

California Student wins elite award for Scottish dancing

Schiff recognized on world
stage for her footwork

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High stepping Emma Schiff, a junior at Agoura High School (Agoura, California), competes in Highland dancing throughout the U.S., Canada and Scotland. She's a two-time U.S. champion and ranked third in the world.

When Emma Schiff dances, the world notices.

The 17-year-old Agoura High School student is the first Highland dancer to win the Los Angeles, California's Music Center's Spotlight Award in the nonclassical dance category since the honor was first given 28 years ago.

Competitive Highland dancing is a style of Scottish dance developed in the 19th and 20th centuries for entertainment at public events. Dancers wear traditional tartan skirts and socks, and perform precise dance movements.

More than 1,100 Southern California students competed for a Spotlight Award this year in several



categories, including dance, music, acting and voice. Emma won a \$5,000 scholarship and the opportunity to perform at the Music Center in Los Angeles.

But because Emma fractured her foot while competing in Northern California, she has to bow out of

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Clan Grant is not just a historical society, it is a **living** clan whose members consider themselves extended family and kin and who keep their heritage alive through participation in many gatherings and events around the country. Your ancestors are calling you, honor them by joining the society today!

Membership in the Society is open to any person who is lineally descended from the surname "Grant", a recognized Clan Grant sept name, or anyone who is generally interested in or in sympathy with the purposes of the Clan Grant Society.

Membership includes the Quarterly newsletter, "Craigellachie", via email or regular mail. It is also available in the Members Only section of the website.

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Stand Fast, Craigellachie!

Craigellachie (pronounced Kra-GEL'-a-key) is Gaelic for "rock of alarm." The Clan Grant motto is "**Stand Fast, Craigellachie!**" *Craigellachie* is the hill or mountain behind the modern town of Aviemore. It is also the name of a village situated about thirty miles down the River Spey from Aviemore.



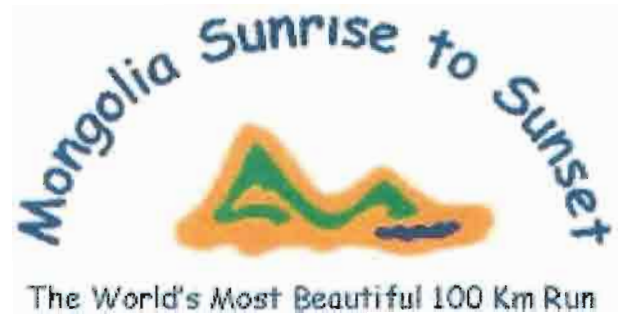
Julia Moffitt completes the Mongolian Sunrise to Sunset Ultramarathon

Julia did it! She did the whole nine yards, or rather, the entire 100 kilometers, 62.2 miles, of the Mongolian Sunrise to Sunset Ultramarathon in the Hovsgol National Park bordering Siberia.

She ran the first 42 kilometers, the length of the standard 26 mile marathon, faster than planned, but lagged toward the end, and was, she said, “wrecked” by the finish.

She ended the run in good time and won a spherical silver button, modeled after the buttons Mongolians wear on their long riding cloaks (called “deels”) for her efforts.

She returned home to Key West, Florida on Sunday, August 10th after thirty hours of flying and



driving from Ulan Bator via Seoul, Washington, DC and Miami.

With thanks to Moffatana, the publication of the Clan Moffat Society, contact them: <Moffatana@ClanMoffat.org>



Wanna go to Scotland?

Charlie Diman, of the Clan Blair Society, reports that his trip to Scotland departs August 27, 2016.

It is open for others and Charlie will happily provide the details. Please contact Charlie at Clanblairmembership@clanblair.org.





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*The Monument to
the Declaration of Arbroath*

The Monument to the Declaration of Arbroath at Arbroath, Scotland. On the left: Chancellor Bernard Linton and on the right, the King Robert the Bruce. With thanks to The Clan Blair Society newsletter, Blair Bruidhinn. For membership information, contact clanmembership@clanblair.org

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COSCA's annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games (GMHG) and the Annual COSCA Clan & Family Caucus event will be held immediately preceding those games.

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games are held at MacRae Meadows on Grandfather Mountain near Linville, NC. This year they are set for July 7 - 10.

The Caucus event will be held on Thursday, 7 July, at Lees-McRae College. Go online today to COSCA's website, at www.cosca.scot, and register.

Note the discounted rate for members —\$20— which includes any member-in-good-standing of a clan society which is an organizational member of COSCA for 2016. (The list of these is up on the Website.)

See Top Secret Drum Corps in performance!

http://www.youtube.com/embed/HW3QVLIK-kE?feature=player_embedded

Top Secret Drum Corps is a precision drum corps based in Basel, Switzerland. With 25 drummers and colorguard members, the corps became famous for its demanding six-minute routine performed at the Edinburgh Tattoo in 2003. With its invitation to Edinburgh, Top Secret became one of the first non-military, non-British Commonwealth acts to perform on the Esplanade at Edinburgh Castle.

Since its success in 2003, Top Secret was invited to return to Edinburgh in 2006 with a new and improved routine. They were invited a third time in 2009 and again in 2012 and 2015. Under the leadership of Erik Julliard, the band is also responsible for the founding of the Basel Tattoo, a military tattoo show similar to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, now held annually in Basel.



**Your editor has succumbed to
the charms of a 3 oz. cat!
He wears a gray flannel suit...
He will be moving inside
when he is weaned.
*I SWORE no more inside cats,
but, here he is! Oh, he is "Harry"***



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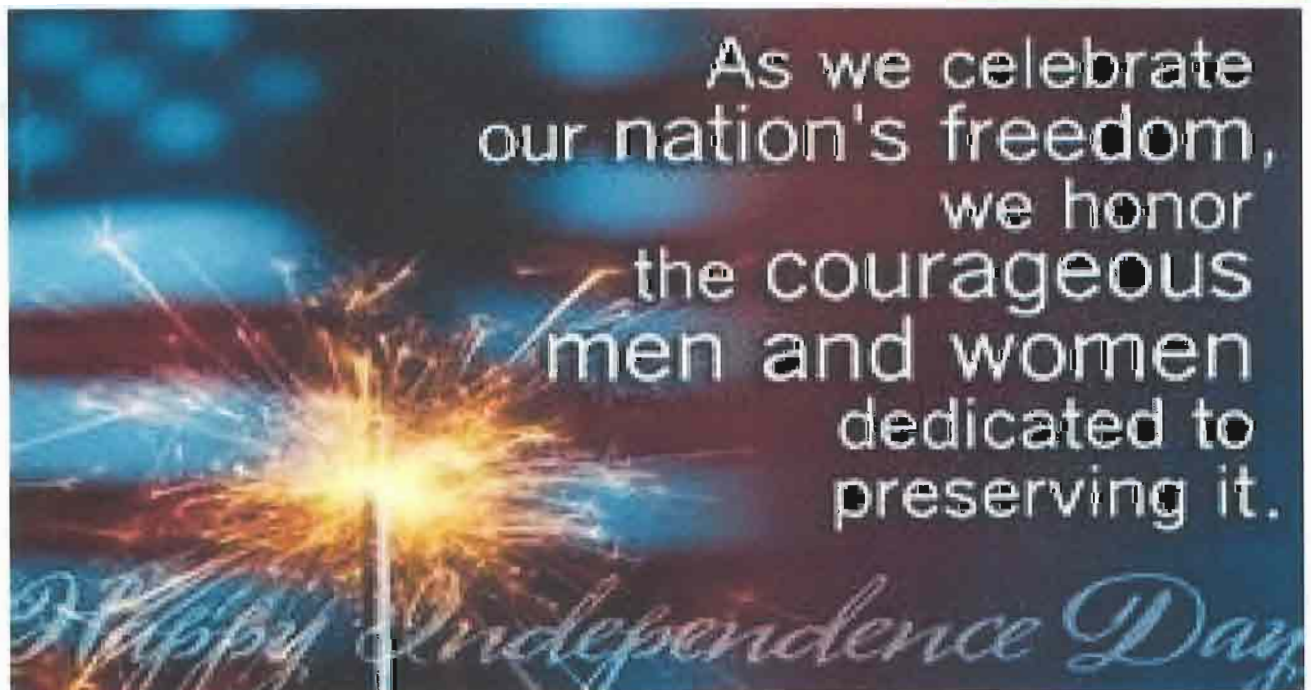
Heraldic details at Linlithgow Palace



Heraldic details at the entrance of Linlithgow Palace (Linlithgow, West Lothian, Scotland) showing the collars of the orders of James V: The Garter of England, the Thistle of Scotland, the Golden Fleece of Spain and St Michel of France

Celebrate Heraldry!
June 10, 2016 was
International Heraldry Day!

The organizers of International Heraldry Day (IHD) would like to thank everyone who posted to the various forums, held local events and who just had fun sharing their love of heraldry with the wider community.



Clan MacCord Society

Invites for membership all spelling variations and descendants of McCord (a)(e)(y).

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Clan Home Society (Int.) Stone Mountain 2015

Flowers of the Forest



Skye T. Fields, a member of the Clan Moffat Society, born September 25th 1969, died on May 8, 2014. He was a fifth generation Washingtonian and the son of Douglas A. Fields and Aletha J. Moffitt.

He was born and raised in Federal Way, Washington and enjoyed soccer, swimming, life-guarding, wrestling, football and band during his school days.

He graduated from Decatur High School and then Western Washington State College.

He worked for Boeing Aircraft most of his career and ended his career as a Supply Chain Analyst which took him to countries all over the world.

He met his wife, Arisara, while they taught together in Thailand - where they were married in 1996. They came back to the USA to work and raise their family.

Skye is survived by his wife, Arisara Fields, his children: Duncan, Mailee and Cade. He is also survived by his mother, Aletha Moffitt Fields and his sisters, Joanne, Leslie and Natali and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Charles "Chuck" Moffitt Lineberry, 85, of Davidson, North Carolina, died January 31, 2014 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was the son of the late Bessie Moffitt Lineberry and Stanhope Lineberry, former Chief of Police in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

He was born January 3, 1929 in Charlotte, NC.

He attended Charlotte, NC public schools and graduated from high school as Valedictorian of The Bates School in San Francisco, California. He gradu-

ated from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

In World War II, he served in the United States Air Force Band at Boling Field, Washington, DC and the 748th Band Fifth Air Force in the occupation of Japan.

A lifelong musician, he played in marching bands, school bands, dance bands, Scottish pipe bands, with church choirs and with praise teams.

In 1955, Chuck began a career in the corrugated packaging industry with Old Dominion Box Company and Weyerhaeuser Corrugated Boxes in Charlotte and Atlanta. He eventually became the owner of box plants in North and South Carolina and Virginia.

He was an avid racing sailor since age 12 and competed on Lake Wylie and Lake Norman for years. He also traveled to competitions from Florida to New England.

He enjoyed Boy Scouts, serving as institutional representative and scoutmaster while his two sons were active toward achieving their Eagle Scout awards.

He held a private pilot's license, amassing over 5000 hours in multiengine instrument aircraft.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Betty Kell Lineberry, of The Pines at Davison; a son, Charles Jr., "Duke" and wife, Jennifer, of Wilmington and son, Daniel Stanhope Lineberry and wife, Toni, of Crestview, Florida; a niece and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Stanhope Lineberry, Jr., of Lake Elsinore, California.

He was a member of the Clan Moffat Society.



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Tracing Railroad Workers is possible

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Many personnel records from the various railroads have been misplaced or destroyed over the years, however, where they have survived, these personnel records are very detailed.

Beginning in the late 1700s, when railroads began making an impact in the new United States of America, railroads kept some or all of the following types of records on their employees:

- ◆ Original employment application.
- ◆ Legal name and residence
- ◆ Date and place of birth.
- ◆ Names of parents, wife, children, next of kin
- ◆ Physical description
- ◆ Date and place where employment began.
- ◆ Positions held and locations where positions existed. These may vary depending on their locations within the railroad.
- ◆ Rate of pay
- ◆ Promotions Awards
- ◆ Discipline problems (if any)
- ◆ Loans paid to employees by the railroad companies and terms for re-payment
- ◆ Date and cause of death
- ◆ Street address and name of beneficiary

Records covering workers involved in the building of grades and tracks frequently involved contract laborers. These types of laborers may be under separate personnel standards than those employees hired later as engineers, conductors, administrators, and porters.

Pension and benevolent fund records might be

company or union sponsored. Pension records may be found within board minutes of individual companies.

Benevolent funds were set up by workers and unions to assist wives and families in times of tragedy. Railroad work could be very dangerous and many made provisions for work-related injuries, providing for early retirement under special conditions. These records can be very difficult to locate and access may be dependent on knowing the ancestor's pension number or exact time and location of employment with the railroad.

Many records of the Canadian Unions are available at the National Archives of Canada.

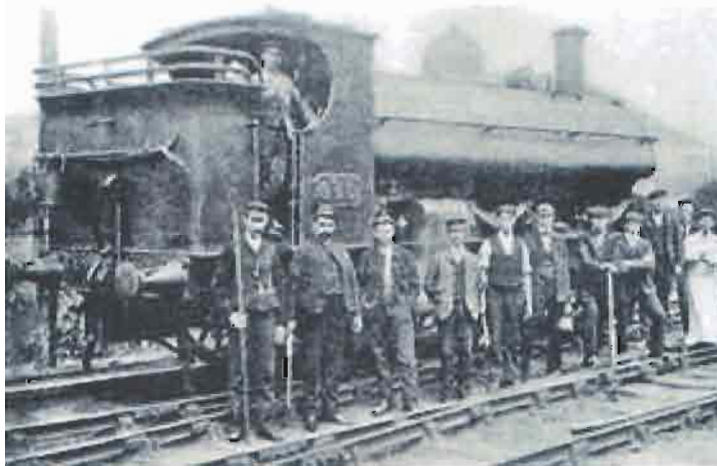
The United States Retirement Board administers a Federal retirement benefit program covering the nation's railroad workers. These

records deal primarily with the administration and payment of benefits. The Board provides information from its records on deceased persons and will not release information on living persons without the written consent of the person. A non-refundable fee is required for a record search and is payable before the search is attempted.

The Railroad Retirement Board was not established until the mid-1930s when record keeping officially began in 1937.

The records are filed by the railroad employee's social security number. If the social security number is unavailable, having the employee's full name, including the middle initial and complete dates of birth and

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If you have the name "Buchanan" in your family or any of the allied family/sept names below, you are invited to join your cousins and Buchanan kin. Just send an email for a membership form and/or information to

<http://www.theclanbuchanan.com/html/contact.html>



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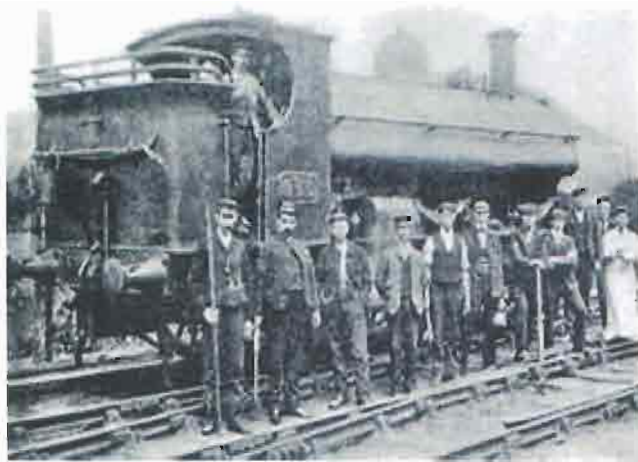


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The CBSI was formed in 1970 as the Clan Buchanan Society in America. It was founded at the Grandfather Mountain Games in North Carolina. The name was later changed to the Clan Buchanan Society International Inc., to reflect our society's expanded purpose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



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death, may be helpful in determining whether records are available on a person.

The Social Security Death Index is another possible avenue for finding this type of information, however, the death index is available on a variety of different genealogical Internet websites and the Social Security Administration itself is not complete. This is especially true for persons who died before 1962.

Some of these alternative versions of the index may not include the Railroad Retirement Pensions records. Because the index includes no actual information on a person's employment, it is not possible to determine if a person worked for the railroad or any other entity by using just the index itself.

The only possible hint you can glean is by numbers beginning with 700. A number 700 or higher generally means the person was employed by a railroad at the time they received their numbers. Please note that as of October 1, 2010, many requests for genealogical information concerning railroad workers will be handled by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) rather than the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB). However, some requests will continue to be handled by the RRB.

Genealogists and family historians should still initially contact the RRB with their requests.

We will determine whether the RRB or NARA has the information requested. For more information on this topic please visit <http://www.rrb.gov/mep/genealogy.asp>.

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Megan Bell and Mark Walker's Handfasting Ceremony at the 2016 Glasgow Highland Games. Carlisle Simon, Annetta Cook and Becky Kilpatrick all assisted with the ceremony.

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An Cìrean Ceann Cinnidh

bloodlines evolving from the regions of Caithness, Fordell, Glencoe, Shetlands/Liddesdale and Ulster. Henderson's from the Glencoe region have strong ties to the MacDonald Clan and were renowned as pipers and bodyguards to the Chief (MacIan). Henderson's from the Caithness region have ties to the Clan Gunn.

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Clan Henderson

The sons of Henry (MacEanruig) are a family as old as any clan in the Highlands. In modern times, Clan Henderson traces lineage through the Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson, Alistair of Fordell. However, in times more distant Henderson's can claim descent from a King of the Picts and down through five unique

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Applejack

Although we often say “As American as apple pie”, in fact apples (and apple pie) are not native to America but were introduced by British settlers. For proof that apple pie pre-dates the founding of America look no further than the writing of the venerable Geoffrey Chaucer whose work published in 1381 contained the first written recipe for apple pie. That said, there is at least one uniquely American apple product, Applejack, for which thanks are owed to Scottish emigrant, William Laird.

Laird, a whisky distiller by trade, emigrated with his sons from Fife, Scotland settling in Monmouth County, New Jersey in 1698. Like most enterprising Scottish emigres to this country faced with little to no barley malt available to them to make whisky, Laird turned to what was abundant and close-at-hand - apples - which he distilled into cider for himself and his neighbors. In those days, every prosperous farm had an apple orchard and almost all of the yield went into the making of cider since the colonists thought drinking water spread disease.

Soon, hard cider was America’s favorite spirit, especially in the northern and middle colonies where it was produced from the abundant apple orchards. It was spread into the “west” by the fabled evangelist “Johnny Appleseed” (John Chapman) who preached along the Ohio River Valley, not only distributing apple seeds to his congregations but also the instructions for producing Applejack thus continuing to spread its popularity.

Since 1698 the Laird family has continued to work and live in Monmouth and claim that the family's business, Laird & Company, is the oldest commercial distillery in the United States and one of the country's oldest family businesses who even supplied Applejack to the Continental Army. Laird family historical records show that George Washington, who owned several large apple orchards, wished to produce “*cyder spirits*” and sometime prior to 1760 wrote the Laird family requesting their recipe, which the Laird family gladly supplied.

So, you might ask yourself “what is applejack and how does it differ from apple brandy”? Both applejack and apple brandy are derived from apple cider and both are the result of distilling the cider by separating the alcohol from the water. The difference is that apple brandy is made through the familiar evaporative distillation process in which the cider is heated to separate the components while applejack is distilled through freezing. Colonial cider-makers who didn’t possess a still would, leave cider outside to freeze in the winter and each morning after a cold night, they discarded the frozen water portion, leaving them with very concentrated high alcohol cider that didn’t freeze. The term “applejack” comes from this process of freeze distillation called “jacking”.

Although many varieties of apples are used, including Jonathans, Winesaps, Staymans, Pippins, and Delicious apples, the best

for making applejack are small, late-ripening Winesaps which yields more alcohol --16 pounds of apples produces about 25 ounces of applejack. While Laird is the only American producer of applejack, there are several other American apple brandy makers, such as Clear Creek distillery in Portland, Oregon who produce Eau de Vie de Pomme from Golden Delicious apples which they age eight years in French oak barrels.



I use Applejack mainly in the winter as an “enlivener” with either hot or cold cider at Christmas. But, there are other uses for this quintessential American product like this recipe for Applejack Gravy which will make a fine addition any time you serve turkey or even baked chicken.

Applejack Turkey Gravy Recipe

- 1 12-pound turkey
- 2 cups (about) chicken stock or canned low-salt broth
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons applejack or other brandy
- 2 tablespoons of herb butter (like Kerrigold)
- Fresh herb sprigs such as thyme, tarragon or parsley



Pour the pan juices into a saucepan, ladling off any fat. Add enough stock to pan juices so you have 2¼ cups liquid. Make a slurry by whisking the flour and applejack in bowl until smooth. Add to this to the stock mixture in saucepan and whisk to combine. Bring it to a boil, whisking constantly. Continue boiling until reduced to sauce, whisking frequently, about 10 minutes. Whisk in the herb butter and bring to boil. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve garnished with herb sprigs. ♡

With thanks to *The St. Andrews Cross*, Tallahassee, FL St. Andrew Society.

Linda Frazier is the president of the St. Andrew Society. <www.standrewtallahassee.org>

Clan Davidson Society USA



Davidson Clansmen dominate the Parade of Tartans at the International Gathering of Clan Davidson sponsored by the Clan Davidson Society USA. The event was held June, 2011, in conjunction with the Kansas City Highland Games.



Is your name listed here? If so, then you may be interested in membership in the **Clan Davidson Society USA!**

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The Society's On-Staff Genealogist is the Founder of the Davidson/Davison DNA Project and is available at no charge to assist the membership with their own genealogical excavations.

For more information, check out our website at [www.clandavidsonusa.com] or contact the Society's Membership Registrar at [sennachie@earthlink.net].



The National Wallace Monument launches volunteer programme

The National Wallace Monument, in Stirling, has launched a volunteer programme and is on the look out for people willing to help in welcoming visitors to the popular attraction.

In 2015 alone 2.9m people across the UK gave their time to volunteering, and with over 100,000 people visiting the Stirling attraction every year, Stirling District Tourism, the not-for-profit organisation which is responsible for the operation of the Monument, is hoping that volunteers will support the staff team in maintaining a high standard of service for visitors.

No qualifications are required, and the Monument would like to hear from prospective volunteers with friendly personalities who are happy to talk to visitors. Full training will be provided, however a passion for Scottish history or the ability to speak another language would be an added bonus.

An Information session is being held at 7pm on Thursday 30th June which potential volunteers are invited to attend to learn more about the opportunities available in the new volunteer programme. *(This publication will be available on the Internet starting 15 June...but please don't hesitate to sign up as the deadline for volunteering is very close.)*

Those that want to attend are asked to sign up to a session through The National Wallace Monument website, or by e-mailing volunteers.sdtourism@btconnect.com. The deadline for final applications is on the 7th July.

Hannah Lucas, Visitor Attraction Manager at The National Wallace Monument, said: "Here at the National Wallace Monument we strive to make everyone's visit as enjoyable and special as possible, therefore, this summer we are introducing a new and exciting Volunteers Scheme. With help from a team of volunteers we will be able to enhance our existing visitor experience and ensure that everyone receives a world class welcome. If you feel that you have the passion and dedication to join our team we would love to hear from you."

Volunteers will start their new roles at The National Wallace Monument during the main summer season.



The National Wallace Monument launches volunteer programme ahead of busy summer season

*Love Border Collies?
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*Go site-seeing and enjoy
Mary Ray, Richard Curtis
and Levi
at Crufts!*

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Thanks to Mairi Gray!



The Armstrong Clan Society

Dedicated to the Armstrongs, Crosiers, Fairbairns, Grosiers, Nixons and those interested in these surnames.

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.

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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 peter.armstrong1.3@gmail.com 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.



Plastic money is now in Scotland!

Entering circulation in March 2015, a year before the Bank of England put plastic notes in general circulation, the Clydesdale banknote is the very first UK bank note to be printed using polymer (plastic) coating.

It features the iconic Forth Rail Bridge and marked the 125th anniversary of its opening on 4 March 1890 by the Prince of Wales, the future King Edward VII.

In addition to illustrating the bridge itself the bank note highlights its designer Sir William Arrol whose company not only created the unique Forth Rail Bridge but was also responsible for Tower Bridge in London.

The methods of working and techniques developed by the company are still used by engineers around the world today.

The polymer notes are produced from a thin plastic film rather than paper. It can incorporate advanced security features - such as the transparent "window" area and a hologram of a map of Scotland with a "C" floating on it.

Plastic notes are tougher to forge, more durable and collect less dirt and stay cleaner longer than paper money.

The plastic notes should last at least two and a half times as long as current paper notes.



Bagpipes are everywhere!

If we are just a tiny bit attentive, we'll see bagpipes in magazines, movies, on TV...just about anything we all watch.

I just found a wonderful source which lists all the movies and TV programs where the pipes are featured.

How many of these have you seen?

We'll continue with this each publication and hope the source remains!

Ally McBeal - TV series - One of the lawyers [Peter McNicol] plays the pipes in a couple of episodes. On one occasion, he plays at the funeral of his pet frog, in another he plays to relax before going into court (presumably as a dramatic effect to show how eccentric he is). It's hard to be sure, but if he isn't actually playing the chanter, he's doing a good imitation of it.

America's Funniest Home Videos (a \$100,000 Grand Prize episode)- The Los Angeles

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Flowers of the Forest

Gloria B. Blair, formerly of West Chester, died in Saratoga Springs, New York, on Saturday, March 19, 2016 surrounded by the love of her family. She was 87.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on January 20, 1929 to Anna Heaton and Alexander Rudi Blechschmidt. Gloria attended Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls where she excelled in both scholastics as well as athletics.

After graduation, Gloria attended West Chester State College. On May 28, 1949, she married Walter R. Blair, a WWII veteran and college athlete at West Chester.

After Walter's graduation, they followed Walt's teaching and coaching career and moved to Philadelphia, then Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and finally in 1955, they settled in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania where Walter taught and coached football and baseball at the college. In 1966 the family relocated to West Chester, PA, where Walter taught and coached at West Chester University.

During that time, Gloria completed her college degree and graduated in 1975 Kappa Delta Pi (National Honor Fraternity) earning a Bachelor of Science Degree with a minor in art. Following her love of the arts, she volunteered as one of the first docents at the Brandywine River Museum and taught art at Chadd's Ford Elementary School in Chadd's Ford, PA.

From 1989-1996 she served as the Executive Director of the Chester County Art Association, a not-for-profit association founded by the Brandywine River artist, N.C. Wyeth.

Overseeing art classes, vetting art shows and helping local artists make their mark was where she hit her professional stride. A few years after their retirements, Walter and Gloria moved to Saratoga

Springs NY and their happy new home at Prestwick Chase.

Gloria immediately became involved with the Editorial Board of *THE CHASE*, serving tirelessly for 10 years.

She leaves behind her beloved husband of 67 years, Walter R. Blair, and five daughters, Debra Blair deBart of New York, NY, Donna Blair Adams of West Chester, PA, Justine Blair Carroll of Saratoga Springs, NY, Janet Blair Franco of Saratoga Springs, NY and Allison L. Blair of Santa Fe, NM as well as seven grandchildren, two great grandchildren, three sons-in-law and her sister Justine V. Deveney of Hatboro, Pennsylvania.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent in Gloria's name to: The Chester County Art Association, 100 North Bradford

Ave., West Chester, PA 19382 or online at www.chestercountyarts.org



Charlotte Margaret (McAfee) McDowell, 61, of St. Jacob, IL formerly of Hannibal, Missouri, went to be with the Lord at 5:49 PM Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 27, 2016, at the Smith Funeral Home & Chapel. Pastor Jeff Anderson officiated. Burial followed in the Grand View Burial Park.

Pallbearers were: Adam Epperson, Zach Cull, Steven McAfee, Eddie Glascock, Royce Procter and Bruce Cull. Honorary pallbearers were: Ryan McDowell, Jerry A. "Jay" McAfee and Denny McAfee.

Charlotte was born on October 6, 1954, at St.

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Elizabeth's Hospital in Hannibal, Missouri, the daughter of Jerry Ray McAfee and Mary Evelyn (Glascock) McAfee.

Survivors include one son, Ryan McDowell and wife Angela of St. Jacob, IL; one daughter, Tiffany Robertson and fiancé Adam Epperson of Frankford, Missouri; two brothers, Dennis McAfee and wife Debbie and Jerry A. "Jay" McAfee all of Hannibal, Missouri; one sister, Mary Kim Cull of Hannibal, Missouri; three grandchildren, Sophi, Molli and Matthew McDowell; one niece, Lacy Cull and three nephews, Steven McAfee, Zach Cull and Denny McAfee.

Ms. McDowell was preceded in death by her parents.

Charlotte graduated from Hannibal High School in 1972. She worked for R.J. Reynolds Company as a territorial sales manager until her health forced her to retire. Charlotte was a descendant of the pioneering Glascocks of Centenary, Saverton Township, Ralls County, Missouri and the Scottish McAfees of Wayne County Ohio, and Ballymagarry, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland and Islay, County Argyll, Scotland.

Charlotte loved spending time with her family and friends. Most of all she cherished the time watching her grandchildren. She also enjoyed gardening, flowers, shopping and reading.

Charlotte loved the Lord, she was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family, in care of Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Online condolences may be made to the family and video tribute viewed at www.smithfuneralhomeandchapel.com

The Rev. **Stuart Hanford Henderson**, of Charlottesville, Virginia, died May 6, 2016 at the age of 82.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly, daughters Catherine Edson and Jennifer Bing, and sons David and Andrew, as well as 10 grandchildren.

A priest on the Episcopal Church for 35 years, a memorial service was held at Grace Episcopal Church, Keswick, Virginia, where he served as Rector for 17 years.

Among his fondest memories were the days he spent in the highlands of Scotland.



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the Music Center performance.

"Her foot is now on the mend in a cast, and she will return to the stage late June or early July competing in the Canadian Open Championships as well as U.S. Championships," said Emma's mother, Jehanne Languedoc Schiff.

In August, Emma will head to Scotland for the world championship event.

The teen has been wowing audiences with her high-kicking dancing abilities since she was in kindergarten, but the world started taking notice after she started winning national championships and then entered the world stage of Highland dancing.

A two-time U.S. champion in the juvenile division (2010, 2014), Emma also finished third in the world competition in 2014, and third worldwide for the Junior Division in 2015.

Emma said she and her twin brother, Edward, enrolled in Highland dance classes in Bell Canyon when they were 5 years old. Edward lasted about two months before he was through with the art form, but Emma thrived and was competing internationally by age 6.

She said Highland dancers use their arms while dancing, unlike the straight-armed style of Irish dancing popularized in the musical *Riverdance*. Emma said the steps are more like ballet than the tap dancing seen in Irish dance.

Agoura High School Principal Brian Mercer said he plans to post Emma's Spotlight Award plaque in the school gym for all to see.

Emma said her mother found out about the dance lessons when she and her brother were youngsters.

"My brother and I had a ton of energy when we were young, so we thought we'd try it," she said. "I stuck with it."

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Competing on the world stage in Highland dancing has its perks, but also some challenges. Emma trains with a coach from Carlsbad. Every Saturday she and her mother take the two- to three-hour trek south for a personalized lesson.

On Tuesdays Emma videophones her coach over the internet. As Emma dances in her home studio, her coach is able to watch and critique her performance from Carlsbad.

A junior at Agoura High School, Emma lives in Oak Park, California.

Between the regular high school workload and dancing, she said, she doesn't have much time for other extracurricular activities, but she's okay with that.

She plans on attending college in pursuit of a film degree, but first she wants to capture the top title in the world for Highland dancing.

She's on her way.

My first computer

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Movies with bagpipes, continued from page 21

Scottish Pipe Band piped Bob Sagat in to the tune of *Scotland the Brave*. Also at the end of the show, the band comes back out and plays the AFHV Theme music on the pipes. Incongruous.

Anne of Green Gables - There was a series of these films. In the (pathetic) 2000 conclusion to Sullivan's 1985 and 1987 *Anne of Green Gables* films, set during WWI, there is a scene where a lone piper, (unlike the previous ones wearing only a kilt with fatigues & Glengarry), plays *Scotland the Brave*, probably to encourage enlistments.

In another 1980s Canadian production, there is a piper in a wedding scene who plays *The Lillie Kidnappers*.

Anzio - Staring Peter Faulk and Robert Mitchum this picture has a couple of segments where some British troops were being piped onto the transport ship.

Are You Being Served? - a British comedy made for TV - one episode contained a piping scene.

Army of Darkness - 1993 - 95 minutes - Directed by Sam Raimo, this movie is a violent comedy in which the main character played by Bruce Campbell and his car are transported back in time to the midst of an Arthurian war. It contains a short clip of skeleton soldiers marching with bagpipes, but the only bagpipe-like sound is a fake orchestral drone.

Avengers - (TV) An episode called "Castle De'Ath", from the fourth Avengers season (1965/1966) takes place in a Scottish manor. In the final seconds of the episode, Emma Peel [Dianna Rigg] pulls out a set of toy highland bagpipes and proceeds to play them with only one hand on the chanter!

Despite this apparent disadvantage, the sound of a full-size set of well-tuned, well-played highland bagpipes emerged. Now, why can't I do that?

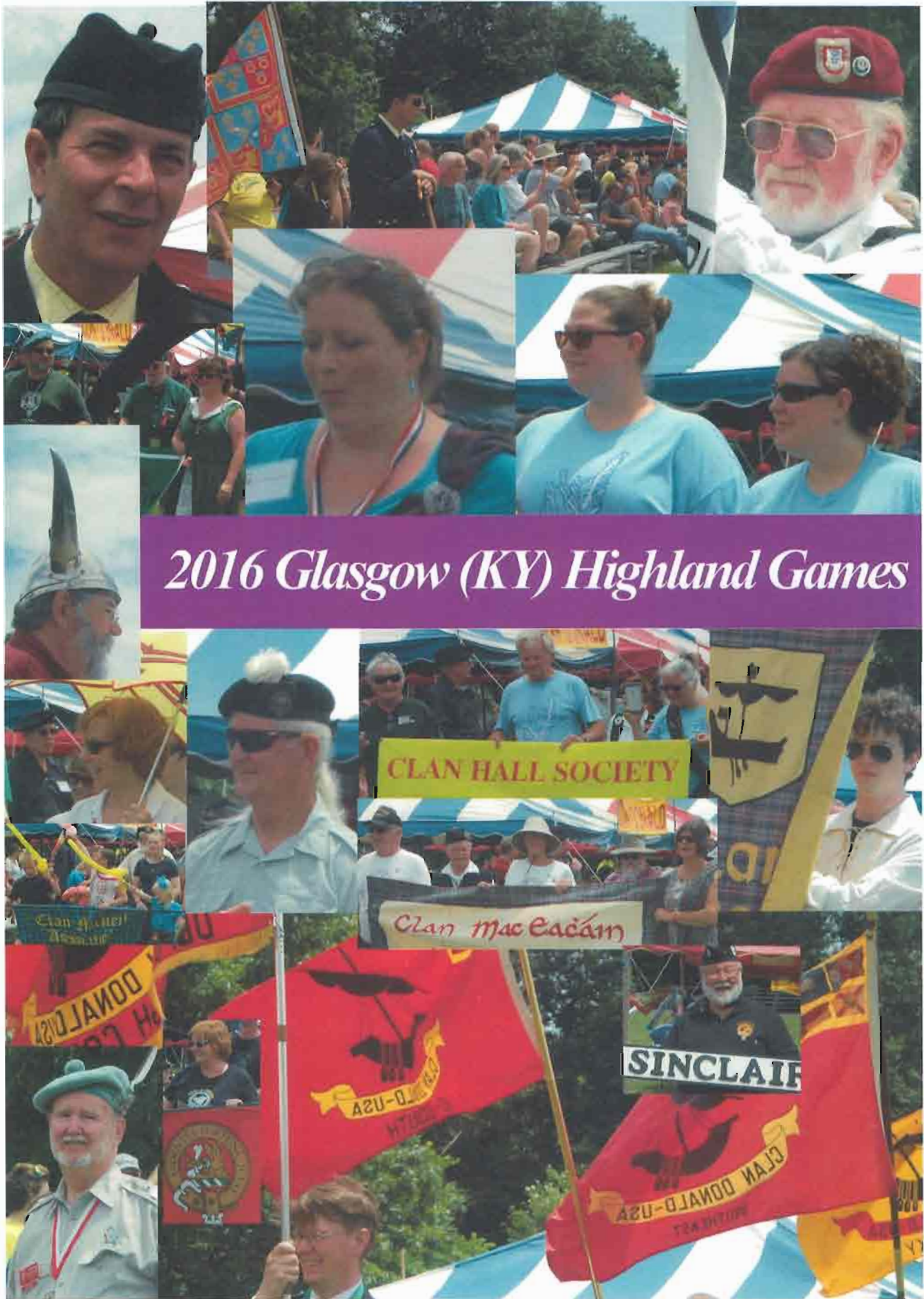
The Avengers - 1998 movie. There is a scene in it where Sean Connery, in marvelous Highland dress, addresses an international summit of some kind.

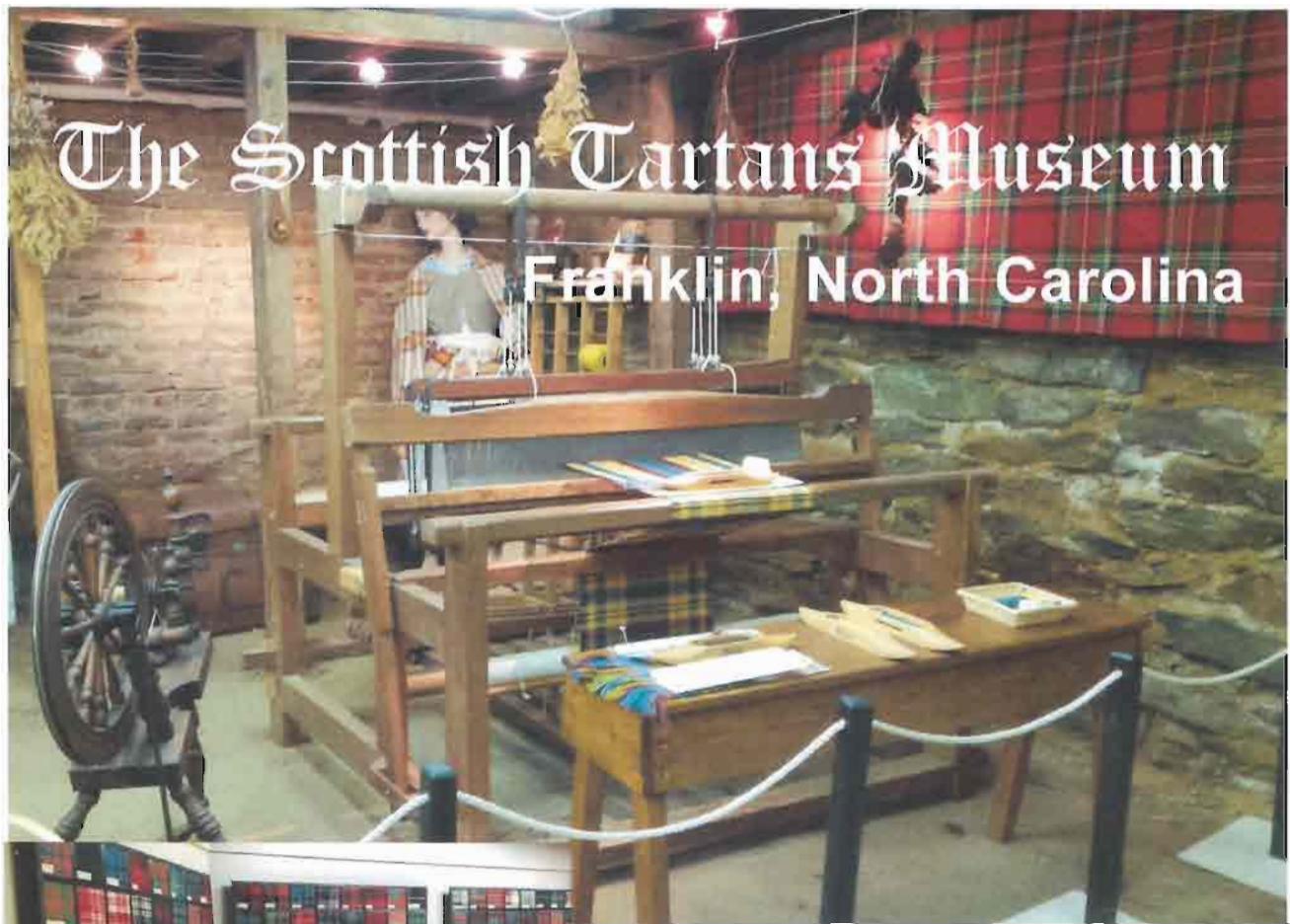
In the background are 4 to 6 fully uniformed pipers standing at rigid attention. Although the blowsticks are in their mouths, not a note is heard.

One can't help wondering why they were there in the first place.

Did they play so badly that their scene was cut short?

We'll explore the "B" Section next time!





The Scottish Tartans Museum & Heritage Center is located in downtown Franklin, North Carolina.

This tartans museum is a non profit organization operated by a Board of Directors and the only tartan museum in the United States.

Our museum is located downstairs which shows the evolution of the kilt and the history of tartan.

Our gift shop, which supports the operation of our museum, is located upstairs and our volunteers are trained to look up surnames and provide customers with a bit of history and what tartan their family should wear.

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