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Giant plants make epic journey from Edinburgh to Port Logan

Giancarlo Rinaldi

South Scotland reporter, BBC Scotland news website

Five massive tree ferns have made an "epic journey" from Edinburgh to the south-west tip of Scotland.

The heaviest of the 20ft (7m) tall plants weighed in at 350kg (770lbs).

The *Dicksonia antarctica* tree ferns have been growing for nearly 150 years in glasshouses at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE).

Due to refurbishment work, they have been moved to a new outdoor home 145 miles away at Logan Botanic Garden near Stranraer.

RBGE horticulturist Kate Miller said "months and months" of planning had gone into the delicate operation of moving the plants.

The layout of the glasshouse made their removal "quite challenging" as they cut through the base of the plants and created safe areas for them to fall before wrapping them in damp hessian for transport.

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***Beth, Tom and
Alastair***





Letter from your editor

(Who has, for once, faint and fall out, neat hair!)

Just yesterday, Saturday, my friend, Debbie White Smith, and I returned from a wonderful and glorious time, if a short one,

ing to get to Atlanta for my speeches? How was I going to leave Tom all by himself while I was gone?

from the Stone Mountain Highland Games 50th Anniversary event.

To be honest, it had been 2018 since I had given a speech at these Games - or anywhere - because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Tom and I had not eaten inside a restaurant, been to a movie, or anything that had people present. I had not one single hug from anyone but Tom in all that time.

Most of you know that I had not driven a car since Tom and I were Handfasted at the Glasgow (Kentucky) Highland Games in 2007. He loves to drive (with hand controls) and is a very safe and good driver.

In the past, I have driven all over the place (Canada, Mexico, Scotland, and all over the US, even California), but I have always hated driving. To me, it has always felt as if everyone were aiming at me.

Tom was "put to bed" because of a pressure ulcer almost 18 months ago, so I had to drive around Clarkesville and Cornelia, Georgia, in order for us to have food and necessities for our animals and for us.

He is healing fine, just very slowly.

Atlanta is a lovely place, I am sure, but the traffic there causes me to want to get under the car seats and not even look outside the car.

So, when Stone Mountain Game time came, we had at least two very bad problems. How was I go-

I was told once by a counselor that if you had the slightest inkling that you were going to be important in someone's life, you

must ask that person one question without fail.

"Goodness, what question is that?" I queried.

The counselor said to be sure and ask about whether the potentially important person had friends of long standing. Such a simple question to have such a heavy impact on a relationship.

Tom and I had spoken on the telephone for two or three years before we ever met.

He did the designs for our Scottish Weekend pins and logos for several years while I still worked for the South Georgia library.

At the start, we talked about the designs and had to consult about the details.

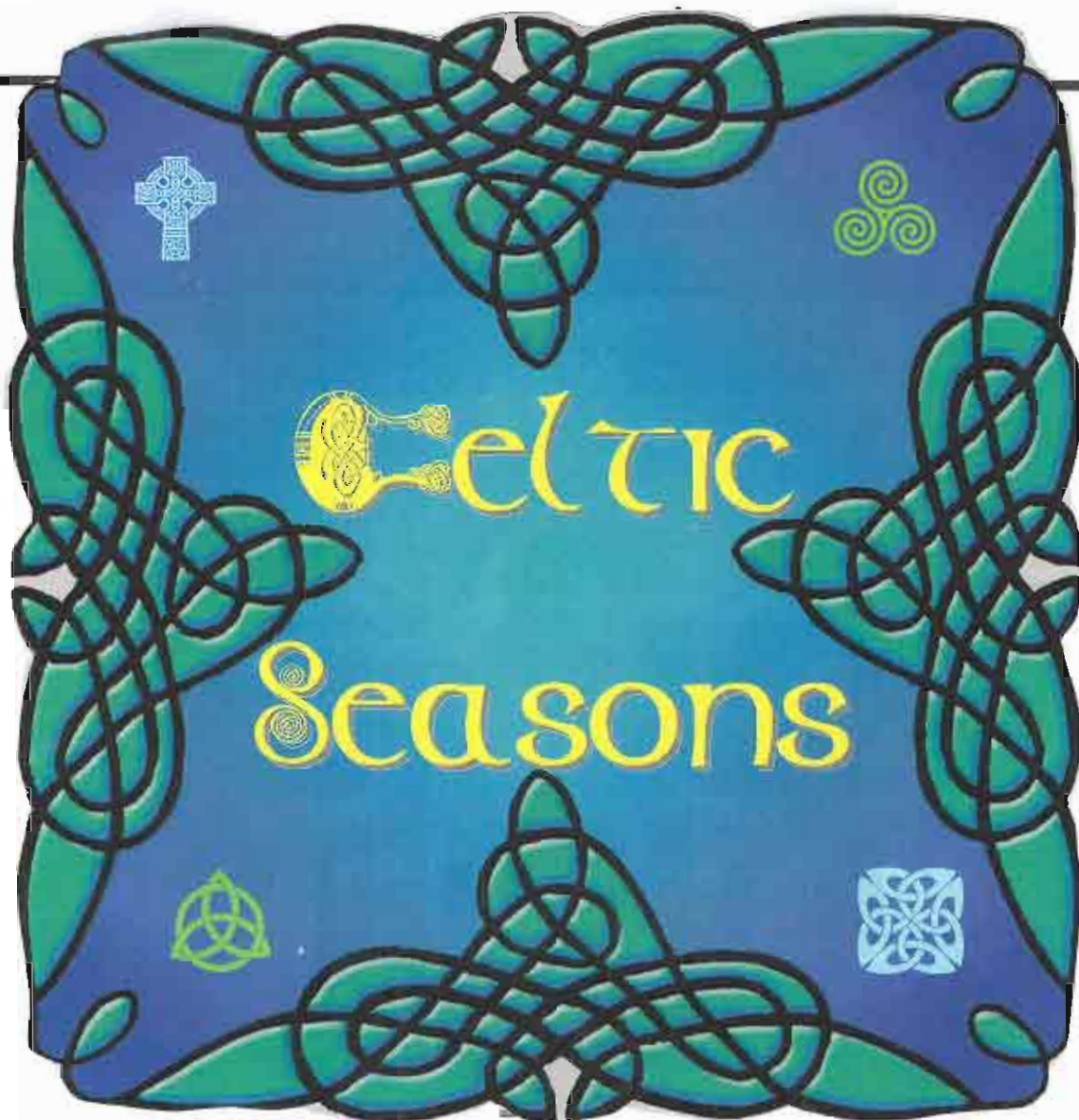
As time went on, we discovered we both adore puns, the more awful, the better! My favorite one from that time was, "If Mrs. Sullenberger (the wife of Chesley Burnett "Sully" Sullenberger III, pilot of the US Flight 1549 who ditched safely in the Hudson

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Debbie White Smith





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"We are essentially making large cuttings - if you can imagine that," she explained.

They were then loaded into a trailer to be taken down to the gardens at Port Logan.

The complex operation took place on Thursday as part of a project to restore the historic glasshouses in Edinburgh.

The tree ferns were too tall to dig up and move easily so the team involved cut the "trunks" - which are actually a mass of roots - and later replanted them which will allow them to regenerate in their new location.

Prior to being transferred, the two-metre long fronds at the top of each fern were removed then the top four metres of each "trunk" were carefully taken out and prepared for their long journey.

At the end, they were replanted - outside for the first time in their lives.

Sadie Barber, research collections and project manager at RBGE, said it had not been easy to come up with an answer to how to move the plants.

"To enable the glasshouse restoration, we are now in the process of transplanting plants from our ferns and fossils glasshouse for safekeeping," she said.

"However, specimens such as *Dicksonia antarctica* and *Thyrsopteris elegans* are massive and grow tightly together along narrow, winding paths.

"Finding solutions to lifting and moving them safely in such a confined space has been quite a challenge."

Kate Miller said moving the tree ferns should allow them to flourish in the future.

"The efforts that we are taking just now are

just aiming to make sure that these plants are able to continue living and their stories can continue to be told once they are out of this glasshouse," she said.

"What we are doing is sending them down to Logan

- that's one of our outpost botanic gardens - and that's really closer to a sub-tropical climate garden than we've got up here.

"What we are all expecting is that they will be able to establish themselves quite well there and then continue to grow for another 100 years or so."

"In Edinburgh, the plants require the warmth of the glass-

houses but, as Logan is warmed by the Gulf Stream, we can grow plants from throughout the southern hemisphere outdoors," he said.

"We are sure that the tree ferns will thrive in their new surroundings."

The *Dicksonia antarctica* will still have a place in Edinburgh in future despite the recent transplant of some of them.


Four have remained in the city to be replanted once the upgrade project at RBGE is complete.



**Did you ask for one of
Beth's speeches
at Stone Mountain on Friday?**

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When Coinneach MacLeod posted his first video of baking cloutie dumplings with his 93-year-old aunt online just over two years ago, the home baker from the Western Isles had no idea it would lead to him cooking with Hollywood actors and teaching thousands of Americans how to make scones. And that's just in the past month.

MacLeod, who hails from the fishing village of Cromore on Lewis, became a social media sensation when millions of fans around the world fell in love with his posts on the video sharing platform, TikTok.

A multi-book deal swiftly followed, including a US tour and an invitation to headline the world's biggest baking trade show, *IBIE 2022 Baking Expo*, in Las Vegas last week.

Back on Scottish soil, MacLeod says his one regret is that *Line Of Duty* star, Martin Compton, wasn't at home in his Las Vegas mansion for a visit. He recently found himself showing the actor how to make turmeric oat risotto outside a run-down croft on the Isle of Lewis for Martin Compston's *Scottish Fling* travel show.

"Martin was genuinely interested in Gaelic, our heritage and identity," said MacLeod, 48, better known on his cookbook covers and TikTok videos as *The Hebridean Baker*.

"We made a savoury risotto with oats and Stornoway black pudding outside over an open fire in the pouring rain because it was summertime on Lewis. He loved it and it was the first time he had ever tried black pudding. He told me his father used to get a black pudding supper from the chip shop



every Friday night and couldn't believe he had never tried one himself."

Sadly, Compton's cooking ability left a little to be desired. "I gave him a spurtle to stir the ingredients in the pan and he had it the wrong way around. I didn't think that was a good start," MacLeod laughed.

"He did admit that he never cracked an egg before his 30s. He might not be a good cook but he was definitely a good eater!"

During lockdown, MacLeod was making cloutie dumplings with his 93-year-old aunt, Bellag, when he decided to film their baking session to share on social media as a way to preserve old island traditions for future generations on Lewis.

"I was sitting by the stove with my aunt Bellag, who was making cloutie dumplings, on her 70th wedding anniversary talking about wedding day traditions on the island," said MacLeod.

"I started making videos because I didn't want people on Lewis to forget these stories, never thinking they would resonate outside the Hebrides. Now

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I've had just over 21 million views, so it's gone a wee bit further than Lewis! It's amazing that it's resonated across the world. Every day since has been a crazy adventure."

MacLeod's short videos about making comforting recipes and island life, filmed in front of a wood-burning stove or across the rugged, sweeping landscapes of Lewis quickly earned him a global fanbase and led to a book deal with his first, *The Hebridean Baker*, becoming a bestseller last year.

Now, MacLeod has released his second cookbook, *My Scottish Island Kitchen*, which celebrates traditional Scottish and Western Isles recipes with a side of island folklore, traditions and personal stories, such as his grandmother Anna's life as a Herring Girl.

"It's basically lots of wholesome things you want to eat in front of the fire to get you through a Hebridean winter," explained MacLeod in an accent as comforting as his recipes that include slow cook beef cheek casserole, Cullen skink pie, whisky marmalade and baked oat Alaska.

"I've loved finding old Scottish recipes in cookbooks like *The Scots Kitchen* by F Marian MacNeill from 1929 and *The Practice Of Cookery* by Mrs Dalgairns from 1840 and giving them a modern twist.

"I've also included traditional Lewis recipes like cloutie dumplings, o' duffs as we call them on the island, but with a chocolate twist inspired by a BBC Alba cooking segment I did for Hogmanay. There's a local saying that the way to a Hebridean man or woman's heart is to make them a duff and you'll be married within a week."

He added: "When I started creating content

online, I realised people were interested in stories that went alongside the recipes. Writing these stories is probably one of my favourite things about the book, that I can talk about the traditions and history of the islands or the language of Gaelic and the people on the island."

The book is peppered with another passion of MacLeod's, also inspired by his island heritage, Gaelic. "People have messaged me to say they've started learning Gaelic because they've heard it on

my videos or in the book," he said. "It's a big part of our identity and I love that it's coming back into fashion with people learning it on Duolingo and wanting to know more about it."

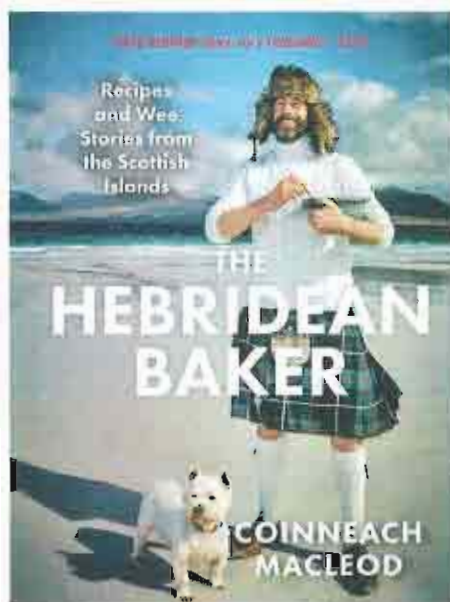
MacLeod speaks and sings in Gaelic with his partner Peter, a former presenter on *De A Nis* who is a producer on *BBC Alba*. The couple met four years ago at The Royal National Mod, where MacLeod was singing in the Silver Pendant competition and Peter was behind the camera. They regularly compete in the Mod's duet category and won gold in 2018.

The son of a fisherman and a weaver, MacLeod splits his time between Lewis and Oban with Peter and his West Highland terrier, Seoras. The latter is a regular feature on MacLeod's cookbooks and videos, as is MacLeod's now trademark furry trapper hat.

"It was all about functionality in the beginning because my kitchen where I did my first videos was freezing. When people started sending me hats I realised that it was my brand, the furry hat. Luckily I like wearing furry hats, although wearing it in Las Vegas was a challenge!"

He added, "I film a lot of my TikTok videos

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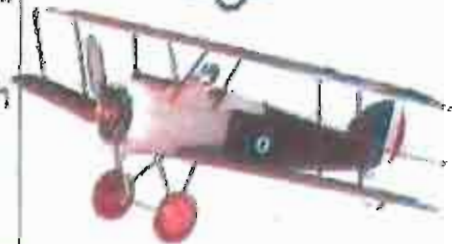
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in a small croft owned by Peter's parents overlooking the isle of Seil. It's completely off-grid and people love that concept that we live there with no electricity and just the fire keeping us warm."

Despite his success as *The Hebridean Baker* and beyond, there is still one accolade MacLeod is desperate to achieve. Last year, he was devastated to finish joint runner-up in the World Porridge Making Championships behind Golden Spurtle winner Miriam Groot, a vegan food blogger from the Netherlands.

"I love porridge and a spurtle is the one thing I could never be without in my kitchen," he admitted. "I was heartbroken to come second in the World Porridge Making Championships. Sadly I can't enter this year but I will be back to win that Golden Spurtle in the future, for sure."

The Hebridean Baker, My Scottish Island Kitchen by Coinneach MacLeod, Black & White Publishing

The Recipe

Stornoway Scotch Eggs

Coinneach MacLeod says: "Adding the rich, well-seasoned flavours of Stornoway black pudding to your sausage meat makes these the tastiest Scotch eggs you'll ever have."

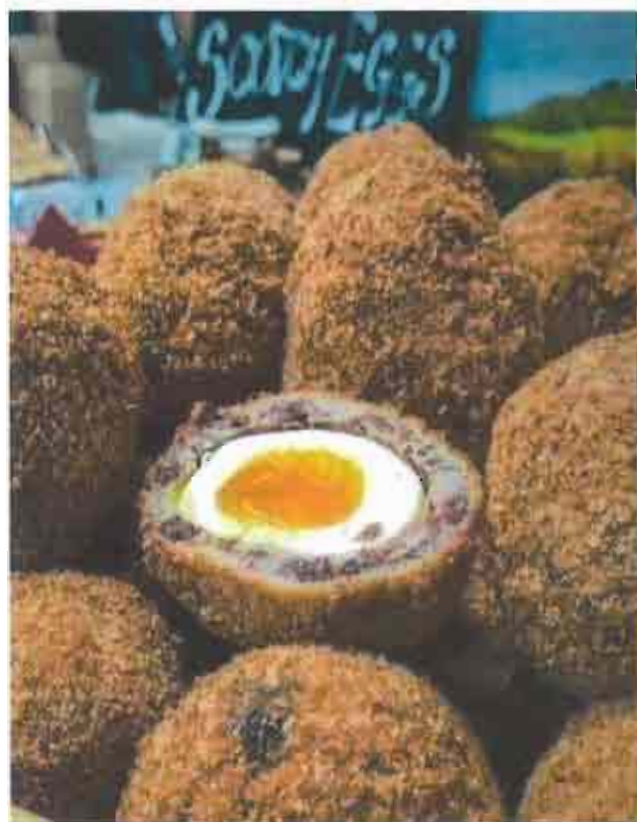
"Many folk think these will be challenging to make, but with minimal preparation and making sure you are safely deep frying, you will be rewarded with a hearty snack. Perfect warm or cold."

You'll need

- ◆ Six eggs (four for soft boiling, two beaten)
- ◆ Six quality pork sausages (about 300g/10½oz)
- ◆ 275g (10oz) Stornoway black pudding
- ◆ Plain flour, enough to fill a bowl
- ◆ Bowl of panko breadcrumbs
- ◆ Vegetable oil, for deep frying
- ◆ Salt and pepper

Method

Lower four eggs into a pan of boiling water for seven minutes. Have a bowl of ice-cold water



ready and drop them in immediately to halt the cooking process. You can peel them once they have cooled.

Remove the sausage meat from the skins and add along with the black pudding to a bowl. Season well with salt and black pepper, mix together and then split into four equally-sized portions.

Take one of your portions, flatten it out in your hand and wrap evenly around an egg. Have three bowls ready – one with plain flour, one with two beaten eggs and one with breadcrumbs. Dip the Scotch eggs into the flour, then the egg mixture, then the breadcrumbs.

Half-fill a saucepan with vegetable oil and heat until it reaches 180C (350F) on a thermometer. Frying two Scotch eggs at a time, cook for eight minutes until golden and crisp, turning occasionally, and rest on kitchen paper.

Make sure the thermometer still reads 180C (350F) before adding the next two eggs.



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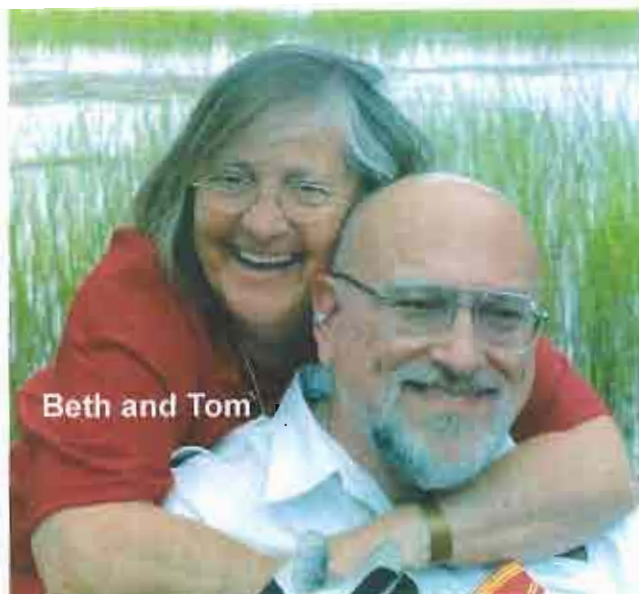
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Beth and Tom

River in 2009) get divorced, would she become “unsullied?” GROAN.

Tom and I talked about fonts and papers and design and not one single personal thing, but I learned that Tom Freeman was a responsible person who did what he said and whose word was good.

He forgot to tell me he was a paraplegic. He says it just never came up in conversation.

I did not have to ask the counselor’s question as I had already learned that he had many friends, two of whom had been his friends forever. His oldest friend is Steve Smith. Their friendship dates from their kindergarten days.

Steve and Tom attended the University of South Carolina, Steve studying pharmacy and Tom Commercial Art. Steve just retired as a pharmacist last year.

Tom’s other long-time friend is Jay Brown, who has been working as a technical consultant overseas.

We hope he will come home soon!

Both of these folks are much loved by Tom - and have been important parts of his life for such a long time.

Steve, and his wife, Debbie, who live at least 40 miles away from us in Seneca, South Carolina, have come to our rescue not once but many times.

When we moved to Clarkesville and our house, they were heroes more than once.

They accepted me in Tom’s life with no reservations, and I surely loved them immediately.

Last Summer, when Tom was put to bed and then caught Covid at the Toccoa Hospital, they were heroes to us.

Have I told you here that Tom and I both are nowadays “orphans” in that all of our families are, for all intents and purposes, gone?

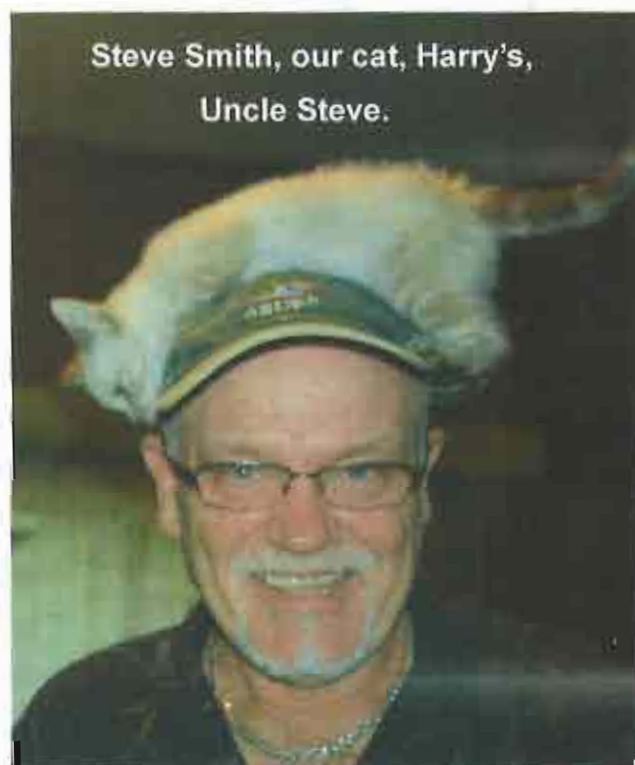
Steve and Debbie came to our rescue when Tom was found to have a life-threatening kidney stone in 2021. We were all sick with worry for sweet Tom. Thankfully, he is fine now.

This time, it was a fun time for all. Steve and Tom rarely get to be together without their wives.

Debbie and I don’t get to go off and just have a good time ever!

Steve and Debbie gave up quite a bit of their own time for us. They arrived last Thursday morning at our house in Clarkesville, (Tom and I used to leave here at about 4 AM on Friday morning to

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Steve Smith, our cat, Harry’s,
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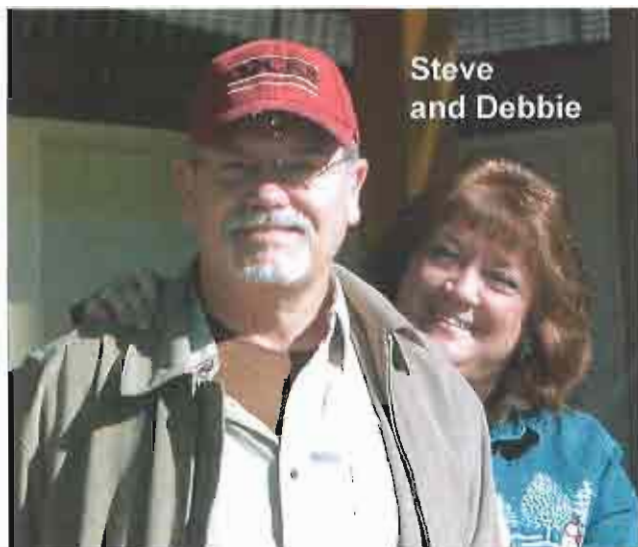
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be at the Norcross hotel for my my 10 AM speech.) We would be mightily stressed as we were so afraid of getting caught in some kind of traffic fiasco that would make me late - or even miss my speeches. It did not ever happen, but we finally decided that stress was not good for anyone and started going to Atlanta on Thursday.

Debbie and I left and went to Atlanta that day - and ended up in a huge wreck mess on the road to the host hotel, The Hilton, NE in Norcross, Georgia. We took almost an hour to get out of the mega-traffic jam. We just continued to have fun as we didn't need to be there until 10 AM the next day!

Steve and Tom watched football and ate good things and laughed and talked and talked,, and generally had a marvelous time at home here in Clarkesville while we were gone.

Debbie and I had a great time eating out, laughing and talking and visiting with much-missed friends there at the Stone Mountain Highland Games.

My speeches were great fun. We both enjoyed the wonderful Reception on Friday night at the host hotel.

How can we properly thank friends who went through so much trouble for us?

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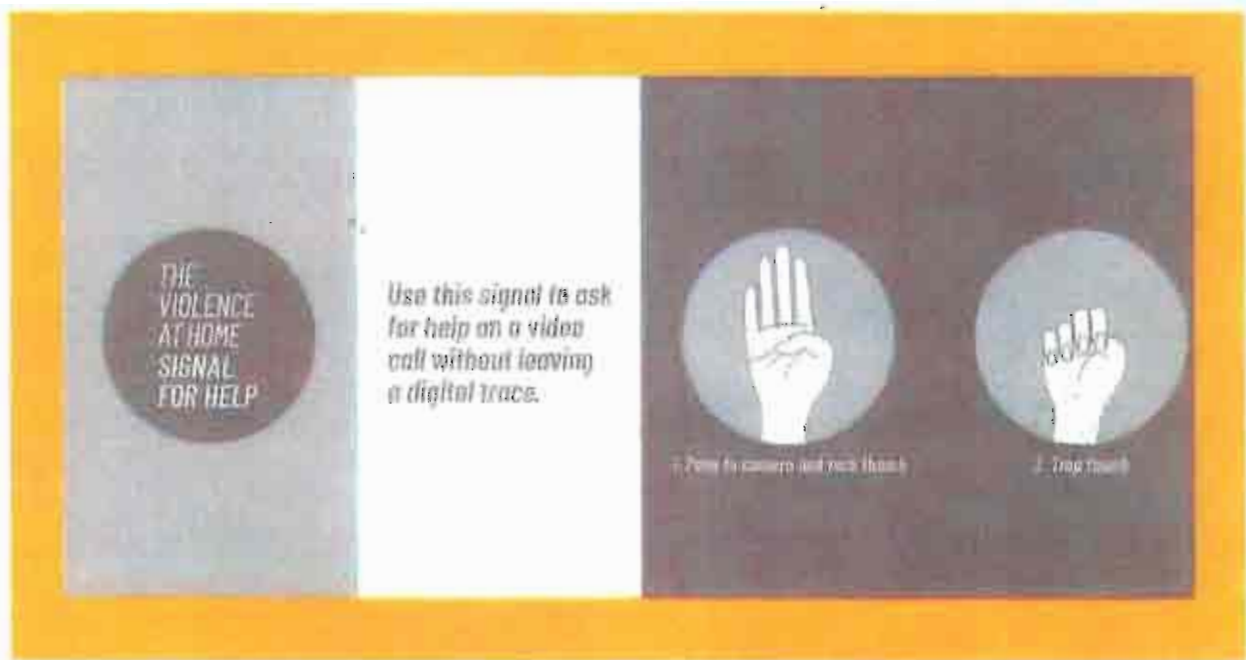


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Scotland May Have Europe's Oldest Tree

In Fortingall village in Perthshire, Scotland grows a "yew" tree that is possibly between 4,000 and 9,000 years old. If so, it is the oldest tree in Europe. The yew is a conifer as are Scottish pines, firs and spruce trees. They have needles rather than leaves. They also are distinguished by bearing cones, but the yew produces beautiful red berries instead.

The Fortingall Yew grows in a churchyard. At one time its trunk had a 52 foot circumference and was about 100 feet



tall. Over thousands of years, however, its many drooping branches touched the ground and grew many additional trunks. This regeneration capacity and the fact that its needles and berries are deadly if ingested led early Druids and Celts to see the yew as a sacred tree. In Shakespeare's Macbeth, yew berries were ground to concoct a poisonous brew.

Yews have been in the Northern hemisphere since the Ice Age. During Roman excursions into Scotland around 40-55 B.C., legend has it that the son of a Roman diplomat visiting a Pictish King played in the big Fortingall Yew. That boy was Pontius Pilot.



In Scotland, it was not unusual for churches to be built around or next to a yew because of its sacred image as well as its utility. The de-

ceased were buried with yew sprigs. Yew boughs were used as Palms at Easter. Since yews can be pruned and regenerate, their wood was used to craft drinking cups and furniture. Since yew wood excels under tension, it is perfect for archers to construct their bows. In 1314, Robert the Bruce told his archers to only use bows crafted with yew wood as they prepared to successfully engage the English at the Battle of Bannockburn. Clan Fraser adopted a sprig of yew as their clan badge.



The thousands of years old Fontingall Yew's future is threatened from many years of tourists stripping parts of it as souvenirs. In response, the Royal Botanic Gardens of

Edinburgh has planted a mile long hedge of Fontingall Yew clippings to maintain its ancient specimens of DNA (*Taxus Baccata*). Also, seedlings from this Yew are being planted in numerous kirkyards in Scotland to maintain its special relationship to the church.

Long live the Fontingall Yew !

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Who is the first American President to have a Rescue Dog in the White House?

In February 2021, President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden welcomed a new furry addition to the White House: Major, a German shepherd.

Major is the first rescue dog to live in the White House, and he joins Champ, the Bidens' other German shepherd.

The Bidens got Major from the Delaware Humane Association, and they have said that they hope their decision to adopt him will encourage others to do the same.

While Major is the first rescue dog to live in the White House, he is not the first dog to be adopted by a president while in office.

Previous presidents who have adopted dogs include Lyndon B. Johnson, Gerald Ford, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama.

Indeed, it seems that more and more presidents are realizing the benefits of having a four-legged friend in the Oval Office.

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24TH ANNUAL PIPES OF CHRISTMAS

DEC 17-18, 2022

The Pipes of Christmas is back! But we need your help.

As gathering restrictions begin to ease, we're so excited to welcome our Pipes of Christmas family and supporters back together for our 24th year!

Mark your calendars with the 2022 Pipes of Christmas concert dates:

New York City

Saturday, December 17

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church
at 2 PM + 7 PM?

Summit, New Jersey

Sunday, December 18

Central Presbyterian Church
at 2 PM + 7 PM.

Support the production of this beloved Christmas tradition with our annual fundraising campaign. Hosting the Pipes of Christmas each year is a massive undertaking that includes significant upfront production costs ranging from venue rentals to audio-visual equipment to printing and promotion.

Unfortunately, the impact of COVID over the last two years resulted in drastically reduced ticket sales and a significant financial loss of the funds we need to continue producing the Pipes of Christmas. To put it simply, we need your help.

We've started a **GoFundMe campaign** to offset our production costs and continue funding our extensive scholarship and outreach activities. Your support will ensure we can once again welcome you to the full Pipes of Christmas experience for the first time since 2019!

As a special thank you, all donors will receive first priority for tickets before public sale. All donors who donate \$100 or more will receive a free 7-single EP with all new music (more details below).

SUPPORT THE PIPES

For more information about this fundraising campaign, please contact us at <pipesofchristmas@gmail.com>. We'd be happy to answer any questions you have. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Brand new *Pipes of Christmas EP* now available!

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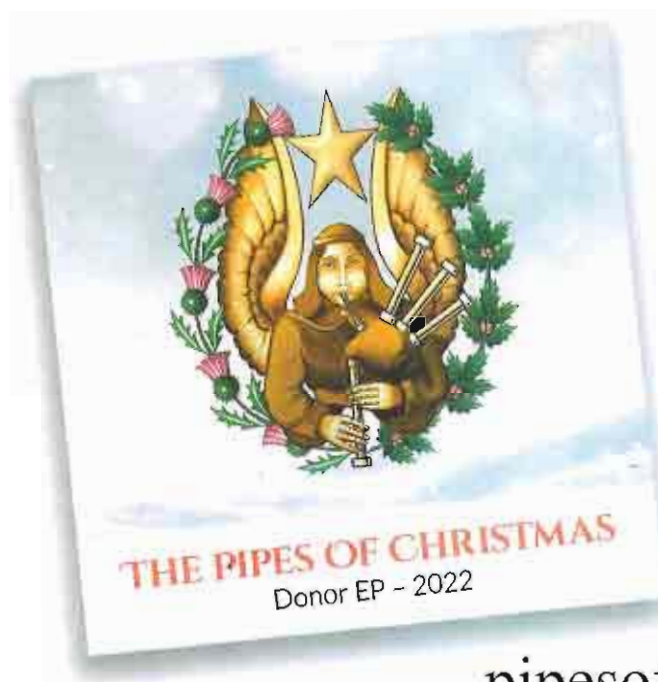
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Good news from the Fort Myers Regional Library after Hurricane Ian!

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

Good Afternoon: I'm sending this article to inform everyone that in spite of Hurricane Ian, the genealogy department is alive and well. The flip side is that due to water damage on the first floor of the Fort Myers Regional Library, the branch is currently closed for repairs. The good news is twofold. The second floor was not impacted by the storm surge. The second floor genealogy room and collection suffered no damage. I have been assigned to the North Fort Myers Library and all genealogy virtual programs will be presented from this location for November, December, 2022 and January 2023. Go to Webinar is the platform we use. We have one live presentation scheduled at Cape Coral Library.

Several people have inquired about the possibility of in person meetings for research assistance. I am able to assist with research by appointment. The times that are available are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2-4pm. The address for the North Fort Myers branch is 2001 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, FL 33903. There are some caveats which are unavoidable due to the closure at Fort Myers.

I will not have access to any materials in the print collection or any of the microfilm housed in the genealogy or microfilm room.

When requesting an appointment, please be aware that we will not have guaranteed access to a private room as was the case at FM. There is a conference room and our meeting room which may be available depending on how many county human services staff are here using them to assist with hurricane related issues. Most likely, we would meet using one of the few patron cubicles in the branch or on one of the public computers. That decision will be made depending on how many people contact me.

Printing will be available at the same price rates as at FM or any other branch, but I would also recommend bringing a flash drive or taking pictures with your smart phone.

Unless Family Search is willing to make an exception, we will not have access to the enhanced version of Family Search until FM reopens. I am working on that as a possibility, but have not heard anything back yet. To reach me in a timely manner, please contact me via email at bmulcahy@leegov.com.

Here are the upcoming programs December 2022. The registration links are listed below each of the programs. If you have any issues with registration, feel free to contact me and I will take care of the situation.

Thursday, December 1st. **Beyond the Usual Sources: Using Government, Academic Libraries, and Archival Materials.** Cape Coral Library 921 SW 39th Terrace, Cape Coral, FL 33914. 2pm-

3:30pm Speaker: Bryan L. Mulcahy

NOTE: Because of the size of the Cape Coral Library meeting room, no advance registration is required.

Tuesday, December 6th **Beyond the Usual Sources: Using Government, Academic Libraries, and Archival Materials.** Go To Webinar. 10am-Noon Speaker: Bryan L. Mulcahy.

Visit: <https://leelibrary.librarymarket.com/event/online-beyond-usual-sources-using-government-academic-libraries-and-archival-materials>

The December 6th program originally scheduled on **Virtual Cemeteries** had to be cancelled due to hurricane related issues. Carol will reschedule as soon as circumstances permit. My October 6th virtual program on **Wills, Probate Packets and Genealogical Research** will also be rescheduled.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. Thanks to all of you for your continued support.

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