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KENNEDY GAZETTE



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The Kennedy tent is ready

Georgia Mountain Scottish festival and Highland Games Hiawassee, GA

Saturday was the first day of the games at their new location.

Blairsville Games have moved to Hiawasse and have a new name Georgia Mountain Scottish Festival and Highland Games.

It was lovely to have Sue Kennedy with us on Saturday.

Also on Saturday visiting the tent were Curt Collier. Athens GA, Terry Ross.

Murphy NC, 2 visitors also signed in with emails 1 from NZ the other from Young Harris. GA

Sunday visitors were Rebecca Harris. Charlie Harris. Catherine Harris. Toccoa GA, Sean Adams. Kings Mountain NC, and Rick Shireman. Cartersville GA

It was a hot day on Sunday but was made comfortable by the fact we had electricity and fans.

Georgia Mountain Scottish festival and Highland Games Hiawasse, GA



3 generations of my family



Chuck getting into the spirit of the games



Family time with the 2 of the grandkids

Middle Tennessee Highland Games and Celtic Festival Hendersonville, TN



Melissa and Bill Kennedy

The Kennedy Society AGM was held at the Middle Tennessee games in Hendersonville TN the weekend of September 6-7, with the tent being hosted by Bill and Melissa Kennedy.

The weekend was full of newsworthy events:

- * Sean Carrick was re-elected as Society Chief/President. Other officers re-elected were: Samantha Dodson as Society Deputy Chief/Vice President, Rick Hageman as Treasurer, and Nina Eppes as Secretary.**
- * next year's AGM will be held at Stone Mountain/Atlanta, mid-October. More information will be forthcoming.**
- * new t-shirts were debuted by our Merchandise Chair, Leo Kennedy: light blue and beige. More items are being developed and will be available for purchase on the website shortly.**
- * there were 15 in attendance at dinner on Friday night, with almost 30 on Saturday night.**
- * Tyler Wilson joined as a new member, with several other tent visitors expressing interest.**
- * Dave and Amy Carrick received the Companion of the Oak, the highest award given within the Kennedy Society.**
- * the rain on Saturday affected the Tartan Parade, moving it Sunday. However, The Kennedy Society was well represented!**

We look forward to being back in Hendersonville next year!

Middle Tennessee Highland Games and Celtic Festival Hendersonville, TN



**Getting ready for the
Tartan Parade**



**Some of our attendees: Bill and Melissa Kennedy, Dan
Caldwell, Leo Kennedy, Colleen Caldwell, Sean Carrick, Amy
Carrick, Sally Watkins, Nina Eppes, Samantha Dodson**



Society Chief Sean Carrick imparting some wisdom at the AGM.



**Amy and Dave Carrick with Sean Carrick after
receiving the Companion of the Oak.**



**Master merchandiser Leo Kennedy with
new t-shirts.**



Once again continuing her father's (John Angus Kennedy) Kennedy Society legacy, Lydia Kennedy organized the Kennedy tent at the 80th annual Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games, held August 8-10 in Fergus, Ontario. As it is always a family affair, Lydia has many assistants! This year's game had 56 clans registered, with over 27,900 in attendance. Many thanks to Lydia and her family for representing the KSNA.

Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games Ontario, Canada cont....



66th Ligonier Highland Games

LIGONIER, PA

The Ligonier Highland Games was held on September 13 th at Idlewild Park, Ligonier, PA., as it has been since 1968. The weather was perfect, cool in the morning and warm in the afternoon, with sunshine all day.



Dave Carrick, Chief 1 st Class Retired, traveled to the Ligonier Games and spent the day with us. Dave introduced us to Jeff McDermott who is Vice President of the Clan Campbell Society , North America. The Campbell's have a very large organization and it was interesting to compare notes with him. A few local Kennedys visited our tent, one or two who may join the KSNA. We were also visited by friends Ray and Tami Meloy (see photo). The Ligonier Games were well attended, with a significant number of spectators' tents surrounding the athletic field, which is in a different location than the clan tents. There were approximately 30 clan tents at the games.

We wish to thank our sister, Beverly Caldwell, and cousin, Dana Provence, for assisting in the set up and tear down of the tent. Beverly and Dana also spent the day with us and helped greet visitors and assist with stamping many passports for young visitors.

This was the 8 th year that we have hosted a Kennedy tent at the Ligonier Highland Games.

Colleen and Dan Caldwell



Ligonier Tent Group



Ligonier Tami and Ray

West Virginia Wild & Wonderful Celtic Festival & Highland Games Beverly, WV

Hot. That is the first word that comes to mind when I remember June 21 at our event in Beverly, WV. It was close to 90 and not what I expected in a town at 1962 feet above sea level. At least we were under a shady tent and not out on the field competing all day!



We had a respectable amount of interest in our Kennedy displays this year—especially the ones about curling stones and Quinton Kennedy.

Ryan Kennedy, Cabinet Secretary of the WV Dept of Veterans Assistance, visited with us in the late afternoon. He is a recent Lifetime Member to the Kennedy Society and we were glad to share some Kennedy stories with him. Later he addressed the crowd in his official capacity during the closing ceremony. This festival is veteran-owned and has a large veteran presence.

This was the 3rd year of this event and it is growing every year. We look forward to participating again next year, especially since we hear that there will be a British car show!

Colleen and Dan Caldwell



Colleen with Cabinet Secretary Ryan Kennedy

Paul Kennedy installed as Senior Vice President of RBWF



The Robert Burns World Federation held its annual meeting September 5-7, this year in Kilmarnock, Scotland. KSNA member Paul Kennedy was elevated from Junior Vice President to Senior Vice President, and next year will become the first US President in the organization's history. Paul is past president (2022-2024) of the Robert Burns Association of North America and has long been active in the South Jersey Celtic Society. Congratulations are definitely deserved!



Paul being elevated to Senior Vice President of the Robert Burns World Federation by newly installed RBWF President, Jean Abdulrahim.



Paul with the Provost of E. Ayrshire , Clare Leitch

A Message from the Chief



How are we quickly coming to the end of 2025? Where has the time gone? I blinked and we are coming quickly to the end of the year. I am constantly reminded that we are not guaranteed our next day. I always go back to the motto of my high school – *Esse Quam Videri* (To be rather than to seem).

The 2025 KSNA AGM was held at the Middle Tennessee Highland Games and was a wonderful time of camaraderie not only amongst the attending KSNA members but also with the other clans and family societies that were in attendance as well. The re-election of our society officers was undertaken and the entire slate not only agreed to serve another year but was duly elected by our membership. It is very humbling as we go into our second year as a board under my leadership. I am constantly reminded that this role is a privilege not to be taken lightly.

2025 KSNA Officers

- ☒ Sean Carrick – President/Chief
- ☒ Samantha Dodson – Vice President/Deputy Chief
- ☒ Rick Hageman – Treasurer
- ☒ Nina Eppes – Secretary

We are working vigorously to get the final touches to the updated website in place to move our membership functions to a standardized membership platform called Outseta and away from the custom coded functionality. The Board feels that moving to a commercial membership management platform will allow for a better user experience not only for our membership but also for the various board members that have ongoing responsibilities such as membership, Gazette and Regional Chieftains/Directors.

I also want to thank everyone for the tremendous outpouring of love and prayers over the last six to seven months as I have grieved the passing of both of my parents as well as my ongoing search for employment and Tammy's ongoing health issues. I am happy to announce our prayers have been answered. I accepted this week an offer to become the Director of Cybersecurity and Compliance at Teksynap, a government contractor in a fully remote role.

It is always brighter when we are supported by those who truly love us when we tread the sometimes-dark pathways of life.

Up the Coast!
Avise la fin!

Sean Carrick



Did You Know?

Area: 78,789 sq km (30,420 sq miles) including the islands. About twice the size of the Netherlands and almost the same size as South Carolina in the US. Scotland counts 787 islands from which around 130 are inhabited.

Size: Scotland measures 441 km (274 miles) from north to south. From east to west it varies from 38.8 km to 248 km. The overall coastline including the islands is 10,000 km! (69% of the total UK coastline)



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Flowers of the Forest



Alice Louise Carrick

March 16, 1940 — August 19, 2025

Alice Louise Carrick, née Funkhouser was born March 16, 1940, in Parsons, WV to Lena and Carl Funkhouser.

Alice passed away on August 19, 2025, at the age of 85 surrounded by family. Alice was predeceased by her husband of 63 years Jerry, her brother Carl, sister Phyllis and brother in love Paul.

Alice is survived by her three children, Sean, David and Amy as well as 12 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Alice was a proud first-generation graduate of Catawba College in Salisbury NC and taught high school English for many years. Her love of baking wedding and birthday cakes, cooking, acerbic wittiness, and her adoration of the English language especially vocabulary will be greatly missed. Sola scriptura, solus Christus, sola fide, sola gratia and soli Deo gloria. Scripture alone through Christ alone by faith alone through grace alone to the glory of God alone.

Flowers of the Forest Continued...

Alice's Celebration of Life was held at Grace Orthodox Presbyterian Church on September 13th at 1:00 PM. Alice's requested, to feel free to wear blue to her funeral as it was her favorite color and brought her much happiness.

Tharp Funeral Home & Crematory, Lynchburg, assisted the family.



Alice Louise Carrick

Flowers of the Forest Continued...

Wilmot Heyward Phillips

Wilmot Heyward Phillips departed this world peacefully at home on June 8, 2025.

Born on May 19, 1941, in Decatur, Georgia, Wil graduated with honors from Georgia State University, earning both a Bachelor of Arts in Art and a Bachelor of Science in Geology. While at Georgia State, he helped charter the Sigma Phi Epsilon chapter and served as its first chapter president. It was there in 1963 that he met Diane Louise “Scottie” Phillips, his beloved wife of 59 years. They were married at St. Philip’s Cathedral in Atlanta on June 5, 1965.

In 1994, Wil and Scottie moved to Williamsburg, Virginia, where they founded Colonial Gardens Bed & Breakfast. They ran it successfully for over twelve years, earning a reputation for their exceptional hospitality and forming lasting friendships with guests from around the world. Upon retiring, they enjoyed spending time aboard their boat, Dreamcatcher, exploring the waterways of Virginia and Maryland, or relaxing at the marina on the York River.

Professionally, Wil was self-employed as an architectural renderer and architect until retirement. He owned and operated his business, Architectural Arts, where he combined his talents in both art and architecture to produce beautifully detailed renderings and designs.

He was deeply involved in his community. He served as president of many organisations, including the Williamsburg St. Andrews Society, Williamsburg Scottish Festival, Bed & Breakfast Association of Virginia, and was Chapter President for the Priory of The Holy Isle of The Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem. He also belonged to the Sons of the American Revolution, and Bruton Parish Church, where he was a devoted member. A talented and accomplished artist, Wil donated many of his paintings to local organizations and causes.

Wil was devoted to his wife, family, and close friends. Throughout his life, he shared his home with many beloved dogs and cats, each of whom held a special place in his heart. He had a lifelong passion for classical music and opera, which he often listened to while painting intricate landscapes and architectural scenes. An enthusiastic cook and avid history reader, he also loved PBS—especially “Agatha Christie’s Hercule Poirot”. Wil took great pride in his Scottish heritage, as a member of Kennedy Society of North America, and his family's colonial roots, often celebrating both with a glass of scotch and a cigar alongside his best friend.

Flowers of the Forest Continued...

Wilmot Heyward Phillips

He and Scottie also shared a love of travel, exploring many places around the world together. Their favorite destinations included Italy and England, where they enjoyed art, architecture, and the joy of shared adventures.

In the final two years of his life, Wil lovingly cared for Scottie during her courageous battle with Parkinson's disease.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Diane Louise "Scottie" Phillips, and his daughter, Cheryl Joy Lambert. He is survived by his daughter, Heather Chapman; grandchildren, Hunter and Katherine Woodman; sons-in-law, Craig Chapman and Todd Lambert; and niece, Vicki Guthrie. He will also be deeply missed by his many close friends who, over the years, became like family to him and Scottie.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, Virginia, with details to be announced.

Donations may be made in Wil's memory to the St. Andrews Society of Williamsburg, Heritage Humane Society, the American Heart Association, or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.



Future Games

Including the games that have already occurred, the Kennedy Society will be represented at the Upcoming games for the few months:

**Scotland Connecticut Highland Games, Brooklynn CT 10/12 Leo Kennedy
Stone Mountain 10/17 - 19 Dave & Amy Carrick**

Many games are more than one day. The website only allows for one date to be listed, so the Saturday date is the default listing. The respective game's link will identify the actual dates.

DUES REMINDER

Did you know that you can pay in-person at events where Kennedy Society of North America members host a tent? Check our Events Calendar on the website for locations.

Credit card payments can be made on the website by responding to the automatic email reminder. If that link has expired, or you don't receive one, email me at caldwellkids@earthlink.net.

Paying your dues with a check? Send it to the address below. Please let me know if you are sending a personal check in the mail so that I can watch for it.

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Membership dues are \$35 for one year, payable to Kennedy Society of North America.

Membership Updates



Colleen Caldwell Membership Chair

Fall Membership Update:

First of all, I want to thank all of the members who make up our wonderful Kennedy Society family!

Did you know that we have individuals who have been members for 30, 40, even 50 years? Our website gives members access to newsletters dating back to 1974. Back in the early days of the Kennedy Gazette, a short bio was published for each new member to show their Kennedy connection. Perhaps your parents or grandparents are in one of the back issues. These historic documents are a great source of information about family connections, the Kennedy Society, and our proud Scottish heritage.

Of course, another good place to seek information is at a clan tent where the Kennedy Society is participating. I recently attended the Middle Tennessee Games for our Annual General Meeting where I came away energized from sharing time with KSNA friends. I learn something new every time we get together. And the following weekend at the Ligonier Highland Games, my knowledge of Kennedy facts was definitely put to the test by our curious tent visitors! Other than the website, our Kennedy tents are the best way for us to share information.

We are a volunteer organization and the Society is looking for new tent conveners. Do you like learning about your history? Do you enjoy talking with people? Consider representing the Kennedy Society as a tent convenue!

Colleen Kennedy Caldwell
Membership Chair

Welcome to these new members:

Edward Kennedy of Greensboro, NC
Morgan Kennedy-Lamphier of Altamonte Springs, FL
Amy Hall of Hiltons, VA
Virginia Kennedy-Kelsch of Lakeside, AZ
Tyler Wilson of Theodore, AL



Fall Recipe

Warm Salad of Scallops Recipe

INGREDIENTS

- 4 firm eating apples, such as cox
- 50g unsalted butter
- Pinch caster sugar
- 200g British free-range smoked bacon lardons
- 12 large fresh scallops with roe
- 200g black pudding, skinned and sliced
- 100g mixed winter salad leaves (such as baby leaf spinach, watercress, beet leaves)
- For the salad dressing
- 1 tsp English wholegrain mustard
- 1 tsp maple syrup
- 2 tsp cider vinegar 5 tsp cold-pressed grapeseed oil or extra-virgin olive oil



Instructions

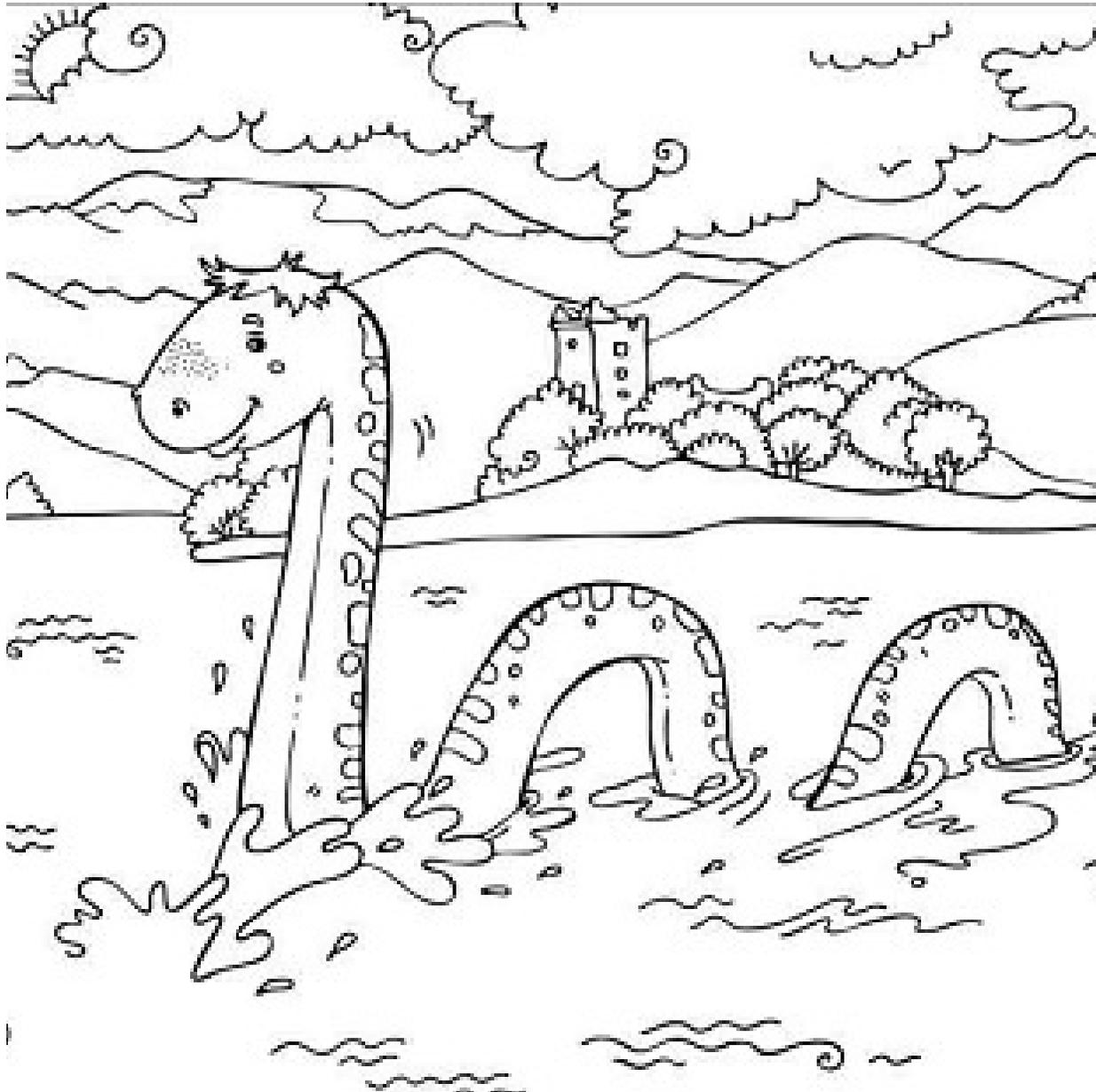
- For the dressing, mix the mustard, maple syrup and cider vinegar together in a bowl. Gradually whisk in the oil to make a thick vinaigrette. Season to taste with salt and pepper and set aside.
- Peel, quarter and core the apples, then cut into eighths. Melt the butter in a large non-stick frying pan, add the apples, sugar and some salt and pepper, then toss gently to coat. Cook over a medium heat for 7-8 minutes or so, turning halfway through, until just soft and nicely caramelized.
- Meanwhile heat another large non-stick frying pan over a medium heat. Add the bacon lardons and cook gently for 1-2 minutes until they've released some of their fat. Increase the heat to high and stir-fry until they're crisp and golden. Lift onto a plate with a slotted spoon and keep warm. Turn off the heat under the apples when they're done; keep these warm too.
- Recipe continues after advertising
- 4 Pour away most of the fat from the bacon frying pan and return it to a high heat. As soon as it starts to smoke, add the scallops and sear for 2 minutes, seasoning with a little salt and pepper as they cook. Flip them over, season lightly, then add the black pudding to the pan. Cook the scallops for another 2 minutes, and the black pudding for 1 minute on each side. Immediately remove the scallops and black pudding to a warmed plate.
- Arrange the winter salad leaves over a serving plate (or 4 individual plates), then arrange the scallops, black pudding slices, butter-fried apples and crispy bacon lardons in among the leaves. Whisk the dressing again, then drizzle over the salad. Serve straightaway.

Nutrition

Calories:475kcal | Carbohydrates: 25.1g | Protein: 13.8g | Fat: 35g | Saturated Fat:14.1g saturated |Sodium: 2.7g | Fiber: 2g | Sugar:18g

Kid's Corner for the Wee Ones!!

The Loch Ness Monster



Here are some fun facts about Nessie:

- **A Famous Nickname:** The monster is affectionately known as "Nessie".
- **Location, Location:** Nessie lives in Loch Ness, which is in the Scottish Highlands.
- **The "Surgeon's Photograph":** The most famous picture of Nessie was taken in 1934 but turned out to be a hoax made with a toy submarine and a fake head.
- **A Very Old Legend:** Stories of a water beast in Loch Ness date back to 565 AD when St. Columba reported seeing one.
- **What People Think It Is:** Some people believe Nessie could be a type of ancient sea animal called a plesiosaur, but most scientists think this is unlikely.
- **What It Could Really Be:** Other explanations for sightings include large fish, giant eels, floating logs, or even waves.
- **A Famous Hoax:** A set of mysterious "footprints" found in 1933 were later proven to be fake, made with a stuffed hippopotamus foot.
- **A Deep, Dark Loch:** Loch Ness is a very large, deep, freshwater lake, and the water is dark with Scottish peat, making it hard to see clearly.

Winter Edition

It's never too early to start preparing for our next edition. Due to recent changes in formatting it's taken a while to get everything put together nicely for you. Please remember that the deadline for the next edition will be December 15 th, 2025
