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Friday to decide date of general election

As the final preparations are put in place for polling day on Friday there is growing speculation this week that a number of seats may change hands over the weekend.

By John McAteer

There is a substantial increase in the numbers on the registers with 142,419 eligible to vote in Donegal. The tally figures for 2019 indicated the electorate at 132,381. The 267 ballot boxes will be opened in the Aura Leisure Centre, Letterkenny on Saturday at 9am for scrutiny, verification and separation of the local and EU ballot papers. That process is likely to continue for the rest of the day and the first count will begin on Sunday at 9am.

The Government parties will be closely watching the tally figures in the EU elections more than ever before. There is every good reason to believe that a number of Dail Deputies will be elected to the EU Parliament and there

is every possibility that Friday's elections will dictate the timing of a general election. The Government will want to avoid by-elections in the second week of December.

Those in with a chance of an EU seat include Aodhan O'Riordan of Labour in Dublin. Fianna Fáil's Barry Cowen from Laois-Offaly is now seen as a winner, especially with a barrow load of preferences dropping his way from Mayo and Donegal.

SF's Kathleen Funchion from Carlow-Kilkenny and Independent Deputy Michael McNamara from Clare are also firmly in the mix for seats in Ireland South with Aontú's Peadar Tóibin in Meath West is also in with a shout for one of the final seats in the Midlands. So, come Monday morning, the Taoiseach will have big decisions to make. In the event of a rake of by-elections, they must take place by the second week of December. The re-



sults of this week's elections will surely influence the timing of the general election.

And there's the small matter of FF appointing a new EU Commissioner when Mairead McGuinness ends her term next month. Things could not be rosier for Finance Minister Michael McGrath because this is his post even without asking. However, should he refuse, their super-sub for Brussels is Farm Minister, Charlie McConalogue.

Suddenly the prospect of an Autumn election is back on the cards and it's all to play for. There

would be every prospect of the Dail being recalled in early August to rush through a give-away budget and seek to have it through all stages of the Dail before Halloween... stranger things are possible! The results of this week's polls will have a deep influence on the timing of the general election.

On Sunday the Aura Centre will see the votes from the Letterkenny and Milford Areas counted in separate operations and likewise at the Carndonagh Community School where the boxes from Buncrana and Carn are opened. The Lifford-Stranorlar count is in the

Finn Valley Centre: the Glenties count is in the Highlands Hotel in Glenties while the votes from South Donegal will be counted in the John Bosco Centre in Donegal Town. The tally counters, many with a lot of experience in the field have been selected into teams and the first trends are expected to be clear after a couple of hours on Saturday.

But first, there is the issue of getting people to the polling stations and candidates are making a final bid to encourage the public to come out and cast their votes. Without any real barometer for second guessing the final destination of the seats or the state of the parties, poll watchers say it is one of the most difficult of all elections to call. The reason is that voters are no longer disclosing their intentions openly in big numbers and it is also obvious that families are not all that interested in

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Rathmullan is open for business despite the ongoing works on the Pier and John T. Sheridan from the Beachcomber Bar is sponsoring the equipment for the Putting Green. He is pictured with Jamie Keeney and Alan Todd.

Cllr. queries health clinic taxi concerns

The cost of taxi transport for members of the public relying on the service to get to regular hospital appointments has been raised by Cllr Michael McClafferty (right).



The Independent Cllr says some people have to pay up to €280 every five weeks for transport to vital clinics in Sligo Hospital and this has to be addressed. He is calling for "subsidised taxi transfers" for those faced with a situation where they have no public transport available, or if the nature of their medical conditions prevent them from using public transport to get to appointments.

He said the issue was one

brought up with him on the canvas trail and he's also heard about the financial constraints being placed on family members having to take annual leave to help those attending regular clinics and this places "financial strain" on top of the ongoing health concerns faced.

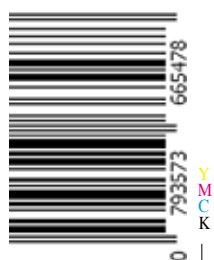
He stated: "During my campaign, I have heard more stories about people being transferred to different hospitals across Ireland for treatment. Travelling to these hospitals imposes significant costs on the patients. I spoke with an elderly lady who has to pay €280 for a taxi to take her to Sligo Hospital

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Heritage Group remembers Colm Ferry

There was a good turnout for the seat launch at High Road, Letterkenny last Wednesday in memory of the late Colm Ferry who was a very important member of the local Community Heritage Group. Chairperson, Johnny Joe McCollum thanked Letterkenny Credit Union, Charlie Grant (Tidy Towns), the County Museum, Brian Campbell (Town Engineer) and The Mayor of Letterkenny, Cllr Kevin Bradley for their support with the organisation and installing of the seat.



Ballyness Bay aquaculture licences granted

Thirteen licences have been granted for a number of aquaculture developments in Ballyness Bay after an appeal process, according to the Department of Agriculture and Marine.

Following the granting of 14 licences in late 2019, appeals were lodged against the decision by a number of groups and individuals to the Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board (ALAB), the independent body established by statute for the purpose of considering appeals of

Ministerial determinations in respect of aquaculture licence applications. Their determination was published in a local newspaper in the county last week detailing 13 licences were now being awarded to the applicants.

One of the previous 14 granted licence was annulled on appeal, while the others were either confirmed by the Minister of Agriculture and Marine, while another decision ordered by the Minister was amended and a variation licence granted.

A statement from the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine stated: "In November 2019, the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine made a number of determinations in relation to aquaculture licence applications in Ballyness Bay. A number of these were the subject of appeals to ALAB. On 23 May 2024, ALAB informed the Department that they have determined these appeals, and that there will be a total of 13 aquaculture licences issued, as follows: nine for the cultivation of Pacific Oysters, three for the cultivation of Pacific Oysters and Clams, and one for the cultivation of Clams."

In November 2019, fourteen of 18 applications to the Department for licenses to create clam and oyster farms in Ballyness Bay in Cloughaneely have been granted. They included two "variation licences" granted to Edward and Paul O'Brien, Magheroarty.

Anthony McCafferty of Glasserchoo, Gortahork was granted three licences. Seamus O'Donnell, Ballyconnell, Falcarragh, was granted two varia-

tion licences. Tully Shellfish Ltd in Redcastle were granted one licence.

Following the recent appeal, each of the licences were awarded to the applicants except for Tully Shellfish who had their single application 'annulled', one licence was annulled for Joseph Coll, while the O'Brien's had one of their two awarded licences granted on amendment.

An appeal against each of the licences were lodged by the Save Ballyness Bay Action Group, while the licences awarded to Tully Shellfish was also appealed by the Falcarragh Tourists & Traders Association and Coiste Glan & Glas an Fhál Carraigh agus Cósta Glan agus Glas an Fhál Carraigh.

Joe Friel lodged an appeal against once licence awarded to Joseph Coll, while John Boyle lodged an appeal against one of the licences awarded to Edward and Paul O'Brien.

Recommendations of ALAB Technical Advisor, Dr Ciar O'Toole for 'Reasons and Considerations' for granting the licences included that the sites are a suitable distance from the known seal haul-out site identified in the bay. They added the aquaculture sites will have a "positive impact" on the local economy and "not have a significant negative impact on the statutory status, ecology or environment of the bay".

They added the sites will "not have a negative impact on the man-made heritage of the area. Visual impact of the Site from nearby roads will be minimal due to distance although there will be some visual impact for recreational users at low tide due to the flat, open nature of the bay, but this is not

considered significant. Potential risk to recreational users e.g. kayakers, windsurfers if the locations of the trestles are not marked at high tide, but the technical advisor recommends that suitable marking be made a condition of any licence granted."

The Save Ballyness Bay group expressed their disappointment at the decision of the appeal.

A statement from the group said: "The SBB committee lodged an extensive and detailed appeal with ALAB to oppose any aquaculture in Ballyness Bay, based on concerns for users of the bay, wildlife, the local economy, EU wildlife regulation infringements, scenic despoilment etc, etc.

Most of which, the ALAB Board chose to disregard. The SBB team's efforts continued up to last week and we did succeed in having some of the applications refused and parts of the bay protected. E.g. the site that was going to be a total scenic eyecore at Ballyness Pier. We are extremely disappointed that we didn't achieve more."

They added that their committee will meet shortly to consider possible further action. The group was founded after a public meeting held in Falcarragh in August 2019 attracted a crowd of up to 700 people, many of whom expressed environmental concerns and fears for the disruption of the unspoilt scenery in the area.

Ireland is Full!

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VÓTÁIL VINCENT J. BRADLEY INDEPENDENT



Maria Walsh, MEP on her visit to Letterkenny on Monday with Members of the Management Committee of Letterkenny Community Centre and Minister Heather Humphreys, Department of Rural Development, with Philip O Kennedy Chair, and Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh, Monica Grier and Lorraine McGettigan acknowledging the funding for the new building which will be named after the late Cllr. Jim Lynch from the Rural Development fund of her Department, accessed through Donegal County Council and Cllr. Kavanagh.



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Cllr Kelly gets Tullygay Water Scheme update

Cllr Donal 'Mandy' Kelly has welcomed an update received this week regarding Tullygay Group Water Scheme takeover.

"I am happy that progress is being made in the takeover of the Tullygay Group Water Scheme. Uisce Eireann is working with their partners in the Council to progress the Taking in Charge of the Tullygay Group Water Scheme. The latest update is that a contract for the upgrade works to the scheme pumping station is being procured by the Council with construction of the necessary works to follow. Once those works are complete, Irish Water will be in a position to provide a further update on the Taking in Charge of this scheme. That is good news for the residents of Tullygay and surrounding areas but I will continue to make sure that this plan is completed," said Cllr Kelly.

Jim Sheridan tribute night deferred

The Letterkenny Community Heritage Group have announced that a tribute night for Finn Harps legend Jim Sheridan has been deferred to next month with a new date to be confirmed in due course. The tribute night will acknowledge the Rathmullan man's outstanding career in League of Ireland football and comes on the 50th anniversary of when Jim captained Finn Harps to their one and only FAI Senior Cup title. It is the club's only major piece of silverware at the top level in its 55 year history. Bartley Ramsay the co-author of the recently launched 'We are the Harps' book will be a guest at the event.

Man U Supporters Club AGM

The Donegal Branch of the Manchester United Supporters Club AGM will be held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 11th June in the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny. As many members as possible are asked to attend. Membership for the new season is still being taken, prices are £48 adult, £35 over 65's and £28 for 16 year olds and under. All prices are in Pound Sterling. New members welcome as always.



Eileen McGlinchey who graduated from Cork University Dental School and Hospital on Friday. Eileen, a native of Ardara, has been resident of Letterkenny for the past number of years. She also has her own business, Smileyeiley Oral Health promotions which was set up in 2012 after graduating in Dental Nursing the previous year. Eileen continued her education completing a BSc in Dental practice Management and Oral Health Promotion in 2012.

She has been providing her Oral Health Workshops to preschools, primary schools and special needs schools across Ireland over the past 12 years and has been a strong advocate for good oral health in disadvantaged areas and communities throughout Ireland. Eileen's passion for oral health led her to create the Smileyeiley Oral health and teething range which is available nationwide and encourages children to care for their teeth in a fun way. In 2019 she returned to education to study Dentistry in University College Cork culminating in her graduation on Friday.

GETTING THINGS DONE

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Ciaran Brogan
Local Election Candidate Letterkenny

I wish to thank everyone for the courtesy they have shown to us over the last number of weeks.

In my 25 years as your public representative, I have played a significant role in securing major projects for Letterkenny and the surrounding areas.

Letterkenny is now the economic centre of the North West and continues to be a great place to live, work, shop and invest in.

It also offers a good quality of life. I am fully committed to working for you again over the next five years.

I believe I can be the strong voice your area needs to ensure that we continue to secure

the adequate resources and services needed.

I am once again asking you to please place your trust in me and give me your No. 1 vote this Friday.

Thank you.

Local Election Candidate | Letterkenny **Vote No. 1**

Please continue your preference for Donal **Coyle** & Donal **Kelly**



Gates now opened for mining

In September 2001 the 9/11 attacks by Al Qaeda killed almost 3,000 in New York. Immediately afterwards, a British Government advisor suggested it was a 'good time to bury bad news'.

I am reminded of that cynical remark. That is because, two weeks ago, the European Union (EU) adopted the European Critical Raw Materials Act.

Current media attention is on three sets of elections. There are European elections across the EU. There are local elections in the South. The United Kingdom (including the North) is, of course, not in the EU. The UK (and thus the North) is in the middle of a General Election. The (Southern) Irish media is paying that detailed attention.

Thus the Critical Raw Materials Act has crept under the radar. The aim is to triple current production of these minerals. The stated intention is "At least 10% of the EU's annual production for extraction."

We are told Critical Raw Materials are needed for the 'green transition'. This 'green transition' will be wonderfully clean. Big business is smart. It never misses a trick. There is good reason to believe much of the 'green transition' they speak of is really greenwashing. In the 10 years to 2023, mining companies spent €23 million lobbying the EU to shape this legislation.

These are aware fossil fuels are increasingly unpopular. There is a public fear of global warming. That dents the popularity of their whole system. They also know that oil and gas reserves are being exhausted. The International Energy Authority brings together most of the big oil producers. This believes oil reserves will run out in the early 2050s. That is 30 well within the lifetime of many of you.

Thus there is a turn towards renew-

The processes in the Earth's interior that produced minerals took millions of years. Thus regenerating them takes millions of years.

It is planned to mine more minerals over the next generation than in the whole of human history. Is doing so wise?

able energy, principally wind, solar and tidal. At the same time, there is a growth of smartphones and data centres.

Some of the minerals seen as needed are known as Rare Earth Minerals. They are not, actually, that rare. They are, though, only present in small quantities in deposits. Thus, producing them will require massive excavation. For example, to produce one kilo of lutecium you need to process 1,200 tonnes of rock. The result will be large quantities of waste. At present, 30% of Ireland is licensed for mining exploration. That has produced campaigns of opposition across the country.

A worrying add-on is the part the increased militarisation of the EU plays. The Act speaks of "the central importance of critical raw materials for the green and digital transitions, and for defence (my emphasis) and space applications." 'Defence' is mentioned 18 times in the legislation. Many see 'defence' as 'military aggression'. At present there is an EU military mission in Mali. Nobody has yet produced any evidence Mali is going to attack the EU.

Another worrying aspect is the threat to the democratic right to object to planning applications. There has been an energetic propaganda campaign against planning objections. The right to object has already been significantly reduced. There are all sorts of conditions. Import-

tantly, objectors must have detailed planning reasons. Thus objecting is expensive.

There are a couple of ominous-sounding paragraphs regarding objection. One is: "Creating secure and resilient EU critical raw materials supply chains: The Act will reduce the administrative burden and simplify permitting procedures for critical raw materials projects in the EU. In addition, selected Strategic Projects will benefit from support for access to finance and shorter permitting timeframes (24 months for extraction permits and 12 months for processing and recycling permits). Member States will also have to develop national programmes for exploring geological resources." (I have emphasised the worrying phrases).

Further on, the Act says: "Sometimes difficult access to funding, lengthy and complex permitting procedures and the lack of public acceptance as well as potential environmental concerns are major impediments to the development of critical raw materials projects. "Therefore, in order to ensure and speed up their effective implementation, Member States should apply streamlined and predictable permitting procedures to Strategic Projects. To that end, Strategic Projects should be given priority status at national level to ensure rapid administrative treatment and urgent treatment in

all judicial and dispute resolution procedures relating to them. This Regulation should not prevent competent authorities from streamlining permitting for other projects on the critical raw materials value chain that are not Strategic Projects." Add together all the sections I have highlighted. You don't have to be paranoid to feel this means: mines will be bulldozed through. And the justified concerns of communities will be ridden over.

Ireland already had too much experience of pollution from mining. The Tynagh Mines site in East Galway is seen as one of the most polluted in Europe. Silvermines in Tipperary also has resulted in major pollution. Both these mines are shut. The Galantas goldmine at Cavanacaw, outside Omagh, is still operating. Six years ago there was a major collapse. A flood followed. The company pleaded guilty to breaches of health and safety. The site drains into the Foyle, which flows past East Donegal and then Inishowen, as far as Moville.

Then there are further, broader, issues. The processes in the Earth's interior that produced minerals took



By Anton McCabe

millions of years. Thus regenerating them takes millions of years.

It is planned to mine more minerals over the next generation than in the whole of human history. Is doing so wise? Just like oil and gas, these minerals will run out.

Because some are vital, there is a need to safeguard resources. That means using as little as possible. Lithium is the best example I can think of. This mineral is the best known treatment for bi-polar disorder. The disorder causes awful misery for sufferers. We can't let deposits be exhausted for non-essential uses.

The Act must also make us be more sober in thinking about the EU. Is it encouraging destruction of the environment, in the name of saving it?

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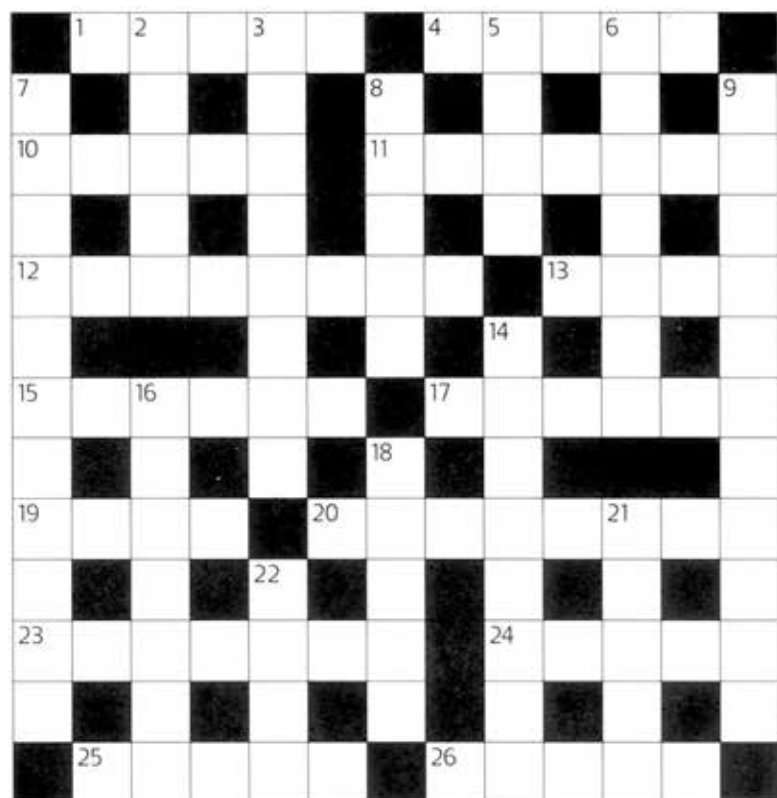
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Region needs modern road access: Niall Blaney

In the final days of the European elections campaign, Senator Niall Blaney, is calling on the EU to commit to a multi-billion-euro plan to build a motorway network in the Border and Con-nacht counties. He said the absence of motorways reinforces disadvantage and indicates how the region is being left lagging behind the east and south of the country.

“We have to make a strong case in Europe for a multi-billion-euro programme to build the modern road access my region deserves. The fact that there’s not one kilometre of motorway in more than half the counties in Mid-lands-North West speaks volumes for the neglect we’ve suffered over many years. If you’re not at the table making a strong case for assistance, you’ll be overlooked. That’s what

has happened here and it’s a dreadful indictment, both of the people we sent to fight our corner in Europe in the past ten years and the EU itself.

Ireland, on its own, cannot build the motorways to end our remoteness and isolation,” he concluded.



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Talk on Donegal Railways

Historian Joe Kelly will travel over the tracks of time when he delivers a talk on the history of the Donegal Railways next week.

Conwal Parish Church hall in Letterkenny is the venue for the lecture on Wednesday night.

The Falcarragh based school teacher is an acknowledged expert on many aspects of local history and contributes to periodicals as well as guesting on Highland Radio on a regular basis.

His talk will trace the development of the railways in the county up to their demise in the fifties and sixties.

The lecture commences at 8.p.m. on Wednesday night and will be followed by refreshments in the parish church hall.

“Keep Council seat in Ramelton” **■ ■ ■ Ian McGarvey**

At the last local elections, Cllr. Ian McGarvey retained his seat in the Milford electoral area: he also had the distinction of being ‘Ireland’s Oldest Councillor’.

This week, in his only public comment of the local elections, Ian has called on the community to elect his nephew, Cllr. Pauric McGarvey who replaced him in February last year.

Ian McGarvey said: “I was pleased to be able to co-opt Pauric to the position because of his experience working in the community for many years

previously.

Ramelton needs a voice on the Council because the community does not have any other elected representative residing here. This is something we cannot afford to lose because so much remains to be done and lobbying for people is important.

Pauric is familiar with the workings and the confidentiality needed to represent the people on a personal basis and I believe his hard work has earned him the trust and respect of the voters.

He is well suited to the role of Councillor and that is something he has become familiar with taking his seat on the Council.

I would like to thank all of you for your support and loyalty to the McGarvey name over the past twenty years and long before that in the community campaigns and battles we won for the people. Vote 1 McGarvey or nearest preference is my contribution to his campaign... I thank you all for your votes and support since 2004. Ian McGarvey”

RAMELTON MARINERS FC



Annual General Meeting

will host their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 18th June in the Sip and Slice at 7.30pm.

All welcome

Funeral of Hugh Boyce

The funeral took place on Monday of Hugh Boyce, Whiteleas, Ramelton. Hugh passed away on Thursday at Beaumont Hospital, Dublin. A well known member of the local community Hugh worked in the McDaid’s Bottling Store as a young man. He also worked in the painting, decorating and joinery sectors.

In his homily Fr. Michael Carney described Hugh as a kind, gentle, private man who at the same time had a very public profile as a highly regarded artist. His paintings adorned many a house in the local community and further afield. Following his marriage to Bernie in 1981, Hugh was the stay at home dad taking great care of the family. He was house proud and outside nurtured a beautiful garden. At the same time his desire for knowledge to enhance his artistic skills saw him study the techniques from television programmes. Fr. Carney said the paintings on the walls of the family home at Whiteleas were



definitely from the Hugh Boyce Gallery. It reminded him of the Hugh Lane Gallery in Dublin. In his younger days Hugh was also a very talented golfer.

Requiem Mass took place on Monday in St Mary’s Church, Ramelton where the celebrant was Fr. Michael Carney P.P. Readings were by Rachel and his son Calum. Music and hymns were by Catriona Murray. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Hugh’s daughter Donna and Eilish. After Holy Communion a Reflection, a John O’Donoghue poem, was read by Hugh’s son Aidan. Hugh was laid to rest afterwards in the adjoining cemetery where Fr. Carney said the graveside prayers.

Hugh is survived by his wife Bernie; family Aidan, Donna and Calum; grandchildren Malachy, Hannah, Georgia and Sophie; brother Tony and sister Anna, in-laws and relatives. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.



Photographed following their recent wedding in St. Mary’s Church, Clonmany are Tony McNamee, Ardrummond Road, Ramelton and Sarah Long, Clonmany.

Chiropodist visit this Tuesday

The Ramelton Care of the Aged have organised the Chiropodist to visit the town on Tuesday the 11th of June.

They will visit the Mackemie Hall at the usual times and anyone wishing to get further details on the visit is asked to contact Anthony on 086 082 2426.

Fr. Declan Boyce’s 25th ordination anniversary

Congratulations to Fr Declan Boyce a native of Pound Street who is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood this week. Fr Declan is the son of Mary and the late Teddy Boyce. He is currently serving as the Admin-

istrator in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo Town.

Wedding Bells

The wedding took place on Saturday in St. Mary’s Church, Ramelton of Sarah Coll and Paul Davitt. Sarah is the daughter of Ann and Stevie Coll, Chestnut Grove, Ramelton. Paul is the son of Brigie-Ann and Tommy Davitt, Achill, Co. Mayo. Fr. Michael Carney P.P. officiated at the nuptials. Maid of Honour was Clodagh Morrison and the Bridesmaids were Shauna O’Neill (cousin) and Tara McGro-ry. The Best Man was David Davitt (brother) and the Groomsmen were Michael Joe Heffernan and Mark Davitt. Flower Girls were

Paul’s three nieces who came all the way from Perth, Australia for the wedding. The Boy Usher was Eddie McElhinney. Music and hymns were by Zara Montgomery accompanied by Eimear Jennings and the bride’s father Stevie Coll on guitar. Sarah was the third generation of the Coll family to get married in St. Mary’s Church, Ramelton. The wedding reception was held in Harvey’s Point Hotel, Donegal Town and the happy couple are enjoying their honeymoon starting in Mexico followed by Miami and New York.

AGM

Ramelton Mariners will hold their annual general meeting at Sip and Slice at 7.30pm on Tuesday the 18th of June. All members are invited to attend.

Community Games Art Finals

Good luck to all the children taking part in the Community Games County Art Competition Finals in the Mount Errigal Hotel at 1pm this Sunday, 9th of June. Could all children please be there for registration at 12.30.

New lights at Upper Church Street

The new street lights installed outside the Community Nursing Hospital and Upper Church Street are making a huge difference in what was a very dark area for a long time. A very welcome addition to the town. All down the Back Road be-

Swilly Rovers Lotto draw

Numbers drawn in the Swilly Rovers Lotto on Sunday were 3, 4, 13 and 22. No jackpot winner. Two 3 number winners: Gary McDaid and Christian Gorney both purchased online. This week’s jackpot is €600. Thanks for your continued support.

Soccer Camp

Swilly Rovers will host the FAI Summer Camp at Swilly Park from the 22nd of July to the 26th of July. Daily from 10am to 1pm. Book your spot early in the FAI football Camps website.

Country Market

Ramelton Country Market will be in Ramelton Town Hall from 10.30am until 12.00noon this Saturday 8th June.

Get your orders in for the weekend from our food producers on 087 9699715. Come along, browse the market that boasts the best of local homemade food with our wholesome soups, cottage pies, lasagne, quiche, meat pasties, seasonal vegetables, breads, scones, sweet treats and also beautiful local made crafts, cards, natural soap, knitwear, woodturning and more.

Meet up with family and friends at our Cosy Tearoom for a tea/coffee and maybe a delicious Cheese Toastie, scone or sweet treat, everything to make your visit to our market relaxing & enjoyable. Loyalty cards are available at our checkouts & credit card



The wedding took place on Friday in Drumhalla House, Rathmullan of Anthony Fisher and Claire Boyle. Claire is the daughter of Charles and Mary Boyle, Conlin Road, Killybegs. Anthony is the son of Pauline and Gilbert Fisher, Bridge Street, Ramelton. Best Man was Justin Campbell. Groomsmen were Antony’s brother Paul and Lee McFadden. Maid of honour was Claire’s sister Louise Boyle. Bridesmaids were Andrea O’Donnell and Stephanie Kee. Page boys were Brieon Boyle Fisher and Leighton Boyle. Flower Girls were Louri-Mai Boyle Fisher and Cleo Boyle.



The wedding took place on Sunday in Chesterfield, England of Conrad Logan and Vicky Davis. Conrad is the son of Marion and Joe Logan, Church Street, Ramelton. The wedding reception took place in the Stretton Manor Barn. Conrad has been residing in the UK since joining Leicester City F.C.’s Academy from home town club Swilly Rovers in 2001. A goalkeeper, he played for the Leicester City senior team as well as a number of other clubs during loan spells. He was a member of the Hibernian team that won the Scottish FA Cup Final in 2016

payments are accepted. Ramelton Country Market gift vouchers are also available. Just enquire at our checkout or from any market member. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday. New Yoga Class for beginners

Men only Yoga class every Wednesday at 7pm in the Ramelton Town Hall. Block booking 4 weeks €40. For booking contact: 087 6807850

Ramelton SVP

As the cost of living crisis continues, many families will face impossible choices this winter. If you are in need of support, contact Ramelton SVP in confidence.

Crochet and knitting craft group

Crochet and knitting craft group

has begun again and continues every Monday 10.30am to 12.30pm in St Mary’s Parish Centre behind the chapel. Everyone is welcome to come along and bring your current project or start something new.

Enjoy the craic company and a cuppa. All queries to Myrtle on 0876825387.

Little Ballers

The Little Ballers Toddler Football continues every Monday in the Ramelton Community Centre for boys and girls aged from 3 to 5 years old. Group 1 are on from 5 to 5.30pm and Group 2 from 5.30 to 6pm. Call into the Centre for details.

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Salt and Saltiness

I've been thinking a bit about salt recently. As has my wife. She's been reading a truck of a book entitled "Salt, Acid, Fat, Heat", and followed that up with a book on our senses, "Life in Five Senses". So we get periodic nuggets of distilled wisdom - salt is the only rock we eat; salt is a universal flavour enhancer that lifts sweetness, deepens umami (I didn't even know this was a thing!) and masks bitterness; salt should be added to homemade chicken stock until it 'sings'. I love the taste of salt in things. It's a tremendous flavour enhancer - and sometimes it's as if your body just needs a bit of a salt kick. Salt is essential to survival. It is essential for nerve and muscle function, and it helps regulate fluids in the body, as well as playing a part in controlling blood pressure and volume. We can't survive without it and when we lose too much through exercise we need to replenish it. But imagine that you come to add salt to your meal or as a key ingredient to a dish and whatever comes out

of the salt cellar certainly isn't salt? Or imagine you are taking salt tablets to replace salts lost via sweat in an endurance event, and the tablets turn out to be sickly sweet, and anything but salt? Salt that loses its saltiness is useless, and even dangerous. Jesus said the same in Matthew 5:13. He was speaking to his followers: "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot." What did he mean by that? Quite simply that his followers are meant to be different. They are meant to stand out in society, rather than fit in with the values of the age. And yet it is in being different that we are essential to the health and well-being of individuals and society. So what happens when Christians accommodate and lose their saltiness? They become sickly sweet and dan-

gerous to the health of society. Secular historian Tom Holland traces the distinctive nature of Western society to the impact of a Christianity that refused to fit in, but stood up for what it believed in. We lose that when Christians accommodate themselves to the particular flavours of each age - rather we are to hold on to the distinctiveness of the Bible's teaching in every area, even if it does seem salty at times. It is for the good of society. Failure to do so, Jesus says, renders you fit only for the rubbish heap. So find those Christians who seek to stand out - they might be an acquired taste, but they will be good for you. And be one of those Christians who stands out rather than fits in. I came across a quote recently from a former transgender activist, "When people get tired of the lies, they don't turn to the people that lie to them. They turn to the people that told them the truth, even when they didn't want to hear it." That's the value of remaining salty.

Food for thought



Mark Loughbridge

Mark Loughbridge is one of the ministers in Milford Reformed Presbyterian Church. He can be contacted on 086 3907726 or jmarkloughbridge@gmail.com.

Rathmullan

Tidy Towns Election Posters

Best wishes to all of the candidates in the Milford Electorate area, and we appeal to you each and every one of you to please remove your Election Advertising Placards & cable ties as quickly as possible after polling on Friday. Some have already fallen down during recent winds and a few have unfortunately gone swimming. Judging in the Tidy Towns competition can take place at any time, so we respectfully ask you to help us in this regard. The Beach Lifeguards are now on cover during weekends until the start of July when they will resume full cover for the rest of the summer. Why not help us and them by doing a quick 2 minute beach clean as you walk - pickers & bags available at their stand. Please also note that our free 'Borrow & Return' container of beach toys is also available at their hut. This is very useful if you have a mishap or just need to use something for an afternoon, while supporting the circular economy. Please adhere to restricted bathing areas and control of dogs and horses during specified times. The Rathmullan Annual Sustainability Fair last Satur-

day at the Boathouse Sheds was very successful thanks to the support of DLDC/SICAP. Marie of The Mixing Bowl had scrumptious Free Taster Sessions and recipes, and Anne McGarvey had a 'Sewing Repair Workshop' by Anne as well as an amazing selection of upcycled sewn items on display. The Preloved Clothing, Books and Toys were very popular, while the live music by Mark Boyce and Sheridan boys added summer vibes to the afternoon. Jean McKean, the Irish Junior Eurovision representative dropped by and gave us a few songs, and wow, we were blown away by her talent. Thanks to everyone for the support and the Council Free Kitchen Food Waste boxes as part of Food Waste week were very popular too. Don't forget to pick up your Free Compost at the Recycling centres this week too. **Community Art programme** We're delighted to announce that we've been selected for the current round of the @TescoIrl Community Fund in Letterkenny. If you're shopping in Tescos over the next

few weeks, then we'd really appreciate if you'd vote for us using your blue token. This campaign will last until near the end of August. The Swallows are back, and did you know that they can eat up to 850 flies and insects per day? Amazing creatures and keep and eye out now too for the Swifts as they should also be arriving shortly now too. **Water Safety Classes** A date for the diary will be the Rathmullan Classes coming up 15th - 20th July and bookings are now available by contacting rathmullanwatersafety@gmail.com, and preregistrations are mandatory.



Paul Everett, Mary Patton and Hazel Russell at the launch of the Tesco Blue Token Community fund in aid of Rathmullan Community Art Projects.



Fr. Martin Collum blessing the boats in Rathmullan on Friday evening and below, sections of the attendance at the service.



Donegal IWDG If you're interested in learning the most appropriate response to a live stranding event, including first aid, how to stabilise the animal or assisting with refloating techniques, then you should attend the Cetacean Live Standing Training Course in Ray Community Centre, hosted by Irish Whale & Dolphin Group on Sunday June 15th from 10am to 5pm. This training will include a class room based theoretical session followed by a practical beach session. Booking is essential and details of fees and other information are all available on Eventbrite. **Rathmullan Celtic 50/50** Congratulations to winner Brian McElhinney and Joshua McFadden on board along An Post and Donegal County council. A large skip will be left at the Pier area for the end of the month and be your bit? Plastics can take *hundreds and hundreds* of years to degrade, and even then they persist as tiny, harmful microplastics. We need serious action on plastics **now** to protect the future of our ocean. To celebrate, an Post are launching new stamps depicting marine life, ie Carrogeen Moss, an edible plant which can also be used in

puddings, and Compass Jelly fish which are regularly seen along the Donegal coastline. The weekly Pier area, village and beach cleans take place every Wednesday, with equipment available outside the White Harte from 10am. We especially grateful to our Coastal Warrior pals from the HSE TOA Community Programme, and delighted to have a few new faces occasionally joining us to keep our streets and beaches litter free, thanks indeed. Everyone welcome to join in and we usually have a so-cial coffee afterwards. **St Vincent De Paul** Many times of the year can be difficult and challenging for people especially with family occasions and unexpected household costs, so don't forget the local St Vincent de Paul are always available to help out in times of need, so please feel free to contact any member of the Chapter when confidential assistance is needed on 087 698 2822. Remember the Vincent's Charity Shop also takes donations of used small household items, bric a brac, books and clean used clothing, and also stock a huge selection of clothing at very reasonable prices. Opening hours are Wednesday and Thursday 11-3 and also on Saturdays.

Damage caused to Rathmullan parochial house

Gardaí are investigating an incident of criminal damage that occurred at the Parochial House at St. Joseph's Church in Rathmullan last Sunday, June 2nd. It occurred between 12pm and 6pm. Gardaí stated that the lock on the back door of the Parochial House was damaged between those times, but entry was not gained. They asked: "If anybody observed any suspicious activity around the Church grounds or in the area of the Parochial House on that date, we ask them to please make contact with Gardaí in Milford on 9153060."

Gardaí also ask should anybody ever observe any suspicious activity in or around Churches or graveyards then we ask them to make contact with Gardaí immediately. They stated "We have noticed a rise in recent weeks in reports of crimes being committed on Church grounds. There has been an increase in the occurrences of thefts and burglaries at places of worship across the county. Should any members of the Clergy or parish committees wish to update the security measures at their Church contact Sgt Fergus McGroary on 074-9167100."

Ramelton man to appeal 15 year jail term

A Ramelton man jailed for 15 years for his role in an attack on a security guard protecting a repossessed house in Roscommon in 2018 is to appeal his sentence.

PJ Sweeney, of High Cairn, was one of three men jailed at Dublin Circuit Court in June 2023.

The 59-year-old was jailed alongside Martin O'Toole of Stripe, Irishtown, Claremorris, Co Mayo, and Paul Beirne of Boyle, Co Roscommon,

following a trial where all three had denied the charges.

At their sentencing hearing, Judge Martina Baxter said the attack was a "gratuitous disregard" for the life of those present and was clearly a "terrifying experience" for the four security guards who gave evidence during the trial.

It is understood Sweeney is to appeal his conviction on July 18th.



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Psychiatric Nurses to ballot for strike action

Psychiatric nurses are to ballot for strike action over what they say is the HSE refusal to exempt mental health services from its recruitment embargo. The Psychiatric Nurses Association says there are currently 700 vacancies in the mental health sector which can't be filled.

The PNA said the ballot for industrial action, up to and including strike, reflects the frustration of members at a recent HSE memo announcing derogations to the recruitment embargo that did not include mental health services.

The PNA General Secretary Peter Hughes said there are over 700 vacancies in the mental health services, which is seriously impacting on the delivery of care, the depletion of frontline services and the inability to develop services

"The provision of basic psychiatric services throughout the country, including Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services is reliant on both overtime and agency. This is becoming unsustainable, and there is mounting concern that the current situation will ultimately result in the

closure of services," Mr Hughes said.

The PNA General Secretary said it was crucial that the recruitment of mental health nurses is exempt from the recruitment freeze, as a matter of urgency. The PNA have cited examples of services that remain closed as a direct result of a lack of staff. The union also said that it has been informed that closures of some community services are imminent in order for managers to prioritise inpatient approved centres and 24-hour community services.

Anti-skid surface needed for Bunlin Bridge - Deeney

The Aontú Milford candidate has called for the urgent laying of an anti-skid surface on the road at Bunlin Bridge near Milford.

Kathleen Deeney (pictured right) said: "This road is a crucial tourist link on the Wild Atlantic Way, and also for local residents travelling from Downings, Carrigart and Cranford to Letterkenny and beyond.

There is a sharp bend on the approach to this bridge when travelling to Milford which can be treacherous if approached at speed in wet conditions. It is particularly dangerous at night as this stretch of road is unlit.

The Aontú candidate claimed there had been a recent crash at the bridge in which the parapet was demolished and fears have risen over a similar incident occurring.

She said: "Amidst mounting concerns, locals state the approach to the bridge is downright dangerous for vehicles, especially on dark winter nights. It's only a matter of time before there is a serious accident or even lives lost unless immediate action is taken to improve safety measures.

The surface here was repaired a few years ago. However, I'm now calling for Donegal County Council to upgrade this section by investing in an anti-skid surface at Bunlin Bridge.



Death of Eileen Boyce

The death occurred on Saturday of Eileen Boyce, Rough Park, Woodlands, Letterkenny.

Eileen who formerly resided at The Half Way House, Ballymaleel passed at the Hillcrest Nursing Home in Letterkenny. Aged 89 she was a member of the McDaid family,



born in the townland of Gortnavern on the 10th of December, 1934. Following her marriage to Jack Boyce, the couple resided at the Halfway House where they raised a family of five while also running a busy bar business.

In his homily Fr. Ciaran Harkin P.P. spoke of a woman with a zeal for life and a strong work ethic. Among her jobs as a young woman was housekeeping at St. Eunan's Cathedral Parochial House and later in life she was an employee at IMED on the Kilmacrennan Road. In the 1980's Eileen and Jack emigrated to Long Island, New York to work for some years. There she was a great hostess for visitors coming from home. She loved to travel and spent holidays with her son John when he had a farm in France.

Eileen is survived by her family, Joe and Anne, John and Bridget, Rosaleen, Brendan and Rosaleen, Kevin and Annabella, 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, brother Seamus (Gortnavern), sisters-in-law Brid and Betty (Dublin), nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was predeceased by her husband Jack, sister Betty and brothers Pat and Dan.

Remains reposed at the family home in Rough Park from Sunday. Requiem Mass took place on Tuesday in the Church of the Irish Martyrs where the celebrant was Fr. Ciaran Harkin. Before Mass Eileen's daughter-in-law Anne de-

livered a eulogy that included a description of symbols of Eileen's life that were brought to the altar by Charlotte, Oscar, Sarah and Jack. That included her passport signifying her love of travel; a tea towel demonstrating her hospitality; her knitting needles and wool and the rosary beads showing the devotion that Eileen had to her faith. She also spoke of Eileen being a strong and independent woman, values that she passed onto her family.

Readings were by Damian and Lee. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Charlotte, Sarah, Nicola and Christopher. Offertory Gifts were brought to the altar by Eileen's son Joe and daughter Rosaleen. Fr. Harkin was assisted by Fr. Dominick Thoomkuzhy at Holy Communion. A Reflection was read by Eileen's daughter Rosaleen. Music and hymns were by Catriona Murray. Burial took place afterwards in Conwal Cemetery.

The late Dessie Laughlin

The death took place on Saturday at Letterkenny University Hospital of Dessie Laughlin, Muckish Avenue, Letterkenny. A native of Letterkenny, Dessie emigrated to Manchester in his mid-teens before moving to other parts of England. He eventually settled in Clydebank.

Dessie was initially involved in gas installation works in towns and cities across Scotland. He then had his own construction firm employing up to 250 staff at a stage. In a voluntary capacity he was also recognised for his work for St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Glasgow and was a regular attendee at Holy Redeemer Church in Clydebank. Like so many Donegal natives he was a big Glasgow Celtic supporter. He also



enjoyed his music as well as walking and jogging. Dessie always had the desire to return to his hometown and that was realised some years ago. In his homily Fr. Damian Nejad said Dessie was a generous man who even in his final days made a donation to his sister-in-law Margaret for the Letterkenny CDP. He was also good to his grandchildren.

Dessie's remains reposed at the family residence in Muckish Avenue from Sunday. Funeral was from there on Tuesday to St. Eunan's Cathedral for Requiem Mass where the celebrant was Fr. Damian Nejad C.C. Readings were by Chas and Carrie. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Louise, Ellie and Jake. The Gifts of Bread and Wine were brought forward by Carmel and April. Music and hymns were by Clann Ui Dhomhnaill. Interment took place afterwards in Conwal Cemetery.

Dessie is survived by his son Brendan and partner Amanda (Aberdeen), daughter Tracey (Aberdeen), grandchildren Connell, Jordan, Jade, Paige, Steph, Jack and Daniel, great-grandchildren Chas, Kensey and Bob, nieces, nephews and a wide circle of family, friends and neighbours in Scotland and Letterkenny.

He was predeceased by his brothers Noel, Paddy, Damian and Jim, sisters Noeleen Lowe and Mausheen Elliott and his parents Tony and Bridie. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

The late Margaret McGinley

The death took place on Sunday at the Donegal Hospice of Margaret McGinley, Glebe, Downings. Margaret was a native of Gortahork. Remains reposed at the family residence in Glebe. Funeral was from there on Wednesday afternoon to the Church of St. John the Baptist, Carrigart for Requiem Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Seán O Gallchoir, Retired P.P. Gortahork. Interment took place afterwards in the adjoining cemetery.

Margaret is survived by husband Michael, daughter Maura, grandchildren, sister and brothers. She was predeceased by her son Donchadh and sister Mary. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

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Creelough Petrol station planning result due

Planning permission for a new shop and petrol station in Creelough that was applied for in April is due to be determined by next Wednesday, according to the Donegal County Council planning website.

The application by Vivo Shell Ltd for the demolition of existing building, erection of new building which will incorporate shop, post office, off-licence, store, deli, toilets including accessible toilets, staff welfare facilities, forecourt, replacement of underground storage tanks and pumps, external canopy, associated signage and all other associated site development works including a space for a memorial garden in Creelough that was received by the planning department on April 18th.

As of the time of press on Wednesday, the website stated the decision was due next Wednesday June 12th.

A total of 31 submissions have been received objecting to the development where 10 people died in a tragic explosion in October 2022.

McDonald's EV charging point gets planning

Planning has been granted for a new electric vehicle charging point in Letterkenny.

Conditional planning permission has been granted to Instavolt Europe Limited for the work. It allows for installation of one electric vehicle (EV) charger and all associated site development works at McDonald's, Pearse Road, Letterkenny.

Extension granted for Kinnegar Brewery

A Letterkenny-based brewery company has been granted planning permission for their facility.

Donegal County Council granted conditional planning permission for the construction of a 107 square metre storage extension to the rear of the existing unit and ancillary site works at Kinnegar Brewery Ltd, Ballyrairie Industrial Estate, Letterkenny.

Tory Island Helicopter

The helicopter that was scheduled to fly a Nurse and GP to Tory Island this Thursday 6th of June, has now been cancelled due to technical issues.

Interim measures are being put in place. The HSE wishes to apologise for any inconvenience caused to patients/clients. The next scheduled flight is due to operate on Thursday 20th of June, 2024.

Social Dance in Carrigart Hall

The monthly Social Dancing in Mevagh Hall Carrigart continues on Friday 7th June from 9.30 - 11.30pm. Music is by Country Sensations, admission is €10 and light refreshments served. All welcome.

Milford

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to Hugh Doherty, Mount Marian, Milford and the extended Doherty family on the death of his brother Charlie Doherty, Carnagore, Carrigart and formerly of the Lighthouse Tavern, Fanad at Letterkenny University Hospital on Wednesday. His remains were removed for the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Letterkenny to his late residence on Wednesday afternoon.

Funeral Mass will take place on this Friday in Church of St John the Baptist at 11am followed by burial in the adjoining cemetery.

50/50 Winner

Congratulations to Ann Doherty, Mountain Top, Letterkenny who was the lucky winner of the Milford United 50/50 Jackpot of €1000 for May which took place on Sunday evening in the Hi-da-way Bar.

The next draw will take place on Sunday 7th July in the Hi-da-way Bar for a guaranteed Jackpot of €1000. Tickets on sale at €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets can be bought online on Klubfunder or by Revolut to Noel Gillespie 086 8224091 and Martin Roarty



Milford United Chairman Peter Doherty making a presentation to Milford United players Zach Djedi and Mairead Shields who are representing the club as part of the Donegal Underage League U14 teams competing in this years Gaynor Cup and Kennedy Cup in UL Limerick over the next two weeks.

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Credit Union Draw

The Swilly Mulroy Credit Union Prize Draw will take place on Saturday 17th August. Tickets cost €20 and are limited to 1 per member (over 18s). The prizes include 1st prize - €7000; 2nd prize - €2000; 3rd prize - €1000 and there will be other prizes on the day to be won.

Milford Hall Dancing

Dancing in the hall has now finished for the summer months. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you all for your continued support, it is very much appreci-

ated. Also huge thank you to James Sandilands for the great music. We will be back up and running again in September and look forward to seeing you all then. In the meantime enjoy your summer and stay safe.

Mission Hall

Speakers at the Milford Mission Hall which takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 8pm are Sunday 7th July Beach Mission Team.

Golf Society

The Hi-da-way Golf Society will hold their next outing on Saturday 22nd June to Foyle Golf Club, Derry. Contact Captain David Bonner 085 8320260 or Eugene McCafferty

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Playgroup celebrates 40 Years

Milford Community Playgroup are celebrating their 40 year anniversary this September. The organising committee are busy planning the event which will take place in the Milford Parochial Hall on Saturday 21st September. The committee are looking for old photographs / memorabilia from over the years, newspaper clippings etc. All items submitted will be photocopied and returned. Please leave these into the playschool or email milfordcommunityplaygroup@hotmail.com by 18th of June.

Masses

Mass times in St Peter's Church, Milford Thursday 6th June 10am, Friday 7th June 10am and 6pm; Saturday 8th June at 7.30pm; Sunday 9th June at 11am.

Mass times in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 8th June at 6pm.

Graveyard Mass Dates

The annual Graveyard Mass at Tully Cemetery will take place on Sunday 28th July 2024 at 3pm and Graveyard Mass at Milford Cemetery will take place on Sunday 4th August 2024 at 3pm.

Gallowglass Centre

The Gallowglass Community Centre is available for birthday party bookings on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as early evenings during the week. Contact the MDRC office for more info on 0749153736 or Emma Lou on emmalou@mdrc.ie.

There are many activities taking place at the centre each week and for further information on classes and activities, contact the MDRC office for more info on 0749153736 or Emma Lou on emmalou@mdrc.ie.

Volunteers Needed for Milford's 'Rags to Riches' Charity Shop

The Milford community is rallying together to

Memorial stone in memory of the late Hugo Duggan

Milford Athletic Club in conjunction with Milford Park Development Committee will hold an unveiling of a memorial stone in memory of the late Hugo Duggan on Saturday the 15th June at 12noon at the playing pitches, Moyle Road in Milford. The new stone is opposite the long jump area, the discipline in which Hugo won many National Titles. Guest speakers include, John Cronin, president of Athletics Ireland and Patsy McGonagle, five times Irish Olympic team manager.

Milford AC, Milford Park Development Committee and Hugo's family extends an open invitation to all to attend, particularly people who knew Hugo, groups or Clubs he was involved with, former athletes he coached or managed. All welcome. Refreshments will be served.



Milford AC Juvenile Athlete of the year 2023 Walter Dill put on yet another fantastic performance at the Ulster Athletics NI Children's Games, throwing 8.08m in the shot putt and 21.97m in Javelin. He finished a brilliant 3rd place in both events to qualify for the nationals. Walter also took part in the high jump where he came 4th, jumping the height of 1.20m.

support their local charity shop, 'Rags to Riches'. Lisa and her dedicated team are seeking volunteers to join their ranks.

Why Volunteer?

By volunteering, you directly contribute to local initiatives. All proceeds from the thrift shop go back into supporting Milford's community projects. Volunteering is a fantastic way to connect with others and build lasting friendships while learning new skills. Whether you're organising donations, assisting customers, or managing inventory, volunteering provides valuable experience. If you're passionate about making a difference and want to be part of a vibrant community effort, contact or visit the 'Rags to Riches' shop on Milford's Main Street. Your time and dedication will help support your local community! The charity shop, located in Milford, offers a wide range of clothing, shoes, and accessories. Every purchase supports local causes, making it a win-win for shoppers and the community. Visit us Rags to Riches, Milford Main Street - Find us on Facebook & Instagram or Call (074) 915 3736

Sweeney committed to helping Milford Community Playgroup find a new home

Fine Gael local election candidate Aaron Sweeney has committed to helping the Milford community playgroup find a new home for the vital service that supports families in the Milford area.

Sweeney said: "It has been raised with me on the canvass in Milford, that the Milford Community Playgroup will soon need to leave their current location at Lower Main Street and despite attempts by the group to find a new location, they have yet been unsuccessful in doing so."

"This is a service that is vital to everyone in Milford and neighbouring towns and villages. There are very few in the Milford area that haven't gone through the Milford playgroup, myself included, or availed of it as a parent in later years."

Sweeney added I could see at the groups fundraiser last Thursday, that the Milford community know just how important it is to support our local playgroup and that the community is ready and willing to work together to ensure it can continue to support the children and families of the Milford area."

"Working to find a new suitable home for the Milford community playgroup will be a priority of mine if elected this Friday. I want to work with all other local representatives both local and national to ensure that this becomes a reality."



Aaron Sweeney with Jackie Strain, Michelle Greene and Darragh Greene at the Milford Community Group Table Quiz on Thursday last.

"Our playgroups are vital for our children and families in the wider Milford LEA and with Fine Gael's commitment to delivering stronger and safer communities, government must see this as a priority issue" Aaron Sweeney said.

McAteer makes Harps home debut

15-year-old Milford boy Gavin McAteer (pictured right) provided the assist for the Finn Harps equaliser on Bank Holiday Monday evening in Ballybofey to salvage a point for the home side against high flying Athlone Town. McAteer made that huge contribution just six minutes after coming on to make his Harps home debut at Finn Park. A fortnight ago in Tralee he had made first ever appearance for the club coming on as a sub against Kerry F.C. Gavin made his history that evening becoming the youngest player ever to play for the Finn Harps F.C. senior team.

It was an exciting start to what will be a busy fortnight for Gavin who is sitting his Junior Certificate exams at Loreto Community School, Milford.

It will mean him missing the long trip to Cobh Ramblers on Friday evening. He is the son of Martin and Róisín McAteer. His older brother James is a member of the Harps U20 squad and was capped at Republic of Ireland Schoolboys level earlier this year.

As well as providing the assist for Patrick Ferry's equaliser on Monday evening, Gavin McAteer almost slipped the same player for a potential injury time winner against Athlone Town.





Cllr. John O'Donnell presenting a new Defibrillator and Cabinet to Hazel Burrows and members of the Board of Management at Portleen National School.

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Irish/Palestinian family in Donegal

By James Woods



Councillor John Sheamús O Ferraigh at the protest at the weekend.



Dáithí Adams, Sinn Fein Councillor John Sheamús O Ferraigh with Munther his wife Josephine and their three children.

The horrors that are taking place on a daily basis in Gaza have been causing reverberations here in Donegal. Not alone is it the shocking scenes that are unfolding that are causing us to cringe with the reality of man's inhumanity to man. Magheroarty woman Josephine Gallagher is married to Munther Hajjaj, a Palestinian man who is resident in Magheroarty, with their three young children. It is a world away from the constant bombings where Munther's younger brother Ahmed's two children Mohammad five and Amal eight lost their lives when their home collapsed on top of them during an Israeli bombing strike. Their grandmother was badly injured and died weeks later. The Government is to be commended for giving the Palestinian State it's official recognition, hence

the flying of the Palestinian flag outside Leinster House. For decades there has been a comradeship between the peoples of Ireland and Palestine due to the similar histories of colonising powers. Horrific acts were carried out under Bernard Montgomery and Charles Tegret only two of many Irishmen who accepted the King's shilling, and fought for king and country using the same tactics that were previously employed with vengeance on the country of their birth, Ireland. Vigils took place at many vantage points throughout the county to show support and kinship to Josephine Gallagher, Hajjaj and their family. Unfortunately, Munthers mother, father, four brothers and their families are trapped in areas that are under constant aerial bombardment and people can only pray for their safety.

COMHAIRLE CHIONTAE DHUN NA nGALL (DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL)



ROADS ACT 1993 SECTION 75, ARTICLE 12 ROADS REGULATIONS 1994

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS 3rd July – 16th July 2024

Ramelton Lennon Festival

**3rd July to 16th July 2024 - Funfair
4th to 6th July 2024 – Music Events
7th July 2024 – Soapbox Derby
13th to 15th July 2024 – Music Events**

Notice is hereby given that Donegal County Council intends to make an Order to have the following roads closed to traffic on the dates and times indicated to facilitate the Ramelton Lennon Festival.

Event	Road to be Closed:	Dates & Times	Alternative Route
Funfair	Local Secondary L-7272-4 Shore Road to Corner of the Quay	03 rd July to 16 th July	Diversions via Castle Street and Bridge Street and the Tank ie. L1422-1, L7272-3, L7272-1, R245
Music	L-7272-5 Shore Road, L-7272-3 Bridge Street and Gamble's Square The L7272-3 will be closed from the bottom of the Tank to Gamble's Square to L7272-5 Shore Road and L7272-3 Bridge Street	4 th July - 6pm to 10pm 5 th July – 6pm to 1am 6 th July – 6pm to 1am	Diversion via R-245 & L-7272-1 & L-7272-2
Soapbox Derby	L-5752-1 Church Road, L-7272-1 Church Street from the Rectory Road Junction to the Lennon Lodge Junction Including L-7302-1 St Marys Tee & L-7272-2 Tank Road	7 th July – 1pm - 8pm	Diversions via the R245 and Bridge Street L7272-3/2 & Castle Street L1422-1. Local access on L-5752-1, L-7302-1 & L-7272-2
Music	L-7272-5 Shore Road, L-7272-3 Bridge Street and Gamble's Square The L7272-3 will be closed from the bottom of the Tank to Gamble's Square to L7272-5 Shore Road and L7272-3 Bridge Street	12 th July - 6pm to 1am 13 th July – 6pm to 1am 14 th July – 6pm to 1am 15 th July – 6pm to 1am	Diversions via the R245

Persons wishing to object to the closure should submit objections in writing to Roads Central, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford before 4.30pm on Tuesday 11th June 2024.

In the event of objections to the granting of any of the proposed roads closures, the Council reserves the right to make details of the objections available to the licence applicant where it considers this necessary in order to fully consider the validity of any of the objections received.

Bryan Cannon
Director of Service, Roads and Transportation

Social Dance in Carrigart Hall

The monthly Social Dancing in Mevagh Hall Carrigart continues on Friday 7th June from 9.30 - 11.30pm. Music is by Country Sensations, admission is €10 and light refreshments served. All welcome.

Public Notice

AN CHUIRT DUICHE THE DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT COURT AREA OF LETTERKENNY DISTRICT NO. ONE
IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 10 OF THE INTOXICATING LIQUOR ACT, 1962

TAKE NOTICE that application will be made to the District Justice sitting at Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, the 17th June 2024, on behalf of **Joseph Buchanan** of Ramelton, the holder of a Licence in respect of premises situate in the town of Ramelton, with the approval of a majority of the holders of licences so situate, for an Order pursuant to the above statutory provision, subject to such terms as the Justice may think fit and proper, exempting the holders of Licences in the town of Ramelton and Court Area and District aforesaid from the provisions of the Licensing Acts relating to prohibited hours in respect of those premises on the occasion of the Lennon Festival to be held at Ramelton, on the following dates and in respect of the following times:-
From 12:30 a.m. on Saturday, 6th July 2024 to 2:00 a.m. on Saturday, 6th July 2024.
From 12:30 a.m. on Sunday, 7th July 2024 to 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, 7th July 2024.
From 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, 7th July 2024 to 1:00 a.m. on Monday, 8th July 2024.

And

From 12:30 a.m. on Saturday 13th July 2024 to 2:00 a.m. on Saturday 13th July 2024.
From 12:30 a.m. on Sunday 14th July 2024 to 2:00 a.m. on Sunday 14th July 2024.
From 11:00 p.m. on Sunday 14th July 2024 to 1:00 a.m. on Monday 15th July 2024.
From 11:30 p.m. on Monday, 15th July 2024 to 1:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 16th July 2024.

Dated this 4th day of June 2024.

SIGNED: McCloughan Gunn & Co., Solicitors, The Mall, Ramelton, Co. Donegal

TO: The Officer-in-Charge, An Garda Síochana, Ramelton, Co. Donegal.
The Superintendent, An Garda Síochana, Milford, Co. Donegal.
The Superintendent, An Garda Síochana, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.
The District Court Clerk, The Courthouse, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

Carrigart Tidy Towns

It is that time of year again when Tidy Towns committees around the county are preparing for the first round of adjudication in this years competition. Of special interest to the adjudicator is the condition of frontages, boundary and gable end walls and the presentation of backyards facing onto public roads and laneways.

Gardens should be well presented and grass areas maintained regularly. Roofs and rain gutters should be rendered free of moss and grass. It is in the interest of everyone and especially the business fraternity that their property is presented to a high standard. If you plan to paint your premises, perhaps you might consider doing so as soon as possible so as to coincide with the first round of adjudication which takes place from mid June. Carrigart's adjudication took place last year on June 27.

For the record, Carrigart won the prestigious Gaeltacht Award sixteen times, however we finished runner-up to Belmullet by the narrowest of margins over the last three years. With the work done on Óstán Charraig Airt and the amazing wood sculptures in the green opposite the Óstán, a spokesperson for Carrigart Tidy Towns believes that the village can regain this title provided that we get full cooperation from the public. A lot of hard work has gone into the presentation of the village and the approach roads so far this year, however, there are certain matters which could negate all of this work, ones which the group has no control over.

There is a problem with indiscriminate littering along our roads, most of which is cast from passing vehicles. Our intention is to make Carrigart a litter free zone, so we appeal to the public to help us achieve that status.

Another perennial problem is the dumping of household waste, bags of cans, bottles, duvets, pillows, beside and behind the recycling units at the church carpark.

Please do not leave duvets & pillows as these will not be collected. If the bins are full, please come back later. Please note that CCTV is now in operation.

If you were unable to partake in our annual spring clean and you still wish to do a clean-up on a road near you, please ring 91 55623 to collect pickers, gloves, bags etc.

Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh
 Candidate in the Council
 Election June 2024
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- **Fight for Justice:** I've dedicated myself to the cause of raising awareness for those impacted by defective concrete products. For a decade, families like ours have endured crumbling homes without a 100% redress scheme. It's time for change and a genuine end-to-end Scheme.
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- **Serving Our Community:** While my primary focus is on defective concrete issues, I'm also committed to addressing the ongoing wider concerns and needs of our community.
- **Your Support Matters:** I ask for your support in both helping me understand the community concerns and needs. Together, we can bring about impactful change and build a better future for all of Donegal.

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Kilmacrennan Men's Shed are 10 years old



The Clanree Hotel Letterkenny

Country Sundays
 Sun. 16th June -
Derek Ryan



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 €15 Pay at door followed by music in McGettigan's Bar from 11pm.
 Coming - 30th June - Robert Mizzell; 7th July - Jimmy Buckley

Kilmacrennan Men's Shed are holding a ten year celebration coffee morning on Saturday the 15th June from 11am - 3pm at the Men's Shed with all the proceeds going to the Donegal Hospice and the Men's Shed. Everyone is welcome and there will also be a walk beforehand to support Men's Health Week, leaving from the Men's Shed at 10am. A wood turning display will also take place throughout the day.



I need your support to help me support you

Independent Cllr. Pauric McGarvey
 Deputy Mayor Letterkenny-Milford Municipal District

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As I seek your support for the first time on June 7th, I appreciate how important the work of the local Councillor is in giving you a fair and an honest voice. It is a daily role without borders - without a time frame because the needs of the people have to come first. That can never be a nine to five job because every call that comes from the community is a priority and always will be.



100% Redress

I fully back the demand for 100% redress and I am among those Cllrs in demanding that the current legislation which is not fit for purpose must be overwritten as top priority if the curse of Mica is to be finally confronted in a manner that recognises the rights of Donegal voters to be treated as equal citizens of this country. Since February of last year when I became a Councillor, I've got a deep insight in how the system works. I've also been awakened to the needs of the community. In responding I've come to realise that the workload of a Councillor is a job without boundaries but with many different issues to resolve. Much of our work is confidential and takes place on an individual basis.

My life

Married to Mari-Claire, we have three young children, Mason, Cody and Hal-lie. I am the youngest of eight children born to Breid and the late Norman from Craig, Rathmullan. We have recently moved to Rathmullan. I've been employed with the Kernan Group for eleven years and I am the company's area manager. I meet many people every day and there is an awareness of the communi-ty support we get locally. The supermarket is where you become aware of people trying to live and cope with inflation and we do our level best to help. In response to your support, Kernan's has also returned much to the communi-ty: sponsorship, fundraising and defibrillators amongst the supports that enriches the community.



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Termon & Gartan

Below is a list of the Community and Sporting Groups I have helped as a Councillor.

Ramelton, Milford and Ballyare areas

- Ramelton Care of the Aged
- Milford Tidier for all
- Ballyare Text Alert Committee
- Lennon Festival, Ramelton
- Ramelton Table Tennis Group
- Ayrhill National School
- Ramelton Tennis Club
- Ramelton Georgian Society
- Milford United FC
- Milford GAA Club
- RDRC The Way Forward, Rathmullan
- Ray Community Group
- Milford & District Fly Angling Club
- Scoil Mhuire NS, Milford
- Ramelton Community Centre
- Milford Athletic Club
- Milford Ju Jitsu Club
- Ramelton Community First Responders
- Ramelton Community Playgroup
- Ramelton Town Hall Development
- Swilly Rovers FC
- Dave Gallaher Park, Ramelton

- No Barriers Foundation CLG
- Donegal Mountain Rescue Team
- Donegal County Council
- Third Age Foundation CLG
- Animals In Need (AIN) CLG
- Turas Colmcille Camino
- Errigal Cycling Club
- Colmcille Gospel Choir
- Donegal Motor Club CLG
- Conwal Parish Church
- Glen Rovers FC
- Church Hill Fair Committee
- Naíonra Gleann Domháin
- Church Hill Community Development Group CLG
- Letterkenny Community Centre CLG
- Fanad Development Association

Not on the list? Reach out and give me a call and get on the list for the next time!



An Craoibhin Termon.

Delighted to have helped these groups since I joined the Council

2020 Clar Funding
€45,000 for Termon National School

- Kilmacrennan Community Development
- Kilmacrennan Regeneration Group
- Gartan Day Centre
- Glenswilly Church Restoration Fund
- Termon GAA
- Kilmacrennan Celtic FC
- Kilmacrennan Young at Heart
- Kilmacrennan Tidy Towns

- Ard na Glaise, Kilmacrennan Residents Association
- Parents and Friends of Abbey Village
- Kilmacrennan National School
- Termon National School
- An Craoibhin Termon
- Kilmacrennan Community Hall
- Gartan United
- East Donegal Pony Club
- Kilmacrennan Men's Shed
- Kilmacrennan Parish
- Illistrin Schoolboys FC

Congratulations to CLG An Tearmainn and committee on your hard work on delivering state of the art facilities and I'm happy to have supported them in their fundraising.



CLG An Tearmainn

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Kilmacrennan



€1m in funding has been delivered for the Community Development Project. Phases 1,2 and 3 have been completed and operation. The soccer pitch (Phase 4) is completed and will be ready for use this September and the planning application has been lodged for the dressing rooms (Phase 5)

Kilmacrennan Community Development



Works have started on the installation of the new sewerage scheme in the village which will ensure that raw sewerage will no longer go into the River Lennon. I'm delighted that this will eliminate the bad odour which home owners and business have endured for years.

Thrift Shop, Kilmacrennan opening

Together We Can Make It Happen

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Cranford, Carrigart, Glen and Downings areas

- Carrigart Development Association
- Naoinra na nDunaibh
- Mevagh Family Resource Centre
- Cranford Defibrillator
- Coiste Comhneachain Rosguill
- Cranford Community Games
- Mulroy Underage Soccer Academy
- Swilly Mulroy Health Forum
- Glenree Soccer Academy
- Glenree United
- Fanad Lighthouse
- Scoil Naomh Brid, Na Dunaibh
- Downings Tidy Towns
- Mevagh Development Association
- Mevagh Playgroup Group
- Glenree United Ladies Team
- Downings GAA
- Swilly Mulroy Community Development
- Cranford Athletic Club
- Cranford FC
- Downings Festival
- Downings Christmas Lights
- Visit Downings

Fanad, Kerrykeel, Glenvar and Rathmullan areas

- Fanad Lighthouse
- Lough Swilly Ferry
- Kerrykeel Park Development
- Fanad Lakes Angling
- Ray Community Group
- Fanad Ju Jitsu
- Fanad United FC
- Fanad Active Group
- Portsalon Development Association
- Kerrykeel Tidy Towns
- Kerrykeel Presbyterian Church
- Whitestrand Utd FC
- Rathmullan & District Resource Centre
- St. Davaddog's NS
- Rathmullan Community Festival
- Swilly Mulroy Community Development
- Gaeil Fhanada
- Naoinra Fhanada
- Fanad Youth Club
- Mulroy Underage Soccer Academy
- Swilly Mulroy Community Health Forum
- Otway Golf Club
- Fanad Day Centre

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A Rathmullan Woman in exile...

I like the rhythm of farming life....

I had a great run up to Rathmullan a couple of weeks ago. Himself was back home after his week's stay in hospital in Dublin, there wasn't much happening on the farm so I took advantage and shot off while the going was good. It was Garrett, me Da's 89th birthday and the family was having a meal at home to celebrate. It was a lovely occasion; I'm so lucky to have both of my parents alive and in great mental and physical health in their eighties.

There was good progress on my house build while I was there, fair play to the lads. I got great satisfaction from sweeping out all the insulated floors in preparation for the heating pipes and the screeds to go down. It's really starting to feel like it's getting there and I can almost allow myself to think about the nice things.

I was no sooner back in Mountnugent when Himself came down with a chest infection and had to go on a course of antibiotics. It's the first time in ages that he's had a dose and hopefully he'll pass it off quickly. We had thought that the time spent in the Bons Secours had put an end to the infections, but no such luck.

I was on night duty in Cavan General over the last couple of weeks as one of my clients was going through a tough time and needed to be in for a while. She requires 24 hour support and it gives the family a night's sleep if I can step in. The night staff in the hospital are great; they're so welcoming and accommodating to outsiders working in their space.

I always enjoyed night work, whether caring or farming; it's peaceful and I have no difficulty sleeping during the day... I'd happily sleep on a harrow in the goal mouth on cup final day.

It also gives me an opportunity to catch up on all the paperwork which I keep putting on the very longest long finger. One of the exercises for the creative writing class I did earlier in the spring was to write the first chapter of a book. I did it no bother... and the second chapter, then the course ended and I slithered to a halt. I didn't have to produce weekly homework and

I brought in Grace, my two year old filly, to start the breaking in process. She's a beautiful horse; probably the best I bred over the years, so I'm very interested to see how she shapes up with a bit of work. She's the last horse I intend breaking in and it's a pleasure to have saved the best for last.

account for myself so my get-up-and-go got up and went. I intend having another go at it while I'm on nights, but I know well that the road to hell is paved with good intentions.

It's an ideal opportunity, without distractions and I'll only be annoyed with myself if I don't make something of the work I started. I should probably point out that the ease with which I rattled off a couple of chapters has no bearing whatsoever on the quality of the writing!

When I got back to base in the mornings I had a mug of tea and headed off to do the herding and feeding. Himself was on complete rest to give the antibiotics a chance to work, so he couldn't do anything round the farm. I like doing the herding after the night shift; it's nice to get out in the air and unwind before going to the nest for a few hours, so it works well for everyone.

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I went to a new place myself last week too; Jim had his last four hour block of care for Herself and we went to Lough Crew Gardens. It was slightly drizzly, one of those days when your feet get wetter than your hair. The gardens were nice but not awe inspiring. They're

quite formal gardens, very well laid out and tended, but lacking in colour. We may have hit a time when there's very little in bloom after the spring display and before the summer bedding plants come into their glory.

There was a considerable array of ornaments and sculptures made from up-cycled and re-purposed items, including hub caps, CDs, gas cylinders, plastic barrels and the drums out of washing machines. I'm all in favour of reusing items but we felt they were just out of place in a formal, country garden. I suppose one man's meat is another man's poison.

We would have preferred to see them in a modern garden design or an urban children's park. After the gardens we walked up Lough Crew Hill to the cairns. The visibility was poor on account of the misty weather but it's always a lovely calm, peaceful place to ramble round among the ghosts. It was a nice little up-hill leg stretch, just enough to open our airways and work up an appetite before going for lunch in Oldcastle. It was great to have the few hours away from the daily routine.

I don't know yet if we have any turf this year. Himself doesn't cut his own bog; its poor enough quality turf, instead he gets part of a bank of good, black turf from the little whiskey fella. There hasn't been any mention of it yet and it would be no harm to find out, in case the year comes as bad as the last one, when we could have done with life boats to get the turf home.

I was chatting to Margaret, me Ma, the other day while she was on the train from Sligo to



Kate Carton

Mullingar to go to a funeral. She was telling the story about a relation of the fella that died, and when they were wains how he used to promise to bring them to Daly's bog where the bog holes were filled with lemonade. Could you imagine the kids of today swallowing a story like that! Modern media has killed a lot of innocence and imagination, and lemonade is no longer the stuff of little childer's dreams.

I sprayed the spuds last week for the first time. I doubt there's any danger of blight because the days are dry and warm with a chilly, northerly breeze in the evenings, but apparently the first spraying is very important, so at least that box is ticked. The strawberry plants are coming into blossom and the tomatoes are doing well in the converted dog pen. The bull was let out on June 1st and the first lambs went to the mart a few weeks ago. The annual cycle keeps rolling round with every day different but every year the same. I like the rhythm of farming life, but I'd manage very well without it if life changed. Luckily I have lots of other interests and occupations and never enough time to indulge them, so boredom is never an issue.

I'm looking forward very much to getting back to the swimming next weekend when we're in Rathmullan. Himself is hoping to venture northwards to catch up with friends, re-visit old haunts, and to sink a few pints. It suits him better to travel at weekends, because of the mart midweek, and I don't mind as long as I have some working days there to do business stuff for my house build. It's all good, and summer is coming. Hopefully!



Launch of the 2024 Wilton Donegal International Rally



Pictured left - At the launch of the 2024 Wilton Donegal International Rally are front Ronan Comerford, Assistant Clerk of the Course, Leonard Wilson, John Crumlish, Aidan Harper, President Motorsport Ireland, Rodney Wilton, Wilton Recycling, Eamon McGee, Clerk of the Course, Brian Brogan, Chairperson Donegal Motor Club and Inspector Seamus McGonagle. Photo by Clive Wasson
Above - Cathal Curley, Kate Chance and Seamus McGettigan at the launch of the 2024 Wilton Donegal International Rally. Photo Clive Wasson
Below - rally fans at the launch.



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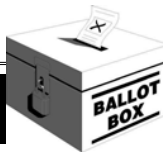
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Proportional Representation - making your vote count

As the nation goes to the polls on Friday, many will be voting for the very first time and many others do not fully understand the process that is commonly called Proportional Representation.

To many it is a very mysterious process and they wonder what exactly is the point in voting 1s: 2s: 3s and continuing down the ballot paper. It is supposed to be a highly complex system.

In reality it is not. Proportional Representation is the method by which we elect our politicians and despite some rather feeble attempts to change it over the past sixty years it remains our preferred system. In the final analysis it has stood the test of time and gives each and every candidate a fair chance that their votes are calculated through a formula that continues to stand the test of time.

Every preference counts!

Every preference counts... up to a point. And this is what makes it such an attractive and equitable proposition. It is used successfully in our own multi seat constituencies and local and EU elections.

On Friday, voters will be given two ballot papers - one for the local elections and a second one for the EU elections in the constituency, Midlands North and West. This is an entirely different election... do not mix votes between the two ballots. Otherwise both your votes are spoiled.

First of all it is important to remind you that all papers must be clearly marked with a figure representing your choice alongside the name of the candidates.

A clear 1-2-3 etc establishes your range of choices for the returning officer and the count staff. However, never indicate your preference with an X. A series of these will make your ballot paper invalid. However an X may be accepted providing you are marking one single preference. At the last election in 2020 there were 914 spoiled votes in this constituency and that number indicates that too many people do not fully comprehend the methods by which they should cast their preferences.

So let us now examine how the PR system works on the day of the count and what impact your choices have in determining the final outcome.

Voters indicate their first and subsequent choices for the candidates on the ballot paper by marking the relevant number in the box beside a person's name. You indicate your first choice by writing '1' opposite that candidate and '2' opposite your second choice, and so on. By doing so, you are instructing that your vote be transferred to your second preference if your first choice is either elected with a surplus of votes over the quota or is eliminated.

If your second choice is elected or eliminated, your vote may be transferred to your third choice, and so on.

You can vote in any order for some or all candidates. If there's someone you really don't want to see elected, it's best to give preferences to everyone but them. As the count continues and the number of non-transferable votes add up, the number of votes required to be elected decreases.

Counting the votes

The count centres will open on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. The segregation and verification process will see the ballot papers from the European Elections separated. Following this process the tally counters get the first indications of how the public voted.

The ballot papers are mixed and then sorted according to first preferences. However this process will not begin officially until Sunday morning.

Overnight the ballot boxes for each electoral area transferred to the local count centres. Spoiled papers may be those without an official stamp; those which do not indicate a clear choice, for example, if you have indicated number 1 twice on the paper; or if anything is



written on the ballot paper by which the voter can be identified - are removed.

The first count

In a general election there are five seats in the Donegal Constituency. Therefore the quota is the valid poll, divided by the number of seats plus one extra. Then one single vote is added. (2020 General Election Donegal Valid poll $77,452/6+1=12,909$) and there were 647 doubtful ballots excluded.

The same criteria applies to each electoral area in the local elections.

The first count then establishes the number ones for each of the candidates. The declaration of the first count will give the public a fair indication of the outcome. However this is not always obvious especially in a close contest. This count also establishes the position of those at the bottom of the poll and this is vital to the second count proceeding. The number likely to be eliminated is determined by the Returning Officer and some may also lose their deposits. A deposit is lost where a candidate faces elimination and has not reached a quarter of the quota.

Milford LEA Quota 2019

TOTAL ELECTORATE	12,066
INVALID BALLOT PAPERS	75
VALID POLL	7,783
NUMBER OF SEATS	3
QUOTA	1,946

A surplus is the number of votes a candidate has over the quota. Any candidate that reaches or exceeds the quota on the first count is deemed elected. The first count is normally the only time that all of a candidate's second preference votes are counted. This surplus is then split between the remaining candidates on a percentage basis.

Purpose of surplus vote

A surplus is only distributed if it can achieve one of the following:

Elect the next highest continuing candidate; Bring the lowest continuing candidate level with or above the second lowest continuing candidate; Qualify the lowest continuing candidate for recoupment of their election expenses or deposit (if applicable).

The question of whether a surplus is to be distributed is considered after each count on the basis of the surplus(es) then available. If a candidate receives more than the quota on any count, the surplus votes are transferred to the remaining candidates in proportion to the

next available preferences indicated by voters.

If candidate A receives 900 votes more than the quota on the first count and, on examining their votes, it is found that 30% of these have next available preferences for candidate B, then candidate B does not get 30% of all candidate A's votes, candidate B gets 30% of A's surplus, that is, 270 votes (30% of 900).

Where a candidate is elected at the second count or a later one, only the votes that brought them over the quota are examined in the surplus distribution - i.e. the votes last transferred to the elected candidate.

The manner in which the surplus is distributed depends on whether the number of transferable papers is greater than, less than or equal to the surplus.. The surplus must be distributed if it can elect a candidate or save the lowest candidate from elimination or qualify a candidate to recoup their election expenses or deposit.

The last seat can be filled either by a candidate exceeding the quota or being elected without reaching the quota because it is clear that they are ultimately going to be elected.

Candidates can ask for a recount of a particular count or of the entire count.

Avoiding confusion

To avoid confusion, let's assume that the candidate with the lowest number of votes is being eliminated and at the same time nobody has exceeded the quota on that first count.

Candidate X (the lowest number of votes is now eliminated and the count establishes the number 2 votes of those who voted 1 for candidate X.

Only those number 2 votes are included in the second count. The percentages which all other candidates have received are calculated and added to their totals. In simple terminology if Candidate A gets 15% of X's second preferences that amount is translated into real figures: e.g. if that 15% translates into 189 votes and if Candidate A is on 6000 on count one then on count 2 that total goes up to 6189.

The second count sees the distribution of Candidate X's preferences and then a result is declared.

On to the third count and the method is equally as simple. Let's say that Candidate Y is now being eliminated and remember we are onto the third count. Here is the difference from the second count: The number 2 and number 3 preferences are now calculated and those percentages are applied to the totals of the remaining candidates.

At this point, there is a possibility that one of these may have exceeded the quota and be deemed elected. Let's say the quota is 9000. If Candidate A goes over the quota they are

elected but what if they have 9400 votes?

These extra 400 votes are called the surplus and the Returning Officer will decide if that surplus should be distributed to the remaining four candidates. With four candidates remaining and if there is a margin of less than 400 hundred votes between the two lowest candidates the surplus of A is now brought into play. The number 2 votes of Candidate A are now applied to the equation and added to the totals of the remaining candidates.

This is count four and once again the lowest candidate is eliminated. And so the count goes on into count five. At this point the lowest candidate remaining is eliminated and their number 2-3-4-5 are calculated and applied until the remaining seats are filled. It is as simple as that and it gives a full impact to your votes right down the ballot paper.

In the event of two candidates being left to fight it out for the final seat the one with the highest vote at that point is deemed to be elected regardless of whether they have reached the quota or not.

From the above example of how votes are calculated and then distributed you can see immediately how those seconds: thirds and number fours can and will make a vital difference. So when in the polling station bear in mind that your preferences are all important and should be exercised in the best interests of making the system of proportional representation work.

Detailed surplus calculations

All the votes in the last parcel of votes received by the elected candidate are sorted into sub-parcels according to the next available preferences, setting aside those that do not transfer to any candidate. The total number of transferable papers is calculated. The manner in which the surplus is then distributed depends on whether - the number of transferable papers is greater than the surplus (this is usually the case in the early stages of a count); the number of transferable papers is equal to the surplus (this happens occasionally), and the number of transferable papers is less than the surplus (this is usually the case in the later stages of a count).

Where the number of transferable papers is greater than the surplus, only a proportion of them can be included in the surplus distribution. This proportion is calculated by working out the ratio of the surplus to the total number of transferable papers and applying that ratio consecutively to the total number of next preferences for each candidate still in the running.

Along the way, the exact formula for that procedure is applied until a final count can be declared.

PR-STV is really that simple and it works...

Sound of election apathy replaces the corncrake



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Elections 2024: falling birth rate - Pro-Life - mini helicopters on the Four Lanes - more dieticians - no mobile phone signal... Are we still residing in the mindset of the 'Minister for Gate Posts and Telegraph Poles' or the 'Minister for Hardship'? Or are public perceptions harking back to the era of Fionn MacCumhaill who came to public notice after catching and eating the Salmon of Knowledge? Obviously he failed to pass it on for the local elections....

Close your eyes and listen to the sound... but it's not the sound of the corncrake nor is it a local earthquake. No! It's the sound of silence and it's not the white heat of political passion from the campaign that is now ending without as much as a whimper. And much like the lost summer sounds of wildlife, it seems for certain that the interest and the rivalry in local politics has joined the list of endangered species. Hard to believe that over the weekend the nation's electorate will vote to elect 949 members to the 31 Local Authorities and 14 new MEPs for the coming five years. And add in a new Mayor for Limerick, you are really spoilt for choice with 964 names on the ballot papers. Overall, there are an estimated 2,200 candidates seeking seats in their local councils or to the European Parliament: these numbers break all records. Therefore there is a huge interest in being elected: if not among the electorate this time around. This has been a campaign like no other and there are record numbers of candidates and issues. There are so many issues being raised from all levels of interest... and then some more. How will the voters react when they come to choose on Friday? Gone are the days of the two and a half party system that governed the country for so long. And nowadays, while there is a small percentage of bygone dynasties and similar to foreign holidays or religion, people are now making personal choices and that is

part of the change in a pluralist Ireland. The very notion of 20,000 in Letterkenny's Market Square to hear Blaney in 1979 is a memory and I'd doubt if even the 'Whistlin Donkeys' would attract half that number today. His voice reverberates across the generations. Remember, and there are many out there who will recall the EEC first directly elected membership of the parliament? That Blaney could top the poll in Connacht-Ulster on a first preference of 81,522 votes was a feat that has not been replicated and the record is set to stand into the future. He never had any equals. He fought Fianna Fail on the basis that they'd reneged on their Republican Principles and it was a cause that resonated down the years to give his party, Independent Fianna Fail a real foothold in Donegal politics - much to the annoyance of Fianna Fail. However, those were the days of politicians with character and appeal: strong agendas and strong messages resonated with the electorate and nobody quite knew when another explosive revelation might be on the front pages of the Sunday Newspapers. It was a political system of so many dimensions where there was no place for apathy... everyone had a view and it was unswerving. To say there is apathy on the ground all these years later is an understatement and the reality is that here's an electorate scunnered with the performance of the political system for the entire of this new century. So many

reminders of government failures: from allowing the construction of far too many houses in the mid-nineties to the lack of control of a banking system that was allowed to get out of control and was only saved by the IMF taking the situation in hand. This was to protect Irish people from even worse damage by the political system they'd trusted all their lives. And the public will point to the malaise of a systems failure in the delivery of plans that date back for the best part of forty years. Back in the day the byword on issues was about potholes: who did or did not get a local improvement grant and who got a job in the public service or an SI house. These were the big issues of the day when many family members lived in mobile homes. Ireland has moved on and the voices from the doorsteps are raising questions that are a million metres beyond the remit of local government... and always will be. That is why we have a government: a Cabinet of Ministers ranging across every element of life in the country: From Health: to Finance: Social Protection: Fisheries, the Environment and Farming and Defence, every last sector of society is included. However, Councils are governed by the rules of the Dept of the Environment and you have to wonder if a number of the candidates are unaware of that reality. And in the local elections, the myriad of solutions on offer are mind boggling. And the State will pay for everything including creches and child-care. Actually the Government is already providing funding. Down at Ground Zero: the State has to foot the cost for everything under the sun. And nobody is asking the obvious question ... why are so many creches under threat? But according to numbers of election candidates life is that simple despite the reality that about 95% of the issues raised are not the function of local authorities ever since they lost control of funding back in the last century. Elections 2024: falling birth rates: Pro-Life: mini helicopters on the Four Lanes in Letterkenny. Are we still residing in the mindset of the 'Minister for

Gate Posts and Telegraph Poles' or the 'Minister for Hardship'. Or are public perceptions harking back to the era of Finn McCool who came to public notice after catching and eating the Salmon of Knowledge. Obviously he failed to pass it on to the local elections.... Nevertheless, there are some really outstanding ideas being floated around: mini-helicopters on the road between the Polestar Roundabout and Bonagee for medical emergencies. Why has nobody else in the Council thought about this wonderfully original solution? And why not use Lego to solve the housing crisis? I bet they will not be affected by deleterious substances? Were these novelty elections, it is very possible that the range of ideas in Donegal would win top prize and a free pass to the Late Late Show. But let not an original idea stop anyone from promoting it and hoping it will get traction with the voters. So many prospective candidates have their own take on the Council and why it has failed, in their view. I can only imagine some of these candidates ending up on the new Council. Who would be on the first flight to Mars for St. Patrick's Day in 3024? And how could our nuclear options be fitted into the new County Development Plan? Maybe that's a bit over ambitious. So why not start with the Letterkenny Development Plan as a pilot project to harvest nuclear power? And believe me, this is the kind of organic thinking that is out there: but the view from the Bright lights of Imagination bears no resemblance to the function and role of Ireland's County Councils. Have all the candidates read exactly what the role of Councils are insofar as ensuring that the wheels of local government in Dublin are implemented at a predetermined cost to the ratepayers of this county? And what about fertility and the birth rate? I'd almost all but forgotten about that deficit in Lifford. And have the Cllrs been under the benches when these motions were raised. I'd love to hear the views of the Council's Executive. Falling fertility rates are set to spark a demographic shift over the next 25 years, with major

implications for the global economy, according to a new study. By 2050, three-quarters of countries are forecast to fall below the population replacement birth rate of 2.1 babies per female. And the falling birth rate in Ireland is also on the agenda for debate. I'd imagine that ever since the planning of a family in holy Ireland became the norm I just cannot see the Council's CE rushing into Council Chamber in Lifford seeking a change anytime soon. The campaign is actually quite as daft as that. But what about the issues of pro-life and abortion regulations? Let's not go there until the new Councils get established! This is the first election where candidates wonder if they are disconnected from the people or if the electorate has heard a promise too many. There is an obvious lack of trust and around every other doorstep are issues and problems. And there is a widespread belief that the numbers voting for non-party candidates are out ahead by some discernible distance. Maybe so. And that view was amplified in the Sunday Independent 'Ireland Thinks' poll. Mary Lou McDonald's personal popularity sinks as the party drops seven points and one in four indicates they'll vote for independent candidates. The opinion poll has recorded a massive seven point drop to 22% in voter support for Sinn Féin in the last week of the local and European election campaign. This is a 15% drop in Sinn Féin's record high of support in October 2022 when the party commanded 37% of voter support. Mary Lou McDonald's personal popularity has dropped to 36%, while Simon Harris (48%) is now the country's joint most popular party leader alongside Fianna Fáil's Micheál Martin. However, the poll showed the most popular option for voters ahead of next week's elections is Independent/others who have increased support by four points to 23%. This means almost one in four voters are planning to vote for Independent candidates or those representing small political parties. That increased support may see Independent TD Michael McNamara elected in Ireland South, where Independents 4 Change MEP Mick Wallace cannot be discounted. In Midlands-North West, Aontu's Peadar Tóibín and Independent Ireland's Ciaran Mullooly are both strongly challenging for seats, where the Independent MEP Luke 'Ming' Flanagan also looks set to be re-elected. In Dublin, Independent Ireland's Niall Boylan is also well in contention for the final of four seats, with Independents 4 Change MEP Clare Daly mounting a strong challenge with the Greens' Ciarán Cuffe and Labour's Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. Fianna Fáil looks set to take a seat in each constituency, as will Fine Gael, which is challenging for two seats in Midlands-North West, says the Poll. In a forced choice, the public voted overwhelmingly in favour of the next government being a combination of Fine Gael-Fianna Fail-Independents (59%) rather than a Sinn Féin led government excluding Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil (41%). This seems quite the contradiction when viewed against how SF is faring in the opinion polls. But we shall soon have an answer.

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County Heritage Plan launched

Over 100 people working in the heritage sector attended the launch of the new County Heritage Plan in Lough Eske Castle recently. The aim of the new seven-year plan is to “Work together to manage, conserve, promote and celebrate our heritage responsibly, foster appreciation and communicate the values of our rich heritage to present and future generations.” In order to achieve this aim, the plan outlines five strategic goals and 45 strategic objectives.

“This comprehensive plan marks a significant milestone in Council’s on-going commitment to preserving and celebrating the rich and diverse heritage of County Donegal” said Cllr. Martin Harley, Cathaoirleach. “Stewardship of our heritage is a shared responsibility. It is through the combined efforts of the local community, heritage

organisations and government agencies that we can ensure the sustainable management and celebration of our heritage for generations to come.”

John McLaughlin, CE of the Council outlined some of the heritage assets – historic buildings, archaeological sites and biodiversity-rich lands – that are owned or managed by Donegal County Council. “Over the lifetime of the new County Heritage Plan, the Council is committed to improving resources for heritage services in the county and to supporting employment and training opportunities in the heritage sector” said Mr. McLaughlin. “A strong heritage sector supports social, cultural and economic development. The Council looks forward to working with heritage stakeholders and local communities in delivering the heritage needs and priorities set out in our



At the launch are members of the Culture Division at the Council (from left to right): Niamh Brennan (County Archivist), Maureen Kerr (Culture Division Manager / County Librarian), Eileen Burgess (former Culture Division Manager/County Librarian), Joseph Gallagher (Heritage Officer), Judith McCarthy (County Museum Curator) & Julie Corry (Biodiversity Officer).



Members of the County Donegal Heritage Forum pictured with Cllr. Martin Harley (Cathaoirleach, Donegal County Council), Cllr. Barry Sweeney (Chairperson, County Donegal Heritage Forum) and Virginia Teehan (Chief Executive, The Heritage Council).

new County Heritage Plan.

The County Donegal Heritage Forum is a committee of the Council that provides advice on the preparation and implementation of the Heritage Plan. Its membership is drawn from a variety of sectors including the heritage organisations/groups, local government, local development, state agencies, educational institutions, landowner/farming representatives, and the community and voluntary sector.

The Chairperson of the County Donegal Heritage Forum, Cllr. Barry Sweeney outlined some of the successful heritage initiatives implemented in County Donegal with support from the Heritage Council including the appointment of a part-time Community Archaeologist, award-winning Historic Towns Initiatives and National Heritage Week. He also acknowledged the success of community groups in various Heritage Council initiatives such as securing funding for local heritage projects under the Community Heritage Grant Scheme, successful participation in the Adopt a Monument scheme and receiving recognition at the National Heritage Week Awards.

Launching the Plan, Virginia Teehan, Chief Executive of The Heritage Council, paid tribute to the active heritage sector in Donegal and said that The Heritage Council was pleased to invest over €3 million in County Donegal-based heritage projects since 2019.

Joseph Gallagher, Donegal Heritage Officer, set out the goals of the new

plan which are to improve resources for heritage services, engage and support communities in the management of our heritage, raise awareness and appreciation of our heritage, provide advice and promote best heritage practice, and commission new research.

Initial research has shown that the value of volunteer time invested by community heritage groups in Donegal every year is worth €42 million and he stressed the need for more paid employment opportunities in the heritage sector in the county. He highlighted some of the initiatives that are underway to address the plan’s strategic goals and acknowledged the importance of the support provided by The Heritage Council, Donegal County Council and other key stakeholders. At the launch, a preview of a new website on playwright Brian Friel’s Ballybeg was highlighted.

The website was commissioned as part of the implementation of the Heritage Plan and was developed by Dr. Harriet Purkis and Mitchell Davies. The website outlines Brian Friel’s literary associations with Donegal; establishes a database of real and imagined places in his work; and identifies characters, places and settings portrayed in his work and their real-life associations.

The new County Heritage Plan is available on-line at www.donegal-coco.ie/heritage or from the County Donegal Heritage Office on (074) 916 3824 or by e-mail at mairenifh@donegalcoco.ie.

Book Review by Connie McGranaghan

The Stolen Marriage Diane Chamberlain



This novel, one of at least 30 written by Diane Chamberlain was published in 2017. I have just re-read it, having listened to it a number of years ago on holiday. I listened to it originally on Audible, but it is also available to listen to free of charge on Donegal County Library’s platform “Borrow box”. A wonderful app that everyone who is a member of Donegal County Library can avail of.

Set during the second World War in America the story centres around Tess, a young Italian nurse living in Baltimore who is engaged to her childhood sweetheart Doctor Vincent. Their plans are made, and they dream of living in Little Italy alongside their parents. Vincent who due to illness did not get to fight for his country sees his chance to play his part when the polio epidemic hits Chicago and he leaves to help the victims. He keeps changing the date as to when he will return and as it gets closer to the wedding Tess begins to worry and have doubts. This is when having drunk too much alcohol she makes a terrible mistake which changes her life irrevocably.

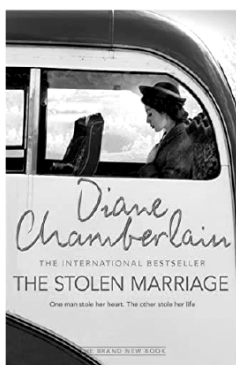
Heartbroken, she leaves the love of the life behind and moves to North Carolina where she marries the kind but secretive and unaffectionate Henry Kraft. Henry is a local businessman who the people of the town love and respect. Unfortunately they do not welcome Tess with open arms and treat her disdainfully. Henrys Mother and sister are

particularly cruel and see her as an outsider, they wanted him to marry the local golden girl and Mother is aghast when Henry gives Tess his Grandmothers diamond engagement ring. When tragedy strikes the Kraft family this serves to alienate poor Tess even more from her Mother in law and the locals. Married to the wrong man, she is living a miserable existence and wonders where Henry goes at night leaving her alone.

When the polio epidemic hits their town Tess against her secret keeping husband’s wishes starts nursing in the local hospital where she finds some meaning in her life again. It is also here when she is re connected with someone from her past and this for me was just the cherry on top of this gorgeous book.

This novel by the wonderful Diane Chamberlain who in my opinion can do no wrong is definitely one of her best. I felt transported to 1940s deep south where actual historical facts, secrets, lies, bigotry and racism were all order of the day.

Filled with wonderful strong characters, this book reminds me why I love reading so much. 10 out of 10.



Pringle endorses Thoiba Ahmed

Deputy Thomas Pringle, has endorsed independent candidate Thoiba Ahmed in her Letterkenny Electoral Area campaign, calling Thoiba, “an important voice for Donegal County Council.” He said: “Thoiba has been actively involved in the community since she came here with her family in 2015 and she has always kept the needs of the community at the heart of her work. She is a dedicated candidate who understands the needs of our community.”

“Donegal is growing and developing for the better, and Thoiba can bring her experience and her understanding to council to show that. That’s what Donegal County Council should be and that’s what Donegal County Council needs to be as well. “Thoiba will be a strong representative at council level for everyone who feels their voice is not being heard. I was proud to endorse Thoiba in her 2019 council run and I am proud to stand with her again this year. Thoiba has described herself as a



peace-builder between communities, and I have seen first-hand how she brings people together to make sure that no one is left behind.

“She is deeply committed to our community and looks forward to the opportunity to work on behalf of everyone. She will bring a great deal of hands-on experience to the role of councillor and will put that experience to good use to serve all the people of Letterkenny and Donegal,” he said.

All-Ireland Series Group 3

Donegal can't cope with Cork power

Cork 3-9 Donegal 0-16

The Donegal senior footballers fantastic winning run in 2024 hit a bump on the road on Saturday as Jim McGuinness's side lost only their second competitive match of the season when going down to Cork at Pairc Ui Rinn. McGuinness said afterwards that he didn't underestimate the opposition adding that on this occasion Donegal were simply unable to cope with the challenge that Cork posed. When the two sides met on the opening day of the league campaign in Ballybofey, John Cleary's big strong team did cause problems for the home defence in the first half and ended up netting two goals.

Cork went one better in the Group 3 All-Ireland Series match on Saturday bagging three goals. That included Shaun Patton being beaten twice in quick succession at the start of the second half after the visitors had led by two points at the interval. But, as they had done in the Ulster Championship against both Tyrone and Armagh, Donegal came roaring back with five points in the closing stages to draw level. However, the hosts were in no mood to settle for a share of the spoils and got the last two points. Donegal did have chances during this period but unusually that taken for granted composure was absent.

For probably the first time this season McGuinness made no late changes to the starting 15. The only alteration was to the subs list named on Friday with Luke McGlynn replacing Caolan McColgan. When the two teams met in that league opener back in January Donegal won 1-20 to 2-6. It was an 11-point defeat that was certainly a little harsh on Cork so to turn that around to a victory by a margin of two, five months later is a huge morale booster for the Leesiders when they face Tyrone in the final group match. McGuinness's men take on Clare in their final fixture.

Nine of the Donegal team that started against Cork in Ballybofey were in the first fifteen on Saturday. Five others who had featured came on as subs. The only players not to see any action on Saturday having taken part in the first meeting were keeper Gavin Mulrenay, Mark Curran, Kevin McGettigan, Domhnall Mac Giolla Bhríde, Oisín Caufield and Luke McGlynn.

The defeat at Pairc Ui Rinn was the first in the league or championship in 2024. Donegal's only other loss in a competitive game was in the McKenna Cup Final to Derry. There was a sizable Donegal contingent among the 7,000 supporters at the All-Ireland Series clash where team captain Paddy McBrearty made his 150th senior appearance for the County. McBrearty and Jason McGee were impressive in the first half. However, the Cloughaneely man was forced to retire with an injury early in the second half.

McBrearty was in the thick of the action early on with the opening point from a free while he also

had two goal chances. The first was pushed over by the keeper while the Kilcar man elected to first point the second opportunity. Brian Hurley and Chris Og Jones were on target for the hosts who then got their first goal on 19 minutes when Ryan McHugh was turned over and Mattie Taylor so-loed through to shoot low past the advancing Patton. The visitors were clearly struggling against the strength of Cork players who forced a number of turnovers including Shane O'Donnell losing possession to Jones who split the posts again.

Donegal responded well with St. Eunan's players Ciaran Moore and Niall O'Donnell notching points. A McBrearty free tied the sides with seven minutes to go to the break. A brilliant Oisín Gallen effort along with scores from McBrearty and Moore left the hosts trailing by two points at the interval. But Cork could easily have been in front as Brian Hurley and Colm O'Callaghan both had goal attempts blocked to leave it 0-9 to 1-4 at the break.

Donegal weren't as fortunate after the restart conceding two goals in the space of four minutes courtesy of Sean Powter and Rory Maguire. McBrearty and a super long range Gallen free cut the Leesiders lead to three points going into the final 20 minutes. Ryan McHugh, a free from Gallen and Caolan McGonagle from play left just one it. It was a very good spell for McGuinness's side. Ryan McHugh missed an equaliser opportunity but with three minutes left sub Aaron Doherty did level matters at 0-16 to 3-7.

A key moment came when McGonagle was penalised for over-carrying something that the referee had not been blowing up earlier in the match. From that Stephen Sherlock put Cork back in front. At the other end Michael Langan wasn't able to convert while Ryan McHugh was short with an attempt. John Cleary's side made sure that Donegal would need a goal when Colm O'Callaghan fisted over the bar in the dying seconds of injury time. Cork - Christopher Kelly; Kevin Fahey, Daniel O'Mahony, Maurice Shanley; Rory Maguire 1-0, Tommy Walsh, Matty Taylor 1-0; Ian Maguire, Colm O'Callaghan 0-2; Paul Walsh 0-1, Sean Powter 1-0, Brian O'Driscoll; Chris Og Jones 0-2, Mark Cronin, Brian Hurley 0-3,2fs. Subs: Stephen Sherlock 0-1 for Jones (52), Thomas Clancy for T Walsh (57), Ruairi Deane for Cronin (66), Eoghan McSweeney for Hurley (69); Sean Meehan for Walsh (73)

Donegal - Shaun Patton; Eoghan Ban Gallagher, Brendan McCole, Ciaran Moore 0-2; Ryan McHugh 0-1, Caolan McGonagle 0-1, Peadar Mogan; Jason McGee, Michael Langan; Shane O'Donnell, Ciaran Thompson, Dáire Ó Baoill; Patrick McBrearty (0-7,3fs), Oisín Gallen (0-3,2fs), Niall O'Donnell 0-1. Subs: Aaron Doherty 0-1 for O Baoill (ht); Odhran Doherty for J McGee (40);



Peadar Mogan is tackled by Sean Power of Cork on Saturday.

Jamie Brennan for N O'Donnell (53); Jaic Mac Ceallabhuí for S O'Donnell (61). Subs not used: Gavin Mulrenay, Stephen McMenamin, Kevin McGettigan, Donal McBride, Luke McGlynn, Mark Curran, Charles McGuinness. Ref: Brendan Griffin (Kerry)

McBrearty makes 150th County appearance

Paddy McBrearty made his 150th senior appearance for Donegal on Saturday in Cork. While it wasn't the way the County captain wanted to mark it, the Kilcar man was still one of the better players as Jim McGuinness's side lost by two points to Cork.

Donegal's top GAA statistician Fr. Sean O'Gallchoir also gives the details of his championship appearances for the County since making his debut in 2011. McBrearty is the eighth player to have featured 150 times for the Donegal seniors.

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|---------------------|-----|---------|----|
| 1. Neil McGee | 194 | | |
| 2006-22 | | | |
| 2. Michael Murphy | 177 | 2007-22 | 19 |
| 3. Colm A. McFadden | 173 | 2002-16 | |



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| 4. Frank McGlynn | 172 | 2006-19 | |
| 5. Christy Toye | 163 | 2002-16 | |
| 6. Brian Roper | 159 | 1995-2009 | |
| 7. Éamonn McGee | 154 | 2004-16 | |
| 8. Patrick McBrearty | 150 | 2011-24 | |
- Paddy is also in the top 10 of Championship appearances (after the Cork game on Saturday):
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|---------------------|----|---------|
| 1 Neil McGee | 77 | 2006-22 |
| 2 Michael Murphy | 77 | 2007-22 |
| 3 Frank McGlynn | 68 | 2006-16 |
| 4 Patrick McBrearty | 68 | 2011-24 |

St. Michael's News

All County League

The Seniors and Reserves were at home to Glenfin on Sunday. The Seniors won 1-10 to 2-3. Team: Mark Anthony McGinley, Paddy McGinley, Liam Paul Ferry, Stephen Doak, Michael Cannon, Antoin McFadden, Kyle McGarvey, Colin McFadden, Martin McElhinney, Edward O'Reilly, Max Roarty. Paul Johnson, Carlos O'Reilly, Michael McGinley and Andrew Kelly.

Mini Lotto The numbers drawn were: 4,6,7,9,19,20. There was no Match 5 winner. 16 People Matched 4 and their names were drawn. The winner of the €100 was Jude McElhinney. This week's Jackpot will be €6800.

Golf Classic

The Club held a very successful Golf Classic at Dunfanaghy Golf Club on Bank Holiday Monday.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our u16 Girls, who won the Shield on Saturday.

Under 8 Girls Shine in Milford Blitz
The Under 8 girls' team travelled to Milford to participate in their blitz playing four matches. Under the guidance of coaches Collette Alcorn and Mairead McGee, the girls put in strong performances.

Under 10 Girls
Our u10 girls had the first game of their season last Thursday. They hosted Cloughaneely at the Bridge.

Under 10 Boys
The U-10s boys hosted Naomh Mhuire on Saturday, with both teams boasting 25 players. It was a great mornings football, there was a total of 12 short games played across 3 different pitches. Our U-10s travelled to Ardara on Bank Holiday Monday for the Joe Larry blitz. The lads had 8 games between A's and B's against Naomh Mhuire, MacCumhails, Four Masters and Dungloe. The lads got presented with a shield afterwards.

Under 15 Feile
On Saturday at the u15 Feile in Burt, our boys had a strong

performance, winning two matches, drawing one, and losing another. Although they missed out on reaching the final, they played against tough competition including Burt, Naomh Padraig Muff, Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon, and Termon.

U12s vs. Robert Emmets

In a nail-biting encounter in the Division 3 league, our U12s faced off against Robert Emmets and narrowly missed out by just one point.

St Michael's U14 triumph

In a spirited display in Downings, our U14 boys had a 4-16 to 6-5 victory.

Results

NRB Under 18 Division 3 Semi Final

St. Michael's 2-9 Naomh Mhuire 2-12

All County U16 Div 3 Round 3

Na Rossa 3-8 St Michael's 5-15.

Wed 1st u14 boys Milford 5-6 St Michaels 2.13

Friday 3rd 12 boy's D3

St Michaels lost to Naomh Mhuire

NRB Under 14 League Na Dunibh 6-5 St. Michael's 4-16

Well done Boys and Girls all teams.

Mon 6th U16 Boys Na Rossa 3.8 St Michaels 5.15

FRI 10th Senior Ladies St Michaels 2.10 Malin 3.08.

Fixtures

Friday 7th June Under 12 Boys St. Michael's v Macumhails home 6.30pm

Saturday 8th June Under 14 Girls St. Michaels v Gweedore

Saturday 8th June Under 10 Boys v Downings away at 10.30am

Wed 8th u12 Girls Home v Cloughaneely @6pm.

Fri 10th U12 Boys Away v Naomh Padraig Muff @ 6.30pm

Sat 11th Senior Men Home v Bundoran @ 7.30pm.

Sun 12th Senior Ladies Home v Malin @ 10.30am.

Mon 13th Minor Boys Away v Downings @ 7pm.

Tues 14th U16 Girls Home v Robert Emmets @ 7pm.

Wed 15th u14 Boys Home v Naomh Mhuire @ 6.30pm.



Mark, twins Caiden and Cian and Ryan McFadden from Creeslough at the game in Cork.

Bia ag Caint

with Noel MacLiam

Dia dhaoibh a chairde Ghaeil agus fáilte ar ais. Tá feabhas ag teacht, de réir a chéile ar an aimsir agus tá fáilte roimh sin fosta. Le bheith ionraic, las mé an tine sa teach i rith na seachtaine, deireadh Mí Bealtaine! Bhí sé fuar, agus sin a bhfuil de. Ach is breá an rud go mbíonn an méid sin faide sa tráthnóna, rud atá an-deas. Ach is fíor é nach dtig linn a bheith ag brath ar an aimsir, ach cad é a thig linn a dhéanamh? Bhuel, cheannaigh mé fulacht nua! Ceann an-mhaith agus luach maith air fosta. Thóg sé mé uair a chloig ar a laghad é a chuir le chéile, go mín réidh agus foighneach, na scríuanna a theannadh, bolt Anna a chuir leo agus scríúire agam. Rinne mé cúpla casanna mí-cheart ach bhí sé déanta go maith agam sa deireadh, agus bhain mé triall as don chéad uair, agus bhí mé iontach sasta leis, caithfidh mé a rá.



dhéanann tú é: Cuir sicín iomlán ar an tábla, cnámh an uchta ar an tábla agus tú ag amharc ar cnámh droma. Faigh scian mór agus gearr nó siosúr mór agus téigh síos imeall an cnámh droma ar gach taobh agus gearr amach é. Anois tá tú ábalta an sicín a leacaigh amach. Feicfidh tú anois an crúth atá ar an sicín agus cé chomh furasta atá sé le cócaireacht. Laghdaíonn sé an t-am cócaireachta le thart ar 30%, agus, tá tú ábalta blasanna ar bith is mian leat a chuir air; béidh an feoil deas bog agus ní bheidh sé tirim. Fosta, tá sé níos éasca a spoladh i bpiosaí deasa- is réiteach é a bhfuil buntaiaste ar gach taobh ann. Maidir le blasanna, tá do rogha féin agat. Tá tú ábalta bheith go simplí, sú líomóide agus gairleog meilte; nó meascán galánta a dhéanamh le luibheanna úra nó triomaíthe, b'fheidir lus an choiré nó oragán meascaithe le ola olóige, nó rud éigean níos casta. Ag deireadh an lae chífidh tú go bhfuil tú ábalta sicín galánta a dhéanamh ar an fulacht níos gaiste ná san oigheann. Cuir le chéile é le sailéad deas agus béidh tú ar muin na muice! Rud eile, tig leat níos mó ná sicín amháin a dhéanamh ag an am céanna agus blasanna diofríúla orthu. Ná biodh imníoch faoin chnámh droma a thabhairt amach; tá sé furasta a dhéanamh agus éiríonn sé níos fusa de réir mar a dhéanann tú é. Lean ar aghaidh, mar sin!

SICÍN SPATCHCOCK PIRI PIRI Spatchcock Piri Piri Chicken

Comhábhair

- 1 sicín 1.5 kg
- 4 sillí dearg, gan sioltaí, más mian leat
- 3 ionga gairleoga meilte
- 2 tsp paiprice milis
- 2 tbsps finéagar fion dearg
- 2 tbsps peirsil gearrtha
- 2 tbsps ola olóige

MODH:

Cuir sicín ar bhórd, cnámh droma ós do chomhair, cnámh an uchta ar an tábla. Gearr síos gach taobh an



cnámh droma agus tóg amach. Oscáil amach an sicín

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ag brú ar chnámh an uchta. Cuir sillí agus gairleog i bpróisealaí, déan taos agus cuir gach rud eile leis agus meascaigh go maith agus cuimil ar an sicín. Cuir sa chuisneoir le 6uair nó thar oíche. Nuair atá an fulacht réidh cuir sicín air, craiceann síos, le 15-20 bom, tiontaigh thart le 10 bom eile. Déan cinnte go bhfuil sé déanta go maith agus na súanna glan. Cuir amach le ding líomóide.

DIAS ARBHAIR SUAITE IN IM Buttery Corn on the Cob



Comhábhair

- 100g Im bogtha
- 1 ionga gairleog meilte
- 1 tbsps peirsil
- 4 diasanna arbhair

MODH:

Bruitigh lé chéile im, gairleog agus peirsil le salann agus piobar dubh. Gearr 4 píosaí scragall stáin, cuir diasanna sa scragall agus déan beartóg astu. Cuir ar fulacht le 30 bom go bhfuil sé cniocnaíthe.

- Feabhas. Improvement
- Ionraic. Honest
- Luach. Price
- Go mín réidh. Gradually
- Foighneach. Patiently
- Scríúire. Tighten a screw
- Scriúire. Screwdriver
- Cas, casanna. Turn, turns
- Bainistiú an teas. Managing the heat
- Teas díreach. Direct heat
- Teas mí-dhíreach. Indirect heat
- Dhá áiteanna éagsúla. Two specific areas
- Carn. Heap, pile
- Gualaithe. Charred
- Leathán. Broad
- Éadhomhain. Shallow
- Clár. Lid
- Cnámh droma. Backbone
- Cnámh an uchta. Breastbone
- Leacaigh amach. Flatten out
- Laghdaíonn sé. It reduces
- Sicín a spoladh. To carve a chicken
- Réiteach. Solution
- Buntáiste. Advantage
- Lus an choiré. Coriander
- Níos gaiste. More quickly
- Ding. Wedge
- Beartóg. Parcel
- Scragall stáin. Tinfoil

Week of winners for Donegal jockeys

Three Donegal jockeys had winners over the past week including Oisín Orr who picked up a 20/1 double at Hamilton Park on Two Auld Pals and Ledger for trainer Lucinda Russell. It took the Rathmullan man to five wins in the space of a week. Luke McAteer rode Sir Yoshi to win the opening five-furlong maiden at Tipperary last Wednesday. Carrying the now familiar colours of MRC International, the David Marnane trained 9/4f asserted close to home to beat Passing Phase half-a-length. McAteer gained a second success of the week as he rode Miss Meagher to win the seven-furlong maiden at Down Royal on Friday evening. The 18/1 chance, trained by Barry Fitzgerald, led over a furlong out, staying on strongly to win by two-and-a-half lengths. It was also a very good week for Dylan Browne

McMonagle was in the winners' enclosure after 16/1 chance Linger For Longer won the seven-furlong handicap last Wednesday in Tipperary. Trained by Austin Leahy, the Irish Equine Syndicate owned mare stayed on strongly to win by three-quarters-of-a-length.

On Friday night at Down Royal the Letterkenny jockey Browne McMonagle rode 5/4f Leinster to win the concluding one-mile two-furlong maiden for Joseph O'Brien. Owned by Al Shir'aa Farms, the colt stayed on nicely to win by three-and-a-quarter lengths. Browne McMonagle (right) then won the opening



six-furlong maiden at Listowel on Sunday, with 1/1f Elzem making most for trainer Joseph O'Brien. Owned by Simon Munir and Isaac Souede, the favourite stayed on well to win by one-and-a-half lengths. He completed a double when Kevin Coleman's Coumshingaun overcame a wide draw to win the six-furlong handicap on the same card. Sent off 11/4f, the Eileen Coleman owned filly led inside the final furlong to win by three-and-a-quarter lengths. Browne McMonagle completed a treble when guiding the Peter Fahey trained Sign From Above to a two length win in the two-mile handicap. Owned by Bernadette Leigh, the winner was returned a well supported 10/3jf.



League of Ireland First Division

Harps hoping for a result in Cobh

The Finn Harps record against Cobh Ramblers has been dismal this season losing their two previous encounters so Darren Murphy will surely have been motivating the players on that statistic ahead of the long journey to St. Colman's Park for this Friday's clash (kick-off 7.45). It's been a busy fortnight for Harps with the away loss to Kerry and then the two home matches over the Bank Holiday weekend. That started with a 1-0 win over Wexford Youths on Friday followed by the 1-1 draw against Athlone Town in Ballybofey on Monday. After those results Murphy's men sit fourth in the table. When the two teams met for the first time on Friday 8th March in Ballybofey, it ended in a Cobh victory after a flat Harps performance saw Murphy's side suffer their first league defeat of the new 2024 season. Cobh Ramblers made the long journey south with a deserved first three points of the campaign thanks to a fine 24th minute Jack Larkin strike. The narrowing of the pitch on both the Stand and Stranorlar sides of the ground appeared to work against the hosts on this occasion.

No real explanation had been given for the alteration to the pitch dimensions other than it is within the specifications laid down by the FAI. But it was Cobh who benefitted putting Harps under a lot of pressure from long throw-ins and it led to the game's only goal.

The second meeting was on Friday 19th April when Cobh recorded a 2-0 win thanks to first half goals from Matthew McKeivitt and David Bošnjak. Cobh are seventh in the table and really need to be putting a win run together to make the play-offs. At the moment they are on 22 points and that is seven points behind Harps.

The other games on Friday night see Athlone Town host Wexford Youths. Treaty United are home to Bray Wanderers while Kerry FC are away to UCD. Leaders Cork City host Longford Town.

Lotto

There were no jackpot winners in the Finn Harps Super 4 Lotto draw for 30th May. The numbers drawn were 10, 16, 23, 29. The next draw takes



Luke O'Brien under pressure from Wexford players as he tries to clear the ball during Friday night's game in Ballybofey.

place on Thursday 6th June and the jackpot is €10,000.

There were 3 match 3 winners this week each

winning €70 - Sam & Dallan Doherty, Stranorlar; Christy Boyle, Kinletter, Ballybofey; Terry Foley, Online Entry. Enter online today via finnharps.ie

Home win for Murphy's men

Finn Harps 1-0 Wexford Youths

Darren Murphy saw his Finn Harps side move up to fourth in the First Division after a hard earned home win over Wexford Youths in Ballybofey on Friday night.

Sean O'Donnell's 19th minute goal proved enough to secure the three points but the visitors will have been disappointed not to have got a share of the spoils. Harps, who were boosted by the return of David Cawley and Tony McNamee in midfield, started well in ideal playing conditions in front of a small attendance.

McNamee's long throw-ins were causing the away defence problems in the early stages. And it was from one of those that the home team took the lead. The throw-in from the Stand side went right across the goal with O'Donnell acrobatically sticking out his left leg to hook the ball back into an unguarded net. It was a poor goal to concede and one that was to prove very costly for Wexford. The visitors came more into the game as the half progressed with one effort from a set-piece saw an Aaron Dobbs flick clipped the top of the crossbar. Just before the half-hour mark Benjamin Lynch somehow contrived to steer the ball across goal and wide from a couple of yards with Harps keeper Conor Walsh stranded.

At the other end Harps did try to double their advantage with an O'Donnell low strike forcing a good save from the Wexford keeper while Success Edogun had an attempt blocked. On 52 minutes Jamie Watson should have made it 2-0 but headed straight at Owen Mason from a Stephen Doherty cross. Lively striker Thomas Oluwa was desperately unlucky not to make it 1-1 with a header that came back off the inside of the post at the river end of the ground. Conor Walsh also had to make a good save at the expense of a corner. But, Harps held on for a big three points.

Finn Harps - Conor Walsh; Jamie Watson, Matthew Makinson, Noe Baba, Luke O'Brien; Success Edogun (Patrick Ferry 94), David Cawley, Tony McNamee, Stephen Doherty, Max Johnston, Sean O'Donnell.

Subs not used: Tim Heimer (Gk), Oisín Cooney (Gk), Darragh Coyle, Shane McMonagle, Mark Mbuli, Chris Lotefa, Aaron McLaughlin, Gavin McAteer.

Wexford FC - Owen Mason; Carl Lennox (Mark Hanratty h-t), Cian O'Malley, Sean McHale; Mikie Rowe (Cian Curtis 84), Reece Webb (Darragh Levingston 73), Ethan Boyle, Brandon McCann (Kaylem Harnett h-t), Benjamin Lynch; Aaron Dobbs, Thomas Oluwa.



Harps goalscorer Sean O'Donnell on the attack at Finn Park on Friday night.

McAteer sets up Harps equaliser

Finn Harps 1-1 Athlone Town

Teenage substitute Gavin McAteer supplied the cross for Patrick Ferry's headed equaliser in the second last minute of normal time that saw Finn Harps secure a draw against Athlone Town on Bank Holiday Monday in Ballybofey. The visitors had broken the deadlock with a Gideon Tetteh's 70th minute goal that looked like sealing another win for the in-form visitors.

Former Milford Utd underage player McAteer is just 15-years-old and had only entered the action in the 82nd minute to make his first senior appearance at Finn Park. The Loreto CS student had made his Harps debut a fortnight ago in the away game in Kerry. Ferry was denied a winner in the second minute of injury time by keeper Enda Minogue.

The Athlone goal came when Divine Izekor provided the assist for Tetteh whose shot was just too good for Tim Hiemer who it must be said had an excellent game for the hosts.

Dean Ebbe should have ended the game as a contest on 77 minutes but shot over. Home defender Jamie Watson had a volley cleared off the line before the Ferry equaliser. Hiemer made a super block as early as the 10th to deny Daniel McKenna and then got his hand to a Dylan Hand header to keep the Mid-



Gavin McAteer who made his first senior appearance for Harps at Finn Park on Monday and set up the equaliser in the 1-1 draw with Athlone Town

landers from taking the lead. Athlone were the in-form team coming into the match having gone nine games unbeaten and defeating leaders Cork City on Friday night. It was Cork's first loss of the season.

The German born keeper also had to show smart reactions to turn over a ball that had deflected off home defender Matthew Makinson early in the second half. Hiemer was one of four changes made by manager Darren Murphy from the win over Wexford on Friday night coming in along with Ferry, Ryan Rainey and Aaron McLaughlin replacing Conor Walsh, Max Johnston, Success Edogun, and Stephen Doherty. Just before the hour mark the hosts came close to the first goal of the game when Ferry nipped in ahead of the keeper but his header dropped just over the bar.

Finn Harps - Tim Hiemer; Jamie Watson, Noe Baba, Matthew Makinson, Luke O'Brien; Sean O'Donnell (Max Johnston 82), David Cawley (Gavin McAteer 82), Ryan Rainey, Tony McNamee, Aaron McLaughlin (Success Edogun 60); Patrick Ferry. Not used: Conor Walsh (Gk), Oisín Cooney (Gk), Mark Mbuli, Chris Lotefa, Darragh Coyle, Stephen Doherty. Ref: Daryl Carolan.

Letterkenny Athletic Club

In Bunrana the Furey Insurance 5km road race took place and as always the field was very competitive. Congratulations to Ann-Marie McGlynn who won the women's race in 16:07.

Ciaran Doherty ran a fine time of 15:33 followed closely by Philip McHugh in 15:44, Michael Black 16:38, Matthew Johnston 16:39, Michael Harkin 17:16, Enda McLaughlin 17:32, Dessie Shiels 17:41, Cian Friel 17:47, Stephen Woods 17:54, Colly O'Donnell 18:30, Fintan Smith 19:26, Peter Gallagher 19:49, Adrian Callaghan 20:35, Stephen Shiels 20:38 and Ray

McDermott ran 22:50.

Congratulations to LAC athletes Natasha Adams and Noleen Scanlon who placed 7th and 8th respectively in the 2024 VHI Women's mini marathon in Dublin. Natasha placed 7th running 36:08 while Noleen was 8th running 36:15. Fantastic results for our women finishing in the top 10 out of 25,000 participants.

LAC meets Tuesday 5.15pm and at 6.30pm for an interval running session, Thursday evening for a hill run at 6pm, Saturday morning at 9.30am for a tempo run and Sunday morning at 8am for a long run.

Cranford AC news

Loreto Milford athletes showcased remarkable performances last weekend at the Irish schools championships in Tullamore. Beginning with the 800m intermediate race, Michael Moore impressively moved from fourth to second place in the final 200 meters, clocking a new personal best of 1:57.14. Despite the warm weather and waiting around for a few hours, Michael also competed in the 400M, securing a commendable fourth place. Michael's return to athletics is marked by continuous improvement.

Caolan McFadden excelled in the senior 800m race, finishing second with a personal best of 1:53.54. This time also qualifies him for the Under-18 European Championships in Slovakia this July. With standards met for both the 800M and 1500M. Sunday saw more action at the Finn Valley Ulster Children's Games and Under 12 & 13 Championships, a well-organised event.

Our only Under 9 girl was Ailbhe Gallagher who competed in the long jump.

In the Under 10 girls' 60m, Alanna Curran finished third, while Sadhbh McBride secured second in the long jump.

Conal McCloskey was our only Under 10 boy and competed in both the 60m & long jump.

Under 11 boys' competitions saw Faolan Caldwell competed in 60m, and came 4th in both the high jump and long jump. Ronan Cleary performed well in the 60m and long jump, Charley Rodgers placed

fourth in the 600m, and Seamus McCloskey showed strong performances in both the 60m and long jump.

Megan Logue was our only Under 12 girl and she competed in the long jump with a great finish in 4th place. James Thompson was our Under 12 competitor in both the 60m & 600m, good boy James, keep up the great work.

For the Under 13 boys, Ben McGee finished second in the high jump and fourth in the 600m. Matthew Giles came second in the 80m and fifth in the 600M, while Tarlach Duggan placed seventh in both the 80m and high jump.

The relay races added to the excitement. The Under 10 girls' team, including Sadhbh McBride, Alanna Curran, Gracie Sweeney, Molly Moyles, and Amelia Lily McGee, finished fourth. The Under 11 relay girls' team of Aoife Cleary, Orlagh Cleary, Alanna Curran, Gracie Sweeney, and Amelia Lily McGee earned a well-deserved third place.

The Under 12 boys' relay team, with Faolan Caldwell, Ronan Cleary, Dara Gallagher, and Seamus McCloskey, came in fourth place. The Under 13 boys' team of Matthew Giles, Ben McGee, Tarlach Duggan, and Charley Rodgers capped off the day with a second-place finish.

A big thank you to our dedicated coaches, parents, and supporters for their encouragement. The club also wishes Caolan McFadden the best as he heads to Spain this Thursday with the Irish team to compete in a 800m race. Safe travels, Caolan

The Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes departed from The City of Derry Airport on Monday last for 4 nights. They are pictured with Pilgrimage Director, Fr. Stephen Gorman, CC Milford and other priests from the diocese including Fr. Willie McMenamin who took part in this 55th pilgrimage, Fr. Dinny McGettigan, Fr. Michael McKeever, Fr. Adrian Gavigan, Fr. Paddy Dunne and Fr. Shane Gallagher.



Fin and Sharon to cycle Mizen to Malin non stop

This Saturday the 8th of June when the nation will be glued to results from the separation of votes at the various count centres around the country, Fin Begley and Sharon Ward will set off from Ireland's most southern point, Mizen Head to cycle non stop back to Malin Head.



Fin Begley, Fanad and Sharon Ward from Malin, below.

At 5am they will jump on their bikes and begin the 570km cycle home. Their support team will be Fin's brother Con and Sharon's husband who will have the busy time of preparing food and drinks for the girls to keep them hydrated and their energy levels up to allow them to continue cycling. The two men will also be acting as their mechanics keeping their bikes roadworthy and sorting out any problems.

The girls stress that this isn't a race but with just two of them it will be very difficult to shield from any headwinds they encounter on the way. Normally there is a group of cyclists and it is easier to draft and take a rest but with just two this will not be possible.

Getting six is their biggest fear and they hope to eat or drink every 15 minutes. They have been experimenting with different foods which are easily digested and provide a lot of calories and Fin has developed her own tray bake which is proving a great success. They have been training since April when Fin had a cycling 'holiday' in Majorca covering over 500km in a week. They have been getting in four and five hour cycles every weekend covering 300km on weekends. On one Saturday they meet in Ballybofey and cycled the the start of the Donegal Bay Cycle in Donegal Town and returning - clocking up over 200km that day.

Fin says that she tries to set a challenge for herself every year and cycling from Mizen to Malin in a small group was always part of her 'bucket list' and she got to know Sharon during The Race based in Gartan a few years ago and has kept in contact.

Sharon is from Malin and has decided to use the challenge to help raise funds for her local Malin U16 Ladies team who are travelling to London to play in a tournament later this summer and if you want to donate you can visit www.idonate.ie/event/mizen2malinsupportingladiesgaa

Fin from Fanad is a well known athlete competing in the many marathons, triathlons, the 24 hour Race and also an Iron Man in Wales. She has also done the 323km solo cycle around Donegal and the 555km cycle as part of a team so is well used to pushing her body and mind in these challenges.

Late on Saturday night/early on Sunday the cyclists will be joined by colleagues from Letterkenny and Malin in Enniskillen who will accompany them home. Declan Doherty, Cathal Roarty and Martin Donnelly will be among the Letterkenny cyclists they will be glad to see and finish off this epic challenge with.

For anyone wishing to follow their progress they have set up a live tracking with Primal Tracking on <https://live.primaltracking.com/m2mf24/>



On Friday, 7 June 2024,
in Milford LEA

Vótáil Sinn Féin

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Dan Friel Memorial Tractor Run

The Friel Family organised a Tractor Run last Sunday from Wilkin's of Churchill in memory of Dan Friel and they raised €7,805 going to the Donegal Cancer Flights and Services Group (Eithiltí & Seirbhísí Ailse Dhún na nGall).

Pictured above are members of the Friel Family with the cheque and right are, Daniel Friel, Markie Spratt, Hughie Friel, Gerald Conaghan and Kevin Conaghan.



Aontu candidates commemorate the 1798 Rebellion

On Sunday, 2nd June, Aontú Donegal LEA candidates, Mary T. Sweeney (Letterkenny), Rebecca Mc Daid (Lifford Stranorlar), and Kathleen Deeney (Milford), attended Gartan Graveyard to lay a Shamrock-shaped wreath to commemorate the 180th anniversary of the death of Manus a' Phicé O' Domhnaill who was interred in the historic burial ground of Tir Conaill's ancient chieftans at Gartan in 1844.

Manus was Captain of the United Irishman in Donegal in

1798 and noted for defeating a British dragoon on horseback, while Manus was armed only with a pike in a single combat contest, in which he won his freedom after been imprisoned in Lifford Jail by his British captors.

The event was organised by Tricia Nisbet from Ramelton, a great-great grand daughter of the heroic Donegal rebel. In recognition of his great valour and victory, the Aontú candidates erected a symbolic pike over his grave.

Donegal Aontú representative, Mary T. Sweeney called for a permanent memorial to be erected in Donegal to mark all members of the United Irishmen in the county who took part in the 1798 Rebellion in which an estimated 50,000 died nationwide. It was the bloodiest of all Irish uprisings. I believe a suitable spot for a monument would be in the vicinity of the Market Square, Letterkenny, near the spot where Hegarty's Hotel once stood. Popular legend states that this was where,

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Kathleen Deeney, Mary T. Sweeney and Rebecca Mc Daid at Gartan Graveyard to lay a Shamrock-shaped wreath to commemorate the 180th anniversary of the death of Manus a' Phicé O' Domhnaill who was interred in the historic burial ground of Tir Conaill's ancient chieftans at Gartan in 1844.



Pupils from Scoil Mhuire Ramelton who received their First Holy Communion from Fr. Michael Carney with teachers Orla O'Sullivan and Frances Judge.

perhaps, the most illustrious leader of 1798, Wolfe Tone, was arrested for his part in the rebellion.

She said: "This United Irishmen rebellion which sought to unite both Catholic and Protestant neighbours, in the fight for Irish freedom, was a watershed moment in Irish history. We are here today to commemorate the 1798 Rising and all the men and women who gave so much for Irish Independence and Freedom and to honour their enormous sacrifice, and focus on the ideals and objectives that they fought for. However, not all those objectives have been achieved and we need to work harder, together, to ensure that they are."

The council candidate for the Letterkenny Electoral Area added: "The ideals of these wonderful men and women who took on the might of the British in 1798 are shared by Aontú, and our members continue to campaign and work tirelessly every day to bring these goals to fruition.

All of us owe all these men and women, who lit the flame for our freedom as a nation, our deepest gratitude."

Cloughaneely Golf Club

A very successful two day golf classic last weekend with over 150 golfers playing in the competition to support our new clubhouse fundraiser.

Clubhouse Classic Results from Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd June. 1st Jason O Donnell, Paul Beattie, Michael Jude McGarvey and Michael Rodgers 102pts (Gaoth Dobhair); 2nd Kevin Boyle, Brian McGee, Joe McGarvey and Donna Gallagher 99pts; 3rd Seamus McGee, Roisin McGee, Martin Giles and Lorraine Giles 97pts; 4th Chris McCallion, JB McCallion, John Murphy and Pat Maguire 96pts BOT; 5th Bridie Doherty, Caroline McGee, Lorraine Giles and Roisin McGee 96pts BOT; 6th Paul Harkin, John McGinley, Joe McGarvey and Kevin Boyle 94pts BOT; 7th Margaret Mulhern, Tony Mulhern, Padraig O Grady and Noirin O Grady 94pts; 8th Gerry Doohan, Manus McClafferty, Owenie Pro McGee and Owen Pro Jnr 94pts; 9th Mark McGinley, Paul Doherty, Francis Boyle and Joe Doherty 93pts. Visitors Prize: Kathleen Rodgers, Brid Uí Chearnaigh, Edel Uí Rabhartaigh agus Mary Lucy Ferry 93pts (Gaoth Dobhair). Nearest the Pin 11th Hole: Sean MacIntyre. Nearest the Pin 16th Hole: Brian McGee. Gents Longest Drive 12th Hole: JB McCallion. Ladies Longest Drive 17th Hole: Roisin McGee.

Thank you to everyone that played in and supported the fundraiser. Thank you to all the local businesses and sponsors and to all the golf clubs in County Donegal that donated green fee vouchers to support us. Credit to Philip and his green-keeping team the golf course is in great condition. A few difficult pin positions caught a few people out! Tá an galfchúrsa ar cheann de na háiseanna is lárnaí agus is tábhachtaí sa phobal seo, tá sé ag croílár phobal na Gaeilge sa cheantar agus tugann muid dóchas, comhlúadar agus tacaíocht do sciar mór den phobal. Míle buíochas dár n-urraitheoirí uilig. Please support ALL our Sponsors. Ta muid fíor bhúíoch dár baill agus dár n-urraithe uilig a bhí sásta tacú linn. Overall, a great two day golf classic with the full emphasis on fundraising for our new clubhouse and it was great to see so much support for this project.

Portsalon Golf Club

Team Results

Congratulations to Sean Canning and his Ulster Cup team as they overcame City of Derry by 3.5 matches to 2.5 on Saturday afternoon. The home games were won by Donal Callaghan Jr and Alistair Rodger while Joe Ferry was a 2&1 winner in Derry. That meant Brian Devlin's 3up lead on the 16th tee was enough to secure the verdict as that match was called in. Portsalon will face either Carrickfergus or Ormeau next.

Club Results

Saturday 1st June - Winner: Kieran Barron (17) - 45 pts; Runner-up: Shaun Gallagher (27) - 41 pts; Gross: Kevin Hensey (5) - 33 gross pts; Third: Daniel Shields (7) - 39 pts. Sunday 2nd June - Winner: Ultan McGettigan (7) - 38 pts; Runner-up: Michael Bowe (23) - 37 pts BOT; Gross: Ryan McGettigan (Scr) - 37 gross pts; Third: Gareth McLamon (11) - 37 pts.



Cloughaneely Golf Club Classic winners Lorraine Giles, Caroline McGee, Bridie Doherty, Lady Captain Roisin McGee and Club President Padraig O'Grady.



Portsalon Lady Captain Noreen McConigley hosting the Captain's Day away with the Portsalon ladies in Dunfanaghy Golf Club on Saturday

Portsalon Ladies

Lady Captain Noreen wishes to thank all the ladies who joined her on a particularly sunny Saturday in Dunfanaghy Golf Club. The fabulously baked homemade scones in the clubhouse hit the spot, as ladies swapped the putting green for the tea! Everyone was in jovial mood, and even managed to gather for the obligatory group photo with Lady Captain Noreen.

Sarah Nicholl rose to the top on a BOT, mainly thanks to the unsuspecting car crossing the path at the 18th who carefully ricocheted her ball onto the green rather than the bunker! In fairness, her other 17 holes including a nice birdie helped! Winner - Sarah Nicholl 37pts bot; Runner-up - Deirdre O'Toole 37pts; 3rd - Karen McGlinchey 35pts. 9's - Claire Ferry and Vera Kearney The Intermediate Foursomes team who play City of Derry on Friday 7th June. The Revive team who are off to play the Dunluce course in Royal Portrush on the 8th June.

Lady Beginners Friday evening scrambles with lady beginners this week at 6pm. If any of our members are around to play a couple of holes with the ladies, it would be most appreciated.

Mr Pat Horner's Prize to the ladies will be played on the 28th June.

Sunday Members was won by Ita Ward with a great score of 39 points.

Letterkenny Golf Club

The Central Bar Open on 15/05/24 was won by Tom McDonagh (18) with 42 points. Paddy O'Leary (19) was runner up with 41 points. Mark Walshe (18) was 3rd on 40 points. Shaun Duffy (2) won the Gross with 29points. Category 1 winner was Joe McManus (16) on 39 points. Category 2 winner was Shane McGlade (20) with 37 points.

iMotors Open 18/05/24: Hugh Herrity (22) 40, Winner. Eamonn McGlinchey (4) 38, 2nd & Best Gross. Gerry O'Sullivan (24) 38, 3rd. Patrick O'Kane (10) 37, Cat 1. Matthew Carlin (16) 38, Cat 2. Brian Carney (21) 35, Cat 3.

Sunday Open 19/5/24: Ian Daly (16) 39, Winner. Matthew Carlin (15) 39, Runner Up. Jonathon Russell (12) 39, 3rd.

Croithli Distillery Open: Noel Duggan (20) 42, Winner. Stephen McLaughlin (15) 38, Runner Up. David McCormick (3) 30 Gross Points. JP Clarke (9) 37, Cat 1. Robbie McHugh (19) 38, Cat 2. Charlie M Patton (22) 37, Cat 3.

R & A 9 Hole Qualifier 24/5/24: Thomas McDonagh & Anne Cannon, 40 combined Winner; Dermot Rainey & Mary Fowley, 38 combined, Runner Up. Stevenson Horan Financial Services Open 22/5/24: Gabriel McNulty (17) 41, Winner. Brian Neely (19) 41, Runner Up. Shane Scanlan (3) 34 Gross Points. Mark McNulty (11) 38, 3rd. JP Clarke (8) 36, Cat 1. Colm Flood (13) 37, Cat 2. Garvin McGahey (24) 37, Cat 3.

Sunday Stroke Monthly Medal 26/5/24: Robbie McHugh 86-20=66 Nett, Winner. David McCormick 73-5=68 Nett, Runner Up & Best Gross. Declan Burke 81-12=69 Nett, 3rd.

One inter-club match took place on Saturday past, The Donegal League side governed by veteran Niall O'Donnell hosted Gweedore G C. Played in perfect conditions amidst a slight breeze, it was Letterkenny who won the first leg narrowly in a nip-and-tuck battle 3/2. Dates for the away fixture at the coastal club are yet to be announced.

In Memoriam

Boyle

Devlinmore, Carrigart



Boyle Hugh
40th Anniversary
Died 1st July 1984



Boyle Peggy
29th Anniversary
Died 3rd June 1995



Carroll Patricia (nee Boyle)
20th Anniversary
Died 2nd March 2004



Martin Suzanna née Boyle
5th Anniversary
Died 7th August 2019

In loving memory of our dear family

*Time and years slip gently by love and memories never die
Will those who think of them today a little prayer to Jesus say*

Sadly missed and always remembered by all your families in Donegal and England.

Anniversary Mass in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart on Saturday 8th June at 6pm.



Russell Fanny Churchtown, Churchill
1st Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother who died on the 6th June 2023.

*God looked around his garden and found an empty place
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine"
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you the day
God called you home.*

Loved and missed every day by your son Noel and daughter-in-law Pamela, Granddaughters Tanya and Nicole and husband Eric and great grandson Leon.



Kelly Charles Kerrykeel and Derry
14th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear son and brother who died on the 6th June 2010.

*We think about you always
We talk about you still
You have never been forgotten and you never will
We hold you close within our hearts
And there you will remain
To walk and guide us through our lives
Until we meet again.*

Sadly missed and forever in our hearts Mum, PJ, Josephine, Michael, Lily and Ray.

Little Angels up above, give uncle Charles all our love

Love and miss you always Michaela, Cora, Ronan, Mason, Kate and Annie xxx

*The good times we can't turn back
But we hold them very dear
The tales of youth we do recall
As if you are with us here*

*A loss to life, to family, to friends
But we know you still are near
Your memory we cherish and hold
With love and without fear
Great Friend, Great Times
Never Forgotten.*

Fergus, Francis, John G., Martin, Paddy, Patrick

Anniversary Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel on Saturday 8th June at 6pm.



McBride Dermott
Leatmore Fanad / Birmingham
3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband and brother Dermott who died on 4th June 2021.

*Of all the gifts in life however great or small to have you as our brother was the greatest gift of all
A special time a special place a special brother we can't replace
With aching hearts we whisper low, we miss you Dermott and love you so
Just a prayer from the family who love you, just a memory fond and true
In our hearts you will live forever because we thought the world of you.*

Dearly loved and missed by your wife Eileen, brothers Michael and John, sister Margaret and brother-in-law Hugo

Anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Church, Fanavolty on Sunday 9th June at 11am.

Montgomery John
30th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather John whom God called home on the 10th June 1994, also remembering my son and our brother Andrew.

"God but not Forgotten"

Loved and sadly missed by Babs and family in Greenhill, Errarooy, Carnamaddy, Dublin and Wales.



Gormley Willie
Glasgow and Ramelton

In loving memory of Willie whose first anniversary occurred on the 5th June 2024.

*A golden Heart stopped beating
hard working hands at rest
God broke our hearts to prove He only takes the best
In life we loved you dearly, in death we loved still
In our hearts you hold a place that no one could ever fill.*

Much loved, sadly missed by your loving wife Jeanette, son Christopher, daughter Melissa, son-in-law Mark, grandson Rocco, his brothers and sisters Charles, Gerald, Phyllis, Noreen, Eddie, Mary, Eunan, Teresa and his nephews and niece John, Stephen and Sharon.

In loving memory of our dear brother

*You gave no one a last farewell nor even said goodbye
You were gone before we knew it and only God knows why
A million times we will miss you a million times we will cry*

*In our hearts you hold a place no one else can ever fill
It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you the day
God took you home
We will meet again some day we know in a better place
We thank God he made you our brother while you were here on earth.*

Always and forever in our hearts your brothers and sisters Ramelton.

Kilmacrennan Men's Shed celebrate 10th Anniversary

Kilmacrennan Men's Shed are holding a ten year celebration coffee morning on Saturday the 15th June from 11am - 3pm at the Men's Shed with all the proceeds going to the Donegal Hospice and the Men's Shed. Everyone is welcome and there will also be a walk beforehand to

support Men's Health Week, leaving from the Men's Shed at 10am. A wood turning display will also take place throughout the day.

Doherty highlights housing issue

Sinn Féin candidate in the Milford Electoral Area has found housing to be the biggest issue on her canvass of the area. She says "Voting for Sinn Féin in the Local and European elections is the first step to getting a change of government, to create the momentum to elect a government that will sort out the housing crisis, tackle the cost of living crisis and start fixing our health service. It's time for new people with new solutions and new ideas at local government, in the Dáil and in the European parliament. Sinn Féin are the only party with a plan to deliver the biggest house building programme in the history of the State. We will deliver affordable homes through local Councils and Approved Housing Bodies at prices people can genuinely afford, ensuring their delivery

in the main, through the use of public land." To deliver change we will need a strong Sinn Féin team in the Council to ensure that change happens at the local level, Maria Doherty said if elected she with the SF team will prioritise:

- Delivering the biggest public housing programme in the history of the State to meet social and affordable housing need.
- Delivering with a SF Government 100% Redress for Defective Block home owners.
- Delivering affordable homes on an unprecedented scale that teachers, nurses, factory and retail workers can actually afford to buy or rent.
- Stopping vulture funds buying up family homes and student housing.
- Development Plans are robust in supporting local authori-

ties to work to end the housing crisis. Speed up the construction of homes by reducing bureaucracy and red tape which is delaying the delivery of housing;

- Working with homeless service providers to end long-term homelessness.
- Ensuring local development plans support the survival of rural communities;
- Use compulsory purchase, where practical, and return to use derelict and vacant properties.
- Ensuring greater collection of the Derelict Sites Levy and speed up the return of vacant Council homes.
- Delivering increased housing maintenance budgets and working towards every local authority producing a five-year rolling preventative maintenance plan.
- Ensure we have the workers to build and maintain

homes by creating more places for construction related apprenticeships. We will also include the needs of local Gaeltacht and Irish speaking communities at the heart of City/County Development Plans, including their social and affordable housing needs, and in the case of local authorities serving Gaeltacht areas, implementing measures including language impact assessments, language conditions on housing developments, and the recognition of Gaeltacht settlement patterns, to protect communities and support Irish speaking workers and families to make a life for themselves in the Gaeltacht. Local authorities have a vital role to play in our planning system and need to be properly resourced. We need a Sinn Féin Councillor in Milford LEA. Tá sé in am don Athrú.

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Earagail Arts Festival, Donegal's premier summer event (13th – 28th July) is grateful to the support of PGIM Ireland, a sponsor of this year's festival. Pictured are (l-r) Mary Doherty, Office Manager (PGIM), Paul Brown, CEO /Artistic Director (EAF), Rachel Curran, HR Business Partner (PGIM), Seán Feeny, Marketing, PR & Development Manager (EAF), Laura Harkin, Director, Investor Services (PGIM) and Karl Tonna, Director, Fund Operations (PGIM). For more on this year's Earagail Arts Festival, visit www.eaf.ie

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On Friday, 7 June 2024 in the Local Government Election

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Blaney, Liam - Fianna Fáil			
Bradley, Vincent J. - Independent			
Deeney, Kathleen - Aontú			
DOHERTY, Maria			1
Jackson, Eamonn - 100% Redress			
McGarvey, Pauric - Independent			
Meehan, Declan - Independent			
O'Donnell, John - Independent			
Sweeney, Aaron - Fine Gael			

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President of the Ulster GAA Ciaran McLaughlin and Fergus McGee buying tickets in the CLG Na nDunaibh Helicopter Ball Drop Draw which takes place on the 26th of October with €35,000 in prizes. Also included are Club officials Hugo McClafferty, Tanya Roberts and John McBride.

Kevin Connor from the Downings Bay Hotel presenting a new set of jerseys to Eoin Byrne, Chairman of Downings GAA Club. Also included are other sponsors Ben McNutt from McNutts of Downings and Oisín Boyce from Boyce's Centra, Carrigart, Dunfanaghy and Falcarragh.

Fanad

The late Charlie Deeney

The death occurred on Tuesday of Charlie Deeney, Inniskill, Rathmullan. Charlie passed away at Letterkenny University Hospital. A highly respected member of the local community, Charlie had farming interests.



Remains are reposing at the family home in Inniskill. Requiem Mass will take place this Friday, June 7th, at 11am in St Catherine's Church, Oughterlin. Burial will be afterwards in Rathmullan Cemetery. Charlie is survived by his wife Margaret, daughter Mairéad, son Cathál, sisters Winnie, Kathleen

Kerrykeel Vintage Day this Saturday

The Annual Kerrykeel Vintage Day will be held in the Church Grounds in Kerrykeel on this Saturday the 8th of June from 12noon. On the day there will be vintage cars and tractors, stationary engines, petting zoo and Alpacas, rare breeds of sheep, face painting, buttermaking, wood carving and the juggling duo will be on display. There will also be a display of stationary engines, cars, tractors, horse and pony memorabilia, trade stall and childrens amusements as well as crafts and demonstrations throughout the day. This is a great day for the whole family and there will be live music with Norman Borland and Thomas Black. Anyone looking for further info is asked to contact Eric Borland or Michael Whoriskey.

and Mary, brothers James and Packie, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Deepest condolences are extended to the family circle.

Death of Charlie Doherty

The death occurred on Wednesday at Letterkenny University Hospital of Charlie Doherty, Carnagore, Carrigart. A well known member of the local community Charlie was a native of Carrick, Carrigart. He was a former proprietor of the Lighthouse Tavern on Fanad Head. He is survived by his wife Kathleen (nee McBrearty, Milford); sons Aidan, Allan and Niall; grandchildren; brothers Eddie, Hugh and Patsy and his sister Elizabeth.



The remains of the late Mr. Doherty were removed from the Eternal Light Chapel of Rest, Letterkenny to the family residence at Carnagore on Wednesday. Funeral Mass will take place this Friday 7th June in Church of St John the Baptist for Requiem Mass at 11am followed by burial in the adjoining Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family circle.

Death of Margaret Sweeney

The peaceful death took place in Ramelton Community Hospital on Friday 31st May of Margaret (Peggy) Sweeney (née Duffy), Aughadaughley, Portsalon. Margaret was predeceased by her husbands Nicolas Duggan, Co. Clare and Dan Sweeney, Portsalon, Fanad.

Funeral Mass took place on Sunday 2nd June in St. Columba's Church, Massmount with burial afterwards in the adjoining graveyard. Funeral Mass was officiated by her nephew-in-law Fr. Kieran McAteer, PP Stranorlar and concelebrant was Fr. Joseph Briody, PP Fanad.

Deepest sympathy is extended to her son Roddy and daughters Una and Ann Marie, granddaughter Kelly and great granddaughter Bethany and her sister Mary Mackey, London.

Credit Union Draw
The Swilly Mulroy Credit Union Prize Draw will take place on Saturday 17th August. Tickets cost €20 and are limited to 1 per member (over 18s). The prizes include

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Sean McAteer makes Sligo Rovers debut

20-year-old Sean McAteer who has strong family ties in Kerrykeel made his debut for the Sligo Rovers senior side in a League of Ireland Premier Division game against leaders Shelbourne at Tolka Park on Friday night. And what a game to do that as Sligo defeated the table toppers 2-1 with McAteer entering the action in the closing minutes for one of the goal scorers Kailin Barlow. Sean is the son of John Gerard and Maria McAteer who reside in the Strandhill area of Sligo town.



John Gerard is a native of St. Bridget's Terrace, Kerrykeel and the son of Charlie and Kathleen McAteer. He was a talented goal scoring forward with Kerrykeel 71 and Loreto CS Milford. His son Sean has been involved with the underage football setup at the Sligo Rovers Academy for the past six years. An attacking midfielder he had a couple of training camps with English side Blackpool and was included in the Sligo Rovers senior squad a couple of years ago.

Then Sean had a major setback suffering a tibial plateau injury which was potentially career ending. It is the flat top portion of the tibia bone, which runs from the knee to the ankle. It required major surgery which ruled the youngster out of football for over a year. However, Sean stuck to an extensive rehabilitation programme that has been successful to the extent that he returned to training and the ultimate reward was his Sligo Rovers senior debut last Friday at Tolka Park.

Sean is currently on a soccer scholarship with the local Sligo Atlantic Technological University. Each year, the University offers a limited number of Sligo Rovers players a fee-waiver scholarship which is matched by the club with support to the player throughout the seasons they are studying.

1st prize - €7000;
 2nd prize - €2000;
 3rd prize - €1000 and there will be other prizes on the day to be won.

Fanad SVP
 If you are experiencing difficulty the local branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is willing to help. If in need, contact the Society on 0877003732 regarding any financial problem. All matters dealt with in confidence.

Kerrykeel '71 Cards
 Kerrykeel '71 FC Cards continues in the Village Inn, Kerrykeel every Monday at 7.30pm.

Spring Schedule at the Old School Community Centre Kerrykeel:
 MONDAYS: Fanad Ju-Jitsu Club: 7.30-8.30pm (7-12 year olds); and 8.30-9.30pm (teens & adults) Contact Pól on 086 363 5623

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 Unwind Your Mind Meditation Class: 7-8pm. Contact Claire on 087 298 9545
 WEDNESDAYS: Crochet & Needlework Class: 8-10pm. Contact Kathleen on 086 348 6684.
 THURSDAYS: Gentle Yoga: 10-11am. Contact Jane on 086 836 7776
 Pilates Class: 5.30-6.30pm and 6.45-7.45pm. Contact Caitriona on 083 042 7887
 Mulroy Jivers: (Re-starting Thurs 14 Mar): 8-10pm. Contact Niall on 086 233 1174.
 SUNDAYS: Let's Mess Donegal (Sensory Play Sessions): Run monthly, as advertised. Contact Maggie on 086 061 5598.



Fanad Gaels launched their Smoke and Vape Free Grounds initiative on Friday. Thanks to the national schools in the locality and all the children who took part in the Art Competition. It was great to have the winners present on the evening. Thanks to the special guests, Fiona Boyle, Smoking Cessation Officer with the HSE and Local GP, Dr. Padraig McGuinness. Finally, a word of thanks to the Healthy Clubs Committee for their great work on this initiative.

All-Ireland Ladies Senior Gaeltacht Final

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Planning Notices**Donegal County Council
Currin, Drumlurgagh & Drumbrick,
Termon, Letterkenny**

I, Kieran Gallagher, on behalf of CLG An Tearnann, am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain existing site development works, and planning permission to: 1. Reconfigure carpark layout previously permitted under Ref. 19/51191; 2. Extend carpark previously permitted under Ref. 19/51191; 3. Construct a new overspill carpark; 4. Modify existing entrance to provide safer access/exit for vehicles & pedestrians; 5. Construct a new 4m high RC ball wall; 6. Construct a new machinery storage shed; 7. All other associated works at Currin, Drumlurgagh & Drumbrick, Termon, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townlands of Currin, Drumlurgagh & Drumbrick. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the planning authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application.

**Donegal County Council
Drumlackagh, Glen, Carrigart**

I, Cathal Sweeney, intend to apply for Planning Permission for development at Drumlackagh, Glen, Carrigart, Co. Donegal in the townland of Drumlackagh. The development will consist of planning permission to renovate existing derelict cottage and install a sewerage treatment system with all associated site works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority at the County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee €20, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the application, such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to, or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

**Donegal County Council
Drumhallagh Lr Td, Rathmullan**

I Ursula Sheridan am applying for permission for retention of existing porch and windows of front elevation and alterations on side and rear elevations from doors to windows and windows to doors from that shown on original planning ref No 05 / 7322 at Drumhallagh Lower Td, Rathmullan Co. Donegal. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

**Donegal County Council
Ballintemple, Falcarragh**

I, Eoghain Ó Gallchóir am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank including all other associated site development works at Ballintemple, Falcarragh, County Donegal in the townland of Ballintemple. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

**Donegal County Council
Drummacanoo, Churchill, Letterkenny**

I, Julie Sweeney am applying to Donegal County Council for retention permission to retain as build domestic garage and also retain as build agricultural shed including all other associated site development works at

No All-Ireland joy for Termon Ladies

Baile Chláir na Gaillimhe 3-9 Termon 1-8

The Termon senior ladies came up short in their bid to win back-to-back All-Ireland Gaeltacht Football Championship Finals. Baile Chláir na Gaillimhe had the edge throughout the final in Cork on Bank Holiday Monday. The Galway outfit struck for second-half goals despite a big performance from goalkeeper Roisin McCafferty putting in a superb performance. Geraldine McLaughlin was Termon's top scorer with seven points.

Scorers - Termon: G Nic Lochlainn 0-7, 5fs; C Ní Gharbhaigh 1-1. Baile Chláir na Gaillimhe: A Trill 2-5, 3fs; C Ní Shléibhín 1-0; C Ní Riada 0-2; C Trill and E Ní Ríordáin 0-1 each.

Termon - R Nic Eachmharaigh; M Nic Dáibhéid, N Ní Fhrighil, R Giles; C Nic Eachmharaigh, C Ní Ghormáin, A Nic Dáibhéid; E Ní Ghallachóir, M Ní Riain; L Ní Ghallachóir, C Ní Gharbhaigh, A Ní Ghallachóir; S Ní Chorrán, G Nic Lochlainn, R Ní Fhrighil. Subs: Meabh Ní Bhrádaigh for Ní Chor

Drummacanoo, Churchill, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Drummacanoo. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

**Donegal County Council
Corcreggan, Dunfanaghy**

We, Kieran McGinley and Helen McGinley are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house with septic tank and domestic garage including all other associated site development works at Corcreggan, Dunfanaghy, County Donegal in the townland of Corcreggan. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

**Donegal County Council
Derrybeg, Gweedore**

We, Michael McBride and Elaine McBride are applying to Donegal County Council for permission to erect a dwelling house and domestic garage with septic tank and all associated site works at Derrybeg, Gweedore, County Donegal in the townland of Derrybeg. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

**Donegal County Council
Legnahoor, Kilmacrennan, Letterkenny**

I, Olivia Sweeney am applying to Donegal County Council for permission to relocate the approved dwelling house and the approved treatment plant granted under Ref: 19/51756 and also erect domestic garage including all other associated site development works at Legnahoor, Kilmacrennan, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Legnahoor. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

**Donegal County Council
15 Rosemount Terrace, Letterkenny**

I, Roisin Roche am applying to Donegal County Council for the planning permission for change of use of existing domestic garage to residential use along with all other associated site works at 15 Rosemount Terrace, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in the town of Letterkenny. The Planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

**Donegal County Council
Ardnagappary, Gweedore**

I, Shaun Ferry am applying to Donegal County Council for the planning permission of a new dwelling house with septic tank, domestic garage and all other asso-

ciated site works at Ardnagappary, Gweedore, County Donegal in the townland of Ardnagappary. The Planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

**Donegal County Council
Goldrum, Letterkenny**

I, Stephen Ferry am applying to Donegal County Council for the retention permission of an extension to the rear of my existing dwelling house and also upgrade the existing septic tank system in Goldrum, Letterkenny, County Donegal in the townland of Goldrum. The Planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal during its public opening hours. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt of the application by the authority, and such submission or observation will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application.

Donegal County Council
Craigmaddyeroe Far, Rathmullan, Letterkenny M.D.
We, Gerard and Charlotte Black, are applying to Donegal County Council for Retention Planning Permission for 1) Alterations and Amendments to Dwelling House Granted under Planning Application Ref. No: 19/51167 to form New Dwelling House Construction on Site, 2) Retention Permission for the importation of Rock and Fill and the creation of a new roadway to the East of the Dwelling House and for 3) Planning Permission to put Surface Water measures in place to prevent the discharge of Surface Water onto the Public Road and all associated site works @ Craigmaddyeroe Far, Rathmullan, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

**Donegal County Council
Cashelreagh, Templepuglas, Letterkenny M.D.**

I, Kelda Kelly, am applying to Donegal County Council for Planning Permission to Erect New Dwelling House, Domestic Garage and Sewage Treatment Plant @ Cashelreagh, Templepuglas, Letterkenny M.D., Co. Donegal. The Planning Application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Offices of the Planning Authority, County House, Lifford during its Public Opening Hours. A Submission or Observation in relation to the Application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20.00, within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the Authority of the Application, and such Submissions or Observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the Application. The Planning Authority may Grant Permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to Grant Permission.

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Thomas who died on
11th June 2017.*God saw you getting
tired and a cure was
not to be**So he put his arms
around you and
whispered, "Come to me"**With tearful eyes we watched you
and saw you pass away**Although we loved you dearly**We could not make you stay**A golden heart stopped beating**hard working hands to rest**God broke our hearts to prove to us**He only takes the best.*

Your loving wife, Linda x

*Someone I love has gone away**And life is not the same**The greatest gift that you can give**Is just to speak their name**I need to hear the stories**And the tales of days gone past**I need for you to understand**These memories must last**We cannot make more memories**Since they're no longer here**So when you speak of them to me**It's music to my ear.*

Love and miss you every day Dad Love Nicola

xx

*Will those who think of Grandad Tommy
today a little prayer to Jesus say.*

Love Shane, Bryan, Kyle and Annabelle xx.

*Deep in our hearts you are fondly
remembered, sweet, happy memories
cling round your name**True hearts that loved you
with deepest affection**Always will love you in death just the same.*Love always, Caroline, Brendan, Amelia,TJ,
Zoe and Saoirse*We have you in our hearts,
your hand we cannot touch**Still we have so many memories
of the one we loved so much**Your memory is our keepsake
with which we'll never part**God has you in his keeping
we have you in our hearts.*Always remembered and missed, Tamsyn and
Rebecca.*Years fly by like Autumn leaves
but heartache and tears remain**All we have left are precious memories
of you, for today, for tomorrow
and until our lives are through.*Always in our thoughts love Darren and
Savannah.**Acknowledgement****Peoples**

(nee Russell)

Marie

2 Hillview,

Kilmacrennan



The family of the late Marie Peoples (nee Russell) would like to sincerely thank everyone who sympathised with them during their recent bereavement. Thanks to everyone who called to the house, sent flowers, Mass cards, sympathy cards and messages of condolences and anyone who helped the family during this difficult time.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere gratitude.

Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated on
Saturday 8th June in St. Columba's Church,
Kilmacrennan at 6pm.

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In Memoriam



O'Fril
Séan
Gortnatra,
Kerrykeel
10th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and father-in-law who died on 7th June 2014.

*We miss your smile,
your joking ways
We miss the things
you use to say
And when old times
we do recall, it's
then we miss you
most of all
No farewell words
were spoken you did
not say goodbye
You were gone
before we knew
it and only God
knows why.
Though his smile
has gone forever
and his hand we
cannot touch
We still have so
many memories
of the one we loved
so much
His memory is our
keepsake with which
we will never part
God has him in His
keeping, we have
him in our hearts.*

Loved and sadly missed by your loving wife Catherine and all the family.

Anniversary Mass in St. Columba's Massmount on Saturday 8th June at 7pm.



McTaggart
James Anthony
(Tony)
Milford.
11th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who died on 7th June 2013.

*Those we love
remain with us for
love itself lives on
and cherished
memories never fade
because a loved
one's gone
Those we love can
never be more than
a thought apart, for
as long as there is
memory, they'll live
on in the heart.*

Loved and always remembered by your loving wife Sadie and family X



McClafferty
Daniel
Kilmacrennan
5th Anniversary

In loving memory of a dear Dad, son and brother who died on 8th June 2019.

*Our Lady of Lourdes
pray for him*

*In laughter and in
sorrow, in sunshine
and in rain
I know that you're
watching over me
until we meet again*

Always loved and remembered by your son Jack and Ethel

*To your grave
I often wander
it's there I keep in
touch with a son
I loved so dearly
and miss so
very much
I can't get over
losing you, no
matter how I try
You'll be forever in
my heart until the
day I die
I never got to say
goodbye, farewells
were not to be
But the memories
I have of you will
last to eternity*

Forever in my heart, Mum

*Thank you Danny
for the years we
shared, for the love
you gave and the
way you cared
Look after him Lord
as he takes his rest
for he was our
brother and one
of the best
A special person
a special brother
we cannot replace*

Miss you loads, forever remembered by your brothers and sisters.

Anniversary Mass will take place in St. Columba's Church on Friday 7th June at 7pm.

**Memoriam
Cards &
Thank You
Cards**



Contact
Tirconaill Tribune
Office
074 91 53600

Lewis

Fred
St. Mary's Terrace,
Ramelton
8th Anniversary



In loving memory of a dear husband, loving father and Granda who died on the 8th June 2016.

*Your kiss and touch I shall never forget
though now we are worlds apart
I know you'll never be that far away from me
as you live on always in my heart.*

Loved and missed every day your loving wife Ann x.

*Dad a golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands at rest
It broke our hearts to see you go
God only takes the best.*

Loved and missed every day Nikita x.

*Silent memories keep you near
as time unfolds another year
From our lives you may have gone
but in our hearts you still live on*

Sadly missed by Fred, Stef, Noah and Jamie.

*Dad, you left us beautiful memories
Your love is still our guide
Although we cannot see you
you are always by our side.*

Loved and missed Zita, Martin and girls x.

*He never looked for praises
he was never one to boast
He just went on working for the ones
he loved the most*

*His dreams were seldom spoken
his wants were very few
and most of the time his worries
went unspoken too.*

*He was there a firm foundation
through all our storms of life
A sturdy hand to hold on to in
times of stress and strife.*

*A true friend we could turn to
when times were good or bad
One of our greatest blessings
the man we called Dad*

Loved and missed Lisa and kids xxx.

*Your memories are so precious
your presence missed so much
You will always be remembered
and loved by all of us
Will those who think of Fred today
a little prayer to Jesus say.*

From Dom.

*Along the road of suffering
you found a little lane
That led you straight to Heaven
and eased away your pain.*

Sadly missed by Declan.

*Time and years may slip away
as we remember you on this day.*

Always remembered Nicky, Ria and Caden.

McGlynn



Hugh
11th June 2018



Peggy
10th July 1984

In loving memory of a wonderful Mum and Dad.

*Your memories are so precious
your presence missed so much
You will always be remembered
and loved by all of us.*

*Will those who think of them today
a little prayer to Jesus say.
Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on them,
Our Lady of Lourdes pray for them.*

Loved and sadly missed by all your Family.

Anniversary Mass will be held in St. Peter's Church Milford on Saturday 8th June at 7.30pm.

Acknowledgement

Duffy

Tony
Ardglass, Portsalon



Tony's wife Margaret and all the extended members of the Duffy and McAteer families wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them on the death of Tony.

Sincere thanks to all those who attended the removal, wake and the funeral and all those who gave Mass cards, sympathy cards and donations to the Oncology Ward of Letterkenny University Hospital. All those who sent text messages, phone calls and messages on Social Media and letters of sympathy.

Thanks to all the doctors, nurses and all the staff of the Oncology Unit, the short stay ward, the emergency department and the ambulance crew of Letterkenny University Hospital; and the priests who attended Tony during his last few days.

Thank you to Dr Gilligan, Dr McGuinness, the nurses and the clerical staff of Fanad Health Centre, Tamney.

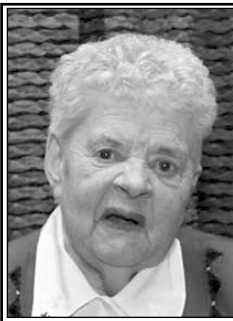
Sincere thanks to Fr. Anthony Briody for his support and prayers during the wake, for the lovely funeral Mass, and to Patrick Shields for the music.

Special thanks to all the kind neighbours who helped at the wake and the those who dug the grave. Thanks to McAteer Funeral Directors for their professionalism and the dignified manner in carrying out the funeral arrangements. Thanks to Portsalon Golf Club for the refreshments after the funeral.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this as acknowledgment as

an expression of our gratitude. Mass will be offered for the intentions of all.

Month's Mind Mass at 7pm St Columba's Church, Massmount on Saturday the 8th of June.



Shevlin
Agnes
9th Anniversary

*Time slips by and
life goes on but
from our hearts
you're never gone
We think about you
always, we talk
about you too
We have so
many memories
but we wish
we still had you.*

Always remembered by Mary and family, Rosapenna.

Anniversary Mass on Saturday, 8th June at 6.00pm in St. John the Baptist Church, Carrigart and on-line via the Mevagh Parish Facebook page.



Stewart
Tommy
Kerrykeel
7th Anniversary

In loving memory of Thomas who died on 11th June 2017.

*Someone I love
has gone away and
life is not the same
The greatest gift that
you can give is just
to speak their name
I need to hear the
stories and the tales
of days gone past
I need for you to
understand these
memories must last
We cannot make
more memories
since they're no
longer here
So when you speak
of them to me
It's music to my ear.*

Love and miss you every day Dad Love Nicola xx

*Will those who think
of Grandad Tommy
today a little prayer
to Jesus say.*

Love Shane, Bryan, Kyle and Annabelle xx

**Planning
Notice**

Donegal County Council Roughpark, Letterkenny I, Emma O Carroll, hereby apply to Donegal County Council for planning permission at Roughpark, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. The development

relates to the construction of a modular cabin dwelling with effluent treatment system and ancillary site works. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public open hours and that a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

Flood

Charlie

5 Ard Colmcille
Letterkenny



We, the family of the late Charlie Flood who died on 11th May would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who sympathised and offered their support during our recent bereavement.

We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all those who attended the wake and funeral, to all those who lined the route, sent flowers, Mass cards, sympathy cards, messages of condolences, kindly brought food to the house and made donations to Archview Lodge Comfort Fund we are truly grateful.

A special word of thanks to Majella Sweeney, PJ Sweeney, Leanne Murray and all the staff of Archview Lodge Nursing Home who took such great care of Charlie in his final weeks. Thanks to Louise Duddy from the Palliative Care Team Donegal Hospice.

Thanks to Louise Doherty and all the staff on Surgical One Ward Letterkenny University Hospital Thanks also to all the doctors and admin staff of the Ark Medical Centre for all their kindness. Thanks to Siobhan, Louise and all the staff in Ruths Pharmacy.

Thanks to all the priests of the diocese for their support. To Monsignor Kevin Gillespie who called to see Charlie throughout his illness and for the beautiful funeral Mass and homily. Thanks also to Fr. Pat McHugh, Fr. Martin Chambers and Fr. Damien Nejad for concelebrating at the funeral Mass and for their support throughout Charlie's illness. Thanks to the Cathedral Choir under the direction of Jonathan Durning who provided such beautiful and prayerful music. Thanks to Fr. Desmond Sweeney for his prayers for Charlie and all the family.

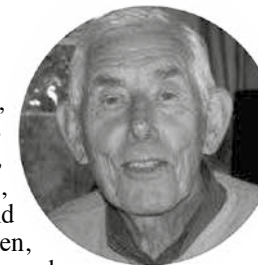
Special thanks to Patrick Sweeney Funeral Director and Paul for the sensitive, dignified and professional handling of all the arrangements.

Thanks also to the grave diggers and Alcorn's Flowers for the beautiful flower arrangements. Thanks to all our family and friends for all their support and help during the wake and always, we are forever in your debt As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere gratitude.

Months Mind Mass will take place on Wednesday 12th June at 10am in St. Eunan's Cathedral Letterkenny.

Geary

Eamonn
Galway



Eamonn's wife, Nellie and his children, Irene, Louise and Daniel, sons-in-law, Chris and Tim, grandchildren, Richard, Claire, Emily and Sarah and the extended Geary family, would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to all those who sympathised with us on our recent sad loss.

Our sincere thanks to our family, friends and neighbours for all their kindness and support. Thank you for all the cards, flowers, food, messages of sympathy. Thank you to everyone who attended Eamonn's removal, Mass and cremation.

Our sincerest thanks to all the nursing and medical staff at the Galway Clinic for their care and kindness to Dad during his brief stays in hospital.

Thanks also to Helen, Sarah and Kevin of Galway Hospice Homecare Team and the staff at Mullins' Pharmacy for all their support and advice. Thank you to Moin and the Home Instead Team for their invaluable support and care of Dad at home.

Our heartfelt thanks also to friends and family who travelled long distances to be with us at this sad time.

Thank you to Fr. Michael, Fr. Gerry and Fr. Kevin who celebrated Eamonn's requiem Mass and to Mark Keane and the choir for their beautiful music. Thank you to Martin Mannion for organising the Moycullen musicians to play during the Mass.

Sincere thank you to Shannon Crematorium for their kindness and advise.

Please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincerest gratitude.

Eamonn's Months Mind Mass will be held on Sunday, June 9th at 11am at the Church of Christ The King, Salthill.

Creeslough

The late Danny McLaughlin



Feelings of sadness were felt throughout the community on news of the death of Daniel Noel "Danny" McLaughlin of Yonkers, New York, formerly of Creeslough who passed away on May 27th, at the age of 71.

He was taken home to be waked in the home of his brother, Brendan, in Birchill. Danny was born in Creeslough to Michael and Catherine McLaughlin and was the second of seven children. He grew up in Creeslough, attending St. Mary's Primary School and Holy Cross College, Falcarragh. An avid sports enthusiast, Danny played Gaelic football for St. Michael's and boxed for various Clubs before becoming the Ulster Boxing Champion in the

early seventies. Danny worked as a plasterer in Ireland before spending time in Scotland and England. He emigrated to New York in 1983, where he continued his plastering career, ultimately retiring from the NYC Housing Authority in 2017. It was in New York that Danny met Isabel Arroyo. Their romance blossomed, and they shared many adventures, travelling to Florida, Connecticut, upstate New York, and his favourite destination, Atlantic City, where he enjoyed watching boxing. Danny was a fountain of knowledge about the sport and maintained a strong connection to Gaelic games and his community back in Creeslough.

A Celebration of Danny's life was held at the Pelham Funeral Home, Pelham, New York, on Thursday May 30th. A Mass of Christian Burial took place at St. Barnabas Church, Bronx, New York on Friday.

Following the services, Danny's remains returned home to Creeslough for burial. Mass was concelebrated in St. Michael's Church on Monday by Fr. John Joe Duffy, Fr. Seamus Murphy and his friend Fr. Martin Collum P.P. Rathmullan.

Amongst the symbols taken to the Altar were a Harp symbolising his love for Ireland, photographs and symbols of his love for Boxing and a St. Michael's Jersey. Fr. John Joe said in his homily that Danny will be remembered for his

kindness, sense of humour, loyalty, and honesty. He was a devoted family man and a beloved figure to all who knew him. Danny and his family and friends at home kept in close contact every day and a group went over to visit him in the States during his illness. The Creeslough View also kept him in touch.

The final prayers were read by Fr. Martin and this was followed by a lovely tribute from his friend Eugene Collum who said that "he had lived beside him in Yonkers. A proud Creeslough man who, even in the States for 40 years, never lost his accent which he said was handed down from his parents and those gone before them".

Members of the St. Michaels GAA Club provided a Guard of Honour at the Funeral Mass.

Brigid provided lovely hymns including 'Destination Donegal' and 'My Donegal' as the cortege left the Church to lay Danny to rest in Doe cemetery with his parents Michael and Kathleen and brother Raymond.

Sympathy is extended to his wife Isabel, his daughter Mary Alvarez, his siblings: Charlie McLaughlin, Michael (Sheila) McLaughlin, Kathleen McLaughlin, Finola (Raj) McLaughlin Jethwa and Brendan (Theresa) McLaughlin as well as his sister in law Margaret McLaughlin. He will also be deeply missed by his Uncle Donald McLaughlin, Aunts Mary O'Keefe and Josie Gallagher, his

nieces; Ashling, Nichola, Laoisha, Sharon, Caroline, Michelle, Jenny and Orla, his nephews; Emmet, Colm and Raymond as well as his Godson Donal. Danny will be missed by everyone who knew him. He had a special place in his heart for Mary O'Keefe who he called Rynomma, his close friend Eugene Collum.

Secular Franciscan Order

Mass is on Wednesday 12th June at 7.30pm Rosary at 7.10pm in Ards Friary, all are welcome.

Planting of Village Pots

It is hoped to have an evening of planting the village boxes and pots on Tuesday, 11th June, at 7pm, weather permitting. Anyone wishing to help, please meet at the



Independent Cllr. Michael McClafferty
Derryreel, Falcarragh.
Tel. 086 393 5048
 michaelmcclafferty@donegalcoco.ie

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Vote Number 1
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 24TH 8PM
COMMUNITY LINKS HUB
MAIN STREET CREESLOUGH F92YR6N

Corner of the Garden and help to get the village looking good for the summer

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Donegal Camino

Registration is now open for anyone who would like to take part in this year's Donegal Camino. The 7-day walking festival is on from the 1st to the 7th of September,

with 7 different vibrant walks and hikes planned across Donegal.

All details of the Donegal Camino 2024 itinerary and suggested accommodation and dining options along with how to register and fundraise are on www.donegalcaminio.ie.

50/50

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Community Links Hub

The Creeslough Community Links Hub is open Monday to Friday from 9:30am-4:30pm and offers a variety of classes and

groups. Please reach out to info@creesloughcommunity.com or 087 292 3102 for more information or to register for a course/class.

Two Hand & Line Dancing

Two hand & line dancing in Massinass Hall every Tuesday 8-10pm. Men & women welcome. No partner needed. Dance teacher is Celine. It is great fun and exercise.

Shop and Coffee Dock

The shop and coffee shop at Ards Friary are closed for renovations. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

St Michael's GAA Club Golf Classic

St. Michael's GAA Club held a very successful Golf Classic at Dunfanaghy Golf Club on Bank Holiday Monday last and the results were as follows: 1st Boyd Robinson, Cairns Witherow, Mark Witherow and Jack Robinson, 2nd Mickey Crossan, Charlie Coughlin, Johnny Shields and Damien Gallagher, 3rd Brid McDonagh, Bridget McClafferty, Mary Gallagher and Kathleen Kelly, 4th Cormac Doherty, Niall Diver, Eamon Doherty and Conor O'Donnell. Non-Qualifier Prize Carlos O'Reilly, Edward O'Reilly, Kyle McGarvey and Luke McCarry. Raffle Prizes: 1st 2xAll Ireland Quarter Final Tickets Alannah McGinley, 2nd Prize 4 Ball Letterkenney Golf Club Mark Anthony McGinley, 3rd €60 Saunatrailer Nicola Ferry, 4th €50 McGurks Golf Voucher Mark Anthony McGinley, 5th €50 Braai Restaurant Molly Trearty, 6th Cocoon Sauna Voucher Hannah McGinley, 7th Box of Golf Balls Bridget Gallagher.

The Club would like to thank Dunfanaghy Golf Club for hosting the event. All the sponsors and all the Golfers who took part in the event. Your support is very much appreciated.



The Winners of the St. Michael's Golf Club Classic, Cairns Witherow, Boyd Robinson, Jack Robinson and Mark Witherow.



Pictured are prize winners from the St. Michael's GAA Club Golf Classic which took place at Dunfanaghy Golf Club on Bank Holiday Monday.

Cloughaneely Junior Band set for date with Disney

The Cloughaneely Junior Band are in the final stages of planning their trip of a lifetime to Disneyland Paris in July where they will perform on the famous main street of the iconic entertainment attraction. Banna Ceoil Chloich Cheann Fhaola submitted a video of their performance to Disney last year and were delighted to get the good news at Christmas to inform them all that they been selected to march down Main Street, by offering them the unique once in a lifetime experience of becoming a 'Disney performer' for the day. Since then the Junior Band have been very busy during the winter months preparing all their Disney music including tunes like Beauty and the Beast, Part of this World, The Lion King and Under The Sea to name a few. The band is scheduled to march down Main Street Disney on Wednesday 3rd July. A spokesperson for the group said the band members are all very excited about this trip having "definitely earned it by their dedication, achievement and award winning performance."

Chairperson of the band, Gerry O'Donnell explains: 'We really have the best bunch of young people and they are a credit to our parish. The commitment each member has given to the band in recent years is incredible. The band members are working so hard to learn their music and drill routine. The amount of work our teachers and committee are putting into this, to make this the most memorable once in a lifetime trip for all band members is to be commendable'. The band are reigning All-Ireland champions in Fleadh Cheoil na h-Eireann Competition and will travel to Wexford in August to retain their All Ireland title. Band members, committee and parents will travel to Paris on Monday 1st July for three nights, and will mark a wonderful occasion for band members young and old. The spokesperson added: "We wish them the very best of luck and as a community, we thank them for bringing great success and joy to the parish of Cloughaneely down through the years."



Members of Cloughaneely Junior Band who are looking forward to their upcoming trip to Disneyland, Paris. The band would like to invite everyone to Thursday 27th June at 8pm to showcase friends and community ahead of their Disneyland performance.

€500k funding for Muckish Railway Walk

Funding of €500,000 will see the Muckish Railway Walk extended through to Falcarragh, it has been announced. In recent years work at the famed railway passage has seen significant development into a recreational area for walkers and this latest round of funding will see the walkway continue through to the old Falcarragh railway station. The announcement stated that the award via Donegal County Council is for the "upgrade and complete a specific 1.5km and final section of the Muckish Railway walk to Greenway standard." The news has been welcomed locally. Local area councillor Michael McClafferty said this will greatly add to local attractions in the area for visitors. Cllr McClafferty stated: "I'm delighted with today's announcement of funding for Outdoor Recreation Projects and three Donegal locations are in receipt of the same. This will put the Greenway further by Falcarragh Station. This is something I have been fighting very hard for these past few years. It

will further enhance the tourist attractions locally that we already have." Welcoming the announcement, Donegal minister, Charlie McConalogue, said the funding further underpins the Government's commitment to developing outdoor amenities as part of 'Embracing Ireland's Outdoors - the national outdoor recreation strategy. "Well done to those involved with these local projects, and these initiatives will be a great help to the local economy," the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine commented. The Muckish funding was part of an award of €900,000 to three Donegal outdoor projects under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. The allocations also included the McManus Estate in Rossylongan, Donegal Town receiving €200,000 to improve and enhance the recreational amenity and associated historic cultural heritage, while Millside Walk Fintown will receive €200,000 to develop a 2 km recreational walking path for public use looping through Coillte forestry on the banks of the River Finn.



The St. Michael's Under 10 Boys Team who took part in the Joe Larry Tournament in Ardara on Bank Holiday Monday

Cloughaneely Notes

Junior Band
There was no jackpot winner in the Band Lotto last week and the winning numbers were 6,7,8,9,12,17. Manus Kelly, Seamus McGee and Donnachadh all received €35 each. This week's Jackpot will be €7550.

Ionad Naomh Fionnán
Congratulations Ellie Grace and Aibhinn Mc Cullagh, Keeldrum who won the 50/50 prize this week of €1014.

Preschool Booster
Falcarragh Medical Centre will be holding Pre school Booster clinics on the following dates: Monday 17th June from 3-5pm, Monday 24th June from 3-5pm and Monday 15th July from 3-5pm. Contact the surgery to make an appointment on 9135491/9135490.

Coiste Glan agus Glas
Coiste Glan agus Glas, Falcarragh Tidy Towns Committee are continuing with their work on Biodiversity in the Green Area below the Strand Bar. As quite a lot of the old trees in the garden are diseased with Ash Dieback they will have to be removed. This will take place within the next week. They old trees when cut will be log piled to create shelter and habitats. New trees, hedging have already been planted. Beimid ag súil le tacaíocht ón phobal amach anseo.

Church Gate Collection
Church Gate Collection on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June will be for Coiste Glan agus Glas, Falcarragh Tidy Towns Group. Buíochas as bhur dtacaíocht.

Cruinniú Cinn Bliana AGM

Coiste Glan agus Glas Falcarragh Tidy Towns Committee will hold their annual general meeting in the Shamrock Bar, Falcarragh at 8pm on Monday 10th June.

Pobal Eascarrach
Play, Learning and Fun Camp for 6 Weeks from 24th of June to 2nd of August. Sport, Art, Karate, Nature, Friends, Fun, Music, Archery, Drama, Storytelling and much more. For children aged 4-12 years from 10am to 3pm, Monday to Friday. €50/Child per week. Family discount - second child €40, third child €35. Schools Art Competition - Theme : A Summer Dream. Submit your artwork before 07/06/24 Prize: Three free places in Summer Camp, Week 1. For children aged 4 - 12 years 074 9180571 /



St. Michael's GAA Boys Under 12 Team following a recent match at the Bridge grounds.



Congratulations Ellie Grace & Aibhinn McCullagh, Keeldrum who won the 50/50 prize this week of €1014.

085 8670762
Dates for your Diary
Graveyard Sunday - Sunday 4th August, 1pm.
Pobail Le Cheile
Cumann Cairdeas trip to Oakfield Park on Tuesday 18th June. Bus leaving Siopa Pobal at 10.30am. Cost of the trip is subsidised by Siopa Pobal. €30 per person. This includes: Tea/scone on arrival; train journey around the park; 2 course meal in the Silver Tassie, and bus. Booking essential: 9180111 or 086 455 7519.
Come and get creative on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June at Garradh Cholmcille Falcarragh. Make new friends and learn about different collage styles and artists. These workshops will consist of directed exercises and free style work using different materials and techniques. Collage is a fun and playful creative way of doing art through cutting and pasting mainly paper but also other materials. We will use old books, magazines, wallpaper, wrapping paper, textured paper, -anything paper really! We can also add our own painting, drawing and writing. Materials are provided, but kids can feel free to bring their own as well: old photos, magazines, books, etc. Instead of discarding them, we can recycle and re-imagine possibilities.
On Saturday the workshop runs from 10am-2.30pm with a lunch break. On both days kids will need to bring their own packed lunch. On Sunday at 1.30pm families are welcome to come, have tea and coffee and have a look at the work that has been created.



St. Michael's Under 8 Girls Team who took part in a recent Blitz in Milford.

Free Art Club for 10-12 year olds with artist Leanne McLaughlin on Wednesdays at Ionad Garradh Cholmcille. 6-7pm. Get Creative and meet new people. Booking on 086 455 7519 Introduction to Pranic Healing and

Healing Clinic. Learn about 'non-touch' energy healing system.
Thursday Café
Come in for a coffee or a cup of tea in Aras Begley 10-11.30am every Thursday.

Newly Refurbished Shop opens at Ards Friary Retreat Centre

Congratulations to the team at Ards Friary Retreat Centre on the opening of your newly refurbished shop. This is a wonderful milestone as you work towards your vision of integrating contemplative spirituality with learning in ecology. Wishing you every success in your continued development of

the retreat centre and its beautiful surrounds. There is truly something special about the Friary, in these hectic and busy times, it is a sanctuary of peace, a place where you feel a sense of calm, a place to unwind and recharge amongst nature. As so many people who visit say "There is something about it".



Pictured left and above are members of the staff at Ards Friary Retreat Centre at the open at the newly refurbished shop at the Ards Friary.

Dunfanaghy

Dunfanaghy Family Resource Centre
 Citizen Information Service meeting is on Tuesday the 11th June from 10-12noon. No booking necessary - drop in welcome.
 Wellness Café takes place on 2nd and 4th Monday

of the month 10.30am - 12noon in the Workhouse. Therapeutic Counselling for Adults, Children & Adolescence. Book via the Pastoral Centre - 074 9121853.

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Prayer Meeting

Cenacolo Prayer Meeting is held every Tuesday after 7p.m. Mass in the Oratory in Holy Cross Church from 7.30-8p.m. Cenacolo is a gathering of people before the Blessed Sacrament to pray that the Holy Spirit may enlighten and heal, especially those suffering from addiction.

The Workhouse

The Dunfanaghy Workhouse is open every day from 10am until 5pm featuring the Gift Shop, Wee Hannah Tour and Coffee Shop and Playground and the team welcome everyone over the coming months.

Dunfanaghy Country Markets

The Dunfanaghy Country Market is open for the season under the Green Gazebo every Saturday from 10am until 1pm with a wide selection of home baking, handknits and crochet personalised crafts, jewellery, vegetables and flowers. Pre-orders can be taken through their Facebook page.

Table Quiz

There will be a Table Quiz in The Oyster Bar on this Thursday night the 6th of June in aid of the Festivals Committee.

Sweeney demands "Republic Proofing"

Independent candidate Ann Sweeney says public spending and tax avoidance are two of the biggest issues facing the Irish public as she calls for a strong independent vote in the forthcoming local elections.



She claims her concern is that public funds can be found for a range of issues such as housing refugees while the homeless figures remain stark and she lays the blame at "tax avoidance and big American investment funds". She stated: "The permanent government and the parties in power have little notion of decisions taken on their behalf by the whip system. Indeed the system exonerates them from taking any responsibility about how or where decisions are made."

She says the traditional "party system" of the Irish Government is self-serving and has urged the public to consider voting for independent candidates this Friday. She added: "Who is running Ireland anyway? Of course I want your vote but if you choose not to vote for me I ask that you vote any independent as the party system serves no one but itself. We must Republic proof all decisions."



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GAA Club News

Gaeil Fhanada

Lotto Results 02/06/2024

Numbers: 4, 8, 9, 13, 25. No jackpot winner. €100 Winner: James A Coyle. This week's Jackpot: €1,300.

May Grab a Grand Winner

Congratulations to Pat Carr who won the €1000 for our May Grab a Grand, with number 10 coming out of the drum.

Bucket Collection

Our annual Bucket Collection takes place this coming Saturday, June 8th in Kerrykeel.

Cluichí na Seachtaine

Dé Sathairn, 8ú Meitheamh

Sraith - Roinn 2B (Cluiche Tacaíochta)

Gaeil Fhanada v Ard an Rátha @ 6:00

Sraith - Roinn 2

Gaeil Fhanada v Ard an Rátha @ 7:30

Seniors & reserves host Ardara

The seniors and reserves are back on home turf on Saturday against Ardara at 7:30 and 6pm.

Naíonra Ghaeil Fhanada - U6 Boys & Girls

Our U6 training block for boys and girls begins on Sunday at 10am in Portsalon.

LGFA U14 All Ireland Silver Final

Another big day lies in wait for the Donegal U14 Girls side on Saturday, as they are due to face off against Offaly in the All Ireland Silver Final. Carrigallen in Leitrim is the venue at 2pm for Aidan McAteer's side.

Donegal Senior Ladies face Kerry

Clare Friel and the Donegal senior ladies side face Kerry at Mac Cumhaill Park next Sunday in their first All Ireland Championship game at 1:05pm.

U16 Girls

Gaeil Fhanada 6:06 Naomh Muire 5:07

The U16 girls travelled to Falcarragh for the Division 4 League Final clash with Naomh Muire Íochtar na Rosann. Aine Doherty (2:02), Sarah Peoples, Eabha Doherty, Clíodhna Robinson, Orlaith Mc Grenaghan, Caoimhe Kerr, Eataine Sheridan, Grace Begley, Clodagh McAteer (0:01), Eimear Shiels, Erin Carlin (1:00), Meabh Sweeney (1:03), Cara Gibbons (2:00). Niamh Shiels for Caoimhe Kerr.

U14 Boys win at Red Hughs

Well done the U14 team who dug deep to earn hard fought win away to Red Hughes last Wednesday. They now have a league semi-final to look forward to against MacCumhaills. Ollie McAteer, Colin McBride, Donnacha Dorrian, Ronan Gibbons, Patrick McConigley, Tiernan Kerr, Oisín Lynch, Jack Dunleavy, Cillian Gallagher, Shaun Ward, Rian Jackson, Ronan Wilson, Adam Heraghty, Michael Peoples, Conn McLaughlin, JamesAnthony Peoples, Colin McBride, Ruairí Kerr.

Cailíní Faoi 12

Well done to our U12 girls on another great performance on Saturday against Glenswilly.

School Sports Day

Our annual School Sports Day takes place on Thursday, June 6th at Páirc Uí Shíadhail from 10am - 1:30pm. If you can help out, please contact Aidan McAteer.

Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn

Good luck to all our young club members who are sitting exams over the next couple of weeks.

Congratulations to our Minor footballers who won the NRB Division 2 league after a victory over Fanad Gaels in Downing's last week.

The senior footballers are away to Urris this Sunday at 3pm with the reserves opening up proceedings with a 1.30pm throw in.

The senior ladies are free this weekend and take on Burt at Páirc na nGael on 16th June.

The senior hurlers are gearing up for the Donegal Junior Hurling Championship which is due to start on the weekend of 29th June.

Thanks to everyone who took part and helped out at our 5k road race and family fun on Wednesday evening past. This was another well supported event with many athletes and families enjoying the post race hospitality at Páirc na nGael.

Bingo continues every Monday evening at the Arena 7 and online. Books can be purchased every Thursday evening at A7 from 6.30-7.30pm and Saturday from 11am to 12 noon. This Monday we have €2,260 up for grabs.

Glenswilly

The Seniors and Reserves return to league action this weekend as they travel to Fr. Tierney Park on Saturday at 6pm and seniors at 7.30pm.

The Senior C team are on the road again with a trip to Ardara on Sunday at 1pm.

Minor Board

Our u10 boys enjoyed a great day out at the Joe Larry U10 tournament on Saturday. The boys produced some fantastic displays of football across the day winning a total of 8 games out of 8! Big

thanks to Ardara for the invitation to the tournament and for their kind hospitality.

Good luck to all our club players who are sitting the Junior and Leaving Certificate exams over the next couple of weeks!

Ladies Board

Good Luck to Cara McFadden, Ellie Bonner and Ciaran Gallagher as the U14 County team travel to Carrigallen on Saturday 8th June to contest the All Ireland Silver Final.

Mothers and Others

Glenswilly M&O will host a blitz on Sunday July 14th. 10 teams max. Register your interest by contacting Jackie mslmcateer@gmail.com WhatsApp 0894627559

Ciorcal Comhár Ghleann tSúilí

Nuair atá an aimsir maith beidh an ciorcal comhár ag dul ag siúl oíche Dé Máirt. Ag bualadh le chéile ag an chlubtheach ar 20:00 agus ag fágáil ar 20:10. Bigí linn do chraic, chomhrá agus shiúlóid bhreá cois súilí!

Weather permitting, the Ciorcal Comhár will be going on a walk on Tuesday nights. Meet at the clubhouse at 8:00 and leaving at 8:10.

See you there for craic agus comhrá and a lovely walk along the banks of the Swilly!

Bingo and 50/50

Bingo continues every Wednesday in the hall, 8.30pm. Congratulations to last week's winner Kevin Blake who won €350.

Baile na nGalloglach

Lotto: 28/5/24 Numbers : 3-4-20-30 Numbers drawn at Bingo in the Mulroy Woods Hotel. No Jackpot winner. €50 Lucky Dip winner is Bridie Sheridan.

LOTTO ROTA:

Sat 8th of June: Maple, Milford. U16 Girls

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

Senior Men

The Seniors lost out 0-12 to 0-11 to Bunrana on Friday. They don't have a game this weekend.

U12 Boys

Our U12 Blue team are away to Red Hugh's on Friday (7th) with a 6.30pm throw-in time.

U9 Boys

Our U9 boys had a great evening of football away to Letterkenny Gaels on Friday.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Club member, Cathal O'Brien who was part of the Donegal hurling panel who won the Nicky Rackard Cup at the weekend in Croke Park with victory over Mayo.

O'Reilly's Club Shop

The Club Shop at O'Reilly's is open again for one week if you want to get some new Club gear at www.oreillysofficial.com

St Eunan's GAA

County Senior Hurling

Well done to the Donegal Senior hurlers and management team who beat Mayo in Croke Park last Sunday to win the Nicky Rackard Cup. Special mention to the Naomh Adhamhnáin contingent involved Sean McVeigh, Conor O'Grady, Brian McIntyre, Peter Kelly, Ryan Hilferty, Cormac Finn, Cathal O'Brien and Daire O'Maoileidigh and not forgetting Frankie Doherty.

All County League

Naomh Adhamhnáin Senior Men played Gaoth Dobhair last Friday night in O'Donnell Park.

Senior men

Gaoth Dobhair controlled the first half and raced into a 3-point lead after ten minutes before the home team through David Boyle scored their only point of the first half. The impressive Aodan Breathnach scored a fantastic goal for Gaoth Dobhair to leave the half time score Naomh Adhamhnáin 0-1 : 1-7 Gaoth Dobhair.

The second half saw Eoin McGeehin score a well taken goal along with two points, added to with scores from Conor Parke, Pauric Boyle and Conor O'Donnell but Gaoth Dobhair added another five points in the half to come away with a comfortable win.

Naomh Adhamhnáin 1-6 : 1-12 Gaoth Dobhair. Scorers: Eoin McGeehin 1-2, (2f); David Boyle 0-1; Conor O'Donnell 0-1; Conor Parke 0-1; Pauric Boyle 0-1.

Upcoming Fixtures:

This upcoming Saturday June 8th our Senior men's team are away to Downings at 7.30pm.

Please note that there will be no reserve game.

Club Lotto

The Club Lotto draw takes place each Monday evening. Tickets can be purchased online through our Club website or from Adrian Shields.

Senior Ladies

Our Senior ladies are at home this Sunday June 9th when Gael Fhanada are the visitors. Throw in is at 10.30am.

McGuinness sets up for Clare clash

The final placings in Group 3 of the All-Ireland Series will be decided on Saturday week, 15th June when the two remaining fixtures will be played. Donegal will take on Clare in Castlebar (throw-in 3.00). At the same time, leaders Cork will play Tyrone in either Portlaoise or Tullamore at the same time. Cork are on four points, two ahead of both Donegal and Tyrone. Clare is pointless. Jim McGuinness had his squad back in training this week after the away loss to Cork on Saturday. There's a bit of resetting to do for the management team after a somewhat surprising defeat on Lee-side.

McGuinness wouldn't have been surprised by the challenge that the big physical Cork men would present and prepared for that as best he could. But, as he said afterwards the Donegal players didn't have all the answers and the home side capitalised netting three goals in the process. It's something other teams will now be looking to possibly exploit a weakness in a defence that is a



bit light on physicality.

But, it's all about the final series of games now and Donegal will be favourites to get the better of Clare but the other game is much harder to call. Can Tyrone build a bit of momentum on the back of their 3-14 to 0-10 win over Clare in Omagh on Sunday? Or will it be Cork pushing on after the morale boosting win over Donegal on Saturday. There are many permutations but what is certain is that the winner of Group 3 goes through directly to the quarter-final. Second and third qualify for the preliminary quarter-finals. The team that finishes

second has home advantage for that fixture. The third placed team must travel.

In the Group stages where two teams finish on the same points it is the head-to-head result that decides the placing. In a scenario where three teams have the same points total then its score difference is used. In the unlikely event that it fails then the points for total comes into play. If teams were to be tied on total points then goals scored would be the deciding factor.

Nicky Rackard Cup Final

Rackard title for Donegal hurlers



The Donegal Senior Hurlers won the Nicky Rackard Cup on Sunday at Croke Park with eight St Eunan's players in the squad :- Sean McVeigh, Conor O'Grady, Brian McIntyre, Peter Kelly, Ryan Hilferty, Cormac Finn, Cathal O'Brien and Daire O'Maoileidigh along with club stalwart Frankie Doherty.

Donegal 3-17 Mayo 0-22

For long periods of the game it didn't look like Donegal were going to win Sunday's All-Ireland Nicky Rackard Cup Final at Croke Park but second half goals from Ruairi Campbell and two from super sub Josh McGee-Cronolly helped Mickey McCann's side secure the silverware.

Mayo led 0-12 to 0-8, at the break. McCann made three subs at the interval with McGee-Cronolly, Peter Kelly and Oisín Grant coming on for Jack O'Loughlin, Sean Ward and Brian MacIntyre. Donegal had shot a lot of wides in the first half and that continued after the break. Mayo increased their lead to 0-15 to 0-9. Campbell's goal didn't faze the Connaught outfit initially. It was veterans like Danny Cullen and St. Eunan's Sean McVeigh that kept Donegal in the game with crucial scores. And then came those two dramatic goals from supersub McGee-Cronolly that paved the way for the 20-year-old captain to climb the Croke Park steps to receive the Nicky Rackard Cup.

St. Eunan's men Sean McVeigh with two points and one each from Brian MacIntyre and sub Peter Kelly contributed to the victory. And even more importantly now Donegal will play at a higher level next year in the Christy Ring Cup. Scorers: Josh McGee-Cronolly 2-0; Ruairi Campbell 1-3; Gerry Gilmore 0-6,4f; Liam McKinney 0-2; Sean

McVeigh 0-2; Danny Cullen 0-1; Brian MacIntyre 0-1; Peter Kelly 0-1; Stephen Gillespie 0-1; Mayo scorers: Shane Boland 0-9,7f; Sean Kenny 0-3; Liam Lavin 0-3; Eoin Delaney 0-2; Adrian Phillips 0-1 John Heraty 0-1; Bobby Douglas 0-1; Cormac Phillips 0-1; Sean Regan 0-1.

Donegal - Luke White; Ciaran Curran, Stephen Gillespie, Gavin Brown; Steven McBride, Jack O'Loughlin, Sean McVeigh; Gerard Gilmore, Conor O'Grady; Conor Gartland, Liam McKinney, Brian MacIntyre; Sean Ward, Danny Cullen, Ruairi Campbell.

Subs: Josh McGee-Cronolly for Jack O'Loughlin, Peter Kelly for Brian MacIntyre, Oisín Grant for Sean Ward (all ht), Ronan McDermott for Conor Gartland 50 mins, Padraig Doherty for Gavin Brown 59 mins. Subs not used: Dylan Lafferty, Declan Coulter, Ciaran Bradley. Daire O'Maoileidigh, Oisín Kelly, Dean Harvey.

Mayo - Bobby Douglas; Daniel Huane, Oisín Greally, Conor Murray; Conal Hession, David Kenny, Eoghan Collins; Sean Kenny, John Heraty; Sean Regan, Adrian Phillips, Liam Lavin; Shane Boland, Cormac Phillips, Eoin Delaney. Subs: Kenneth Egan for Adrain Phillips 53 mins, Joseph Burke for Cormac Phillips 59 mins, Michael Farrell for John Heraty 61 mins.

Referee: Peter Owens (Down).

Rev Anthony Hartnett to be ordained on Sunday

The Reverend Anthony Hartnett will be ordained to the priesthood in St. Eunan's Cathedral this Sunday, 9th June at 3pm. He is extending an invitation to the public to be with him for his special day. From Stranorlar, Rev Anthony will be ordained for the Diocese of Raphoe. A native of Wicklow he moved to Stranorlar with his family over a decade ago. Rev Anthony's vocation for the priesthood was inspired by engagements with local priests shortly after settling in Stranorlar. The two years of volunteering with NET Ministries further strengthened his desire to become a priest and in 2016, he began his studies at Patrick's Seminary, Maynooth. His path to deacon included a placement at St. Eunan's Cathedral in Letterkenny during Covid. He was also a trainee chaplain in the Mater Hospital. Anthony Hartnett's ordination to the Order of the Deacon took place at Church of Mary Immaculate in Stranorlar in September 2022. Following the Ordination Ceremony light refreshments will be served in Trinity Hall. If you would like to help with the practicalities or by preparing baked goods, please contact Mary on 086-0870446.

St. Conal's 1924 strike 'Walk and Talk'

The County Donegal Historical Society will host their first field day of 2024 with a talk to commemorate the centenary of the strike that took place at St. Conal's Hospital in 1924. It will take place this Sunday 9th June at 3.00pm in the Donegal County Museum, High Road, Letterkenny, and will be followed afterwards by some refreshments. A "walk and talk" will take place around the grounds of St. Conal's Hospital from 4pm with Hugh Devlin as guide, to give an account of the history of the hospital. This is a free event and everyone is welcome to come along.

McConalogue emphasises Donegal voice in Europe

Donegal Minister, Charlie McConalogue, has emphasised the importance of Donegal having a voice to represent the needs of the county in the European Parliament. McConalogue said: "I am urging constituents across Donegal to vote number one for Niall Blaney. Europe plays an important part in the life of our country and in the economic welfare of our region. It is crucial, therefore, that the needs of Donegal and the border counties are strongly represented in the European Parliament and that our voice is heard. From farming to fishing to the needs for fair regional development, Europe has always played an important role. Europe will play a really significant role in the times ahead, too. We have not had a Donegal voice representing the county in the European Parliament since Pat The Cope Gallagher, whose term finished in 2014. This has been a real disadvantage to our county and something which I hope can be addressed in the election on Friday."

Thief targets car at Kilmacrennan graveyard

Gardaí are investigating a theft from a car that was parked at Kilmacrennan graveyard. It occurred on Saturday June 1st between 4.30pm and 5pm. Gardaí say the car was unlocked and a black Huawei P-Smart mobile phone in a black cover was stolen.

Windows smashed in Downings

Gardaí are investigating an incident of criminal damage that occurred at Langanreagh in Downings on Thursday May 30th. The incident occurred at around 6.30pm where three windows were smashed at a vacant property in the area. Gardaí said it is believed that the damage may have been caused by "a number of youths". They stated: "We also appeal to the youths in question to come forward to speak to Gardaí. Again, this week we appeal to parents/guardians to speak to their young people about the consequences that they would face if they were to get involved in this type or any type of illegal activity. If anybody can assist with dash cam footage or information, we ask them to contact Gardaí in Milford on 074-9153060."

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Michael is flying the Labour flag in Letterkenny

The Labour Party candidate in the Letterkenny electoral area Michael McLaughlin has been very engaged in a range of local issues in recent years including the defective concrete blocks scandal, housing dereliction and the lack of transport infrastructure in Letterkenny. So rather than just continuing to talk about those problems as a concerned citizen Michael formally joined the Labour Party and was selected as their candidate for Council elections which take place on Friday. He has always been interested in politics and a keen Labour supporter both here and in the UK where he was based for some years. His early interest in politics came through his mother Josephine and her friendship with Sue Maloney, a sister of Sean who was a Labour Party Cllr and Senator. Josephine was formerly a member of the Bradley family of Letterleague. Michael's father Josie is a native of Calhame, Mountain Top. He has a brother Noel who works for Pfizer in Cork and a sister Karen who lives in Leixlip and is a barrister. After his Leaving Cert at St. Eunan's College Michael went to Maynooth University where he studied music and languages. He was on the teaching staff at three secondary schools at Dee, Raphoe, St. Columba's Glenties and Ballinamore. It was during this time that he was selected by Dr. Veronica Dunne of the Royal Academy of Music in Dublin for special voice training. She was in the business of training future international singers. Better known as Ronnie Dunne she was an Irish soprano who had a successful career at the Dublin Opera and the Royal Opera House in London. Michael moved to London and successfully furthered his career in the opera world. But, in 2020 he became very ill with Covid 19. "I have some permanent health complications that caused me to move back permanently to Letterkenny. The process of relocation and illness was very difficult and I came up against many issues along the way. Fortunately for me, I had the time and the ability to deal with those issues; however, I have since encountered many people who have not been so



Labour Party candidate Michael McLaughlin canvassing with his mum Josephine in Letterkenny.

successful. I became involved in local politics to help people deal with issues that they cannot resolve on their own. I also see local politics as a way to repay the people of Letterkenny who were so supportive of me during my illness and recovery so far" Mr McLaughlin said. He is firmly committed to the Labour party principles of Fairness, Justice and Equality. "I am proud to be an advocate for all people on those grounds. My priorities justice which is 100% redress for those affected by the defective concrete crisis equal to that offered by the Leinster Pyrite Board. I want equality, which is a reliable and affordable public transport service equal to that in the rest of the country. We need a road system to relieve the traffic problems in Letterkenny and to increase connectivity to the North-West. Fairness to me means a housing plan that works for all our residents with increased availability of affordable housing to buy or rent" Mr McLaughlin said. Last week Labour's local election candidate in Letterkenny slammed Government inaction on the defective block crisis in Donegal. "I am dismayed

by the answers provided by Housing Minister Darragh O'Brien in parliamentary questions last week. We asked the Minister to award the 10% increase in funding, available to him under the laws of the current scheme to help people in Donegal struggling to cope with the rising building costs. 'But the minister has taken no action. Government has utterly failed the people of Donegal who are living through the hell of the defective block crisis.' Labour Leader Ivana Bacik, working together with Michael McLaughlin asked the Minister through parliamentary questions for detail on when he will implement the updated costs report, which considers the increased cost of construction. "We learnt that the Minister has taken no action, and that is utterly unacceptable. We have families forced out of their homes, living in incredibly stressful situations and the Minister has failed to act. We also asked the Minister what changes he plans to make to the defective concrete block scheme; if he will ensure the cost of replacing foundations is provided for; the action he intends to take to address the presence of pyrite and pyrrhotite. Again, the Minister has taken no action. "If elected, I will campaign tirelessly for the people impacted by the defective block crisis. We need renewed political urgency to tackle the Defective Concrete block crisis. The families of Donegal cannot wait any longer. Government must act now to ensure every homeowner receives the support they need." Michael was in much demand as a choir leader in London and was Founding Director of the Princess Alice Hospice and Strawberry Hill House community choirs. He combined these choirs to perform at Cadogan Hall, London in aid of the Hospice. Michael piloted the Choir in every care home in London which went on to become a national care policy throughout the UK. He is currently undertaking a PhD in Music at Trinity College Dublin where he is carrying out research on Community Choirs.

Local elections are the nation's democracy

The value of County Councillor elections, held on the same day as European Candidate elections, can be lost in the conflict of party and party leader diktat.

by Dr. Joe Kelly

County Councillors are dictated to by party lines. Many decent hard working men and women, throughout the country, do not like what is happening or the disconnect with local communities that they are being put through. Community needs must come first, because people expect County Councillors to put them above

and beyond party diktat. Local Councillors are at the grass roots of the community and they have a unique responsibility to insist on and enforce change at every level, not just once every five years but daily. A radical reset is needed in party politics, leadership, government and the Dáil. That starts with allowing County Councillors to collectively advise Government on policy. -Whilst independent candidates have no restraints, 'political party' candidates can still be independent thinkers and demand accountability

from those above them. Councillors have one unquestionable major Constitutional contribution to the Nation - they can nominate presidential candidates. That Constitutional right puts them at the heart of communities and politics and they must never lose that independence of representation and decision making. Remember when you vote that your representative will have independence of thought, accountability, truth and true representation.

Friday to decide date of general election

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party politics: preferring to focus on familiar figures within their own community. It is said that families now vote from a social and personal perspective rather than on the former traditional party lines. The Donegal electorate has a strong record of voting in big numbers and campaigners have been burning the midnight oil to ensure that the 2019 turnout of 55% is increased. There are 91 candidates chasing 37 seats in the county. However, it is reported from the canvass trail that there is a lack of real enthusiasm on the doorsteps. In 2019 there was an electorate of 132,381 and the turnout on election day was 72,948: 814 votes were deemed invalid. The valid poll was 55% with the Milford electoral area recording a turnout of 65% followed by Donegal on 62.8% and Glenties on 55.5%. Most are close enough to the 50% mark and that reflects well on connectivity with the political system. With the national polls showing a strong preference for Independents, the Donegal vote will be watched with much interest. There are 19 Independent candidates running and it remains to be seen to what extent that vote of 18,887 (26%) in 2019

will increase. Fianna Fail with 12 Cllrs was the biggest vote catcher in 2019: the polled 29.7% with 21,442: many are long established in the community and the same applies to Sinn Fein who won 10 seats the last time. They polled 13,953 (19.37%) and they're running a record 18 candidates in the county. At the last locals the Fine Gael party won six seats in the county: however that was soon to become four as Cllrs. Frank McBreaty and Michael McClafferty took up their seats in Lifford on the Independent benches. This time, the party is running nine candidates in anticipation of winning more seats. And with Simon Harris, seen to inject a stronger air of positivity and promise for better days ahead - the FG faithful in Donegal is hoping it also raises their expectations of more seats in County House. Aontú is fielding six candidates: they got a share of just over 3% in 2019 and they will want to increase their figure of 2.265 on Friday. Cllr. Martin Farren in North Inishowen is the only Labour Member on the Council and they are also running two other candidates as well. Their share of the vote in 2019 was 1,627.



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Cllr. queries health clinic tax concerns

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for treatment every five weeks. There are no transportation services available to her through the HSE. She cannot drive and due to the nature of her appointment, she cannot use public transport because her vision is impaired for 24 hours after the treatment. A taxi is her only option, and she cannot afford to continue with this treatment plan. He added: "I'm hearing other stories of family members having to use their annual leave from work to take their loved ones to hospital appointments in the likes of Galway or Dublin. While this might be manageable for an occasional appoint-

ment or two, it's not feasible for regular, recurring appointments. We require a system in place to assist the people of Donegal who find themselves in this situation - the government must provide support. Subsidised taxi transfers would be an ideal solution in this situation. It would ease anxiety for both patients and their families, significantly lessen the financial strain, and foster improved health and healing. Our healthcare system should be at the core, and without proper support in place, the government is failing the people of Ireland. We work hard and pay our taxes; we need robust support to help us stay healthy".

Childcare groups to protest on polling day

A number of childcare groups including the Letterkenny Community Childcare Centre are to stage a protest outside the Council's Letterkenny Public Service Centre on this Friday afternoon (12-2 pm) during polling for the local and European elections. Letterkenny Community Childcare was told last year it has to find a new building due to the presence of defective blocks in its current facility at the Business Park in Kiltroy. Similar serious problems exist at the Raphoe Community

Playgroup Centre and at 20 other similar facilities across Donegal. Geraldine Burke, manager of the Letterkenny Community Childcare Centre said their facility will be closed on Friday to protest and highlight the lack of action from the government, Ms Burke said their Letterkenny service urgently needs to find a new home. Remedial repairs were carried out but it was only a temporary job and time was running out as the structure of the building was

deteriorating rapidly. There are over 150 children enrolled and they are the only full day community childcare provider in Letterkenny. The sage of looking for serious support to relocate the service has been going on for five years with the Government, local politicians and all agencies aware of their predicament. Ms Burke pointed out there are 22 other services affected across the county, which is over 40% of the childcare facilities in Donegal.

Mica Action Group - vote for change

There is power for change by using your vote in the local council elections this Friday. That is the message from defective concrete campaigners who say there is a one in five year opportunity to make badly needed changes to dramatically improve the way the public is represented in the Lifford. Lisa Hone, Chair of the Mica Action Group (MAG) is urging everyone affected by the defective concrete crisis to use their vote in the coming elections, "Local Councillor representation on the defec-

tive concrete issue to date has been desperately disappointing, to the point where, even in recent days, we have heard candidates from Government parties trying to defend the indefensible and putting out false claims that the scheme is fit for purpose whilst ignoring the fundamental issues around the science, the scheme is not 100% and there are many people simply locked out for many different reasons. This is putting the Party before the People which is utterly disingenuous to those

affected. We need change. The elections provide a real opportunity for change. Remember that we marched in our tens of thousands in Dublin twice, we have recently packed out large venues in meetings for the People's Document. The scale of those affected translates into tens of thousands of votes which is a force to be reckoned with across the county. You have choice, you have power and we have strength in our numbers. A change in those elected from the status quo also sends a strong mes-

sage to Dublin. Everyone affected owes it to themselves to think about who they are going to vote for before Friday. And even if you are not affected you need to think about your wider community, your family and friends who are. A vote for the existing regime is a vote for more of the same. Think about why candidates are running, such as those running for the 100% Redress Party who are standing out of necessity to genuinely try to make a difference on the defective con-

crete issue. They are affected homeowners with lived experience, who understand the issues, understand the scheme and understand the necessity of change - many of them are campaigners who have worked on this issue for years. Your vote is precious, so only give it to those who you believe will best represent you honestly, proactively and deserve your vote. You have the power to make change happen by ensuring you use your vote," Ms Hone concluded.

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State exams underway for 4,700 Donegal students
This week state exams began for over 4,700 Donegal Leaving Cert, Leaving Cert Applied and Junior Cert students. A total of 4,787 Donegal students sat for their first exam on Wednesday, which was English. It's reported that 1,961 students will be doing the Leaving Certificate, with a further 216 doing the Leaving Cert Applied exams. There are also 2,610 students sitting the Junior Certificate in Donegal. Around 136,300 candidates are entered to take the state examinations across Ireland this year. It is anticipated the results of the 2024 Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied examinations will be issued to candidates on Friday 23 August, while the Junior Cert exam results will be available later in the year.



Minister for Social Protection and Rural and Community Development Heather Humphries made a visit on Monday to see the new developments of at the Letterkenny Community Centre at Pearse Road including the construction of the building that will be named after the late Jim Lynch. Maria Walsh MEP and Cllr Jimmy Kavanagh were in attendance. Doreen Sheridan Kennedy did MC and Philip O'Kennedy spoke on behalf of the Board of Directors. Meg Carr presented Minister Humphries with a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the centre.

Ex-Harps boss moves to Maltese club

Dave Rogers who left Finn Harps last September after a dismal 10-month managerial spell has been appointed the new boss of Maltese Premier Division side Balzan. The Liverpool native had only been appointed Harps manager in early December 2022 in a blaze of hype and fanfare following the departure of Ollie Horgan who had done an amazing job in keeping the team in the Premier Division for the best part of nine seasons. Horgan had been on a season-by-season contracts but Finn Harps F.C. gave Rogers a four-year contract heralding it as a new dawn for the club going full-time even though the team had been relegated to the First Division. It was the first time in its 53-year history that the club had handed out such a long-term contract. Rogers has now penned a two-year contract with Balzan.



The Kilmacrennan Young at Heart group had a very enjoyable outing on Tuesday. It started with a visit to the Wild Ireland Park in Burnfoot followed by some shopping in Buncrana town. That was followed by dinner in Nancy's Barn, Ballyliffin. The group meets every Tuesday in the Old Kilmacrennan School. They are now taking a break for the summer and will return again in September. Thanks to Jane McGettigan and Emma McGinley who coordinate the Kilmacrennan Young at Heart group for all their work in organising activities, events and outings during the past year.

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