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FROM THE EDITOR

With the countdown to Christmas well and truly on, we have a bumper magazine for you this week. From Winter Wonderland Weddings to all the sporting action over the past week, we have something for everyone.

Our loyal advertisers have some amazing Christmas offers and the message this year is to Shop Local.

Over the coming weeks, we need to be extra careful to ensure that we protect our vulnerable family members and this week the Government reiterated the basic measures to protect you and your loved ones from infection:

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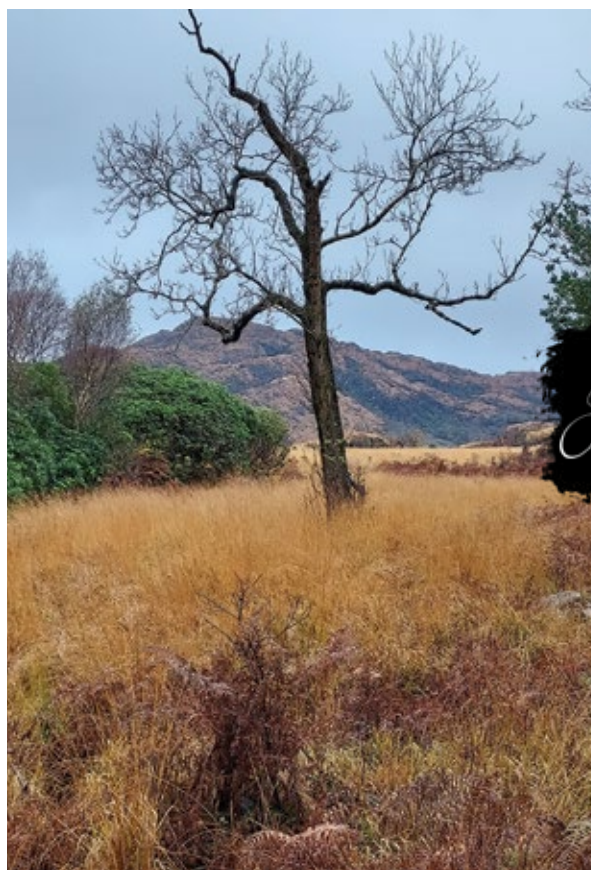
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Winter Wonderland Wedding for Colm and Céitilís

Taking to Twitter and posting this beautiful photograph of his wedding to fiancée Céitilís Ní Bheaglaoich this week, Colm "Gooch" Cooper said.... "What a weekend".

Colm and Céitilís, a teacher, were married in Dingle on Saturday and were joined by family and friends which included former team mates at the Dingle Skellig Hotel for the celebrations following the ceremony.

Wearing a stunning fitted dress with a train and lace sleeves, Céitilís and Colm posed for pictures in front of the Crib at the church where they tied the knot.

It was back to the sidelines on Sunday however as Colm's team Dr. Crokes took on Spa in the O'Donoghue Cup final 2020, winning by three points...

As he said himself.... "What a weekend"... Congratulations to the happy couple!



Colm Gooch Cooper pictured with his brother Mark, nephew Mark Cooper and family following the O'Donoghue Cup win v Spa in Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday on the day after his wedding to Céitilís Ní Bheaglaoich.
Picture: Tatyana McGough Fitzgerald Stadium PR



TICKET ONLY MASS THIS CHRISTMAS

To ensure the safety of all parishioners, Masses this Christmas will be Ticket Only.

There will be 60% capacity at all masses to allow good space between people. Tickets are free, one per person, and you can collect the tickets for you and your household from the Parish Office beside the Cathedral from Monday the 20th of December.

The usual mask wearing, hand sanitising and ushering will be in place. Can you assist as a steward at one of these Masses? You might kindly give your name and number to the Parish Office or into the Sacristy this week.

Masses in the parish for Christmas are as follows:

PARISH CHRISTMAS MASSES 2021:

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL: Christmas Eve 6.15pm, 8pm, 12midnight Christmas Day



8am, 10.30am, 12noon

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FRANCISCAN FRIARY CHRISTMAS

MASS TIMES: Christmas Eve: 6pm, 8pm & 10pm. Christmas Day: 8.30am, 10am & 11.30am.

There is no Saturday evening Vigil Mass on 25th Dec. Sunday 26th - 8.30am, 10am & 11.30am.

Mon 27th - Fri 31st - Masses 8am & 10am.

Sat 1st Jan- Masses 8am, 10am, Vigil Mass 7pm. Sun 2nd Jan - Masses 8.30am, 10am & 11.30am.

Confession Times: Tues 21st - Fri 24th Dec 10.30am - 12.30am & 3pm - 5pm.

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Walk in Vaccination Clinic (File Picture) Photo: Domnick Walsh

The vaccination campaign across Kerry has ramped up again in recent days and weeks, the HSE has confirmed.

The vaccinations roll-out across Kerry is run jointly by the South West Hospital Group and Cork Kerry Community Healthcare.

As the booster campaign intensifies, the Tralee vaccination centre in Monavalley is adding to their staff numbers and extending their opening hours.

All vaccination centres continue to schedule as many appointments as possible. The 60-plus age-group is now almost complete ie most eligible people in this age-group have received their booster vaccination or have been offered an appointment. We are making good progress on the 50-59 age-group, with appointments scheduled across this week at all three centres.

Before travelling to a vaccination centre, we urge the public to check that they are eligible for a booster vaccination. Details are at hse.ie/findvc

Details for Kerry vaccination centre, Monavalley, Tralee, V92 HT21:

- The centre is vaccinating more than 800 people a day.
- A walk-in vaccination clinic will take place there on Saturday, 8.30am to 4.30pm. This walk-in clinic will offer booster doses to eligible people aged 50 and over.
- We are vaccinating by appointment on weekdays this week, with groups including people aged between 50 and 59; cohort 4; cohort 7; and people who recently registered for first and second doses of a

WALK IN VACCINATION CLINIC PLANNED FOR THIS WEEKEND

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Covid-19 vaccination.

As well as walk-in clinics, all centres are:

- offering outreach clinics to vaccinate housebound people at home.
- offering appointments for booster vaccinations to eligible people aged 50 and over.
- offering appointments to any remaining healthcare workers yet to receive a booster.
- offering appointment to people in vaccination groups 4 and 7.
- travelling to residential centres to vaccinate any remaining residents who haven't been in a position to receive a booster vaccination earlier in the campaign.

Appointments are a key focus of the campaign, and have allowed us to reach a position where the majority of eligible people in their 60s have received their boosters, and substantial progress has been made on the boosters for those aged between 50 and 59.

"We would also like to thank and acknowledge the GPs and pharmacies across the region who are supporting the vaccination roll-out by offering booster vaccinations",

We ask people to take their appointment when it is offered if at all possible, and if not to let the HSE know if you do not wish to take up your appointment

The public have three options to cancel appointments are as follows:

- Text message stating NEW (if you want to reschedule) or REJECT (if vaccinated or do not want to take up the booster)
- Complete an online form at <https://www2.hse.ie/services/booster-enquiries/cancel.html>
- Telephone HSELive on 1800 700 700

At Your Service....Geraldine Tangney, Duty Manager, Gleneagle Hotel, retires from a wonderful career after 39 years service with the Gleneagle Hotel, on Tuesday. Geraldine started in the Gleneagle Hotel in 1982, and with her today are her life long friends, Patrick O'Donoghue, CEO Gleneagle Hotel Group, back row, Noreen O'Gorman, Maura O'Connor, who also has 39 years service with the Hotel, John Drummond, Executive Chef Gleneagle Group and Caroline Papin. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Lee Strand would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Welcome home to everyone this Christmas ...

We know how great it is to be back with family and friends and of course having a pint of chilled Lee Strand milk with your Christmas dinner. It is the little traditions that make Christmas great. Enjoy!

Lee Strand Trifle with Strawberries & Chocolate Flake

This recipe is simple to make yet delicious to enjoy at Christmas.



INGREDIENTS

300g fresh strawberries
1 x 135g block jelly made up to one pint
160g packet trifle sponges
3 tbsp sweet sherry
500ml readymade custard
500ml Lee Strand Fresh Cream, softly whipped

Line the bottom of the dish with trifle sponges, sprinkle with sherry and leave to soak for 5 minutes. Slice the fresh strawberries thickly and lay evenly over the trifle sponges. Press the strawberries lightly with a fork to release juices. Pour over the liquid jelly to cover the trifle sponge. Then, place the dish into the refrigerator and leave until the jelly is set. Once set, spoon over the custard to create a thick layer. Then spoon the whipped Lee Strand Fresh Cream over the custard. Finally, sprinkle with chocolate flake.

PS - you may wish to omit the sherry if serving to children.

Chocolate Chip Cookies

These cookies are so much fun to make with kids and are a perfect treat for Santa on Christmas Eve.



PS don't forget to leave a glass of Lee Strand milk out for Santa too!

INGREDIENTS (makes 18 cookies)

225g Lee Strand Butter 1 tsp vanilla extract
1 egg 225g chocolate chips
170g soft brown sugar A pinch of salt
280g self-raising flour

Heat the oven to 180C and line two baking sheets with parchment. In a large bowl mix all the ingredients together to create a dough mixture. With a spoon, place nine blobs of the mixture on each tray, leaving plenty of space between to allow the cookies to spread out.

Cook for about 15 minutes or until they have turned golden brown. Let the cookies cool, then enjoy with a glass of chilled Lee Strand milk.

Lee Strand Baileys Coffee

Relax and unwind with the perfect Christmas indulgence by the fire on Christmas night.



INGREDIENTS

110ml of hot freshly brewed coffee
50ml Baileys Irish Cream
Lee Strand Fresh Cream
Chocolate Shavings

First, heat the glass with hot water. Pour in 50ml of Baileys and then stir in the coffee. Top with freshly whipped Lee Strand Cream. Sprinkle with chocolate shavings.



Enjoy Lee Strand Fresh Cream this Christmas!



COLM COOPER LAUNCHES THE GOAL Mile THIS CHRISTMAS

AIB Branch Manager in Kenmare Colm Cooper has launched the Goal Mile for Christmas.

With Deenagh Lodge in Killarney the venue on Christmas morning, people are being asked to support the fundraiser which has for over 40 years seen tens of thousands of people run or walk a mile to raise funds for GOAL at Christmas to enable its work supporting vulnerable communities in 14 countries across the globe. In Ireland a mile is simply 2,000 steps but for many in the developing world it takes thousands of steps to simply access water, get to school or even reach a hospital.

People can take part in the GOAL Mile in a number of different ways, be it in one of the more than 150 GOAL Miles events being organised in Ireland and internationally or simply by registering with GOAL at www.goalmile.org and completing a mile in any place, at any time during the month of December.

GOAL Mile locations in Kerry include Castleisland Athletic Track, Deenagh Lodge, Killarney, Kenmare GAA Grounds, Listowel Community Centre



Colm 'Gooch' Cooper, Branch Manager, AIB, Kenmare with front, from left, former Kerry footballer Jimmy Deenihan, MTU and Kerry football star Sean O'Shea. At back are from left, AIB staff members, Maura Burke, Tom O'Connor, GOAL, Aideen Rochford, Martina O'Shea and Niamh Meleady getting ready for the GOAL Mile run in association with AIB which will take place between 10am-12noon in Kenmare GAA Grounds on Christmas Day morning. Photo: Don MacMonagle

and The Dragon's Den, Intermediate School, Killorglin. AIB will also be supporting GOAL by encouraging people to take part in the GOAL Mile through a radio, print and on-line advertising campaign asking people to step up together this Christmas season.

Colm Cooper, AIB Branch Manager Kenmare said, "The GOAL Mile, which is already a well-established event in many of the communities that we serve, helps transform the lives of the world's most vulnerable people. This year we are committed to working with GOAL to make it the biggest GOAL Mile yet and are asking people across Kerry to step up together to complete a mile for GOAL. In doing so, together we can help GOAL reach vulnerable communities that are already suffering deeply from the impact of crises, poverty and climate change."

Donations to GOAL can be made at www.goalglobal.org/donate.

ON YOUR BIKE....

JENNIFER AND DECLAN SPIN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE KEVIN BELL REPATRIATION TRUST



Training for their fundraising Spinathon are Jennifer McCarthy and Declan Donoghue.

A Spinning Fundraiser spearheaded by Jennifer McCarthy and Declan Donoghue of Triumph Coaching is being planned in the Barraduff Community Centre in aid of the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust (KBRT) on December 30th. The Kevin Bell Repatriation trust aims to alleviate the financial hardship of bereaved families repatriating the body (bodies) of loved one(s) who have died abroad in sudden or tragic circumstances back to Ireland.

Declan and Jennifer along with the support of the Barraduff Community Field Organisation, will see 6 x 40 minutes spinning classes being held with all donations on the day going towards this wonderful charity. The reward for those who wish to participate will not only be supporting a worthy cause but tea, cakes, and lots of treats available afterwards.

A coffee morning is also being organised as part of the fundraiser, open to everyone that morning – not just spinners! Our key concern is that participants and supporters on the day stay as safe as possible. We will be adhering strictly to government guidelines and all necessary precautions will be in place throughout the venue.

Kevin Bell Trust was founded in 2013 following the tragic death of Kevin Bell, aged 26 years, in New York. Costs per repatriation can cost up to GBP12,000 depending on the circumstances of the death, local charges, and hospital release costs.

"KBRT have now repatriated 1195 loved ones to their families in Ireland, with 32 of those being to Kerry alone, from countries worldwide such as Australia, Argentina, South Korea, USA, Canada, Ecuador, Cambodia, India, Uganda to name just a few. The Trust repatriates approximately 15-20 loved ones back to Ireland per month."

"We are asking as many people as possible to participate in this fun event to help raise funds for this charity which has touched so many people's lives. If you can't make the event itself there is an opportunity to donate via the iDonate fundraising page and all contributions are gladly welcome. Spinning sessions are running from 9am to 1.30pm on the day and if you'd like to book please contact Jennifer on 0861037496 or Declan on 0876945188

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JUNK KOUTURE

TAKES CENTRE STAGE AT ST. BRIGID'S

The gym at St. Brigid's Secondary School in Killarney was transformed into a catwalk this week as a Junk Kouture fashion show took place with teachers in the school modeling the costumes which were designed by the Transition Year Students.

The show organised by Transition Year students Keira Geaney and Abbie O'Sullivan who pulled out all the stops to ensure that it was a huge success.

Over the past two months, 11 groups of students put their creative caps on and made costumes from recycled items.

The teachers at the school showcased the great work undertaken by the students in the Show at which all proceeds went to Youth Suicide Prevention Ireland.

A representative from the charity, Tony Philpott was guest of honour at the show which took place under strict restrictions in the school gym.

The organising students, Keira and Abbie had the support of many businesses in the town who donated raffle prizes and received praise on social media from Cathaoirleach of Killarney Municipal District Marie Moloney who said the girls were "doing Killarney Proud".

"We chose Youth Suicide Prevention Ireland because they are a great organisation and have offices based in Killarney", Keira told Killarney

Outlook.

"YSPI have been working in Ireland for over ten years providing free education and training services to schools and colleges around Ireland and now more than ever after the pandemic their services are so important", Abbie added.

"Organising the show was challenging but was a great life experience as we were able to showcase the creativity of the Transition Year

Students, organise a show from beginning to end and support a great charity", Abbie said.

"We had huge support from our fellow students, they made amazing costumes for the teachers to model, our judges were students, Helen O'Connor, Grace Smith, Laura O'Shea



Organisers of the Junk Kouture Fashion Show Keira Geaney and Abbie O'Sullivan.

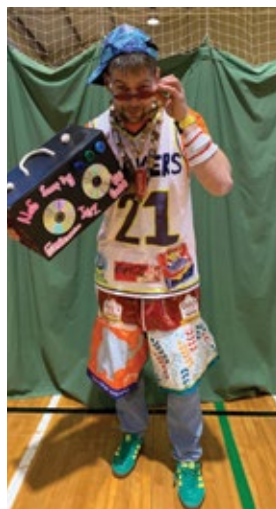
and teachers Geraldine Breen and Roisin O'Sullivan and our MC on the day was Alice Boyle O'Sullivan, it was very much a team effort", Keira said.

"We are delighted it was such a great success and would like to thank all those who helped contribute to the show including Mary Spillane who made the floral arrangements for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners, Killarney Carpet Centre who provided a red carpet for the catwalk, O'Sullivan Lighting who provided lights for the catwalk and the following who provided spotprizes including Linda's Beauty & Holistic Clinic, Noelle's Cafe, Lynes of Killarney, Who's 4 Shoes, Bricin Restaurant, Quills Woollen Mills, Olde Sweet Shop and Killarney Cinema.

The podium winners were 1st place modelled by Ms Clifford and designed by Ali O'Donoghue, Eilís Mullane, Anna Moynihan and Avril Ahern.

2nd place modelled by Ms McGrath and designed by Sarah Piggott, Juliet Cooper and Ava O'Mahony.

3rd place modelled by Ms Burns and designed by Keira Geaney, Abbie O'Sullivan, Amy Clifford and Katie Mc Carthy.



From left: 1st Place modelled by Michelle Clifford. 2nd Place modelled by Margaret McGrath, 3rd place modelled by Siobhan Burns and above Marko Tot



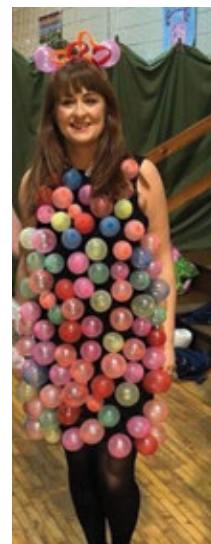
Teacher Rosie Healy modelling her Mother Nature costume



Ber O'Connor (teacher) and student Maeve O'Connor



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GLENEAGLE GROUP ACHIEVES ISO STANDARDS



The Gleneagle Group today announced that it has achieved ISO standards across four areas of operation. Bill Stafford of Management Systems Certification Limited travelled to Killarney to formally present the certificates to the hotel and events group. Included Bill Stafford, Management Systems Certification Limited, Donal Flannery, Flannery Health and Safety, Patrick O'Donoghue, CEO Gleneagle Group (centre), Orla Steinbeck, Group Health and Safety Manager. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

The Gleneagle Hotel has announced that it has achieved ISO standards across four areas of operation - ISO 9001 quality management system, ISO 14001 environmental management, ISO 45001 occupational health and safety, ISO 20121 sustainable events. ISO is one of the most rigorous and well-regarded standards in the world. Companies gain certification by implementing policies, procedures and systems that follow and meet these rigorous standards. Attaining the ISO standards means The Gleneagle Group demonstrates best-in-class services in its management systems. The procedure to become certified involved extensive preparation, evaluation and documentation of processes across all departments. Consultant advisor Donal Flannery of Flannery Health and Safety assisted in this process. The Gleneagle Group then underwent a series of external audits, carried out by Management Systems Certification Limited, and will continue to be assessed to monitor compliance.

The Gleneagle INEC Arena is the first event venue in Ireland that is certified to ISO 20121 sustainable events standards. Speaking on today's announcement Patrick O'Donoghue, CEO of The Gleneagle Group said: "Meeting the specific requirements needed for these standards highlights our commitment to best-in-class standards. It signifies that we operate efficiently and effectively and that we provide the highest quality of services to our customers, clients and our employees. I am extremely proud of my team for this achievement and especially thank our Group Health and Safety Manager Orla Steinbeck for spearheading this project." "We are focused on improving our operations in order to not just meet, but exceed, the needs and expectations of our customers. We will continue to find new ways to enhance our operations and implement better, more efficient, and more personalised ways to serve our customers."

KILLARNEY STUDENTS ILLUSTRATE ROAD SAFETY

Kerry County Council's annual Road Safety Calendar Art Competition took place again this year with several hundred entries received from primary school children around the county, demonstrating their artistic skills to highlight the important message of road safety.

Among the winners from around the county were two from Killarney, Maebh O'Connor from Lissivigeen National School, Killarney and Padraig Lenihan Knockanes National School, Killarney. In previous years, winning students would be invited to attend at County Buildings, Tralee and prizes presented by the Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council. However, this year it was not possible to hold the prize giving ceremony at County Buildings, in the best interests of health and safety of everyone. Instead, Council staff arranged for prize boxes (consisting of KCC sponsored Winners Trophy, RSA sponsored high-vis goods, published calendars, chocolates) to be delivered this week to the winning students at their schools around the county.

**Don't Forget: on these dark winter mornings -
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The 2022 Road Safety Calendar is available to download from Kerry County Council's website: www.kerrycoco.ie

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Padraig Lenihan's winning entry



Maebh O'Connor's winning entry



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President of Killarney Chamber, Niall Kelleher is calling on Kerry shoppers to give the gift of Kerry this Christmas thanks to the Kerry Gift Card which can be used in dozens of Kerry businesses and services. The Kerry Gift Card, which will allow shoppers to support local jobs and local businesses in the run-up to the Christmas, is now available to buy online and at the county's larger post offices. It can be redeemed at over sixty different shops, services and businesses across the county.

The card, which is operated by One4all and supported by the Kerry Chambers Network and Kerry County Council, is part of a wider campaign to encourage people in Kerry to shop locally and spend locally at this time of enormous challenge for many people in business.

President of Killarney Chamber, Niall Kelleher said: 'The Kerry Gift card already has hotels, restaurants and shops throughout the county signed up, and is being supported by businesses in every corner of the county. With such a wide range of locations to redeem the card there is huge choice for people this Christmas. We would encourage everyone to buy the card as a gift now, and encourage them to spend it over the coming weeks and months throughout the county.'



Niall Kelleher
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DNG TED HEALY SHORTLISTED FOR AWARD

There was good news for local Estate Agency DNG Ted Healy who has been shortlisted for the Small Nationwide Branch Office of the Year 2021, at the DNG Nationwide Virtual Conference.

The finalists were revealed by DNG Nationwide Director Niamh Comber who commented that she was honoured to announce the worthy finalists for the Branch of the Year categories.

Over 80 branch offices attended the virtual conference with guest speakers and DNG Agents providing commentary on market trends and predictions for the year ahead.

It is a great honour to be recognised by your peers and colleagues within the DNG Nationwide Group and we are delighted with the nomination', Ted told Killarney Outlook.

DNG are Ireland's premier Estate Agency with a branch network which extends to in excess of 80 offices spread the length and breadth of the country.

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Small Nationwide Branch of the Year 2021



DNG Ted Healy

SENSORY GARDENS FUNDING ANNOUNCED FOR KILLARNEY CENTRES

Kerry Parents & Friends Association are to receive a grant of almost €85,000 towards the development of a sensory garden at their centre on Port Road while The Kerry Cheshire Residential Home in Killarney will receive €2,500.

The funds were announced this week by The Minister of State for Disabilities, Anne Rabbitte TD, who has allocated €1 million funding to develop 65 sensory gardens for people with disabilities across the country.

Sensory gardens are designed to stimulate the senses. The plants and the materials are specifically chosen to stimulate the senses of sight, smell, touch, taste and sound. While sensory gardens are popular with the entire community, they are particularly beneficial to children and adults with Disabilities. Grants range from €1,500 to over €80,000 and a list of locations and service type are attached.

evidence that highlights how sensory supports including sensory gardens improve the quality of life of people with disabilities, as well as provide an accessible space to enjoy.



STUDENTS RAISE €968 FOR THE KILLARNEY LIONS CLUB

It is that time of year of goodwill and generosity and the students, families and staff of Killarney Community College showed exactly that for the Killarney Lions Club in the last two weeks.

On the 3rd December, the Transition Year students raised an amazing €552 by hosting a bake sale here in the school.

On the 9th December, not letting Storm Barra get in the way of selling tickets, the Transition Years also held a fantastic raffle. Another €416 was raised for the Killarney Lions Club. There were 11 hampers raffled, put together by teachers and students.

This money will help the club create food hampers for families in need here in the Killarney area this Christmas. Food boxes were also donated as part of the appeal of locations and service type are attached.

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CASTLEISLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVES TIDY TOWNS NATIONAL YOUTH AWARD

Castleisland Community College received the Tidy Towns Sustainable Development Goals Youth Award. This is an exciting new Special Award, which recognises communities for their significant efforts to increase awareness and engagement on the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. It was granted to the school for the outstanding effort made by the students to address the aims of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Transition Year students of last year 2020/21 were the main group involved in addressing these goals. Doreen Killington, the Junior Liaison Officer for Castleisland Tidy Towns, entered the school for the award, based on the many initiatives undertaken by students with guidance from their teachers. The award is certainly a testament to the very strong cross-curricular approach in the school coupled with a strong team spirit amongst the school community.

Tidy Towns received a grant from Community Foundation Ireland to work on a biodiversity plan for the town. The Transition Year students worked with Tidy Towns members and Brendan Kirwin (Ecologist). The students designed bilingual bee signs, bat signs and swift bird signs that have been placed along the river walk.

The Transition year group worked with the Irish Health Foundation and designed a Slí na Sláinte sign for the school in April 2020. This illustrates walking routes on the school grounds for all the community to enjoy. The committee also organised a food appeal for the Tralee Soup kitchen in December 2020.

They worked with past pupil Lee Mangan of Madden and Mangan Construction and they designed a sustainable home for 'A Home for Everyone' National Competition which they won in May 2021! The students researched the physics of bees and physics in nature-balunga whales, pig and chameleon. They won national awards for their work in the National Sophia Physics 2021 Competition.

The committee took part in the international Globe Air Quality Campaign and it undertook the air quality experiment for schools in April 2020 that is run by the Environmental Protection Agency. The readings for the school were excellent with one of the lowest readings nationally.

Santa's elves were busy in Woodwork class from September –December 2020. Wooden pallets that delivered hand sanitisers and paper roll were reused and upcycled into snowmen and Christmas trees and then placed outside on school grounds for all to enjoy.

The sign at the entrance to the Castleisland Community Garden was designed and made by Emma Kerin, Rachel Murphy, Abbie O Mahony, Bernadette Mahony and Shauna Tangney in Engineering class. It is made entirely from recycled items.

Bravery blankets for Saint John's ward in Crumhills Children's Hospital were organised and made by the Transition Year students. They



Castleisland Community College receives Tidy Towns National Youth Award Standing from left Bernadette O Mahony, Ruairi Mannix, Emma Kerin, Shauna Tangney, Danielle Flynn, Lauren O Sullivan, Chloe Barrett and Abbie Mahony and Doreen Killington.

sent out a request for any leftover wool that was lying idle in presses and cupboards to donate it to the school. This leftover wool from other crochet or knitting projects was crocheted into squares that were eventually all joined up into blankets.

The school was contacted by the Department of Education to present (virtually) to the Minister of Education Norma Foley, Department of Education Senior Inspectors and Unicef representatives regarding the Sustainable Development Goals in May 2021. It was part of the World's Largest Lesson. The students made presentations regarding the many projects undertaken and how they linked with the SGD goals.

Norma Foley praised the school for how it has implemented sustainability and the SDG goals very successfully into the school. She stated her immense pride as the school chosen this year by the Department of Education to meet with the minister was from her own constituency. She acknowledged the work and leadership of all involved. She stated how the school has built bridges with the Castleisland community.

STUDENTS RAISE FUNDS FOR RECOVERY HAVEN



Sixth class students and members of the student council pictured presenting the cheque to Patricia Tyther (left) and Sharon Villa, both from Recovery Haven

Cancer Support charity, Recovery Haven Kerry, received an early Christmas present last week when the big-hearted children of Faha National School presented them with a cheque for €400.

The children decided to support the charity last October by holding a Halloween fancy dress in the school, with each pupil making a donation. On Friday last, the children welcomed Sharon Villa and Patricia Tyther from Recovery Haven to the school where they were delighted to present the charity with the €400 they raised from the event.

Thanking the children for their incredible efforts, Recovery Haven Kerry's PR & Marketing officer, Marisa Reidy, said they were a credit to their families and school.

"There are so many deserving charities who could benefit from such a lovely gesture, so we are honoured that the children, as well as staff and management, decided to choose Recovery Haven for this particular event," she said. "These wonderful children should be very proud of the money they raised and we assure them that it will all go towards providing much-needed care for cancer patients across the county."



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Generous Gaelscoil Students

GIVE GIFTS FOR THE HOMELESS IN KERRY

In an initiative organised by the Parent's Council of Gaelscoil Faithleann Killarney, students donated towards a special advent collection of gifts to help the homeless in Kerry. "With the season of Christmas almost here we wanted to help the children be aware of those in need around us, and support them in sharing what we have with others", Chairperson of the Parent's Council, Mary Carroll, told Killarney Outlook.

We decided to create a 'Reverse Advent Calendar', to help the homeless in Kerry by linking with the homeless shelter in Tralee, Novas Arlington Lodge, and the Homeless charity, Focus Ireland to provide them with much needed items for their clients.

Mary continued, "For more than a week during Advent the children could bring in one item from a list and place it in the reverse advent calendar box in their classroom. Some families even took up the challenge of bringing a small item each day. All the items donated were what Focus Ireland and Novas told us were needed by their service users."



Gaelscoil Giving Gifts for the homeless in Kerry - pictured at handover of gifts for homeless families in Kerry this Christmas are Proinsias Mac Curtain, Principal Gaelscoil Faithleann, Mike Fleming, Novas Arlington Lodge Tralee, Aoife Sheehan Focus Ireland and Mary Carroll, Chair Gaelscoil Parents Council (Cairde na Scoile), along with children from Rang 5 in the Gaelscoil

"We could have collected money for the charities, but by involving the children in choosing items and bringing them in it made it more real - they were helping in a practical way. Items required included hats, gloves, socks, toiletries, nappies, basically any item that could support people unfortunate enough to find themselves in the awful situation of homelessness", Mary added.

"In this day and age it's really great to see children learn about the gift of giving - which is the true meaning of Christmas, and to realise that there are so many people in our community without the basics in life", she said.

Local representative of Novas Arlington Lodge, Mike Fleming, and Focus Ireland's Mid-West Marketing, Fundraising & Events officer, Aoife Sheehan, thanked all the pupils and staff of the Gaelscoil. Aoife said, "By everyone's generosity in the Gaelscoil they have made Christmas that little bit brighter for children and families who are struggling in our community."



ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT A WELCOME RELIEF TO KERRY AIRPORT



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The CEO at Kerry Airport, John Mulhern, said: "Yet again aviation, like many industries, finds itself adversely impacted by a new variant of Covid. With many choosing not to travel to await both hard data on the true impact of this variant and their booster doses of vaccine, however this funding from the Department of Transport again demonstrates a strong commitment by Government to help us navigate the pandemic. We thank Minister Naughten and recognise the tireless work in the background by the team at the Department of Transport. Grateful thanks as always to our Kerry-based Government representatives, Minister for Education Norma Foley and Deputy Chief Whip Brendan Griffin for their continued support."

Christmas is traditionally a very busy time at Kerry Airport with people returning to the Kingdom from London, Manchester, Germany and Dublin to celebrate the Festive Season at home.

Passengers are reminded to allow additional time for their

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TRALEE NATIVE APPOINTED AS ASSISTANT ARTS OFFICER

Kerry County Council Arts Service has announced the appointment of Hannah Pinckheard as Assistant Arts Officer. The position of the Assistant Arts Officer is funded jointly by Kerry County Council and the Arts Council for a three-year period, through an arts specialist staff support scheme.

Hannah is delighted to be joining the Art Office team at Kerry County Council. A former student of Presentation Secondary School Tralee, Hannah went on to complete a degree in Architecture in Cork. She has a strong interest in visual arts programming and gained experience in this area throughout her career to date. An opportunity to work as an intern in a private commercial gallery brought her to Dublin, this was quickly followed by the role of Gallery Assistant as part of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office.

Hannah soon expanded her skillset to include the coordination of cultural events and community engagement through her work with the Irish Architecture Foundation on their flagship event, Open House

Dublin. Beginning in 2017, she worked with Dublin City Council Culture Company in various roles, bringing strong experience in arts and cultural administration and community engagement to her new role in Kerry County Council.

Her aspiration in her new role is to promote culture in all its forms; to use it as a tool to connect people to place and each other. She is excited to be returning home Kerry, and the opportunity to work alongside Arts Officer, Kate Kennelly, and the team in the Arts Office.



KERRY ARTWORK IS TEXACO CALENDAR CHOICE



A prizewinning artwork by 15-year old Kerry student Clodagh McCluskey, from Presentation Secondary School, Tralee has been chosen to illustrate the 2022 Texaco Children's Art Competition Calendar just published.

One of 13 selected to illustrate the publication, her piece, entitled 'Feathers' will appear during the month of September and will be seen in thousands of homes throughout Ireland during the coming year.

Winning first prize in the 14-15 years age category of the 2021 competition, it was one of a number said by a competition adjudicator to illustrate perfectly the outstanding talent, creativity and imagination that many of our young artists possess and the important role schools have in encouraging and inspiring their students through art education.

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CASTLEISLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS REACH GOALMINE ENTERPRISE FINALISTS

The sustainable business group named Bright Future consists of Shauna O Keffe, Lea Voigtlander and Edward Roche in Transition Year. They have come up with the idea to make lamps out of food cans and scrap metal, preventing single use disposal. The lamps will be solar powered. They were one of 7 schools to be selected in Kerry for the final that took place in MTU, 1st December. Bright Futures presented and pitched their idea based on the 17 sustainable development goals.

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€2.3 MILLION IN MINOR WORKS FUNDING FOR KERRY SCHOOLS

Minister for Education and Kerry TD Norma Foley has announced funding of €2.3 million euro in minor works grants for primary, special and post-primary schools in Kerry.

Minor works grants totalling €62 million nationally will be issued to primary schools and special schools, including a one-off Covid-19 minor works grant of €17 million for post-primary schools.

Minister Foley said: "I am delighted to confirm this significant increase in funding for schools in Kerry. This announcement will enable schools to address both their minor works requirements and also to address small-scale ventilation improvements as a short-term mitigation measure, should they require to do so. Given that each school setting is different, individual schools are best-placed to decide how best to use this funding to address their particular needs."

The works that can be undertaken under the minor works scheme

include maintenance and small-scale improvements to school buildings and its grounds.

It also creates provision for improvement or replacement

of mechanical and electrical services, the purchase of standard furniture and physical education equipment, the purchase of floor coverings and window blinds along with the purchase of IT-related equipment.

This funding is important in continuing to support the operation of schools in a Covid-19 environment.

Arrangements are now being made for the payment of these grants to schools.



TOY SAFETY DIRECTIVE MUST BE REVIEWED TO ENHANCE SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

- MEP KELLEHER



Ireland South MEP, Billy Kelleher has said that the future revision of the Toy Safety Directive is essential to ensure the safety of children and that it should include further efforts to apply EU safety standards to products bought online from websites outside the EU.

Kelleher was commenting as the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection approved a new report this week.

"We must see effective enforcement of rules at a national level to make sure toys sold in the EU do not put children at risk.

"Enhanced cooperation between online marketplaces and market

surveillance authorities is also needed to ensure the speedy removal of products deemed to be a risk to children.

"As the world gets smaller due to globalisation and digitalisation, we also need to address the problem of consumers buying products on websites that appear to be based in the EU, and supposedly selling products that comply with EU standards, but are in fact outside of the EU.

"This is a major concern for me and for many parents across Ireland. They want to buy products that are safe for their children but it is clear to me that the EU and national authorities have very limited mechanisms for dealing with them as they come in from outside the EU.

"Of course, buying on the high street is the safest way and easiest way of ensuring toys comply with EU rules but in many cases, it can be cheaper to buy online, or there may be greater choice available to consumers online.

"Our sole priority must be the protection of children and of their welfare. The review and revision of the Toy Safety Directive is an ideal way of catching up with the digitalisation of toy sales in recent times," concluded Kelleher.

PEOPLE IN KERRY ENCOURAGED TO SPEND THEIR CHRISTMAS BONUS LOCALLY



A 100% Christmas Bonus is being paid this year to 41,000 people in Kerry, according to Deputy Government Chief Whip, Brendan Griffin TD.

The Christmas Bonus is paid to long-term social welfare recipients such as pensioners, carers, people with disabilities and lone parents. This year, Social Protection Minister Heather Humphreys announced changes to the criteria, meaning more people will benefit.

For example, the qualifying period for people in receipt of an eligible Jobseeker's payment was reduced to 12 months from 15 months.

In addition, long-term recipients of the Pandemic Unemployment Payment (PUP) are receiving this year's Christmas Bonus.

And time spent on the PUP by customers who have since moved to a Jobseeker's payment will count towards reaching the

12-month requirement.

As we enter the Christmas period, Deputy Griffin has urged people in receipt of the Christmas Bonus to spend it in their local communities.

Deputy Griffin said: "We all know that the Christmas period can be a very expensive time of year for families.

"I therefore really welcome the fact that we are once again in a position to provide a 100% Christmas Bonus this year.

"For me, it's really important, where possible, that people spend their Christmas Bonus locally.

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Ingredients

50g cocoa powder
70ml boiling water
3 eggs
175g butter
150g caster sugar
115g self raising flour
A punet of strawberries
Double cream

Method

Oven 180 fan
Mix the cocoa and boiling water in a bowl
Add in the eggs and mix
Add in the soft butter and sugar and mix
Sift in the flour and mix until smooth
Spoon the mixture the bun cases in a muffin tray and place in the oven for 15 minutes
Whip the double cream
When the cupcakes are cool, spoon some cream on top of the cupcake then place the strawberry on top then put a small bit of cream on top of the strawberry to make it look like a santa hat



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MINI AUBERGINE PIZZA BITES

Ingredients

250ml passata
1 tbsp Tomato Puree
½ a red onion finely chopped
1 tsp sugar
2 plum tomatoes sliced
1 medium aubergine cut into rounds
Handful of fresh basil leaves
100g grated vegan cheese (I used Applewood Smoked vegan cheese)
Olive Oil



Brush the aubergine rounds with olive oil and place on a baking tray and bake in the oven on high for 10 minutes. While they are baking in a small pot put a drizzle of olive oil and fry the onions on medium heat for 5 minutes then add the sugar tomato puree and tomato passata. Continue to cook for about 2-3 minutes. Take the aubergine slices from the oven and coat them with the tomato sauce. Place a basil leaf or two and a slice of tomato on each round and then sprinkle with the grated cheese. Bake in the oven on a high heat for another 5-6 minutes (until cheese is melted). These are so simple to make and so tasty ideal to keep ready in the fridge as a nice snack to serve over Christmas. Low fat and yummy too so win-win.



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The rollout of the National Broadband Plan continues to ramp up as homes and communities begin to be connected in Intervention Areas across the country. NBI contractors have been on the ground across the country for more than twenty months and over 280,000 premises nationwide have been surveyed to date. This involves physically walking the routes and documenting images, notes and measurements of the poles, cables and underground ducts in each area. These vital survey works enable "Fibre-to-the-Home" network designs to be completed for each of the over 550,000 plus premises in the Intervention Area, as identified by the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communication (DECC).

In Kerry, there are approximately 27,000 premises in the Intervention Area (IA), which includes homes, farms, commercial businesses and schools. This equates to 30% of all premises in the county. Under the National Broadband Plan, Kerry will see an investment of €107M in the new high speed fibre network. This will enable e-learning, remote monitoring of livestock or equipment, e-health initiatives, better energy efficiency in the home, and facilitate increased levels of remote working.

NBI crews have made substantial progress in Kerry, where the following

National Broadband Plan EXPANDS ACROSS KERRY

areas have been surveyed: Tralee, Killarney, Kilduff, Faha, Coolnagarrehy, Knockreagh, Knockbrack, Stradbally, and Kilcummin. Previously crews have advanced the project work in areas including Rathmore, Knocknacopple, Mounthorgan, Kilquane Upper, Barraduff, Cloonteens, Gneeveguillia, Tureenamult, and Renasup.

These initial works pave the way for the next stage of deploying fibre on poles/ducts and includes the erection of poles, unblocking of ducts, and the insertion of sub duct into existing ducts, for the fibre to be installed.

NBI's website www.nbi.ie has a search tool to enable the public to check whether their premises is within the rollout area, and to show indicative dates for areas being surveyed. NBI's contact centre can be reached at 0818 624 624 (lo-call) or contactus@nbi.ie.



Local Kerry EUROSPAR Supermarket supports St Vincent de Paul this Christmas

A Killorglin Supermarket owner, Brian Jones' EUROSPAR Killorglin is supporting the St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Empty Plate Appeal this year, which will help reduce the chances of a child going hungry this festive season with all in-store donations being repatriated within local communities so those most in need this Christmas don't do without.

With nearly one third of all calls received each year by SVP a request for food, EUROSPAR Retailers are facilitating shoppers

donating non-perishable items at their local EUROSPAR Supermarket for the benefit of their local St Vincent de Paul Conference. While shopping in Jones' EUROSPAR Killorglin shoppers are asked to place any non-perishable items in the trolley or receptacle designated for the 'Empty Plate Appeal'.

All in-store donations are distributed within the local community and, this year, as an additional measure, EUROSPAR Killorglin will also be making an additional donation from selected own-brand sales in store.

The campaign is taking place through Christmas and into early New Year and in order to allay any concerns around the distribution and transferral of food, all contributions will be converted to their monetary value at the end of the campaign and will be converted into EUROSPAR Vouchers. The vouchers will then be given to the local St Vincent de Paul Conference.



ALDI PLANTS ALMOST 24,000 TREES IN KERRY TO MARK OPENING OF NEW KILLARNEY STORE

To celebrate the upcoming opening of the new Aldi Killarney store next month, along with the opening of Aldi Cahersiveen in February 2022, the Aldi Kerry store staff have teamed up with Green Belt and local landowner Gerry Christie to plant almost 24,000 trees across Cloonafinneela and Cappawee, Co. Kerry this month.

Aldi is the first retailer in Ireland to commit to planting 1 million native Irish woodland trees by 2025 in partnership with Green Belt. The native trees will create a wildlife corridor for native species and enhance biodiversity, while

also removing more than 160,000 tonnes of carbon emissions over their 100-year life span.

Aldi's new store in Killarney will be situated next door to the current store, which will close on Wednesday January 12th ahead of the new store opening on Thursday 13th January. The Killarney store has undergone a rebuild, with the newly revamped store being powered by 100% green electricity. Aldi's long awaited Cahersiveen store will open on Thursday February 17th and will be Aldi's 150th store in Ireland and Aldi's 8th store in Kerry.

Patrick Lawlor, Aldi Killarney Store Manager alongside Gerry Christie, Local Landowner and Ger Moroney, Green Belt pictured with Green Belt employees.



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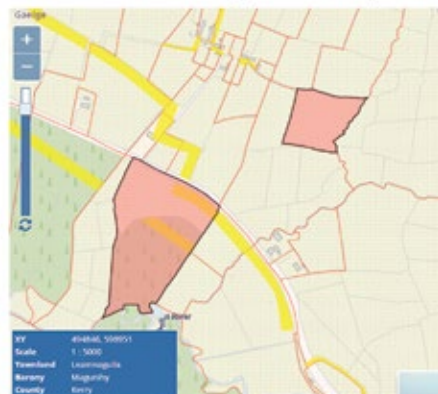
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SYMPATHY

The club extends its deepest sympathies to the O'Donoghue family on the passing of JJ O'Donoghue. Our thoughts and prayers are with JJ's daughters Pamela, Valerie, Grace and Rachel, son Padraig, siblings, grandchildren, extended family and friends. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam uasal.

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LOTTO

No winner of our lotto draw 10/12/2021, numbers drawn were 2, 19, 21 & 27. Sellers prize winner Timmy Brosnan. €50 y/t prize winner Denis Hickey Carragaline, €50 to Eillen Murphy East End rathmore, €40 each to Kieran Hourihan Bantry, Joe Reen c/o Pap's Bar & Joan O'Sullivan Limerick. Bonus not won, numbers drawn were 1, 13, 18 & 24. Winner of €200 surplus Mags Cahill Tullig, Spa. Winner of Christmas Hamper Derry Healy Headford. Next week's jackpot €20,000 plus €1,000 bonus, there will also be a draw for another Christmas Hamper.

KILLARNEY COUGARS BASKETBALL

JUVENILE NEWS

Kerry Airport Leagues

U14 Boys

Killarney Cougars 41 Glenbeigh Falcons 45
A great game at the St Brendans College SEM Gym on Wednesday evening, as the visitors just held on for the win in an exciting second half. The Falcons dominated through the opening quarter with Tadgh O'Sullivan impressing with great scores to lead 16-4.

A great second quarter saw Cougars reduce the arrears with great baskets by the excellent Dylan Bowler and Fionn Doyle to reduce the arrears to 22-18 at halftime. The third quarter was basket to basket with Dylan Bowler scoring some great baskets with the Falcons Darragh Duffey also in great shooting form as the quarter ended with the Falcons ahead holding the lead 35-30. Great baskets by Cougars Jack Spillane had just the minimum between the sides entering the closing minutes but the Falcons held out thanks to the good scores of Darragh Duffy well assisted by Tadgh O'Sullivan in a very exciting finish to the game as time just ran out for the Cougars. Best for Cougars were Jack Hallissey, Conor O'Mahony, Jack Spillane and Dylan Bowler.

U13 Girls; St Joseph's 22 Killarney Cougars 21

The Cougars travelled to Duagh early on Sunday morning and an exciting game saw the home team just hold as Cougars came strong after their poor start to the game.

Cougars were in good form following a win last time at home to St Pauls and were unlucky not

to take the win on this occasion. Best for Cougars were Leah O'Sullivan, Na oise O'Connor and Kate Lyons.

U16 Girls;

St Joseph's

57 Killarney

Cougars 46

Cougars travelled to Duagh short a number of regulars on Sunday and a good performance was not enough as the home side took the points in a competitive game. Cougars had good performances from Seodhla Colleran, Lucy O'Sullivan, Anna Whyte, Mia Griffin and Katie O'Driscoll. Top scorers for Cougars Seodhla Colleran 15pts, Lucy O'Sullivan 15pts.

U18 Boys; Glenbeigh Falcons 62 Killarney Cougars 50

An exciting game in Glenbeigh saw the home side take the win in the opening game of the season for both teams. Cougars had good performances on the night from Finn Kennelly, Nathan Cox, Brian O'Connor, and Maks Leon Leon.

SENIOR NEWS

Men's National League Division 1

Waterford Vikings 76 Killarney Cougars 62

The Killarney Cougars made the long journey to Waterford on Saturday evening for the National League Div 1 game v the Vikings and again a slow start on the road proved to be decisive in the game as the Vikings took the win.

Cougars again were forced into changes with further injuries from the last outing and trailed 21-11 at the end of the first Qtr despite a good start missed opportunities to take the lead but despite good three pointers from Conor Flynn & Mark O'Shea it was the home side through Osi Oshiohwemoh and Conor Fenton who were on top as they both shot well to give the home side a deserved lead.

Cougars had a good second qtr to reduce the arrears as the Vikings held the lead 35-27 with three pointers by Jack Lynch and Tommy Bowler saw an improved Cougars just edge the qtr. A similar third qtr saw an improving Cougars to maintain the comeback with hard earned baskets by Andrew Fitzgerald, Peadar Cronin and Justin Tuason with Conor Fenton making some big scores for the home side as Cougars continued to trail 51-44.

The final qtr saw Cougars in foul trouble losing Justin Tuason, Andrew Fitzgerald, Conor Flynn in the closing stages as the Vikings saw the game out as the Cougars challenge faded out in a competitive contest. Next up for the Cougars is a trip to the undefeated League Leaders UCC Demons.

Best for Killarney Cougars on this occasion were Andrew Fitzgerald, Jack Lynch, Peadar Cronin and Conor Flynn.

Kerry Airport Leagues

U13 Girls; St Joseph's 22 Killarney Cougars 21

U18 Boys" Glenbeigh Falcons 62 Killarney



Congratulations to Ryan Mulvaney, originally from Killarney but currently living in Australia who won a charity fight last weekend. Ryan is raising funds for the Let's Help Alexis Fund and you can donate on <https://www.gofundme.com/f/6mbkf-let039s-help-alexis>

Cougars 50

U14 Boys: Killarney Cougars 41 Glenbeigh Falcons 45

U14 Girls: St Joseph's 59 Killarney Cougars 16

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Fixtures

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MINIS

Our minis have our last training session ahead of the Christmas break tomorrow. We will then finish up and return to training on Saturday the 8th of January. So far we have had an action packed season, with many matches against other teams and some really fantastic training sessions. Our kids will take a well earned break after tomorrow's session and with many more matches after Christmas, the second half of the season promises to be very busy indeed. In the meantime, we would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Also a huge than you to all our players for working so hard, we hope Santa comes. Thanks also to our wonderful coaches, for all your trojan efforts so far this season. Last training session for 2021 takes place tomorrow at Aghadoe from 10 am and all welcome.

RESULTS

U16 Girls: Shannon 0 - 30 Killarney

U16 Boys: Killarney 26 - 0 Midleton

U18 Boys: Killarney 10 - 18 Highfield

FIXTURES

U14 Red V Killorglin - Aghadoe, Saturday @ 12:30pm

U14 Black V Abbeyfeale - Aghadoe, Saturday @ 2pm

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Kerry County Council has published the Draft County Development Plan for the period between 2022 and 2028.

The plan sets out how the proper planning and sustainable development of our county can be achieved over the next six years.

It provides a broad framework for the way in which our economy, society, environment, and the use of land in Kerry should evolve over its lifetime in an inclusive, sustainable and progressive way.

The public consultation phase of the process has now begun.

We want to hear from you about what you think of the draft plan, what you think should be included or amended, and how you believe County Kerry should be developed over the next six years.

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ROSS GC - GENTS CLUB -

RESULTS

On Dec 5th we held a shortened 12 hole Champagne Scramble due to the O'Donoghue Cup final. The winners were:- 1. Daniel Cronin, Seamus McCarthy, Rolandas Bendikas. 2. Dominic Rintouil, Ger Flynn, Timmy Kelly, Ned Buckley

FIXTURES

On Sunday Dec 19th we will hold a mixed scramble with a 10 am shotgun start so all participants are asked to be at the Clubhouse at 9.30 am.

SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to the family of the late JJ O'Donoghue R.I.P. and especially to his daughter Pam, Events Manager in the Ross and to his brother Seamus, a playing colleague in the Ross.

PRIZEGIVING

We held a very successful prizegiving for some recent sponsored competitions during the week in the McSweeney Arms. This was a rare but good social evening and the competitions included the McSweeney Arms competition, the Aghadoe Physiotherapy/Darren & Jo Gaffey competition and the Donie Broderick sponsored competition.

Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all our members, their families and to all our sponsors and thanks for your support in 2021.

ROSS GOLF CLUB - LADIES

RESULTS - 6 HOLE CHRISTMAS SCRAMBLE

What a great turnout. Congratulations & well

done to all who played.

The winners were: Áine O'Donoghue, Maureen Crowley, Eileen Fleming

2nd: Mary McCarrick, Noreen O'Mahony, Betty O'Farrell

3rd: Doreen Brosnan, Mary Rose Fell, Lisa Kerfoot

UPCOMING COMPETITION

Mixed Scramble on Sunday 19th December.

Details to follow All Members welcome

Meet and Play

Each Wednesday morning meet at 10.15am for 10.30am. All members welcome.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS: Results of last Sunday's Round 4 event in association with Tim Jones Butchers: Scotch Foursomes- First Nett: Jason O'Brien & Betty O'Brien 41, Gross: John McGrath & Noel Moynihan 48 and Second Nett: Robbie O'Brien Snr & Aidan O'Keefe 42. This Sunday is the final event and will be Team of Three, two scores count each hole. Draws at 9am and 10.45am. Entry €5 per draw.

U16 CHRISTMAS COMPETITION: Thanks to those who took part in our U16 Christmas Scramble (sponsored by Jason O'Connor) last Saturday afternoon as we were delighted to welcome players from Tralee and Listowel to the event as well. Results- Winners: Robbie Harnett, Nathan Cronin, Dara Wickham & Sarah Cox (Listowel) 48, Runners-Up: Joey McCarthy, Ella Moynihan (Tralee) & Bryan O'Leary 50 (B9) and Third: Ben Kelliher, Sophie Moynihan (Tralee),



6 Hole Christmas Scramble at Ross Golf Club
The winners were Áine O'Donoghue Maureen Crowley and Eileen Fleming

Colin Looney & Conor Cox (Listowel) 50. The U16 Club Matchplay is set for Thursday December 23rd as things stand.

DANNY NOLAN MEMORIAL: Scheduled for St Stephens Day once again this year at 10am. 18 Hole Three Ball Scramble. It is a 'bring your own prize' event once more this year.

CONGRATULATIONS: To our club sponsor Patrick O'Sullivan of the Tatler Jack Bar on his election to the position of Kerry GAA Chairman for a second time last week.



Pictured after the Deerpark Pitch & Putt Club U16 Christmas Competition (sponsored by Jason O'Connor) last Saturday were the winning team of Sarah Cox (Listowel), Nathan Cronin, Dara Wickham and Robbie Harnett.



Ross GC - Gents Club Photographed at the presentation of the Christmas Hampers in the Ross GC which were sponsored by the Killarney Race Co are :- (l to r) Larry Daly, Dan Cronin, Seamus McCarthy, Captain, Tony Lenihan, Winner, John Cushkelly, Mike Casey, Brian O'Connor, Timmy Kelly, Mike J Casey, President



All smiles for their family Christmas Photograph The Cremin family from Lissivigeen, Killarney, Ella, Laura and Daniel and with mum and dad Leanne and Paul. Photograph: Sara O'Connor Photography



Looking gorgeous in the matching Christmas PJ's..... Cillian, Leah and Jake Horgan from Rathmore. Picture: Sara O'Connor Photography.



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Managing Director John Healy said "As with all things 'covid 19 related' we had to postpone our 40th year in business celebrations earlier this year. We thought we should mark it before the year end and hopefully we can celebrate properly with our team in 2022".

"My late father Jim Healy started the business in 1981, when he left a secure pensionable job with General Accident Insurance Company.

"I am not sure the title of start-up entrepreneur existed back then but perhaps it should have as Dad took a risk on starting his own business"

The business went from strength to strength over the years, always adapting and evolving and has earned a reputation for professionalism integrity and excellent customer service in all its business dealings.

In 2002, Jim's son John joined the business, having cut his teeth with Church and General (now Allianz) and Hibernian (now Aviva) "Back then I joined our team of two with one shared computer and one quotation engine. Physical rating guides were still a thing, it sounds like a long time ago now".

"We stated to digitise the business immediately moving from a manual paper based system to a fully computerised modern brokerage."

While the business grew organically in Killarney and beyond acquisitions greatly assisted. 2006 saw Healy's acquire Irwin insurances and in 2007 Casey Insurances, one of Kerry's longest established brokers, was acquired.

Both of these investments strengthened the company's position in the marketplace. "This ultimately enabled us to achieve better rates from our insurer partners for the benefit of our customers" John continued.

"It was a really exciting time and to be working alongside dad as we developed strategies for the future"

Healy Insurances has been owned and managed by John & Patricia since 2007. Together with a loyal team, they have developed and expanded the business, investing in the most up to date insurance software and putting an even greater emphasis on efficiency and customer satisfaction.

Unfortunately, Jim Healy passed away suddenly in May 2011, just shy of marking 30 years since he founded his business. "That was a difficult period for sure and once we regrouped we had to look to the future. One of dad's favourite words was "progress"

The past number of years have seen a huge investment by the brokerage, firstly in its cloud based IT system and then its physical office building at 11 New Street.

"We moved our IT infrastructure to the cloud in 2018 which increased our efficiency and productivity greatly and allowed us to pivot with speed to remote working when the pandemic hit. In order to grow the business we extended and renovated our offices in 2019"

Indeed the refurbishment of 11 New Street won the refurbishment award and the overall prize in the Killarney looking good competition for 2019. Healy Insurances were also finalists in the Kerryman Newspaper business awards in 2018, for best family run business.

Today Healy Insurances is supported by a team of eight insurance professionals together with John and Patricia.

"Our model of putting the customer at the heart of our business has resulted in our clients benefiting by saving money on their premiums



Jim Healy

and getting the best advice. We empower our team to make decisions and offer solutions to our customers"

"It's a wonderful milestone to reach 40 years in business. I would like to thank our committed team here for their hard work and dedication and of course to all our loyal customers. We have more plans to drive the business forward over the next number of years. We will continue to provide a top class advice driven service that looks after people and simplifies the insurance journey through innovation and the personal touch"

"Hopefully we will get the opportunity to celebrate with our team early in 2022, I am a firm believer that you should always mark the milestones"

Healy Insurances arranges all forms of General Insurance cover including Motor and Home Insurance, Business Insurance, Property Insurance, Liability Insurance, Professional indemnity Insurance, Motor Trade and cyber liability and other niche products such as lost share indemnities, and legal contingency cover. Together with John (Certified Insurance Practitioner, Diploma in Financial Services Insurance) the team includes Margaret Foley (GF Personal Insurance), Mary Doyle (GF Personal Insurance), Sandra Lucey (APA Personal Insurance), Norma O'Connor (Certified Insurance Practitioner), Vivienne Doyle (APA Personal & Commercial Insurance), Jacqueline Shine (Certified Insurance Practitioner), Clara O'Sullivan (APA Personal Insurances in progress), Monika Figaj (Certified Insurance Practitioner) and Patricia Healy (APA Personal Insurance, BA).

"One of dad's favourite words was 'progress'"



Pictured left to right: Mary Doyle, Margaret Foley, Sandra Lucey, Norma O'Connor and John Healy
Photo: Marie Carroll-O'Sullivan



Pictured left to right: Patricia Healy, Clara O'Sullivan, Jacqueline Shine & Monika Figaj.
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The first Opel Vivaro-e Hydrogen has rolled off the production line and will be available at Ahern's Castleisland.]

It will now begin its emissions-free work, taking pride of place in the fleet of German manufacturer of premium domestic appliances, Miele. Opel CEO, Uwe Hochgeschurtz, and Head of Development, Marcus Lott, were present at the start of series production at Opel's headquarters in Rüsselsheim, Germany. A true pioneer, the Stellantis motoring group is the first manufacturer to put hydrogen light commercial vehicles on the road.

The Vivaro-e HYDROGEN is based on the existing battery electric Opel Vivaro-e, voted the 2021 International Van of the Year. With full tanks of hydrogen, the driving range is more than 400 kilometres (WLTP). The 45 kW fuel cell is capable of generating enough power for continuous highway driving. It takes only three minutes to refuel with hydrogen; about the same time needed to fill up a conventional diesel or petrol vehicle.

The 10.5 kWh lithium-ion battery provides dynamic peak power when required, for example, at start-up and under acceleration. Thanks to smart packaging, the Vivaro-e Hydrogen demands no compromises on space compared to the combustion engine versions, offering up to 5.3 or 6.1 cubic metres of cargo volume. The fuel cell electric LCV is available in lengths M and L (4.95 and 5.30 metres) with up to 1,000KG payload.

Like its battery-electric sibling and those with internal

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With the new Vivaro-e Hydrogen, Opel is continuing its electrification offensive. The Vivaro-e Hydrogen complements the Vivaro-e and the forthcoming Combo-e and Movano-e battery-electric vans, that will come to market in Ireland in early 2022 and will be available at Ahern's Castleisland.





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➤GIFT VOUCHERS

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➤MASTERGEEHA FC

There was no winner of the Jackpot on Friday 10th of December. The numbers drawn were 3,9,10,16. Consolation prizes of €50 each went to Denis O'Connor, Dunrune, Kilcummin. Noreen O'Sullivan, Celbridge, Co. Kildare. Jack Lucey, On line. Chris, Eileen O'Leary. Next draw is next Friday 17th Dec 2021. Jackpot will be €7,000.

Written by: John Moriarty

GLENFLESK

➤CONDOLENCES

Our Community was shocked and saddened as the news came through last Sunday of the unexpected death of J.J. O Donoghue of Clonkeen and Killarney. J.J. was born and reared in Clonkeen Post Office the eldest of a great sporting family, he was an outstanding athlete and footballer. He was on the Glenflesk team that won the U.16 County final in 1969, the first time this competition was held. He was left half forward in 1970 (September 20th) scoring 1.08 in the East Kerry minor final when Glenflesk defeated Gneeveguilla. He also won a Junior County medal in 1970 when Glenflesk defeated Sneem in the final. Condolences to J.J.'s family and may his gentle soul rest in peace.

➤CLUB LOTTO

No winner of Glenflesk Lotto which took place tonight 13/12/2021 in



Glenflesk Hall. Jackpot €6,000. The numbers drawn were 11, 16, 17, 18. There was no winner. Consolation prizes 1. John Smith, Lisbaby 2. Mike O'Shea, Barradubh (Sellers' Prize). 3. Jane Counihan, Crosstown 4. Maureen Healy, Headford. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on 30/12/2021. Jackpot will be €6,000. Thank you to all who support our Lotto and especially to our sellers.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and a healthy 2022.

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RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

➤CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Mass Schedule

The designated Christmas Masses this year will be Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and St Stephen's Day (which is a Sunday). 11 masses in all
Please Note: Booking is required for the following Masses: Christmas Eve Rathmore 6pm, Gneeveguilla 7pm, Knocknagree 7.30pm and also the Christmas Day 9am Mass in Shrone.

We would ask the younger people or neighbours to assist those who may have difficulty with booking, you may also contact the Parish Office for assistance at 064-7761669. The booking portal will be open on the parish website from this Monday Dec 14th at 9pm.

We wish to thank all parishioners for their ongoing support of COVID regulations ... and would just like to highlight there important ones

1. Masks must be worn by all.

2. Please sanitise your hands as you enter the church. 3. In as far as possible do not sit directly behind the person seated in the pew in front of you.

Offertory Collection: Because of Covid we have been unable to pass around the basket to take up the Offertory Collection. The smaller congregations has greatly reduced this collection, and as a consequence has had a big impact on parish finances. From next weekend the Offertory Collection will be placed just inside the door as you enter, we would be extremely grateful if you could make your contribution as you enter. (IBAN: IE02RDRN99106300120299 BIC:RDRNIE21) Millstreet AIB Bank account (IBAN: IE69AIBK93615406950116 BIC:AIBKIE2D)

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Christmas Day Dec 25th 11.30 am Rathmore

Stephen's Day December 26th 11.30am Rathmore

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➤GNEEVEGUILLA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND GNEEVEGUILLA BASKETBALL CLUB

Congratulations of €500 jackpot is Margaret Dillane Well done and thanks for supporting us! had our weekly draw for our Share the Bucket on Friday evening/10/1121. REMEMBER if YOU are not in you can't win https://www.facebook.com/gneeveguilla_a/Draw takes place every Friday eve @ 8:30pm on Facebook live

➤FI XTURES

U20 Football Division 1 Final Rathmore/Kilcummin v Dr. Crokes this Saturday December 18th at Fitzgerald Stadium 1pm.

Munster Junior Club Football Championship at 1-30pm Gneeveguilla v Boherbue Cork this Saturday December 18th at Mallow

➤DENNY MAI OLEARY 7 A SIDE SOCCERTOURNAMENT

Hey guys, it's that time of year again. We missed out last year so hoping to make this year the biggest yet. Quarry park rangers are running the tournament again this year which takes place on the 27th of December. They have decided to half all profits this year with Kerry Hospice. Anyone interested in fielding a team, men's or ladies then message the page or contact mike joe (087) 4450447 or Ian (087) 4660015. All players have to be over the age of 18. Call in on the day to Rathmore Astro or to the bridge bar later on that night to share a story about the great Denny Miah and keep this tradition going. We look forward to seeing you all.

➤RATHMORE LADIES FOOTBALL

A massive thank you to our carol singers; Sarah, Emer, Clodagh, Roisin, Katelyn, Maura, Orla, Grace, Niamh, Laura, Debra, Julie, Maria Siobhan McAuffe, Siobhan Cremin and our very talented musician Antoinette. The ladies braved the elements to support Kerry Hospice and Rathmore LGFA. The singers were most grateful to the family of the late Tony Moynihan, a great Rathmore and Kerry GAA stalwart for coming into killarney to offer their support. A special thank to Daniel O Leary (GoodBoy Coffee Roasters) for suppling all the singers with hot chocolate.

Congratulations to Rathmore ladies and management on their Munster Final title and player of the match Danielle O Leary! Rathmore edged Inch Rovers by a point following a thrilling Munster LGFA senior B final at Mallow on Friday evening. An even encounter saw Player of the Match Danielle O'Leary break free to score the winning point a minute from the end of match final score 1-9 to 11pt

➤TUREENCAHILL TRACTOR RUN in memory of Noreen O'Connor Cronin in aid of the Kerry Hospice Foundation and Comfort for Chemo will take place January 16th starting at Tureencahill community centre registration will start at 11am and the run will start at 1:30pm. Vintage cars and trucks welcome also, hope to see you there. Donations can also made online at https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/11422604_in-memory-of-noreen-o--connor-cronin.html

➤RETIREMENT

From everyone in Rathmore ladies, we congratulate Aislinn Desmond on her retirement from Kerry Ladies Football. Aislinn wore the Kerry jersey with pride for 12 years. Aislinn won Munster medals in 2013, 2015 and 2017, a runners-up medal All-Ireland medal, An All Star in 2015 and made the division 1 and 2 team of the league. We look forward to seeing you continue wearing the red and white of Rathmore Ladies.

By Michael O' Mahony

LISTRY

➤MID KERRY MINOR SHIELD FINAL

Keel/Listry had a one point victory over our neighbours Milltown/Castlemaine in the Mid Kerry Minor Shield Final in Keel Gaa Grounds last Saturday The final score was Keel/Listry 0-08, @milltown_castle 0-07

The man of the match award was presented to Cathal O Donoghue and the Mid Kerry Shield was presented to the captain Shane Evans.

Congratulations to all the players and their coaches, Willie Evans and Ger Foley. Mid Kerry Minor Final V Laune Rangers next weekend of 18th/19th, time, venue tbc.

➤LOTTO RESULTS

Numbers Drawn 10, 18, 22, 24. €100- Caolan Ryan Lahard. €50 x 2 - Ronnie Miller, Faha. Patricia Kelliher, Listry. €25 x 2 - Claudia Looney, Milltown. Maura Kennedy, Ballymalis. Next Sunday Jackpot €3,300. Congratulations to Seamus Scannell, Ballymalis and Iris O'Connell winners of our Christmas Hampers.

➤JUVENILE COACHES 2022

Our juvenile officers are currently in the process of putting coaching teams in place to cater for our ever expanding juvenile groups for 2022.

If you are in a position to help out please contact club coaching officer Mark Curran on 086 108 1835. Please indicate your preferred age group.



Action from the Munster Junior Championship Final MKL Gaels v Ullinahone (Tipperary). Images courtesy of Tom Russell Anois Photography

➤MKL GAELS LGFA MUNSTER FINAL

Well done to MKL Gaels LGFA team and coaches last weekend reaching the Munster Championship Final, especially to Phil Tangney, coach, Niamh Broderick, Lorraine Kennedy, Ciara Tangney and Mairead Lehane. Final Score MKL Gaels 2.5 Mullinahone 3.9

Written by: Anne Sugrue O'Brien



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This festive season brings us so many reasons to be joyful and yet, for many people, this period of time is one that will be challenging to go through. It's easy to get caught up in the "should" of Christmas! I should have all of my family to stay or I should spend the time with them! It should be a "perfect" day with nothing going wrong etc. The uncertainty of current restrictions and the impact that these may have only adds into this stress.

However, no matter what lies ahead and the things that we can't control, one thing we CAN control is how we think about things. We can choose to focus on the joy, the kindness of others, the beauty of this planet, the love of our friends and family. Or, we can choose the opposite.

Keeping well and positive means that you decide what really matters to you and how you will choose to honour that. It means that you may choose to firstly spend time with yourself. That you make sure that you are rested, happy and well. It also means allowing your family to be who they are. You can't change people – only love them.

Give yourself the gift of gratitude this Christmas!
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This week he was prohibited with an old war wound in the lower back which flared up midweek. He was forced to recover and park up his Personal training sessions Wednesday and Friday, under the advice of his sports therapist Stefan Mc Mahon. Despite this Neilus was adamant on sticking to the diet and making up for lost workouts with a clean slate on is plate. He reduced his carbs to compensate for the reduced amount of energy expenditure due to missed training sessions and he stuck to walking and a low impact spinning class instead. After getting clearance from Stefan he plans on returning back to is PTs again on Monday raring for road. It just goes to show that despite a knock back in physical activity you can still go on to reach your gaols provided the diet matches.

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Kate, Anna and Jack Griffin all smiles for the camera as they countdown to Santa's arrival. Picture: Sara O'Connor Photography.

SPA

**>2020 O'DONOGHUE CUP FINAL
SPA 2-9 DR CROKES 3-9**

Spa and Dr Crokes met in the Fitzgerald Stadium on Sunday afternoon in windy, wintry conditions in the deferred 2020 O'Donoghue Cup Final, and although it took a while for the game to pick up pace, it was certainly an exciting finish. Three goals for Crokes in the opening half tipped the scales very much in their favour and made for an uphill battle for Spa, but a strong recovery, especially in the third quarter, brought us to within a kick of the ball.

Crokes were edging towards goal right from the start, their first effort well blocked by James Devane in the opening minute. Spa were first to register a score, Evan Cronin with a free in the fourth minute and we added a second point shortly after, Dan O'Donoghue's shot rolling off the top of the net. Tony Brosnan got Crokes on the board after eight minutes and the first goal came shortly after, James Devane with another great block but Evan Looney was waiting in the wings and collected the rebound and rattled the net. Shortly after, Niall McCarthy called a mark and kicked the third Spa point but Crokes were quickly descending on goal again, this time it was Micheál Burns who raised the green flag. At the first half water break, Spa were trailing 0-3 to 2-1.

Tony Brosnan extended the Crokes advantage before the third goal, David Shaw with a long sprint down the field and his effort bouncing off the left post, flying across the goalmouth, and tipping off the inside of the right post. Ryan O'Carroll and Mike Foley exchanged points with Shaw (2) and at the half time whistle Spa were trailing by 0-5 to 3-4.

Delighted with the return of Liam Kearney for the second half, Spa opened the scoring with a Mike Foley free. Crokes' own sharpshooter Tony Brosnan replied with two to make it 0-6 to 3-6 after just five minutes. Evan Cronin landed a brilliant pass in to Niall McCarthy who quickly split the posts, and Evan himself added another one immediately after. Mike O'Donoghue, just moments after being introduced, made that three points in a row for Spa. In the 46th minute as Spa were again on the attack, Mike Foley landed a stunning shot in to Niall McCarthy who caught, turned and superbly slotted past the Crokes keeper. The water break was called straight after, Spa now in a much better position at 1-9 to 3-6.

On the restart, Mark O'Shea put four between the sides again before Shane Cronin on one of his trademark sprints made it all the way in to the Crokes' 14 yard line and passed to the waiting Liam Kearney, who jumped high and knocked the ball into the back of the Crokes goal. With less than ten minutes remaining, Spa had stepped up to the challenge and now just a point separated the sides, Spa 2-9 Dr Crokes 3-7. Both sides had opportunities to score but it was Jordan Kiely late in the game that put two between the sides. In the final minutes Spa came just inches from goal, Mike Foley landing a pass in to Evan Cronin but Brendan Falvey in the Crokes goal managed to clear it, and Dr Crokes quickly worked the ball forward as Daithí Casey kicked the final point of the day. Unfortunately no injury time was played, the game was called and Dr Crokes were crowned 2020 O'Donoghue Cup champions on a scoreline of Spa 2-9 Dr Crokes 3-9. Congratulations to Dr Crokes on the win. Commiserations to our senior panel and the management team who have done themselves and the club incredibly proud this year, with a lot of football played in the last few months. Wishing all injured players a speedy recovery.

Our thanks to the senior management of Ivor Flynn, Brian Gleeson, Kieran Herlihy, Neilie Kerins and Arthur Fitzgerald for all their work and their commitment to the Spa seniors over the past few years and wish each and every one of them all the best for the future as they step down today.

**>SANTA VISITS
SPA**

Thanks to the Ladies Committee, Marie O'Keeffe and her committee for arranging a well organised Santa visit to Spa on Friday night. Thanks also to Spa Coiste na nOg officers, who helped the



Mr & Mrs Claus called to Spa GAA club over the weekend to collect all the children's letters from the special Christmas postbox

event run smoothly under covid restrictions. Isabel Waters, Niamh Daly, Dani Tangney Kissane and Ciara O'Donoghue were busy elves also. Each child received a gift or treat as they were all on Santa's nice list. Santa and Mrs Claus were on hand the following morning to collect all the letters that the children dropped into our special post box at the clubhouse. Don't worry it's not too late to drop off your letter as Santa will return closer to Christmas to collect the rest. When doing so take a photo and send to Spa Coiste na nOg PRO Anne Holland to 085 7780883 for our social media.

>SPA GAA MERCHANDISE SHOP

The Spa GAA Merchandise Shop (top of the stairs in reception) will be open this Wednesday December 15th from 7-8pm for Christmas orders. This is the LAST night the club shop will be open before Christmas. Any queries contact Mathilda 087 648 7356.

>SPA GAA 2022 CLUB CALENDAR

2022 Spa GAA club calendars on sale now (€10 each) and can be purchased on spagaa.com/shop with click & collect or post options available. They will also be on sale at the clubhouse this Wednesday December 15th between 7-8pm and Friday December 17th between 6-7.30pm. Our thanks to calendar sponsors Igloo Memories & Kerry Physiotherapy Centre. Any queries please contact 085 1216359 or pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie. *Limited stock available*

>WIN A HOUSE WITH KERRY GAA

For the month of December, the Kerry GAA 'Win a House' fundraising committee have teamed up with Down Syndrome Kerry and €5 from all tickets purchased for the draw this month will go to Down Syndrome Kerry. Tickets are on sale from the club (contact any of our club officers or Co Board officer John O'Leary), from the Co. Board office in Tralee or at the Kerry GAA Store in the Killarney Outlet Centre. When entering your details don't forget to mention your club SPA GAA in the 'Additional Information' section as your club could also win up to €1,500. The sooner you purchase a ticket, the more draws you will be included in.

>SPA LOTTO RESULTS 06/12/21

Numbers drawn: 3, 21, 23, 26. No winner and €50 Lucky Dip prizes to Donal O'Doherty, Niamh O'Sullivan, Sean Devane and Teresa Lyne. Annual Ticket Holders monthly draw winner is Sean Devane. Turkey Voucher winners are Rory O'Riordan and Anne Moynihan. Next Monday's jackpot is €5,000 and tickets on sale online on spagaa.com or from Dalys Supervalu, Killarney Hardware, Centra Muckross Rd, Spa clubhouse or from usual sellers. Thank you to everyone for your continued support for our club lotto.

>AGM

Our 2021 Spa GAA Club AGM will take place through zoom on Wednesday December 29th 2021 at 7.30pm. There will be some positions vacant so if anyone would like to get involved with the club for next year please get in touch.

>ITEMS FOR NOTES

Any items for the club notes please contact pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie or 0851216359 before 8pm on Sundays.

Written by: Deirdre O'Sullivan-Darcy



Fionn, Mairead and Elsie Mae O'Sullivan got to meet Santa at the Spa clubhouse on Friday night



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MINOR TEAM

Our Milltown/Castlemaine Minor U17 side missed out by the narrowest of margins against Keel/Listry in the Shield Final on Saturday morning. In a well contested game the two teams battled the elements and were separated by just a single point at full-time.

The final score Milltown/Castlemaine U17 0-07 v 0-08 Keel/Listry.

Well done to the whole minor panel and their coaches for all their hard work throughout the year and best wishes to the players moving up in age group next year as well as the players remaining minor for 2022.

Thank you very much to the hard working coaching team Stephen, Cathal and all who helped out throughout the year. Thank you to all the Covid supervisors, the parents of the players for their incredible support and to the parent's who kept us all up to date with scores during the games.

A big thank you also to Ross Building also for kindly sponsoring the minor teams club gear earlier this year.

CLUB COFFEE SHOP OPEN

Mondays 7.30-8.30pm. Don't forget the club coffee shop will be open on Monday evenings why not come along and enjoy a stroll and a chat with a chance to support our club coffee shop too. The lights will be on in training pitch, if any of our juvenile players would like to practice their skills while you walk.

Thank you all sincerely for your continued support, all proceeds from our club coffee shop go towards the day to day running of our Milltown/Castlemaine GAA Club.

Thank you to Mid Kerry Veterinary Centre sponsors of our Walkway & Foleys Spar, Milltown sponsors of our Social Area.

PARISH DRAW

It's that time of year again and the entry forms for the Annual Fundraising Parish Draw have been delivered throughout the area. If you did not receive one last year and wish to be added to the list for delivery please contact Father Danny Broderick or call the office during opening hours. You could be in with a chance to win one of the fantastic cash prizes, heating oil voucher or hampers above.

Tickets can also be picked up in the sacristy after mass and completed tickets can be dropped to James Arthurs Shop (Murphy's Food-store), the Parish Office Post Box, to Father Danny Broderick at 18 Ballyoughtragh Heights or into the collection plate at mass. The draw will take place on the 19th of December after mass and Father Danny Broderick and his team would like to thank everyone sincerely for their generous and continued support.

Parish Office: Sacred Heart Church, Milltown, Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday from 9.30-12.30. Contact the office on 066-9767312 or contact Father Danny Broderick on (087) 9061255

MKL GAELS

Well done to the players and coaching team of the MKL Senior Ladies Team who created history in the past few weeks making their way



Willie Evans, Keel and Ger Foley, Listry trainers, with Keel/Listry Minor winners of Mid Kerry Shield Final last weekend.

to the Junior A Munster Championship Final. A fantastic feat which the whole club can be proud of.

It was not to be on the day as Mullinahone Ladies (Tipperary) ran out winners on a windy day in Mallow but that is not to take from the fantastic effort and wonderful journey the team went on to make it to the final.

Just a couple of weeks ago we at Milltown/Castlemaine GAA had the pleasure of hosting the MKL Senior Teams, Munster Semi Final on a fantastic occasion for MKL Gaels and for all of us at Paddy Burke Memorial Park.

We hope the players and coaches from MKL Gaels enjoy a well deserved rest over the Christmas and are ready to go again in 2022.

MID KERRY CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

Everyone at Milltown/Castlemaine GAA Club was very proud to host the Mid Kerry Final this past weekend as Beaufort took on Laune Rangers in the decider.

A big congratulations to Beaufort in claiming the Michael O'Connor Memorial Cup and commiserations to Laune Rangers who played their part in a good game despite the strong winds.

In the post match speeches that took place in the brand new 276 seater stand it was wonderful to hear the kind comments from the Mid Kerry Board and Beaufort Captains about the fantastic facilities at Paddy Burke Memorial Park. We thank them for their kind words and thank all our club members for continuing to support our development project.

A huge thank you to the incredible group of volunteers who helped out in so many ways for today's final. With the work starting early in the week to get ready for the big occasion and the outstanding stewardship of today's event, we thank you all sincerely for your hard work.

OPERATION TRANSFORMATION

The year has not finished but we are looking towards the new one and hoping to create a team at our club for Operation Transformation in January. At the moment we are looking for anyone interested in helping to organise our clubs OT efforts? Please contact Danny on 087 653 6631 if you are interested.

FOSSA GAA CLUB

ALL-STARs



Cathal O'Donoghue Listry, Man of the Match Award.

What a night last Friday was for Paudie, David and the Clifford family when the two Fossa players won an All-star a very proud moment for the club and family congratulations from all at the club.

UNDERDOGS:

Congratulations to Erica McGlynn on making the first 15 of the underdogs team and playing very well a great experience and one that will lead to more good things in the future.

LOTTO:

2,3,12,24. €40 WINNERS GAVIN MILLER, FAHA; MAUREEN MCCORMICK, CURRAGH; FIONN NAUGHTON, CURRAGH; GARY MCCORMICK, CURRAGH; FIONA WHELTON, PALLAS. MEAT VCHRS: MICK MYERS, BARLEYMOUNT; PAUDIE GRIFFIN, NUNSTOWN. Next weeks lotto jackpot €7,100.00

Tickets on sale from Foleys Spar Fossa, the golden Nugget and usual sellers thanks for playing.

DRAW FOR HAMPER NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT.

AGM:

Thanks to all who attended last Sunday's AGM, a huge thanks to all out going officers and welcome a board to all new officers.

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Sunday in tricky wind conditions it was Spa that made the most of the early opportunities with points from Evan Cronin (f) and Dan O Donoghue from play inside the first four minutes.

Tony Brosnan then pointed from a free to open the scoring for Dr Crokes before Evan Looney goaled on the rebound after James Divane saved Tony Brosnan's initial strike on goal.

Niall Mc Carthy then pointed for Spa before Mícheál Burns finished to the net for Dr Crokes to leave the score 2-1 to 0-03 in favour of Dr Crokes at the water break.

On the resumption Tony Brosnan added a point from a free before Man of the Match David Shaw fired a stunning goal to the Spa net after a fine run from deep.

The sides then traded scores, two points from Spa's Ryan O Carroll and a Mike Foley free. Dr Crokes replied with two fine efforts from David Shaw.

The Half time score read Dr Crokes 3.03 v Spa 0-05

The start of the second half saw the sides trade frees with Tony Brosnan and Mike Foley swapping points.

Tony Brosnan then added a a fine score off his right foot.

The introduction of Liam Kearney at midfield at half time was now making a big difference to Spa who began to take the game to their opponents, picking off points from Niall Mc Carthy, Evan Cronin and an immediate snapshot point from substitute Mike 'Stam' O Donoghue.

A game that once seemed to be drifting away from Spa suddenly changed as Niall Mc Carthy fielded a high ball and swiveled to crash a fine goal to the Dr Crokes net. It was now a one score game at the second water break.

Dr Crokes midfielder Mark O Shea opened the scoring in the final quarter, before Liam Kearney finished to the net for Spa, completing a fine move with a fisted effort to leave a point between the sides.

Dr Crokes substitute Jordan Kiely added a fine score from play before Spa went for one last shot at glory, again a high ball was played in and added to, before Dr Crokes goalkeeper Brendan Falvey emerged with the ball safely in hand.

Dr Crokes went on a last attack and raised a white flag from Dáithí Casey to ensure a 31st Dr O Donoghue Cup title for the famous Black and Amber.

Scorers for Dr Crokes: D Shaw (1-2), T Brosnan (0-4, 3f), E Looney and M Burns (1-0 each), M O'Shea, J Kiely and D Casey (0-1 each).

Scorers for Spa: N McCarthy (1-2, 1m), L Kearney (1-0), E Cronin and M Foley (0-2, 2f each), D O'Donoghue, R Carroll and M O'Donoghue (0-1 each).

Referee: E Walsh (Rathmore).

After the game Johnny Brosnan chairman of East Kerry Board presented O Donoghue Cup to Gavin White Dr crokes captain also presented sponsor Dr O'Donoghue cup Finola Spillane and Fr Paddy O'Donoghue & Mick Sillane & Patrick O'Donoghue of Gleneagle Hotel & Aquila and David Shaw Dr crokes was presented man of match award memory of late Jimmy O'Brien

present was Ann O'Brien & Jim O'BRIEN, man of match award plaque sponsored by Tom Tobin Killarney Medals & Trophies

24 page programme provided for O'Donoghue Cup Final with lots of articles & information are still available from Michael O'Mahony East Kerry GAABoard PRO 0876676817.

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to Colm Cooper who married Ceitilis Ni Bheaglaoich of Dingle Gaelacht who were married Saturday last we wish both them happy life together.

FIXTURES

U20 Football Division 1 Final Rathmore/Kilcummin v Dr. Crokes this Saturday December 18th at Fitzgerald Stadium 1pm.

Munster Junior Club Football Championship at 1-30pm Gneeveguilla v Boherbue Cork this Saturday December 18th at Mallow. Best of luck to Gneeveguilla on Saturday

CONGRATULATIONS

Rathmore Ladies Munster B Club Champions Kerry Ladies Gaelic Football Munster LGFA

ALL STARS

Here are the PwC Ireland Football All-Star Congratulations to David Clifford, Paudie Clifford,, Tom O'Sullivan, PwCAIStars

BEST WISHES

We wish Aislinn Desmond Rathmore the very best of luck on her retirement from the Kerry Senior Ladies Football team. Aislinn begun her career vs Dublin in 2009.

Her achievements include : 3 Munster medals in 2013, 2015 and 2017, Runners-up medal All-Ireland medal, An All Star in 2015 and made the division 1 and 2 National Football league teams. We look forward to following Aislinn on her club career with Rathmore for many years to go.

LEGION GAA

MOTHER'S AND OTHERS

Mother's and Others have wrapped up outdoor training for the year. Congratulations to all members for committing to training and matches in 2021. Well done to coach Mairead O Donoghue and co-ordinator Blaithe Stack for growing the team year on year.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

Why not surprise someone with a yearly Killarney Legion Lotto Ticket for €100. Visit our website legiongaa.com to purchase.

LOTTO

Numbers 2 14 20 25 bonus 28. No winner. Match 3 lucky dip: John Mangan, 19 Ardshanavooly; Broghan + Jayden McCarthy, Gneeveguilla; Paul McEnteggar, 6 Ashgrove Furies; Diarmuid Kearney, Ballybeg; Kathleen McCarthy, 9 O'Sullivan's Place

BALLYHAR-FIRIES GAA

LOTTO

Numbers drawn: 13, 24, 25, 27. No winners. 5x€30: Patricia Riordan, The Castle, Furies; Katie Doe, Furies; Furies Ladies; Stephen Daly, Swinemount; Donie Casey, Furies. Next weeks jackpot €7500

Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket and don't forget to get one for next week!!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO KATIE DOE who has been selected for the Kerry U16 Girls team for 2022.

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OUTLOOK BASKETBALL

LOCAL BASKETBALL CONTINUES ACROSS ALL THE DIVISIONS

St Paul's u17's undefeated in Division 1:

In the Kerry Airport Kerry Area Basketball Board's 17's Boys Division 1 St Paul's boys made it 5 wins from 5 following a 72-67 points win over St Brendan's Tralee. This game showed the class of both sides and was end to end from the start. After a cracking and high scoring first half St Paul's led 39-27.

St Brendan's put in a huge third quarter and outscored the Killarney side 28 points to 11 and therefore went into the final quarter 5 points up. St Paul's upped their defence and benefited from a number of steals to overturn that gap and win by 5 themselves 72-67. For St Paul's Jamie O'Sullivan hit 18 points followed by Aaron O'Sullivan on 16 and Ben Flavin on 14.

St Paul's Division 2 side go down to Kenmare Kestrels:

In the u18 Division 1 & 2 Boys in the Kilcummin hall Kenmare Kestrels were 64-57 winners over St Paul's Division 2 side. There was nothing between the sides throughout the game with St Paul's leading by 5 going into the last quarter. By the Kestrels were able to just turn this around and win by 64-57 at the buzzer. Mark Sheehan ended with 28 points for St Paul's with Brian O'Sullivan on 16 and Oisín Spring on 13.

Falcons just get past Cougars:

In the u14's Boys Division 2 it was Glenbeigh Falcons who took a four point win over TK Cougars in the St Brendan's Gym.

The Falcons, led by Tadhg O'Sullivan, had the better of the opening quarter leading 16-4. The Cougars had an excellent second quarter on offence with Dylan Bowler and Fionn Doyle leading the scoring and they reduced the gap to 4 at the half 22-18.

Both sides went basket for basket in the third quarter with Bowler for Cougars and Darragh Duffy for Kestrels to the four and the Kenmare side led by 5 going into the final quarter.

When Jack Spillane got Cougars to within a basket it was game on but scores from Duffy assisted by Tadhg O'Sullivan saw the visitors holding on to win.

Gneeveguilla's third quarter sees them take the win:

The u16's Girls Division 2 game played in Rathmore saw Gneeveguilla just get the better of TK Vixens 57-48 thanks mainly to a strong third quarter.

The first quarter was very tight with the Vixens leading 12-11 and this continued in the second when Gneeveguilla moved three in front 26-23. They added on 18 to the Vixens 9 in the third quarter that set them up for the win.

For Gneeveguilla Katelyn O'Leary led the scoring on 14 followed by Leah Murphy on 13 and Ava Fitzgerald with 6. For the Vixens Rebecca Collins ended with 17, Katie Byrne on 13 and Sara Morrissey with 12.

Sparks fly as Wildcats fall:

In the u12 Girls Division 3 Group A Ballybunion Wildcats were first out of the blocks but St Colman's Sparks took over for the second part of the first quarter and were 14-3 up at the break. The girls kept playing high quality offence and were 24-9 ahead at the half despite the Wildcats

battling for every ball. It was 32-13 at the end of the third and with some very strong defence by Emily Quirke and Eimile Clarke, keeping their opponents scoreless, they went on to take the win. For St Colman's Sparks Leah McCarthy hit 16, Aisling Quirke 10 and Katie Bell 6.

Wins:

Ballybunion Wildcats u12

Boys have their opening

win of the season as they defeated TK Vixens 16-11. In the u14's T2 Tralee Imperials defeated St Colman's Flames 35-18. The St Paul's u16 Girls defeated St Brendan's for their first win of the season. Kenmare Kestrels defeated St Paul's Killarney 64-57 in the u18 boys.

TEAM GARVEY'S WIN IN THRILLER

Team Garvey's St. Mary's secured their second win of the season in a thriller of a game against I.T. Carlow on Sunday. The girls lined for the second time this season without an American but certainly proved that the local talent was up for the challenge.

Good defence set them up for a strong start, the home-side won some great rebounds and as the clock ran down Emma Sherwood made a great run to score. This was followed by a score on the buzzer from Niamh Ní Conchúir saw the quarter end with Team Garvey's holding a 14 to seven lead.

The early part of the second quarter saw Carlow have a lot of possession, Team Garvey's got into foul trouble early in the period and this cost them but Carlow did not always convert from the line. The visitors reduced the gap but a drive from Paris McCarthy, who had an outstanding game, gave Garvey's the edge again. Another big performer, Lorraine Scanlon sunk a basket and bonus which was followed by a big three from McCarthy and two sets of faultless free throws kept Garvey's in touch while I.T. Carlow's Ava Coogan Laura La Plant and Alyssa Velles brought their side into the game. Team Garvey's Rheanne O'Shea came into her own in this quarter winning a lot of ball and converting. The half time score was 47 points to 45 in favour of the Team Garvey's.

Carlow were strong in the third quarter. Megan Dunne, Lucy Coogan and Alyssa Velles were all on target for the visitors but Team Garvey's Lorraine Scanlon, Deirdre Geaney and Meabh Barry continued to work hard under the boards. Carlow led by two with three minutes remaining in the quarter but Emma Sherwood, Rheanne O'Shea and Denise Dunlea stepped up to see the Castleisland side hold a two point lead going into the final 10 minutes.

Baskets were exchanged throughout the final quarter and this led to a thrilling final few minutes of play. A brilliant check from Denise Dunlea prevented Carlow from scoring and the ball went into the possession of St. Mary's. Emma Sherwood was fouled and sent to the line



Team Garvey's Denise Dunlea looks to make the pass while being closely guarded by I.T. Carlow's Hollie Dunne.

where she made one from two to put her side up by two points. It was possession for Carlow but they failed to register a score and Team Garvey's regained possession with just seven seconds remaining. They attempted to hold possession but a long pass resulted in the ball hitting the rim of the board and Carlow won the ball, once again they failed to hit the target but did get fouled and went to the line and made one leaving the score at 62 points to 61. A foul sent Deirdre Geaney to the line with just three seconds on the clock, she made one leaving no time for Carlow to attempt to level.

Final Score: Team Garvey's St. Mary's 63

I.T. Carlow 61

Team Garvey's play The Address Glanmire on Saturday next, December 18th the game tips off in Castleisland at 6.15pm

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When Jamie O Sullivan netted a basket to put the Lakers 56 to 45 points ahead in the early stages of the third quarter it looked like a home win was in the offing at the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre last night. Inspired by the promptings of home debutant Godwin Boahen, Scotts Lakers St Pauls had strung together their best half of basketball this season and despite facing the top scorer in the League in Limerick Sport Eagles Manny Payton they found themselves in a winning position.

The story of the opening half was the sizzling display of Boahen, who helped himself to 22 points, the outstanding defence typified by



Rheanne O'Shea who was top scorer with 15 points for Team Garvey's at Sunday's SuperLeague game in Castleisland.

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OUTLOOK **BASKETBALL**

David Gleeson, the resilience of Paul Clarke and the athleticism of Rui Saravia. Emilian Grudov wasn't shy in his contribution either, chipping in for 12 first half points and all these ingredients saw the Lakers take a 20-15 first quarter lead. Payton, at this juncture, seemed to be the Eagles sole symbol of defiance but things took a turn for the worst for Payton as he had to sit out the majority of the second quarter with what looked like a groin injury. With Jack Coyne also in sick bay the odds on a Lakers win shortened. Reece Barry climbed off the bench to keep the Eagles in touch with 9 nine points while the bustling Ronan Cregan proved a bit of a handful. But the Lakers still held sway at half time leading 46 to 38.

The third quarter started off in even fashion with Godwin, Saravia, O Sullivan and Grudov all finding the mark but the re introduction of Payton and Cregan saw the momentum swing violently in the Eagles favour. With Boahen taking a break on the bench the Eagles took control and turned an 11 point deficit into a 2 point lead, 60-58.

The fourth quarter saw the Eagles continue to soar and they stretched out their lead to 10 points, 72-62, and it looked as the Lakers had lost their moment. But cue the arrival of Senan O Leary, who nailed 2 big three pointers in succession, and this served to put the wind back into the Lakers sails as Boahen, Saravia and Grudov cut the gap to one, 76-75, with just two minutes to go. But up stepped Manny Payton, not for the first time, and he scored his sides last 9 points and try as Boahen and Co. did, they couldn't clip the Eagles wings. Payton's 39 point contribution helped the Eagles to a 85-78 win.

Coach Adrian Flynn, standing in for the ill Jarlath Lee, will have been proud of his sides battling qualities as they never threw in the towel and the contributions of David Gleeson, on his home debut, and Lorcan Keane will have given the squad a huge boost. New signing Godwin Boahen displayed some mesmeric speed and control and he brought out the best in his teammates with his quick transition from defence. There's no doubt the Lakers are getting closer to a consistency in their performances at both ends of the court and they can look forward to the visit of Limerick Celtics to the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre next weekend. Another plus from the evening was the home support who gave the team great encouragement throughout the night and make no mistake about it, it's definitely worth a few baskets to this young side, all of whom are under the age of 24.

Enda Walshe spoke with new signing and Lakers top scorer Godwin Boahen after the game.

"I thought we played well for the most part, we just have to reduce the silly mistakes. I loved my battle with Manny (Payton) which was electric. I think with a couple more practices together we will be better. I'm still kinda learning my teammates strengths and weaknesses. Learning where and when they like the ball and how to just in-still confidence in them.

I also want to say a big thank you to the Scott's Lakers St Pauls staff and fanbase, the ones that showed up and the ones that supported from home. The atmosphere was amazing and fun to play in."

Top scorers on the night were Godwin Boahen (34), Emilian Grudov (20), Rui Saravia (11), Senan O Leary (8), Jamie O Sullivan (4).

For Limerick Sport Eagles Payton had a game high 39, Reece Barry and Daniel Ajuka had 10 each and Alan Cregan had 9.

The next assignment for the Lakers comes this Saturday December 18th as they will look to avenge the opening day defeat to the Limerick Celtics. Celtics come with a strong hand with the likes of Andre Wolford, Rafael Martinez, Roger Sanahula and the evergreen former Gaelic Football great John Galvin in their ranks. Their form has stumbled in recent weeks with a cup defeat to the Sligo All Stars and a more recent league loss to UCC Blue Demons. But on their day they are a handful for anyone, so they will provide the Lakers with a stern examination. Tip off in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre is 7.30 and as usual all Covid safety measures will be in place.

WARRIORS STAR STRUCK IN BELFAST

InsureMyVan.ie Men's Super League 2021/2022 – Round 7

Belfast Star 94 Garvey's Tralee Warriors 85

Garvey's Tralee Warriors suffered their second defeat of the season as they succumbed to the challenge of Belfast Star by 94-85 at the De La Salle College in Belfast on Saturday evening.

The home side were into their stride first with Johnny Foulds, Conor Ryan, Austin Beech and Max Cooper on the mark before the Warriors hit scores with two threes from Fergal O'Sullivan and from inside through Ron Elksnis and a selection of efforts from Aaron Calixte. Belfast pushed ahead late on in the quarter with Cooper and Paddy McGaharan in range and

despite a couple of major scores from Daniel Jokubaitis and Brandon Cotton, Belfast led by 28-22 at quarter time.

Brandon Cotton cut the gap early in the second but James Claar hit four scores in row to maintain Belfast's advantage. Calixte was again the go to man for the Warriors and the point guard obliged with scores from outside, inside and the free throw line kept the Warriors in touch. But Belfast kept the Warriors at arm's length through Ryan, Foulds and Claar as they took a 45-38 lead to the long break.

Warriors captain Fergal O'Sullivan fired in from distance early in the third and when Jokubaitis and Calixte took his lead to follow suit the visitors were very much back in the game. However Belfast were finding scores when they needed them and Austin Beech and Conor Ryan combined to keep their lead intact. Back to back scores from Elksnis and another from Keelan Crowe edged the Warriors to within single figures but Cooper and Claar ensured that Belfast would lead by 69-55 at the end of the third.

The Warriors needed to dig deep early in the final quarter, and to their credit that is exactly what they did, with Steven Bowler opening his account before Calixte found scores either side of three from Crowe and two outside scores from Jokubaitis, and suddenly the gap was down to just 5. However a three from Foulds steadied the ship for the hosts, and with Cooper and Beech in fine form late on, Belfast reestablished their double digit lead. Jokubaitis hit the final three of the night and added from inside along with another from Calixte but it was too little too late as Belfast secured a nine point win by 94-85 in the end.

Top scorers: Belfast Star: Max Cooper 29, James Claar 14, Austin Beech 14

Garvey's Tralee Warriors: Aaron Calixte 25, Daniel Jokubaitis 21, Fergal O'Sullivan 9

Next up for the Warriors is a home tie with great rivals UCD Marian at the Tralee Sports Complex in what is the last game of 2021. Tip off at the home of the Warriors on Saturday night is 7.30pm.



Scott's Lakers St Pauls team who played Limerick Sport Eagles last Saturday night in the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre. Front Row: Daniel Carroll, Mark Sheehan, Senan O Leary, Lorcan Keane, Godwin Boahen. Back Row: Paul Clarke, Emilian Grudov, Rui Saravia, Jamie O Sullivan, David Gleeson.



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JIMMY O'SULLIVAN-DARCY

takes a look at all things sport...

CROKES CROWNED O'DONOGHUE CUP CHAMPIONS

O'Donoghue Cup Final:

Dr. Crokes 3-9 Spa 2-9

At times this year Dr. Crokes' status among the elite clubs in Kerry was under severe threat. Killarney Legion were the reigning O'Donoghue up champions. East Kerry had taken over as kingpins of the County Championship. The Club Championship, traditionally not a particularly happy hunting ground, started off well with a convincing win over Spa, but turned into disaster and they ended up in relegation. A good run in the County Championship settled them – in fact they were very, very unlucky to lose the semi-final by a single point – and a superb Relegation Final display against their closest rivals Legion and a East Kerry Semi-Final win over a very good Rathmore team sent out the message that Crokes were and ready to take back the Dr. Paddy Cup.

Not that Spa had any reason to baulk. They had fought Crokes to a draw in an outstanding county league game (the winners would have reached a league final). They won the Intermediate, having knocked on the door for so long. Crokes handed them a stinging lesson in the Club Championship, but Spa went on to beat Kenmare and draw with Templeogue. They bowed out in the first round of the County Championship to Legion – there was hardly a kick of a ball between the teams, and were steadily impressive in the O'Donoghue Cup. There was always going to be plenty of respect, but no fear, in the Stadium last Sunday.

There was also plenty of wind and rain, not unexpected at this time of year, and both sides deserve credit for serving up some scintillating, free-flowing football in the circumstances. Eddie Walsh helped with sensible refereeing; contests were full-blooded but honest.

Crokes served notice early on of their

intentions, with James Devane having to react fast to deny them a goal at the very start. It was Spa who opened the scoring, though, as Evan Cronin slotted a free and Dan O'Donoghue sent a great effort over. Tony Brosnan was already looking dangerous, and he curled over to open Dr. Crokes' account. In the 11th minute James Devane made another great save to deny David Shaw (he was absolutely immense), but this time it was deflected into the path of Evan Looney, who made no mistake (Looney has been a real find for Dr. Crokes, having only debuted at senior this year). 1-1 to 0-2.

Niall McCarthy, who had a great game, claimed a mark to trim the gap, but Micheál Burns burst in on the Spa goal and made no mistake to raise another green flag. Spa trailed by 2-1 to 0-3 at the water break despite having played well, and things looked ominous for them. Unfortunately from their perspective, things were only going to get worse. Tony Brosnan slotted over another point before Dr. Crokes unlocked the Spa defence with some really good inter-passing, with David Shaw producing a powerful finish. The impressive Ryan Carroll and Michael Foley pointed for Spa, but David Shaw was in top form here and split the posts twice.

Half-time Dr. Crokes 3-4 Spa 0-5

Spa sprang a surprise with the introduction of Liam Kearney for the second half, and he was outstanding in turning the tide, especially after Johnny Buckley departed. Michael Foley nailed a free, but it seemed of little moment as Tony Brosnan kicked two to take the lead to nine points. The Crokes of old would always press on with that lead, patiently playing the gaps as their opponents came at them, and picking off scores and there to snuff out any resurgence. However, holding a big lead has been somewhat of an achilles heel for Crokes in the last year or two, most notably this year against Kenmare and Rahillys.

Whether that influenced Spa or not, they certainly never despaired; in fact they rose

their game admirably. Evan Cronin's superb pass into Niall McCarthy yielded a point, and Cronin quickly added another himself. The introduction of the talismanic Mike 'Stam' O'Donoghue after a long injury lay-off was another surprise, and he kicked a great point. A brilliant goal by Niall McCarthy meant that the gap was down to just three points. Mark O'Shea finally scored for Crokes, but you couldn't help getting the impression that their four point lead was vulnerable. In the 51st minute a trademark surge forward by Shane Cronin saw him slip it across to Liam Kearney to finish to the net. One point game....the fat was definitely sizzling on the pan now!

Jordan Kiely kicked a crucial point to extend the lead. There was high drama, though, as Michael Foley landed a great pass into Evan Cronin, but goalkeeper Brendan Falvey reacted superbly to clear his lines and Crokes worked it down the field, with Daithí Casey kicking the last score of the game. Spa could, perhaps, feel slightly aggrieved at the lack of any injury time, but the simple truth is that they couldn't begrudge the deserving champions. Kieran O'Leary joins Colm Cooper (who was on the sideline just the day after his wedding – sorry, Ceitilís, but it's in his blood!) and Eoin Brosnan with 11 medals, while John Payne, Mike Moloney, Johnny Buckley and Brian Looney join club legend Jackie Looney with 10.

Spa, in contrast, have to go all the way back to 1989 for their last title. On the quality of this showing, it will not be as long again. The management team of Ivor Flynn, Brian Gleeson, Kieran Herlihy, Neilie Kerins, and Arthur Fitzgerald stepped down shortly afterwards – they have bequeathed a rich legacy.

Dr. Crokes: Brendan Falvey, John Payne, David Naughton, Fionn Fitzgerald, Mark Cooper, Gavin White, Evan Looney (1-0), Mark O'Shea (0-1) Johnny Buckley, Gavin O'Shea, Micheál Burns (1-0), Brian Looney, Tony Brosnan (0-4, 3f), David Shaw (1-2, 1f), Kieran O'Leary. Subs:



Captain Gavin White and Man of the Match David Shaw pictured with sponsors of the O'Donoghue Cup on Sunday at Fitzgerald Stadium. Picture: Tatyana McGough Fitzgerald Stadium PR



Pictured with their sons... future Dr. Crokes stars... Mike Moloney and Kieran O'Leary. Picture: Tatyana McGough Fitzgerald Stadium PR



A big smile for the camera at the Dr. Crokes v Spa O'Donoghue Cup Final. icture: Tatyana McGough Fitzgerald Stadium PR



Daithí Casey 0-1 (for Johnny Buckley, 36 mins), **Jordan Kiely 0-1** (for Mark Cooper, 36) mins), **Mike Moloney** (for David Naughton, 47 mins), **Mikey Potts** (for Gavin O'Shea, 60 mins).

Spa: James Devane, Brian Lynch, Eoin Fitzgerald, Shane Lynch, Shane Cronin, Dan O'Donoghue (0-1), Ryan O'Carroll (0-1), Ciaran Spillane, Gary Vaughan, Niall O'Mahony, Michael Foley (0-2), Dara Moynihan, Niall McCarthy (1-2), Evan Cronin (0-2), Cian Tobin. Subs: Liam Kearney 1-0 (for Niall O'Mahony, half-time), Mike O'Donoghue 0-1 (for Cian Tobin, 43 mins)

Referee: Eddie Walsh (Rathmore)

BEAUFORT BRILLIANCE SNARES MID KERRY CROWN

Mid Kerry Final:

Beaufort 1-11 Laune Rangers 0-9

Milltown/Castlemaine were the hosts, and did an incredible job. One has to praise the Mid Kerry Board for donating all proceeds of the match programme (just €2!) to the Mental Health Association – a lovely touch that captures the essence of the GAA's communal ethos.

Beaufort had a very, very strong wind behind them at the start, and it didn't take long for Jack O'Connor to slot over a free. Fichra Clifford, however, replied in kind very quickly. Beaufort, understandably, had most of the ball, but that wind wasn't kind to attacking football, frequently over-carrying. Fergal Hallissey and O'Connor again did extend the lead, but Fiachra Clifford pulled one back. A foul on powerhouse Mike Breen saw O'Connor make it 0-4 to 0-2 at the water break. A great move almost saw Seán O'Brien in on the Laune rangers' goal, but he couldn't quite connect. Jack O'Connor did slot another free, but John Tyther for Laune Rangers cancelled that. Shortly before the break, Jack O'Connor kicked Beaufort's first score from play – testament to the conditions, rather than anyone's ability.

Beaufort led by 0-6 to 0-3 at half-time, and I certainly didn't think it would be enough. A lively Gearóid Hassett cut the gap to two, and it looked ominous. However, Beaufort had pulled a surprise by bringing on Liam Carey, who had been out injured. I know that the modern mantra is for workrate from the forwards – to me, you need proven scorers like Kenmare's O'Shea, Templenoe's Spillane, Dr. Crokes' Brosnan, Rahilly's Savage, Churchill's Parker, Clifford of course with Fossa....or Beaufort's Carey. The trojan Pádraig Doona set up Mike

Breen for great score and that seemed to loosen the floodgates as Carey smoothly slotted over two points. Seán Arthurs won a free converted by Fergal Hallissey, and suddenly the gap between them was a gulf. It was almost game over when Beaufort opened up a goal chance, but an unfortunate slip at the crucial moment allowed Laune Rangers escape.

At 0-10 to 0-4 down in a game where scores were hard to come by, though, you wouldn't give much for their young team's chance of a comeback. It's Laune Rangers, though – one thing no-one could question is their heart. Back they came, Daire Cleary picking out John Tyther for a great score, and Tyther added another straight after. Then came the coup de grace, as man of the match Pádraig Doona picked out Seán O'Brien in a well-worked move and the Kerry starlet made no mistake.

Jack O'Connor pointed a free just after the water break and there was a sense of inevitability about it. Laune Rangers never threw in the towel, with Oisín Daly and Peter Crowley clipping over points. However, their frantic urgency came at a price, with Shane McSweeney and Peter Crowley both getting red cards. Gearóid Hassett did kick a late score, but it was to no avail as Beaufort supporters were already celebrating. After the disappointment of losing two Intermediate Finals in one year, one can hardly blame them!

Beaufort: Seán Coffey, Ger Hartnett, Seán Kelliher, Kieran O'Sullivan, Ethan Coffey, Mike Breen (0-1), Seán O'Brien (1-0), Nathan Breen, Ronan Murphy, Fergal Hallissey (0-2, 2f), Pádraig Doona, Ciarán Dennehy, Danny Healy, Jack O'Connor (0-6, 5f), Kieran Dennehy. Subs Jonathan Kissane (for Danny Healy, 17 mins), Liam Carey 0-2 (for Kieran Dennehy, 27 mins), Kieran Dennehy (for Ciarán Kennedy, 36 mins), Ian McGillicuddy (for Ronan Murphy, 59 mins) **Laune Rangers:** Jason Browne, Seán Cleary, Seán Arthurs, Oisín Daly (0-1), Shane McSweeney, Kieran Crowley, Darragh O'Connor, Shane Daly, Peter Crowley (0-1), Eoin Clifford, Fiachra Clifford (0-2, 1f), Shane Doona, John Tyther (0-3, 1f), Kieran Doona, Gearóid Hassett (0-2). Subs Daire Cleary (for Kieran Doona, 38 mins), Mark O'Connor (for Oisín Daly, 53 mins)

Referee: Pádraig O'Sullivan (Firies)

MUNSTER LADIES FINALS

Rathmore Triumph in Thrilling Battle

Munster Junior Final: Rathmore 1-9 Inch

Rovers 0-11

Rathmore had to dig incredibly deep in this one, especially considering the absence through injury of players like Caitriona Desmond, Caroline Reen, Noreen Murphy, and Aileen Sheahan. More than football, this one needed character, and they showed plenty. Inch Rovers opened the scoring, but bean laoch an chluiche Danielle O'Leary cancelled that out and Eileen Murphy fisted over to put Rathmore in front. Former All Ireland winner Anne Marie O'Connor levelled matters and Rathmore could thank Amy Murphy for a brilliant save from the same player. Anne Walsh and O'Connor had the Cork side two in front. Two points from Danielle O'Leary (1f) had it level again, and she was also unlucky as her goal-bound rocket was well-saved, and Bríd Ryan nudged Rathmore in front. It didn't last long, though, with Angela Walsh and Aoife Higgins notching scores.

Half-time Inch Rovers 0-6 Rathmore 0-5 Bríd Ryan soon doubled her tally, but points from Sarah Harrington and Angela Walsh made it a two point game. Eileen Murphy pulled one back before the game's crucial moment, as Aoife O'Callaghan was hauled down en route to goal and fired home a great penalty. Inch Rovers weren't done – far from it – and despite having a player sin-binned, notched the next three scores from frees by Anne Walsh. 0-11 to 1-7.

On the big days, the big players step up. Laoise Coughlan fired over. With injury time ticking away, most people were resigning themselves to extra-time. Danielle O'Leary certainly wasn't, and she burst through for the winning point as if she had all the time in the world.

Rathmore: Amy Murphy, Alice O'Leary, Sarah Murphy, Rachel Fitzgerald, Laoise Coughlan (0-1), Aislinn Desmond, Mary Collins, Ciara Hegarty, Katie Mahony, Maggie Buckley, Danielle O'Leary (0-4, 1f), Katie Buckley, Aoife O'Callaghan (1-0, pen), Bríd Ryan (0-2), Eileen Murphy (0-2). Subs: Elaine O'Leary (for Maggie Buckley, half-time), Chloe Fitzgerald (for Alice O'Leary, 41 mins), Emily O'Riordan (for Eileen Murphy, 55 mins).

AISLINN DESMOND RETIRES FROM INTER-COUNTY

It's a special time for all the Rathmore players, but special mention has to be made of Aislinn Desmond. After 12 years in the green and gold, having established herself as quite simply one of the best defenders in the country, Aislinn



Aislinn Desmond who retired from football this week after 12 years in the green and gold.



Munster LGFA President Jerome Casey presenting Fiona Griffin with the Munster Intermediate Championship Trophy on Saturday evening



Munster LGFA President Jerome Casey presenting Brid Ryan with the Munster Senior B Championship Trophy on Friday night

announced her retirement from the inter-county game. Since her debut against Dublin back in 2009, she has been almost an ever-present, winning the 2015 All Star at full back and three Munster titles along the way.

DESMONDS DIG DEEP TO WIN MUNSTER CROWN

Munster Intermediate Final:

Castleisland Desmonds 1-5 Monagea 0-7

The Limerick senior champions were always going to be very tough opposition, and so it unquestionably proved. It's been seven years since Desmonds last won this trophy and there are only two survivors from that team (Scanlon and Lynch) on this side. There is the same spirit, though, and it showed when they most needed it here in a real ding-dong battle.

Niamh Walsh won and converted an early free to settle any nerves. Brigid O'Leary almost set up speedster Karen O'Leary for a Monagea goal, but it was narrowly wide. Cahill did point herself, though, and set up another for Ellie Woulfe. Lorraine Scanlon, whose workrate was incredible all through, levelled matters, and a Niamh Walsh free had Desmonds in front. A brilliant Karen O'Leary run and kick made it 0-3 apiece at the first water break.

In truth, Desmonds were struggling to open up a cohesive defence, while Monagea's quick passing was opening gaps. Their execution had been poor early on, but two quick points from Ella Whelan and Brigid Cahill changed that. Desmonds successfully switched Cáit Lynch from midfield to curb the dangerous Karen O'Leary's influence, but Lynch in turn was missed in the middle third. Both sides had chances, Monagea more so, but neither could trouble the scoreboard again until the short whistle.

Half-time Monagea 0-5 Castleisland Desmonds 0-3

Desmonds almost got in on goal, Paris McCarthy's excellent pass to Amy Curtin brilliant cut out by Roisin Browne. Instead it was the Limerick side who opened the second half scoring through Aoife Corbett (sister of footballer Ian). That seemed to kick-start Desmonds, who began to take over the play. However, they just couldn't seem to steer the leather between the posts, hitting the woodwork no less than three times in the next ten minutes and picking off just one solitary point through Labhaoise Walmsley. 0-6 to 0-4 at the water break. I hadn't been too worried

at half-time, knowing Desmond's penchant for second half scoring and the amount of proven goal-getters in this team – I was worried now! The great ones only need one chance. Once Paris McCarthy gathered from 15 year old Amy Curtin, there was only going to be one result. Paris, in her last day as a teenager, hit an unstoppable rocket into the bottom corner. Lorraine Scanlon followed up with a great point, and suddenly the two point deficit was completely reversed. A shell-shocked Monagea hurled everything (helped, I'm sorry to say, by some extremely dubious refereeing decisions). They hit the crossbar before pointing a free. They had one last free kick to take it into extra-time, but it curled wide, and Castleisland Desmonds had done enough to be Munster champions. They will face the Connaught champions on the weekend of January 8th.

It says a lot about them that several of these players were outstanding in a great win just the following day for Garveys St. Marys in basketball.

Castleisland Desmonds: Fiona Griffin, Lily Cox, Saoirse Murphy, Grace Cahill, Gemma Kearney, Kayla O'Connor, Eda Mangan, Lorraine Scanlon (0-2), Cáit Lynch, Labhaoise Walmsley (0-1), Paris McCarthy (1-0), Julie Ann Twomey, Niamh Walsh (0-2, 2f), Hannah Herlihy, Amy Curtin. Subs Liz Twomey (for Grace Cahill, half-time), Louise Joyce (for Julie Ann Twomey, 48 mins), Kate O'Connor (for Niamh Walsh, 52 mins)

ALL STARS

I don't think they generate as much excitement as they used to – maybe it's because knock-out eliminates a lot of contenders early on, maybe I'm just getting that bit older, maybe there's a lot more award ceremonies nowadays than there used to be. To be honest, I think this is a very good selection, and I for one am glad that we don't have some pr attempt at a 'controversy' – that used to always be a problem. No, this one shows sense. I don't think Kerry can argue against being awarded three. You could make a case for Gavin White ahead of

Tom O'Sullivan, and I did think he was better than Peter Harte this year (I suspect that our softer route actually cost him) but we weren't going to get both. Likewise Paudie Clifford and championship top scorer Seanie O'Shea, it was always going to be one or the other. David, of course, was always going to be a lock after his tour de force in the semi-final. The best remark I've heard about this year's All Stars is that "it's the first time that Fossa have more All Stars than Dublin".

2021 All Star Football Team

Niall Morgan (Tyrone), Pdraig Hampsey (Tyrone), Lee Keegan (Mayo) Tom O'Sullivan (Kerry), Conor Meyler, Kieran McGeary, Peter Harte, Brian Kennedy (Tyrone) Matthew Ruane (Mayo), Niall Sludden (Tyrone), Paudie Clifford (Kerry), Darren McCurry (Tyrone), Ciaran Kilkenny (Dublin), Ryan O'Donoghue (Mayo) and David Clifford (Kerry)

Footballer of the Year

Kieran McGeary (Tyrone)

He beat out team-mate Conor Meyler and Mayo's Lee Keegan. I can't imagine too many disagreeing with this one.

Young Footballer of the Year

Oisín Mullin (Mayo)

He got the vote ahead of Darragh Canavan of Tyrone (injury probably didn't help Darragh's cause) and Matthew Tierney of Galway. Again, no arguments. For the second year in a row, he was the obvious choice.

2021 Hurling All Star Team

Look, Limerick are brilliant. You can get caught up in their hurling and miss the incredible prowess they bring onto the field, or you can ignore their physical dominance and be mesmerised by their fantastic skill.

But twelve All Stars? I'm not disputing it; I



David Clifford who made the team of the year with his brother Paudie and Tom O'Sullivan from Rathmore pictured with friends at the Spa v Dr. O'Donoghue Cup Final at Fitzgerald Stadium. Picture: Tatyana McGough



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ALL THINGS...SPORT

don't really know enough to criticise. But I do worry that people are getting blinded by the collective rather than individual skill and it says something about the modern game. I do think Cork can feel hard done by, reaching an All Ireland, getting nine All Star nominations, and not even winning one, but I just can't see who you could drop to slot in a Cork player. We live in strange times!

Eoin Murphy (Kilkenny), Seán Finn (Limerick), Conor Prunty (Waterford), Barry Nash, Diarmuid Byrnes, Declan Hannon, Kyle Hayes, Will O'Donoghue, Darragh O'Donovan, Gearoid Hegarty, Cian Lynch, Tom Morrissey (Limerick), Tony Kelly (Clare), Seamus Flanagan, Peter Casey (Limerick)

Hurler of the Year

Cian Lynch (Limerick)

He came out ahead of team-mates Seán Finn and and Kyle Hayes, and again I think it's the correct decision.

Young Hurler of the Year

Eoin Cody (Kilkenny)

Shane Barrett (Cork) and Aidan McCarthy (Clare) were the other nominees. I don't think anyone can complain; Cody was outstanding in a team that struggled to recapture the days of old.

OF THE YEAR

Arrah, look, since I'm on the subject of awards, we may as well get this out of the way. It isn't one that has ever really bothered me, to be honest.

Eight nominees, six of whom are women. So what? Who doesn't deserve to be there? Mind you, rower Paul O'Donovan does have a grievance. Have we become blasé about Olympic golds all of a sudden?

The nominees are Cian Lynch (hurling), Ellen Keane (paralympic swimming), Jason Smyth (paralympic athletics), Katie Taylor (pro boxing), Kellie Harrington (Olympic boxing), Leona Maguire (golf), Vikki Wall (football) and Rachael Blackmore (horse-racing). Blackmore is head and shoulders the obvious choice for me, with Maguire a close second, but every one of them did Ireland proud this year.

TG4 UNDERDOGS

Congratulations to Fossa's Erica McGlynn, who acquitted herself superbly for this year's TG4's 'Underdogs' Programme. On the strength of her displays and unhesitating commitment, it probably won't be too long before the underage star is lining out at senior in green and gold. Anna Murphy of John Mitchels and Danielle Clemmens of Clounmacon were also

on the panel.

BOXING

Katie Wins Again

To be honest, I was getting worried. I had no idea how good Furuza Sharipova really was – it's hard to brush the manufactured hype in the build-up to fights like this. But I did get a real dismissive sense from the previews I had come across, and I liked Sharipova's proclaimed confidence. I needn't have worried. Katie took control fairly early on and the Kazakh just couldn't live with her speed – it's easy to forget until you are actually watching her in action how fast and how controlled Katie really is. It was a battle, make no mistake, but Katie was always in control overall. I especially like that she didn't try and go for a risky knock-out that could have left her open to a big counter – she knew she didn't need it.

There was disappointment for Kingdom Warrior Kevin Cronin, though, as his fight last weekend in Lancashire against Ryan Hibbert was cancelled when his opponent pulled out over injury. Extremely unfortunate, given the shape that Kevin is in, but it's a feature of the hard road to boxing success, and Kevin is certainly on the right road.

SCHOOLBOY/GIRL SOCCER

LAST FULL WEEKEND OF FIXTURES BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS BREAK

SFAI National Cup Round 3

14's Geraldines 1-4 St Brendan's Park

15's Tralee Dynamos 1-5 Killarney Athletic

Girls Leagues - 12's Premier

Fenit Samphires 2-5 MEK Galaxy

12's Division 1

Iveragh United 4-2 MEK Galaxy

Listowel Celtic B 4-3 Fenit Samphires B

Mastergeeha 2-2 Castleisland

14's Division 1

Fenit Samphires 2-2 Killarney Celtic White

Killarney Athletic 1-4 LB Rovers

Castleisland 2-4 Iveragh United

16's Division 1

Iveragh United 3-1 MEK Galaxy

BOYS LEAGUE

Slattery's Carpets and Blinds 12 Premier

Castleisland 2-4 Mastergeeha

Tralee Dynamos 1-5 Killarney Athletic

Killorglin 3-3 Listowel Celtic

Killarney Celtic 0-4 St Brendan's Park

12's Division 1 South

Killorglin B 3-3 Killarney Celtic B

Killarney Athletic B 3-0 Mastergeeha B

Ballyhar Dynamos 1-3 MEK Galaxy

12's Division 1 North

LB Rovers 1-1 Ballyheigue

Tralee Dynamos B 1-9 Dingle Bay Rovers

12's Division 2

Castleisland B1 -2 MEK Galaxy B

Mastergeeha B1-4 Camp Juniors B

13's Division 2 South

Iveragh United 1-1 MEK Galaxy

World of Tiles 14's Premier

Listowel Celtic - Tralee Dynamos

Killorglin 4-4 Killarney Athletic

14's Division 1

Killarney Athletic B 1-4 St Brendan's Park B

Fenit Samphires 7-2 Ballyhar Dynamos

LB Rovers 1-4 Camp Juniors

Killarney Celtic A 2-2 Mastergeeha

14's Division 2 (Round 2)

Tralee Dynamos B 3-6 St Brendan's Park C

Ballyheigue 5-1 Mastergeeha B

16's Premier

Killarney Athletic 0-2 Inter Kenmare

Castleisland 1-4 Killorglin A

Listowel Celtic 0-6 Killarney Celtic

Tralee Dynamos 3-2 Mastergeeha

St Brendan's Park 4-3 Dingle Bay Rovers

16's Division 1 (Round 2)

Killorglin B 3-0 St Brendan's Park B

LAST TWO REMAINING ROUND 3 NATIONAL CUP GAMES DECIDED

Killarney Athletic joined Killorglin in the draw for the 14's SFAI National Cup Round 4 thanks to a 5-1 win over Tralee Dynamos under the lights at Mounthawk Park. Luke Doolan hit a hat-trick and Brian O'Shea two in the win for Athletic.

In the 15's National Cup St Brendan's Park won 4-1 away at Geraldine's in Limerick with goals from Brian Heaphy in 2nd and 34th minutes, Saad Abdulla 13th minute and Edison Jahiri in the 25th minute. The home side scored a late consolation through Sean O'Donoghue.

In total 11 boys teams and 6 girl's teams have progressed so far to the next round of the SFAI National Cups with St Brendan's Park 16's travelling to Kildimo next weekend.

GIRLS MATCH REPORTS

AWAY WIN IN 12'S PREMIER

Goals from Izzy Lyons who hit a hat trick and one each from Elise Brunner and Elizabeth Allen gave MEK Galaxy the win from their away trip to Fenit Samphires whose two goals came from Sarah Chute.

2 HOMES WINS AND A DRAW IN 12'S DIVISION 1

It was a memorable day for the Shanahan sisters are Amy Rose and Casey both scored twice in Iveragh United win at home to MEK Galaxy B. Megan Quigg and Isabelle O'Connor scored for the visitors.

A hat trick from Izzy Larkin and one from Grace Hegarty gave Listowel Celtic B the win at home to Fenit Samphires whose goals came from Louise Gaynor and two from Erin Harty.

Two goals for Grace Murphy earned Mastergeeha a 2-2 draw at home to Castleisland who had goals from Sarah Louise McGee and Sarah O'Connor.

Two away wins and one draw in 14's Division 1: Fenit Samphires and Killarney Celtic White shared the points in a 2-2 draw. Grace Reilly and Grace O'Dowd got the goals for the home side with Megan O'Reilly and Ali Bowler on the mark for Killarney Celtic White.

LB Rovers won in Woodlawn thanks to goals from Erica McSherry, Ellie Cregan, Chloe Walsh and Nora Nabona. Eva Spellman replied for Killarney Athletic.

Two goals from Muireann Teehan, one from Vilte Paulauskaite and an own goal saw Iveragh United defeat Castleisland in Georgie O'Callaghan Park.

HOME WIN IN 16'S DIVISION 1

Iveragh United were 3-1 winners at home to MEK Galaxy thanks to two goals from Maeve Courtney and one from Emma Foran. Izzy McGrath got the MEK goal from the penalty spot.

BOYS MATCH REPORTS

4 GAMES DECIDED IN 12 PREMIER:

In the Slattery's Carpets and Blinds 12's Premier Mastergeeha made the trip to Georgie Callaghan Park a winning one. Their goals came from Darragh Keane 2, Conor Lynch and Cian Maher. Daniel Collins and Ronan O'Connor scored for the home side.

Killarney Athletic also won on the road defeating Tralee Dynamos thanks to goals from Sean Lyne, Jayden Hurley, Conor Moynihan, Enna Hennigan and Cian Hegarty with Danny Lane replying for the home side.

Killorglin and Listowel Celtic played out a 3-3 draw with Killorglin leading 2-1 at the break. Their goals came from Timmy Foley 2 and Cillian Casey from the penalty spot. Mason Sheehy hit 2 for Listowel Celtic with Tadgh Dalton getting the third.

Killarney Celtic welcomed St Brendan's Park in the other game with the Tralee boys taking the win 4-0 thanks to goals from Calvin O'Sullivan 2, Brooklyn Conway and Brendan Duggan.

Draw and win in 12's Division 1 North Dingle Bay Rovers had two hat tricks from Jack Dorgan and Matheus Collins, two goals from Fionn Dowd and one from Eoin Morrison in their win at Tralee Dynamos B.

In the other game LB Rovers and Ballyheigue drew 1-1 with Jason Gaynor getting the away team's goal.

3 IS THE MAGIC NUMBER IN 12'S DIVISION 1 SOUTH

Killorglin B and Killarney Celtic B shared 6 goals with Celtic coming back from 3-1 down at the break. Liam McGrath and two from Cormac Clifford were the Killorglin scorers in the first half. The Celtic B scorers came from Tristan Murphy 2 and Jason Harrington.

Goals from Martin Villa, Daniel Fennelly and Shane Tomlinson gave Killarney Athletic B a 3-0 home win over Mastergeeha B.

Jack Kelly put Ballyhar Dynamos 1-0 up at half time in Mort Scott Park but visitors MEK Galaxy scored three without reply from Cade Jameson 2 and Donnacha Vaughan to take the win.

Away wins in 12's Division 2:

Gerry Moroney and Ross Cronin were on the mark for MEK Galaxy B in their 2-1 away win at Castleisland. Evan Cronin got the goal for the

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Killarney Athletic U12's



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home side.

Ryan O'Donoghue scored for Mastergeeha C at Kilbreen Park but it wasn't enough as Camp Juniors B took the win thanks to goals from Ethan Harrington 2 and Cole Shannon 2.

Points shared in 13 Division 2 South:

Goals in the first half from Adam Moran for Iveragh United and James O'Meara for MEK Galaxy saw the game end 1-1 and the points shared.

GOALS GALORE IN 14 PREMIER

Tralee Dynamos made the trip to Listowel Celtic a winning one in the World of Tiles 14's Premier. The Dynamos goals came from Nick Lacey 3, Christy Burke and Ryan Onyekwere with David Lawlor, James Kissane and Daniel Shine replying for Listowel Celtic.

The Killorglin versus Killarney Athletic game was certainly one of two halves. The home side led 3-0 at the break but Athletic hit back in the second half thanks to two goals from Evan Doona and one each from Ben Kelliher and JJ O'Donoghue to earn a share of the points. Giovanni McCarthy 2, Ciaran Birmingham and Bryan McKenna got the Killorglin goals.

8 TEAMS IN ACTION IN 14'S DIVISION 1

Samson Abubaker and Danny Galloway put St Brendan's Park B 2-0 up away to Killarney Athletic B. Alex Doolan pulled one back for the home side. However Danny Kingston added two for the Tralee boys in the second half to wrap up the win.

Conrad Long scored for Ballyhar Dynamos and an own goal gave them a second but it wasn't enough to get them anything from their trip to Fenit Samphires who took the three points. The Fenit goals came from Robert O'Shea, Cillian O'Brien, Mikey Corridan 2, Dara Harty, Luke O'Carroll and Sean Cronin.

Two goals each from Robert Keane and Mikey O'Leary gave Camp Juniors the win away to LB Rovers whose goal came from Sean Ross O'Gorman.

Cillian Slattery scored twice for Killarney Celtic at Celtic Park with Rory O'Connor and Thomas Myers replying for Mastergeeha as the points were shared.

HOME AND AWAY WINNERS IN 14'S DIVISION 2

Four goals from Xavier Wensierski and one each from Brian Fealy and Darragh O'Callaghan gave St Brendan's Park the win over neighbours Tralee Dynamos.

Joe Lovett hit a hat trick for Ballyheigue which were added to by goals from Adam Lee and Odhran Keane gave them the win with Liam Scahill replying for Mastergeeha B.

5 games decided in a busy 16's Premier weekend: Two goals in the second half for Neal O'Shea gave Inter Kenmare the win at Killarney Athletic after a scoreless first half.

Killorglin were also away winners thanks to goals from Niall Tadgh O'Brien, James Jones, Liam Hayes and Andrew Owens with Finn Nolan replying for Castleisland.

Goals from Seamus Kelly, Josh Bowler, Jamie Moynihan, Callum Cronin, Jason O'Reilly and Jason O'Sullivan saw Killarney Celtic win at Listowel Celtic.

Tralee Dynamos were the home winners on Saturday thanks to goals from Samuel Barruso 2



Killarney Athletic U15's



Killarney Celtic U10 vs Camp Juniors

and Pierce Lowth with Bobby Galvin and Kieran Nagle replying for Mastergeeha.

The final game of the weekend saw a Sunday clash between St Brendan's Park and Dingle Bay Rovers on the Ardfer Astro. And it was the Tralee boys who took the win by the odd goal in seven. The Park's goals, including a winner at the death, came from Andrew Kerins 2, Sean Corkery and Mohammed Abdallah. For Dingle Bay Rovers Paidi Fitzgerald, James Hoare and Conor Corduff all scored before the late late winner came for the Park.

ONE GAME IN 16'S DIVISION 1 NORTH

There was one game played in the 16's Division 1 where goals in the second half from Shane Clodford, Aaron McCarthy and Darragh Lynch gave Killorglin B a home win over St Brendan's Park B.

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC

MUNSTER YOUTHS CUP

Killarney Athletic (0) St Brendans Park (3)

U12 PREMIER

KILLARNEY ATHLETIC (5) TRALEE DYNAMOS (1) Athletic made short trip to Tralee on Saturday morning . The game was played in tough conditions for both teams ... Athletic dominated most of the game from start to finish. To maintain top of the table.. goalscorers for Athletic were Sean Lyne, Jayden Hurley, Conor Moynihan, Eanna Hennigan and Cian Hegarty

U14 Girls Premier

Killarney Athletic 1 LB Rovers 4..

Scorer for the Blues Eva Spellman

U15's Div 1

Killarney Athletic 1 St Brendans Park 4..

U14 PREMIER DIVISION

Killarney Athletic(4) Killorglan (4)

Goals for Athletic Ben Kelliher Evan Doona x2 JJ O'Donoghue

U16 Premier

Killarney Athletic 0 Inter kenmare 2

U12 DIV 1

Killarney Athletic 3Mastergeeha 0

The visitors Mastergeeha took the game to Athletic in the first half captain Mathew Myles and Adam Doyle stood firm at that back and repelled all the attacks in impressive fashion. Athletic crept into the game and opened the scoring with a scintillating effort from Martin Villa which found the top corner 3 minutes before half time. Athletic came out and controlled large portions of the second half James Marshall featuring prominently in a multitude of positions throughout his man of the match performance. Athletic deservedly doubled their lead when Daniel Fennelly broke clear and found the bottom corner of the net with fierce shot. Shane Tomlinson popped up late on to notch his first goal of the season to wrap up a great win for Athletic heading into the Christmas break....

NATIONAL CUP U15'S ROUND 3 RESULT.

Tralee Dynamos 1-5 Killarney Athletic

Luke Doolan (3), Brian O Shea (2)

Our u15's made the trip to Tralee last night to

play Tralee Dynamos for a place in 4th Round of the National Cup.

Played under lights in the excellent facilities in Mounthawk Park, our boys performed exceptionally well against a very good Dynamos. We await the draw for the 4th Round.

We play Listowel Celtic next in the League.

KILLARNEY CELTIC NOTES

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 5, 10, 22, 23. There was no jackpot winner and Match 3 winners received €75. The next jackpot on Monday Dec 20th is €13,600. Tickets are available from club members, the Dungeon shop, at the stand in Hegarty's Park Rd and also online at clubforce.com

U16 PREMIER

Listowel Celtic 0, Killarney Celtic 11.

Calum Cronin 3, Josh Bowler 3, Jamie Moynihan, Jason O'Reilly, Seamus Kelly.

Killarney were out of the blocks fast with early goals to leave them in a very comfortable position by half time and they continued in the goalscoring mood in the 2nd half.

U14 DIVISION 1

Killarney Celtic 2, Mastergeeha 2.

Cillian Slattery 2.

Celtic led 2-1 at halftime but Mastergeeha leveled matters to leave both teams sharing the points.

U12 PREMIER DIV

Killarney Celtic 0, St Brendans Park 4.



Killarney Celtic U14 squad who drew with Mastergeeha

U12 DIVISION 1

Killorglin 3, Killarney Celtic 3

Tristan Murphy 2, Jason Harrington.

Celtic led 3-1 at half time against Killorglin but the home side came back to draw the game.

WELL DONE to our U10s who played Camp away in tough weather conditions and many thanks to Camp Juniors for hosting us.

GIRLS

U14 PREMIER

Killarney Celtic Green 2, MEK 1

Hannah Casey, Kate Forde

Tabletoppers Celtic green gained another 3

points after a home win under lights against MEK.

U14 DIVISION 1

Fenit 2, Killarney Celtic White 2.

Megan O'Reilly, Ali Bowler

2 late goals gave the White team a draw at a windy Fenit.

CONGRATS to Jodie Barton and Lily O'Shaughnessy who made the Girls Roll of Honour.





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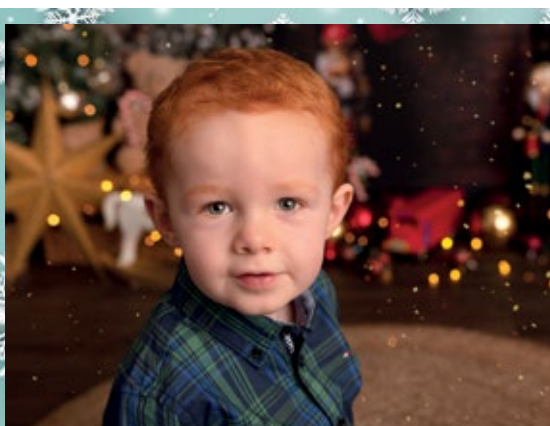
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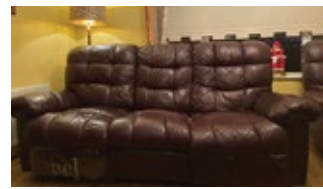
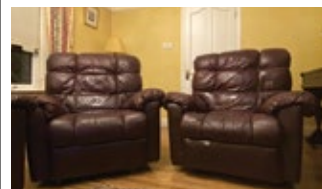
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A Word of Victory

Welcome back dear student of God's Word, as Christmas approaches I encourage you to 'make room for God'. When Joseph and Mary arrived in Bethlehem for the census, there was no room available for them (Luke 2:1-14). People had longed for generations for their Saviour to come and deliver them. But when He did arrive they didn't recognise Him because they were otherwise distracted with things that seemed good, but really didn't matter (Mark 7:1-15). Also He didn't come as they expected Him to - clothed as a magnificent conquering king, but instead came wrapped in swaddling - a humble Child (Isaiah 9:6-7).

At this time of year there is often a sense of fluster in the air as people are rushing around, with lists that need to be ticked off and what is it all for? You see signs everywhere saying 'XMAS' this or that, which is an offence to God's love. I get it that the word Christmas has a lot of letters taking up space on a line, but the mentality is bananas. Really it exposes an underlying anti-Christ spirit deceiving people into squeezing Jesus out, leaving him once again with no room (1 John 4:1-6). Christmas is supposed to celebrate the birth of Christ (which means Messiah and Anointed One) yet very little of what goes on involves Him. Jesus is THE reason for the season (Matthew 1:20-25).

People struggle to find the money as well as the time to pay for and get everything they want. However, if everything failed tomorrow, it's not what we want that would matter, but what we actually need. This is the time of year when we show others how much they mean to us by buying them gifts and writing cards, but a question dear friend - why can we not tell people how loved they are the rest of the year? I often think of the movie 'Waking Ned' when the man about to give the eulogy for the deceased has to think on his feet so as not to give the game away (if you haven't seen that movie you should, it's really funny). So he speaks instead about his great friend who is sitting among the mourners. This friend then gets to hear his own eulogy, about how much he means to the one speaking about him. Everyone should get to hear their own eulogy before they die, not after, for what use is it then? Anyway back to Christmas...

"Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (His way of doing things), and all these things will be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33) Jesus gives a key here to getting everything done in order. Put God first! When we obey God's Word and honour the Lord with our first and best, He will then take care of everything else and it will all fall into place (Read Proverbs 3). But the reality is most times God is put last in the queue, if He even gets put in the queue at all. Jesus later put it this way....."These people honour Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." (Matthew 15:8). This Christmas 'make room' for Jesus - put Him first, and see the difference.

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NOVENA TO ST. CLARE

IN THANKSGIVING

Novena to St. Clare. Ask for three favours, one business, two impossible. Say nine Hail Mary's for nine nights with lighted candles. Pray whether you believe or not. Publish on ninth day. Powerful novena.

Say may the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored glorified and loved today and everyday throughout the whole world now and forever. Amen Your request will be granted no matter how impossible it may seem.

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NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, splendor of heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God and Mother of mine, support me by your never failing love and help and protect me. Show me that you are my Mother. May I, unworthy as I am, come one day to exchange your scapular that I had the privilege to wear for the wedding garment of heaven, and dwell with you and all the saints of Carmel in the kingdom of your Son.

(Here make your petition: Let us also pray for those preparing to make their vows.) Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your loving hands. O Mary, my Mother, I consecrate myself to you forever. I offer you my body with all its miseries, my soul with all its imperfections, and my heart with all its affections and desires. I offer you all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings, my struggles and especially my death with all that it will entail.

I unite all of these, Mother, with your own joys and sufferings. Amen.
Queen and Beauty of Carmel, pray for us.

KILLARNEY PARISH SILVER CIRCLE Week 10 Results

1st Prize €500:

Jack & Milly Spillane,
Lackabane Village, Fossa
Seller: Paddy O'Donoghue

2nd Prize €250:

Catriona Murphy, Lissivigeen
Seller: Mary Lehane

Winners of €100 each are as follows:

Peggie O'Leary, O'Kelly's Villas
Seller: Josephine Coleman
Eileen Mayse, Pinewood Estate
Seller: Sheila Morris
Donie O'Dowd, Dalton's Avenue
Seller: Donie O'Dowd
Nora Galvin, Deerpark
Seller: Martin Walsh
Eilís Cronin, Woodlawn
Seller: Bridie Cronin

Winners of €75 each are as follows:

Dan Morris, Knockerragh
Seller: Kay Heery
Marian Lyons, Kilbrean
Seller: Danny Ferris
Anna O'Shea, Carrigross,
Gortahoonig

Seller: Paddy O'Donoghue
Michael & Chris Horan,
Coolies, Mcukross
Seller: Sheila O'Donoghue
Anna McGuire, Bricín,
High Street
Seller: Eileen O'Connor
Eileen Counihan, Tralee Road
Seller: Carmel Griffin
Anne O'Shea, O'Sullivan's Place
Seller: Mary Ferris
Myra & Dan Doona, Green Lawn, New St
Seller: Maisie O'Sullivan

Congratulations to all winners, and thanks to all who supported, promoted and sponsored the draw this year.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & 1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DEBBIE MURPHY



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KILLARNEY.

As we fondly remember our mother, who quietly departed this life on the 18th December 2020, the Murphy family would like to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all those who helped and supported us over the past 12 months.

We would like to thank the Nurses and Doctors, management and staff of both Castlemaine and Killorglin retirement centres and her home help team for all the care and respect you gave to our mother over the years. We also thank the ambulance services and an Garda Síochána for their assistance.

Thanks to Fr. Danny Broderick, Deacon Conor Bradley and all the readers for their contribution to her beautiful and meaningful Mass. Thanks to the musician's Tom, Kieran and Pat for the beautiful music performed in the Church and at the Graveyard.

We sincerely want to thank Flynn's undertakers and the gravediggers for the respect you gave not only to our mother but also to us as a family.

We sincerely appreciate our neighbours, friends and relatives support and help before, during, and after the sudden passing of our mother. We appreciate the masscards, kind words, and perpetual enrolments. Thanks to you who called to her home and sang hymns, told beautiful stories and brought kind gifts. Thanks to everyone who respectfully lined the streets from Milltown Church to our mother's final resting place.

There were so many acts of kindness and goodwill gestures from so many people, too many to mention individually and we will never forget you all for this. A mass has been offered for your intentions.

May Debbie Rest in Peace.

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19TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

DANIEL CRONIN



GNEEVGUILLA UPPER,
RATHMORE, CO. KERRY.
WHO PASSED AWAY ON
21ST DECEMBER 2002

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

*His dreams are 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 to
In times of stress and strife*

*A true friend we can turn to
When times were good or bad
One of our greatest blessings,
The man that we called our Dad.*

*Dad you are loved and remembered always
by your Daughter's, Son's, Daughter's
and Son's-In-law, Grandchildren, Nieces,
Nephews, extended family, relations and
many friends.*

*Mass for Daniel will be on Sunday, 19th
December 2021 at 10am in the Church of the
Holy Rosary, Gneevguilla*

May his gentle soul rest in peace.

1ST ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MOSSIE GLEESON



LATE OF CROHANE,
CLONKEEN, KILLARNEY.
WHO PASSED AWAY ON
DECEMBER 18TH 2020.

God called your name so gently,

That only you could hear,

No one heard the footsteps,

Of the Angels drawing near.

You left this world so quickly,

We still wonder why,

For the saddest part of all,

You never said goodbye.

Sadly missed and forever in our hearts,
By your ever-loving wife Liz, and daughters
Ciara, Sinéad and Aoibhinn x

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MOSSIE GLEESON



LATE OF CROHANE,
CLONKEEN, KILLARNEY.
WHO PASSED AWAY ON
DECEMBER 18TH 2020.

As we lovingly remember our beloved Mossie on his first anniversary, his wife Liz and his daughters Ciara, Sinéad and Aoibhinn, wish to express our heartfelt thanks and grateful appreciation for the sympathy and support shown to us on our heart-breaking and sudden loss.

We would like to sincerely thank all our extended family, neighbours, friends and Mossies' work colleagues who comforted us during our great loss. With covid restrictions limiting numbers thank you to those who attended Mossies' funeral mass or watched the livestream. A sincere thank you to all those who paid their respects and stood in sympathy with us on his final journey from his home in Crohane to Our Lady of the Wayside church Clonkeen and to Killaha graveyard, to all those who attended his burial, and to those who stood in guards of honour.

A special word of thanks to Fr. George Hayes for his prayers and for the celebration of Mossies' funeral mass. Thanks to the sacristan Anne O'Sullivan, and to Paud O'Donoghue for his beautiful singing and music. To Quill's Funeral Directors for their professionalism and guidance in arranging the funeral.

A sincere thank you to the management at the Gleneagle and Brehon hotels and to all those who sent food and refreshments. Thanks to all those who telephoned, sent mass cards, enrolment of masses, letters of condolences, floral tributes and to everyone who wrote messages of sympathy on RIP.ie.

To all mentioned and to the many more not possible to thank individually, please accept our personal gratitude in this acknowledgement as a token of our deep appreciation. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

NOVENA TO ST MARTIN

Dear Lord, we thank You for giving us St. Martin de Porres as an example of holiness. Help us to imitate the devotion to You he showed beginning from his childhood and adolescence in poverty.

St. Martin de Porres, you and your family were very poor during your childhood and adolescence. Though you and your family suffered from poverty, you were eager to grow in love for God.

Please bring my petitions before God Whom you loved! Your mother was barely able to support you and your sister. You had to begin work as a barber and surgeon from a young age, but you persevered in seeking God's will for your life. Pray for me, that I may never allow sufferings to deter me from serving God. Pray that I may eagerly seek His will for my life, as you did.

Please also pray for (mention your intentions here).

St. Martin de Porres, pray for us!

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

IN MEMORIAM

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