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Second Quarter, May-June 2024



Jim Blair, Clan Blair Society President



Fellow Scots – Happy Spring 2024. It seems that warmer weather has been elusive this spring and now that Mother’s Day has passed, the temps are rising. So is the wind and rain. Here’s wishing you a wonderful spring and summer!

Our amazing editor Adoree has produced another extraordinary Blair Bruidhinn for your reading pleasure. This newsletter includes numerous historic articles, family history research, announcements about games and festivals, information about the clanblair.org website redesign, and the William Campbell Blair Youth Award application. Please enjoy and let us know your thoughts for upcoming items of interest.

Most of all please send us your stories and pictures of activities, parades, festivals, games, and your tents sporting Clan Blair. We receive many questions and messages from fellow Scots via the Clan Blair Society Facebook page and all input is welcome. As the new clanblair.org website is designed we will offer users the opportunity to learn

more about CBS and invite their membership to the Society.

Please enjoy this newsletter and share your ideas with me at president@clanblair.org or with adoree1@outlook.com.

It is a Great Day to be a Scot!

Jim

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WEBSITE REDESIGN AND UPDATE

From Jim Blair, President

A small team of members is re-imagining the clanblair.org website. We have engaged the experience of a corporate web-designer and members skilled in managing effective web-use and artistic presentation. This includes Maggie Blair from South Carolina, Nick Shryack from Colorado, Dyani Blair Galligan from Colorado and Jim Blair.

The goal is to develop a commercial and user-friendly website that delivers exciting information, easy application for membership, seamless access to CBS purchasing, delicious pictures, messages about tours and exciting adventures of our members, access to genealogy research, and more.

Thank you to Nick, Maggie and Dyani for engaging with this project. We would like to hear from you about needs and good ideas for offering a fresh look at clanblair.org. Please send your ideas to margareteblair@gmail.com.

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CALIFORNIA COMMISSIONER REPORT

Russ and Elena McCrary

2024 marks our 7th year as California Commissioners. We began 2017 at a Tartan Day Festival at Ardenwood Historic Park. How appropriate! So much has changed, yet our enthusiasm for representing Clan Blair has given us hope. Spreading the joys of membership. Or, recruiting others to host in a state not represented.

The 40th St. Patrick's Day Festival took place March 16-17, 2024 in the neighboring city of Dublin, CA. This year we decided to support the local Firefighters Station 55 at their annual pancake breakfast which raised money for a local burn unit. Lots of people, fire trucks (vintage and new) to sit in and get a selfie. We also met up with friends Elijah and Cody Rusca.



Afterwards I headed to see the neighbor's daughter, Isabella, showing off her steps as part of The McGrath Irish Dancers. Her parents said this was her first year.



When one hosts a clan tent at a new location there is a combination of excitement and anticipation. What will be new? What will be different? In a word, it was all about the "wind." The City of No. Las Vegas is all about the suburbs.

Friday – Clan Introductions

At least we could set up beginning at 8AM. And boy did it take all we had. Russ can secure almost any tent, which he did helping Clans MacLeod and MacPherson. Clan Montgomery had a new tent, that went tumbling into trees—it was that windy!

One thing we learned, the games have only so many spots for clans or associations, and once they are filled, they are ***sold out!*** However, the games are generous. They give 4 entry tickets each day for each tent you pay for. We were able to help Clan Stewart as there was a glitch in the number they needed.

A distinct experience was the Friday noon bar-b-que the game hosts put on so we could socialize with other clans or vendors. It was nice to hear about games in Idaho while waiting in line. We also met Clan Henderson members who pipe and drum with the UC Riverside Pipe Band.

Saturday – First Time Visitors

We were thrilled to have at least two Blair families and their children visit our tents. While they loved our maps, & Blair history, they had no desire to become members. We received compliments on our maps, especially the DNA one. Then Russ helped family members locate their roots in Dr. Black's book. One woman who stopped in was born near Stirling (*Christie*). She was able to share stories of her childhood with her grandchildren who will head to Scotland soon.



Introducing **The Bomb Disposal Tartan** proudly won by this Kirsten and Chris. With Memorial Day right around the corner I could not pass up the opportunity to feature a tartan we had not seen before or hear the story of the design, and the meaning of the colors.

Bomb Disposal is an all-encompassing term used to describe the worldwide professions of both military Explosive Ordnance Disposal and public safety Hazardous Devices Disposal. The tartan was designed by Dale Green of Baltimore, MD in 2013 and registered on 19 February 2015.

<https://www.tartanregister.gov.uk/tartanDetails?ref=11225>

- *The olive drab and flat black bands form the warp and weft of the commonly recognized checkered pattern of tartans known as the sett and are proportional to their presence on the bomb suit.*

- ***Scarlet honors the bloodshed of all Bomb Technicians who have been either injured or killed and signifies that we are one family, regardless of our service or nationality. It is also the heraldic color of fortitude and victory.***
- ***Gold symbolizes honor and excellence and is reminiscent of the lightning bolts common to many Bomb Disposal insignias around the world.***
- ***Desert-tan represents the unprecedented I.E.D. challenges faced by Bomb Technicians in the Global War on Terrorism and beyond.***
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known plant grows abundantly on acid soil over mountains, moors, and bogs throughout Ireland. This is a native plant belonging to the family *Ericaceae*.”

Folklore: *Occasionally Heather can be found with white flowers. Should you find some, you are said to be in for some good luck. The origins come from Scotland where the purple variety was stained by the blood of the Picts, the white variety being left unstained and therefore lucky*

https://www.wildflowersofireland.net/plant_detail.php?id_flower=121

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Oldest Castles in Scotland:From Oldest.Org



photo source: historicensevironment.scot

The Castle of Old Wick is a ruined Norse fortress positioned on a stunning cliff top, thrusting out into the water on a narrow ridge of rock, with high cliffs on each side. It was built in 1160 and is located in Historic Scotland. It is now ruins and is owned by Historic Environment Scotland.

It was built in the 12th century, making it one of Scotland’s first castles as well as one of the best-preserved Norse strongholds. Around 1160, Harald Maddadson, Earl of Orkney and Caithness, is believed to have constructed it.

The castle is located within a shooting range and is open to the public. It is located in Caithness on the Northeast coast of Scotland, about a mile South of Wick.

A Mention on Vendors

While we like to support the local vendors, we don’t always get a chance to explore. These games were different because the layout was convenient, and you could find what you wanted as you strolled the grounds. One surprise came from Veronica Coon who was drumming up business for her son. His business is primarily shields desertdwarves.carrd.co but there are accessories too. There was a spectator who came to support the athletes and sell jewelry she made. I was able to donate to her cause. She came back to tell me she made enough for food, drink, and entrance so she saw it as a perfect day. Thistle and Stitch handled selling The Welsh Baker products which quickly sold out!

Sunday–Irish Stories and Heritage

David Kinsella (Cinnsealach) “one of the few Gaelic-Irish surnames without the prefix O or Mac.” From The Surnames of Ireland, 6th ed. By Edward MacLysaght. We conversed about genealogy. He suggested I reach out to the one in Oklahoma City. Will check it out .Another couple we met were originally from the Bay Area. The woman was from Pittsburgh and her partner from Santa Cruz. He spent 20 years in the Navy and had just retired and they live in Las Vegas.

One guest came to talk about “heather.”Did I know it grew wild in Ireland?” “Also known as Ling, this well-

FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

(From Shawn Blair and Russ and Elena
Mc Crary to the Editor)

This article is from a link Shawn Blair sent out. [Shawn expressed his sadness at this loss.] I had read it, but until Russ showed me a picture Bill (William Campbell Blair) gave to us I did not get the connection.

We wanted to include a personal piece from the history we received from William Campbell Blair. He visited the Balthayock Estate and met Major David Walker. His wife Sarah is also in the picture at their home at Westwood Cottage (near Perth). The year of the picture is unknown as Bill took trips with Clan Blair as well as on his own.



Major David Walter, William Campbell Blair and Sarah Walter



Major David Finlayson Wylie Hill Walter, leading Charolais Cattle Breeder, Army Officer and Stockbroker.

Tributes are paid to famed breeder of Charolais cattle

- The Courier & Advertiser (Perth and Perthshire Edition)
- 4 Mar 2024
- BY KATRINA MACARTHUR

EXPERTISE: Major David Walter celebrated 50 years as a Charolais cattle breeder at Balthayock Farm in 2019.

Hundreds of tributes have been paid to one of the UK'S most renowned Charolais cattle breeders, Major David Walter, of Balthayock Farms, who died recently.

The Perthshire Charolais cattle legend, who celebrated his 90th birthday in January, first ventured into the breed in the late 1960s.

He then served on the Charolais council, becoming chairman in 1984 and president 10 years later.

Pedigree bulls from the herd have topped Stirling Bull Sales on numerous occasions, including the 50,000gns Balthayock Justice in 2015 and the 46,000gns Balthayock Minstrel sold in 2018.

On the same day as Minstrel was sold, Balthayock produced a record herd average for the breed of £15,633 for nine bulls sold.

Major Walter was a great supporter of agricultural shows including the Royal Highland Show which the herd has exhibited at since 1972.

He appropriately marked his 50th year in the breed in 2019 when he won the inter-breed beef title at the Ingliston event with the two-year-old heifer at the time, Balthayock Nessie.

In 2022, he was honoured as the recipient of the Sir William Young Award for his exceptional contribution to cattle breeding.

He was a “very proud” Scots Guard and a great lover of yachting and polo, having played the sport until the age of 65.

Balthayock Farms’ family and staff issued a statement on Facebook saying: “It is with great sadness that we have to announce the passing of Major Walter on February 27 after a short illness fought with great courage and dignity.

“He will be greatly missed by us all Balthayock – he was more than just our boss. Charolais cattle was one of his great passions in life and he would hope the breed would continue to grow from strength to strength.”

The British Charolais Cattle Society said: “Major Walter was a true gentleman with time for everyone. He was Charolais to the core and was

respected and admired by Charolais breeders and the livestock industry around the world.

“He always focused on the bottom line of a balance sheet, the introduction of Breedplan into his herd let him put science to the forefront of his breeding and rise to the very top of the Charolais breeding world.

“Major Walter always encouraged the next generation and was a great supporter of today’s youth, holding many stock judging events, farm tours and welcoming international delegates from all over the world.

“His passion for the breed will live on for years to come through the cattle he has bred.”

Major Walter is survived by his wife Lady Sarah, two sons Nick and James, their respective partners Vikki and Jen, and two grandsons Sam and Ben.

Article Name: Tributes are paid to famed breeder of Charolais cattle

Publication: The Courier & Advertiser (Perth and Perthshire Edition)

Author: BY KATRINA MACARTHUR Lady Sarah Coke, his wife

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Loch Norman Highland Games from North Carolina

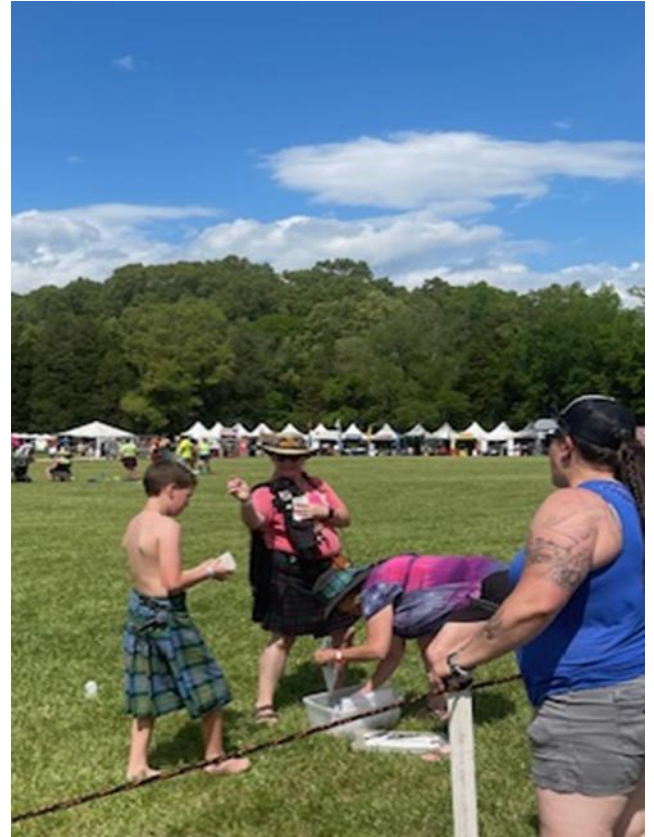
By Scott Blair, North Carolina Commissioner

Hello From N.C.,

My wife Vallie, my two sons, and I attended the 30th annual Loch Norman Highland Games this past weekend. The weather on Saturday was wonderful and that brought lots of people out to the games. Loch Normal will usually bring around 20,000 people in a weekend to see the event. Unfortunately Sundays weather put a damper on the event. The weather turned to rain and temperatures in the 40s. Clan Blair Society's tent saw lots of traffic. People are very interested in the weapons we have on display in front of the tent. They also had lots of questions about CBS and the history. I

would love to see more members joining us at this event. Mr. Harry Blair and his family joined us on Saturday. Harry was the NC commissioner years ago when I joined CBS and was competing in Highland wrestling. Harry's stepson Carl competed in the Pipe and Drum competition and is currently a member of the Atlanta Pipe and Drum Corp. My youngest son Lochlan competed in Highland wrestling and took 3rd overall. I am so proud of him. He's following in my footsteps as a Highland wrestler. My oldest son Tristan and I competed in the Axe throwing competition. He did not fare too well and didn't make it to the second round but I am proud of him for competing. I took 2nd overall out of 30 participants and only missed 1st place by 14 mm! Saturday was a wonderful day of competition and reconnecting with old friends. The S.A.M.S. held their annual flag retirement ceremony on Saturday. This is a very special event to witness. There are very few organizations that are allowed to perform this ceremony. I have sent a picture of this event. Sunday's rain kept everyone away and the majority of the Clans packed up in the morning. We stayed until after lunch, but with no foot traffic and the wet and cold we called it a day. Please see the attached pictures of Saturdays events.

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John Blair, Chaplain to William Wallace

Various Sources including Wikipedia –[the Editor]



Depiction of Bishop Sinclair commissioning John Blair to write the biography of William Wallace. – Artist: Owain Kirby

William Wallace grew up living in Dundee part-time so he could be educated by his uncle, a priest. While he was at school, he met John Blair, who was a Benedictine monk. Blair became William’s personal chaplain and then spent time with Wallace all the days of Wallace’s campaign to free Scotland.

John Blair went to Dunfermline to retire. He spent his time there writing the life of William Wallace. Bishop Sinclair commissioned John Blair to write this. Unfortunately, the book is now lost to history. A person named “Blind Harry” (1440-1493) claimed to have used it when he wrote his famous poem “Wallace”. In this poem, Blair is said to have been fighting alongside Wallace.

Historians hope that the book may yet surface.

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GENEALOGY MYSTERIES:

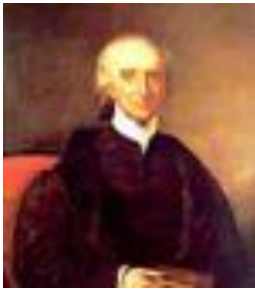
Adoree Blair, Editor

About two years ago, I began my genealogy journey. I had wanted to have enough time to practice Genealogy for years, but was always so busy with family and foster children, I did not have time. Genealogy is addictive – I love it!

One of my first things to do with our family genealogy was to find out where Jim, my husband, was joined to the Blairs. I found many possible answers as I learned how to search, and finally had to toss out some answers and then find a new path to search, repeatedly.

Well, we have moved back quite a few generations and are stopped, once again, on a person whose parents, so far, are ‘unfindable’! This young man, Jim’s 8th great-grandfather, was Brice Blair who married Esther Peden. Both Brice and Esther were born in the same town: Old Cumnock, Ayrshire, Scotland, and married in 1624 when Esther was 24 and Brice was 34. Their first child, Nancy (“Nannie”) Blair, was born by the time they decided they must flee Scotland for their lives. Esther’s nephew, Alexander Blair, was a leading Covenanter in Scotland, and therefore, Esther and Brice and little Nannie were in danger of being killed. They found escape in the nighttime in 1625 when the three fled from the shores of Scotland to the shores of Antrim, Ireland in a coal sloop that was traveling to Ireland. From Ireland’s shores, they traveled to Red Hall, Antrim, Ireland, to visit a relative, Lord Edmonstone (one of the leaders of the new Covenanters in Ireland) and from him, received 400 acres of land close to Lord Edmonstone in Raloo, Balleyvallough, Ireland. Brice Blair built a home in Raloo and also, built the first of Ireland’s flax mills on the property. From there, Brice and Esther raised a family of 8(?) children, including The Reverend Samuel James Blair, (20 May 1667 to 20

March 1754), who married Martha Campbell Lyle (1672-1729). They had 14 children, including



Reverend Samuel James Blair

William Blair (1738-1836), who married Mary Stewart (13 Jan 1742-1774) on 19 May 1759. They had seven sons, including John Blair (21 April, 1765 to 26 Jan 1846.) This John Blair married Margaret Kell or Kells in about 1812 in Ireland, and later fled with the family to America. They landed in the east and later traveled to Cambridge, Guernsey County, Ohio. There, they settled and built a home and farmed. John and Margaret purchased 82.5 acres of land in Guernsey County, Ohio, which they farmed, in 1829. Their oldest child, James, who was born in 1806 in Carnmoney, Ireland, married 13-year-old Isabelle Oliver on August 1, 1827, in Ohio. James and Isabelle had 9 children. They moved to Fort Bourbon County, Kansas, after their first child, James Albert, was born in 1832. James Albert married Mary C Snoots in Bourbon County, Kansas, where they farmed, and he opened a blacksmith business. They welcomed 11 children, four of whom were sons. One son, Nixon Blair (13 Dec. 1879) married Mary Elizabeth Coldren (1 Nov 1857-August 1924) in 1879 in Bourbon County. Nixon and Mary had 12 children.

Their youngest child, John Milo Blair – called “Mike”, (born 17 July, 1915), moved with his mother to Portland, Oregon, after his father died. His mother passed away in Hubbard, Oregon, in 1924. Mike Blair married a neighbor, Grace Leora

Yoder, on November 23, 1913, in Portland, Oregon. They had one child, John Edward Blair, born on 17 July 1915, who was very close to his father.



Front row, l to r: John Milo (Mike) Blair, Nixon Blair, Mary Blair, in front of their Kansas home. (with daughters and a son-in-law)



Young John Milo “Mike” Blair

Unfortunately, Mike Blair died at age 36 from colon cancer. This loss was a huge issue in John’s life. He never got over this loss.

John Edward Blair was an outstanding student at Pacific University in Oregon. He became a banker and moved to Lakeview, Oregon, where he met and married Miriam Frances Gilbert, a school teacher.

Their children were Margery Frances, James Edward, and Mary Elizabeth.



John Milo “Mike” Blair and Grace Leora Yoder, in 1913



Miriam Gilbert Blair, John Blair, baby Mary Elizabeth (Marybeth), James (Jimmy) and Margery Blair about 1954

Jim is the current president of Clan Blair Society.

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Why so many of our Scottish-Irish Ancestors fled Ireland in the 1700's to go to America – Hearts of Steel Boys–

By Adoree Blair

Given that so many of our Scottish ancestors were forced to flee Scotland to find safety in Ireland during the violence against the Covenanters (Protestant) Scots in the 1600's, it's amazing to understand that about 100 years later, descendants of those same fleeing Scottish-Irish families were forced to flee Ireland, especially if they were

members of the Hearts of Steel Boys. The grandsons of Brice and Esther Peden Blair from the previous genealogy story were Hearts of Steel boys, such as John Blair who was born in 1765 and came to Ohio in America with his family, from the previous genealogy story.

According to the New England Historical Society,

“The Irish went through hard times during the winter of 1717-18. A harsh winter followed bad harvests, and smallpox and fever raged. Jonathan Swift wrote that ‘travelers to Ireland ‘will hardly think himself in a land where law, religion, or common humanity is professed.’ He blamed rapacious landlords, ‘who by screwing or racking their tenants had reduced the people to a worse condition than the peasants in Germany and Poland.’”

The Hearts of Steel, also known as the Steel Boys, were part of a Protestant movement that emerged in 1769 in County Antrim, Ireland. Their grievances were because of the huge rise in rents and evictions imposed especially on Protestants. (Recall the 400 acres given to Brice and Esther Peden Blair from the earlier story. That acreage was very possibly taken by Lord Edmonstone right from under Catholic Irish farmers after the Protestants arrived and bought land they wanted.) Thus, for about a hundred years, Catholics were angered by the land grabs. The Catholic “Oak Boys” formed a powerful group and began evicting and killing those who had taken Irish land.) The Hearts of Steel boys became a group for the same reasons, a few generations later. Unfortunately, the English Crown sent army troops that eventually killed, imprisoned and banished many of the Hearts of Steel Boys and their families, which convinced those boys to go to America.

In 1770, a local landlord in County Antrim evicted tenants on his land and replaced them with speculators. There were armed protests. Eventually, a large group of protesters, now named

the Hearts of Steel Boys, marched to Belfast, trying to release a comrade who had ‘houghed’ cattle (this is cutting leg tendons on cattle). The protests spread to other counties. Cattle continued to be ‘houghed’ in other counties, food prices rose and the H of S Boys demanded decent rents.

In 1772, about 800 Hearts of Steel members demonstrated in County Down (Gilford) and marched past the local estate owner. Eventually, English troops quelled the rebellion. But many of the Hearts of Steel boys had to flee to America with their families.

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CLAN BLAIR SOCIETY ON FACEBOOK



Posted by Helen Blair, top contributor



COME JOIN US FOR ALL THE FUN, FOOD, AND HIGHLAND GAMES!

June 21 & 22, 2024

HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

Traditional Irish and Scottish foods

Celtic Genealogy Assistance | Vendors of Celtic goods

Irish Pub tent | Scottish Clan Tents | Kids area



Friday, June 21, 2024
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Irish/Scottish Céilidh (party!)
in the Pub Tent with Live Music!
Music begins at 7:00 PM

\$22.50 Admission
Cash bar



Saturday, June 22, 2024
9:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Highland Games begin 9:30 AM
Festival grounds open until 8 PM
(Music continues until 11:00 PM)

\$12 (16 & older)
15 & under - FREE

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Ottawa County Fairgrounds

DeZwaan Windmill photo by Norm Hoekstra. Other photos by Erika Tinney & Cassie Veen-Haveman



Kamloops Highland Games

JULY 13 2024

Albert McGowan Park
2025 Summit Drive
Gates Open at 7:30 am

★ Parking Shuttle Available

Competitions in:
Piping, Drumming & Bands
Highland Dancing

Heavy Events (new athletes welcome)

- Scottish Vendors
- Games for the Kids
- Clan Tents
- Lots of Entertainment
- Great Food
- Adults: \$15
- Beer Gardens
- Seniors & Children: \$10

www.kamloopshighlandgames.org and Facebook

In British Columbia, Canada



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Letter to the Editor from Jack Blair

Re: The February 2024, Newsletter:

“Thanks for another interesting journal.

Regarding Ava of Scotland and the Stone Henge. Archaeologists now consider that the henge monuments started in Orkeny located at the top of your map and not far from where Ava lived. It seems that the religious concept then spread south so that Stone Henge appears to be several hundred years later than Stenness Stone Circle which goes back around 5000 years. Interestingly the Orkney vole appears to have arrived there about that time

and its DNA indicates it came from around Belgium and does not match the voles in Mainland Britain; Suggests that the settlers who introduced it bypassed Mainland Britain and settled in Orkney. (The weather was warmer then!)

Archaeologists also consider that the houses at Skara Brae set the pattern adopted for the layout of houses elsewhere throughout Neolithic Britain. See <https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.historicenvironment.scot%2Fvisit-a-place%2Fplaces%2Fstones-of-stenness-circle-and-henge%2F&data=05%7C02%7C%7C4a1c2cb7f247418b435708dc44437f76%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638460303890793405%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoImMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=7J7dQidR%2FUR67FBREhGcrVkiRXzeR3nsS19m%2FiEclko%3D&reserved=0>

for links to Skara Brae, Maeshowe and Ring of Brodgar.

Best wishes,
Jack Blair”

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TWO BITS OF SCOTTISH HUMOR

Scotland Tourist: "I'm sorry, waiter, but I only have enough money for the bill. I have nothing left for a tip. Highland waiter: "Let me add up that bill again, sir."

(As the old saying goes, "Want to experience four seasons? Come to Scotland on a day trip!")

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CLAN BLAIR SOCIETY

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WILLIAM CAMPBELL BLAIR YOUTH AWARD NOMINATION FORM-5-2024

Clan Blair Society (CBS) has introduced the William Campbell Blair Youth Award to be granted annually to a deserving youth member who has achieved excellence in pursuits related to youth activities, including their Scottish/Irish heritage. The annual award is \$500 and will be granted annually at the fall Annual General Meeting (AGM). Nominations for youth members 18 years old and younger can be made by friends and/or family (members) utilizing this nomination form found on the www.clanblair.org website.

Please complete the following information and submit your nomination no later than July 31.

Name of Youth: _____ Date of Birth: _____ (18 years old or younger)

Name of Nominating CBS Member: _____ Relationship: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Nominee Contact Information: Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Nominating Member Contact: Email: _____ Telephone: _____

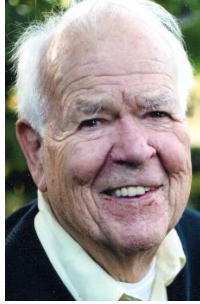
Category of Outstanding Performance/Success: _____

The Arts; Academics; Athletics; Clan Blair Society Support; Other

Provide a detailed description of the nominee's activities that achievements for which the nomination is being made:

Please provide additional pages of text, pictures, news articles, etc. that support the nomination. Materials should be scanned and submitted via www.clanblair.org or emailed to president@clanblair.org.

William Campbell Blair Youth Award – 5-2024



William Campbell Blair

The following outlines the expectations of award nominees:

1. Nominations may be generated by members/families/friends.
2. Nominees are age 18 and younger
3. Recognition is focused toward Scottish/Celtic activities
4. Award recognition may be for Outstanding Performance/Success in:
 - a. The Arts, including:
 - i. Artistic – painting, drawing, sculpting, characterization
 1. Music – piping, drumming, stringed instruments, piano, vocal
 - ii. Dance – Scottish/Irish
 - iii. Theater – performance – Scottish/Irish
 - b. Academics:
 - i. Excellence in the study of Scottish/Irish history
 - ii. Writing related to Scottish/Irish history, or stories
 - iii. Formal recognition of achievement by local educators or foundations
 - iv. Excellence in the study of Gaelic languages
 - c. Athletics - Scottish/Irish related:
 - i. Football (soccer)
 - ii. Rugby
 - iii. Wrestling (North Carolina, etc.)
 - iv. Scottish Games (where offered for youth)
 - d. Clan Blair Society support:
 - i. Active support of local CBS activities
 - ii. Tent/festival support
 - iii. Promotion of CBS – recruitment, fund raising, etc.
5. Nominations are invited in the February newsletter for submission by June
6. A selection committee will evaluate and recommend award recipient candidates to the BOD for final selection
7. Recognition includes the \$500 cash award, a certificate of excellence and news coverage in the Blair Bruidhinn (and other Celtic publications associated with CBS)

Questions may be sent to Jim Blair at president@clanblair.org, or 1-303-795-9754

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