



**We've lost
Donald
MacDonald**

February
18, 2021

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(Sadness)



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**Flames continue to sweep
across the Isle of Skye**

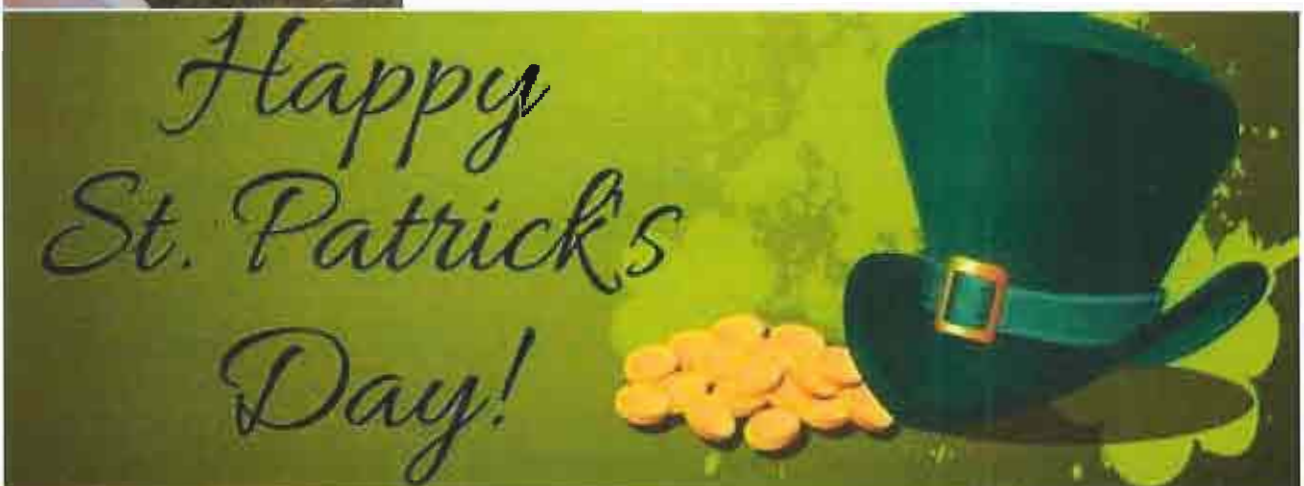
THE SCOTSMAN

Katharine Hay

Firefighters are still battling a blaze at the Quiraing, a mountain on the Isle of Skye, after they were called to the incident on Friday, 12 February.

Crews have been in the area for about 24 hours tackling the flames, the cause of which remains unconfirmed.

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Commander Michael T. McAlpin

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A letter from your editor...

How do you really say goodbye?



I have thought about how we say goodbye to our friends and loved ones ever since I lost my beloved Grandmother many, many years ago.

The phone rang in my home in the middle of the night and I sat straight up in bed and said, "Oh, my Lord, my Grandmother has died."

The night before had been a great night as I got to stay with Grandmother. We had the best time, as always, laughing and talking. The next morning, before I had to leave, she climbed up on a ladder to reach a high shelf as she had thought of some tall glasses that would be good for me to use with iced tea.

I was making up our bed and when I finished and went into the kitchen, was surprised to see her on that ladder. I made a sound like "Eeeeks, Grandmother!" She laughed and said, "Oh, I can still do most anything I want to do!"

We had talked on the phone a few hours earlier than that phone call. She had just watched her favorite television program, *Bonanza*. I remember she said she had really enjoyed it and was telling me about the adventures of her favorite *Bonanza* character, Hoss.

When we finished our conversation, I told her as I always did, "I love you, Gr'ma." She then said, "I love you, too, Sister."

I never said a final goodbye.

Somewhere along the way I figured out that there are as many ways to love people as there are people.

Today, I make a real effort not to forget or put off telling friends that I love them. All of my family is gone and has been gone for years.

It's hard enough when you lose a beloved pet

or horse. I have grieved so for dogs, cats and horses. I still cry if I think about every one of them. The price we pay for their unbelievable love is that they just don't live long enough.

My grandmother told me that we are not promised tomorrow. I did not really understand it then. I'm sad to say I do understand it today.

Recently, it has come home to me.

I visited with my beloved friend of thirty-three years, Horace, just before Christmas. He told me he was fine and safe as he could be. He was 94, but only had some minor pain in his back. He had been in a retirement home for some years and that's where he was when we talked.

When I was, as the Clan Henderson newsletter editor, notified that Horace had died, I could not believe it. Tom and I had decided he must have had a heart attack or stroke. When I learned he had contacted Covid-19 in the nursing home and died, I simply could not believe it. I did tell Horace that I loved him before we hung up the phone that day. He already knew it, but I told him again.

I never got to say a final goodbye.

Donald MacDonald died recently and I had not had a chance to speak with him for a very long time. If you notice that our home here is called "Mo Leannon" which is Gaelic for "My Beloved," Donald gave me the correct spelling and wording. I think he really enjoyed knowing that was what Tom wanted to call our home. Tom wanted everyone to know it was named that, because that's what I am to him. Donald and I had been friends for a very long time. He knew my history and was just

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Stone Mountain Highland Games, Inc.

Friends,

2020 - and all of the canceled highland games nationwide - are now behind us. With great hope we look forward to the 2021 season of games and festivals.

While we are saddened to have canceled the 2020 games for the health and safety of our guests, we are delighted that our dedicated volunteers were able to provide our guests with a 2020 Virtual Stone Mountain Highland Games. Now a permanent fixture on the internet, our virtual games can continuously be enjoyed by all until we can all get back on the field and gather for what is internationally known as the "friendly games."

We are looking forward to hosting and seeing you in **2021** as we present the **49th Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival** **October 16th and 17th** in the **meadow at Stone Mountain Park, GA**. Information about 2021 tickets and events will be posted on our website sometime in January.

Until then relive the 2020 Virtual Stone Mountain Highland Games on our website.

Once again, we look forward to 2021 and safely gathering with you, our friends, at the games. See you there!

Yours Aye,

Norman P. Livermore
President - Stone Mountain Highland Games, Inc.

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How family trees get really twisted!

These are real questions and they are from true, genuine correspondence received by the LDS Family Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Here we go: "Our 2nd great-grandfather was found dead crossing the plains in the library."

"For running down Wheelers, I will send \$3.00 more."

"He and his daughters are listed as not being born."

"I would like to find out if I have any living relatives or dead relatives or ancestors in my family."



Are there kings and queens in all of us?

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Every time I think about finding kings and queens in the family tree, I create a mental image of the would be social climbers of years ago who researched family trees in hopes of proving themselves to be "better" than the average person. How little they knew.

It seems that the "average person" also has royal ancestry. In fact, there is nothing more than a few blue-bloods in the family tree.

Lisa Oberg and George Anderson both sent emails this week telling me about a fascinating article in the May 2002

issue of *The Atlantic Monthly*. That issue contains an article by Steve Olson, called *The Royal We: The mathematical study of genealogy indicates that*

everyone in the world descended from Nefertiti and Confucious, and everyone of European ancestry is descended from Muhammad and Charlemagne.

In the article, Olsen describes his own search for his Irish ancestors. He goes on

to detail what he learned from Mark Humphrys,

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**Are you an Arthur, Carter,
MacArthur, McArthur or similar
name? If so, you can become a member
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Clan Arthur is worldwide with branches in UK, USA, Canada & Australia. Our leader is **Chief John MacArthur of that Ilk**.

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Chief John Alexander MacArthur of that Ilk

Your family coat of arms?

Be sure it is yours!

Coats of arms are so colorful, decorative, and dignified that thousands of people have adopted them without permission or a clear understanding of their significance. The practice of stealing or creating one's own coat of arms dates back to the 12th century and still riles heraldic organizations and others who govern their uses.

In some countries, such as Scotland, the bearing of false arms is equivalent to signing a fraudulent signature and is punishable by law.

The term "coat of arms" originates from the display of a knight's heraldic symbol on his surcoat.



Just as knight's were allowed to adopt their own coat of arms without interference from heralds or rulers, in most countries today an individual can create and display his own arms (providing they don't infringe on trademark). Only in Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Spain and South Africa is registration of coats of arms required.

Most people, however, do not have any legal right to bear arms. Unscrupulous vendors who offer "family coats of arms" taken from computer databases cannot know a person's "family coat of arms" without an extensive knowledge of the individual's family tree.

Coats of arms are granted to specific individuals and their direct descendants, not to all persons sharing a surname. Displaying arms purchased from such vendors is not only misleading but potentially insulting to one's ancestors.

If you write a book about your own family history, it is NOT permissible to use a coat of arms from someone of your same surname.

For permission to utilize what he believes to be his family coat of arms, a person must prove he is descended from a recognized holder of the arms.

Obtaining official recognition is usually costly and time consuming. People are often eager to know the significance of their coat of arms and others are equally eager to tell them the meanings of each feature.

This analysis, though, can be no more precise than a psychoanalyst's interpretation of a dream. There is simply no way to know what meaning the symbols on a shield had to the person who

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another preconceived idea that needs to be shattered is that royalty only married royalty, and therefore, commoners would not likely have royal blood in their veins.

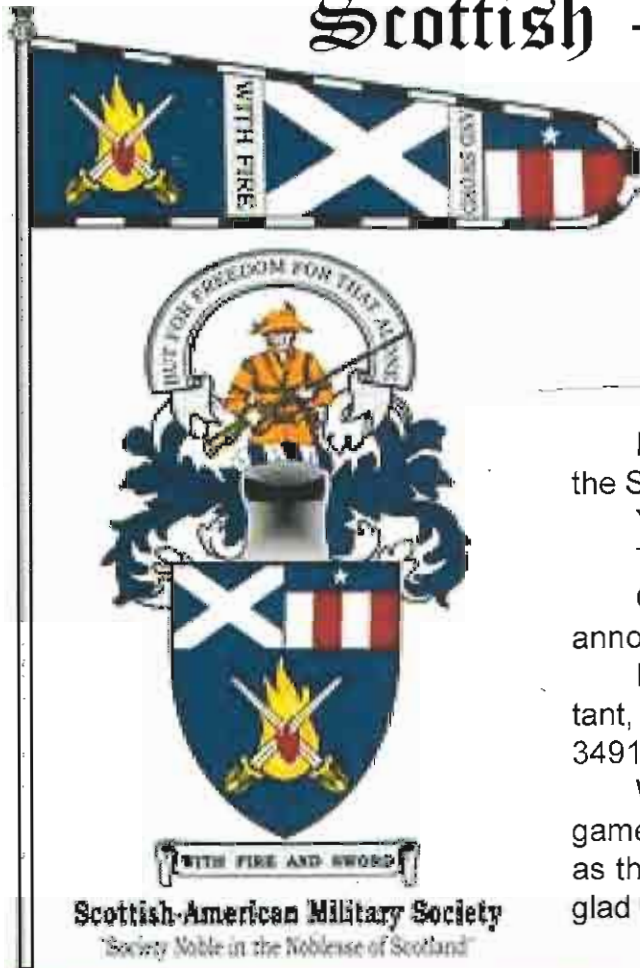
Humphrys says, "Here we have a sir, so this woman is the daughter of a knight. Maybe this woman will marry nobility, so eventually someone here is going to marry someone who's just wealthy. Then one of their children could marry someone who doesn't have that much money. In ten generations you can easily get from princess to peasant."

The best quote of all came from Mark Humphrys: "You can ask whether everyone in the Western world is descended from Charlemagne, and the answer is yes, we're all descended from Charlemagne."



Scottish - American Military Society

General Elijah Clark Post #60



If you are a veteran of Celtic heritage, you can join the Scottish - American Military Society.

You can visit our webpage for more information.

The webpage is <<http://www.s-a-m-s.org/>>

Our meeting times, dates and places are to be announced as soon as it is possible.

In the meantime, please contact Rick Conn, Adjutant, General Elijah Clark Post #60. Call 1-676-873-3491 or visit his email at <rickconn@bellsouth.net>

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.

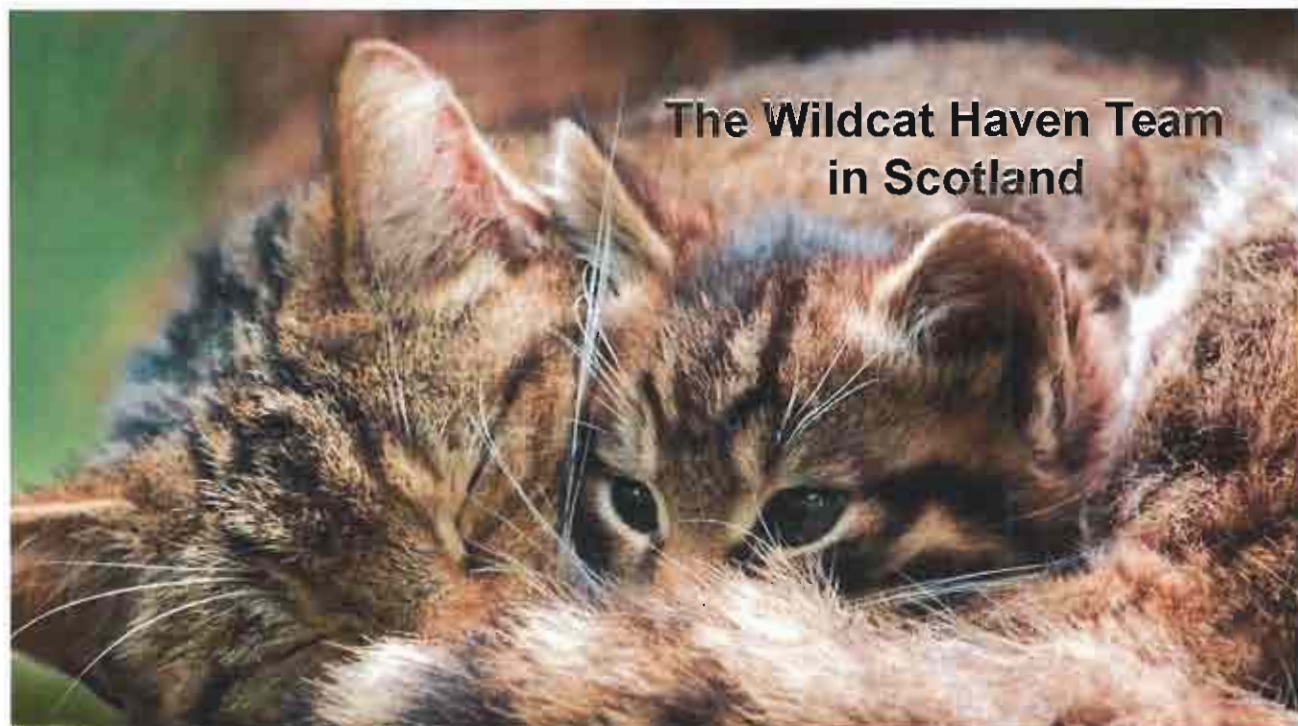


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Mother's Day Gift - Adopt a Scottish Wildcat to honor your Mom!



Hi Everyone

We are now in the breeding season. The female wildcats will be giving birth to their young and we need to do all we can to save them from the threat of logging, so they can nurse their price-less kittens in safety.

There are less than three weeks to go until Mother's Day, so if you want to help save the rarest cat in the world and get a special gift for your mum, then adopt a Scottish wildcat for her today.

We raise most of our funds this way and those

funds are needed more than ever.

Please visit

<https://www.wildcathaven.com/wildcat-adoption/adopt-a-scottish-wildcat>

The adoption packs cost a one off donation of £25, equivalent to \$33. As you go through the online process you can nominate whose name you want on the gift certificate. The pack can either be delivered to you, so that you can give the gift pack in person, or it can be delivered directly to the intended recipient. The packs are processed within 48 hours and we can send packs to most countries.

The adoption pack contains the following:

1. A personalised certificate 2. A wildcat print 3. A wildcat pin badge 4. Information about the Scottish wildcat 5. The knowledge that you are helping save this beautiful wild animal.

Please email us at admin@wildcathaven.co.uk if you have any questions.

Your coat-of-arms, continued from page 7

designed the coat of arms. They may be strictly decorative with no significance at all.

In America, there is the American College of Heraldry and you can, at a relatively low cost, become the bearer of an inheritable coat of arms. Look them up on the Internet and talk to them if you are interested.


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
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Weather today from the Scottish Mountaineering Club in Glasgow

The *Scottish Mountaineering Club* was formed in Glasgow in 1889.

Before World War I, the SMC thoroughly explored and described the mountains and crags of Scotland.

The *SMC Journal* has been in continuous publication from 1890 to the present. The *SMCJ* also publishes descriptive guidebooks to the Scottish hills.

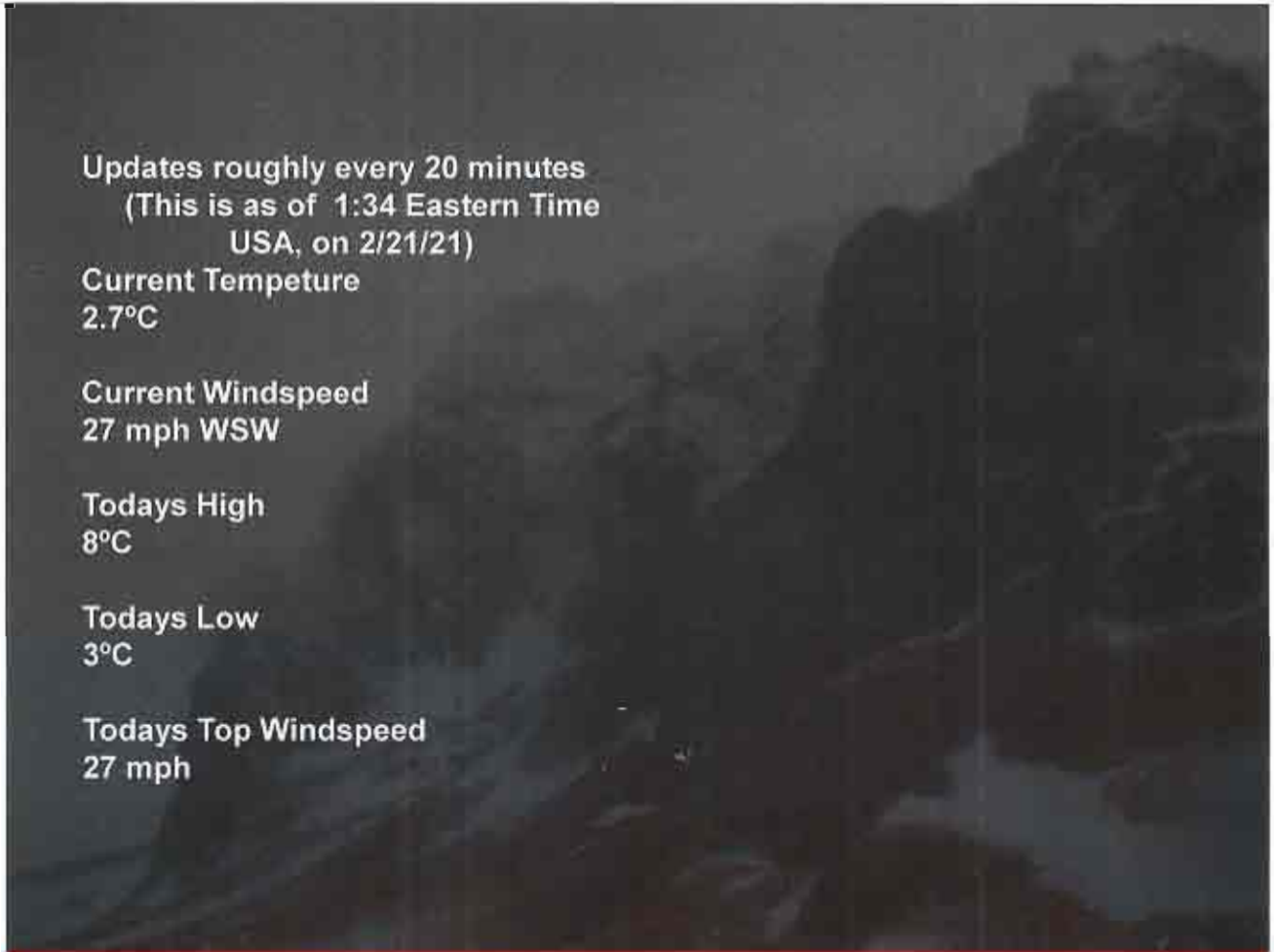
The Scottish Mountaineering Trust, a charity that encourages and supports recreation, safety, and education in the Scottish mountains, was formed in the 1960s and is funded in part by proceeds from the Scottish Mountaineering Club's guidebooks. Projects supported over the years include the John Muir Trust, Mountaineering Scotland and general

footpath maintenance Projects.

The SMC maintains a webcam and weather station located on top of the CIC hut. Being on the west coast of Scotland and the altitude the hut is situated at the hut is often bombarded by severe storms, especially in winter. The webcam faces the North Face of Ben Nevis, and in the middle of the picture below can be seen North East Buttress and The Orion Face.

If you would like to learn more about the Scottish Mountaineering Club, just visit the Internet and use <www.smc.org.uk>

You may inquire, if you wish, about the many publications available from the Scottish Mountaineering Club.



Updates roughly every 20 minutes
(This is as of 1:34 Eastern Time
USA, on 2/21/21)

Current Temperature
2.7°C

Current Windspeed
27 mph WSW

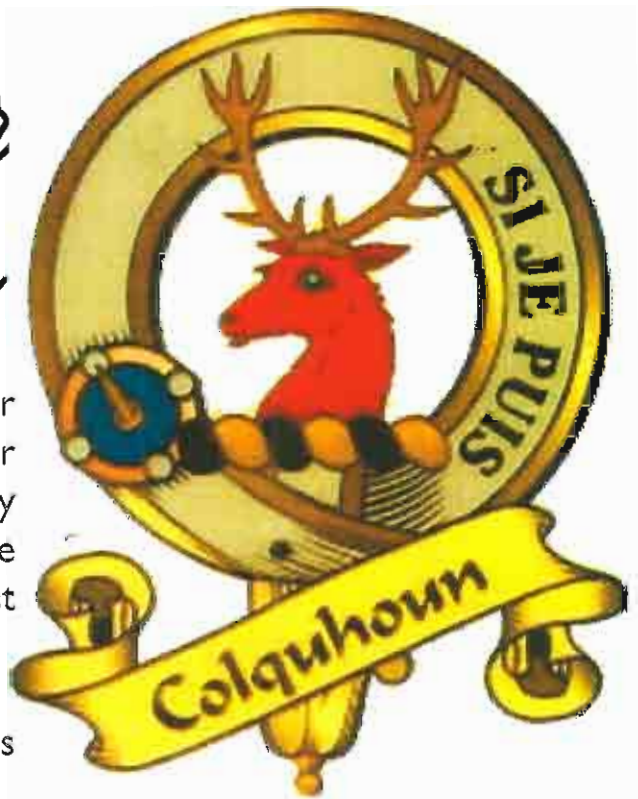
Todays High
8°C

Todays Low
3°C

Todays Top Windspeed
27 mph

Become a member of Clan Colquhoun

Our goal is to promote, protect, and preserve our clan's history and heritage. Regardless of how our members spell their name, or from which sept they come, we are all tied to the Village of Luss on the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond – some of the most beautiful land in the world. I encourage you to join us as we continue to build an organization that brings our history into the present and safeguards our legacy for future generations.



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GMHG Mourns the Passing of Donald Macdonald

Donald Frank Macdonald, co-founder of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, passed away February 18, 2021. Donald was 94 years old.

Combining efforts with Agnes MacRae Morton, Donald began work in earnest in 1955 with planning for the first Grandfather Mountain Highland Games on August 19, 1956. The event was successful beyond their wildest dreams, and by 1958 they had moved to a two day Games held the second full weekend in July each year. Donald served as the first President of the Games until he moved to Scotland in 1961.

Donald never lost touch with the Games, and remained an active participant until 2015 when health considerations would no longer permit regular attendance.

Donald Macdonald was a man of many talents, and held a number of distinctive awards, including the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest civilian award available in North Carolina. Of all his accomplishments, his work in co-founding the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games was the thing of which he was most proud, and the event he spoke about most often.

Go in Peace Donald. We will not see the like of you again.

The Scotland County Highland Games are saddened to hear of the passing of **Donald Francis MacDonald** (Donald Frank to those who knew him from our region) at age 94 today.

Donald was a native of the Carolina Presbyterian Church Community - just south of the state line not far from Laurinburg, and many would know him as the co-founder of the now "world famous" Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

Donald was quite a character and led a very



colorful life, having graduated from the UNC School of Journalism and serving as a writer for "The Charlotte News" before moving to Scotland in 1961 where he worked for "The Scotsman" newspaper in Edinburgh and also taught Journalism at Napier Polytechnic College (now Napier University) in Edinburgh.

He married his wife Marietta, an acclaimed Gaelic singer, in Scotland and remained there after her passing. He relocated back to the Carolinas just a few years ago due to declining health, residing in a retirement community in Myrtle Beach.

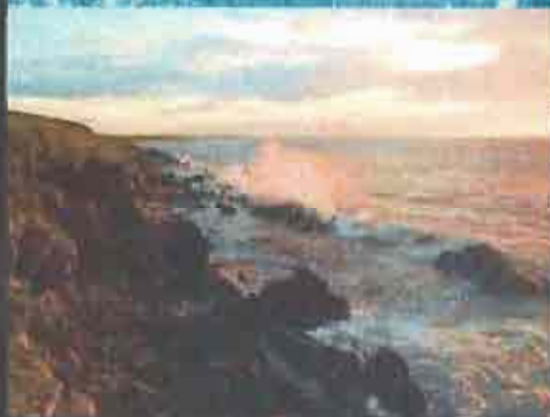
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One of his proudest achievements was finishing and publishing his work *America's Braemar* - which chronicled his work in helping establish the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games as well as including a plethora of information on the history and cultural legacies of Scots who settled in the Upper Cape Fear and Upper Pee Dee River valleys.

Donald was honored guest at our inaugural Scotland County Highland Games, and was presented the Order of the Longleaf Pine - the state of North Carolina's highest civilian honor - through the efforts of Games vice chairman Beacham McDougald. Donald was delighted to see that his dream of seeing the growth of a Scottish community had led to the founding of a Highland Games right in his own "stomping grounds" - so appropriately located in what was once the largest Highland settlement in North America - which was home to his own ancestors as well as those of many of us.

Donald was also a recipient of the Scottish Heritage Center at St. Andrews University's award for lifetime achievement in the preservation of Scottish heritage and culture.

Donald was the proposer of the name "St. Andrews" for the Consolidated Presbyterian College founded in 1958 from the merger of Flora Macdonald College in Red Springs and Presbyterian Junior College in Maxton, and he and his brother also co-wrote and arranged the alma mater for this institution (now St. Andrews University) which used the Gaelic song *Maighdeanan na h-Airid* as its melody.

Until its complete destruction by Hurricane Florence, the university bell tower was able to chime that melody. "From Auld Scotia's lofty lands, to Carolina's gentle plain" was an appropriate line in that song which is still sung at all of the university's special events.

Donald was a friend to all who knew him. He had an incredible sense of charm and wit which endeared him to all who got to know him.

We are all richer for what he has given us in terms of the inspiration for celebration of our rich and glorious heritage. He was the "champion" of that cause. He was a special and cherished friend. His impact will long be remembered and honored.

We extend our deepest sympathies to surviving nieces Sandra Adams and Jackie Hendrix as well as nephew Jamie MacDonald as well as the rest of his family.

We thank Bill Caudill and Keets Taylor for the tribute to dear Donald MacDonald above.



A final goodbye, continued from page 3

so happy for me to have found Tom.

I never got to say a final goodbye.

My over 30-year friend, Jeri Martin, died about five years ago. She got MERS infection in a rehab facility and then it took about five years for it to take her life.

Jeri was the minister at our Handfasting and then two years later, the minister at our wedding in her garden.

There are not enough pages in BIG books to tell you what Jeri meant to me.

I never got to say a final goodbye.

Does anyone know how to do that? All I know to do is tell someone I love them...and that just doesn't seem to be enough.



CLAN BUCHANAN

SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

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

<info@theclanbuchanan.com>



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	Maccolwan	Macwhirter
	Maccormac(k)	Macwhorter
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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.



American Presidents who are *Mayflower* descendants

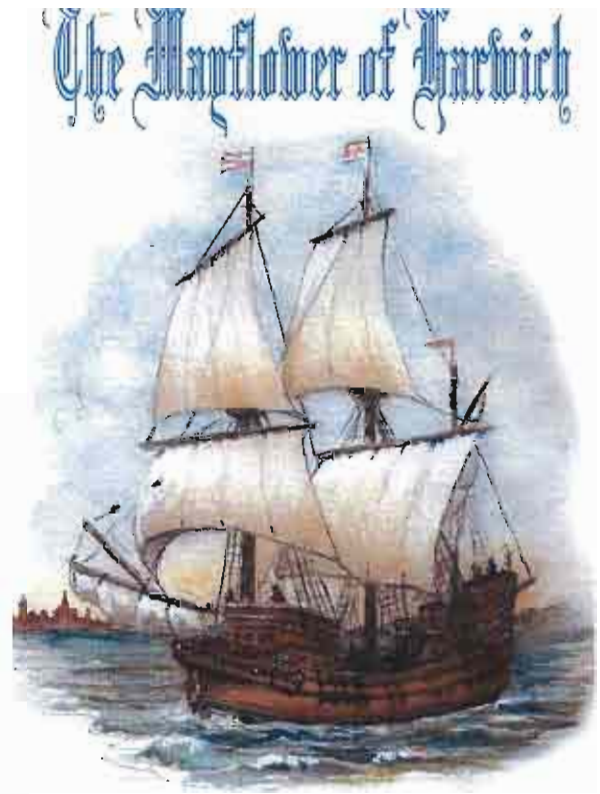
Our former President, **George Walker Bush**, is a descendant of four Pilgrims. His father, former president **George Herbert Walker Bush**, is descended from John Howland and his wife Elizabeth Tilley, and her father John Tilley, through the Howland's daughter Hope; and Francis Cooke through the Howland's daughter Jane. George W.'s mother **Barbara Pierce Bush** is a descendant of Henry Samson, through his son, Stephen.

John Adams, our second President, and his son, **John Quincy Adams**, our sixth president, were descended from John Alden through John's daughter Ruth.

James Garfield, our twentieth President, was a ninth generation descendant of John Billington through his son, Francis.

Don't be worried
about your
smartphone or
TV spying
on you.
Your vacuum
cleaner has been
collecting dirt on
you for years.

Ulysses S. Grant, eighteenth President, was a descendant of Richard Warren through Warren's son, Nathaniel. President Grant's son, **Frederick Dent Grant**, joined the District of Columbia's Mayflower Society in 1903 and his son, **Ulysses S. Grant III**, joined the same society in 1950.



Franklin Delano Roosevelt, our thirty-second President, had six *Mayflower* lines. Through his father, **James Roosevelt**, he descended from John Howland and wife, Elizabeth and her father, John Tilley. Through his mother **Sara Delano**, he descended from Isaac Allerton, Degory Priest, Francis Cooke and Richard Warren (he had four Warren lines).

William Howard Taft, twenty-seventh President, line (Francis Cook), has been discredited in the third generation.

Zachary Taylor, was our twelfth President. He descended from two Pilgrims, William Brewster, through his daughter, Fear, who was also Isaac Allerton's second wife.



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Official website of The Clan Keith Society USA, Inc

If you have genealogical ties to the surname Keith (Including alternate spellings such as Keeth.) or any of Clan Keith's Sept family names, you were born into the Clan Keith!

Associated Family Surnames (Septs) with Mac or Mc prefixes and spelling variants include: Septs and spellings include: Austin, Cate(s), Dick, Dickie, Dicken, Dickson, Dicson, Dixon, Dixson, Falconer, Faulkner, Harvey, Harvie, Hackston, Haxton, Harvey, Hervey, Hurrie, Hurry, Keath, Keech, Keeth, Keith, Keitch, Keithan, Keyth, Kite, Lum, Lumgair, Marshall, Urie, Urry.

The Clan Keith Society would be delighted for you to join us as a member. For more information, please email secretary@cksusa.org or jkeith417@aol.com. Call 256-270-8967.



Dunnottar Castle, stronghold of the Keiths (near Stonehaven)

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

Flower of the Forest

Sir William Alan Macpherson of Cluny

Sir William Alan Macpherson of Cluny

(1 April 1926 – 14 February 2021)

Carson C. Smith writes, "I am saddened to have to bear the news that our 27th Chief, Sir William Alan Macpherson of Cluny and Blairgowrie – 'Cluny' to us all – died peacefully at home on the 14 February 2021, surrounded by his family.

We were fortunate to have had his guidance, support and leadership for an incredible 50 years and the world will have benefited from his 94 years on this earth.

His phrase "first amongst equals" doesn't even start to mark the presence he had. Through his work in law (what better epitaph could someone wish for that the phrase used by a journalist "He made Britain a better place for me to live") to his leadership at the after-ceilidh-ceilidh. He was a man who left his mark on those he met.

To his son Jamie and daughter Annie, their families and Lady Hilary we offer our condolences and to him thanks for being part of his life. May he rest in peace.

Sir William is the 27th hereditary chief of the Clan Macpherson of Cluny (Cluny-Macpherson)



and on the 18th of June 2019 he passed his 50th year as our Chief.

He was educated at Summer Fields, Oxford; Wellington College, Berkshire; and Trinity College, Oxford. During the period 1944-1947, Sir William served in the Scots Guards, transferring to the 21st Special Air Service Regiment (Territorial Army) with whom he served until 1965. He has served as the Honorary Colonel of the 21st SAS since 1983.

In 1962 Sir William married Sheila McDonald Brodie. They have three children: Annie, the late Alan Thomas (younger of Cluny) and James Brodie (Tanistair of the House of Cluny-Macpherson). The family's home is Newton Castle, Blairgowrie, Perthshire. Blairgowrie has been the home of the Macphersons since 1787, when it was purchased by James "Ossian" Macpherson as the agent for Cluny's ancestor.

Sir William was a Judge of the High Court of England and Wales (Queen's Bench Division) where he served as Presiding Judge of the Northern Circuit until his retirement in April 1996. Before his appointment as a judge, Sir William was a Queen's Counsel practising in London and abroad.

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**Sir William Alan MACPHERSON (of
Cluny and Blairgowrie)**

Died peacefully, at home, on Sunday, February 14, 2021, aged 94.

Beloved husband of the late Sheila and devoted partner of Hilary Burnham. Adored father of

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This very tree, at Wakulla Springs, Florida, is where Tarzan was posed many times in the movies of the 1950s. Actually, there ARE alligators in this water and it is very dangerous.

The Creature from the Black Lagoon was also filmed here and in Jacksonville, Florida where the old Lobster House was located right downtown at the foot of the Main Street bridge.

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Scottish Wildfires, continued from page 1

Crew commander Scott MacLucas-Paton, who has been at the scene, took photographs of the wildfire as it continues to sweep across part of the island on Saturday evening.

Dramatic pictures show wildfire at Quiraing mountain on the Isle of Skye on Saturday night picture: Scott J MacLucas-Paton

"We have had multiple fires on Skye over the past four days," he said. "This one is at Quiraing.

"Crews turned out yesterday and fought it until darkness then monitored it through the night, then fresh crews fought all today and we are having it monitored tonight also."

The fire crew member said other incidents have been reported at Bernisdale, Luib and also Fiscavaig as well as Broadford on the island.

A Scottish Fire and Rescue Service spokeswoman confirmed wildfires on the Isle of Skye have been "very big" in the last few days with crews spending more than 24 hours tackling several, some of which are still ongoing.

One fire near Portree, the island's capital, started at about 3pm on Friday, 12 February and is still going more than 24 hours later.

The spokeswoman confirmed four appliances were initially in attendance, but the operation has scaled back to just two this evening.

Residents on the Isle of Lewis were urged to keep their doors and windows shut as fire crews were called to extinguish a major wildfire on the island on Saturday, the fire service confirmed.

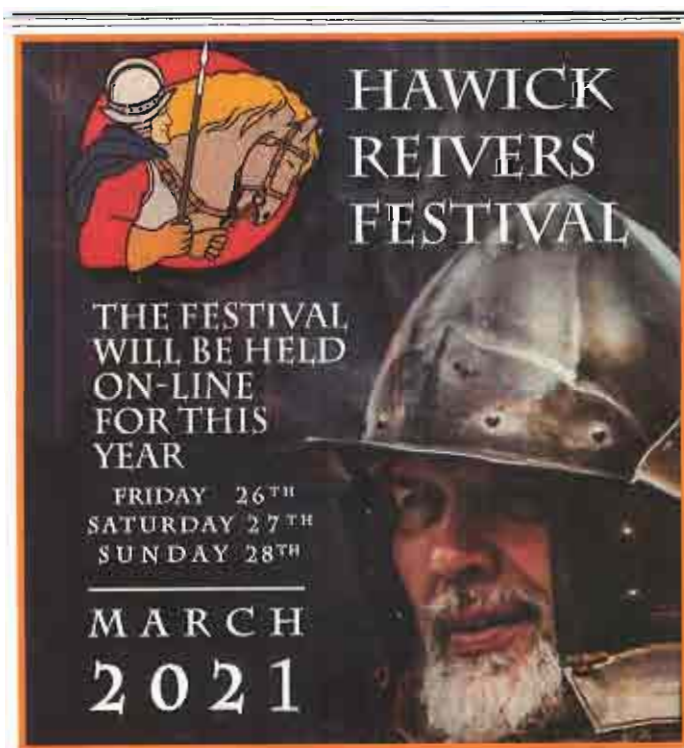
SFRS area commander Bruce Farquharson warned on Wednesday that despite the freezing temperatures, parts of the west coast are vulnerable to wildfires.

He said: "There may have been a lot of snow in the eastern and central areas of Scotland, but that is not the case in the western coastal areas and fuel conditions are very different.

"At this time of year, we typically have a large volume of dead, bone-dry vegetation left over – which essentially acts as a fuel for fire.

"As a result, there are currently vast areas of countryside all over the country that are tinder dry and vulnerable, this provides all of the ingredients for fire to take hold and spread.

"We are asking the public to exercise extreme caution and think twice before using anything involving a naked flame."



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Sir William Alan
Macpherson of Cluny,
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Annie, Jamie and the late Alan, wonderful grandfather of Eliza, Torquil, William, Lucy, Angus and the late Noah and a much loved father-in-law to Jerome and Annie.

Private family funeral. There will be no memorial service at Sir William's own request.

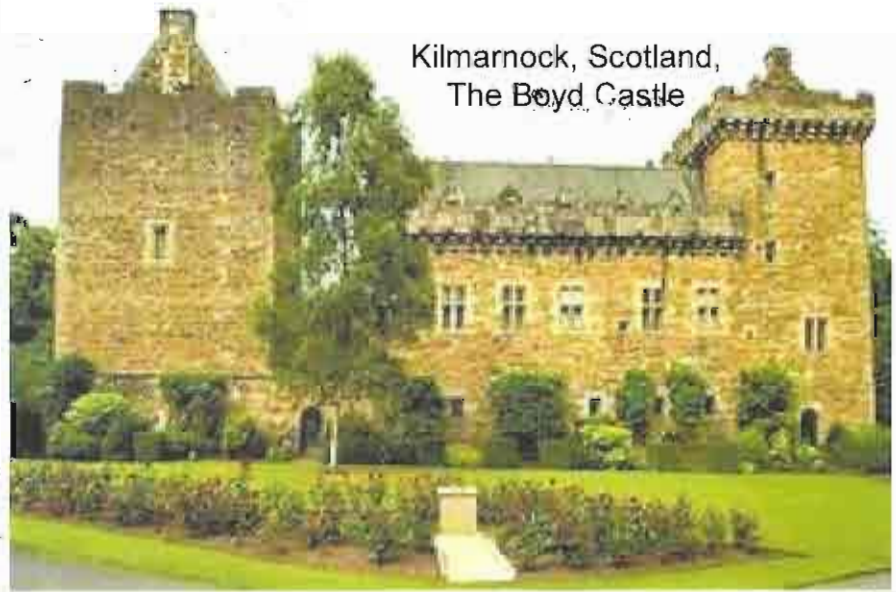


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Scotland weather: 'Red flag' avalanche warning as mountain rescue team shares alarming photo of crack in Pentland Hills

An "extreme avalanche" warning has been issued for hills in southern Scotland.


THE SCOTSMAN

Katharine Hay

Mountain rescue teams issue 'extreme' avalanche warning for hills in southern Scotland.

The Tweed Valley Mountain Rescue team said with temperatures warming and rainfall expected in the next few days, heavy snow is "prone to release."

Areas issued with the warning include the Pentland Hills, Border Hills, Moorfoots and Lammermuirs.

The group shared an alarming photo on their Facebook page showing Spittal Hill in the Pentlands with a crack shooting right up to the top of the north-west facing slope.

"This is what we call a 'red flag'," a spokesman for the team said, "and gives us an indication that the snow pack is getting heavier and maybe prone to release, potentially to full depth, as we saw a few weeks ago.

"This crack is a few cm across and around 30m long.

"With a snow pack potentially over a meter deep in places we can see that a full depth avalanche of this nature would be huge.

"With the forecast predicting rising temperature and rain, it's very possible we will see avalanches over the coming days. If you are out on the hills in the next few days please be careful."

The mountain rescue team advises those wishing to head out into the hills in this weather should



read the Be Avalanche Aware guidance produced by the Scottish Avalanche Information Service here.

More information about avalanche recordings, awareness and forecasts can be found on the Scottish Avalanche Information Service website.

The warning comes as winter sport fans have been out in the Pentland Hills enjoying the wintry conditions over the last few weeks.

On Friday, photographer Will Nangle captured stunning images of former professional snowboarder Scott McMorris doing impressive jumps off the slopes



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On December 19th, 1991, in response to action initiated by the Clans & Scottish Societies of Canada, the Ontario Legislature passed a resolution proclaiming April 6th as Tartan Day, following the example of other Canadian provinces.

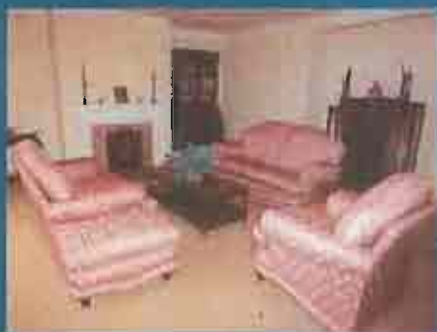
America followed suit on March 20th, 1998, when Senate Resolution 155 (S.Res. 155), proposed by US Senate Republican majority leader Trent Lott, was passed unanimously, proclaiming National Tartan Day on April 6 each year.

In Australia the similar International Tartan Day is held on July 1, the anniversary of the repeal of the 1747 Act of Proscription that banned the wearing of tartan.

Tartan Day Parade 2021: Iconic New York celebration cancelled <www.scotsman.com/health/coronavirus/tartan-day> .

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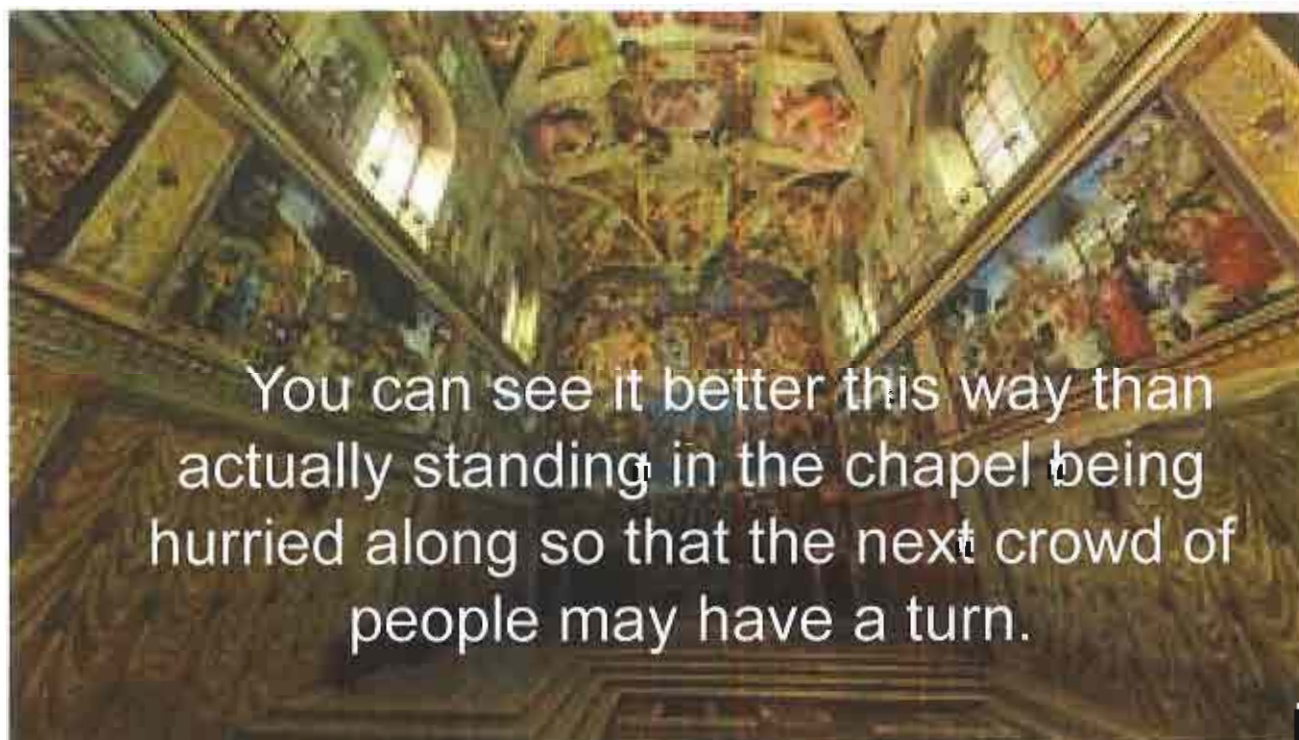
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evening of February 3. This was very sudden and very unexpected. Our life and love experience of 53+ years together has been very profound. She is my beloved and the absolute love of my life whom I will miss very very much.

Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. She loved Many was loved by many. May she rest in eternal peace and my love until we are reunited in God's arms. She was a past Georgia Commissioner of Clan Campbell Society of North America as well as a longtime member of the St. Andrews Society of Atlanta

She is survived by her husband John; two sons John Jr. and Chris, two grandchildren Hunter and Alex, her brother Leon Jutz Louisville Ky., and her dog Bailey.

Her loving husband, *John*

A memorial service will be held at a

later date. Condolences may be sent to: John Talipsky by writing 740 Madison Chase Dr., Lawrenceville, GA., 30045.

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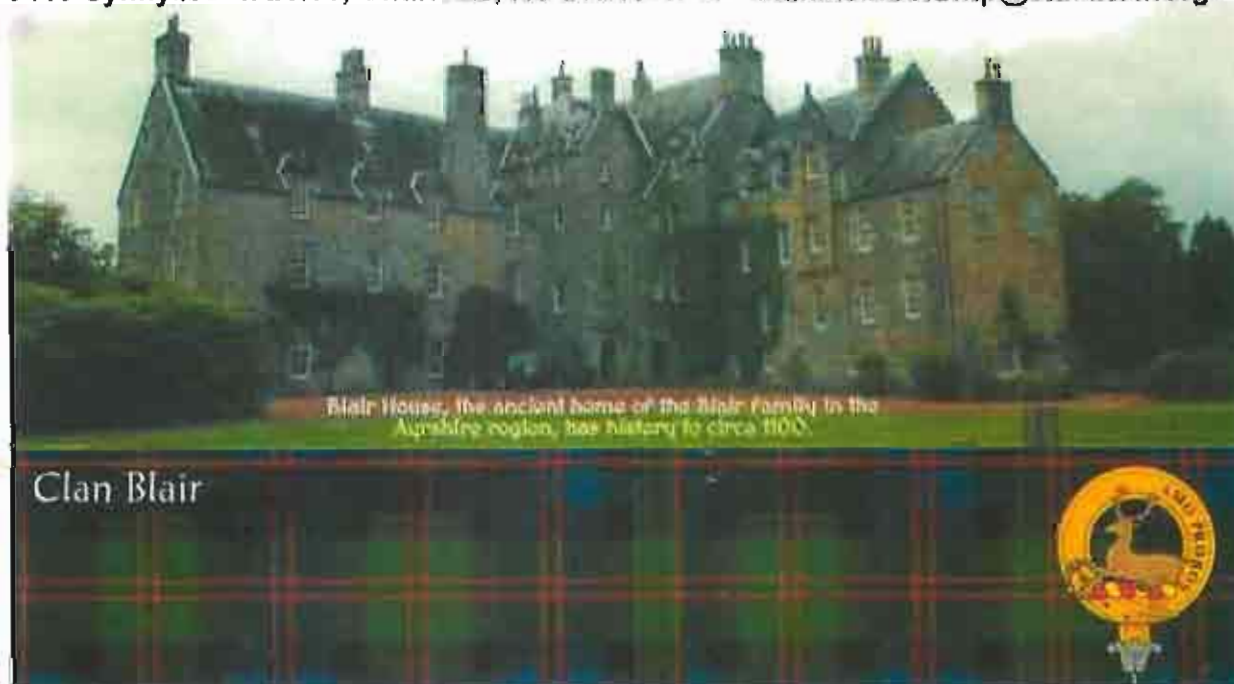
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This is not a painting. It is a view of the sun using a UV lens and it is made by NASA.

COUNT QUACKULA



My friend, Marti Van Horne, sent me this photo. She writes, "He is the leader of the 8 ducks we have at the North Bend Ponds. We call him Count Quackley. My neighbor, who is a wildlife photographer, took this photo."

North Bend Ponds is in Raleigh, NC.
Marti is my friend since seventh grade!

At first glance, the picture above appears to be a painting. However, this is actually a series of unusual eruptions from the outermost atmosphere of the Sun that was captured by a team of astronomers using NASA's three Sun-gazing spacecraft in 2013. According to the team, a series of fast puffs, that took place over a period of three days, forced the slow ejection of an enormous burst of plasma from the sun's atmosphere.

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The guidon of the Chief (below)*



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Will the Eurasian Lynx be reintroduced to Scotland?

Across mainland Europe, the Eurasian lynx is staging a comeback. Freed from the pressures of unsustainable hunting and benefiting from a softening of public attitudes, this enigmatic feline has been successfully reintroduced into several countries and is now gaining in number and expanding its range.

Here in Scotland, there have been several studies to evaluate the ecological feasibility of bringing back lynx, but people's beliefs and perceptions around the concept, have not yet been fully assessed. Lynx to Scotland is a comprehensive study to accurately evaluate the social feasibility of returning lynx.

The project partners recognise that reintroductions can only succeed if they are integrated into the communities and landscapes where they take place. Lynx cannot and should not be forced upon the people of Scotland, but it is also important to have an open discussion acknowledging that, against the backdrop of a global biodiversity crisis, there is an opportunity to bring back not just a charismatic native species, but the missing ecological processes that it would restore.

Lynx to Scotland will actively seek to include a wide range of stakeholders who represent multiple perspectives, giving everyone opportunity to influence the outcome. The project will also identify any barriers that exist and explore how they might be addressed in a way that gives confidence



and builds trust between all the groups involved.

The initial stages of the study will be geographically focused on two areas previously highlighted as potentially suitable for lynx - the Cairngorms and Argyll. An independent study of stakeholder perceptions around restoring lynx will inform a subsequent process of wider community consultation. The study launched in January 2021.





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