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## HOME OF THE WEEK



The finished lower level of the Scottish Manor at Tarns of the Moor, a tribute to the Scottish heritage of Bannockburn and builder Orren Pickell, features a massive stone fireplace.

## Scottish Manor reflects heritage of Bannockburn

By John Schmeltzer  
TRIBUNE REPORTER

Orren Pickell set out to build a tribute to his own and Bannockburn's Scottish heritage when he began considering building Tarns of the Moor. Surrounded by woods and ponds, "Tarns," a Scottish term for "little lakes," offers 10 estate home sites on about 40 acres. Sprinkled with bridges and walking paths, the 10 home sites are reminiscent of days of yore.

Like other Bannockburn lots, the heavily wooded Tarns of the Moor lots range from 2.2 acres to 3.7 acres. Each was configured to protect native trees and conservancy areas.

Each residence in the subdivision will be custom designed and built to the owner's specifications by the builder.

Bannockburn, a village of just over 1,300 acres, is within minutes of neighboring towns of Lincolnshire, Highland Park, Lake Forest and Deerfield, as well as 45 minutes away from Chicago via Interstate Highway 94, U.S. Highway 41 or the Metra commuter train. The village was founded by William Aitken, an architect and builder, who created a master plan covering 110 acres. Aitken was born in Scotland and used the name "Bannockburn" for his own home and in the names of his subdivisions.

The first homes were built in 1924. Thirty families were living in the community — on Meadow Lane, Robin Road, Aitken Drive, Telegraph Road and in the Wilmot Road/Sunset Lane area — when an application was filed to incorporate the town.



The home's two master suites have wood-burning fireplaces, walk-in closets and spa-like bathrooms.



The Scottish Manor has a circular drive for arriving guests.

**About this home:** Formal and inviting, the Scottish Manor captures the mood of Scotland's idyllic countryside. Filled with character and intricate detailing inside and out, this home offers seven fireplaces and two master suites within its 7,071 square feet of living space, with the finished lower level, which includes a Scottish pub, a large fireplace and two large-screen televisions, providing an additional 2,856 square feet for a grand total of nearly 10,000 square feet.

While both master suites boast wood-burning fireplaces, walk-in closets, and luxurious baths, one is located on the first floor while the other is on the second. The re-

maining four family bedrooms are on the second floor: Two have private baths while the remaining two share a connecting bath.

When guests enter the home, they are greeted in a formal foyer, which opens to the dining room. A heavily paneled library is on the first floor. The home also includes a pair of family rooms, one off the kitchen and the other adjacent to the dining room.

**Price:** \$4,825,000

**Where:** 30 Aberdeen Ct., Bannockburn

**Builder:** Orren Pickell Designers & Builders, Lincolnshire

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