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Dear Editor:

Robbie Burns would have “burst with pride” at the recent Burns Supper held this past weekend at the Fergus Legion.

A marvelous event to pay tribute to Scotland’s favorite playboy was portrayed through wonderful prose, wit and charm. A pleasant twist from the usual style of Burns immortal memory, instead no less than 7 “maidens” that had coloured Robbie’s life presented “their side of the story!” From saucy wenches to virtuous angelic farm maids that Burns had met through his tumultuous life, were brilliantly scripted and directed by Fergus’s own Don Dewar. Dewar himself wrote, orchestrated, piped and MC’d this brilliant production inspired by Burns poems and songs.

The evening started nothing less than stellar with the much anticipated arrival of John K Campbell and his “passionate” toast to the Haggis. Quintin Tarrantino himself could not have presented a more dramatic, raw and ruthless tribute to this stuffed stomach of awfuls as John K. A much deserved Oscar for best Actor in a dramatic role is destined for this feisty scot!

A scrumptious hearty meal by the Alma Optimists was served with all the appropriate Scottish mainstays and topped by Tommy Young’s “world famous” Haggis. After homemade pies, creams and tea, many of us were looking to catch a wee nap- but thundering pipes, drums and dancing presented by both the Fergus and Grand Celtic Pipe Bands rallied the audience immediately to their feet. An excellent set of classic pipe favorites beautifully presented by the 2 bands simultaneously, had the audience stomping, clapping and craving for more.

Amidst wonderful jokes, tunes and giggles from Jack and Morrison, an eloquent toast to the Lassies and Laddies quipped by MP Michael Chong and response by Mayor Joanne Ross Zuj, a few Scottish reels and waltzes- capped off the evening successfully.

T’was the eve of my Mother in Laws 79th birthday born just a day before Robbie Burns. Herself born in Glasgow so many years ago, the music, laughter, wit and cheer shared at the Burns Supper-could there have been a more fitting birthday outing? Thank you so much for the Meridian Credit Union for sponsoring this brilliant evening, for the hard work of the committee and staff; it truly was the best present ever!

Come enjoy the sights and sounds of Scotland celebrating 65 years of tradition, August 13-15, 2010.

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Deb Dalziel

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