



This month's Minnesota Scottish news and events.



Scottish News in Minnesota



August 2015

Summer is in full swing! Here are the events for the upcoming month.

EVENTS

August 7-9 | Minnesota Irish Fair

The [Irish Fair of Minnesota](#) will take place Friday, August 7 - Sunday, August 9, 2015. The unique once a year celebration offers attendees an opportunity to celebrate authentic Irish heritage through a multitude of activities such as: step dance, traditional group dance, Gaelic sports, Celtic marketplace, cultural displays, native Irish dogs, traditional tea room, Irish food and drink as well as several local and international bands.

Harriet Island | St. Paul, MN

August 7-9 | Brian Boru at the 2015 MN Irish Fair

www.irishfair.com

Friday, August 7th - Sunday, August 9th - Official Boru Merchandise Booth open daily in the Community Organizations Tent. Featuring Boru T-Shirts, CD's, Glassware and Flask

Friday, August 7th - The Northerly Gales performing at the Crossroads Social Dance Tent 3-5 PM

Friday, August 7th - Mactír Academy of Irish Dance with the Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band Drum Corps at the Performance Dance Tent - 6 PM

Saturday August 8th - Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band kicks off the Opening Ceremony at the Main Stage - 11:30 AM

Saturday, August 8th - Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band performance on the Sports Field - 5 PM

Saturday, August 8th - Mactír Academy of Irish Dance with the Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band Drum Corps at the Performance Dance Tent - 6:30 PM

Sunday, August 9th - Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band performance on the Sports Field - 11 AM

More info at www.brianborupipeband.com

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August 7 | How the Scots Created Otter Tail County

Fur traders and lumberjacks. Land speculators and bankers. Millwrights and politicians. First citizens and scoundrels. The Scottish pioneers of Otter Tail County often get overlooked in the sea of Scandinavians that settled in West Central Minnesota. Yet long before the first Swede or Norwegian broke the ground with a plow here, Scottish immigrants had poured into the Red River Valley, many by way of Canada.

Come to the Parkers Prairie City Council Chambers on Friday, August 7 at noon to learn "How the Scots Created Otter Tail County." Missy (McClatchy) Hermes, Education Coordinator for the Otter Tail County Historical Society will reveal the Scottish Minnesotans who settled in communities such as Perham, Parkers Prairie, Corliss and Compton and founded and built up the county seat in Fergus Falls. Find out about people like the Murrays

and Salmonds of Elmo Township, Sam Wallace and Nathaniel McConachie of Perham, and James Fergus. There is no charge. For more information call (218)736-6038 or email otchs@prtcl.com. [Facebook event](#)

Parkers Prairie City Hall | 102 N Otter Ave | Parkers Prairie, MN

August 8 | TCSC Scottish Community Picnic

Join us for the [Twin Cities Scottish Club Scottish Community Picnic](#) on Saturday, August 8th. Bring yourself, friends, children/grandchildren! This year the picnic will be at Moir Park, in Bloomington, Shelter #2. Activities will begin at 10:00 AM including races, balloon toss, and games for children and adults. There will be PRIZES for the winners! Enjoy a relaxing lunch at noon (bring your own lunch and lawn chairs). Drinks (tea, coffee, water, and soda) will be provided by TCSC along with some shortbread!

Moir Park, Bloomington, MN - August 8th, 10am-5pm
(there are parking lots on Morgan Ave. and 104th St)

Moir Park, Shelter #2 | 10320 Morgan Avenue | Bloomington, MN

August 8 | St. Andrew's Society Pub Night

We are going to try to have our pub night in August be in conjunction with the Irish Fair. The plan is to gather at Joseph's on Wabasha and Plato at 4:00 PM on Saturday, August 8. Check out the Irish Fair either before or after our gathering as it is close by and has free admission. Plan to join us for a fun time as we celebrate our Irish Celtic cousins!

Joseph's Grill | 140 Wabasha St S | St Paul, MN

August 21 | Brian Boru at the Sounds of Minnesota Drum and Bugle Corps Show

Friday, August 21st - Sounds of Minnesota Drum and Bugle Corps Show 2015 at St. Thomas Academy - Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band will be in exhibition - More info at www.soundsofminnesota.brownpapertickets.com

More info at www.brianborupipeband.com

Saint Thomas Academy | 949 Mendota Heights Road | Mendota Heights

NEWS

A note from the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games

Dear Minnesota Scottish Community,

I know it has been stated several several times on "social media" how great it was to see our community pull together after the early morning storm damage to much our site on July 18th. Vendors, clans, and volunteers had the site back on track by 11 AM. I would like to add my heart felt gratitude for everyone's efforts. It helped make the 12th annual Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games one of our most successful.

We appreciate the patience of the Highland Dance Community in understanding the delay of the dance competition.

Thank you to Apres for dispatching a crew to our site and repairing three large canopies damaged in the storm.

Thank you to Jerry Rosendahl for inspecting all of our tents and canopies for damage and creating a damage assessment report.

Thank you to Bill Hannay of Hannay Electric for his electrical expertise and work in preparing the electrical needs of the Minnesota Scottish Fair.

Thank you to Jack MacMillian and his dedicated "Zero Waste" crew for all their assistance,

during and after the Minnesota Scottish Fair.

Finally, a special thanks to Board Members, Participants, Sponsors, and the many Volunteers of the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games.

As you can see it takes all members of our Minnesota Scottish Community coming together to make the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games successful each and every year. This success also allows us to share our Scottish Cultural with the people of Minnesota.

Again, thank you everyone involved with the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games.

Sincerely,
Don Cogswell, president
Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games



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Thank you!
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