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Jeff Manning, Rev. Camden M. Simon and Garrett Helmick winners in our 2012 Pipers Prize contest!

First prize in our Pipers Prize contest, thanks to Sherbrook Music and Gordon Taylor of Winnipeg, MB Canada, was won by Jeff Manning, one of two pipers who represent the Glasgow Fire Department at ceremonial events.

One of Manning's key appearances each year is to present the colors at the Glasgow Highland Games, held in Glasgow, Kentucky. He

writes that every year, he tries to seek out a tune for the presentation, which covers an area about the size of a football field. He wrote that he wished he might receive a "presentation of colors" tune which might have character of all three flags presented, the United States, Great Britain and Scotland.

First prize happens to be an original pipe tune written by Gordon Taylor, member of *The Real Mackenzies*, who is known far and wide for his

pipe compositions!

Second prize, sheet music for *Canon in E-Flat* by Johann Pachelbel, has been won by Rev.

Camden M. Simon, Maryville, Tennessee.

The three-book set of Gordon Taylor's pipe music has been won by young piper, Garrett



Helmick, from Laurenceville, Georgia.

Remember, should you like a set of 30-pipe music books for your own pipe band, you may contact Mr. Taylor and if you will pay the postage from Canada (about \$65), you will receive the set of books at no cost. Email gordtaylor@sherbrookmusic.com

Many thanks to Gordon Taylor and Sherbrook Music Company for supplying these grand prizes.

Be our Valentine! Happy Valentine's Day 2012



Site Seeing.



Both of these will make you laugh and smile for days!

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The Clan Macfie

2012 Colonsay Calendars

were a great hit and due to the response we had to make another small order and we have about 20 left, and we will not be placing a reorder, so if you did not get a 2012 Colonsay Calendar,

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Life Jottings of an Old Edinburgh Citizen 1844-1846

Sir J. H. A. MacDonald P.C., K.C.B., Lord Justice-Clerk

When the child has become a boy his life necessarily changes in many respects, and liberty must begin to be accorded to him in degree. Control must be reasonable and not rigid, and not applied as a chain. The boy who has a nature calling on him for courageous outgoing must be taught to take care of himself, which he will never do if he is tied up too much and over watched.

The strings that held him to the apron, whether of mother, or nurse, or of governess, must be loosed. If the attempt is made by excessive restrictions, under which he is forbidden to do this or to do that, because it may expose him to some danger and to keep him out of danger, he is too likely, as the spirit of adventure grows on him, to invent dangers for himself. I feel sure that if my parents, who covered me with injunctions, and prevented my doing what other boys did, to keep me out of risks, had only known what real dangers my companions and I devised for ourselves, their lives would have been made miserable. To climb up the house-stair to the third story by the outside of the banisters was a common amusement when the parents had gone out to dine, an ingenious way of countering their making it impossible to slide down the banisters by coiling coloured rope round them. We went out sailing in boats, when we were supposed to be making sand castles on the shore. Our greatest feat I shudder to think of it now was to creep along the two-inch skirting at the back of the Academy, holding on by window-sills, and to get into a corner where a stair went down some fifteen steps to the cellars, standing on this slight

foothold with the back in the angle, the hard stone steps below us, certain to break our limbs or crack our skulls if we should fall. The slightest slip on the narrow skirting, and death, or at least broken bones, were well-nigh a certainty. Boys will take risks, and all that can be done to warn them to be careful. It is better to trust them to a Higher Power than to try to keep them absolutely on the leading rein, by which process they will never be fitted to take good care of themselves.



A dear lady, a friend of mine, once said to me when I was lunching with her in London on a Sunday: "What am I to do to-morrow with my little fellow, who has come home on exeat from the preparatory school? I know I cannot amuse him all day." "I will tell you what to do," I said; "after breakfast put a half-crown in his hand, tell him to find his way to the Zoo, and to enjoy himself till a fixed hour, and then come back." "Her eyes distended, and she exclaimed: "Oh, Mr. Macdonald he's the

very apple of my eye." "I quite believe that I said, but you cannot keep him in your eye, be trustful, and give him a chance to make a man of himself. The sooner he learns to do it the better." I would give the same advice always, and be sure I was doing the best for the little fellow and for the mother alike. Any other course will produce either a molly-coddle or a rebel, a prig or a leader of a double life, both disastrous.

To make a man the boy must learn to face risks, and parents must not be without faith. Having fallen into moralising, I will ask leave to add

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Life Jottings,

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that too often parents, teachers, nurses, err in measuring a fault, not by the importance of the thing itself, but by the annoyance it causes at the moment. Shakespeare is a wise word:

“Chide him for faults, and do it reverently, when you perceive his blood inclined to mirth.”

Punishment should always be measured out in just scales, according to the quality of the thing done, and not according to its effect on the person having the duty of inflicting the penalty. Penal action should never be an ebullition; it should always be a thoughtful application of discipline. Many readers may not need such advice. Let them forgive me for the sake of others, to whom it may be useful, and for the little ones, whom it may tend to protect from unnecessary sorrow.

The measuring of censure in true scales is a duty. A child can appreciate the incongruity, when today it is scolded and slapped for breaking a cup worth twopence, and to-morrow when an old tabby of a visitor knocks over a Sevres china vase worth much, it hears mamma say: “Oh, never mind, it is of no consequence.”

There can be no greater mistake in the training of the young than to treat all youthful faults as if there was no difference between them as regards their heinousness: Let censure be proportionate to the offence, not indiscriminately severe, In nothing is a sense of proportion more called for.

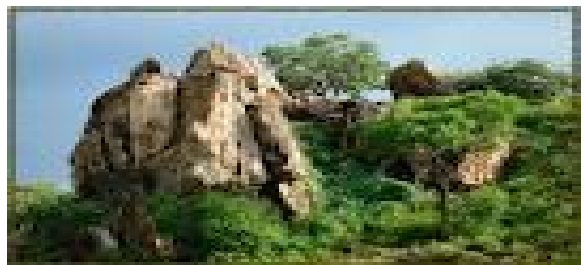
I ask to be pardoned for this digression from narrative. Memory makes me feel strongly on these matters. I have seen so much evil follow from ill-judged repression of the spirit of adventure, and also from the want of judicious discriminate in between the great and the small in the dealing out of censure and punishment, that I can ask the reader to believe that here “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh,” and so I trust to be forgiven.

With many thanks to Alastair McIntyre,
<http://www.electricscotland.com>.



A North Carolina student created his “Flat Stanley” and mailed him to another school in London, England. The “Flat Stanley” visited many people in London, including this nice lady.

If you don’t know, “Flat Stanley” appears regularly all over the place. Your BNFT editor has taken a “Flat Stanley” to California.



The percentage
of Africa that is
wilderness: 28%

The percentage
of North America
that is wilderness:
38%

Painted Hands





Clan Elliot Society, USA

Any person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Elliot in any of its various spellings, including the spouse or descendant of such person, or any person who would like to be a friend of the Elliot Clan is welcome to join the group.

Please contact the treasurer for a membership form or visit <http://www.elliotclanusa.com/> for a form.

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and it is ready for you to join and participate.

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Nethybridge. This is the link: [http://www.facebook.com/pages/
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Flowers of the Forest

Aug. 23, 1933 - Jan. 5, 2012 **Mary Frances McBride**, 78, of Huntsville, Alabama, passed away Thursday. Laughlin Service Funeral Home is assisting the family and will announce arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to your favorite charity. Mrs. McBride is survived by her husband, Jim McBride, former High Commissioner to Clan Donald, USA.

Patrick Wright, 1921 - 2011. On September 3rd, 2011, Patrick Wright journeyed upward to reunite with his loving wife of 54 years, the late Betty Wright. Pat was not a man for saying goodbye and was always ready to meet a new friend and look for the next adventure. A native of Clydebank, Scotland, his life was full of travel and stories. Pat survived the Clydebank Blitz, and WWII as a 42nd Royal Marine Commando. Pat was a singer, poet, bagpiper, entertainer, salesman; father, grandfather, and great-grandfather to a large family; a mentor and friend to all he met.

After immigrating to Canada, then the US in the mid-1950s, he spent the last 35 years in Albuquerque, NM, where he founded Argyle Welding Supply. The CWS was very fortunate to have been present for a benefit show and dinner for the High Desert Pipes and Drums (HDP&D), our official pipe band.

Pat will be missed by many, but our lives have been enriched because of his presence.

Ernest Henderson, the oldest living Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer, died 9 November 2011 in western Canada..

He joined the RCMP in 1933 and three years later was part of the Musical Ride and a member of the cast of the movie Rose Marie. His very first assignment was removing hobos from the railway. Over the years, his postings were across western Canada.

Mr. Henderson led a full and very varied life. Upon his retirement from the RCMP he moved to Saskatchewan and worked with the Canadian Shorthorn Association. Soon after he became interested in judging horse and cattle shows and raising show dogs. Years later, he discovered a love of growing flowers and competing in flower shows.

At age 100, he bought a car and drove until he was 103 when he changed to a scooter to get around.

He was a very strong man in many ways, including doing all of his finances and organizing his own 100th birthday celebration.

Clan Henderson Society Great Lakes Commissioner, Doug Henderson writes that **Greg Schwartz** was very supportive of events in the Great Lakes Region.

Mr. Schwartz would drive many hours to meet at Edinboro, Pennsylvania and even further to join us in Lorain County, Ohio for the Ohio Scottish Games.

He was a joy to be around and had a great sense of humor.

For someone without a drop of Henderson blood in him, all of Clan Henderson became his adopted family. He even kept records of all of us.

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Toast sandwich is UK's 'cheapest meal'

From an article on the BBC web site

Toast a thin slice of bread. Butter two slices of bread and sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Place the toast between the two slices of bread-and-butter to form a sandwich.

Britain's cheapest lunchtime meal was unveiled by scientists on Wednesday - the toast sandwich. The Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) is reviving the mid-Victorian dish, which, unsurprisingly, consists of two slices of bread around a slice of toast.

The society is so confident in the repast, it will offer £200 to anyone who can create a cheaper alternative. The meal, costing 7.5 pence, was first promoted by Victorian food writer Mrs Beeton. It is taken from *Mrs Beeton's Book of Household Management* which became a best-seller after its appearance 150 years ago next month.

To celebrate that anniversary, the RSC decided to focus on meals that reflected "stern days" to come in Britain, rather than one of the book's many "table-groaning creations". The meal was recreated by a chef at the RSC on Wednesday and offered to people outside their London offices.

The RSC's Dr John Emsley said: "You simply put a piece of dry toast between two slices of bread and butter, with salt and pepper to taste. I've tried it and it's surprisingly nice to eat and quite filling."

"I would emphasise that toast sandwiches are also good at saving you calories as well as money, provided you only have one toast sandwich for lunch and nothing else."

The toast sandwich provides about 330 calories.
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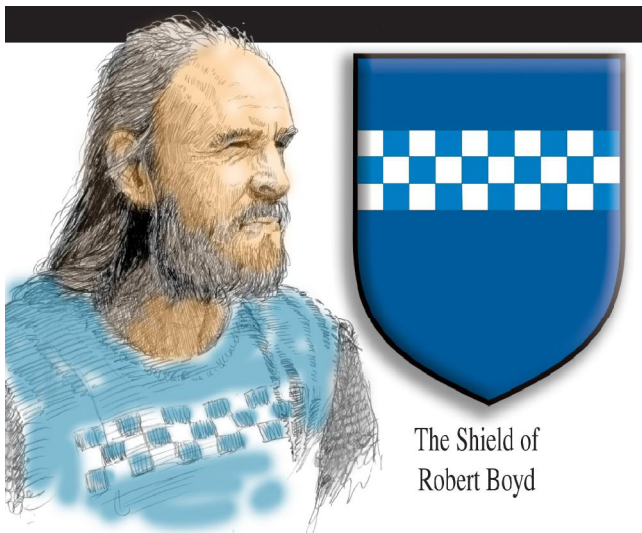


COME JOIN US! The Clan Davidson Society, USA, Inc. will be sponsoring an *International Gathering of Clan Davidson* on the 2nd weekend of June (**June 10, 11 & 12**), 2011. The event will be held in conjunction with the Kansas City Scottish Highland Games.

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The Shield of
Robert Boyd

A lifelong friend and close lieutenant to Robert the Bruce, Sir Robert Boyd heroically defended Castle Kildrummy and was an exemplar to all in the Scots' cause. He survived the years and faced harsh dangers in taking his country back from the English kings, and fought alongside his family's Stewart kinsmen at the Battle of Bannok Burn.

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Toast Sandwich, *continued from page 8*

ries, and consumers could opt for the healthier alternative of margarine instead of butter - an ingredient not available to Mrs Beeton because she was writing her book before it was invented. "Of course, when we finally emerge from these dark days we will seek something more celebratory from Mrs Beeton's pantheon of rich recipes to welcome back the good times," Dr Emsley added.

RSC employee Jon Edwards said: "In my student days I thought a meal of 9p noodles from Tesco was the epitome of thrift - but a toast sandwich is tastier, quicker, has more calories and comes in at just 7.5p."

British Dietetic Association spokeswoman Melissa Little said there were ways to make the toast sandwich much better for not that much more money.

Ms Little said: "You can add an egg for 8p, it's not much and it would give you some protein and keep you fuller for longer - and it would make it taste much better."

Editors Note:

I thought I'd give this a try but did decide to include the egg and have to say it was very tasty. The toast added an interesting texture to the sandwich.

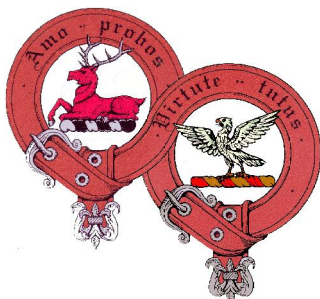
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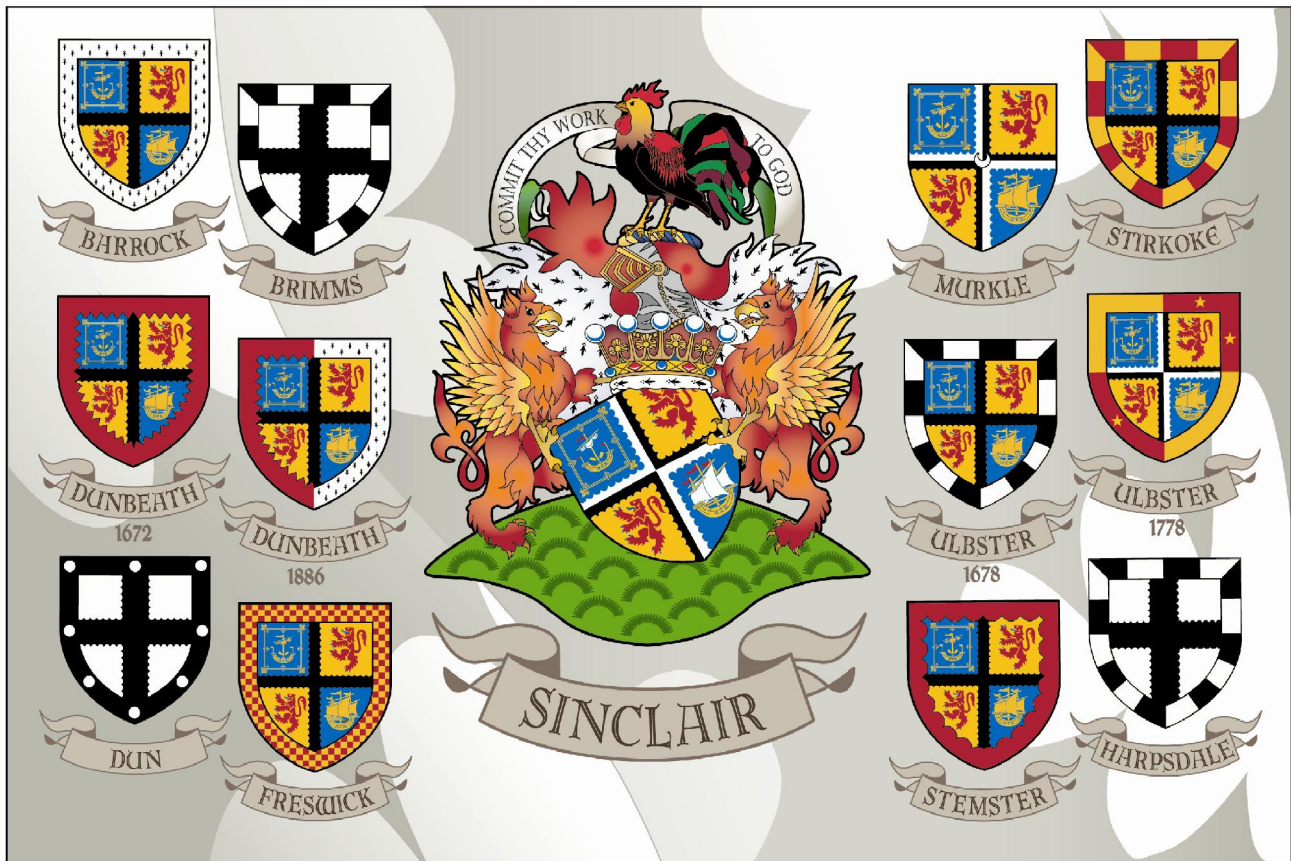
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7 ft. x 9 ft. tent panel created by Heraldic Artist, Tom Freeman, for the 2009 Gathering in Edinburgh.

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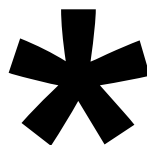
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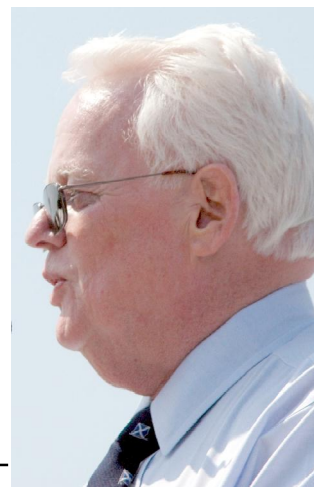
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A Highlander And His Books....

The Scottish Invention of America, Democracy and Human Rights

Alexander Leslie Klieforth and
Robert John Munro



This is a book about the birth and history of liberty and freedom from a Scottish viewpoint. Without blowing bagpipes or waving their tartans, the authors set out to prove that democracy and human rights had their roots in Scotland. The case is well made.

The authors Klieforth and Munro exhaustively review the impact of the Scots in these two areas.

The book begins in 1300 BC and brings us up to 2004 AD. The authors present strong and compelling proof that the roots of liberty and the struggles for freedom, for individuals and nations, date back to ancient Celts, followed by the Scottish struggle for independence.

This radical political thought had only been hinted at until the Scots were willing to walk the talk. Less talk, more walk is what you get in *The Scottish Invention of America*.

Most notably, you will learn there was a lot more to John Duns Scotus than theological papers. In my opinion, he is the backbone for this book, and it would benefit all interested Scots to re-read

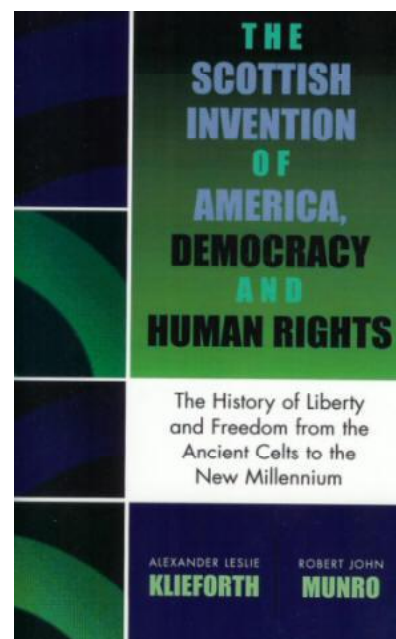
Scotus or, for the majority of us, to read him for the first time. He was, as the authors so ably point out, one of the two foremost moral philosophers of the European Middle Ages.

The other? Thomas Aquinas. John Duns Scotus championed human rights, individual freedom and basically a government that exists only with the consent of the people, or as we know it today in America, of the people, by the people, for the people.

In Latin, Scotus means the Scot. Born near Stirling Castle in Duns, Berwickshire, he was known as the Subtle Doctor. Scotus left behind a monumental work in the field of metaphysics at Oxford.

Sent to Paris to continue his studies, he was expelled from France in 1303 for siding with the Pope in a dispute with Philip the Fair. Allowed to return to Paris in 1305, Scotus went on to earn his Doctorate in Theology and began his professorship.

His academic and scholarly career led to his international reputation as one of the foremost medieval scholastics. He found himself involved in another brouhaha about his then radical view of the



Reviewed By
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The Families of Clan MacTavish Welcome You to Discover Your Scottish Heritage!



Chief Steven MacTavish

Family names associated with Clan MacTavish:
Cash, Kash, MacCamish, MacCash, MacCavish, MacComb, MacCombie, MacComich, MacComish, MaComie, Macomie, MacCosh, MacLaws, MacElhose, MacLehose, MacTavish, McTavish, Mactavish, Mactavis, M'Tavish, MacThomas, Stephens, Stephenson, Stevens, Stevenson, Tavish, Tawesson, Thom, Thomas, Thomason, Thomasson, Thompson, Thomson, Tod, and Todd, and all variant spellings.

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Immaculate Conception. Ironically, the Roman Catholic Church universally accepts his view today.

Forced to leave France again, he found his way to Cologne, Germany where he continued to lecture until his premature death at the age of 43. Buried in Cologne, there is this inscription I borrowed from Duncan Bruce's *The Scottish 100*: Scotia me genuit, (Scotland begot me) Anglia me suscepit, (England

reared me) Gallia me docuit, (France taught me) Colonia me tenet. (Cologne holds me)

And I would add, the freedom loving countries of this world thank you. The book does not end with John Duns Scotus.

There is much more that deals with new insights regarding *The Scottish Invention of America (Part Two)* and *The Age of Rights of Mankind (Part Three)*. Space, unfortunately, does not permit further discussion, but any lover of Scottish books will want a copy of this unique book for their library.

Any lover of freedom will find this a must have book. It is refreshing writing that offers new insights regarding our freedom - as individuals and as a nation. Any serious Scottish student will have a wonderful time with this book. The authors have done all of us a favor by writing it, so do yourself one and purchase it!

Klieforth and Munro have included a masterful fifty-page chronology of Celtic, Scottish, and American events. That in itself is worth the price of a good book, and this one fits that description.

You will spend many enjoyable hours with this publication. Please note: ISBN 0-7618-2791-9; published by the University Press of America.



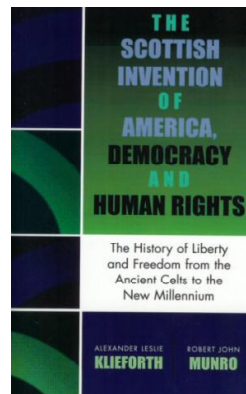
The Shield of
Thomas Randolph
as Earl of Moray



Captured at Methven in the debacle that all but ended the reign of Robert the Bruce, the king's nephew Thomas Randolph was forced by his captors to track his king and the Army of Bruce. His heart still yearned for Scotland to be free, and at Loudoun Plain, he calmly turned his back to the English and rode across the battlefield to rejoin the Scots and stand against Edward's army.

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Clan Bell International



This

old West Marche Clan, one of Border clans since the early 1100s, were retainers of the Great House of Douglas and also allied with the best border families through blood and friendship. Their land holdings were extensive, and to survive, they engaged in the "rieving" of the period and participated in many battles against the English.

Declared unruly by the Scottish Parliament, many of the Clan emigrated to the Ulster Plantation after 1610.

After William Bell, called *Redcloak* and Chief of the Clan died in 1628, the chiefship became dormant, and without leadership, the Bells ceased to exist as a viable clan.

Clan Bell International (CBI) in the United States represents Clan Bell world-wide with a coordinated network of 20 International Representatives, each representing the Clan in their own country.

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CBI cordially invites membership inquiries from persons Named Bell (all spellings), their descendants and friends. Quarterly newsletter published. Tents hosted at major Scottish festivals from coast to coast.

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*If you were to spell out numbers,
how far would you have to go until you would
find the letter 'A'?*

*It would take awhile to find an "A."
You'd have to go til the next number after nine
hundred ninety-nine...or, one thousand!*

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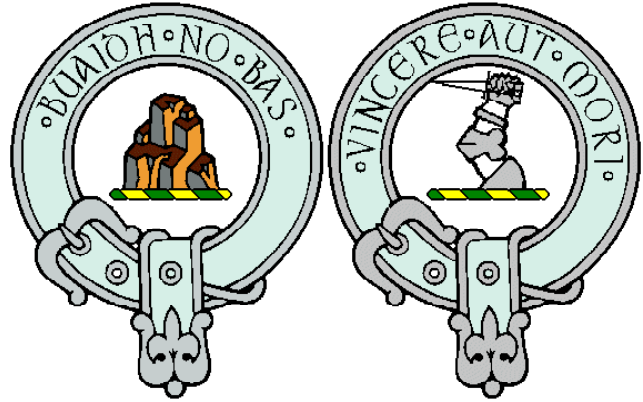
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2011 was 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible

If you have a copy of the King James Version of the Bible, you'll notice the date of 1611 written somewhere in it. Last year marked the 400th anniversary of this English version of the Bible!

I didn't even realize this until I got my newest edition of *Preaching Magazine* today. There was a great article written about the influence of the *KJV* in our world today even, often for more than we give it credit.

In our country, we often hear fighting over which English translation of the Bible to use. And then there are countries who don't even have a copy of the entire Bible in their own language.

Shame on us English-speaking people for taking this for granted and making it an issue when it shouldn't be. Some today don't respect the *KJV*, saying it's outdated and confusing. Others claim it was the original Bible, written down by Paul and Peter and Moses! It's not worth fighting over a translation, but to take advantage of being able to study multiple ones and learn best what God intended for us to know.

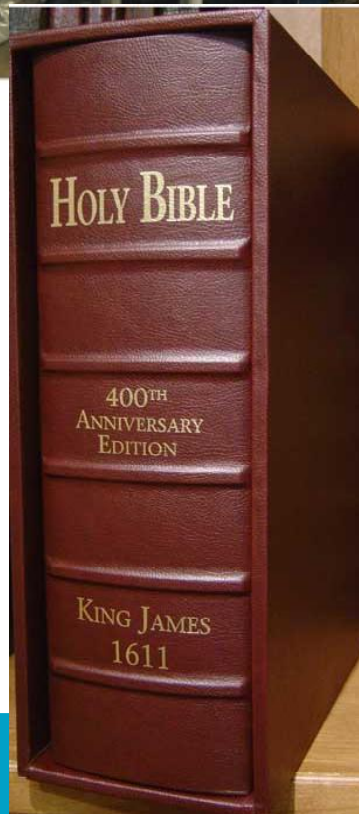
The article in *Preaching Magazine* points out the contributions of John Wycliffe (who was determined to be a heretic by the Church after his death, having his remains exhumed and burned) and William Tyndale (who was strangled and burned at the stake). These men gave

their lives to see a Bible made available for the common person, and 75 years after Tyndale's death, King James authorized an English version of the

Bible. The article points out that about 80% of the Old Testament and 90% of the New Testament in the 1611 *KJV* were taken from Tyndale's work.

The article notes the *KJV*'s contribution to literature, and it especially notes that the **"Elder Statesman of English Translations" should be respected for its accuracy and accessibility.** Fifty-four translators worked to create the most accurate English Bible they could from the Hebrew, Greek, and Latin texts they had. They were not persuaded by the media of their day, making the message fit its hearers. As far as accessibility, the *thee's* and *thou's* were actually culturally relevant of their time, not ground-breaking. That type of English language was already in use and the translators knew it would be easily understood by readers.

I wonder if those 54 translators knew that their work would be the only English Biblical work for about 300 years. I'm also thankful though for the many other English translations that have developed in the last 100 years. With new knowledge of languages and historical cultures, we are able to fine-tune our translating even more.



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The Festival of Imbolc - an ancient Druid tradition

Please enjoy this guest blog post by Ellen Evert Hopman, author of *Priestess of the Forest*, *The Druid Isle*, and the forthcoming *Priestess of the Fire Temple*.

As a Celtic Reconstructionist Druid I am always interested in the practices of the ancient Celts. I read about them, write about them and then put them into practice, as best I can. It's my own small effort to keep the traditions alive and to pass them along for future generations.

The Festival of Imbolc is the next great Fire Festival in the cycle of the Celtic year. It is essentially a milk festival in honor of the lactation of the ewes who under natural conditions don't give milk until just before they give birth. It is generally celebrated around February 1, but I have discovered that here in New England the sheep lactate about February 15.

For the ancient Celts Imbolc, or Oimelc, was a time to celebrate. They did not have supermarkets to go to for milk and there were months when no milk was available. The re-appearance of milk was a cause for rejoicing and to celebrate with a milk feast.

Imbolc was a festival of girls, something our culture has completely forgotten. The girls of the village would make a ðBride dollö out of straw, symbolizing the Goddess Brighid (Irish) or Bride (Scottish), out of the last sheaf of the previous year's grain harvest, which they would carry from house to house. In this way they brought the blessings of Bride and of the fertility of the last year's harvest, to every home. The girls collected cakes, bread, and butter as they went.

When they were done they would put the doll into a bed of rushes by a hearth. A stick of birch

called a ðslachdanö was placed in the bride doll's hands. Brighid or Bride was the summer face of the Winter Hag or Cailleach, She who controls the weather.

The wand symbolized her magical ability to influence storms and climate.

The girls would dance and sing until dawn and in the morning the ashes of the hearth were examined to see if Bride had left her footprint. If no foot print was found, an offering had to be made at a place where three streams met, for luck.

The men folk celebrated by preparing for the first plowing; the plow and other agricultural tools were blessed with a sprinkling of whisky and fields were ðsained,ö or purified, by carrying a lit torch around the boundaries.

Weather omens were taken; good weather at Imbolc meant winter would continue, but if a snake or hedgehog was seen to emerge from its hole that meant that winter was on the wane (this is the origin of Groundhog Day). Rain at Imbolc meant a good summer growing season was ahead.

Special crosses were woven out of reeds on Imbolc Eve. These crosses were equal armed (not the Latin cross with the longer base) and symbolized the sun. They were sacred to the Goddess Brighid, a Fire Goddess. Once finished, the crosses were hung in house and barn. In the Highlands these crosses were also made before weddings and placed under the mattress to ensure fertility.

A ðBride's Girdleö was made of straw rope, nine feet long. The rope was tied at the ends to



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make a circle through which each family member would step (women sometimes pulled it over their head). Three solar crosses were tied to the rope.

A Brat Bhríde or Brighid's mantle was placed outside on the eve of Imbolc, to receive the Goddess's blessings. The cloak would be placed over sick people or animals throughout the year. A bit of butter and an oat cake or a sheaf of grain were left on the doorstep to feed Brighid's donkey as she passed by.

The Monday after the festival offerings were left for the Fairies, because by tradition they move house on the first Monday after every Fire Festival and are in need of refreshment. Appropri-

ate offerings included mashed potatoes with butter, oatmeal with butter or cream, bread and honey, and possibly a wee dram of whiskey or milk with whiskey added.

You can learn more about this festival and all the Fire Festivals through my books: *Priestess of the Forest: A Druid Journey*, *The Druid Isle*, and *Priestess of the Fire Temple: A Druid's Tale*. These are a trilogy of novels that incorporate traditional Celtic beliefs and practices.

Our thanks to Ellen for her guest post! For more from Ellen Evert Hopman, read her articles "10 Foods and Spices You Can Use for Healing" and "5 Herbs for Healing."



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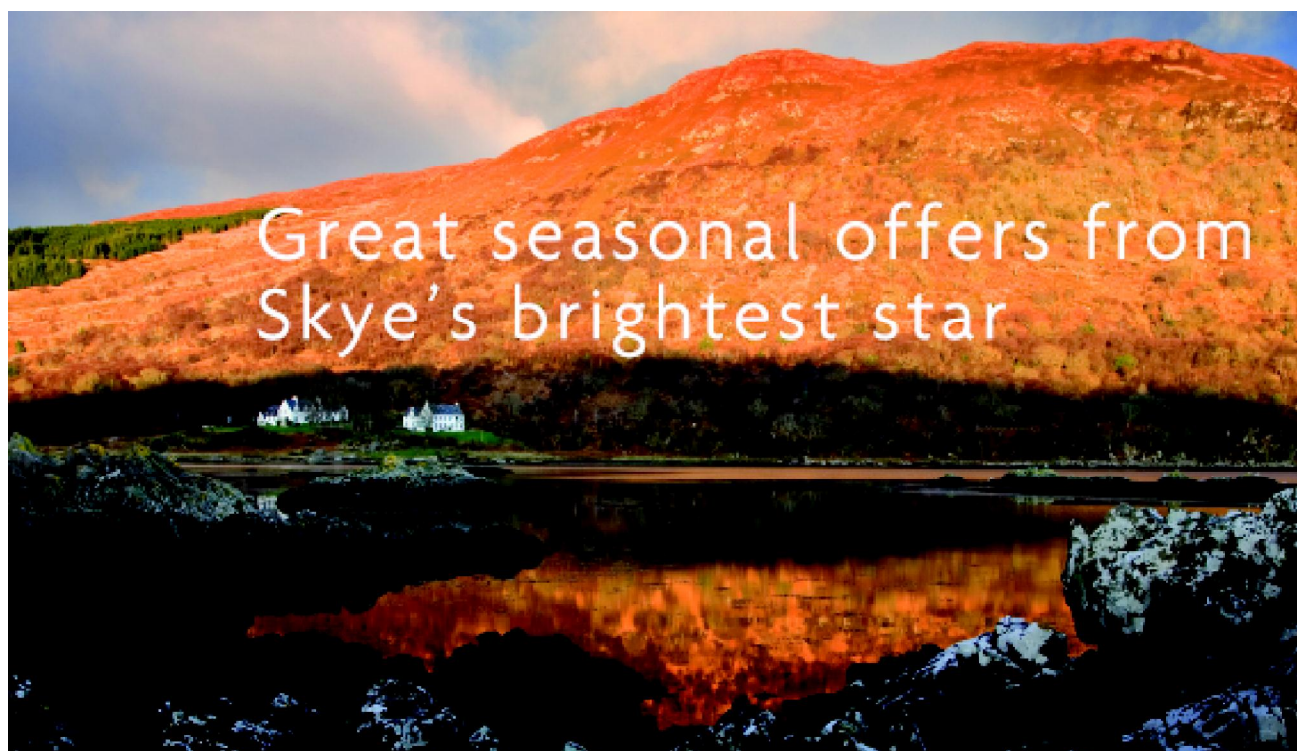
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FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

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We enjoyed a game or two of cribbage at the diner in Edinboro as we awaited the ceilidh. Now, the diner is gone and so is Greg; but the fond memories will remain forever.

Clan Henderson Society DNA administrator reports that his son, **Bradley Dale Henderson**, age 39, departed life 1 December 2011 in Leesburg, Virginia. Beloved husband, father, brother and son, he lived a life of kindness, humor and love. He was a promising young information technology professional with the US Army Reserve Component Automation Systems (RCAS).

He is survived by his wife, Windy, and three children, Connor, Kay and Brittany; his sister, Carrie Linebaugh of Warrenton, Virginia and his parents, James and Laura Henderson of Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

He was born 28 June 1972 in Lubbock, Texas, spending his formative years in Fairfax County where he graduated James W. Robinson High School in 1990. He was a US Army veteran serving with the 82nd Airborne Division in 1995-96 during NATO's Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He graduated Texas Tech University in 1999. In his work with US Army RCAS, he recently returned from deployment to Kuwait.

Memorial services were held on 6 December 2011 at McLean Baptist Church in McLean, Virginia. Online condolences and fond memories may be offered to the family at www.moneyandking.com.

Horace Loftin reported that **Dr. James Leroy Henderson, Jr.**, 79, of Emerald Isle, passed away Wednesday, 19 October 2011 at home. He notes that this is "Cousin Leroy" who was kin to Claude, Douglas, David and other doweast North Carolina

Henderspms including Horace himself. Leroy and the rest of us descend from James Henderson - from Scotland to the Eastern Shore of Maryland ca 1660. His grandson, Barnabas, moved to Onslow County, North Carolina ca 1740 and have been there ever since.

Dr. Henderson's service was held at St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Swansboro with the Rev. Bert Eaton officiating. Burial followed at Queen's Creek United Methodist Church Cemetery in Hubert.

Dr. Henderson was the founding president of Coastal Carolina Community College, where he served from 1963 to 1988 and was a recipient of the I.E. Ready Award. He was past president of the North Carolina Retired Government Employees Association and was also a veteran of the US Army, a member of Seaside Masonic Lodge 429 AF&AM, a Shriner and a member of the Scottish Rite. He also was a founding member of the St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, a member of First Citizens Bank Board of Directors, member of the Jacksonville Kiwanis Club and a member of the Swansboro Rotary Club where he was also a Paul Harris Fellow. He was also a member of the Clan Henderson Society, Inc.

He is survived by his wife, Christine Henderson of Emerald Isle; daughter, Susan Henderson of Emerald Isle; two sons, Jim

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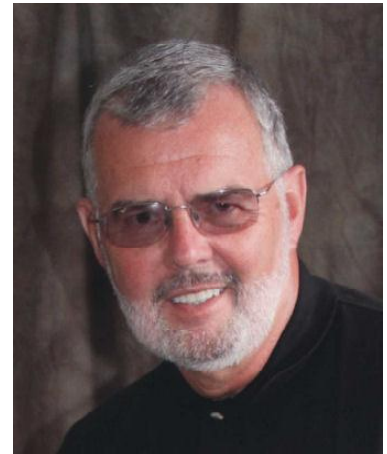


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AMHUINNSUIDHE CASTLE



~~Remote Luxury in the Outer Hebrides, Scotland~~

Across the slate gray, meringue-tipped waters of West Loch Tarbert, the island of Taransay glowed in the shimmering light of the setting sun. Today was a study in grays and blues, as we explored local seascapes, inland lochs (lakes), and the billions of years old rock that is the backbone of the Isle of Lewis and Harris. Our sanctuary on this largest of the Outer Hebrides islands off Scotland's Northwest coast is Amhuinnsuidhe Castle.

Amhuinnsuidhe (òaven-sueyö) was built in 1865 in the Scottish Baronial style, for Charles Murray, the 7th Earl of Dunmore. Throughout its history, the castle has been owned by a convoluted list of Earls, Viscounts, Ladies, Lords, and Sirs. Today, the castle is owned by Mr. Ian Scarr-Hall and operated as a luxury sporting lodge and business retreat, offering superb hunting, fishing, and hiking in a luxurious and remote setting. The castle's usual season runs from mid-May through October.

Accommodations in the castle include a dozen individually designed, spacious rooms and suites. The décor is regal, with original period antiques, fine art and sculpture, elegant marble appointments in bathrooms, and, always, the to-die-for views. Beautifully appointed public rooms

include the Drawing and Billiard Rooms, and the Grand Hall. The heart of Amhuinnsuidhe is the Dining Room, with grand windows, high ceilings, huge fireplace, tapestries and a room-dominating òbanqueting-size tableö, where guests take dinner, all seated at one time. As is often the case,

one can catch glimpses of loch-leaping salmon while enjoying a delectable meal.

Local cuisine captures the essence of what this exclusive sporting lodge is about. Starters usually include Lewis sea trout and West Loch Tarbert scallops and

crab cakes. Chef David Taylor regularly features entrees of Aberdeen Angus beef, Amhuinnsuidhe Estate venison, guinea fowl with organic Dukeshill ham stuffing, and Hebridean lamb. Desserts featuring Scottish farmhouse cheeses, shortbread and peach, lemon, pear and pineapple delicacies wrap guests in a warm, fuzzy finale to extraordinary meals. The single malt Scotch selection does not disappoint. Among the selections, Highland Park and Jura represent island-style malts, along with several expressions of The Glenlivet and Glenfiddich, from Speyside. The castle's eponymous label of single malt is also aged and bottled in the Speyside region.

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Amhuinnsuidhe Castle is strategically located to maximize enjoyment of hiking the adjacent hills of the Forest of Harris, fishing in the ten fresh water lochs available to castle guests, and observing firsthand the abundant variety of wildlife on water, land, and above. From whales to butterflies, and dozens of species in-between, the area teems with a never-ending display of nature's bounty.

Road tripping on the Isle of Lewis and Harris is a must. With the top down, my well-worn, decades old Harris Tweed jacket was a comfortable buffer against the nippy Hebridean weather. It was, quite literally, *at home* here on Harris. The bespoke tweed is still made by crofters all around this part of the island. The distinct clickety-clack of looms emanating from garages and small outbuildings became a familiar sound as I headed for a few of the area's most well-known highlights.

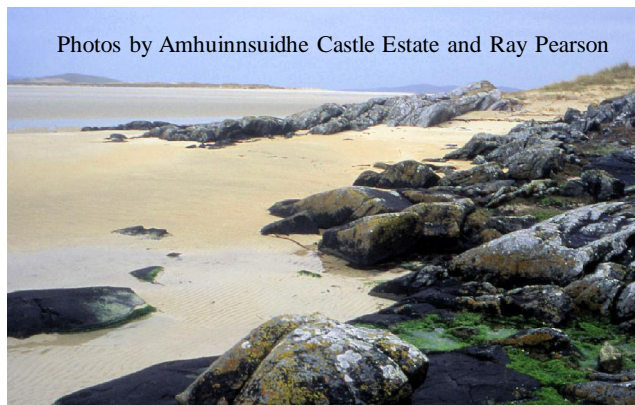
The Standing Stones at Callanish date to around 3000 BC, and, unlike Stonehenge, are void of busloads of tourists and protective barricades. 13 stones are arranged in a rough circle, with others forming *avenues* leading to the circle, and are thought to have been used as an early tool for astronomy.

Further up the A858 coast road in the village of Arnol, the Arnol Blackhouse Museum portrays the rugged lifestyle of early Scots in a restored, thatched roof cottage. The necessary and synergistic relationship for survival between man and farm animals under one roof is a fascinating study. Black houses were so named as the result of seasons of heating and cooking over an open peat fire in the center of the human living space.

Desolate and wind whipped beaches are frequently designated by the roadmaps as scenic view icons and pop up all along my single-track route. Many of these are acknowledged as some of the most beautiful in Europe. My favorites are near Finsbay and Luskentyre.

Ferry travel to the Isle of Lewis and Harris from the mainland is between Ullapool and Stornoway. There are other options if one is island-hopping in the Outer Hebrides. Air travel is to Stornoway.

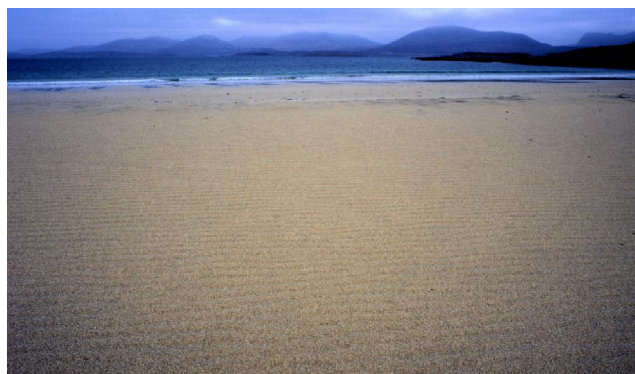
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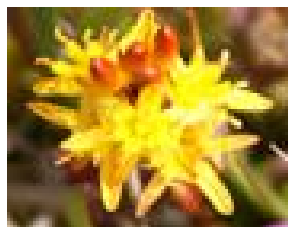
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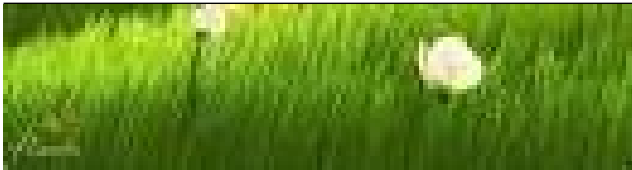
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Henderson and wife, Jane of Morehead City and Steven Henderson and wife, Monica of Cape Carteret; two grandchildren, Hunter and Samantha Henderson of Moorehead City; and sister, Nancy Lilley of Swansboro.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Maxine Henderson.

Donations may be sent to the Dr. James Leroy Henderson, Jr., Scholarship Fund, Coastal Carolina Community College, 444 Western Blvd., Jacksonville, North Carolina 28546 or to the charity of your choice.

Electronic condolences may be left for the family at www.jonesfh.org



Gloria Bridge Walker, past North Pacific Regional Commissioner to Clan Donald USA died this past September 21 at home with her beloved family.

Gloria was a Life Member of CDUSA for over 25 years. Until recently, she was a very active member. Her claim to the blood of Clan Donald came to her via her 2-great grandmothe, Elizabeth Cunningham, who was from the hills of Glengarry.

Over the years, Gloria served as the CDUSA North Pacific Regional Treasurer and then Washington State Convener before being appointed to Regional Commissioer in May 1995 by then High Commissioner, Col. Jack McDonald. Gloria boosted the membership and putting North Pacific Regional in the spotlight once again as host of the 1999 AGM in Seattle - having already hosted an AGM there in 1986.

R. Elaine Maples reports the passing of her mother, **Ruth Mary Conrad Maples**, a long-time member of Clan Henderson.

She was a legacy member from her husband, Glenn, and now her daughter, R. Elaine Maples , has asked to continue the Clan Henderson Society membership in her mother's name.

Clan Donald North Pacific Region invites you to the 2012 Glencoe Memorial and Gathering February 11

Join us in the remembrance of the 38 men killed in the 1692 Glencoe massacre and the 40 women and children subsequently from cold and starvation. We will also remember all in our clan and family members who have passed on.

The date is February 11 from 1 PM until 3 PM at the Old Scotch Church, 30685 Northwest Scotch Church Rd., Hillsboro, OR 97214.

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