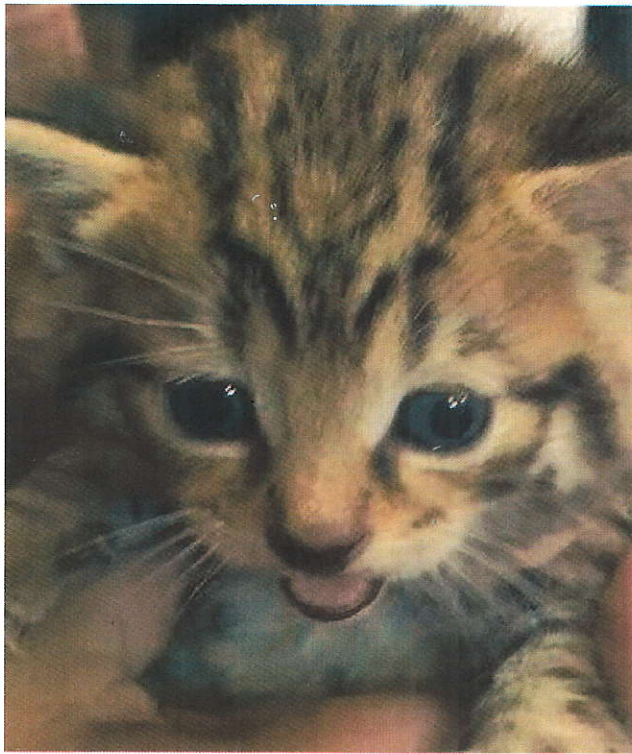
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### **Finlay is still missing,**

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the most painful aspect of all this. It's Finlay's life and future at stake here and he shouldn't be used as a pawn in a game to get at our project and to try to distract and damage our preparations for this crucial, upcoming Public Inquiry into the Clashindarroch windfarm.

Finlay's life started terribly, he lost his mother and probably saw his siblings die in the den around him before he made the brave decision to leave his den to try and find his mother. He has fought so hard and has never given up. That is what we all must do now, we must show the same spirit he has shown and keep fighting for him.

If you want to support our efforts to get Finlay back and save his wild relatives then you can do so at:

<<https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/wildcats/>>

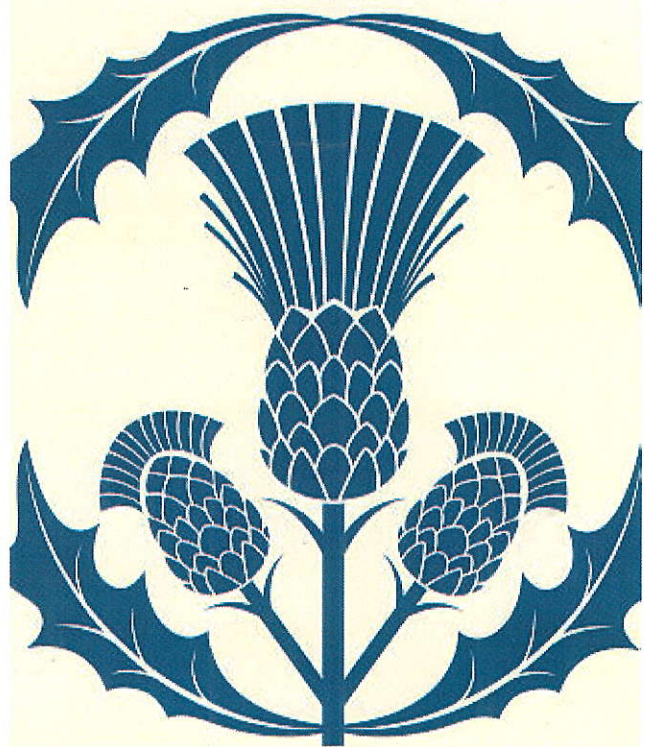
We are so sad and in pain, but out of that pain comes a steely determination to see this through to the end. As soon as we hear anything, we will update you.

Thanks as always

The Wildcat Haven team and Finlay

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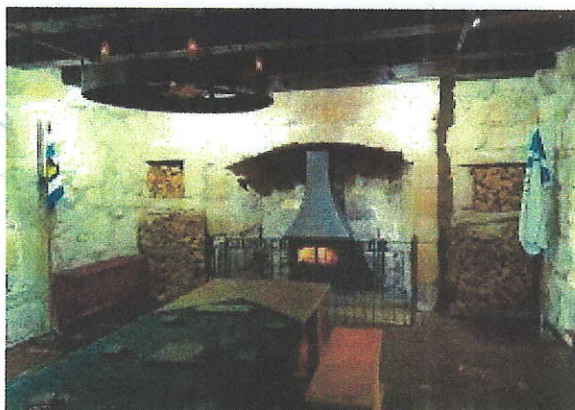
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**Paul Edward Toomey**, 62, passed away on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

He was born in Charlotte, the son of Ruby Wyke Toomey and the late James Edward Toomey.

He was a member of the Lucia Riverbend Fire Department for 46 years. He also served in roles with Cabarrus County Paramedics, Atrium Health Cabarrus, Mount Holly Fire and Rescue among other places.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 10 years Lisa Toomey, son James Paul Toomey and wife Chelsea of Colfax, NC, daughter Ginger Morton, Tyler, and Kendall Dellinger both of the home. Granddaughter Kennedy Toomey, brother David Toomey and wife Pam of Mount Holly, sister Rachel Hornsby and husband Larry of Stanley, his longtime canine companion Charlie, niece Jennifer Main and nephew John Weathers, 2 great-nieces and 2 great-nephews.

A memorial service was held Friday March 25, 2022, at Sunset Forest Baptist Church with Rev. Jeff Hicks officiating.

**John Clinton Ramsey**, a native of Burke County, North Carolina, and a long-time Lincoln County, North Carolina resident passed away on November 28, 2021, in Lincolnton. He was 89 years old.

He was born September 28, 1932, he was the son of Otis and Flavia Chapman Ramsey. His wife was the late Peggy Ruth Leatherman Ramsey.

John was my father. Although he was not a member of Clan Ramsey, he did attend the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games with me years ago and had a great time there.

He grew up in the South Mountains of North Carolina and, to me, his daughter, he was the ultimate Ramsey. He was kind of heart and as hardheaded as they come.

May light perpetual shine upon my Daddy and may he rest in peace.

(signed) Mona Ramsey/Editor of the *Ramsay Report*.





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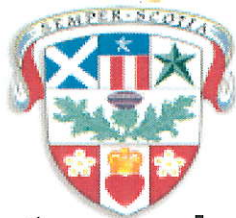


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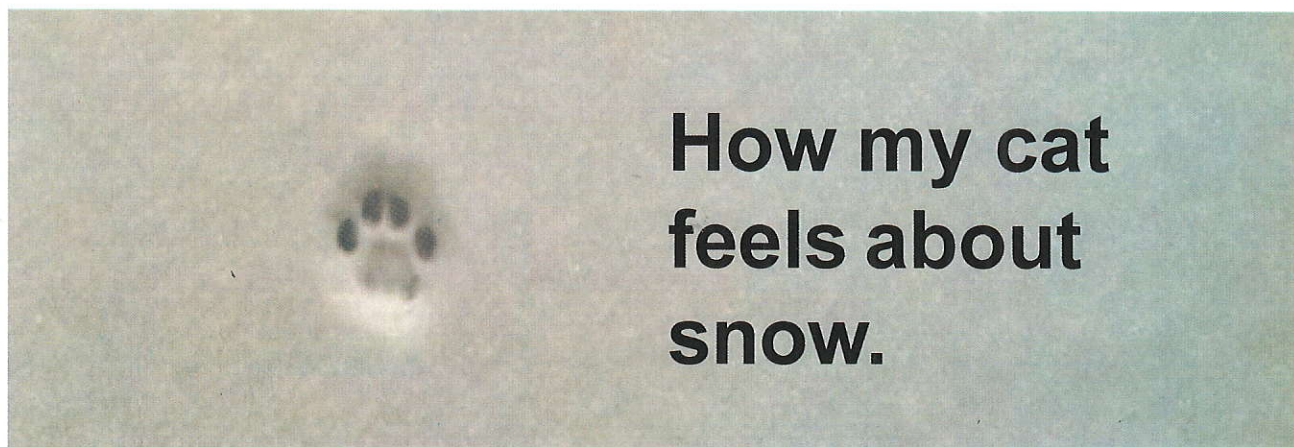
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# A large gaggle of Sinclairs at the Middle TN Games & Celtic Festival 2021

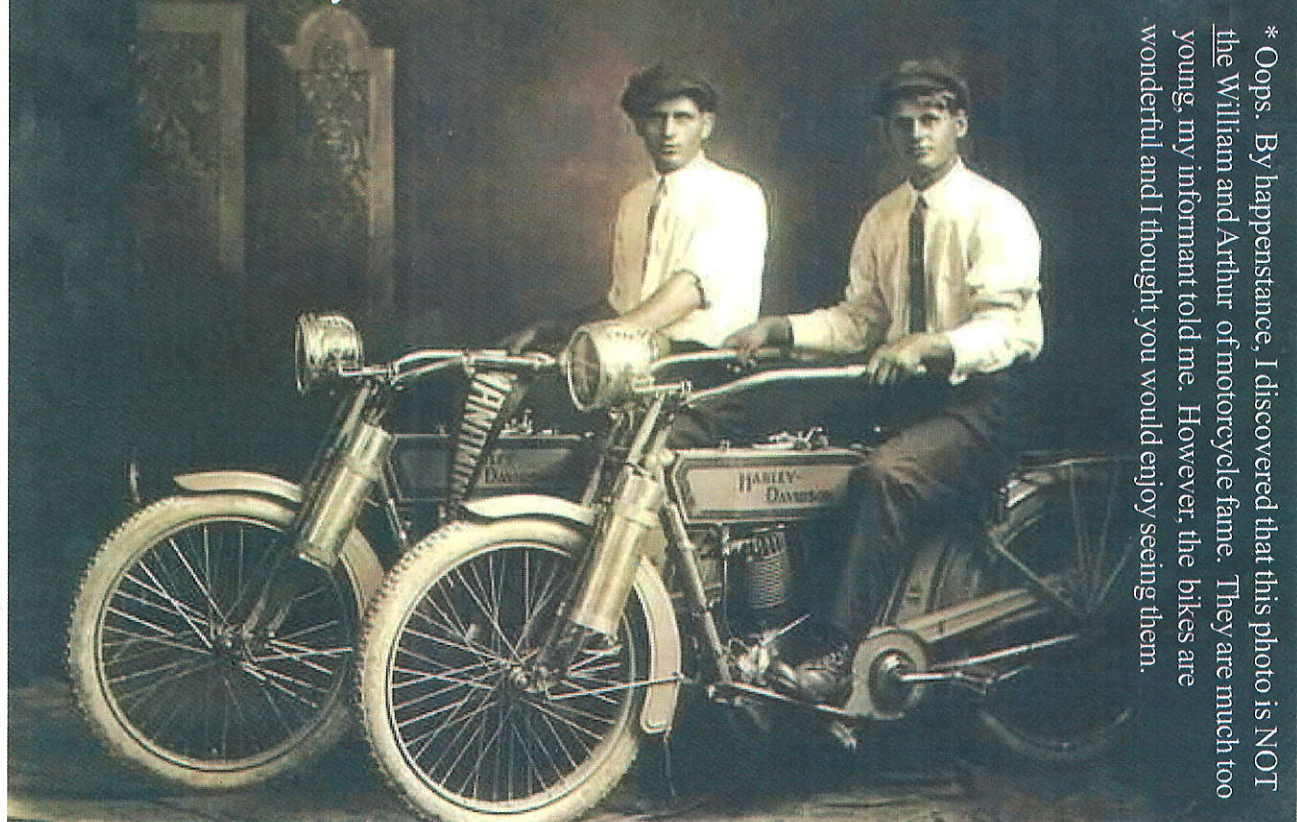


In the photo at left, in no particular order, are: Ralph and Dorna Comp, Greg, Mollie and Jacob Jones, Jules Fontana, Keith and Susan Sinclair, Janet and Mike Hindman, Anne, Rob and David Heighway, James Murff, Stan St. Clair, Robert, Barb, Stephania, Jack, Kim and Sara Sommer, Jessica and Mashae Sheffield, Danelle St. Clair, Cliff and Tami Boyle, Steve Shafer, Katie Snyder, Linda Morrison, Nedra Cook, Karl and Kathy Sinclair Geesey and Steve Snoddy (some clansfolk are missing from the photo).

The Sinclair tent was a double one. We had visitors from all over the place and many family members, too.

Fun and laughter prevailed all day long. It was good to be back at games.

William Harley and Arthur Davidson in 1914\*



\*Oops. By happenstance, I discovered that this photo is NOT the William and Arthur of motorcycle fame. They are much too young, my informant told me. However, the bikes are wonderful and I thought you would enjoy seeing them.



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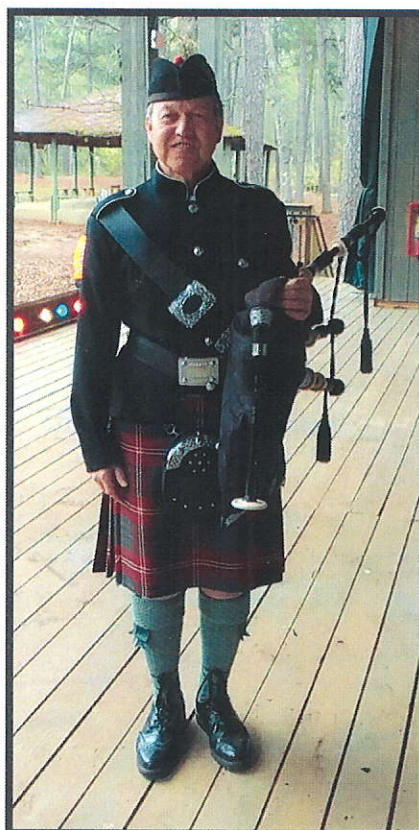
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