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CLAN CATEGORY WINNERS FOR THE SECOND YEAR AT ATHENA

By Dale and Mary Kay Hilding

On Saturday, on July the 8th, at Athena Oregon, USA, it was 110° f (43° c) in the shade. But our Clan booth was by far a very big hit.

We were visited by nearly 100 persons, including the three Umatilla County Fair princesses, who had their photo taken with Angus Turnbull, (*the guy below in the armour*) and Dale Hilding, co-Tent Host. We signed up a new member for the Clan Association and talked with several others who thought that they might have Turnbull ancestry. The Turnbull Clan took 1st Place in the Clan Category in the parade that morning. This is the second year in a row we have taken 1st Place.



Tent Host, Dale Hilding and the Mascot with the County Fair princesses



Mascot Angus Turnbull dressed as a Reiver



Turnbull ancestry. Co-Tent Host, Mary Kay Hilding speaks with one of those folks about their heritage.



Guarding the booth from fellow Reivers was our Cairn Terrier, Callie, wearing her Totally Turnbull shirt.

Rock forms in the Highlands! Can you guess what their significance may be?



*Feedback submissions to: editor@turnbullclan.com
Hopefully we will have an answer for the next edition.*

WORLD MASTERS HIGHLAND GAMES IN ICELAND

Games competitor Willow McCarthy, recently took 2nd place overall in the Women 45-49 years Class 2017, held in June by the World Masters Icelandic Scottish Highland Games Federation.

Willow was adopted into the Turnbull Clan by Turnbull tent hosts and sponsors Tim and Chris Nelson. Chris serves as TCA Membership Secretary. The competition events included the Open Stone, Braemar Stone, Heavy Weight Throw, Light Weight Throw, Heavy Hammer, Light Hammer, Caber Toss and WOB (*Weight Over Bar*).

Chris and Tim have helped organize several games in North Eastern USA. One of the highlights of any Games is the athletic competition. It didn't take Tim and Chris long to realize that many of the athletes competing didn't actually belong to a clan association.

While encouraging athletes to join their clans, they learned that many had no clan or Scottish identity. Undaunted, they started an adoption into the clan program, welcoming athletes who needed a family.

Congratulations, Willow. We are delighted to call you one of us.



Willow McCarthy competing in the Caber Toss



The Certificate outlining events and her placings

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Flowers of the Forest

Remembering Douglas James Weddell Turnbull



Douglas James Weddell Turnbull died in his home on July 9, 2017 in Marietta, Georgia surrounded by loving family. He was 92. Doug was born on April 3, 1925 in Essex, England to his parents, Kenneth and Grace Turnbull. He married Paula Sperring in 1950. His lifelong career as a design engineer in aeronautics began at the de Havilland Aeronautical Technical School. Doug soon came to the US to work for Lockheed Corporation and later McDonnell Douglas Corporation. He retired to his home in Marietta, Georgia where he continued his interest in aviation via the Aviation Wing of the Marietta Museum of History. Doug is survived by his wife of 67 years, Paula; sons, Peter (Stephanie), Iain, James, and Rob; daughters, Fiona, Helen Goody (Jeff), and Rowena Magrecki (Tom); daughter-in-law Terri; and 11 grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his son, Paul and brother, Kenneth. Douglas was buried in a private ceremony on Friday, July 14, 2017 in Conyers, Georgia. A memorial service is planned for later this year. Douglas served as a Vice President to Turnbull Clan Association in its early years. He will be sadly missed.

Sharing and Caring

With his passing, the Douglas Turnbull family appreciates your thoughts and prayers.

ANCIENT SCOTTISH SUPERSTITIONS AND RHYMES

Compiled by Kenneth Turnbull

Scottish superstitions emerged as rustic beliefs and imaginations, intended for young children. They were meant for soothing and not much more. These customs emerged with the simplicity of nature and through literary grace. The antiquity of superstitions and myths though trifle, have served to entertain for centuries and have one to believe their proverbial expressions. In some instances, there is a close resemblance of rhymes with similar sayings in England and Germany.

Many superstitions date back to the Pagan times. The majority of these existed because they were meant to protect the family, especially children and intended to shield them from harm. It is believed it all began around Lock Ness.

Numerous Scottish superstitions and beliefs still hold today. Walking under a ladder is believed to bring bad luck. A smashed mirror is said to bring seven years of bad luck and Friday 13th is still regarded as an unlucky day.

But holding or wearing a sprig of white heather endures as a lucky charm and it is also considered lucky if a bride places a silver coin in her shoe. Good luck will prevail throughout the child's life if a silver coin is placed in a newly born baby's hand and when a tooth is left in exchange for money by the Tooth Fairy, this deed will also bring good luck.

Scotland is the home of many ancient superstitions, as has been written in natural literature and in popular poetry, be they in Gaelic Scots or in English. These superstitions can also be lucky or unlucky in their context.

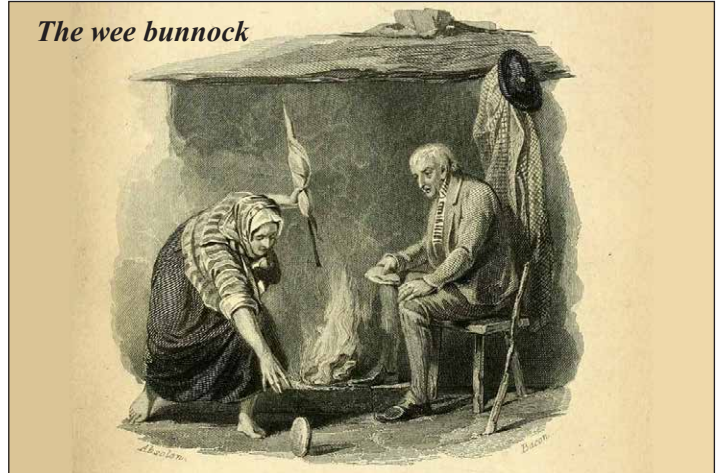
Among the many superstitions of fairies and the rites of Halloween is the 'Knotting the garter', which held a very distinguished place and a custom performed by young girls, to discover who their future partners in life will be.

To find out, the lady takes off her left garter and three knots are then tied in it. While tying the knots, she must not speak to anyone, otherwise the charm will not work.

She is also to repeat the following poem . . .

*This knot, this knot, this knot I knit,
And if my love be clad in green,
To see the thing I ne'er saw yet-
His love for me is well seen;
To see my love in his array,
And if my love is clad in gray,
And what he walks in every day;
His love for me is far away;
And what his occupation be,
But if my love be clad in blue,
This night I in my sleep may see.
His love for me is very true.*

The wee bunnock



An old superstition was the flat round 'teethin' bunnock' to cure a child's teething problems, by having them play with it until a piece broke off.

After all the knots have been tied, she is to place the garter below her pillow and sleep on it. It is believed that her future husband will appear in her dreams.

Lucky superstitions also abound. It is truly fortunate to be seated when one first sees a swallow in spring or to be walking when a cuckoo is heard. It is also believed lucky to see for the first time a foal going before the eyes of it's mother.

*Gang an' hear the gowk yell, (cuckoo call)
See the foal before its mither's e'e
Sit an' see the swallow flee,
'Twill be a thriving year wi' thee.*

In the Highlands, it is believed lucky to see a foal, calf or lamb for the first time, with the head facing the observer.

'Rockin' the cradle' was a superstition used for fertility. As it was thought by some, that if a woman rocked an empty cradle it would enhance her fertility and she could expect many children.

The 'Wresting Thread' even offered medical remedies, such as when a person receives a sprained limb, it is customary to apply the following to the individual. A black thread is used which has had nine knots tied in it. This thread is then tied around the sprained limb and words whispered;

<i>The Lord rade,</i>	<i>Bone to bone,</i>
<i>His foal's foal foot slade;</i>	<i>Sinew to sinew,</i>
<i>Down he lighted,</i>	<i>Blood to blood,</i>
<i>His foal's foot righted.</i>	<i>Flesh to flesh.</i>

Heal in name of the Father, son, and Holy Ghost.

Superstitions continue. In the northern areas of Scotland the term 'black sheep' is considered by a farmer if a black sheep is born, it would bring bad luck for the rest of the flock. Fishermen also consider that if salmon were caught they would bring bad luck, as it was once considered a sacred fish.

Many ancient Scottish superstitions continue to survive.

Selected references from: 'Select Writings of Robert Chambers' 1841

Canada – D-Day veteran award

Fred Turnbull from Halifax was only 19 when his landing craft approached the beaches of Normandy as part of the greatest amphibious assault in military history. Fred, who was a Royal Canadian Navy bowman-gunner, said he still vividly remembers the confusion of the D-Day landings on June 6, 1944. Now 92, the retired banker commented, "From the air it must have looked like a mix-up of landing craft going in all directions". He received France's highest decoration, the Legion of Honour, at a ceremony in June at Canadian Forces Base Halifax. His job was to drop the ramp of the landing craft, then jump over the bow to help steady it with a rope as the soldiers it carried disembarked and headed ashore.

Scotland - High School joins the Pillowcase Project

Turnbull High's S2 took part in the Red Cross Pillowcase Project. The aim of the Project was to help pupils develop the knowledge to help them stay safe in an emergency situation. It started with a quick introduction on the Red Cross and the valuable help they provide around the world. Turnbull High School was one of a select number of schools taking part in the pilot project worldwide, from the USA and Mexico to Hong Kong and Vietnam. The first task the S2 students had to complete was an exercise to determine 'What is an Emergency?' They were shown a number of situations and had to decide if the situation constituted an emergency and justify why they thought so.

Virgin Islands - Charles W. Turnbull Regional Library

The Turnbull Regional Library has been open to serve adults and children since July of 2013. The operating hours are from 10a.m-6p.m. based on the Government of the VI work schedule.



Three of the Library features include a 5,000-square-foot general reading room and a wing with a 3,500-square-foot children's room, featuring a storyteller's platform and murals as well as Headquarters for the computer system that serves all territorial libraries. There are display cases in the lobby and two wings for ancient Indian artifacts, including pottery, tools and jewellery that were found in the area when Tutu Park Mall was constructed.



by Kenneth Turnbull - International News Editor

Australia - The man who has lived for 100 years

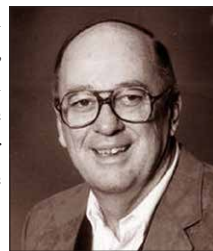
Rex Turnbull has accumulated a lot of wisdom over the years. Mr Turnbull, who celebrated his 100th birthday in July, said there isn't a magic potion that would lead to a long and happy life. Instead, the key to longevity was pretty black and white in his eyes. "Work hard and be honest," he quipped. "And don't drink." His motto comes as no surprise to his son Victor. "Dad is very black and white and he has always been very up front," he said. "If we went out at night he would be straight on the push-bike trying to find us." Rex's story began in Toowoomba growing into a young man who would sign up to fight in the Second World War numerous times only to be rebuffed - seeking every avenue possible to join his mates in the armed forces. Still the life of the party at the ripe age of 100, he recalled how first impressions always lasted with him. "It's all in the handshake. I can tell someone's character just from a handshake," he said.

**Canada - Extreme triathlon**

Corey Turnbull, a 45-year-old father of three from Jasper, has finally conquered the most extreme triathlon in Canada - held in Lac-Mégantic, Que. in July. The race included a 3.8-kilometre swim, a 180-kilometre bike ride, and finished a 42-kilometre run; the distance of a full marathon. "This was definitely the hardest race I've done," said Turnbull. "This is definitely one of my crowning moments." He completed against many athletes from across Canada, Argentina, Mexico, France, Italy, Brazil, the Philippines, Ecuador, the United States, Columbia, Estonia, Great Britain, and Reunion Island, an overseas French territory. "To place where I did, it was my crowning moment," he said. I'm pretty proud of this one."

USA - Writing and friendship

Well known Sports writer, Buck Turnbull died in late June, however the legacy he built during his many years as



a sports writer at The Des Moines Register in Iowa USA, lives on. Buck was the creator of Hilton Magic . . . he was the man who Dan Gable said helped inspire him to further greatness . . . he influenced young upstarts in this profession without ever treating them like the rookies they were during his 41 years of loyalty to Register readers before retiring in 1993. He was 88.

UK - Seven challenges in a week

Superhuman dad Matt Turnbull, 39, pushed himself to the limit for a huge physical challenge in aid of premature and sick newborn babies. As a teacher and triathlon coach, he managed to complete an amazing seven Iron Man challenges in as many days. The challenge saw him carry out an incredible 784 miles of cycling, 16.8 miles of swimming and 183.4 miles of running, to raise funds for charity Tiny Lives. "It was utter torture and at the end I was just completely exhausted," said Matt.

**USA – A promising Star student**

When it comes to making good decisions, Molly Turnbull is a Star Student from Abilene High in Texas. "There is no grey area in her world," wrote her nominator, Kim Turnbull (Molly's mother) who's a registered nurse and health science instructor in the Abilene ISD. "When she believes it's true, it is. Molly is not afraid to channel those around her to make good decisions," Kim Turnbull wrote. Adding to this, Molly commented, "I hope to become a teacher at some point, so I can help the little ones."

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Bitty Bulls



Bitty Bull dedicates this issue to a very special shepherd and friend, Norman Turnbull. Part 2 of 2

HIGHLAND CLEARANCES

During the 18th and 19th centuries, sheep became the center of a huge cultural change in Scotland. The Highland Clearances or in Scottish Gaelic--Fuadach(an) nan Gàidheal ("the eviction of the Gaels") was a time when a large number of Scottish tenant farmers were forced from their homes and land by aristocratic landowners who wanted to use large sections of cleared land to raise sheep in order to improve the economy.

Many of the evicted families moved to small areas of poor farming land in the Lowlands, relocated to coastal areas where they had to learn fishing as a new trade, or were transported onto emigration ships bound for North America or Australia. Homes were burned to the ground to create sheep tracks and to prevent the families from coming back to live in them. Historical accounts record stories of violent evictions with little to no time given to some of the families to clear their belongings from the home or farm. Families would be forced to live out in the open, harsh weather until they were able to build a shelter in a new location and try to eke out a living under the poorest conditions. Some landowners would pay to relocate the tenants to new areas, but many were brutally forced out. Many tenant farmers relocated to Australia, Nova Scotia, areas around Ontario, Canada, and the Carolinas of the American Colonies. Canadian Gaelic was widely spoken for over 200 years in these areas.

Despite this tumultuous part of Scottish history, other parts of the world have been improved by Scottish ingenuity, poetry and literature, and the hard work and perseverance of the emigrants from the Highland Clearances.

This bronze statue located at the foot of the Highland Mountains in Helmsdale, Scotland commemorates the flight of the Highlanders during the Clearances.

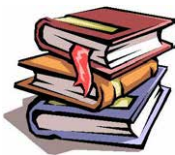


Norman Turnbull 1942-2013

Norman Turnbull, born in Edinburgh, Scotland, grew up on a farm, and from a very early age, woke up pre-dawn to milk the cows before school. At age 18, he joined the Royal Air Force and served for 12 years. Feeling restless and missing the countryside, he became a shepherd to over 1,000 sheep on Harewood Estate for Dame Lady Elliot. Norman loved and cared for those sheep and could identify each one and tell if one was missing from the flock.

One story goes that while on a trip, Norman met a young shepherd who proudly told him that he could shear a sheep in ten minutes. Norman responded that a seasoned shepherd could shear one sheep in one minute or he would lose his job!

Later in life, Norman became involved with Clan Turnbull as the Clan Schenachie (historian) and met and married his wife Terri. His kind spirit and his love for story telling and animals are missed today.



Book Nook

Tuck in with some sweet and silly books.

From Sheep to Sweater

by Robin Nelson

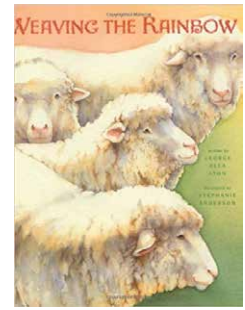
A step by step book that follows the production cycle from shearing a sheep to pulling on a sweater.



Weaving the Rainbow

by George Ella Lyon

A beautifully illustrated book about a young woman and her sheep and the shearing, dyeing, carding, and weaving process. A surprise creation at the end of the book.



Can you guess the meaning of these sheep related expressions and idioms? Match the expressions on the left to the definitions on the right. The answers are provided at the bottom of the page.

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| <p>A Uncle Bill is the black sheep of the family.</p> <p>B The government intends, by hook or by crook, to hold on to the land.</p> <p>C When John had trouble going to sleep he would count sheep.</p> <p>D The girls would make sheep eyes at the handsome new boy in class.</p> <p>E I will have dinner ready in two shakes of a lamb's tail.</p> <p>F Appearing to be kind, the thief was really a wolf in sheep's clothing.</p> <p>G March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb.</p> <p>H The sly salesman tried to pull the wool over your eyes when showing you his product.</p> <p>I I will look through these applications to separate the sheep from the goats.</p> <p>J He ruminated over the consequences of his decision.</p> <p>K The innocent children followed the Pied Piper down the mountain, like lambs to the slaughter.</p> | <p>1 To look at someone in a way that shows you are attracted to them.</p> <p>2 By whatever means necessary, whether fair or foul. Began to be used in 14th century and possibly derived from English medieval practice of allowing peasants to take deadwood from a royal forest using a shepherd's hook.</p> <p>3 Fool or deceive someone. Although thought to be of English origin, it was first recorded in America in 1839 and referred to the large wool wigs worn by judges and lawyers.</p> <p>4 A way to help a person go to sleep. The image of counting sheep jumping over a wall was first mentioned in Seba Smith's 1854 book <i>Way Down East or Portraits of Yankee Life</i>.</p> <p>5 To choose people or things of high quality from those of mixed quality. Taken from Matthew 25:2, Jesus refers to believers as sheep sitting on the right side in heaven and the goats (nonbelievers) sitting on the left.</p> <p>6 Someone that seems to be outwardly kind, but is up to no good. Possibly taken from the Bible--Matthew 7:15: Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.</p> <p>7 A disreputable or disgraced member of a family. Possibly derived from a misinterpretation from an English Bible that suggested that dark sheep were removed from a flock because they were considered worthless instead of highly valued.</p> <p>8 Something done very quickly. This phrase was used with ease in the early 1800's to refer to a small measure of time.</p> <p>9 Innocently and helplessly, without realizing the danger. This expression appears in several books of the Bible (Isaiah, Jeremiah) as well as used by Chaucer in <i>Man of Law's Tale</i>, 1386.</p> <p>10 Often used to describe spring weather: Blustery and stormy March/April that gives way to a calmer April/May.</p> <p>11 To chew repeatedly or to go over in your mind /think about for a long period of time. Latin word rumen means the first stomach of creatures like cows and sheep that must repeatedly chew in order to digest their food.</p> |
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A7, B2, C4, D1, E8, F6, G10, H3, I5, J11, K9

8-11 correct answers=Ewe did great!, 4-7 correct=Feeling a bit sheepish?
1-3 correct=Baaaack to school for you!

CELEBRATING THE 8TH ANNIVERSARY UNVEILING OF THE TURNING OF THE BULL MONUMENT



Robert Turnbull, Leicester, UK



Kerry Turnbull's son Calum, Hawick, Scotland



Bruce Turnbull, Maryland, USA



Ian with sons Declan and Daniel, Manchester, UK



Thomas Turnbull, California, USA



Phillip Turnbull, Florida, USA



Jeff, Helen Turnbull and Gregor Goody, Colorado, USA



Dave, Nancy, Sarah Turnbull, Kansas and Texas, USA



Bob, Rich, Stan Turnbull, and Cheryl Turnbull Vincent, California, USA



Dawn Dittmar, Michigan, USA



Hilary Preston family Chelshire and Devon, UK



Colin Turnbull, North Carolina, USA



Jackie Harm family, Gateshead, UK

SCOTTISH SPIRITS - THE HOUSEHOLD BROWNIES AND FAIRIES

Compiled by Kenneth Turnbull

The brownie was known as a household spirit of a useful and familiar character. In earlier times, almost every farmhouse in the south of Scotland was supposed to be haunted by one. He was understood to be a spirit of a somewhat grotesque figure, dwarfish in stature, but endowed with great personal strength.

It was his humour to be unseen and idle during the day, or while the people of the house were astir, and only to exert himself while all the rest were asleep. It was customary for the mistress of the house to leave out work for him — such as the supper-dishes to be washed, or the churn to be prepared — and he never failed to have the whole lot done in the morning. This drudgery he performed gratuitously.

A tradition amongst the Scots which remains current, that a brownie or fairy, assisted the people at the old fortalice (*fortress*) of Dolphiston, in Roxburghshire, in thrashing their corn in olden times, and that, in token of their gratitude for his services, an article of dress was placed for his acceptance in the scene of his nocturnal labours; but that he, hurt and offended at the very offer of remuneration of any sort, quitted the place for ever, and in doing so, is said to have uttered his regret in these lines— “*Sin’ ye’ve gi’en me a harden ramp,* Nae mair o’ your com I will tramp.*” ‘ —Kevj Statistical: Account of Scotland, article Oxnaïn. * A coarse linen shirt.

The fairies, or, as they were more popularly called, the ‘*guid neibors*’, were famous for their elopements with the wives of mortals. The tale goes, that while the Smith of Tullibody was busy at work at one end of the house, he had heard the

abductors, as they flew up the chimney at the other, singing with malicious glee —

‘*Deedle linkum dodie,
We’ve gotten drucken Davie’s wife,
The Smith of Tullibody !*’

The fairies do not appear to have ever been successful in introducing the human race, by the above means, into their own country; at least it is well known that they were in the habit of frequently stealing away children from the cradles of mortal mothers, for the purpose of adopting them as their own offspring, nurturing them in Fairyland.

It is still currently believed that he who has the courage to rush upon a fairy festival, and snatch from them their drinking-cup, or horn, shall find it prove to him a cornucopia of good fortune, if he can hear it in safety across a running stream.

Lord Baden Powell originally established the Girl Guides Movement in the United Kingdom in 1910, expanding to Girl Scouts in USA, and several other countries internationally. As an extra extension, a junior version was formed for young girls between the ages of seven and ten. In 1915, they became known as ‘Brownies’.



Today, there are many international Brownie Guide Organisations throughout the world. Their uniform also identifies itself with a ‘Brownie’ badge.



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