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## N.E. FLORIDA HIGHLAND GAMES FEBRUARY 27, 2021

The 26th annual N.E. Florida Highland Games in Jacksonville was Saturday Feb 27, 2021. The weather was beautiful and warm with mostly sunny skies and temps in the 80s. My wife Meshell and I had the privilege of running the Clan Kennedy tent this year and we had a blast!

There was a large crowd and lots of things to see and do, and of course lots of food! The bands and the pipers kept the music going all day and people were enjoying themselves a lot.

We had a lot of visitors and great conversations with everyone who stopped by the tent. We sold 2 t-shirts, 1 challenge coin, a new membership, and several prospects. Meshell and I had a great time, and look forward to future games soon.

Matt and Meshell Kennedy



## A LETTER FROM YOUR EDITOR

Greetings everyone! I just wanted to take a moment and let you all know that there are many projects in the works for The Kennedy Society of North America for 2021, be prepared to see new content in our newsletter and on our social media. That's just a start, we'll keep putting updates out on our website, our Facebook page, and of course through the newsletter. If anyone has ideas that they would like to add or suggestions please reach out to anyone listed under our Board of Governors section. We are always brainstorming on how to bring our members a better experience. With the way 2020 went and 2021 is starting we must work together to stay connected and support one another. The best way to do that is to be involved, feel free to reach out to any of us.

Sincerely,  
Samantha



## 2021 AGM COMING TO THE LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES

Every year the Kennedy Society holds an annual general meeting (AGM) of the members. If you have never attended an AGM, it is where yearly reports are given, business matters are discussed, and officers are elected. All Household members who are in good standing and Lifetime members are entitled to vote at the AGM with one vote per household. The location of the AGM rotates to a different location each year and this year it will be held at the Ligonier Highland Games at Idlewild Park, Ligonier, PA, on Saturday, September 18th.

I personally invite you to join us at the Ligonier Highland Games! This is the event where I host a Kennedy tent. Event information can be found at <http://www.ligonierhighlandgames.org/>.

Ligonier is located in the Laurel Highlands area of southwestern Pennsylvania. It is a great destination to visit because there is so much to do! The town of Ligonier is located along the Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor. Did you know that there is a museum for that and you can learn more about it at <https://lhhc.org/lincoln-highway-experience/?> Ligonier, itself, is a charming historic area with close to 60 shops, galleries, and restaurants within walking distance of the Ramada Hotel where a block of rooms is reserved for the Kennedy Society. Reservations can be made at <http://www.ligonierramada.com/> or by calling 724-238-9545. There is even a reconstructed French and Indian War fort, Fort Ligonier, less than two blocks from the hotel! You can find out more about Historic Ligonier at <https://ligonier.com/> and Fort Ligonier at <https://www.fortligonier.org/>.

There are many historical sites to explore within a 1-hour drive from Ligonier. Fort Necessity, Braddock's Battlefield

Museum, Bushy Run Battlefield and Museum, Historic Hanna's Town, Compass Inn Museum, and Flight 93 National Memorial are some of the most notable ones.

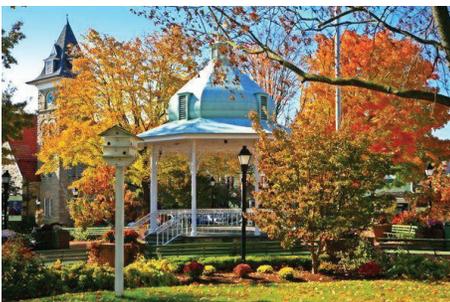
The Laurel Highlands area also boasts 8 State Parks and 2 state forests with hiking, biking and other outdoor recreation. If you are a serious hiker/backpacker, check out the 70-mile Laurel Highlands Trail. Nearby St. Vincent College is home to a Gristmill and the Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve. The Fred Rogers Center and Exhibit is also at the college—please check the website for re-opening plans <https://www.fredrogerscenter.org/about-the-center/visit-the-exhibit>.

Some other places of interest in the area are the Ligonier Valley Railroad Museum, Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Water and Kentuck Knob. Additionally, three resorts—Seven Springs, Hidden Valley, and Nemaocolin—are nearby.

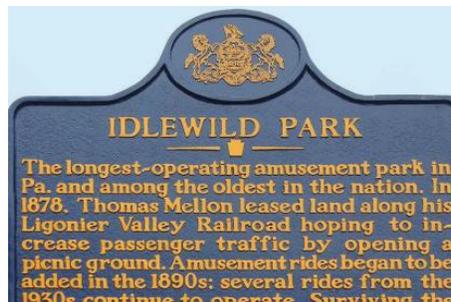
No matter if you like history or hiking you can start planning your visit at the Laurel Highlands Destination website <https://www.golaurelhighlands.com/plan/getting-here/>. I may be biased but I think this is a pretty good location to plan a visit.

During the AGM weekend you can expect an informal Friday night dinner gathering and a more formal Saturday banquet. Look for more AGM details and the banquet menus/costs in the summer Gazette. Keep your fingers crossed that we don't get cancelled! Please contact me if you have any questions.

Colleen Kennedy Caldwell  
Membership Chair



Ligonier Diamond



Idlewild Park



Fort Ligonier



## THE HISTORY OF QUINTIN KENNEDY

Little did anyone in General Edward Braddock's command suspect in regards to what was about to unfold nor to its magnitude when they crossed the Monongahela on July 9, 1755. They had marched for over a month from Cumberland MD to a point ten miles from their objective, the forks of the Ohio, cutting a road through the forests and terrain of the Alleghenies. Knowing that his force was strong and had cannons, a force of over 600 native warriors and 250 French troops moved to intercept them. Allowing Braddock to reach the Forks and Ft. Duquesne was not an option as it couldn't withstand an attack. They would soon inflict a devastating and humiliating defeat on the British Army. This defeat and its repercussions would provide many lessons learned for those that survived. It would also shape their respective lives not just for the French and Indian War but also into the Revolutionary War. Many events can be called historic, but few have such a cast of who's who before they were famous: George Washington, Thomas Gage, Horatio Gates, Daniel Morgan, and Daniel Boone. Sitting in this mix was a young lieutenant in the British Army, Quintin Kennedy of the 44th Regiment. Quintin was the son of David Kennedy of Ayrshire, an officer in the 44th. Though not in line for a title, David was Kennedy enough that he was granted a modest estate there called Drummallane. He would join the British Army and go to Ireland as part of the 44th. He would later obtain commissions for his sons Quintin and Primrose.

Quintin was sent to British North America with his unit as part of a massive build up and campaign to oust the French. The plan was comprised of four prongs to achieve that end, with the 44th as part of Braddock's column. Their objective was Fort Duquesne in the Ohio country, a critical link between Montreal and the Great Lakes with the Mississippi and New Orleans. Despite the simultaneous difficulties of building a road through wilderness while marching an army through it, things had actually gone pretty well. That was until they crossed the Monongahela on the final approach to their objective.

The British troops, though disciplined, had not trained for wilderness warfare. Formations and volley fire were ineffective against hidden, fluid forces and provided exceptional static targets. Indeed, when one considers that the main strategy of the native and French forces was to focus on the officers in order create more confusion, it is easy to see how things quickly went bad. Of 1300 men in the British column, 456 were killed and 422 wounded. Of 86 officers, 26 were killed and 37 wounded. Fortunately, Quintin was only slightly wounded. Braddock was not as fortunate as he received a mortal wound late in the battle. The battle became a rout, with the survivors fleeing back across the river and back to the supply camp. Despite being shot at repeatedly, Washington took charge in rallying the troops and bringing order to the situation. Also helping matters somewhat were the colonial troops that had experience in wilderness fighting. It was here that the lessons of the battle took hold for those that had witnessed it.

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## MARY LYNN'S LAST MESSAGE AS CHIEF

This is to inform the KSNA membership that I have resigned as Chief of the Kennedy Society as of February 13, 2021. The resignation is due to health concerns both physical and mental. Also there are big changes happening in my personal life. I will be getting married on March 1, 2021 to Randy Whipple. We will also be building our new home.

I thank you all for your support during my time as Chief.

Dave Carrick will be stepping into the Chief position. He has served as Deputy Chief and will continue to keep the Kennedy Society going strong.

Mary Lynn Grant





## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF DAVID CARRICK'S FIRST LETTER AS CHIEF

As you may know from a related article, Lynn has resigned as President/Chief. I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of all Kennedy Society members to thank her for years of varied and dedicated service to the organization. When I say "varied", there isn't much that she hasn't done: Tent convener, Tent Convener Education, Membership Chair, Deputy Chief, Chief and I am sure that I have left some things out, but you get the picture! I fully intend to continue the tradition of dedicated service to the Society that all of our past chiefs have shown.

Last year at this time, the world pretty much shut down due to the pandemic. This included the scheduled games that would be cancelled and the ripple effect that it had on clans, societies, vendors, and just plain old being able to go anywhere. This is continuing in the early part of this year as many of the early games have been canceled. However, games for later in the year are still planned: Smoky Mountain, Grandfather Mountain, and Stone Mountain are some of those. Also still scheduled are the games in Ligonier in mid-September - the site of this year's AGM.

One would have trouble finding another area that has a deep history with and the impact of the Scots and Scots-Irish than Western Pennsylvania. This region played a central role in the French and Indian War period and post-Revolutionary War history. Within a 100 mile radius were Fort Necessity, Braddock's defeat, Forts Duquesne and Pitt, the true embarkation point of the Lewis and Clark expedition, and at one time one of the largest concentrations of Presbyterians. Not to mention something near and dear to those that enjoy a wee dram - the center of the Whiskey Rebellion! An article regarding some of this history appears in this issue.

The next Kennedy Gazette will feature articles and information regarding the AGM, which is being hosted by Colleen Caldwell. Ligonier is great locale to hold an AGM, with a reconstructed fort, a quaint downtown, and a storybook site for the games themselves. If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to contact either Colleen or myself.

David Carrick



## ELEANOR FLOWERS

It has come to our attention that Eleanor, the wife of our founder John Flowers, is experiencing health issues that are distressful for her and her family. We shall all keep them both in our thoughts, our hearts, and be a support for them in this time of need. Chaplain Tom has asked that his prayer be sent out in support:

May I offer a prayer on behalf KSNA for Eleanor and John Flowers. Eleanor is undergoing much discomfort and waiting for word from doctors. May we all pray for Eleanor and John Flowers:

Dear God, our hearts are burdened for our friend Eleanor who is hurting right now. We ask that you would comfort Eleanor, that you would cover Eleanor with your infinite grace and mercy, surrounding her in peace.. We pray for renewed strength, for your goodness and mercy over their lives today.

Thank you God that you are with us always, that your presence is mighty, and you hear our prayers on behalf of Eleanor and John. We ask that you would show yourself strong on their behalf. Remind them that nothing is too difficult for you, and you are leading them through this difficult time, covering them in your care. We know and believe beyond any doubt, that your power and love will never fail. Amen.



## THE HISTORY OF QUINTIN KENNEDY (continued)

For Quintin Kennedy, he realized that you can't fight an unconventional foe or war in a conventional manner. And he had seen firsthand that the British attitude in dealing with natives was not conducive in gaining trust and alliances while the French were much more successful in their approach. Braddock had difficulties in obtaining and keeping natives to act as scouts and allies because he didn't appreciate it understand how to do so. As a result, he was operating at a disadvantage by having very little intelligence available to him. Quintin saw this weakness and decided to something about it.

He was sent to the Mohawk Valley where he immersed himself in Iroquois culture, dressing, fighting, and living as an Iroquois. He married an Iroquois woman and his inseparable best friend was an Iroquois named Silver Heels. Because of his backgrounds, Quintin had the respect of both natives and the British and Americans. His skills enabled him to complete long range intelligence gathering operations, and it was during such a mission to Quebec that he was captured by the Abenakis, long a French ally and who frequently raised the northeast. His commanding officer, Thomas Gage, also served with him on the Monongahela campaign and made sure to obtain his release. By late in the French and Indian War he had served in every theater in North America, including against the Cherokee in the southern Appalachians. Unfortunately, he never received the commissions or promotions that he desired - or probably deserved. His last assignment was to fight the French in Martinique, and by his side was Silver Heels. Having survived many dangers and adventures in North America, it is ironic that he died of disease in the West Indies. Quinn's dream to retire to a quiet life in Ayrshire died there as well.

It is important to note that Quintin's legacy did not end with his death. He helped to make light infantry tactics and forces a part of every war since then, including Roger's Rangers, in order to conduct reconnaissance and guerilla warfare. Indeed, his contributions were such that there is a French and Indian War reenactors group titled the "Quintin Kennedy Detachment" that participates in events at sites related to that period. He was eyewitness to one of the greatest defeats ever suffered by the British Army until that time yet took that experience to help it achieve the goal of British domination of Canada, the Ohio country, and beyond. His contributions made him worthy of serving at the Monongahela with others whose roles played a big part in the Revolution and the exploration and settlement of the land beyond the Appalachians. Truly, he was a man of and ahead of his time.

Submitted by: David Carrick

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## A PRAYER FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

By God's grace we are empowered to do far more than we can imagine. When we try to work in the strength of our own personalities, the results will be slender. But when we yield ourselves to the Lord and let Him work through us, the work goes faster and further than we realize.

These words are also true with our Kennedy Society and when we ask for God's help, the efforts of our Board and tent volunteers working together build a bright future for KSNA and with God's Grace we will succeed.

Blessings, Tom Kennedy, Chaplain





## THE KSNA IS AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IS MARCH 31

The Kennedy Society awards annual scholarships to students of Celtic arts such as dance, pipes, drums, harp, fiddle, and language arts. Adults may also apply. To receive a Kennedy Society scholarship, the student must meet these criteria:

- Be sponsored by a Kennedy Society member  
**Note:** The student himself or herself does not have to belong to the KSNA. However, the student must be sponsored by a KSNA member. Otherwise, the application will be considered invalid.
- Plan to attend a certified workshop, class lessons, or camp of instruction
- Provide documentation of certification of the workshop, class, camp, or instructor

A scholarship award covers the cost of workshop, class, or camp registration.

To apply, fill out the scholarship application which can be found on the Kennedy Society website at: **kennedysociety.org** OR request an application from Sue Kennedy at the address below. Your instructor or band director may also have applications.

Send the application to the Scholarship Committee in care of:

Mrs. Sue Kennedy  
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Please feel free to contact Sue with any other questions.

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## FLOWERS OF THE FOREST THOMAS KENNEDY

Thomas Kennedy, 60, of Troutman, North Carolina, passed away on January 7, 2021. He was born on November 27, 1960 in Orange, NJ to Charles Kennedy, Jr and the late Alice Dobos Kennedy.

He lived in the Roxbury and Parsippany areas of New Jersey until he relocated to North Carolina in the mid-2000s.

Mr. Kennedy attended Calvary Chapel Riverbend and was a member of Kennedy Society of North America. Thomas had a servant's heart and was always willing to help people in any way that he could. He loved to make people laugh. He had a large extended family with many cousins. He was very close to his wife's children and grandchildren, who miss him dearly.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Dice Kennedy; father, Charles Kennedy, Jr; his beloved son, Nicholas William Kennedy; sisters, Debra Kennedy and Kathleen Kennedy Hall; brothers, C. Michael Kennedy, Jr. and Joseph Kennedy.



## WHERE WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE WILL BE A KENNEDY TENT MARCH - JULY 2021

~~Cancelled: Loch Norman Highland Games, Huntersville, NC~~

~~Cancelled: Savannah Scottish Games, Savannah, GA~~

May 15-16th: Smokey Mountain Scottish Festival & Games

~~Cancelled: Gallabrae Scottish Games, Greenville, SC~~

\*\*June 6th: Scottish Festival, Old Orchard Beach, Maine

June 30th: Round Hill Highland Games, Lakeville, CT

July 8th-11th: Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, Linville, NC

Unfortunately, many games have been cancelled out of an abundance of caution. This leaves us with few if any games still being held. We try to keep updates on our Facebook page as we receive news, but please check with the games office before traveling to any game you had intended on going to and feel free to check in with us as well.

Any conveners that are planning to work games in 2021 please be sure to send the dates to Samantha or David so that we can ensure the information is shared.



## BOXTY (IRISH POTATOE PANCAKES)

SOURCE: [DINNERVINE.COM](http://DINNERVINE.COM)

Prep time: 20 mins  
Cook time: 10 mins  
Total time: 30 mins  
Serves: 5 medium cakes



Irish style pancakes, or boxty, are a delicious alternative to the average pancake! Golden brown, savory and simple! Serve up anytime of day with some sour cream and green onion.

This is a great recipe for using leftover mashed potatoes! You can use other varieties of potato, but I prefer regular russet baking potatoes. If I do not have leftover mashed taters, I make a simpler version for this recipe, omitting butter and just using some of the buttermilk and S&P. These can be made ahead. You can buy pre-shredded potatoes as well, which speeds this up. Make cakes larger as desired, but the cooking time will increase, I prefer them smaller for more crispy surface area.

### RECIPE INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup mashed potatoes (russet, leftover)
- 1.5 cups shredded potatoes (as for hash browns)
- 1 T grated white onion
- 1 clove garlic, grated or minced
- 1/2 cup butter milk
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup all purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp sea salt (+ more if your potatoes aren't already salted)
- 1/4 tsp coarsely ground black pepper (more to taste)
- Sour cream, for topping
- Sliced green onion, for topping (green part only)

### RECIPE METHOD

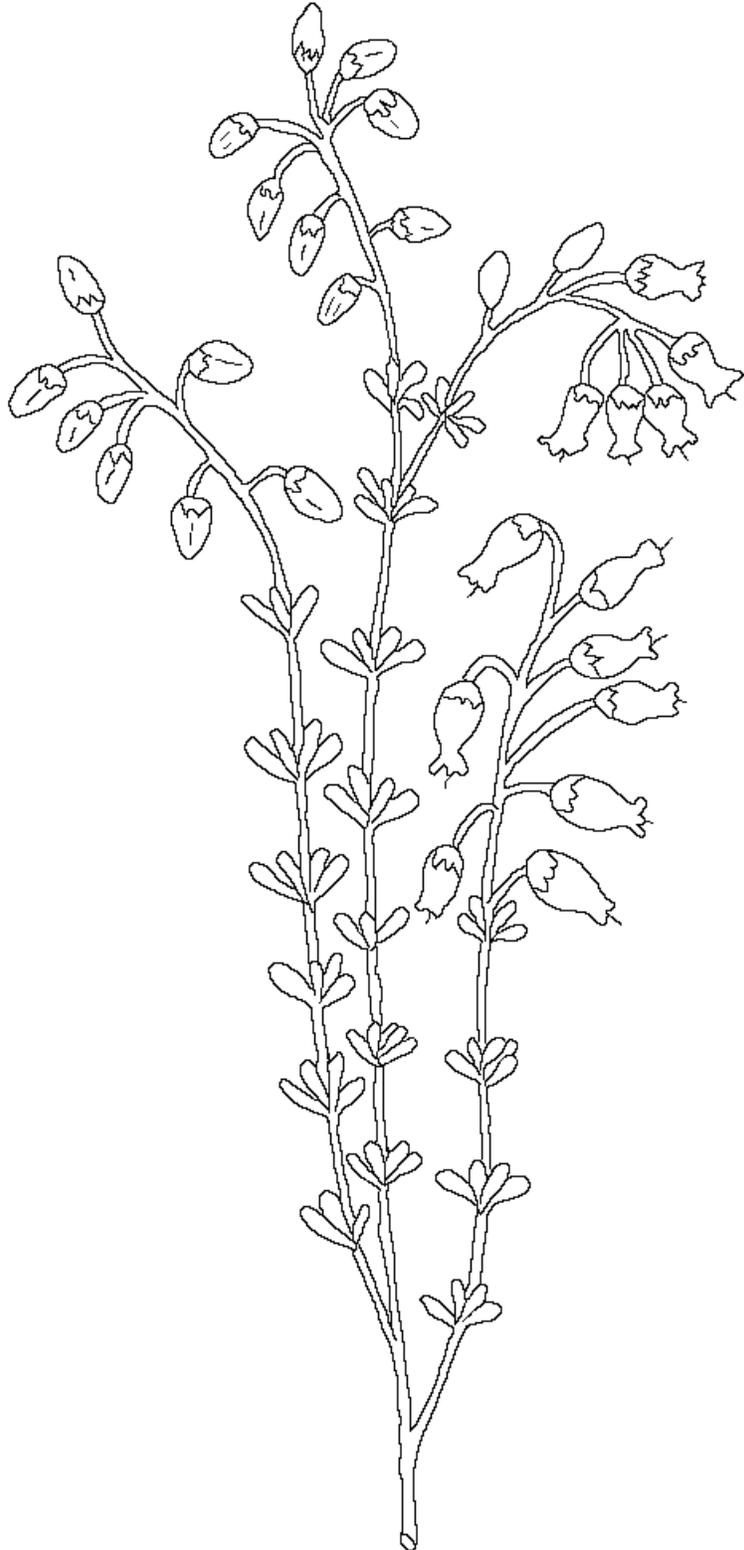
1. (If you don't have leftover mashed potatoes, make by: Peeling 2 medium russets & dicing, boiling in salted water until very soft, draining & cooling, then mashing by hand with 1/4 cup buttermilk and salt & pepper).
2. Grate 1.5 cups of peeled russet potato using a boxed grater (or you can buy a bag of pre-shredded potatoes) and squeeze out any residual moisture by wringing shredded potatoes wrapped in cheesecloth.
3. In a large flat skillet, cook a few pieces of bacon (for the grease) and set bacon aside for another use, reserving grease in pan.
4. In a mixing bowl, combine mashed potatoes (room temp or cooled), grated potato, salt, pepper, flour, and baking powder, then adding buttermilk until mix is wet (will be lumpy) like a batter.
5. Return skillet with bacon grease to stove to preheat, and add ~1/4 cup of batter for each pancake, (slightly spreading with spatula, to form a thin circle), cook a few at a time, depending on skillet size.
6. Cook cakes on each side ~4 mins, until each side is golden brown & cake is cooked through.
7. If making multiple batches, place finished cakes to warm on a baking sheet into a 250 degree oven, until all are done.
8. Serve cakes warm with side of sour cream & chopped green onion on top!

Welcome to our recipe section, this edition I decided since we are in March and our group is both Irish and Scottish to do a little research into some classic Irish recipes. I found a recipe so close to a recipe from my early childhood that I was stunned! My Great Grandfather used to cook this for me for breakfast when I was a wee tot and fending for ourselves while everyone else went shopping. I've never been able to recreate it, but this is incredibly close. I hope you enjoy!



## COLORING PAGE

While heather is one of the two national flowers of Norway, it is commonly associated with Scotland where it grows on the moorlands and sides of bens (mountains). It is an evergreen shrub with purple stems. Sometimes a heather plant will only grow to be a few inches tall, sometimes it can grow to be almost 3 feet tall. However, it usually grows to be about a foot tall, a little bigger than a standard basketball. The flowers are quite small, about the size of a pencil top eraser. The flowers are usually pink to purple in color, but sometimes are white. According to tradition in Scotland, white heather is especially lucky. The flowers are quite small, about the size of an eraser on the end of a pencil. Birds can eat heather seeds, while sheep, cattle, and deer can graze on the plants. Heather has been used for other purposes, such as fuel, ropes, and brooms. The flowers can be used to make tea and some herbal remedies. In the past, heather plants were used to build houses and dye fabric. Sometimes it is even used to make jewelry! Heather is a beautiful and useful plant.





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