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## In the Celtic Spotlight **Lord Charles Versus the Volcano**



At the beginning of April I received my programme for 2010, Savannah & Maryland in May followed by Ligonier, in Pennsylvania and the Loon Mountain Highland Games in New Hampshire in September.

I booked my flights for May; sat back and waited - looking forward to returning to the States after a great Burns Night. Then 3 weeks before flying, the volcano Eyjafjallajokull erupts! It's ash everywhere, closing all UK and most European airports.

After waiting a week, it was time to check with airline and make alternative arrangements. Now, I had

two weeks before flying. I was asked to wait a couple more days. I did so, and at the same time, I looked into traveling to Spain & Germany by train because some airports were beginning to reopen there.

I also looked into coming out by sea! On rechecking with the airline, I was pleased to hear that everything was back to normal!!!!

Alas, the day before I was meant to fly, Scottish airports started to close down again. More ASH - too late to change; so I went to the airport to wait for the first flight via Heathrow to Newark.

Luckily, I was only delayed 24 hours. The Taliban tried to prevent my trip after 9/11; and the ash cloud also failed - so come on, world, just try and stop me from visiting the KSNA! It became a team effort, so a big "Thanks" to Sue & Chris for adapting to all my changes and an even bigger one to Shannon Kennedy for enabling me to be in Savannah on time. It was a long drive!

The Savannah games were great. They are held in a wonderful setting surrounded by trees with about 25 other clans. The gathering was small but fun and full of good cheer, We had quite a number coming to our tent. Sue was dancing around as 4 NEW members joined. Ten 10 people took part in the Parade of Tartans with Cliff Kennedy and family in the lead. It made me feel very proud and well worth the travel problems. Now it's on to Maryland to join Bill and Julie for their games.

Great news from home. My younger daughter Lady Alicia completed and finished her 1st London Marathon of 26.5 miles in just over 4 hours which equates to 9 minutes a mile. (*Editor's note: see story and photo in story on page 3.*) I was and am VERY PROUD of her. Just goes to show the KENNEDYS do not quit.

So, I expect to see you all at our AGM in September. Just remember, if there's more than 1 Kennedy in a room its a party...and September is party time . Take care until then. Feel free to contact me if any of you are visiting Scotland before hand. Until the next time, **Lord Charles, your Hereditary Chief**





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## MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE KENNEDY AGM AT THE LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES IN PENNSYLVANIA

The 2010 Kennedy Society Annual General Meeting will be September 11, 2010 at the Ligonier Highland Games in Idlewild Park, just west of Ligonier, PA. Lord Charles Kennedy, the Chief of Kennedy, The Most Honourable Marquess of Ailsa, will be in attendance. A banquet is being held after the AGM on Saturday evening at the Ligonier Country Inn, our clan's official accommodation. Price and menu options to follow in the next edition of the Gazette.

**Make Your Reservations Now  
at the Ligonier Country Inn, just 3 miles east of  
Ligonier on U.S. Hwy 30**

Reservations are filling quickly, so act accordingly. We will be having our banquet in the Inn and there is a pub on the premises.

<http://www.ligoniercountryinn.com/lodging.asp>  
Phone Reservations: 724-238-3651



### Other Lodging Options in the Ligonier Area are:

#### In Ligonier:

Ramada Inn, Ligonier, PA 724-238-9545 (closest to the games)

#### 13 miles south:

Log Cabin Motel, Donegal, PA 800-734-8105

Days Inn, Donegal, PA 724-593-7536

#### 20 miles west:

Sheraton Four Points, Greensburg, PA 724-836-6060

Knights Inn, Greensburg, PA 724-836-7100

Comfort Inn, Greensburg, PA 724-838-7070

#### 16 miles east:

Laurel Manor Motel, Jennerstown, PA 814-629-9058

#### 10 miles northwest:

Wingate by Wyndham, Latrobe, PA 724-539-0400

#### 25 miles west:

Howard Johnson, New Stanton, PA 724-925-3511

#### Camping and RVs:

KOA Madison, PA about 30 miles west 724-722-4444

*Editor's note: Pathways that are called roads within the park Do NOT accommodate an RV. Parking for such vehicles would have to be in the public parking lots.*

### Ticket/Package Information

Ticket price information for the 2010 Ligonier games can be obtained by calling the games office in Altoona, PA.

**814-931-4714**

The Ligonier Highland Games website is being revised and should be up and running shortly with additional information.



On the first Saturday after Labor Day, Idlewild Park's ferris wheel is quiet, there are no waves in the splash park, and the squeals of playful children have faded, giving way to the skirl of bagpipes as the park becomes Scottish for a day.

Events of the day include gathering of the clans, bagpipe and heavy athletic competition, a vendor village, demonstration of Celtic crafts, a Scottish breed dog exhibit, traditional and modern Celtic music, Scottish Country Dancing, Celtic foods and more.

And on September 11, the wild and mighty Kennedys will arrive! For more information, contact:

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## Thoughts from our Chief

Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you who belong to the Kennedy Society for allowing me to be your Chief. We are a far-flung organization of rather diverse people at least from an age and occupation standpoint, but we have a common denominator – membership. It is important to me that you enjoy and find value in belonging. I wish that we could cover enough games that all could meet other members. It is getting better, things have a long way to go.

There are several new things happening that you will read or hear more about and I wanted to cover a few. We are hoping to change the structure of the KSNA from a not-for-profit organization to a not-for-profit charity. Our major goal has long been education and scholarship. This move is designed to strengthen these goals. You will be receiving more information on this and your positive support will be needed at bylaws time.

A second thing that I feel is important is that we continue to take a percentage of dues and designate them for scholarship. This amount is small but in time I hope this fund will afford real support. We have many very talented people in the KSNA and to aid them in growing our Celtic heritage would be wonderful.

We have started a face KSNA site to add another form of communication and information. I urge you to join and encourage others to do so also. You can do so from the KSNA website link. A final thing that I will mention for now is that with the last Board of Governors meeting we voted to give a non-paying membership to active service men and women who are of Kennedy descent. If you know of someone who would like to be a member, have them contact our membership chairman Lynn Grant, or you can make the contact yourself.

I could go on and on. I am so honored and excited to be your President/Chief that it is hard for me to be brief. I look forward to meeting you at games or hearing from you by email or phone. Up the coast ... the wild and might Kennedys are here. **Chris Kennedy**



### Lady Alicia Finishes London Marathon

Lady Alicia Kennedy competed in the recent London Marathon. She describes the photo sent to her father and to Kennedy Society members in the U.S. "I honestly don't always look this bad! I'm the one in green. The photo was taken on 26th of April at about a mile from the finish line.

By then, I'd run almost the full 26.3 miles around London and it was a hot, sunny day. I managed it in just over 4 hours (4 hours 5 minutes) and have raised £2500 for my chosen charity, Barnardo's. It was an incredible day with my friends, sister and her finance Nicko cheering me on from the side lines and an immediate phone call from my Father on the finish line to make sure I was still alive!"

*Editor's Note: Whatever the issue from drug misuse to disability; youth crime to mental health; sexual abuse to domestic violence; poverty to homelessness; Barnardo's believes that it is possible to bring out the best in every child. They run 415 projects across the UK.*



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## Kennedys at the Games

Reports from around North America



### ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL KILT NIGHT

Sue Kennedy wishes to express her thanks to all those who make the Spring Kilt night on March 27 such a success...Jordan for a grand evening of Celtic song! Jordan always comes down from Rhode Island for the price of his airline ticket. So his tips are the only "real" money he makes all evening. Thanks for being so generous!...Young Clan for their special anonymous support! ...The raffle was a success, thanks to ya'll. The raffle is the only way we have to offset the expenses of Kilt Night. We have expenses such as the raffle items themselves, the sound equipment and the sound man himself, the highland dancer, etc....Thistle and Kudzu Dancers, who come all the way from Athens to dance with us! Thistle and Kudzu Dancers, who come all the way from Athens to dance with us!...I especially want to thank each of you for your enthusiasm. I looked around at one point and I saw everyone singing - their songs books open and their head raised in song. What a grand sight! We will see you for Fall Kilt Night and the Whiskey Tasting on November 6. Mark your calendars!



### Celtic Festival Buffalo, Missouri

Hello from Missouri. The September 2009 Celtic Festival was held in Buffalo, Missouri. My wife and I hosted the Kennedy Clan tent. This was the first year for the Kennedys to be represented even though we have many Kennedys in the area. Sadly, we didn't get the tent kit in time to get the postcards out to everyone but we still had a great time and our Clan was welcomed with open arms. We had our share of Toad in the Hole, Scotch Eggs and even Haggis. Well, I had the Haggis, my wife chickened out even though I told her it was the Americanized version. I had my Great Kilt redone by a lady in the area who makes kilts and other "period" clothing. It was so large that she was able to make me a Wee Kilt, my wife a long skirt, a flying plaid and flashes with plenty of fabric left over. When the



weekend ended, we were sad to have to leave, but we will be doing it again this year, God willing. This year, I'm hoping to participate in the games as well. As we say out here, "If youens get out this way, stop in and set a spell."

Submitted by Duane Kennedy, Springfield, Missouri



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## LOCH NORMAN HIGHLAND GAMES AT RURAL HILL

Friday afternoon, April 16, 2010, the field at Rural Hill became alive with Scots and the luring sound of bagpipes! After the wonderful reception and sharing of the Haggis, and renewing of old friendships, we moved to the field for the Calling of the Clans. This year Rural Hill had added a second set of bleachers and they were both full!! As the Calling began, you could feel the love of Scotland, of Family, and of Friends - present and past - fill the air as each torch was lit and each Clan name called out. Mike Frady was our representative on the field again as his voice carries so well on that field.



Saturday and Sunday, we were blessed with some of the most beautiful weather I have ever seen at the Loch Norman Games. Rural Hill and the Catawba Valley Scottish Society reported that attendance far exceeded last year's games. We visited with members of Clan Kennedy that stopped in to say hello and share food and drink.



As we watched the Heavy Athletics on Saturday, we were witness to a record breaking sheaf toss!! And then on Sunday, our own Caitlin Frady won the race for the little girls! Thank you to all that made our Kennedy Tent such a success at Loch Norman. We hope to see you all there next year!

We also met some new Kennedy's that had never been to Loch Norman -- one of which joined our growing family. Welcome to Rosemary Kannady Glatzel and her husband David!! Curtis Burrow, one of our newer members, was a great help with The Kennedy Society tent this year. Thank you to him for all his help and support!!

Submitted by Lynn Grant



Chris Kennedy and Paul Key pause at the site of the Memorial Cairn at Rural Hill where a stone was placed to honor the life of recently deceased society member Dick Kennedy.



Caitlin Frady, after her first time to compete in a kilted race, was awarded her first place medal by Chief Chris Kennedy. She was very proud of herself. Her comment to her mother was " I just ran faster than all the other girls, mommy."



## SOURCE FOR SAFARI STYLE SHIRT

I just purchased a safari style shirt from Cabela's. John Kennedy in Canada inspired this purchase. If you have seen pictures of his shirt with Kennedy tartan on the epaulets, it really looks sharp. Cheers, **Bill Kennedy**



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## Savannah Games - May 8, 2010

The plans were all confirmed - everything was set. Lord Charles was to join us for the Savannah Games on May 8. Then an e-mail came – “I’m stuck in Glasgow (the volcano has burped!) and I may need to make alternate arrangements”.



He looked at arrangements such as driving to southern England and getting across the Channel to France, or taking a boat across the Atlantic. Lord Charles was determined that no mere volcano was keeping him away from his clan! In the end, the volcanic ash lifted, other flight arrangements were arranged and Lord Charles arrived in the States very weary, but undaunted and resolute! A clan chief extraordinaire!!



The Kennedy Society had not participated in the Savannah Games in many years, and we were especially pleased to sign new members Martha Gamble from Duluth Georgia and Scott Kennedy from Pooler Georgia.



The weekend was delightful with Chris and Sue Kennedy and Shannon Kennedy joining Lord Charles at the Savannah Games. Complete with Spanish moss and old southern charm, the Savannahians charmed Lord Charles with their Southern grace and hospitality.

After the Games we refreshed ourselves with a visit to Molly MacPherson's Scottish Pub – a must for those who like “all things Scottish”.

**Submitted by Sue Kennedy**

## INTRODUCING THE KENNEDY SOCIETY SUNSHINE LADY

My name is Lynda Kennedy. I have been asked to introduce myself as the Sunshine Lady for the Kennedy Society. I have been married to a Kennedy for forty seven years. My background is Scottish on my Mother's side of the family. My Grandmother Ida Mae always spoke of her wee brother Billy going into his kilt when he came of age.. I have not done the genealogy search yet, but I hope it turns up some interesting facts. By profession, I am a retired nurse practitioner. My hobbies are reading, traveling, and enjoying my four grandchildren. As the Sunshine Lady, I would like everyone to let me know if there is a serious illness or a bereavement among the Society members. I will do my best to send them a card or message. You can reach me by email at [Lynda.Kennedy22@yahoo.com](mailto:Lynda.Kennedy22@yahoo.com) or by phone at 252-972-7717.





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## The Celtic Curse... Hemochromatosis is in the genes of Scots and Irish

Jim Kennedy and his wife Margaret know the "curse" well. Margaret is a nurse and was diagnosed with Hemochromatosis after demanding a liver biopsy in 1991. Her brother came back from Saudi Arabia and had to be hospitalized. Hospital doctors did a liver biopsy and the test indicated that he had Cirrohsis, one of the advanced stage symptoms of Hemochromatosis . Jim and Margaret have asked that we include information on this common, yet little known disorder.

"The Celtic Curse," a disease that deposits iron in the heart, joints, liver, pancreas and pituitary gland, and eventually "rusts" the insides of bodies. While no one is immune to hemochromatosis, those with Irish, Scottish or British heritage have a significantly higher chance of carrying the gene mutation that may cause them to develop the potentially deadly disorder.

Some researchers believe that hemochromatosis originated more than 40,000 years ago in the area we now know as Ireland with a single person whose genes mutated so that he or she could over-absorb iron to compensate for an iron-poor diet. Today, with iron-enriched foods, iron supplements and plenty of red meat, there's no need to pull in extra iron, yet many still carry the ancient mutated genes that cause their bodies to do so, at toxic levels.

Left untreated, Hemochromatosis can lead to everything from early menopause and infertility to diabetes, heart failure, cirrhosis, primary liver cancer and even death. Symptoms are all over the map, ranging from elevated liver enzymes, cirrhosis, tender swollen joints, heart problems, changes in skin pigmentation (turning bronze without going to the beach), depression, increase in blood glucose levels, a swollen stomach or a heavy feeling (mostly on the right side of the belly), redness in the palms of the hands, an enlarged spleen, chronic fatigue and, believe it or not, anemia.

But if caught before damage is done, Hemochromatosis patients can be saved, and their health restored through a process called bloodletting, or phlebotomies. Margaret has been living with the illness for almost 20 years.

According to the Mayo Clinic, some people with hereditary Hemochromatosis never have symptoms. Others experience a wide range of problems. They can vary from person to person, and may differ from men to women.

**When signs and symptoms typically appear** Although the genetic defect that causes hereditary hemochromatosis is present at birth, most people don't experience signs and symptoms until later in life — usually between the ages of 30 and 50 in men and after age 50 in women. Women are more likely to have symptoms after menopause, when they no longer lose iron with menstruation and pregnancy.

**Early-stage signs and symptoms (many mimic other illness)** - Arthritis, especially in your hands; Chronic fatigue; Loss of sex drive or impotence; Lack of normal menstruation; Abdominal pain; High blood sugar levels; Low thyroid function; Abnormal liver function tests, even if no other symptoms are present.

**Advanced-stage signs and symptoms** - In later stages of the disease, you may develop serious conditions such as: Cirrhosis, a condition marked by irreversible scarring of the liver; Liver failure; Liver cancer; Diabetes; Congestive heart failure; Cardiac arrhythmia; Discolored skin that's bronze or gray in appearance.

### When to see a doctor

See your doctor if you experience any of the signs and symptoms of hereditary Hemochromatosis. And if you're age 25 or older and have an immediate family member who has Hemochromatosis, see your doctor to be genetically tested to see if you have the gene defects that put you at risk of Hemochromatosis. Monitoring and treatment can help you avoid complications.

For those who have questions about the disorder and treatments Margaret Kennedy would be glad to answer those people with questions about sources of information such as the Iron Disorders Institute (IDI) in Greenville, SC. Her phone number is 910-868-3605.



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## KENNEDY WARRIOR PROJECT

Just to let you all know what a wonderful time we had at the Loch Norman Games. We were truly blessed with good weather and gracious hosts over at the Kennedy tent! Now, let me lay this upon you. I am starting a project called "The Kennedy Warrior Project". This will highlight Society members and those of their family who have served their nation in the military. The names will be placed upon a "board" and or framed portrait to be displayed in the tent. So ...if any one of you have ever served, or have a relative that has or is, please let me know. Just follow the directions below and we should have the "interim" display up at Grandfather. Please provide the following:

1. Name of KSNA member or their relative who has served.
2. Their branch of service (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, or Retired, and under what Flag they served (country or King).
3. Advise if they were a combat veteran.
4. Advise if deceased.
5. This includes Kennedy's and their relatives from ALL past (as far back as you can go) and present conflicts.



Since we are gaining new members all the time, and each time we get together we learn more about who we are as a society, this "board" will be ever expanding. If you have any questions what so ever, please feel free to ask. Thank you for your time.

Warmest regards ....

**Michael "Mike" Frady, USAF Ret**  
NA/SD, KSNA-SRC  
S.A.M.S. Post 1775 VC  
Rolling Thunder NC-7  
And Daddy and now "Gramps"



**MIKE FRADY IS ONE VERY PROUD GRANDPA!** This note was written right after the birth of his grandson. "This to inform each of you that last night at 2158 (9:58 pm for you under-privileged kids), Friday, 9 April. My daughter Rhonda Michelle gave birth to an 8 lb 4 oz baby boy. Mom is resting comfortably. PLEASE, PLEASE keep them in your thoughts and prayers...Me, too, also, as this "Grandpa" stuff is a new world to me!



Good morning! Just thought I'd pass this picture along. Gillian was in the Maple Highland Dance Competition recently and won 1st in the fling, 1st in the Sean Triubhas and won the overall trophy for her group! Our next competition is March 14, I'll keep you informed! **Diane Bradshaw**



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## Flowers of the Forest

Remembering Kennedys and Others



**Richard Newton Kennedy, Jr.**, 71, of Dunwoody, GA lost his courageous battle with cancer on April 13, 2010. Dick was an inspiration to everyone with his humor and smile. The Savannah native had an avid interest in history, antique firearms, and memorabilia. He operated his Atlanta business, The Gun Room, until his death. His interest in antique weaponry led him to membership in the 78th Regiment of the Foot Frazer's Highlanders where served as Major, the Old Guard of the Gate, Atlanta; Sons of Confederate. He had a lifetime membership in the National Rifle Association and was a founding member and director of the Southeastern Antique Arms Collectors Association. He was an expert appraiser of antique firearms and served as an appraiser on the Antique Road Show. The Civil War was an era of special expertise. It is unclear how many period pieces Dick owned. One of his collection, was the Kennedy Rifle, manufactured in Mechanics Hill (now known as Robbins), NC. It was supplied to the U.S. troops in the War of 1812. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Vicki Kennedy, his daughter Laurie Kennedy, his son and daughter-in-law Ben and Tonya Kennedy; his granddaughters Georgia and Piper Kennedy. He will be sorely missed by all of us who looked forward to seeing him around the Kennedy tent at the Stone Mountain games and others in the Southeast.



**CORINNA - Patrick L. Grover**, 59, died Monday, April 12, 2010, at a Bangor hospital. He was born March 17, 1951, in Gardiner, the son of Lawrence and Mildred (Dort) Grover. After high school, Patrick joined the U.S. Army where he served in the Vietnam War as a Russian-Vietnamese linguist. After his discharge from the Army, he joined Monterey County Sheriff's Department where he worked until his retirement. After resettling in Maine, Patrick worked for Harris House and Maine Center for Integrated Rehabilitation, where he greatly touched the lives of residents and clients. Patrick enjoyed playing the side drum competitively in Monterey Bay Pipe Band and Maine pipe band, Rocky Bay. He will always be remembered for his admittedly dry sense of humor, and his ability to retain and retell long stories and jokes. He is survived by his loving wife of 13 years, Ada Grover; daughter, Colleen Erin Grover; son, Isaac Grey-McLaren; brother, Morgan Grover; sister, Connie Huntley; nephews, Patrick and Wendell Skidgell; cousins, Raymond and Arbeth "Petie" Coffren; mother-in-law, Patricia McLaren; and many friends.

**PEARL (KENNEDY) MARSHALL** of Alberta Canada, a member of the Kennedy Society, passed away January 23, 2010. Her grandson wore a kilt of Kennedy tartan when he delivered his grandmother's tribute at her funeral service.

### VOICE OF EDINBURGH TATTOO IS SILENT

*The Daily Record, UK.com*

The man who was the voice of the Edinburgh Tattoo and whose resonant Scottish accent was heard by millions across the world, has died. Broadcaster and actor Tom Fleming, 82, died at St Columba's Hospice in Edinburgh on Sunday night, his agent said. Fleming, who entertained and informed millions, provided the commentary for consecutive Tattoos from 1966 until 2009. His distinctive voice described major royal and state occasions, including the Queen's coronation, Diana's funeral and the opening of the Scottish Parliament. First Minister Alex Salmond said Fleming was "a great Scot who will be much missed".





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*Editor's Note: Sue told me that some of you have requested news from "home." As a former reporter myself, I began to search the Scottish newspaper accounts online to see just what was happening across the pond. So here's some of the news that Scottish fish and chip wrappers thought fit to print...in a writing style far different than in the United States.*

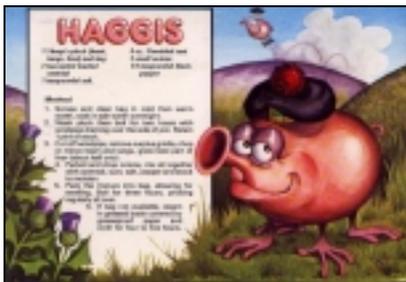


## Ayrshire hen stuck in car grill survives ordeal

March 19, 2010 by Edwin Lawrence, Ayrshire Post (main edition)

They say a cat has nine lives. But meet the incredible hitch-hiking hen. Henny Penny not only survived impact with a car. But her head was stuck in the radiator grille. And she was carried an unknown distance like that. Fate made the driver stop at Coylton's Spar store. And another shopper told him: "You've got a hen on your car." Fortunately shopper Nora Hogg wasn't afraid to investigate. And she managed to free the hen's head. Miraculously, the bird was alive. And Nora took it back to Lorna Lazenby's Mainhill Veterinary Centre. Lorna kept the bird a couple of nights to make sure it was alright. Then she handed it over to a local smallholding. Lorna said: "All we know is that a chap in a wee black car pulled in at the Spar shop. "We don't know where he came from or where he was going. "But he told Nora he had been driving about an hour. "He was clearly unaware that he had picked up a hen in his travels. "But it's pretty amazing that it survived what must have been impact with the vehicle.

"Then being whizzed along the road, hanging by the neck, for who knows how long." Lorna added: "We don't know if Henny Penny will lay any eggs. "But nothing would surprise me about this wee hen."



## World's biggest haggis cooked in Ayrshire

June 5, 2009 by Edwin Lawrence, Ayrshire Post

The biggest haggis the world has ever seen was cooked in Mauchline. And it was half-ton high-light of the Holy Fair. This great chieftain was truly the greatest of all time – a massive 1274 pounds. That's 534 pounds more than the previous record. So the Mauchline record should stand for years to come.

Slow cooking of the haggis began two days before the fair. It was boiled in a giant tank, and no-one could be sure what would happen. Would the haggis burst open and provide the largest tank of haggis soup the world has seen? And even if it held, would such a monster cook right

through? And would it survive being lifted out the tank? Mauchline Burns Club member Peter Scally, an ex-army cook, was in charge of the process. And he watched over the haggis like an expectant father. By the morning of the fair, the haggis showed a slight split on top. And Peter feared it might also be splitting at the bottom. But his nerves were calmed when liquid was drained from the bottom of the tank – and it was clear stock. The bag survived boiling and lifting, and was duly cut open and addressed by the Burns Club's Andrew Cooper, before samples were passed round the crowd. The great event took place on the Bleaching Green, where Burns met wife-to-be Jean Armour. Mauchline Burns Club is now sending all the documentation on the event, along with a DVD, to Guinness World Records in London.



## Sorry darling, I've dented the Aston Martin: Party girls lands on £130,000 supercar after 12 foot fall from window

*The Daily Mail, 13th May 2010* When Jade Bates plunged from a bedroom window, she was lucky that something cushioned her fall. She was spared serious injury when she landed - on the bonnet of her boyfriends' new £130,000 Aston Martin. Unfortunately her fall left a huge dent that could cost thousands of pounds to repair. The bizarre accident happened at 7:00 am Sunday at a townhouse in Scotland's oil capital of Aberdeen, where friends were celebrating a birthday. Miss Bates, 22, suffered a broken foot in the fall. The car, which was parked in the driveway of the townhouse had only been purchased a few weeks before.

The boyfriend was said to have been distressed over the incident. When asked to comment, he said that he did not want to talk about the incident, "As you can see, I'm not in the mood."

Grampian police interviewed the couple but said they were making no further inquiries about the accident. "There were no suspicious circumstances" the police determined.





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## **Culzean Castle and Country Park scoops sixth award**

March 5, 2010 by Yonnie McInnes,  
Ayrshire Post (main edition)

STAFF at Culzean Country Park, run by the National Trust for Scotland, have just received a prestigious award in recognition of 25 years of successful education work. It was presented to Culzean ranger Katie Walker by Prince Edward at Windsor Castle. Last July staff and volunteers found out that they would receive the Sandford Award for Heritage Education for a sixth time. Culzean won its first award in 1984 and has consistently been deemed deserving of an award every five years since. In the last five years Culzean's education staff have introduced new programmes on Victorian life 'Schoolroom to Scullery'; World War II; pollution indicators; conservation for biodiversity; growing plants; heritage conservation; and have also revised the existing programmes in light of the new Curriculum for Excellence. Culzean's property manager Paul Pomfret said: "To achieve one Sandford Award is cause for celebration in itself, but to achieve six consecutive awards over 25 years shows the long term commitment we have placed on education as a priority. These decades of success are a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved."



## **'Mayhem' of wind farm trucks on South Ayrshire roads**

April 16, 2010 by Edwin Lawrence, Ayrshire Post (main edition)

Country folk fear years of road hell – in the name of 'going green'. For a wind farm project is daily putting dozens more heavy trucks on their roads. And that's before the wind turbines are even ready to go up. For trees are being cut down in a forest near Barrhill to make space for the turbines. And there is a daily convoy of timber trucks – most headed north through the village of Pinwherry. "There can be 50 or 60 lorries a day," said Peter Walker, chairman of Pinwherry and Pinmore Community Council.



They have smashed up the grass verges, and hit the bridges on the A714. "Most of the drivers are not considerate, and it can be a terrifying experience if you meet one on the road." Quinten Fyfe, who lives near the Pinmore viaduct, said: "The road is very dangerous. It can be a scary experience just coming out of your drive." Mr. Fyfe added: "There's a lot of homes and farms along the roadside between Girvan and Barrhill. "So there's a lot of access roads, some near blind corners.

"It can also be dangerous for anyone having to cross the road on foot, to catch a bus or visit a friend. "I do a lot of cycling, and some of the lorry drivers don't give you any consideration."

A public meeting was due in Pinwherry Community Centre on Wednesday this week. And country people were waiting to hear what 'green' company Scottish Power Renewables is going to do to help them. "We could be putting up with this roads mayhem for years to come. There is another wind farm planned for Mark Hill, near Pinwherry; and maybe yet another one, south of Barrhill."

A spokesperson for the power company said, "We are just one of a number of organisations utilising these routes and we are working with our contractors to ensure the minimum levels of disruption to other road users and will continue to monitor this very closely."

*Editor's note: Sounds strangely like news accounts we've heard in stories of windmill farms off Cape Cod, doesn't it?*

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## **CELTIC MUSIC PERFORMANCES**

At publication time, Christine and Thorne Thomson, two Canadian Society members, had plans to attend the upcoming performance of The Original Riverdance. They will be performing in Orillia at the Casino Rama Theatre, four evenings at the end of May. Seating capacity is for 5,000 so many are able to be a part of their "last tour". Christine and Thorne were also thrilled by the Celtic music of Natalie MacMaster and the Leahy Family recently - a fantastic show!! and very much from the Atlantic Coast and the Home Isles. *Editor's note: Several years ago, Paul and I saw the Leahy family in concert in Charlotte, and Natalie MacMaster, who married a member of the Leahys, at the Glasgow, KY games about the same time. We can second the praise for these Celtic music performances.*

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## FAMILY FINDER LINK TO ANCESTORS

There's a new autosomal test for testing for kinship connections. This new test can test men and women alike to see if a common ancestor is shared. This new test is called Family Finder. It can test as far back as five generations. The y chromosome test can go back several hundred years and can give an approximate time line of that connection. As far as I know, the family finder can't give a time line but can test a female for connection to a cousin on her fathers line. So, if you as a Kennedy female and want to test a cousin on your fathers line it can be done with "FAMILY FINDER." The website url address is: [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com)

Submitted by Jim Kennedy

## DEFINITION OF SCOTCH-IRISH

Scotch-Irish is a term used by many who believe it means their ancestors were the result of a marriage of a Scot and an Irish person. The correct definition is that the parents were descendants of Scottish citizens who moved from Scotland to what is now Northern Ireland and settled there.

In the early 1600's, England ruled all of Ireland and Queen Elizabeth I tried to convert the Irish from Catholic to Church of England-(Episcopal) Some Lords owning land in northern Ireland revolted. Elizabeth started a war to suppress them. James VI, her successor after her death, completed the war and drove the northern Lords into exile in France. James seized their lands and offered it to groups of Scottish and English Protestant citizens if they could form a village in northern Ireland.

Many Scots took this offer since in the early 1600's they were not allowed to migrate with families to the colonies in what is now America and Canada. These villages were known as "Plantations" as they planted Protestants among the Catholic Irish in an attempt to convert them. In 1707 the Scottish and English Parliaments were combined (The Act of Union) and Scots received the right to migrate with families to the English Colonies in the new world.

Many did. Between the early 1700's and the beginning of the American Revolution, some 300,000 Scots migrated, primarily into Delaware, eastern Maryland and Pennsylvania. They moved westward to find available land and many moved down the Shenandoah valley into western Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and northeast Georgia.

These migrations continued after the American Revolution and War of 1812. These immigrants from Northern Ireland had British papers which said they were from Ireland. Many in The Colonies and later the U.S. called these people "Irish". In an effort to correct their status, these people with Scot ancestors called themselves "Scotch-Irish". This meant their ancestors originally came from Scotland. It also meant they were Protestant, not Catholic, an important distinction as Irish-Catholics from southern Ireland began to immigrate after the Irish potato famine.

Submitted by Carver Kennedy

## SCOTTISH AND IRISH "KENNEDY"

An often-asked question at Kennedy tents at Highland Games (and elsewhere) is "Are the Scot and Irish Kennedys related, and who came first?" One answer, which seems to be the most accurate one, is that they are not related, except perhaps back 1000 or more years. Ireland and the western and northwestern parts of Scotland were occupied and settled by Celts from middle Europe back in the late B.C.- early A.D. time period. They came by sea, probably from what is now France, and settled in Ireland, Wales and along the western shores of Scotland. There most certainly was travel and migration overland and by boat between the areas, so that it is quite probable that somewhere in history there are common ancestors. However, there is no documented proof of such a relationship.

The Celts spoke a common language, Gaelic, and this is probably where the "Kennedy" connection comes from. There is a word in the Gaelic language, "ceannaideach" or "cinneidigh". There are several meanings of this word, depending on whether you are friend or enemy. One meaning is "Head of the tribe or clan" Other meanings are not so kind. They include "big-headed", "grim-headed" and "ugly-headed". These terms could have been applied to people in both lands over the centuries. There are few written records in the early Celtic societies. There was a spoken history passed down from generation to generation, similar to some U.S. Native Indian tribes, so who was first is unknown.

There were several spellings of the name. There was no written 'K' in Gaelic, and 'c' was pronounced as a 'hard c' or like the English 'k'. When the English finally subdued the Irish and then the Scots, they imposed the English language on both peoples. Few Irish or Scots could read or write English(or Gaelic for that matter). When asked their name by English-speaking record keepers, their reply sounded like "Kennedy" or "Kanaday" or "Canaday" or "Kennady" or other variations to the Anglo-Saxon ears, and was so recorded. Over the years, as English became the common language, "Kennedy" became the most common spelling, although many of the alternate spellings continue to be used today. As Scots(and Irish) migrated to other countries, more variations were developed, either due to unfamiliar ears hearing the Scot brogue, conversion to a foreign language or perhaps personal preference.

Thus the probable reason for "Kennedy" occurring in both Ireland and Scotland is not a known common ancestor but a common original language.

Submitted by Carver Kennedy



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## The Carrick Connection

### Kennedys Networking with Kennedys

*Editor's Note: In 2009, I made tartan dog coats for Mary Kennedy, a Society member who lives in Colorado. At the time, I had no idea what she did for a living. Then a few days ago I got a surprise in my email box. In it was a link to a very special website that portrays a loving, giving relationship that this Kennedy has with all creatures great and small. I'm going to share just a bit with you all and let you go to the website to see for yourself.*



### Mary Kennedy in the Presence of Animals

Mary Kennedy is a Certified Canine Massage Provider, through THE LANG INSTITUTE FOR CANINE MASSAGE. She has thirty years experience in the holistic health field, and now consults people on the "total picture" of their animals' health. Her service is provided to people and their pets located in Longmont, Lafayette, Boulder, Erie Colorado and the surrounding area.

Massage takes touch to a level way beyond that of "petting" our animals. Massage is a focused and deliberate way of touching your animals. Mary incorporates the use of HEALING TOUCH FOR ANIMALS techniques into massage sessions. HTA is a bio-field therapy that supports the body to heal itself by helping balance and clear the body's energy systems. When combined with massage it allows optimal physiological responses, supports the body and relaxes the animal.



In addition to exercise and massage, Mary discusses diet, supplements, and lifestyle to achieve optimal health. She teaches classes in Canine Massage, Basic Energy Work and Animal Communication. Did you ever wonder how your dog knows what you are thinking? Have you noticed that you share some of the same personality or emotional attributes? Our companion animals may mirror us in amazing ways. These communication classes give basics on animal communication skills.



Most pet owners don't understand their options when it comes to feeding their pets. Their four-legged friends are totally dependent on a owner's judgment for proper care. Mary offers a class that has been created to help dog and cat owners learn how to make well informed choices in feeding their animals. It covers wholesome feeding options for pets and shows easy, affordable ways to make your own pet food? With recipes that are both share yummy and simple. For those not interested in making their own food, she helps classes understand the ingredients list of commercial animal foods and discover the differences so that best choices can be made.

The website address is:  
[www.inthepresenceofanimals.com](http://www.inthepresenceofanimals.com)



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## AILSA CRAIG, THE KENNEDY SOURCE OF THE WORLD'S FINEST CURLING STONES

Ailsa Craig is a very well known landmark in Scotland and is a renowned bird sanctuary. The island is home to one of the largest gannet colonies in the world, with more than 70,000 birds, and is designated as a European Special Protection Area.

This island in the Firth of Clyde rises abruptly from the sea to an elevation of 1,110 feet. It is a volcanic plug from a volcano which was active about 500 million years ago.

Ailsa Craig, as we all know, is owned by the Kennedy family. Ailsa Craig originally was part of the lands belonging to Crossraguel Abbey. The distinctive dome-shaped island-rock lies approximately 8 miles from Girvan, and approximately 12 miles from Maidens on the coast of South Ayrshire. It rises sharply from the Firth of Clyde to a height of 340m (1114 feet). Its position is: Latitude 55° 15.1'N, Longitude 5° 06.4'W

The name Ailsa Craig comes from the Gaelic for 'Fairy Rock', is 1200m (1300 yards) long and 800m (900 yards) wide, with an area of 100 Ha (245 acres). It is also known as Paddy's Milestone owing to its position as a landmark en route from Ireland.

The island was the heart of an ancient volcano, its rock exhibiting fine columnar structure and was renowned as the source of a superior micro-granite used to fashion curling stones. Curling stones are made from Ailsa Craig granite by Kays of Scotland, an Ayrshire company which has been making curling stones since 1851 from the island's Blue/Red Hone granite, which is determined to be the most reliable for the running edge.

*"When Ailsa Craig has on its coat, the weather will be very hot, (hoat). When Ailsa Craig has on its hat, you can be sure it will be wet, (wat). When Ailsa Craig has on its tie, that's a sign its going to be dry."* The 'coat', 'hat' and 'tie' are the clouds or mist often seen at Ailsa Craig.

### WHAT IS CURLING AND WHAT MAKES IT AN OLYMPIC FAVORITE?

Curling, thought to have been invented in late medieval Scotland, is a sport in which players slide stones across a sheet of ice towards a target area. It is related to bowls, boule and shuffleboard. The painting at right depicts a game in Ayrshire in 1860.

Two teams, each of four players, take turns sliding heavy, polished granite stones across the ice *curling sheet* towards the *house*, a circular target marked on the ice. Each team has eight stones. The purpose is to accumulate the highest score for a *game*, points being scored for the stones resting closest to the centre of the house at the conclusion of each *end*, which is completed when both teams have thrown all of their stones. A game may consist of ten or eight ends.



The curler can induce a curved path by causing the stone to slowly turn as it slides, and the path of the rock may be further influenced by two sweepers with brooms who accompany it as it slides down the sheet, using the brooms to alter the state of the ice in front of the stone. A great deal of strategy and teamwork goes into choosing the ideal path and placement for each situation, and the skills of the curlers determine how close to the desired result the stone will achieve. This gives the game its nickname of "Chess On Ice".



Curling has been an official sport in the Winter Olympic Games since the 1998 Winter Olympics. In February 2006, the International Olympic Committee retroactively decided that the curling competition from the 1924 Winter Olympics (originally called *Semaine des Sports d'Hiver*) would be considered official Olympic events and no longer be considered demonstration events. Thus, the 1924 medals in curling were entered into Olympic record books.



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**Marc Kennedy and John Morris of Canada prepare to sweep the ice ahead of the curling stone thrown by Kevin Martin during the Curling Men's Gold Medal game between Canada and Norway on day 16 of the 2010 Winter Olympics.**

## CANADIAN MARC KENNEDY PARLAYS LOVE OF CURLING INTO OLYMPIC GOLD

*Editor's Note: A casual viewer of the 2010 Winter Olympic coverage, my interest picked up when curling events came on the screen, even more so with the mention of Marc Kennedy. This would make a story for the Gazette, I thought. I wasn't hard to find information on this rising star of the Canadian Olympic curling team.*

The Canadian press enthusiastically followed Mark Kennedy's curling career throughout the Winter Olympics. In various press accounts they told how Marc Kennedy began playing in his father's curling program at the age of six in his home town of St. Albert, Canada. "Right from the beginning," he says, "curling just felt right." At the age of nine, the young athlete watched his current skip Kevin Martin win the national title in 1991. This provided all the inspiration he needed. Superstitious, Kennedy refuses to change his socks as long as he is on a winning streak. Showing poise and maturity on the ice well beyond his 26 years, this Kennedy calls curling the gentlemen's game.

Dreaming of Olympic Gold, in 2006, Kevin Martin, of Alberta, dismantled his old curling team and assembled a new one. Martin, John Morris, Ben Morris and Marc Kennedy worked for four years to advance to the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, BC. In an interview to the press, the team owner and fellow team member Martin had these words to describe Marc Kennedy:

"He's curling unbelievable," Martin said. "I don't remember anything he's missed. He's just curling really, really well. Really solid."

That's also how Martin describes Kennedy away from the ice. The two have worked together in Martin's sporting goods store at the Saville Centre and co-own an M&M Meats Shop franchise in North Edmonton.

"Marc is definitely the reserved guy on the team," Martin said. "The quiet guy, for sure. He's very methodical with what he does on and off the ice, whether it be business or anything. That's the way he goes about business."

"He definitely practices a lot. He likes to do that to feel he's going to make the shots on the ice and it's working really well for him. He's been great for the last two years. But in the last two months, I've seen his play getting better."

He and his wife Nicole have a one year old daughter. "Time for some responsibility," said Kennedy. "Things are changing a little, and I'm just comfortable in life. Work is going really good. Home life is going really good. Curling is going good. The shop is going good. I couldn't really ask for anything more."

"Everything is great, and I think that helps. When you have no worries about what's going on at home -- when you're excited about life in general -- you can come to an event like this and have nothing to do but enjoy it."



**Left to right, skip Kevin Martin, John Morris, Marc Kennedy and Ben Hebert show off the medals after winning the 2009 Canadian Olympic Curling Trials finals, qualifying them to represent Canada in the 2010 Olympics.**



**More smiles as the team defeated the Scottish Curling team to take top honors at World Curling Cup April 2010 in Italy.**

Sources: Vancouver2010.com; Zimbi.com; NBC Olympics.com



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## UPCOMING SCOTTISH GAMES

- May 28/29 Greenville, South Carolina Scottish Games  
At Furman University
- May 28/29/30 Alma Highland Festival  
At Alma College, Alma, Michigan
- June 3/4/5/6 Glasgow, Kentucky Scottish Games  
At Barren River Lake State Park
- June 11/12/13 Kansas City Scottish Games  
At Riverside, Missouri
- June 12/13 Blairsville, Georgia Scottish Games  
At Meeks Park
- June 12 Georgetown, Ontario Scottish Games
- June 19 Campbell, California Scottish Games  
At Campbell Community Center
- June 14/25/26 Ohio Scottish Games, Wellington, Ohio  
At Lorrain County Fairgrounds
- July 8/9/10/11 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games  
At MacRae Meadows, Linville, North Carolina

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