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Scottish students get a taste of Laurinburg

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*Visiting Scottish students
Jennifer Pawson, left,
Rona Campbell and
Shona Neil chat before
heading into the stadium
Friday night to watch a
Scotland High School
football game.*



LAURINBURG — If there's one thing that still shocks first-time visitors to the U.S., it would have to be the size of everything — the schools, the football stadiums, and yes, the portions of food.

"Everything's bigger," said Amy MacAskill, a student from Oban High School in Oban, Scotland. "The large drinks, everything."

Amy is one of 10 students visiting Laurinburg

through an exchange program with Scotland County High School. Oban, Laurinburg's sister city on the rocky west coast of Scotland, has a population of about 12,000 and is about 100 miles northwest of Glasgow.

The group gathered Friday night for a tailgate party before the Scotland County High vs. Seventy-First High School football game.

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* Correction

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The person in the photo is not Darlene Weisz and no photo is available. Congratulations on winning the scholarship with MacDougall McCallum Heritage Foundation.

However, Janet Wimer, pictured is the newly elected Missouri State Representative for Clan MacDougall Society of NA, Inc. Congratulations on your appointment.

It has been moved and seconded to rename the Scholarship Program
**THE JOHN A. MCDUGALL
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**
in honor of John A.'s long and significant contributions to the Society.



The following poem was composed by Vitaliy Negoda, a young lawyer in Krasnodar, Russia, whose MacDowell/MacDougall ancestors emigrated from Scotland to Russia in the 18th century.

"Battle Song to My Clan"

I am MacDhughail
And I am proud
Of my great, fearless, noble Clan
The Royal Galley of the Norse
The Royal Lion of the Gaels.

In battle we are fierce and brave
Our claymores sing the song of death
Inside my bonnet heather red
And it will save my own head.

We stood against Bruce the King
We battled the Campbells to the end
We routed Anglo-Norman lords
As gallowglasses with Connachtmen.

Pride and Valour in my veins
For Highlandmen it's no surprise
And I will say to every foe
Our ancient slogan: "*Buaidh no Bas*"!!!

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Sophie Cathro catches a pass in the parking lot.

Beacham McDougald, owner of McDougald Funeral Home and Crematorium in Laurinburg, started the exchange in 1993, not long after taking a seat on Scotland County's board of education. As a teenager in 1968, McDougald had spent two months as an exchange student in Mexico. The experience enriched his life, and he thought it would do the same for others.

And it has, said Anne Stewart, a business studies teacher at Oban High who came along as a chaperone for the trip. It is her third visit through the program.

"I think the opportunity to come over here and see how people live is important," Stewart said. "What they gain from it, sometimes they don't quite realize at first. Having been over, they seem to have matured. Having to live in someone else's house is even a (growth) experience."

Surprising differences

Since arriving a little over a week ago, Amy and the other Scottish students have been wide-eyed with surprise over the little things — or make that the big things — that make the U.S. different from their hometown.

Topping the list of the differences through the Scottish teen's eyes are — no uniforms at school; toilets that flush after you stand up; 90-minute class periods instead of 50 minutes; driving everywhere instead of walking or using public transportation; warm weather and sunshine in October; football games at the University of North Carolina that seem more like the movies than real life; and students of different ages in their classes.

But differences are only part of it, said Bill McIlwain, a Scotland County judge whose son, Will, went to Oban in June as part of the exchange.

"What surprises me most is not the differences but the similarities," he said. "They're so sweet and open-minded and full of fun."

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Through the program, Scotland County High students spend two weeks in Oban in June, and the Oban High students spend two weeks in Laurinburg in October. Students are chosen for the program through a fairly rigorous application process by the schools. They stay at the homes of host families, attend school, take trips to absorb the local culture and learn about differences and, perhaps more importantly, similarities.



Scotland County High School students pose with Scottish counterparts Friday before a football game.

But the differences are still there, and they are sometimes quite unexpected.

Oban High student Jennifer Pawson, for instance, seemed most puzzled over the pride her new American friends seemed to take in their Scottish roots, like the kilt-wearing marching band and the clan-proud hosts full of stories of the old country. Odd, yes, but also nice, she said.

"It does make you more proud of being Scottish." 🍷

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Shona Neil of Oban, Scotland, talks to a friend Friday before the game at Scotland High School in Laurinburg.



To love, honor and cherish from this day forward...

Word has been received that our Pacific Commissioner Cuff Burrell married Donna Wood on October 27, 2007.

Their new address is: 1490 Mulberry Lane, Lemoore, CA 93245.



Journeying With Walter

Suzanne O. McDougal and William L. MacDougall



The second edition of Walter Marshall MacDougall's *Journeying in MacDougall Country* was published in January, and we had some questions for the author.

Q When did you become interested in MacDougall history?

A Since childhood, I have experienced a fascination and tremendous joy in my Clan MacDougall heritage. While in high school, this interest was abetted by correspondence with Colina MacDougall—the gracious widow of Colonel Alexander MacDougall of MacDougall—and later with their daughter, Coline MacDougall of MacDougall, the thirtieth Chief of the Clan.

Q Were you active in the Clan Society?

A Yes, I joined the Clan MacDougall Society of United States and Canada and became a close friend of Society president John W. McDougall and of Mary McDougall, who edited *The Tartan* at that time. In 1978, I became editor of *The Tartan*, and the following year, with Charles MacDougall of Antigonish, arranged the MacDougall Chief's memorial visit to Nova Scotia. Later, as president, I organized the Society into regions, instituted regional meetings, developed the recognition of the Macdowall and MacDowell heritage within the Society and strengthened Clan connections between the United States, Canada, and Scotland.

Q When you first went to Scotland in 1981, why did you keep a journal? Did you know you would base a book on it?

A No, I didn't. I was just anxious to get as much written down as possible to remember the journey accurately.

Q The book is full of your wonderful sketches—where did you learn to draw and paint?

A I had a few lessons as a youngster, and I took a course in drawing at the University of Maine.

Q Who was the most interesting character you met?

Hope MacDougall. She had such a living, burning interest in her country. She was living history. Also, I need to mention Major James MacDougall of Gallanach and Colin MacDougall of Lunga.

Q What did you learn about the Clan from the three MacDougall Chiefs you have known?

A Their dedication to what they believed was their responsibility is an example to us all. They felt that what they had was held in trust. They thought their experience belongs to us all. They did not parade their position. They were deeply kind. That should be behind all of us in our clanship.

Q How did the rugged Highlands shape the people who lived there?

A There is a quality among Highlanders I can only describe as spiritual. The very mist itself seems to penetrate their being.

Q Why publish a second edition of the book?

A Several folk asked for it, since the first edition was out of print. And this gave me the opportunity to add notes from subsequent journeys and update some information.

Q Who should read this book?

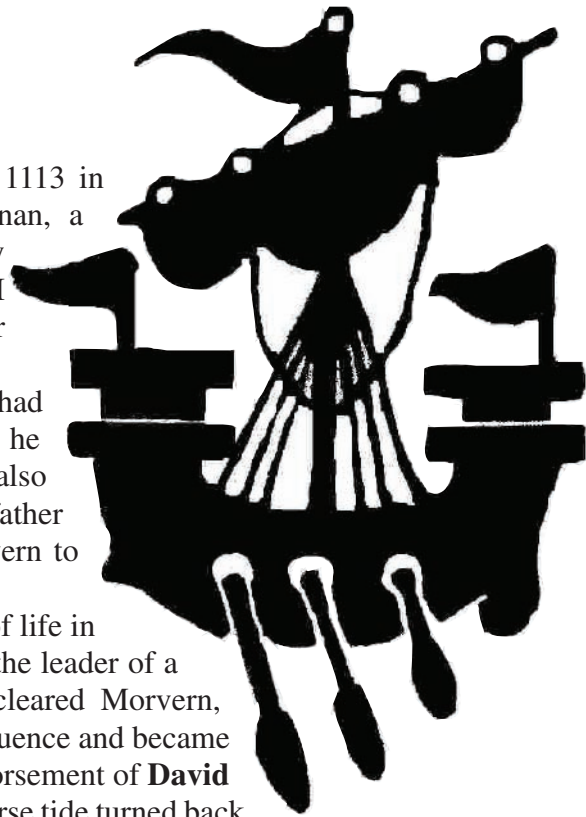
A Anyone interested in learning more about Scottish culture in Lorn, but especially MacDougalls and Macdowalls/McDowells. Also tourists—the maps, historical notes, and geographical information added to the journal entries form a unique travel guide.

Q Where can we get the book?

A From your local bookstore or from online booksellers such as Amazon, www.Lulu.com, and our own Clan E-Store at www.MacDougall.org.

In 1998, Fergus Macdowall of Garthland appointed Walter the Torsheadeor (Commander) for the Macdowalls of Garthland in recognition of his service. Walter is a retired public school science teacher and college professor. With academic interests in philosophy, he finished his teaching career in the Honors College at the University of Maine. His name appears in Who's Who Among American Teachers.

SOMERLED



Somerled (a.k.a. Sumarlidhi Hold) was born in about 1113 in Morvern. His father was Gillebride MacGille Adomnan, a descendant of a noble Gaelic family who were probably an offshoot of the House of Alpin at the time **Kenneth I** combined **Dalriada** with Pictavia. Somerled's mother was of Norse descent.

Somerled's grandfather, Gilledomman of the Isles, had been defeated by the Norse and exiled to Ireland. When he was a child, Somerled's more immediate family was also expelled from their home and sent to Ireland. His father Gillebride raised an army of 500 and returned to Morvern to regain their lands; but was beaten off and killed.

Much of Somerled's youth was spent on the margins of life in his native land. But some time around 1135 he became the leader of a rebellion against the Norse control. He successfully cleared Morvern, Lochaber and the northern part of Argyll from Norse influence and became known as Thane of Argyll: possibly with the formal endorsement of **David I** of Scotland who would have been grateful to see the Norse tide turned back in at least one part of Scotland.

In 1140, Somerled extended his area of influence by marrying Ragnhild, daughter of Olaf the Red (Olaf I The Red Godredson), the Norse King of Man, whose territory included the Hebrides. They had three sons, Dughall, Ragnald, and Aonghus. Somerled also had one son by a previous marriage: Gillecallum. Shortly afterwards Somerled helped suppress an uprising against Olaf the Red.

In 1143 Olaf the Red was murdered by the sons of his brother Harold but was succeeded as King of Man by his son (and Somerled's brother-in-law) Ochraidh Godred II the Black Olafson, or Godfrey the Black. Godfrey ruled with a heavy hand, and was deeply unpopular. In 1158 there was an uprising against Godfrey, and this Somerled backed it.

Somerled's involvement proved decisive, and using a fleet of galleys fitted with rudders, the latest in naval technology, he defeated Godfrey and declared himself King of the Isles. The newly powerful Somerled was seen as a threat by **King Malcolm IV** of Scotland, and in 1160 the two met in indecisive battle in Argyll.

After an uneasy peace, conflict was resumed in early 1164. Somerled landed an army of 15,000 men from 164 galleys at **Greenock**. He intended to capture Renfrew, but somewhere near Inchinnan (close to the site of today's Glasgow Airport), Somerled was betrayed and killed, allegedly by a nephew in the pay of **Malcolm IV**. His army returned to their galleys and departed without engaging in a full scale battle. Accounts differ as to whether Somerled was buried on Iona or at the Monastery of Saddle.

Somerled is credited with breaking the stranglehold of the Norse on western Scotland and the Isles. There is a certain irony in this as he was himself Norse on his mother's side (and possibly in part on his father's side according to DNA studies); and he had married into the family of Olaf the Red. But after Somerled things had changed for good.

Somerled's Kingdom of the Isles was divided amongst his three sons from marriage to Ragnhild. The descendants of Aonghus went on to form the Clan McRuari or McRory; the descendants of Dughall went on to form the Clan MacDougall; and the descendants of Ragnald's son Donald Mor McRanald would become the Clan Donald. Widespread DNA studies suggest that as many as 500,000 people living today are descended from Somerled: this is a number only bettered by Genghis Khan who, again according to DNA studies, is estimated to be the ancestor of 16 million people alive today. 🍷

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BBC NEWS

Pledge to launch clan gathering

The “biggest” clan gathering for almost 200 years is to take place in Edinburgh after receiving £300,000 in funding.

The Gathering, which is expected to attract 8,000 clan members and 30,000 spectators, is being planned for Holyrood Park in 2009.

Edinburgh City Council, Scottish Enterprise Edinburgh and Lothian, and EventScotland are helping to fund some of the £1.5m cost of the event.

The rest of the money will come from ticket sales and private enterprise.

As well as the traditional displays of piping, dancing, athletics and heavy events, the games will have a food and drink fair.

There will also be an exhibition allowing visitors to trace their ancestry, and a live music stage featuring leading contemporary and traditional bands.

The Gathering 2009 will focus the world's attention on Scotland's culture and as hosts we will be ready to make the most of this fantastic opportunity to promote Edinburgh

Steve Cardownie

Edinburgh City Council

The highlight of the clan programme will be a clan parade up the Royal Mile and historic pageant of the clans in the arena on the Castle Esplanade.

The organisers led by Lord Sempill, chief of the Name and Arms of Sempill and vice convenor of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, and Jenny Gilmour, expect to attract 30,000 local visitors to the event planned for 25-26 July 2009.

Already more than 60 clans have said they want to take part, including Clan Donald, the world's largest clan.

Many US-based clan organisations have already booked hotel rooms in Edinburgh, whilst VisitScotland and EventScotland have estimated that the overall economic impact of the event will be about £5m spread across Scotland.

Lord Sempill, said: “Not since Sir Walter Scott’s Royal Pageant in 1822 have so many clans come together, so The Gathering 2009 will be a meaningful historic, as well as cultural, event.

“Our clan tradition and cultural identity are very closely linked and, at a time when Scots are coming to terms with their identity, The Gathering is a fantastic opportunity to reinforce a very important part of our heritage and to celebrate its existence.”

EventScotland chief operating officer, Paul Bush, said: “As well as providing an enormous economic boost to Edinburgh and other parts of Scotland, The Gathering 2009 will create a fantastic spectacle along the Royal Mile and at Edinburgh Castle - images that will be conveyed to millions of people around the world.”

Steve Cardownie, Edinburgh City Council festival and events leader, said: “The Gathering 2009 will focus the world’s attention on Scotland’s culture and as hosts we will be ready to make the most of this fantastic opportunity to promote Edinburgh.”





Northeast Region Notes

The MacDougalls in the northeast have finished a very successful and active summer and early fall season of highland games. Our Massachusetts Commissioners, Ed and Sheila McDowell, ably represented our clan at games in Rhode Island and throughout the state of Massachusetts.

MacDougalls Honored Clan at Maine Highland Games

MacDougalls from all over New England and as far away as Virginia met on Saturday, August 18, at beautiful Thomas Point on the shores of Casco Bay in Brunswick, ME for the 29th Maine Highland Games where Clan MacDougall Society of North American was the honored clan.

Led by Fergus McDowell of Garthland, Chief of the McDowells and Alan M. MacDougall, Northeast Regional Commissioner, the members of our clan society were the largest presence on the field at the opening ceremonies at which time Fergus, as Chief of the McDowells was made Honorary Chieftain of the Main Highland Games. Commissioner MacDougall opened the games with a few words about our MacDougalls heritage in New England and also paid tribute to the achievements of Walter Macdougall, past President of the Clan MacDougall Society, NA, son of Maine, grandson of Scotland, Scholar, educator and author.

The Maine Highland Games opened with a dinner on Friday, August 17, for members of all the clans represented on the field. On the day of the games, we were pleased to welcome more than 75 people to our tent. The weekend finished on Saturday evening with a dinner for more than 40 clan members at the United Masonic Lodge of Maine in Brunswick, ME, where we heard brief remarks from our Honored Guest, Fergus McDowell of Garthland and his charming wife, Sandy. Fergus had also brought with him some of the new tartan he has designed for the McDowells.

Loon Mountain

Alan MacDougall, Northeast Regional Commissioner, hosted the Clan MacDougall tent at the New Hampshire Games, September 21, 22, and 23, at Loon Mountain in Lincoln, New Hampshire. More than 80 people signed our visitors' book and quite a few left the tent with membership applications.

Among the visitors to the MacDougall tent was Jamie Lord Sempill, who stopped by to invite Clan MacDougall to join with other clan societies at The Gathering Edinburgh 2009 being hosted by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs at Holyrood Park, Edinburgh, July 25/26, 2009. Further information can be obtained on the web at [HYPERLINK "www.thegathering2009.com"](http://www.thegathering2009.com) 



Alan MacDougall, Northeast Regional Commissioner, welcomed Jamie Lord Sempill to the Clan MacDougall tent.

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Highland Games and Gatherings for 2008

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
April 27		Southern Maryland Celtic Festival & Highland Gathering	St Leonard, MD (Near Prince Frederick & Solomons)
April		Tartan Day	Alexandria, VA
May 3		North Central West Virginia Highland Games & Celtic Festival	Clarksburg, WV
May 10		Frederick Celtic Festival	Frederick, MD
May 17	2	Edinboro Highland Games	Edinboro, PA (Near Erie)
May 17		Fair Hill Colonial Highland Gathering	Fair Hill, MD (Near Wilmington, DE)
May 17	2	Carlisle-McLain Highland Festival	Carlisle, PA (Near Harrisburg)
June 6		McHenry Highland Festival	Deep Creek Lake, MD (Near Oakland)
June 6		Bonnie Brae Scottish Festival and Games	Liberty Corner, NJ (Near Newark)
June 21	2	Potomac Celtic Festival	Leesburg, VA (Near Washington, DC)
July 10	4	Grandfather Mountain Games	Banner Elk, NC (Clan MacDougall Annual Meeting)
Sept. 6	2	Ligonier Highland Games	Ligonier, PA (Near Pittsburg)
Sept. 20		Virginia Scottish Games	Skye Meadow, Delaplane, VA
Sept. 27	2	Celtic Classic Highland Games and Festival	Bethlehem, PA
Sept. 27		Williamsburg Scottish Festival	Williamsburg, VA (Near Norfolk and Hampton)
Oct. 4	2	The Chesapeake Celtic Festival	Snow Hill, MD (Near Salisbury/Princess Anne)
Oct. 11		Anne Arundel Scottish Festival	Crownsville, MD (Near Annapolis)
Oct. 11	2	Richmond Highland Games and Festival	Richmond, VA
Oct.		Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair	Alexandria, VA (Near Washington, DC)
Dec. 6		Scottish Christmas Walk	Alexandria, VA (Near Washington, DC)