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Sunflower Day: Pictured at the launch of Sunflower Day are members of the Killarney Branch of the Kerry Hospice Association. From left: Mary Finnegan, Pat Doolan, Kay Spillane, Angela Curran and Catherine O'Reilly. See page 8

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With the promise of sunshine, the June Bank Holiday is upon us and all roads will lead to the Bike Fest which takes place in the grounds of The Gleneagle Hotel.

A celebration of Irish & American Friendship will be acknowledged on July 4th, there was delight at the news that Dinis Cottage is set to reopen for the season and it's time to tee off in aid of Kerry Parents & Friends.

Sunflower Day is planned for next Friday, the day that the country goes to the polls in the local and European elections and Anne Lucey takes a look at the issues on the doorsteps as the candidates are on the countdown to Friday June 7th.

There were awards galore at local secondary schools as the class of 2024 prepare for their Leaving Cert Examinations, Graduation Day took place at St. Francis Special School and couples renewed their vows at a special mass in St. Mary's Cathedral.

Jimmy takes a look at All Things Sport, we have all the action from the fairways, courts and pitches along with lots of news and photos from all the clubs, along with some great offers from our loyal advertisers.

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A Celebration of Irish and American Friendship



The centuries old bonds of friendship that exist between Killarney and the American people will be appropriately acknowledged on Thursday, 4th July – a day close to the hearts of US citizens just as St Patrick's Day is considered very special by people in Killarney and Ireland.

During the preparations for this year's event, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce was contacted by members of the Killarney For Palestine group who voiced concerns about this year's traditional 4th July Festival proceeding, given the conflict in Gaza.

The Chamber Executive met with the individuals involved, on two occasions, and remained in contact in an effort to reach a solution acceptable to both groups.

The sentiments voiced by the Killarney For Palestine group are acknowledged, fully appreciated and understood and Chamber members have been equally disturbed and horrified by the dreadful events occurring in Gaza.

It is important for Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce to stress, however, that it is not and never has been a political organisation and it has no political affiliations whatsoever.

Given the circumstances, a decision has been taken to completely rebrand this year's midsummer celebration to A Celebration of Irish and American Friendship and, following the representations made to Chamber, many of the events organised and enjoyed in previous years will not take place this year.

The following changes to the programme have been implemented:

- There will be no free open air big movie experience on the grounds of Killarney House
- There will be no live open air free concert prior to the parade
- There will be no outdoor ceremony at the town hall
- Festival memorabilia and statues will not be displayed on the streets
- There will be no fireworks display

With the 100-year celebration of the opening of Killarney National Park scheduled for 2032, Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce last year initiated a project to celebrate the generosity of the Bourne-Vincent and McShain families who gifted the park to the people.

On that occasion Killarney marked the amazing gesture by both families with a celebration of music, song, poetry and drama at a special



Local performers in the colourful dramatisation of the lives of the McShain and Bourne Vincent families held in Killarney House and Gardens as part of last year's festival.

open air ceremony at Killarney House.

Killarney will always be extremely grateful to the Bourne Vincent and McShain families, not only for Muckcross Estate and Killarney House and Gardens, but for the gift of Inisfallen Island, Ross Castle and 8,000 acres of parkland, mountains and lake.

This year further events are being arranged to reflect on just what the park has meant to the town and its people and the very special attraction it has become.

Both families will be celebrated and remembered at a colourful street parade which has been a hugely popular summertime feature in Killarney for the past 11 years.

It will feature spectacular floats, marching bands, dancers, cheerleaders, colourful movie characters and so much more.

Over the years, children have lined the streets to meet and greet their favourite Disney characters, beautiful princesses, cartoon favourites and all the colour and fun the parade brings to the town centre.

The gala parade attracts thousands of people to town and it creates a real party atmosphere and a wonderful midsummer boost for local businesses.

This year, also, there is an opportunity to reflect

on and remember the estimated six million Irish people who have emigrated to the US since 1820, at least a third of whom fled from the Great Famine of 1845-1852, and their descendants now proudly describe themselves as Irish American.

Chamber wishes to stress that this will be a celebration in recognition of the American people who have been great and loyal friends to Killarney for longer than most people in the town can remember.

Chamber's function is to support, promote and help develop business and tourism in the town through community-based events, including a number of festivals, such as Wander Wild, the St Patrick's Festival and Christmas in Killarney.

The executive and the members work tirelessly in their efforts to shape Killarney's sustainable development through effective advocacy, brand development, unity of purpose and fostering strong stakeholder relationships.

Chamber's only aim is to continuously build Killarney's reputation and identity as an admired, world-class, sustainable tourism destination, celebrated for its year-round appeal and its quality as a place in which to live, conduct business and visit.





Independent Candidate

Diarmuid McGuckin

ON JUNE 7TH - HAVE YOUR SAY & VOTE

ON JUNE 7TH, YOUR VOTE MATTERS!! WORKERS - FAMILIES - SMALL BUSINESSES! WE NEED STRONG REPRESENTATION ON THE COUNCIL!

On 7th June, your Voice matters, it is your opportunity to put into Local Government a person that will work on your behalf for the next five years.

I am a feet on the Ground, hardworking family man with a passion for Tourism and Hospitality.

Killarney needs a representative who will listen and work hard on issues affecting Workers - Families - Small Businesses and *deliver real change!*

ON 7TH JUNE, I AM ASKING YOU FOR YOUR NUMBER 1 VOTE!

What I have seen throughout this Election is alot of talk and very little action. Sitting Councillors had five years to bring proposals to fruition, but failed to do so! *It's Time For Change!*

I am a Fossa-based Tour Guide and SPSV Driver (Taxi) and I hope to bring better conditions and a fairer society for working class people and be a true representative for the working class of Killarney. Born in Dublin with a passion for travel, I have built up life-skills in such diverse areas as Tourism-Youth Work and Public Relations. As a Union Representative I have been looking after the Interests of workers for the best part of my life.

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To cater for the 1,600 applicants on the housing list, this can be achieved by Good Planning Regulations, vacant property needs to be refurbished and brought back to use, permission needs to be fast tracked on family land, lands in state ownership needs to be released for housing such as St Finian's and a feasibility study needs to be done on the rezoning of land outside of Killarney to take pressure off the main Town.

TRANSPORT:

As a Public Services Driver in the Tourism sector, I am an advocate for Road Safety, reducing traffic gridlock and improving traffic facilities. We need a Multi-Story Car Park on the edge of town, with a Park and Ride Facility.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH:

Enough is Enough, we have had enough of undocumented refugees in Killarney.

NO ROOM FOR RACISM:

There can be no Room for Racism against The Traveling Community in our Community. "Bring in the Army" in an effort to quell the on-going feud. Cllr. Donal Grady said only a relatively short time ago. As I visit families from the Traveling Community's in Ballyspillane and Pinewood what I see is hard working – decent people who experience racism on a daily basis and this must end.

DECriminalISE OF CANNABIS:

On a national level, I am totally opposed to drugs and have stood against drugs in the past. but I believe that cannabis should be decriminalised. Decriminalisation of cannabis means it would remain illegal, but the legal system would not prosecute a person for possession under a specified amount. It is unreasonable that an individual should receive a Fine and a criminal record for passion of a small amount of cannabis. The criminal record would have far reaching consequences for any young person's job prospects.

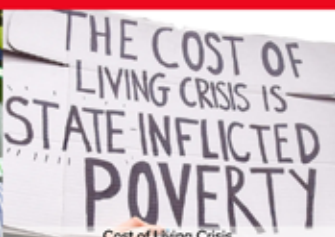
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If you go down to the woods today.....

Delight at the news that

DINIS COTTAGE TEA ROOMS ARE REOPENING

The iconic tea rooms situated on Muckross Lake in Killarney National Park, Dinis Cottage will be opening its doors for the summer season, tomorrow Saturday, 1st June, 2024 at 10.00am.

The management of Killarney National Park were on hand to welcome this year's custodians - Ed Lacey and Oona Tibbetts, both founders of Wild Sup Tours, (water adventure sports) in Kerry. They are passionate about the environment and Killarney National Park. They hope to serve the finest local produce for the season ahead. At the cottage on Monday, Danny O'Keeffe, left, Regional Manager National Parks and Wildlife Services, (NPWS) Padruig O'Sullivan, Conservation Ranger, NPWS, Éamonn Meskell, Divisional Manager, NPWS.

The reopening of the Dinis Cottage is particularly welcomed by the traditional boatmen who operate on the Lakes of Killarney. Boat Operator John Michael Lyne's family have links to Muckross Lake and Dinis Cottage for 250 years. His knowledge of the lakes is spellbinding, five generations of boatmen, one of the Lyne relatives, rowed Queen Victoria's barge on the lakes of Killarney during her visit in 1861. John Michael said " I'm delighted to see Dinis Cottage back in action. It is such a lovely amenity and has that special old world charm, often the highlight of peoples boat trip on Muckross Lake".

The Fleming family boatmen operate, Ross Castle Boat Tours, on the Lakes of Killarney, Tony Fleming commented " The opening of Dinis Cottage adds significant value to the Meeting of the Waters tour experience. This charming 19th century lodge, nestled on the shores of Muckross Lake within Killarney National Park offers visitors a unique glimpse into local history and natural beauty".

Killarney boating Legend Donal 'Dux'



Ed Lacey and Oona Tibbetts at the cottage on Monday with Danny O'Keeffe, left, Regional Manager National Parks and Wildlife Services, (NPWS) Padruig O'Sullivan, Conservation Ranger, NPWS, Éamonn Meskell, Divisional Manager, NPWS. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

O'Donoghue, who's unique quirky stories, and wildlife spotting has brought the famous Gap of Dunlop Lakes of traditional boat tours to another generation - again the O'Donoghue family have been synonymous with the Lakes of Killarney for over 250 years. " It's always amazing to be able to stop off at Dinis Cottage, it's like going back in time, we wish Ed and Oona the very best of luck for the season ahead"

Dinis Cottage will be open every day from 10.00 am - 5.00 pm for the coming season. Ed and Oona said, "We're really looking forward to the challenge this summer, what a beautiful setting on Dinis Island, Dinis Cottage has such character, we love hearing the stories of the engravings of rings on the Victorian window. Of course the famous cakes by the late great Betty Crosbie, we hope we can live up to all the past operators."



Donal Dux O'Donoghue on the Gap of Dunloe, Traditional Boat Trip. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

The Herberts of Muckross built the original Dinis Cottage in the 1700's as a hunting lodge. By 1820 the famous cottage was rebuilt after falling into ruin. The Herberts managed to Retain it old world Victorian charm, the famous tea rooms have been serving locals and visitors for over 250 years



Boatman and local historian John Michael Lyne, operates from Muckross boathouse, John's knowledge of the lakes and interest in wildlife is remarkable. Generations of John Michael's family have been involved with Muckross and Killarney National Park. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



Hats on... Killarney Boatman Tony Fleming, showing visitors the various wildlife and history of Lough Lein, during the fine spell of weather. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan



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SUNFLOWER DAY

PLANNED FOR THE 7TH



With Sunflower Day planned for next Friday June 7th, the Killarney Branch, Kerry Hospice Foundation are hoping the sun will shine for their annual fundraiser. There will be collections at various locations in and around town as well as Foley's Spar Shop, Fossa and Hegarty's Spar Shop, Muckcross.

"It is one of our main annual fundraising events and is always well supported by the local community. The proceeds will go towards the provision of care for patients with life limiting illnesses, which includes nursing support,

specialist services and equipment. The medical/ nursing staff who provide these services are noted for the quality of care they provide. We are constantly reminded of this from the positive feedback we receive at our fundraising events from grateful family members" says Pat Doolan, Chairperson, Killarney Hospice Branch told Killarney Outlook.

Kerry Hospice Foundation, a voluntary organisation founded in 1990, has plans for further expansion of its services into the future. An outreach clinic has already been

established at Killarney Community Hospital where patients can meet with a Palliative Care Specialist. The provision of this service along with the existing services, which cost in excess of €10,000 weekly, would not be possible were it not for the generous support Kerry Hospice gets from the people of Kerry.

People can find out more about the work of Kerry Hospice Foundation at www.kerryhospice.com, on Facebook or on Twitter @kerryhospice.

Almost €200,000 in funding for Killarney town centre

Minister for Education and Kerry T.D, Norma Foley, has welcomed confirmation that Killarney town centres will benefit from funding of up to €197,094 each under THRIVE, the Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme, awarded under Ireland's two European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Regional Programmes. Tralee has also been awarded the same amount.

The funding is targeted at allowing Kerry County Council and residents of the towns to reimagine and revitalise town centres through the renovation and reuse of publicly owned vacant or derelict heritage buildings.

Minister Foley said: "I am delighted that both Tralee and Killarney will be supported with funding of almost €200,000 each to facilitate the development and enhancement of integrated urban strategies using a Town Centre First

Approach and assist Kerry County Council and local residents to identify suitable projects and ensure they are ready to commence capital works.

"Government have placed a huge emphasis on the regeneration and rejuvenation of towns all across the country. We are determined to continue investing to give towns the tools they need to improve and become a more attractive place in which to live, work, visit and invest.

We will continue to prioritise investment in the regeneration and revitalisation of our town centres in the time ahead."



TIME TO TEE OFF

For Kerry Parents & Friends Association



Pictured at the launch of the 36th Annual Kerry Parents & Friends Golf Classic are from left: David Brooks, Neil Ashworth, Anna Whelehan and Tommy Galvin

The 36th Annual Kerry Parents & Friend's Golf Classic in association with Leibherr Container Cranes Ltd will take place on June 14th at O'Mahony's Point, Killarney Golf and Fishing Clubs.

There are morning and afternoon tee times and sponsorship/ registration for a team of 4 is €650, this includes green fees, lunch, goodie bag and snacks on the course.

All proceeds from the day will go to support people with intellectual disabilities/ autism and their families.

Kerry Parents & Friends Association (KPFA) was founded in 1973 to provide services for adults with Intellectual Disability/Autism in Kerry. The first house opened by KPFA was Mount Eagle Lodge in Tralee. Since then, it has grown to become one of Co. Kerry's largest

non-profit organisations, providing services and supports to more than 250 adults in various locations throughout the county. KPFA works

in partnership with the HSE and is funded to deliver day services, residential housing and respite as well as outreach supports. However,

it is not fully funded and relies on the goodwill of the community to raise funds to respond to difficult situations and unmet needs in Kerry.

In order to provide vital funds for transport and housing provisions KPFA in association with Leibherr Container Cranes Ltd is organising

36th Annual Golf Classic event on the 14th of June 2024 at O'Mahony's Point, Killarney Golf and Fishing Club. This event combines the love of golf with charitable giving and includes food, prizes and plenty of craic!



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KILLARNEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Celebrates Outstanding Achievements at Annual Awards Day

Killarney Community College held its much-anticipated annual Awards Day celebration, recognizing the remarkable achievements of its students across various disciplines: academia, technology, culture, leadership, ethos, sports and extra-curricular activities amongst others. It is always a great day; and an opportunity to honour those who have excelled.

Principal Stella Loughnane expressed her immense pride and admiration for the students during her opening remarks. "Today, we celebrate the extraordinary achievements of our students, who have demonstrated dedication and excellence in all areas. Their commitment to their studies, sports, and personal development is truly inspiring," she said.

Amy Healy was voted by the teachers as the Student of the Year, because during her 5 years in the school, she has endeared herself to everyone through her commitment, pleasant disposition, work ethic and involvement with all areas of school life.

Tamika Heaphy received the Living the Ethos of the School award, reflecting her embodiment of the school's values in her daily actions and interactions.

The coveted Principal's Award was bestowed upon Denis Klagiss, recognizing his exceptional contributions to the school community and his all-around kindness and positive, can-do



Student of the year Amy Healy with 6th year Year head Ms Hegarty



Principal Ms Loughnane presents leaving cert student Denis Klagiss with the Principals award

attitude.

Alan Wierzbowski was named the LCA Student of the Year, acknowledging his dedication and achievements in the Leaving Certificate Applied program.

In addition to these prestigious awards, numerous class awards were given out to students who excelled academically and in other areas. Micheál Fitzgerald and Sadhbh Stack were both recipients of the Senior Sports Awards, celebrating their athletic prowess and commitment to sportsmanship. Matthew Daly and Kacper Moroz won the Senior and Junior Science Awards respectively, highlighting their impressive achievements in scientific studies. Terese Anderson and Natalia Gunia were recognized for their artistic talents, winning the Junior and Senior Art Awards respectively. Their creativity and dedication to the arts are impossible to miss.

Peter Guban and Makar Palii were the recipients of this year's Technology Awards recognising

their incredible skill and dedication to their Technology subjects. Their attention to detail and precision is second to none.

The day was a great success with entertainment being provided by various musical acts, under the direction of music teacher Ms Joanna Hughes. This year's Who's Got Talent Winner, Maja Basel, entertained the school community with a solo piece during the celebration.

Awards Coordinator, Selma Dineen, stated "The annual awards ceremony is a cherished tradition which serves as a platform to honour the remarkable accomplishments of students in the college and motivates students across the school to strive for their personal best. Congratulations to all awards recipients".

The Killarney Community College Annual Awards Day was a memorable event, filled with joy, pride and excitement. The celebration served as a testament to the dedication and determination of the college's students, faculty and staff. Congratulations to all.

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St. Brendan's Present Awards to Their Outstanding Students

Photos: Michelle Cooper Galvin

Palpable excitement and warmth filled the air on Friday night last, May 24th, as 50 current 6th year students (recipients of 'An Gradam Spiorad Naomh Bréanainn') gathered with awarded students from the LC class of '23, as St. Brendan's College held its annual senior awards evening.

Gathering in the Chapel, together with invited parents and staff, event co-ordinator Mr. Kieran Herlihy spoke of the achievements of the Class of '23. Nostalgic reminiscences of shared experiences were enjoyed as returning honorees had a lovely, relaxed opportunity to catch up with each other's lives.

Special Guest speaker on the night, former St. Brendan's student, Mr. Donal Hickey regaled all with wonderfully unique anecdotes and some inspiring words. The environmental columnist with 'The Examiner' presented UCD Engineering student Sam Bolger with the Gold Medal for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

Additionally, Ben Gaughran was recipient of the Dr. Tadhg MacCurtain Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement in Maths & Physics which was presented by his former teacher, Mr. Turlough O'Brien.

Jack Costelloe was awarded the medal for Outstanding performance in Arts and Humanities.

Muinteoir Míchéal Ó Dubháin presented the Bishop Ó Súilleabháin medal for outstanding achievement in Irish went to Callum O'Leary, who was represented by his father Peter.

The medal for outstanding results in Business was awarded to Niall Coffey, who studies Law and Business in UCC

Liam Kerrisk received outstanding achievement in Design Technology

Outstanding LCA student was Cian Farndon.

Mrs. Sinead Sugrue representing the Board of Management presented an award for academic excellence to:

Philip Lyons, Conor Gammell, Oscar McCarthy, James O'Carroll, Brian Titus, Rory Coyne, Frank Titus, Thomas Knoblauch, Daniel Horgan.

Principal Mr. Sean Coffey closed events by presenting the Clann Bréanainn Medal to Mr. Donal Hickey.



Sean Coffey Principal, Bridget Lucey Deputy Principal (right) Hugh Rudden Deputy Principal with the 6th Year recipients of the Gradam Spiorad Naomh Bréanainn award at the St Brendan's College Awards in the College on Friday.



Sam Bolger (fifth from left) winner of the Gold Medal for Outstanding Achievement with his parents Louise and Paul (from left) Bridget Lucey Deputy Principal, Donal Hickey guest speaker, Harry Bolger, Hugh Rudden Deputy Principal and Sean Coffey Principal



Rory Coyne winner of the Board of Management Award for Academic Excellence with his sister Lucy and grandmother Frankie Coyne (from left) Donal Hickey guest speaker and Sean Coffey Principal



Benjamin Gaughran (centre) winner of the Dr Tadhg MacCurtain Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement in Maths and Physics with his parents Eamon and Louise (from left) Hugh Rudden Deputy Principal, Bridget Lucey Deputy Principal, Donal Hickey guest speaker and Sean Coffey Principal



Conor Gammell winner of the Board of Management Award for Academic Excellence with his parents Anne Marie and Philip (from left) Hugh Rudden Deputy Principal, Donal Hickey guest speaker and Sean Coffey Principal at the St Brendan's College Awards



Frank Islam winner of the Board of Management Award for Academic Excellence with his parents Nasiyah Katamsi and Amirul (from left) teacher Kieran Herlihy Organiser, Donal Hickey guest speaker and Sean Coffey Principal



Jack Costelloe (centre) winner of the Medal for Outstanding Performance in Arts and Humanities with his parents Peter and Sari (from left) brothers Tom and Luke, Donal Hickey guest speaker and Sean Coffey Principal at the St Brendan's College Awards



Philip Lyons winner of the Board of Management Award for Academic Excellence with his parents Maurice and Juliet (from left) Hugh Rudden Deputy Principal, Donal Hickey guest speaker, Bridget Lucey Deputy Principal and Sean Coffey Principal



Niall Coffey (centre) winner of the Medal for outstanding results in Business with his parents Emir and Maurice (from left) Sean Coffey Principal, Donal Hickey guest speaker, sister Jenna and brother Maurice at the St Brendan's College Awards.



Sean Coffey Principal (left) who presented the Bishop Ó Súilleabháin Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Irish to Peter and Breda O'Leary on behalf of their son Callum with Donal Hickey guest speaker at the St Brendan's College Awards in the College on Friday.



Thomas Knoblauch winner of the Board of Management Award with his parents Mary and Josef, Sean Coffey Principal

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It's the talk of the town...



With Anne Lucey

Anne Lucey looks at the positive news happening in the town of Killarney



St. Kevin's Psychiatric Hospital in Cork is being developed into housing.

HOUSING, IMMIGRATION, TRAFFIC, ROADS - THE BIG KILLARNEY ISSUES

St Kevin's former Mental Hospital has been transformed and the first of almost 270 homes are on track to be delivered next year with creche and other facilities by the Land Development Agency. Gutted by a fire in 2017, the landmark structure was stabilised and saved.

Overlooking the Lee, it has some of the best views of Cork. Not unlike our St Finan's, a similar institution, and structure, whose views of Killarney are unparalleled. But alas that is where the comparison ends.

It appears our landmark building is caught between State bodies - all suffering from deep inertia.

I can see why Kerry County Council could not take on the 100 million euro project from the HSE - but surely they could be more proactive and set up a team to drive it given the housing and the refugee need.

The 2014 Local Government Act badly needs revision to send councils back to the basics of housing and roads; we really don't need to have local authorities distracted by tourism which has enough State agencies from Failte

to Tourism Ireland looking after that industry anyway.

Immigration is a huge issue on the doors, candidates of all parties and none tell me. We were a country with no immigration until 20 years ago. We handled it well. But the huge volume over a short period in the past two to three years, thanks to our Government, and no opposition, and the no questions asked handout of benefits like medical cards, pensions and social welfare and accommodation/housing - things very difficult to obtain by Irish people - has sown division even among the immigrant communities who came here to work.

In Kerry there is also the dire effect on our biggest industry, tourism. And on our pitiful GP and health services.

All this was forecast - and written about by the likes of myself in this column - but yet no Kerry TD or Government representative or opposition TD and few local politicians shouted stop! To be fair to Michael Healy-Rae, he called for a cap on the numbers of Ukrainians, regardless of his contract to house them.

I don't know who exactly decided to smother any kind of debate. Or why. But now we find ourselves at an uncomfortable, dangerous pass.

Traffic management is the other big issue in Killarney and as we go to press, mayor of Killarney Niall Kelleher has called an emergency meeting on this decades old Killarney problem.

Rural roads are simply too busy for walking or cycling, cars are going too fast and residents well outside the town are now seeking ramps, Marie Moloney told me.

Speaking of roads, candidate in Corca Dhuibhne Tommy Griffin is piling the

pressure on Kerry County Council on the Local Improvement Scheme. He has now obtained the square metre figure for doing up local roads in the Kerry v Mayo road race. Sources tell me there is only patching going on in Mayo while in Kerry whole roads are done. We await the explanation.

THE BATTLE FOR KILLARNEY

The battle for seats in Killarney will be down to the wire and the large Ukrainian community will have a say in determining one - if not two - seats.

There is a decisive block of votes. The new register is now well over the 1,584 election quota of 2019 in Killarney and it is believed much of this is Ukrainian.

Now not all the Ukrainians will vote for their own candidate, I am also hearing.

There seems to be strong support for Fine Gael candidate Dermot Healy among the Ukrainian community; die-hard Fine Gael supporters in the Killarney LEA now that Simon Harris is in charge of the party are energised too. The speculation is FG will take back the seat. But whose seat might Dermot take?

The Bangladeshi community is also energised with two candidates, both well known in the wider community. The real test of the Ukrainian and Bangladeshi communities will be how well they manage the Proportionate Representational (PR) system and will they manage vote transfers with other candidates. Donal Grady and Maura Healy-Rae both had hundreds of first preference Bangladeshi votes last time round, I am reliably told. The number twos and threes will be just as valuable this time, with 17 candidates for seven seats in Killarney.

DINIS COME BACK

We got word last week that Dinis was to open in early June. The outcry by the public in Killarney had the desired effect and the blunt closure order was rescinded. We are all grateful to the powers that be and doff our cap.

Certainly it was a big issue on the doorstep, and Mayor Niall Kelleher is claiming credit for introducing the new tenants to Dinis.

At any rate, the stark "closed for the season" post on the National Park facebook page was taken down and this has now been replaced with one drooling in sentiment, heading:

"The beloved Dinis Cottage Tea Room on Muckcross Lake, Killarney National Park, is reopening for the summer season on Saturday, 1st June, 2024 at 10.00 am."

(Some might call this a climbdown but we are too gracious!)

It seems the generator was fixed.

Ed Lacey and Oona Tibbetts from a water

sports background are in place.

According to the post, they are "passionate about the environment and Killarney National Park. They hope to serve the finest local produce for the season ahead."



There is an accompanying picture by the various men involved in the national park management and the various men involved in commercial boating.

The reopening of the Dinis Cottage is particularly welcomed by the traditional boatmen who operate on the Lakes of Killarney.

Ed and Oona said: "We're really looking forward to the challenge this summer, what a beautiful setting on Dinis Island, Dinis Cottage has such character, we love hearing the stories of the engravings of rings on the Victorian window. Of course the famous cakes by the late great Betty Crosbie, we hope we can live up to all the past operators."

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Graduations Celebrated at St. Francis Special School



Shane Brosnan at his graduation from St Francis' Special School Beaufort with his parents Simon and Norita on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Shane Brosnan at his graduation with his parents Simon and Norita, Grandfather Tommy Brosnan, Grandmothers Margaret Brosnan and Kathleen Nelligan and Aunt Joanne O'Toole at St Francis' Special School, Beaufort on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Ronan Foley at his graduation with his parents Tony and Caroline (back from left) Shane Riordan SNA, Fr Derek, Colin McGillicuddy Deputy Principal, Marita de Lacy SNA, Gavan Foley at St Francis' Special School, Beaufort on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Andrew Alade at his graduation with his father Stephen, brother Tamie (back from left) Marita de Lacy SNA, Fr Derek, Shane Riordan SNA, teacher Laoise Sugrue, Principal Keith Ó Bealacháin and teacher Cora Evans at St Francis' Special School, Beaufort on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

Kerry College's Content Development for Film and Television Course Praised in Dáil Éireann

Kerry College's Content Development for Film and Television course, which launched in September 2023, has garnered high praise in Dáil Éireann this week during a JOINT COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, CULTURE, ARTS, SPORT AND MEDIA.

Brendan Griffin, TD, commended the course for its national importance and its role in setting a new standard for regional education. "I want to mention Kerry College and the Content Development for Film and Television course that started there in 2023. It is of national importance, which is why I am mentioning it here today. It really sets a standard in terms of the type of education that we need to be rolling out regionally and the types of courses that we need to make available in all pockets of the country. It is my understanding that there are 14 graduate students from across the country participating in the course that is available in Kerry College in Tralee," said Griffin. Griffin also highlighted the dedicated team behind the course, including Mr. Owen

O'Donnell, Mr. Con O'Sullivan, Mr. John Herlihy, and Gerard Barrett, a director, writer, and producer heavily involved in the course. He expressed interest in hearing if this type of course could be replicated nationwide, recognising the contributions of Mr. Maurice Sweeney, Chairman of the Screen Directors Guild of Ireland, who teaches on the course in Tralee. "Some really significant players are involved in the course, and it is one that should set a template for others around the country. It is building on over 30 years of work by Kerry College in the areas of film and television," Griffin added.

The meeting heard from officials and representatives from Screen Producers Ireland, Animation Ireland, Ardmore and Troy Studios, Telegael, and Ardán. Leading industry figures echoed Griffin's sentiments on the day, emphasising the course's impact on the Irish film and television industry. The course is designed to equip learners with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in content

development and screenwriting across film and television.

Elaine Geraghty managing director of Ardmore Studios and Troy Studios said "The course the Deputy is talking about is one with which we are very familiar. A point relevant to why we are here today is that it would be great if a college or institute in Kerry could be the feeder school for a much wider region."

Mr. Gar O'Brien-Collins, Western Region Audiovisual Production executive said "I agree with the Deputy on the course. That course and the students coming out of it are important."

Kerry College is pleased to announce that the Content Development for Film and Television course will run again in September 2024. Applications are now open. Prospective students can visit the Kerry College website or CDFTV.com for more information on how to apply. The course is limited to 14 places. Application and studio tours are open now. Please contact Kerry College for further information.



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Wedding Anniversaries

Celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral



Killarney Parish Administrator Fr Kieran O'Brien and Fr Joe Begley with couples who were celebrating a special wedding anniversary at the jubilee wedding anniversary mass in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Saturday evening.



Killarney Parish Administrator Fr Kieran O'Brien and Fr Joe Begley with couples who were celebrating 60 years of marriage at the jubilee wedding anniversary mass in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Saturday evening. From left are Noel and Maura Gammell (Ballaugh), John and Maureen Kiely (Woodlawn Park), Michael and Kathleen O'Connor (Beaufort).



55th Killarney Parish Administrator Fr Kieran O'Brien with Pat and Norrie O'Neill, Ballycasheen, who were celebrating 55 years of marriage at the annual jubilee wedding anniversary mass in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Saturday evening.



Killarney Parish Administrator Fr Kieran O'Brien with Connie and Yvonne Murphy, who were celebrating 30 years of marriage at the annual jubilee wedding anniversary mass in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Saturday evening.



Killarney Parish Administrator Fr Kieran O'Brien with Ciaran and Eavan Gallagher, Flesk Castle, Mill Road, who were celebrating 25 years of marriage at the annual jubilee wedding anniversary mass in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Saturday evening.



Killarney Parish Administrator Fr Kieran O'Brien with Jerry and Nora Galvin, Mary and John Joe Culloty, who were celebrating 35 years of marriage at the annual jubilee wedding anniversary mass in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Saturday evening.



Killarney Parish Administrator Fr Kieran O'Brien and Fr Joe Begley with couples who were celebrating 40 years of marriage at the jubilee wedding anniversary mass in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Saturday evening. From left are Margaret and Nicholas Lane (Brosna), Eileen and Micheal O'Connor (Fossa), Rina and Dan O'Sullivan (Coolgarriv Park), Bernie and Denis Reen (Headford), Marie and Fintan Lawlor (Muckross).

Killarney Parish Administrator Fr Kieran O'Brien and Fr Joe Begley with couples who were celebrating 50 years of marriage at the jubilee wedding anniversary mass in St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Saturday evening.





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The store officially opened its doors at Kenmare Place in June 2004, creating 20 jobs in the area, and since then has delivered no fewer than 1.7 MILLION FRESH PIZZAS to homes and customers in Killarney – using over 20 MILLION pepperoni slices, 200 TONNES of cheese and 340 TONNES of flour.

To mark this special occasion, customers can join in the celebrations with the store's 20th Birthday promotion – offering TWO LARGE PIZZAS FOR ONLY €20 from Tuesday June 4 to

Thursday June 6!

Killarney man Sean Culloty, who founded the business, and also owns Four Star Pizza franchises in Limerick and Galway, is delighted with the success of the store, which also has a 'sit-in' option that can cater for up to 40 customers on-site.

"They say that time flies when you're having fun and that's certainly been the case since we opened Four Star Pizza in Killarney," said Sean. "It's hard to believe we've been going for 20 years now and it's been an absolute privilege to be part of this community and to serve all of our loyal customers in Killarney and the nearby regions for the past two decades.

"After graduating with a degree in Business

Studies, I started working in Cork as a financial consultant for FDC and while I enjoyed this for five years, I always had a yearning to do something myself and be my own boss," he added.

"I was probably the biggest Four Star Pizza customer in Cork at that time – so when an opportunity arose for me to open my own Four Star Pizza franchise in



Four Star Pizza Killarney owner Sean Culloty blows out the candles to celebrate his store's 20th birthday in the town.

Limerick, I jumped at the chance to grab myself a slice of the action.

"The success of the Limerick store gave me the platform to come back to Killarney three years later and open a Four Star Pizza in my home town – and the rest, as they say, is history! The response from people in the town and surrounding areas has been amazing, so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of them for their loyalty and support over the past 20 years."

The Killarney store has enjoyed many highlights since opening its doors in 2004, winning Four Star Pizza's Store Of The Year Award on three separate occasions, with Sean also being named the chain's Franchisee Of The Year in 2015.

And it's not just the people of Killarney who have enjoyed the store's delicious pizzas over the years – with a host of celebrity visitors who have either popped into the store or had orders delivered to venues and locations across Killarney.

Famous customers have included gigging musicians Snow Patrol, Tracy Chapman, Westlife, UB40 and Paddy Casey, actors Barry Keoghan and Drew Barrymore, as well as lots of 'The Kingdom's best known sporting stars from the world of GAA football, hurling and rugby. Four Star Pizza in Killarney is also a wonderful place to work, a fact that is highlighted by managers James Gilligan and Balint Kaman, who have been with the business for 23 years and 19 years respectively.

Customers wanting to join in the 20th birthday celebrations can enjoy two large pizzas for €20 from Tuesday June 4 to Thursday June 6. Simply order a delivery on 064 6630 222, place an order online at www.fourstarpizza.ie or via the Four Star Pizza app. Alternatively, visit the store at Kenmare Place and enjoy your pizzas in the sit-in area.



Four Star Pizza Killarney owner Sean Culloty (centre), with long-serving managers Balint Kaman (left) and James Gilligan, are celebrating the store's 20th birthday in the town.

236th Killarney Regatta

Sunday June 30th the 236th Annual Killarney Regatta will take place at Killarney Golf and Fishing Club.

Racing begins at 9.30 am and all ages will compete from the 6 Killarney clubs, Fossa, Workmen, Muckross, Flesk Valley, St. Brendan's and Commercials.

There will be lots of onshore entertainment with music, dancing, and children's entertainment.

The Annual Regatta Dance, Regatta Queen selection and presentation of prizes will be held on Tuesday 2nd July between 8.00 pm and 11.00 pm in the Killarney Oaks Hotel.

The annual regatta takes place on Sunday 30th June, at O'Mahoney's Point, Killarney Golf and Fishing Club.

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CAMOGIE BLITZ REMEMBERS GREAT TRAINER PAT

The 2nd Annual Pat Sheehan Memorial Primary Schools Blitz for Under 13s/up to 6th Class in Spa on Thursday 23rd May.

It was a cold, but dry day and at times the sun was beaming down on us as we remembered a fantastic club county trainer & friend.

This year there were 2 new additional schools participating, bringing our total to 6 - Cahir, Hollymount, Knockanes, Knocknagree, Holy Family Rathmore and Tiernaboul.

The skill on display from the first throw in was phenomenal. The work these girls had put into training from last year was a great testament to themselves and their trainers. Each team got to play at least 3 matches and the final was a hotly contested affair, with Holy Family NS Rathmore emerging as winners over Knocknagree NS.

The Poc Fada competition was also a nail biting affair with alot of the sliothars landing further than the previous shot! A pupil from Knocknagree took the honours here with a puck almost reaching the half way line.

“We were delighted that we were joined by Pat’s wife Geraldine, daughter Ilona, sisters Mary & Margaret, and his nephew Kirill. Pat’s work colleagues from the Gleneagle Hotel David Fleming, Sean Counihan, Terence McCarthy and Eimear Flynn (Killarney Camogie Secretary) also came to support the Tournament”, Caroline O’Leary, Club PRO told Killarney Outlook.

Ilona had the hardest task of the day by choosing the Player of the Tournament and we don’t envy her having to make such a hard decision! But she chose a terrific player in the pupil from Holy Family Rathmore.

Seán Casey (Killarney Camogie Chairperson) was on hand to referee the



final and make the presentations afterwards. Geraldine and Ilona also stood in for photos with the winners.

Seán made a presentation to Sarah Dineen for all the hard work she has put into the club and schools developing and promoting camogie.

A few thank yous:

The Sheehan family for their support again this year to run the tournament ; The Gleneagle Hotel for the sponsorship of the winners trophy and the treats for the players; our brilliant First Whistlers Tiarna & Orla who did great jobs refereeing; our own coaches

Sarah Dineen, Brendan McMahon & Karen Herlihy for going into the schools training teams; all the schools, their wonderful staff & pupils; Brendan McMahon of Castleisland Garda Station for co-ordinating and planning the fixtures as part of their community initiative and Spa for the use of their fantastic facilities; and of course our fabulous Killarney Camogie Club Committee & Community



Winning Holy Family NS captain with Geraldine Sheehan Sean Casey and Ilona Sheehan



Holy Family NS Rathmore



The Poc Fada competition was won by a pupil from Knocknagree took the honours

TY'S CREATE MURAL

As part of their “Think Languages” initiative and linking in with the ethos of inclusion and friendship in our school, the TY class Of 2024 put their various skills together to create a memorable mural for the Language Building here in Presentation Castleisland. The mural shows the flags and symbols of Spain and France, the two languages taught in our school, as well as the flags and symbols of Italy, Germany, Poland and Ukraine to represent to represent the students from these countries who are present, and very welcome in our school. The frame chosen to surround the mural is based on the comedy series “Friends” which is an integral part of our ethos of friendship and inclusion which prides itself on offering our students a choice of two European languages, to broaden their knowledge of other languages and cultures, and a warm welcome to all the students in our school.

Mr. Dargan officially launched the mural titled “The one where we are all friends”, and praised the dedicated TY students, Fiona McSweeney, Lauren Coffey, Erin O’Connor, Deirdre Moynihan and Lucy McKenna (missing from the photo) for their outstanding work.



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Killarney Legion U15 Ladies Are Off To The Feile

Killarney Legion U15 Ladies are off to the Regional Feile Finals being held at Moyle Rovers GAA in Co Tipperary on Saturday June 29th. Having secured the County Division 2 Feile title in Fossa GAA, the journey continues for this bunch of talented young ladies next month.

"This is a great achievement by these young ladies and something the club have not achieved in a number of years", commented Ladies Chairperson Ted Healy. "A number of the panel came very close last year when they narrowly lost the County Feile final so we are delighted they have gone one better this year".

The success on the field brings with it a lot of hard work off the field. Plans are underway within the club to roll out some fundraising initiatives to help fund the Feile Adventure.

The club are commencing a "Re-Turn for Feile" initiative where we are asking all our members and indeed the public at large to donate their plastic bottles and cans to help raise funds. They can be dropped to designated drop points at the club grounds in Direen. It is important that only items clearly displaying the Re-Turn symbol are deposited.

The club will also be hosting a Bingo Night on Friday June 07th in The Killarney Plaza Hotel where there will be some great prizes on offer on



Killarney Legion U15 Ladies

the night.

Finally, the club are running their 2nd annual u10 girls blitz on Saturday June 08th where a monster bake sale will be held.

"All our fundraising initiatives are open to club members and beyond, we would be delighted to see as many people as possible drop us a plastic bottle, play the bingo balls or buy a bun!

CRAFTY CELEBRATIONS AT KILCUMMIN ICA

There were huge congratulations at Kilcummin ICA Group when it was announced that Eileen Finn was awarded Crafts Cup for her excellence in crochet at Kerry I.C.A Federation meeting held recently in Glencar.

Eileen has many talents in craft work including crochet, knitting, embroidery and parchment. Eileen is a member of Kilcummin I.C.A Guild since its formation and is current crafts promoter. The Guild meet every Wednesday from September to June and share our knowledge and skills e.g. parchment, decoupage, art, knitting, crochet to name a few. Some of these courses are granted by Kerry E.T.B. These meetings are a great social get together.

The group joined with Community Care group and produced 27 blankets which were donated to the Cancer Link Bus."



CRONIN AND GALVIN TAKE VITAL VICTORY IN JIM CLARK RALLY

In a significant boost to their hopes of lifting the British Rally Championship and the Irish Tarmac Rally Championship in the same year, Keith Cronin and Mikie Galvin have won the Jim Clark Rally, the third round of the British series, in the M O'Brien Group of Companies/Lyons Motor Group/Shane Casey Electrical Services Ford Fiesta Rally 2. While they have taken two victories at home so far in 2024, and head the Tarmac points table, troubled outings on the first two BRC rounds had left the Killarney and District Motor Club crew trailing in that series' standings. The triumph in the Scottish Borders has pushed them back into contention for the British title, with three further rounds yet to be completed. William Creighton and Liam Regan finished second in another Fiesta, 19.1 seconds behind Cronin and Galvin, making it an Irish one-two in the Duns based event. It is Cronin's third win on the Jim Clark, following previous successes in 2012 and 2022, and Galvin's second.

The British Championship crews will return to Scoland for the next round, the Grampian Forest Rally, in August. Before that, the attention of Cronin and Galvin will switch back to the Irish Tarmac series, which resumes with the Donegal International Rally on June 21st-23rd.



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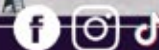
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PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR KILLARNEY ENTREPRENEUR JOHN MCENERY

KILLARNEY ENTREPRENEUR JOHN MCENERY, FOUNDER OF J MAC IT & OFFICE SOLUTIONS, HAS BEEN NAMED AIBF KERRY BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR.

John established J Mac IT & Office Solutions 19 years ago and has since provided award-winning expertise in office solutions, particularly workplace ergonomics, office design and layouts, and IT services. The company started as Cartridge Company, specializing in printing and office stationery. Over the years, it evolved into a holistic office solutions provider. Recognizing that physical products are only part of the equation, J Mac now offers a range of services including ergonomics of the workplace (both home and office), office fit-outs, IP phones, IT installations, managed print services, and comprehensive office packages. As John puts it, "Companies really want to focus on their core activities and they want us to provide the services so they can do this. Like every other business, they just want to get things done in a comfortable working environment without any hassle, and that's where we come in."

J Mac IT & Office Solutions received Business All-Star Accreditation two years ago, and John was also recognized as an All-Star Thought Leader in Ergonomics & Office Planning. This year's award recognizes all areas of John's work, including his highly regarded IT services. These accolades, overseen by the All-Ireland Business Foundation, are based on rigorous selection criteria and serve as an independently verified standard mark for indigenous businesses. The Foundation's adjudication panel is chaired by Dr. Briga Hynes of the University of Limerick and Kieran Ring, CEO of the Global Institute of



Logistics.

Reacting to the announcement, John McEnery said, "We are thrilled to have received this award from AIBF, a real hallmark of quality. It is great recognition for our work and development over the years. Thanks to our small yet dedicated team, we were able to earn this external seal of approval. It gives our company great confidence for the future. Trust is at the heart of the All-Star performance level and is very important to us, especially the trust that our customers place in us."

Kapil Khanna, Managing Director of the All-Ireland Business Foundation, highlighted the accreditation's importance. He noted, "The accreditation, now held by over 600 firms, is crucial for the thousands of small and medium businesses that operate to their own standards but lack formal benchmarks. We evaluate a

company's background, trustworthiness, and performance, speak to customers, employees, and vendors, and anonymously approach the company as customers. The business undergoes at least two interviews and is scored on every aspect of the process against set metrics."

In addition to his professional achievements, John is actively involved in the local community, supporting various charitable initiatives and organizations. His dedication to giving back and making a positive impact is truly commendable and reflects his values as a business leader.

J Mac IT & Office Solutions, located at 3 Old Market Lane, offers premium quality office furniture, sit/stand desks, laptops, IT accessories, inks, and stationery, despite its modest premises. The company is well known for its reliable and friendly service.

RAIN DIDN'T DAMPEN SPIRITS FOR THE 10TH RING OF BEARA CYCLE



Heavy rain didn't dampen spirits for the return of the tenth Ring of Beara Cycle on Saturday as 4,500 cyclists completed the 110km and 140km routes starting and finishing in Kenmare and circling the best of Cork's Beara Peninsula. Despite the rain, cyclists reported enjoying stunning scenery through the idyllic villages of Ardroom, Allihies, Castletownbere, Glengarriff and Eyeries, and commended organisers on their handling of the event in such adverse conditions. Many Tralee cycling clubs took part including Tralee Manor West Bicycle Club and The Chain Gang. Several charities and community groups are set to benefit from this year's Ring of Beara Cycle, with an estimated total of €50,000 to be distributed amongst deserving groups. Since its inception, the Ring of Beara Cycle has donated over €450,000 to local charities.

The Ring of Beara Cycle delivers the busiest weekend of the year to the Peninsula, with the influx of riders and their supporters resulting in over 8,000 bednights locally, local job sustainability, and contributing over €5 million in direct expenditure to the local economy.

A huge thank you from the Ring of Beara Cycle Committee is extended to local organisations, community groups and sports clubs who helped with the marshaling of the event, the food stops and at the finish line, in addition to everyone who came out to support and welcome the cyclists.

The Ring of Beara Cycle is already looking forward to holding this event again next year, with a provisional date of Saturday 24th May 2025. Participants can complete the route on electric bikes, or indeed any type of bike they like!

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LADIES BASKETBALL TEAMS CELEBRATE AWARD NIGHT

St Paul's Basketball Club acknowledged what was a fantastic season by their ladies team on Friday evening in Killarney Race Course on Ross Road. While the U16 team made the main headlines with an All Ireland title, the U15 team, under the coaching team of Paul Sheehan and Aoife O Leary grabbed the County league while the Senior ladies annexed the Division 2 title. Couple all those achievements with the National League teams title and subsequent promotion to the Superleague and it's fair to say that the future of ladies basketball in Killarney is looking very rosy. Fear an Ti Jim Delaney opened the evening, welcoming everyone but not before asking for a moment's silence in memory of the late Caoimhin Shaq O Donoghue, who was a stalwart in the club for many years as player, coach and officer. While all the teams exhibited exceptional teamwork, a couple of players stood out during the season. Daisy Cremins development saw her acknowledged as the Most Improved Player for the U15s with Clodagh O'Sullivan getting the nod

for the Player of the Year. The victorious U16 team, with James Fleming and Christina Bartlett O Rourke at the helm, would be grateful to the contribution of Ciara O Sullivan who was honoured as the MVP for the season. Muireann Healy was picked out as the player who had improved the most during the season. Clodagh Clancy's form over the All Ireland weekend got special recognition, and when taking into account both U15 and U16 squads, Abbey Doherty was the one who made great progress over the year. Annie Brosnan, daughter of former Kerry great Eoin, was named as the St Pauls Juvenile Player of the Year, and like all the others mentioned, is earmarked for future National league action. The Senior Ladies success in the County league was testament to the team's spirit and togetherness with the popular Aisling Counihan given the honour of season MVP. Many thanks to everyone who gathered for a very enjoyable evening and special mention to Ollie Favier and his team in the Racecourse bar for their hospitality.



Daisy Cremin, U15 Most Improved Player with Aoife O Leary



U15 MVP Clodagh O Sullivan with U18 Irish International Leah McMahon and Aoife O Leary



U16 Most Improved Player Muireann Healy with James Fleming.



U16 Most Valuable Player Ciara O Sullivan with James Fleming.



Abbey Doherty, Most Improved U15/16 Player with Jim Delaney



St Pauls Senior Ladies, County League winners

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 10:00 - 18:00 Free H-D Demo Rides
 10:00 - 18:00 Technical Bike Repair Shop Open
 10:00 - 18:00 Jumpstart™ Rider Experience
 12:00 DJ
OUTDOOR STAGE
 14:00 Guided Ride Out 1 approx 2.5 hrs (Caragh Lake & Kerry Mountains)
DEPARTS BIKE VILLAGE
 16:00 - 00:30 Bikers Lounge ACCESS LIMITED TO REGISTERED BIKERS ONLY
 18:00 Niall Torner & Band
OUTDOOR STAGE
 20:00 The Afters
OUTDOOR STAGE
 21:00 Alternative Route
BIKERS LOUNGE
 21:30 Two Time Polka
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 10:00 - 18:00 Free H-D Demo Rides
 10:00 - 18:00 Technical Bike Repair Shop Open
 10:00 - 18:00 Jumpstart™ Rider Experience
 10:00 Guided Ride Out 2 approx 6 hours (Ring of Kerry & Skellig Ring)
DEPARTS BIKE VILLAGE
 11:00 Guided Ride Out 3 approx 5.5 hours (Dingle Peninsula & Slea Head)
DEPARTS BIKE VILLAGE
 12:00 DJ
OUTDOOR STAGE
 13:00 - 13:30 Ride It Stunt Show
 15:00 - 15:30 Ride It Stunt Show
 15:30 The Hush
OUTDOOR STAGE
 16:00 - 00:30 Bikers Lounge ACCESS LIMITED TO REGISTERED BIKERS ONLY
 18:00 Rob Strong & Band
OUTDOOR STAGE
 18:00 - 18:30 Ride It Stunt Show
 19:00 Alternative Route
BIKERS LOUNGE
 20:00 Chapter 3
OUTDOOR STAGE
 21:30 The Rising
HARLEY* BAR
 21:30 The Small Hours
BIKERS LOUNGE
 22:00 The Strobes
MAIN STAGE INEC ARENA
 23:30 Guns Reloaded
MAIN STAGE INEC ARENA
 Followed by DJ
MAIN STAGE INEC ARENA

SUNDAY 2ND JUNE

09:00 Parade Line Up
 10:00 - 22:30 Bike Village Open
 10:00 - 21:00 BikeFest Information & Festival Merch Shop
 10:00 - 18:00 Technical Bike Repair Shop Open
 11:00 Parade Departs Bike Village
 12:00 - 18:00 Free H-D Demo Rides
 12:00 - 18:00 Jumpstart™ Rider Experience
 12:00 DJ OUTDOOR STAGE
 12:30 - 15:30 Custom Bike Show Registration
THE BREHON LAWN
 13:00 - 13:30 Ride It Stunt Show
 14:00 Amazing Apples OUTDOOR STAGE
 15:00 - 15:30 Ride It Stunt Show
 15:30 Custom Bike Show Judging
THE BREHON LAWN
 16:00 - 00:30 Bikers Lounge ACCESS LIMITED TO REGISTERED BIKERS ONLY
 16:00 Whitewater OUTDOOR STAGE
 17:00 Custom Bike Show Prize Giving
THE BREHON LAWN
 17:30 Win A Harley Draw
(Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind)
OUTDOOR STAGE
 18:00 The Harleys OUTDOOR STAGE
 18:00 - 18:30 Ride It Stunt Show
 19:00 Alternative Route BIKERS LOUNGE
 20:00 Slippery When Wet BON JOVI TRIBUTE
OUTDOOR STAGE
 21:30 Mega Trad HARLEY* BAR
 21:30 The Tom Cats BIKERS LOUNGE
 22:00 The Unusual Suspects
MAIN STAGE INEC ARENA
 23:30 Hells Bells AC/DC TRIBUTE
MAIN STAGE INEC ARENA
 Followed by DJ MAIN STAGE INEC ARENA

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NATIONAL SOCIAL FARMING EVENT in Killarney

Minister for Mental Health & Older People Mary Butler TD visited Killarney on May 24th to attend a National Social Farming event being hosted by South Kerry Development Partnership (SKDP) at the farm of John and Catherine Fleming at Muckcross, Killarney.

The Flemings are host farmers with Kerry Social Farming since 2022, hosting participants on their busy dairy farm. On the day, a number of Kerry Social Farming host farmers shared their stories, where older farmers are giving their time every week to help people with disabilities.

The day began with a farm walk and talk on the history of the farm. Over 100 people attended the event which shows the growth of the Kerry Social farming project, which now has 39 active host farmers providing social farming opportunities to 60 participants each week.

Lunch was served on the farm allowing for host farmers, participants, family members, service providers, SKDP Staff and Government Department staff the opportunity to discuss the project and share experiences. All participants enjoyed the fine weather and the very positive atmosphere, with the Flemings Farm providing the perfect setting for the event.

More information on Kerry Social Farming is available at www.kerrysocialfarming.ie and by contacting South Kerry Development Partnership - Joseph McCrohan (087) 284 9165 or jmccrohan@skdp.net



Front row (l-r) Clare Gormley (Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine), Mary O'Neill McDonnell, Kells (Kerry Social Farming host farmer), Christy McDonnell (host farmer), Minister for Older People and Mental Health Mary Butler TD, Bernie Curran, Cahersiveen (host farmer), Breda O'Sullivan, Glencar (host farmer).

Standing (l-r), George Kelly, Beaufort (host farmer), Eamon Horgan, Kilgarvan (host farmer and Chair of Kerry Social Farming Working Group), Martin Murphy, Cordal (social farming participant), Joan Brosnan, Cordal (host farmer), Mike O'Sé, Dromid (host farmer), Irene Brune, Cahersiveen (host farmer).

MEN'S HEALTH AT THE MART -

*Counting on the lads to know
their numbers*

Back again for 2024 is the free Men's Health at the Mart awareness day, being held alongside the sheep at the Mid-Kerry mart in Milltown on June 11, from 10am-2.30pm. All are welcome – men themselves and those who care about men's health.

The annual mart event is held as part of Men's Health Week 2024 (June 10-16) which also features four local pharmacies offering free health checks - O'Doherty's Pharmacy in Milltown; along with Mulvihill's Pharmacy, Haven Pharmacy O'Sullivan's and Laune Pharmacy in Killorglin.

There will be a number of different health professionals, service providers and community groups in attendance at Milltown Mart on June 11 and the day will include a performance from the Killorglin Men's Social Club Choir.

The 2024 theme for Men's Health Week is 'Know your Numbers' in an attempt to increase awareness of the key numbers that policy makers, service providers, men and important people in men's lives need to know. Sometimes, these relate to medical issues (e.g. blood pressure), but they also include the key statistics on the state of men's health (or ill-health) in Ireland, as well as the contact numbers for helpline and support services that can maintain men's health.

The free mart event and health checks in south Kerry are being organised by the Health Promotion & Improvement Department in HSE Cork Kerry Community Healthcare; in partnership with Enhanced Community Care, Public Health Nursing, Community Work, South Kerry Development Partnership CLG, Killorglin Family Resource Centre, Social Prescribers and the Men's Social Club in Killorglin.

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Killarney National Park managed to top the poll in Ireland, with a massive 513 species identified, 899 observations, with 11 observers! The National Park came 9th overall in Europe, while Veluwe National Park in the Netherlands came first - with 1472 species, having a huge advantage of 1515 observers at the weekend!

The BioBlitz day is a friendly competition with fellow European nature sites and reserves to help identify and record as many species in one day. A record number of species were confirmed by Chris Barron and the education team, who were also on hand to help identify and record the Killarney National Park results.



Vivienne McCormack. left Dara McCay and Aileen Hickey, exploring Killarney National Park. Photo: Valerie O'Sullivan

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KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL STOPPING HOUSE BUILDING IN KERRY

With the country in the midst of a unprecedented housing crisis and builders are putting the blame for this squarely on the shoulders of senior management staff of Kerry County Council, accusing them of making the problem worse.

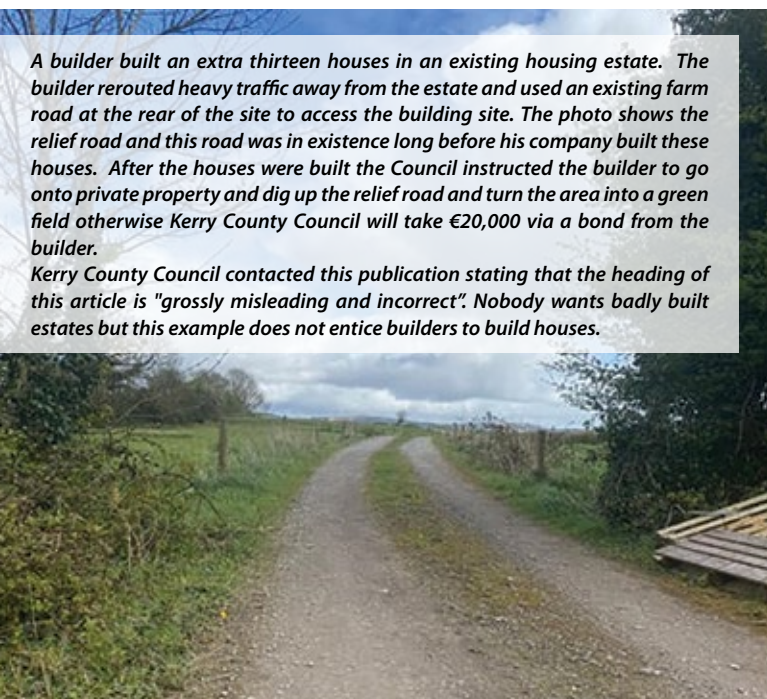
Builders have expressed the view that it is easier to build houses in Cork than it is in Kerry. In Cork, for example, builders carry out the work, a snag list of any outstanding issues is created, the builders rectify those issues and any bond funds are promptly returned to the builder. Bond funds are amounts of money held back from the builder by the bank until all work has been completed. If the council delays signing off on the completion of the snag list, the bond funds are not released back to builder and they are left out of pocket. In Cork, once the snag list has been signed off, the maintenance of any new housing development is promptly taken over by Cork County Council.

Builders claim that it is much more problematic dealing with Kerry County Council. It can take years for an official snag list to be created. The saga does not end here. When that list is finally completed, more maintenance issues are added. Builders have claimed that this final stage can take years and can add unnecessary financial stress. In effect, builders are being used to maintain an estate, post-build. In many cases, the builder ends up just forfeiting the bond, as it becomes too costly to continue completing the constant snag lists generated by Kerry County Council. Works are rarely carried out with these bond funds and ultimately the money ends up in the road maintenance programme for the whole county.

While waiting for Kerry County Council to take over the maintenance of their estate, the residents are obliged to pay for that maintenance themselves, and all the while, Kerry County Council continue their delaying tactics. These residents already pay road tax which goes towards

A builder built an extra thirteen houses in an existing housing estate. The builder rerouted heavy traffic away from the estate and used an existing farm road at the rear of the site to access the building site. The photo shows the relief road and this road was in existence long before his company built these houses. After the houses were built the Council instructed the builder to go onto private property and dig up the relief road and turn the area into a green field otherwise Kerry County Council will take €20,000 via a bond from the builder.

Kerry County Council contacted this publication stating that the heading of this article is "grossly misleading and incorrect". Nobody wants badly built estates but this example does not entice builders to build houses.



This is a photo of an item on a snag list from a builder. Kerry County Council wants the builder to remove the fence and replace it with a fence that's a few inches taller. Because there is a slope in the green area the fence measures 2 mtrs when measured from the back and 1.85mtrs when measured from the front because of the slope in the green area. Does it really matter if this fence is a few inches shorter. This is an example of the nonsense that builders have to put up with from Kerry County Council.

road maintenance. And they are also paying local property tax. Why are the most pressured group in society being treated so badly? Typically these are young people with young families struggling to pay bills and Kerry County Council has the power to make their lives a little bit easier but unfortunately, the opposite is the case.

A number of County Councillors have said that they do not have the power to change things. They were critical of council management who have just brushed their concerns aside.



This is a photo of a manhole that was built in 2008. This manhole is in perfect condition after sixteen years.

The specifications on building a manhole has changed recently and Kerry County Council wants all the manholes in the estate dug up and rebuild under the updated specifications and this work will cost the builder €45,000.

Kerry County Council does not accept that this decision is a gross abuse of power. There is no appeal system and no consequence for the decision makers.

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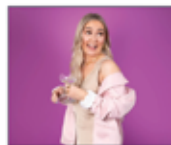
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KILLARNEY PLAZA *goes for gold!*

The O'Donoghue Ring Collection is excited to announce the addition of another prestigious award to its recent swathe of eco-based accolades. Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa has achieved a Gold Level Award from the 50 Shades Greener, Green Business Programme.

The Gold Level certification recognises how the popular town centre hotel has incorporated sustainability across its business into its HR, Purchasing and Marketing operations. It is only awarded to those businesses that have taken the time to look at their suppliers and form a green purchasing policy and who have incorporated their green ethos and goals into all recruitment and induction processes.

Since 2020, The O'Donoghue Ring Collection has taken a property-by-property approach to minimise environmental impacts called 'Our Green Way'.

The latest recognition of the family-run group's commitment to sustainability comes after Killarney Plaza and two of its sister hotels – Killarney Towers Hotel & Leisure Centre, and Killarney Avenue Hotel – achieved the prestigious Green Hospitality Eco-Certification. O'Donoghue Collection's unique Killarney Urban Farm, from which the portfolio's hotels and restaurants take much of their sustainably-produced produce, also swept up the Green Hospitality honour at the recent return of the Killarney Looking Good Awards last October.



Killarney Plaza Hotel & Spa & Urban Farm

MERCY STUDENTS COMPLETE BLAST PROJECT



Holy Cross Mercy School have a brand new school courtyard, following a revamp.

The Fifth Class pupils in Ms. Olwyn Trant's completed the school courtyard revamp project with Resident Artist, Darragh Kinch as part of "Creative Ireland's" BLAST initiative. BLAST, Bringing Live Arts to Students and Teachers, is a key Department of Education initiative of the Creative Youth Plan 2023-2027 which aims to foster a "creativity in schools" focus and to provide young people with opportunities to learn and develop the key skills and competencies of collaboration, critical thinking, problem-solving, and innovation. This initiative builds upon the prior experience of the pupils and also enlists the expertise of a resident artist to work directly with the pupils and their teachers.

"We were extremely grateful to work with the very creative and talented Mr. Darragh Kinch of 'Kinch Design Studio' this year. He worked with the pupils on lateral thinking exercises as well as collaboration of their own ideas for their space and unifying them into a cohesive design," said teacher and school coordinator of the BLAST project, Mrs Rhonda Healy. Darragh worked with the children to greatly enhance the existing "Suaimhneas" wellness space as part of our commitment to promoting pupil wellbeing. It is intended that it will be used as an outdoor classroom, with a space for sensory experiences. It embraces the natural environment while the children are participating in learner experiences outdoors. Pupil voice was central to the project with all major decisions on the design and feel of the space being voted upon by the children themselves and our Student Council.

The children worked with Darragh to formulate ideas for art installations for their space which included two very impressive seashell resin murals,

a CD wall and a tennis ball board. They also designed and painted a mural depicting the word "Peace" as well as a rainbow ribbon in a calming colour palette. The children planted seeds for a butterfly and bee habitat and look forward to welcoming more beautiful wildlife into their space over the coming months and years to come.

They designed fairy houses to surround the water fountain space in the "wishing well" area of the garden. There is also a sandpit with a collection of sand and water toys for all in the school to enjoy. "Our pupils collaborated very well with the BLAST artist to create a very warm and welcoming space for all of our pupils to enjoy, right in the heart of our school," said Class Teacher Olwyn Trant. We are extremely grateful to Darragh Kinch and the Fifth Class pupils who worked so hard to create this beautiful new area in our school



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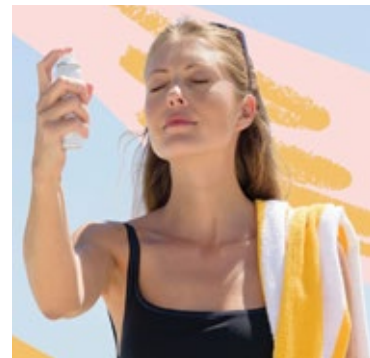


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Using your smart watch to monitor your heart rate while training may be useful for you. The thing is that depending on your device you may be getting a lot of information but it could be a case of you "can't see the wood for the trees" with the amount of info it actually gives you and what info you really need to look at the track your training intensity.

So what if we look at some of the basic information that you are receiving:

- Resting heart rate – exactly what you think it is, it is your heart rate while not taking part in any activity. This can vary from 60bpm to 100bpm but the fitter you are the lower the number
- Recovery heart rate – the amount of time required to return to resting heart rate after vigorous activity
- Maximum Heart Rate – again this is exactly what you think it is, the fastest that your heart rate can go. Some devices may not display this for you so if it doesn't the easiest way to calculate your max heart rate is to use the age based formula;
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So for example for a 50 year old it would be 220-50 = 170, so for this person their maximum heart rate would be 170bpm.

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Symptoms
Allergic conjunctivitis usually causes pink or red itchy eyes. The eyes are normally watery and other allergy symptoms such as sneezing and a runny nose may be present. The seasonal type of allergic conjunctivitis will vary with the time of year and weather conditions. Those with more general allergies, such as an allergy to dust mites, will most likely have symptoms throughout the year.

TREATMENT
You can treat allergic conjunctivitis by:

- Avoiding the cause of the allergy (if possible)
- Using cold compresses (such as clean cotton wool balls soaked in cold water) to soothe the eyes
- Avoiding rubbing your eyes as this will make the symptoms worse
- There is also a range of medicines that may help. Some are available over the counter at the pharmacy and other stronger medicines need a prescription.
- Mast-cell stabiliser eye drops such

as sodium cromoglicate (Opticrom) do not work straight away. Instead, they take a few days to start to work. These drops are good if you know when you are likely to develop an allergy and so you can use them to prevent symptoms


Antihistamine eye drops such as antazoline sulphate (Otrivine-Antistin) provide a more immediate effect. They won't prevent an allergic reaction, but instead treat the symptoms once the allergy has started.

Antihistamine tablets work in the same way as the eye drops, but will also treat other allergy symptoms such as a runny nose and sneezing that is caused by the allergy. You should not wear contact lenses if your symptoms are severe or if you have been told that your cornea is affected. Do not put drops in your eyes while wearing contact lenses.


Remember:

- Avoid rubbing your eyes, as this may make your symptoms worse
- Use a cold compress to soothe your eyes
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GLENFLESK

Written by: Sean Daly

➤CREDIT UNION SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 1
Ballymacelligott 2-11 Glenflesk 1-14

Glenflesk and Ballymacelligott couldn't be separated in Round 8 of the County League, with Daniel O'Briens late point rescuing a point for Glenflesk, keeping them well set in the upper regions of the table, after a result that both team's will be happy enough with. It was Glenflesk who had the upper hand early, taking a 1 – 3 to 0 – 1 early. Jeff O'Donoghue got 2 of the point's, with the goal coming from a fisted effort from Tommy Bowler, after Callum Cronin's run and pass set him up. Captain Vinny Horan was the man to lead the response for the home side, with 2 quick point's, the second 1 a well hit free from the 45 line. They then worked the ball around well to set up Shane McGillicuddy for another point. The teams then shared the next 4 points of the half. Then a quickly taken free kick from Donal Daly, set up a goal chance for Tadgh Brick, who finished expertly to put his side ahead for the first time. Glenflesk ended the half well though with point's from Cronin and Bowler giving them a 1 point lead at the interval. The pattern of neither team pulling away from the other continued into the second half. Points from Daly and Horan for the home side, were countered by scores from Bowler and Ian Roche. Ballymacelligott then scored a goal out of nothing. A half blocked shot landed short of the Glenflesk goal, and Daly was quickest to react, firing the loose ball to the net. McGillicuddy added another point straight after, as Glenflesk were punished for another error. They recovered their composure though, getting 4 point's in a row, with Michael Mullane getting 2, and 1 each from Bowler and Roche. Ballymac full back Daniel O'Shea then brought the side's level again. After more patient play, Brian Cassidy then put them 1 point up with 5 minute's left to play. Glenflesk then missed a couple of long range free's as they looked to create the 1 chance they needed. Eventually they created that chance, with O'Brien getting the shot away that secured the draw. Neither side could find a winning score after, and both team's will head into their final 3 games with their Division 1 status secured, and looking upwards. Thank you to Michael Healy for the match report.

➤CREDIT UNION SENIOR COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 5
Glenflesk 0-11 Asdee 3-9

➤UNDER 7s

The boys and girls travelled to Spa for Go Games, with fantastic football on display. Thanks to Spa for hosting us.

➤UNDER 11s

The boys were treated to an evening of fun games followed by a pizza party 'al fresco' after completing Phase 1 of the County League. Well done to their coaches for organising such a nice event.

➤UNDER 13s

Were away to Beaufort in the County League and had a good win of 5-21 to 2-5.

➤UNDER 21s

Round 1 of the Acorn Life County Football Championship in Lispole v West Kerry. After trailing by 2 points at half time, the lads put on a great second half display to run out winners on a score of 1-12 to 0-8. They meet St Brendans Board in the Quarter Final on Wednesday 29th May at 7pm in Kilmoyley.

➤KERRY SOUTH UNDER 15s

Well done to Roan Guerin who lined out with Kerry South against Kildare.

➤HURLING

Luke Crowley scored 2 points in Kerry's 3-13 to 1-10 win over Meath in their final game of the Joe McDonagh Cup.

➤KERRY MASTERS

Jerry Kennedy lined out for the Kerry Masters who beat Clare in Clarecastle on a scoreline 1-17 to 0-5.

➤KERRY SENIORS

Best of luck to Darragh Roche & the Kerry team as they travel to Meath on Sunday.

➤LOTTO

Congratulations to Rose Griffin, Fossa on winning the jackpot of €8,800. Next draw will take place in Glenflesk Hall on Monday 27th of May 2024. Jackpot €3,000. Thank you to all who support our Lotto and to our sellers.

➤EXAMS

Best wishes to all the students from Glenflesk parish on their upcoming Leaving & Junior Cert exams.

➤ACADEMY continues every Tuesday evening 6:15 to 7:15pm in Barraduff Community Field. All welcome!

➤NOTES

We welcome items of local interest. If you would like anything added in the notes please contact Sean on 086 6052054 or email to pro.glenflesk.kerry@gaa.ie

History was made by teams and coaches with Castleisland Community College winning 2 All Ireland A Division basketball school finals. The school along with coach Maurice Casey have won a staggering 15 All Ireland titles. Máire Mc Loughlin who joined the school this year as Guidance Counsellor has in one year along amassed 2 All Ireland A Division wins.

It was a busy two weeks in Castleisland Community College where Basketball took centre stage. The 2nd year boys beat Portlaoise CBS in the All-Ireland A Junior final in the National Basketball Arena, and the Minor Boys (first year boys) followed suit to beat Coláiste Éinde of Galway in the All-Ireland A Minor competition in the University of Limerick. Great credit is due to the teams and their coaches. The boys teams trained from 8-9am and Thursday mornings. Meanwhile the girls' basketball minor team (first year girls), claimed bronze medals in the All Ireland A Division final on the same day as the first year boys. The second year boys team trained every Thursday morning from 8-9am and the first year boys team trained every Tuesday morning from 8-9am. This increased to 3 mornings per week for Maurice and Máire when the South West Championships were approaching and the All Ireland playoffs. The first year girls trained on Fridays evenings and this increased to a second training when the South West Playoffs and All Ireland were approaching. The girls were trained by Dinny Porter and managed by Ms Rice.

Principal Teresa Lonergan stated ' There is great credit due to all teams, coaches and managers. There is a huge personal commitment given on behalf of the students, parents and coaches and the school is most grateful for this.'

CASTLEISLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAKES HISTORY winning 2 All Ireland Basketball Finals



ALL IRELAND CHAMPS

Back row from left : Alex Rocha, Daniel Riordan, Dean O Donoghue, Gearóid Joy, Joey Kelly, Conor Ryan, Aaron Mc Carthy, Kelvin O Connor, TJ Crowley.

Sitting from left: Oran Mc Govern, Eoin Brosnan, Máire Mc Loughlin (Coach), Ógie O'Leary-Griffin, (Joint Captain) Teresa Lonergan (Principal) Darragh O Sullivan (Joint Captain), Maurice Casey (Assistant Coach), Charlie Brosnan, Cathal Ryan.

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KILCUMMIN

Written by: Helen Moynihan

>KILCUMMIN LOOKING GOOD

Kilcummin Looking Good will host a coffee morning on Sunday the 16th June, from 12 -1.30pm in the Recreational Hall. Proceeds will go towards the upkeep of our parish and village. All Welcome.

>KILCUMMIN CCE

Kilcummin CCÉ were represented by two U12 set dancing groups at the Fleadh Nua set dancing competition which was held at Cois na hAbhan in Ennis last Saturday. In the U12 novice our mixed set were placed 3rd out of fourteen teams and in the U12 Open competition our team were placed first out of eight teams in what was a very tough competition. Well done to all who took part and to their trainer Adrian Moriarty. A special thanks to all who travelled and supported both sets. Members of the groups were Shane O’Sullivan, Leagh and Faye O’Connor, Ella Lawlor, Aodhan O’Halloran, Ian Condon, Ava O’Sullivan, Colm Fleming, Mark O’Sullivan, Michael O’Connor, Clodagh O’Donoghue.

>FLEADH CHEOIL CHIARRAI 2024

Kilcummin CCÉ wish all of our competitors in this year’s Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí the very best of luck. Fleadh takes place again in Ballybunion this year with dancing competitions on the weekend of 8th/9th June and music, singing, storytelling and comhrá competitions on the weekend of 15th /16th June. For timetables and a full programme of events, to include street entertainment, see www.kerrycomhaltas.ie

>KILCUMMIN GAA

CREDIT UNION CO LEAGUE DIV 1: Rathmore 0-11 Kilcummin 0-10

Our senior team lost out by single point to Rathmore in Rathbeg on Sunday and now face Ballymac this weekend in round 9 of the county league. Scorers Sean Doolan 0-2, Keelan O Shea 0-2, Mikey O Shea 0-1, Mark O Shea 0-3 Paul O Shea 0-2.

DIV 6 SHIELD: Kilcummin B 3-08 Spa 1-02

Well done to our B team for their comprehensive win over Spa B on Sunday

evening in Spa. Goals from Cian Lynch twice and Jack O Donoghue were the deciding factors in a well contested encounter.

LOTTO

There was no winner on Monday 20th May 2024 of the Jackpot for €11,250. Numbers drawn were 06,17,20,29. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Dominic Doyle, Kelly Brotherton (online), Phil Aherne, and J. Herlihy. The next draw will be on Monday 3rd June for Jackpot of €11,500.

>MASTERGEEHA FC

MASTERGEEHA FC U12 GIRLS - PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Castleisland 0-0 Mastergeeha. (Mastergeeha won 3-1 on penalties). In a season that will be etched into the annals of Mastergeeha history, our U12 Girls crowned their campaign with a dramatic victory on Thursday evening in Castleisland, securing an illustrious treble that will be remembered for years to come. This extraordinary team claimed the Premier League, Kerry Cup, SFAI Regional Cup, and reached the final 16 of the SFAI National Cup, showcasing their talent, penalty taking and saving expertise along the way.

LOTTO

There was no winner on Friday 24th May 2024 of the Jackpot for €11,400. Numbers drawn were 01,14,20,24. Consolation prizes of €50 went to Louise Hurley, c/o C. Hurley, Kiera O’Connor, Charlie Lenihan, Rathanane, and Scully c/o Klub. The next draw will be on Friday 31st May for Jackpot of €11,600.

>KILCUMMIN COMMUNITY GAMES

TRACK AND FIELD

Kilcummin Community Games Track & Field Events (U8-U16) and fun race for tiny tots will take place on Tuesday 4th June at Killarney Valley AC. Registration from 6.30pm, first race begins @ 7pm. Entry fee €2 per athlete, and athletes must reside in Kilcummin Parish to participate. For more information on events please see our Facebook page.



UNDER 12 OPEN COMPETITION



U12 Premier League Champions

BEAUFORT

By Bridget Hartnett

>FIXTURES

Senior men will be home to Templenoe and home to Fossa in Divisions 2 and 6, Senior Co League next Saturday, 1st June.

Divison 6 game at 5.30pm and Division 2 game 7.30pm.

>RESULTS

Fossa 0.10 Beaufort 2.16 in Div. 2, Co Senior League.

Kerins O’Rahilly’s 0.08 Beaufort 1.10 in Senior Co League, Div. 6, Phase 2.

>LOTTO

There was no winner of Beaufort G.A.A. Club lotto jackpot of €3,800 on Sunday, 26th May. Numbers: 3,16,17,25. Consolation Prizes: €80 Eamon Browne, Beaufort, Roisín Kennedy, Gap of Dunloe, Christine Breen, Beaufort, Michael O’Sullivan, Dunloe Upper. The next draw for a jackpot of €4,000 will be on Sunday, 9th June.

Tickets are available from usual sellers, shops, and public houses and online at www.beaufortgaa.com. Please note that online lotto closes at 7pm on draw night. Any tickets purchased after 7pm are entered into the next draw. Thank you to everybody who support the lotto and our

lotto sellers.

>GAELIC4MOTHERS&OTHERS

Beaufort has joined the Gaelic4Mothers&Others initiative which see Ladies playing Ladies Gaelic Football in a fun, non-competitive and social environment.

It is confined to Ladies who do not play senior LGFA Club football and who are over 25 years of age. For more information, please contact Gillian on 087 9903552.

>MEMBERSHIP

Beaufort G.A.A. Club membership is now due. Gym and facilities membership is also available. Please contact Patie 087 2515311.

LGFA membership is also necessary for playing Ladies and Girls football. For more information, please contact Sue 086 2632219.

>BEAUFORT GAA CLUB SUMMER CAMP will be held on the week of 8th to 12th July in Beaufort GAA Club complex. For more information, please contact Mary 086 0640065 or Tara 087 6032774

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SPA

Written by: Deirdre O'Sullivan-Darcy

>KILLARNEY CLUB 7S

Excitement levels are at an all-time high as the Heineken Killarney Club7s takes place this weekend Saturday June 1st and Sunday June 2nd at the Spa GAA club grounds (V93 KN53). This year there will be 36 mens and ladies teams competing from both Ireland and abroad with €10k in prize money to be won. Games will start at 10am on Saturday morning and 10.30am on Sunday morning. As well as two days of 7s football, there will be a kids play area open until 6pm each day, a food court serving hot & cold food all day and live music in the Heineken Tent from 12noon on both days. Limited parking available and there will be a free shuttle service every hour (starting at 12noon) from the Friary to the clubhouse. Day and weekend passes can be purchased online at killarneyclub7s.ie Looking forward to another great weekend in Spa and a massive thank you to the committee, volunteers, neighbours and local community who make this possible.

>KERRY SOUTH U15 V KILDARE

Well done to coach Eoin Fitzgerald and players Tadhg O'Donoghue, Jonah Casey & Daithi Stack who played for the Kerry South u15s against Kildare in Hawkfield Centre of Excellence on Saturday morning. It was a tight game with Kildare just coming out on top 2-15 to 4-6. A great experience for our young lads, well done.

>SPA U7S

Spa U7s had our first home Go Game of the season last Tuesday. An enjoyable evening with excellent matches played in great spirit against Glenflesk. Well done to all our young players who turned out.

>SPA U12 GIRLS

Well done to Spa ladies U12 teams who travelled to Killorglin last week. They showed great skill and heart in their games against Laune Rangers. They are going from strength to strength. Well done girls.

>U13 BOYS

Hard luck to our u13 boys who were home to Skellig Rangers on Sunday evening. They played outstanding football but lost out 3-4 to 1-5.

>CO LEAGUE DIVISION 6 SHIELD Spa 1-3 Kilcummin 3-8

Our Senior B team welcomed Kilcummin on Sunday evening for Rd4 of the Co League Division 6 Shield competition, where Kilcummin ran out winners on the night. Spa panel: Jack O'Sullivan, Diarmuid Cahill, Paudie O'Donoghue, Danny Coffey, Aaron O'Connor, Donal Hickey, Matt McAuliffe, Connie Cremin, Eoin O'Riordan, Matt Lane, Donagh Fahy, Alan O'Sullivan, Emmett Spillane, Conor Kerins, Michael Horgan, Mikey Aherne.

>CO LEAGUE RD 8 Spa 2-9 Milltown/Castlemaine 2-8

Spa travelled to Milltown/Castlemaine on Sunday afternoon for Rd8 of the Credit Union County League and, despite trailing for much of the game, Spa came out on top with a one point victory. Four goals in the second half at crucial moments, two for Milltown/Castlemaine at the start of the half and two for Spa at the end of the half, were major turning points in



Spa players Tadhg O'Donoghue, Jonah Casey & Daithi Stack who played for the Kerry South u15s against Kildare last weekend

the game with both sides having opportunities to take the win. This result gives us two more much-needed points as just three rounds remain in the county league. Congrats to our team and management on their victory.

>UPCOMING FIXTURES

MD O'Shea East Region U14 League Division 3: Rd 1 Spa v Beaufort on Wednesday May 29th (7pm in Beaufort); Rd 2 Spa v Scartaglen on Wednesday June 5th (7pm in Spa); Rd 3 Spa v Kenmare on Wednesday June 12th (7pm in Spa). Credit Union Co League Division 1 Rd9 Spa v Rathmore on Friday May 31st (7.30pm in Fitzgerald Stadium) & Credit Union Co League Division 6 Shield Rd5 Spa v Castleisland Desmonds on Wednesday June 5th (7.30pm in Castleisland). ** Fixtures are subject to change

>SPA GAA CLUB LOTTO

Lotto Numbers 20/05/2024 were 9, 13, 25, 27. No winner and €50 Lucky Dips to Patrick Kelly, Jim Gleeson, Anita & Norma O Riordan and John Murhill. Next Monday's lotto jackpot is €5,600 and play on spagaa.com or in usual outlets.

>WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our club PRO and senior ladies player Leanne Cronin and Anthony Kennedy, Listry, who are getting married this weekend.

>ITEMS FOR NOTES

Any items for the Spa notes over the next few weeks please contact Deirdre (0851216359) or email pro.spa.kerry@gaa.ie before 8pm on Sundays

LISTRY

Written by: Colette Leslie

>LOTTO

Numbers drawn 7,10,18,23. €100 Chris Kimmage, Kilclogherane. €50 Joe Donnelly, Ballycastle, Antrim. €50 Bridget Ahern, Nauntinane. €25 Mary O Connor C/O First steps Childcare. €25 Tim and Carmel, Ballytrasna. Jackpot June 2nd €4,150

U15 B TEAM played Killarney Legion in the Lee Strand div 9 final in Keel on Wednesday evening. The lads lost out narrowly on a scoreline of 1.14 to 2.09. That brings the curtain down on the U15 County league for this year.

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RATHMORE GNEEVEGUILLA

By Michael O' Mahony

>SHARE THE BUCKET

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>KNOCKNAGREE- KENYA

A clothes collection in aid of Fr. Sean Cremin's Missionary work will take place on Tuesday 4th /Wednesday 5th June from 7pm – 9pm. Drop off point Rathmore Community Centre. Contact Breeda: 087 2974431. Nuala: 086 3906434 Mary: 086 05560609. No Duvets or Pillows accepted. Wishing Fr Sean a speedy recovery.

>SYMPATHIES to Mike Cronin on the death of his wife Ann Cronin (née Culloty), Maughantourig, Gneeveguilla / Maulykevane, her sisters Kathleen, Marie, Patricia, Geraldine, Carmel and Martina & families. Anne's funeral took place on Monday 20th May in Gneeveguilla.

To Ann Carlon, Bernard & family on the death of Anns mother Kathleen Crowley, Kenmare. Kathleen funeral took place on Tuesday 21st May in Kenmare.

To Mary O'Brien, Timmy & family on the death of Mary's father David O'Driscoll Valentia Island. David's funeral took place on 15th May in Valentia Island. May Ann, Kathleen & David rest in peace

> TUSLA KERRY are seeking foster carers from across the county. Information day on 7th June between 10.00 & 11.00a.m. in The Killarney Library, Rock Road or contact them on freephone 1800 226771 or email tusla.fostering@tusla.ie

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>PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Saturday 24th August Diocese of Kerry Pilgrimage to Knock. Further details to follow.

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>MASSES

June 5th 8p.m Mass in Gneeveguilla Cemetery

June 7th 8p.m Mass in Shrone Cemetery

June 10th 8p.m Mass in Rathmore Cemetery

June 17th 8p.m Mass in Old Chapel Cemetery

June 21st 7.30p.m Mass on Token Fire Mountain.

Drishane Cemetery Millstreet – Monday 10th June at 7.30p.m.

>THE ROSARY will be recited at Tureencahill Grotto nightly at 8pm for the month of May. All welcome

>TUBRID WELL MASS Millstreet on Friday May 31st at 7-30p.m. with Millstreet pipe Band Everybody welcome

>ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONS

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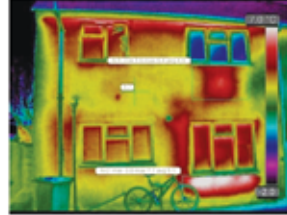
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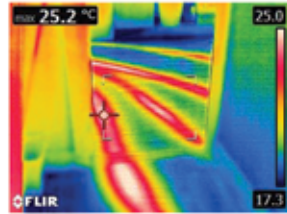
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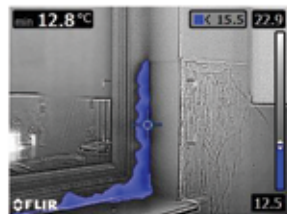
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DAMIEN SWITZER



A Heartfelt Letter to the People of Killarney

I have seen some of the candidates running against me talk of and show pictures of their parents, families, and political lineage. I know I am biased, but they would be hard-pressed to match this extraordinary woman in my corner, my mom Eileen Switzer.

Along with my father Frank, she has spent decades tirelessly working to make Killarney a better place. Whether through her volunteering work or the hundreds if not thousands of young people she taught and encouraged in sports, she has always given her all to our community.

This is the spirit my parents nurtured in me, community activism, and this is what I want to continue to do now for the people and town of Killarney.

Killarney is more than just a town; it's a way of life. It's a place where we greet each other on the streets, where children grow up with a sense of belonging, where our neighbors are our extended family. But it's also a place facing real challenges, and if we're not careful, we could lose the very values and principles that make Killarney the unique place it is. Change is inevitable, but how we manage and incorporate that change into our community is what truly matters. Killarney has always been a place where locals look out for each other, happy to volunteer and be part of the many sporting and community organizations that define us.

The 'Town of Killarney' is known worldwide as a base where visitors come to experience the spectacular beauty of Kerry, the warm welcome, and a place to make memories they cherish. But for us, the people of Killarney and its surrounding areas like Rathmore to Fossa, it's more than a tourist spot. It's where we shop, eat, drink, see old friends, school our children, go to their matches, and watch them grow into fine young men and women.

As I've walked the streets, knocking on doors and talking to hundreds of you, I've heard your concerns and your hopes. One question that keeps coming up is, why Sinn Féin? Why not as an independent or for other political parties? The answer is simple. Fine Gael, Fianna Fáil, and Labour, and more recently the Green Party, have been making decisions for over 100 years since the foundation of the State, yet locally and nationally, things aren't improving.

This is not the time for people who do not have the best interests of Killarney at heart. Sinn Féin is the oldest party in the State; we deserve a chance to make a change, to ask the difficult questions, and to hold the council accountable for the things that affect our daily lives. Life is tough right now—the state of our housing, health services, the cost of living, the lack of supports, traffic and the conditions of our roads. We, the locals need to be put first again, the local small issues that effect our daily lives need to be addressed.

I have no agenda, I will be proactive and work for the betterment of Killarney. If elected I'll keep you informed, regular updates from KCC and the decisions being made on your behalf by me and others.

Elections can be rough, even nasty at times. This is my first time ever asking for your vote. I am not a politician, but I think that's a good thing it brings an unbiased perspective that is badly needed.

My opponents have been respectful and have wished me well, as I wish them well too. Social media can be a swamp, but people are getting wiser. They can see through the lies and dishonest content some people post to cause fear, upset, and anger.

I bring more than just a love of Killarney to the table. Through my professional career, I've worked for scores of multinationals,

government agencies, county councils, and the tourism sector. I won't beat my drum, but I have an uncanny ability to work a problem and find solutions.

I could fill a page with policies, plans, and promises, but I imagine you've heard enough of them. That is for the work ahead. Now, it's about who will do that work, who will represent you, who will do what is necessary. So when you go into the polling booth to vote on June 7th, ask yourself these questions:

Am I someone who has the very best welfare of Killarney at his core, who understands its history, its present state, and what its future should be?

Am I the person who will do whatever is required, ask the difficult questions, and solve the local issues for Killarney that upset, anger, and frustrate you?

Am I someone you believe to be honest, decent, and worthy of your trust?

If you can answer yes to these questions about me, I respectfully ask you to vote for me. I will not let Killarney down. Thank you.

Send a message...

The locals are back!





Three Generations Homegrown Killarney: Eileen, Noah and Damien Switzer

Hello, my name is Eileen Switzer, and my son Damien is running to represent the people of Killarney as a Councillor in Kerry County Council. There are many reasons why I support Damien in this mission, but in reality the main reason is I know how much he loves the town of Killarney, and his desire to help make it the best place to work, live and bring up our children.

KILLARNEY TO THE CORE!

My family, the Buckleys and Corkerys have lived in Killarney for several generations. Born and bred, from Killarney, the term 'Killarney to the core' would be well known by some of our older residents. It signifies deep roots and belonging.

"Vote for Damien he loves Killarney more than anyone I've known in my lifetime. I'm am very proud he has put his name forward to represent his home town, after all he is from Killarney. I am proud of the man he has become. You never hear of all of his accomplishments as he doesn't broadcast them. He never thinks of himself. With so many people running, he needs number ones to say the race. He deserves a chance. I have no doubt he will be good for Killarney and do us all proud."

Eileen Switzer *Eileen Switzer*

Just my luck... alphabetically I'm at the bottom of the ballot paper... 'so if your feeling like your at the bottom of KCC list of priorities then send a message, go to the bottom and vote for me...

**DAMIEN
SWITZER**

Vote No 2
Caroline Kenneally

VOTE 1

You've done the hard work so reap the rewards in the 2024 State Exams



By Billy Ryle

EXAM TIME

With the state exams beginning next Wednesday, 5th June, for about 136,300 Leaving Cert and Junior Cycle candidates, this is the final weekend for major revision. Stick to your study plan on Saturday and Sunday. Concentrate on subjects being examined during the first week. As the exams run into the subsequent weeks, the optional subjects are nicely spaced out allowing for study days.

PRIORITISE

Leaving Cert candidates should prioritise last minute work in English, Home Economics, Engineering, Geography and Mathematics Paper One and get it done by Sunday night. Likewise Junior Cycle candidates should do the same in English, Religious Education, Irish, Geography, History and Maths. On Monday, concentrate on the tips and predictions for subjects being examined the first week. Don't cram on the days before the exam as this may cause confusion and fatigue.

SKIM

Spent an hour or two on Tuesday skimming over your notes for Wednesday's exams and leave it at that. Some relaxed leisure will be more beneficial than spending the day cramming material that you may not recall anyway. You need a clear and alert mind going into the exams on Wednesday morning.

NOTES

On the evening before each paper spend an hour or so looking over your notes so that the important concepts and ideas are fresh in your mind. Heavy study sessions on the night prior to any paper are not a good idea as you will be exhausted the following morning. Instead, relax and get a good night's rest. Put all thoughts of the following day's exam out of your mind. If you find it difficult to sleep, try a little non-academic reading for a short while.

EQUIPMENT

Over the next few days check your equipment and assemble your exam materials – black or blue biros, pencils, ruler, eraser, drawing instruments, calculator and so on. Have at least two biros or fountain pens in case one doesn't work properly. It's time, too, to organise your

personal needs such as a watch and tissues.

RELAX

A few nerves are normal on the first day so be prepared to deal with it. A relaxation exercise or maybe a shower to freshen up will do the trick. Eat a nutritious breakfast as you'll need the extra reserves of energy. Finally, go through your equipment checklist before leaving home.

CENTRE

On Wednesday morning arrive at the exam centre at least a half hour before the exam begins. For all subsequent exams be present about fifteen minutes before the appointed time. Spend the few minutes before entering the exam centre on your own in peace and quiet. At all costs, avoid groups that are involved in last minute revision. If you need to, use the bathroom before you enter the exam centre. Be in your seat a few moments before the exam is due to begin. Synchronise your watch with the clock on the wall and use your watch or the clock to help you pace your work.

DESK

Check your seat and desk for firmness and stability. A shaky desk will torment you and distract you during the exam. When the answer book is distributed, fill in the required details and read the directions. When you receive your question paper read the instructions carefully in case there is any change of format. Don't be put off by your first glance at the paper. It's new and it will look unfamiliar at first. Once the exam begins, keep to your prepared answering plan and address the questions which are asked.

REMAIN

If you finish a paper before the time is up, do not leave the exam centre. Recheck your work and extra information may come to you. Attempt an extra question only when you have thoroughly answered the required number of questions. Once an exam is over, spend as little time as possible on a post-mortem. Focus on the next paper and when the entire exam is over, forget about it and enjoy your summer. There is no advantage in dwelling on what might have been. Be happy and satisfied that you have done your best. Good luck to all candidates starting exams next week.

CHECKLIST

- Concentrate on subjects being examined in the first week
- Complete major revision by Sunday night
- In a relaxed study session on Monday concentrate on tips and predictions
- On Tuesday just skim over your revision notes for an hour or two
- Have a clear and alert mind going into each exam
- Arrange the equipment and materials you will need for the exams
- Organise your personal needs such as a watch and tissues
- Spend the few minutes before entering the exam centre in peace and quiet
- Be in your seat a few minutes before the start of each exam
- Check that your seat and desk are firm and steady
- Read the instructions carefully
- Know what to expect but be prepared for the unexpected
- Use all the time available to you
- Once an exam is over, avoid protracted post-mortems
- The exams are a marathon rather than a sprint
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- Avoid over-exposure to the sun
- Keep fluid levels high to avoid dehydration
- Take regular aerobic exercise during the exam period
- Exam timetables are available on www.examinations.ie
- Leaving Cert results will be published on Friday, 23rd August
- CAO Round One offers will be available on Wed., 28th August
- Good luck to everybody doing exams.

Billy Ryle is a Career Guidance Counsellor and Educational Commentator
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Congratulations to Lauren O Sullivan (a past pupil of Castleisland Community College) who received the Certificate of Excellence from the Department of Education. She received the Highest Leaving Certificate DCG result in Ireland for 2023. In her overall Leaving Certificate, Lauren received 6 H1s and 1 H2. Her academic excellence during her Leaving Certificate has been further acknowledged with the prestigious JP McManus All Ireland Scholarship, underscoring her outstanding achievements. She is presently studying Aeronautical Engineering in UL.





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Margaret O'Donoghue (centre) presenting the Killarney Golf Club Mixed Killarney Cups competition sponsored by The Gleneagle to winners Donal G O'Sullivan and Kay O'Connor with (left) Helen Prendergast Club President and Kate O'Leary Lady Captain at the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Kare Plus Kerry management presenting sponsorship to Beaufort Golf Club 2024 captain Owen Nolan for his upcoming Captain's Prize day in Beaufort Golf Club. Photo left to right is Patrick Sawyer Managing Director Kare Plus. John Hennessey Operations Manager Kare Plus. Owen Nolan Captain Beaufort Golf Club 2024. Martin Horgan Social Care Coordinator Kare Plus.

KILLARNEY GOLF & FISHING CLUB (MEN'S)

JUNIOR SCRATCH CUP (HANDICAP INDEX 2.5-9.4) PLAYED SATURDAY 25TH MAY - KILLEEN.

Winner: David Finn 72 (Mallow)
 2nd: Gary Morris 76 (Macroom)
 3rd: Lee O'Callaghan 77 (Killarney)
 4th: Matt Leacy 78 (Killarney)

INTERMEDIATE SCRATCH CUP (HANDICAP INDEX 9.5-17.4) PLAYED SATURDAY 25TH MAY - KILLEEN.

Winner: Colin Moriarty 86 (Killarney)
 2nd: Aaron Landy 88 (Shannon)
 3rd: George Leech 88 (Killarney)
 4th: Gary Greene 89 (Shannon)
 Best Nett: Gerard McCarthy 93-19=74 (Kanturk)

CORK GOLF CLUB EXCHANGE DAY - SINGLES STROKEPLAY PLAYED AT CORK GOLF CLUB; SUNDAY 26TH MAY 2024

Winner: John Twomey (22) 42pts
 Runner-up: Dan Walsh (14) 39pts
 Best Gross: Peter McEnery (3) 34pts

Category 1

1st: Cian O'Connor (9) 37pts
 2nd: Pat Cussen (8) 35pts
 3rd: Shane Horgan (2) 33pts

Category 2

1st: James Jones (10) 37pts
 2nd: Paul M O'Keeffe (10) 35pts
 3rd: Sam Leech (10) 34pts

Category 3

1st: Kevin O'Callaghan (14) 38pts
 2nd: Liam Hartnett (18) 37pts
 3rd: Louis Holland (18) 36 pts

Category 4

1st: David Neeson (22) 37pts
 2nd: Barry Duggan (21) 36pts
 3rd: David Reen (24) 35pts

ROSS LADIES GOLF CLUB NOTES

EXCHANGE DAY KINDLY SPONSORED BY ANNE O'LEARY THE LAURELS.

A lovely morning of golf was had at our Exchange Day at the Castlerosse even though weather was a bit against us. Thanks to everyone who

took part and congratulations to our winners. Winners of scramble in our Exchange Day at the Castlerosse kindly sponsored by Anne O'Leary The Laurels President Betty O'Farrell, Jennifer Nash and Susan Good. In second place Kaye Cremin, Miriam Hickey and Noreen O'Mahony

COMPETITIONS

President Betty O'Farrell President's Prize Saturday June 1st.
 9 & 18 hole Single Stableford Competition Saturday 1st June. Enter via the ClubV1 app. Must have a handicap to play. All Members welcome

PRESIDENT BETTY O'FARRELL'S PRIZEGIVING DINNER

The prize giving will be held at the President's Dinner on Sunday June 2nd. Even if you don't play in the competition you are very welcome to attend the dinner. The tickets for the dinner can be bought at the bar.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MEET & PLAY

Meet and play every Wednesday morning. Meet in the Club House 10.30am tee off 11.00am. All members welcome.

GOLF LESSONS

Gordon Howard is available to give golf lessons. Please contact Gordon directly in the Club House.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB (MEN'S)

EXCHANGE DAY IN DOOKS COLF CLUB - 26TH MAY 2024 - RESULTS

1st: Declan O'Leary (26) 37pts
 2nd: Dermot Walsh (16) 35pts
 3rd: Gary Whelan (25) 33pts (back 9)

Thanks kindly to Aspen Grove for sponsoring the outing.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

1st & 2nd June - 18 hole singles sponsored by Killorglin Industries.
 8th & 9th June - 18 hole singles sponsored by Killarney Medals & Trophies (1st GOTY & 3T's competition)

ROSS GC, KILLARNEY (GENTS)

RESULTS - ON MAY 25TH & 26TH WE HELD A STABLEFORD COMPETITION KINDLY SPONSORED BY CK DECORATORS.

The winners were :-

- 1st: Michael J O'Connor (9) 40
- 2nd: Anthony O Mahony (21) 39

Division 1

- 1st: Simon Gallivan (1) 38
- 2nd: Alan Flynn (9) 37

Division 2

- 1st: Niall O'Brien (13) 38
- 2nd: Oliver Butler (16) 36

Division 3

- 1st: Jim Delaney (29) 32
- 2nd: Gerard Murphy (24) 32

SUMMER MIXED SCRAMBLE

On Friday May 31st we will hold our first Summer Mixed Scramble at 6.30pm. Please get your name on the entry sheet in the clubhouse, either in person or by phone before 5.45pm. The scramble will be followed by the prizegiving and some food in the Clubhouse.

PRESIDENT'S PRIZE

On June 1st and 2nd our President Betty Farrell will hold her President's Prize.

On Saturday June 1st at 3pm she will hold a 9 hole stableford competition for our Seniors (over 60) at 3pm. If playing please be at the Clubhouse at 2.30pm on Saturday.

On Sunday June 2nd our President's Prize will be a stableford competition. The online system will be available from 7pm on Thursday for tee time bookings for a zoned draw. The zoned draw for partners will be made at 6pm on Saturday. The President's Dinner and presentation of prizes will take place at 8pm on Sunday evening in the Clubhouse. Dinner tickets are available in the Clubhouse.

CASTLEROSSE GOLF CLUB (LADIES)

RESULTS OF 9H SCRAMBLE EXCHANGE DAY WITH THE ROSS GOLF CLUB

- 1st: Claire Horgan, Margaret Crowley, Josephine Nolan
- 2nd: Margaret McCarthy, Nuala Ward, Barbara O'Shea
- 3rd: Catherine Woods, Siobhan Creedon, Eilish Culloty

Great day had by all, despite the inevitable rain!! Many thanks to the Ross Golf Club for the Exchange.

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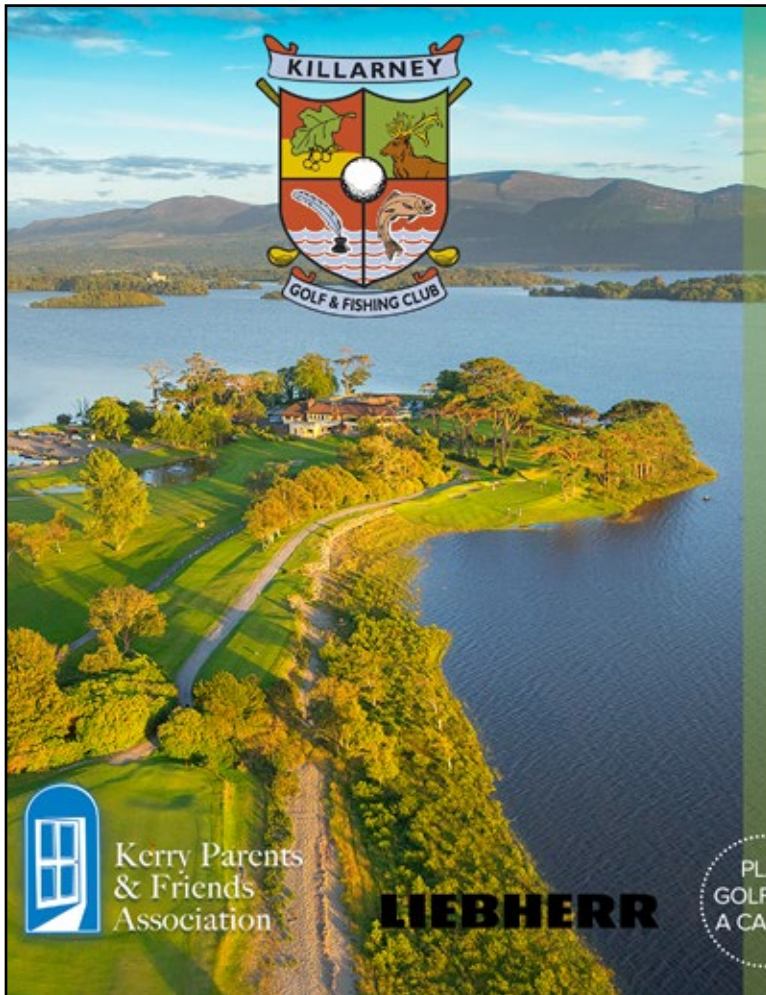


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Winners of scramble at Ross Golf Club Exchange Day at the Castlerosse kindly sponsored by Anne O'Leary The Laurels. From left President Betty O'Farrell, Jennifer Nash and Susan Good being presented by Captain Mary McCarrick



Second place of scramble at Ross Golf Club Exchange Day at the Castlerosse kindly sponsored by Anne O'Leary The Laurels from left Kaye Cremin, Miriam Hickey and Noreen O'Mahony with Captain Mary McCarrick

Social golf every Wednesday – meet at 10.15am for draw. Book on BRS.

SPRING LEAGUE

Deadline for Round 1 matches fast approaching. Good luck to all participants.

MIXED SCRAMBLES

Mixed scrambles every Tuesday at 6pm. Visitors welcome.

GET INTO GOLF

The Get Into Golf 6 week programme will begin on Monday 27th May from 6.00 to 8.30 pm. Fantastic opportunity to learn with a Professional in a friendly and helpful atmosphere, at a reasonable cost. Cost is €70. Contact Kieran 087-2748777.

7.30pm for the months of June and July.

SCRATCH CUPS

Tee-Times for this event on Saturday June 8th are available from either Sean Kelly or Damien Fleming. Please contact either to arrange same.

ROCKLODGE SCRATCH CUP

Congratulations to Damien Fleming on winning this event in Cork last Sunday with a 54-hole score of 30 under par. It's his second time winning a Scratch Cup at the course and sets things up nicely for the weekend.

CLUBHOUSE

Please note from this weekend the clubhouse will be open each day from 12pm for the month of June.

NATIONAL MATCHPLAY

Our best wishes to our three members travelling to Larkspurk Park for the Senior Mens event this Bank Holiday Weekend. Damien Fleming (three-time winner) and John McGrath have been regular visitors to the June Weekend extravaganza over the last 15 years but we are delighted to see our Vice President end his 19-year exile from the tournament this weekend.



The Beaufort Ladies Team who took part in the Revive Active Munster Fourball against Killarney Golf Club on Saturday 25th May.

DEERPARK PITCH & PUTT CLUB

SUNDAY DRAWS

Two Ball Scramble - First Nett: Noel Moynihan & Sean O'Brien 36, Gross: Bobby Kelly & Mark O'Shea 46 and Second Nett: Bobby Kelly & John Murphy 37½. As it is a Bank Holiday Weekend this weekend coming there will also be draws at the usual times on Monday.

WEDNESDAY FOURBALLS:

In our Wednesday May 22nd event the wind proved to be a tricky obstacle but Brian McCarthy proved to be a great common partner! Fourball Betterball- Nett: Brian McCarthy & Niall O'Loughlin 38½ and Gross: Brian McCarthy & Vincent O'Mahony 47. Please note from Wednesday June 5th the start time moves to

This year is the 20th anniversary of Derry McCarthy's famed victory in the event on home turf in 2004 and given both his and Damien's presence in this year's draw it is the first time ever two Kerry winners of a National Senior Mens event will have taken part in the same tournament. We also wish a speedy recovery to Gearóid Cronin who has unfortunately had to pull out of the Intermediate Mens event through injury.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES to the O'Leary family of O'Kelly's Villas on the death of Charlie O'Leary last week. May he Rest In Peace.



Sean Coffey Principal (second from left) who presented the Board of Management Award for Academic Excellence to Grace Titus on behalf of her son Brian with Hugh Rudden Deputy Principal and Bridget Lucey Deputy Principal at the St Brendan's College Awards in the College on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



Sinead Sugrue Board of Management (left) with winners of the Board of Management Award for Academic Excellence James O'Carroll, Thomas Knoblauch, Conor Gammell, Frank Oslam, Philip Lyons, Daniel Horgan and Rory Coyne and Sean Coffey Principal at the St Brendan's College Awards in the College on Friday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



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Cllr Marie **MOLOONEY**

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I have been immersed in community activism and politics for most of my life.

I have championed health, disability rights, social welfare issues, helping Carers, who to me are some of the hardest working people in this country, and have campaigned for improvements in facilities and services for the people of the Killarney Electoral Area. I am now working with some amazing people on a committee to make Killarney an Autism Friendly Town.

am constantly fighting for more social and affordable housing. Many young people are very willing to buy their own home but find it next to impossible to get a mortgage to match the price of houses in Killarney and planning is a huge issue for young couples.

If you the people choose to re-elect me, I will continue all this work along with working for improved infrastructure across the Killarney Electoral Area including water/wastewater services, roads, cycling infrastructure, playgrounds, and community facilities. Traffic and parking in Killarney is a huge issue for people at the moment and I will keep this issue on the agenda, pushing for a multi-story car park and keep the pressure on the TII, who need to move quicker, on the Farranfore to Killarney Project to provide the bypass.

I will also continue to work with retailers and hospitality sectors to bring footfall back into the town centre and to maintain Killarney's international reputation as a world-class tourism destination.

TO HELP ME CONTINUE MY WORK ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT PLEASE

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ST. FINANS RAISED WITH HOUSING MINISTER

“Following participating on the 15th May on a Teams meeting from the Council Chamber with Minister for Housing, Darragh O Brien along with Council Management, the Mayor and 6 elected members, Cllr. Brendan Cronin again highlighted the urgent need for the Land Development Agency to step in and examine the construction potential of all HSE and public lands in Killarney, particularly St Finians Lands and building.

“I welcome the commitment given to me by Minister O Brein that the LDA would be meeting with KCC Management and the fact that this meeting has taken place last week is a major step forward. My information is that following the meeting with the council management the

LDA will now proceed to make there assessment and evaluation and decisions on available public lands including the St Finians property. I want to reiterate my appeal to the LDA and Minister for Housing, that Killarney MD and its people have been forgotten about Nationally for provision of any kind of affordable housing. We are in a situation that working people can't access a mortgage and cannot access affordable housing or affordable sites to build their own home. There is a major onus of responsibility on the LDA to deliver now for Killarney families, we cannot be ignored and left behind any longer”, Cllr. Cronin told Killarney Outlook



Someone will die unless improvements are made



The roundabout at the Park Road, Countess Road intersection. One of Killarney's most dangerous crossing points for pedestrians.

A candidate in the forthcoming local elections has said it's only a matter of time before someone is either killed or seriously injured trying to cross one of Killarney's busy roads.

Caroline Kenneally, a native of the town who is contesting next month's local election in Killarney for Sinn Féin along with her party colleague, Damien Switzer, has said that the feedback on the doorsteps has highlighted a need to review pedestrian crossings throughout Killarney and the surrounding townlands.

‘Whether it is in Fossa, Kilcummin, Glenflesk, Barraduff, Farranfore or the town centre, people are telling Damien and I that it's not safe to cross many roads because of a lack of high visibility crossings, and where crossings do exist, the road markings have either faded or are non-existent.’ She continued: ‘for example, on Park Road and along the road to Fossa, routes that are busy with daily traffic, it is very difficult for people to safely cross from one side

to the other. One family in Lacabane said it was simply too dangerous to cross the N72 to access the Fossa greenway, which has resulted in their children been driven to school.’ She concluded: ‘last week the Department of Transport clarified that all drivers must yield the right of way to a pedestrian who is waiting to cross or has commenced crossing the road at a designated crossing. These amendments have been made under the Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations. As I've highlighted, the issue in Killarney is that there is much confusion as to where these crossings are, because many of them are poorly marked out.’

The local election candidate has said that elected or not, she will seek a meeting with the Kerry County Council, An Garda Síochána and other stakeholders, to discuss improving pedestrian crossings in the town and across the municipal district.

Minister Foley announces new classrooms and facilities for Castlemaine National School

Minister for Education and Kerry T.D. Norma Foley has today announced that funding approval has been given for new classrooms and facilities for Castlemaine national school, which has 108 pupils, will be getting two new special educational needs classrooms and a daily living skills room. The new facilities will free up a classroom when completed, which will then be reconfigured as a special education teaching room. The school will be appointing a design team to deliver the project.

Minister Foley said: “I wish to congratulate the Castlemaine national school for the excellent work they do every day in providing for the education of children in their care.”

“The growth and development of this school is testament to the hard work and endeavor of school staff and the school community. I wish Castlemaine national school well with these developments and I look forward to seeing them progress at pace.”



Pupils and staff at Castlemaine NS with Minister Norma Foley.



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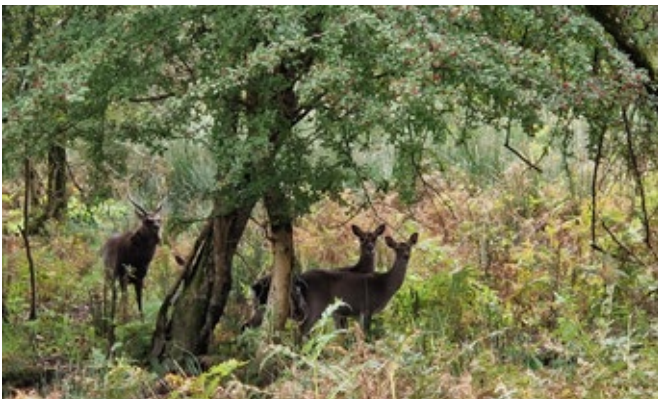
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Degenerated woodland on Innisfallen



Sika Deer on Innisfallen Island last Autumn

Killarney is sorely lacking a Farmer's Market

'Small local Farmers deserve a public space in which to sell their wonderful products' says Diarmaid Griffin, Green Party Candidate in the local elections. The reintroduction of a farmer's market to the town would benefit visitors, locals, and cafe/restaurants as it will encourage people to stay in the town centre for longer and buy local produce.

As a Tour Guide I often get asked for recommendations on places to visit. I would love to have a town centre site to add to that list. Tourists are increasingly looking for a unique experience in the places they visit. What could be more local and authentic than food grown in our locality by passionate farmers who grow vegetables and make ice-cream right here in Killarney.

'I am talking to stakeholders on the possibility of re-establishing a farmer's market and encouraging consumers to buy local. I know it will benefit many

and nurture a sense of community that the town needs. Small businesses will also benefit.

I believe there is room for promoting a local venison trade in the local area too as we need to encourage hunting of the over population of sika deer. The negative impacts of overgrazing are affecting local farmers, local ecology, and causing traffic accidents. Culling is needed and to encourage a structured, sustained and sustainable supply of venison, I would like to set up a forum for interested parties similar to the Wild Venison Project in the UK. If you need to be convinced of the overgrazing and its impact on trees, take a trip to Innisfallen Island or see the damage bark stripping is doing to our trees on Ross Island.

Notes: Open Season for Sika Deer begins on 1 August in each year and end on 30 April of the following year.

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HEALTH

The health system continues to pose many serious difficulties for people. There is a great demand for more enhanced services for people with disabilities including: respite services, residential services and day services. I recently highlighted the need for these services in the Killarney Area and requested that the HSE would consider providing such services in the District Hospital and St. Columbanus Home – both buildings are due to be vacated once the new hospital is completed later this year. There should also be scope to provide a minor injuries clinic. People continue to wait for simple procedures such as cataract, hip and knee replacement I will continue working with Deputy Danny Healy Rae who has provided many people with the opportunity to go to Belfast to get these procedures done. Lastly I firmly believe that carers allowance should not be means tested. Carers provide invaluable care and support for their family members and in turn save the State significant sums of money.

HOUSING

Housing continues to be one of the biggest issues facing our area despite the fact that there has been positive developments in Killarney and Barraduff. There is substantial need for more social housing to address the waiting list which now has in excess of 1,500 applicants. Vacant and void properties need to be brought back into use. Transfer applications need to be dealt with in a timely manner. More rural cottages need to be built by the local authority for people who may have a site available to them but would struggle to obtain a mortgage. Furthermore, affordable housing development needs to take place so that families and single people can have a realistic opportunity of purchasing a home. I have time and time again campaigned for St. Finians landbank to be used for social and affordable housing development. I want to continue my work in this regard. I am very active in assisting elderly people and people with disabilities to make applications for housing grants to make their homes more suitable for their needs.

ROADS

I have assisted many people in making applications for the Local Improvement and Community Involvement Schemes. Furthermore, I have requested increased funding for such schemes in order to deal with the long waiting lists. Traffic congestion continues to be an issue facing Killarney town. Following many representations, funding of €750,000 has been made available from the TII which will allow for the preferred route for the Kerry-Cork bypass to be selected in 2024. I have continually highlighted the need for safety improvement work to be carried out along the N22, at Poulgorm junction, Glenflesk Village, Coolcaslagh junction, Ballycasheen junction, Cleeney Roundabout and Madams Hill. I have continuously highlighted the need for a multi-storey car park for Killarney. This would future proof the parking needs of the town. I have been very active in the area of increasing safety at our schools making representations for and bringing deputations from different schools including Fossa National School where works are due to begin later this year and Two Mile National School where phase 1 of safety works will also be completed this year. Previously, I allocated a substantial amount of money for the provision of speed indicator lights at Knockanes National School.

PLANNING

I am a strong advocate for people being allowed to build on family owned land or on a site they could obtain in the area they are from. Difficulties are posed in this regard due to the local area clause and in areas deemed to be under significant urban influence in the rural settlement policy. I have also consistently raised the issue where the TII object to people seeking planning permission who want to exit onto a national primary or secondary route despite there already being an existing entrance.

Furthermore, I have also continually highlighted the unfairness where people exiting onto a national road from a private road are being turned down for planning whereas those exiting from a public road are getting approved. I am totally opposed to the Residential Zoned Land Tax where working farms will be taxed from February next year; this government introduced policy will affect the livelihoods of farmers. The Local Area Plan will be one of the main body of works for the next council to complete and will determine the planning and development of the Killarney Municipal District for the next number of years. I have the experience to contribute to this process effectively.

BUSINESS & HOSPITALITY

Employment is critical when it comes to retaining people in rural counties such as Kerry. The cost of doing business has increased substantially in the last number of years with the cost of living crisis and increased rate bills for many businesses. In a recent notice of motion, I requested that the Government would consider a rates waiver for businesses to try and alleviate pressure and avoid more small businesses from closing, 37% of hospitality beds are not available for tourists, many restaurants, cafes and pubs have already closed. I have called on the Government to discontinue the policy of using tourist accommodation to house refugees and asylum seekers as this policy has resulted in less footfall in out towns and villages and in turn less revenue for businesses. I have continuously highlighted that self-catering must be allowed to continue to provide their services and not be subjected to over-bearing enforcement action from the local authority.

INWARD MIGRATION

The massive influx of inward migration of refugees and asylum seekers into our towns has impacted on medical, education and social welfare services. It is more attractive for Landlords to rent to Ukrainians as they get €800 a month tax free, I believe the same concessions should be given to all who want to rent a home, we don't even have a homeless centre now in Killarney to accommodate people who cannot get a house, in fact some people are on the housing list for up to 15 years in Killarney, has had an affect on our hospitality sector. 37% of hospitality beds are not available for tourists. Many restaurants, cafes and pubs have already closed. In a recent notice of motion I called on the government to discontinue the policy of using tourist accommodation to house refugees and asylum seekers. This policy has resulted in less footfall in our towns and villages and in turn less revenue for small to medium size businesses. I have continuously highlighted that self-catering providers must be allowed to continue to provide their services and not be subjected to over bearing enforcement action from the local authority.

ENVIRONMENT

Protecting the environment is of paramount importance. To help eliminate the adverse affects the increased deer population is having in Killarney National Park, I recently requested that the government would provide funding to employ a deer manager and deer stalkers. The deer population must be controlled to protect woodland vegetation and the Island of Innisfallen. Furthermore, proper deer management will help decrease the number of accidents occurring on our roads. Monitoring the water quality of the lakes is also crucial and I have requested that Kerry County Council would publish the Lough Leine report for 2023. I have also consistently campaigned that Estates such as Mountain View, Kilcummin be connected to the new Sewerage scheme. Similarly, in trying to progress the connection of Birchhill estate and the Old Killarney Village. I have continually called on the government to provide the necessary funding. The work of our volunteers in the Killarney Looking Good committee and tidy town groups must be commended.

HEALY-RAE MAURA

INDEPENDENT



Dear Voter,

I want to sincerely thank you for the warm welcome you gave me and issues you raised when I canvassed at your home. I am very proud of the seat I have in Kerry County Council for over 8 years as this seat was held by my father Danny Healy Rae and my late grandfather Jackie Healy Rae since 1973. I believe I have the experience to deal with the many challenging issues that face this area.

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Please come out on the 7th June and **Vote No.1** Maura Healy Rae



REQUEST TO LIFT BLANKET PLANNING POLICY

Cllr. Maura Healy Rae raised the following by way of a notice of motion at the meeting on Monday 20th May asking that Kerry County Council write to the TII, the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Local Government requesting that the current blanket policy be lifted where all planning applications along national primary and national secondary roadways exiting from existing entrances are not being considered, this is a long running saga emanating from Fine Gael introducing this policy over 10 years ago. It has directly resulted in numerous planning applications being refused and even considered at pre planning stage. It is particularly acute in the Killarney MD given the amount of national roadway

surrounding the area with the N22, N71 and N72. It is non-sensical that where an individual is living at home and using an existing entrance, can't be considered to build their own house and use existing entrance they are already using. How the TII can quantify this as additional traffic is preposterous. Given we are in a housing crisis, given all the challenges surrounding planning, given exorbitant house prices and the lack of affordable housing- it is ludicrous that this is a reason people are being refused planning Cllr Maura Healy Rae states, I have raised this issues several times as has Deputy Danny Healy-Rae in Dáil Éireann. The government have failed to act in a positive way in this regard.

Provision should be made for people with severe disabilities

At the recent meeting of Kerry County Council Cllr. Marie Moloney moved a motion requesting that in every Council and Housing Association build provision be made for people with severe disabilities who need housing. Some people on the Social Housing list have either an adult or a child with very special physical needs. They need scope in their accommodation for the provision of a hoist on a track from bedroom to bathroom, some being peg fed who need specialised facilities. "I have helped people who have had to wait a number of years while the Council Officials constantly viewed houses for sale in an effort to find a suitable house that could be adapted to suit the needs of the applicants", Cllr. Moloney told Killarney Outlook. If every development by the Council and the Housing bodies built just one be-spoke



house to meet the individuals needs it would eliminate the need for a search for an adequate house. Kerry Council will provide such a build but unfortunately Kerry County Council build little or no houses in the Killarney Electoral Area but there is scope for Housing Bodies to build be-spoke houses. I have written to the Minister asking that he make it regulation that the AHB in association with Kerry County Council provide at least one such house in their developments.

WORKS AT LORETO AND AGLISH CEMETERY



Cllr. Brendan Cronin has allocated €3,500 for the construction of a new internal footpath at Aglish Cemetery, Ballyhar and €2,000 for important drainage works to alleviate flooding on Loreto Road adjacent to the junction leading to the Irish Water Reservoir at Sheheree. The Council roads engineers have informed me that both projects will be completed in the coming days."



Minister Norma Foley with pupils at Castlemaine National School.

TRAFFIC CALMING IN GLENFLESK

At the recent meeting of Killarney Municipal District, Cllr Maura Healy-Rae again tabled a motion seeking an update from Kerry County Council and TII on the traffic calming scheme for Glenflesk Village on the N22. In response, KCC stated that phase 2 'options selection' process is underway with the requisite consultation with the local landowners, St. Agatha's

Church Clergy and St. Brendan's Trust. Traffic calming proposals include narrowing the N22 to promote lower speeds, alternative parking options are being investigated and additional surveying is being carried out. It is expected that the proposals will be presented to the Elected Members in Q3 2024.



Taoiseach Simon Harris on the campaign trail in Killarney last Friday with European Election candidate Sean Kelly MEP, Dermot Healy, Fine Gael Local Election Candidate, Abbie O'Sullivan and Alice Boyle O'Sullivan, St. Brigid's Presentation Secondary School. The Taoiseach congratulated Abbie O'Sullivan on her success in representing Ireland in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award. He won the same award when he was 17 years old and also made the trip to Strasbourg.



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MY PRIORITIES:

- SOCIAL & AFFORDABLE HOUSING (introduce new scheme for first time buyer for affordable housing).
- TRAFFIC & PARKING
- YOUTH ENGAGEMENT
- TOURISM
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AGREEMENT REACHED

between Laune Salmon & Trout Anglers Association and KPH in relation to Cronins Wood Housing Development

Laune Salmon & Trout Anglers Association and KPH have reached an agreement that resolves the observation in relation to effluent discharge from the Cronins Wood Housing Development being undertaken by KPH. The Laune Anglers had lodged an observation to the planning application by KPH for this development on the basis that the capacity of the sewage treatment plant in Killarney is not sufficient to take the additional effluent from this development. The group have been raising concerns over the last number of years as to the continued decreasing water quality on the river Laune and Killarneys Lakes, which is the second most polluted waterway in the country, which is being blamed by the Environmental Protection Agency on the continuous overflows from the Killarney treatment plant. Following discussions between both sides, facilitated by Cllr. Niall Kelleher, KPH have now agreed to install a new storm water pipe at St. Marget's Road in Killarney town that will have the effect of taking storm water out of the treatment plant equivalent to the effluent the Cronins Wood development will produce. The agreement has been warmly welcomed by the Laune Salmon & Trout Anglers Association who again reiterated their position that they have no objection to the houses being built but rather the potential environmental impact this would have on the already very poor water quality in the River Laune and Killarneys Lakes.



A spokesperson for the group said that they are very pleased that the discussions with KPH have yielded this very positive result for both sides and that this outcome shows what can be achieved when parties are willing to negotiate and work together. They added that they hope now that both the responsible authorities and other potential developers will join with KPH in undertaking works required at other locations across Killarney town to take all of the storm water out of the treatment plant. They have also called on Irish Water to undertake an immediate upgrade of the treatment plant to ensure it is sufficient to meet the growing needs of Killarney town and to ensure it no longer causes pollution to Killarneys Lakes and Laune River. As a result of the agreement, the proposal to develop the Cronin's Wood site can now proceed. Laune Salmon & Trout Anglers Association thank Kenmare Plant Hire for being proactive and engaging in resolving this matter and contributing to reducing the pollution entering Killarneys Lakes. Welcoming the agreement between the Laune Salmon & Trout Anglers and KPH, Cllr. Niall Kelleher said that the agreement represents an excellent outcome



The agreement between both sides was facilitated by Cllr. Niall Kelleher.

for both sides. "I warmly congratulate them on coming up with this innovative solution that will help protect the water quality on the Laune River as well as facilitating the construction of these houses that are so badly needed in Killarney" Cllr. Kelleher said. I would also like to note the involvement of Kerry County Council in enabling this solution through providing the relevant consents. "I hope that both they, and indeed Irish Water, will move forward now and undertake the necessary works to the water treatment infrastructure in the greater Killarney area to facilitate the future development, both in housing and industry, that the town so badly needs" he concluded. In their response, KPH have stated that the solution they have engaged in, demonstrates the companies long standing commitment to enhancing the "Built Environment". KPH have stated that their commitment to solving the housing crisis in a sustainable manner is unwavering and this demonstrates that commitment.

Sinn Féin's Pearse Doherty in Killarney

Sinn Féin's Pearse Doherty - Deputy Leader and spokesperson on Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform was in Killarney today lending his support to Damien Switzer and Caroline Kenneally both first-time candidates in the local elections on June 7th. The candidates led Pearse on a whistle-stop tour of the town citing the issues facing Killarney. Though it was a day for politics, along the way Damien had to mention the historical significance of some of our older buildings. The entourage's first port of call was the famous sports pub, Jimmy O'Brien's. Caroline said 'a little football and a little politics were discussed with patrons' while the owner Alan Breen highlighted the various issues affecting the town's tourism offering. Damien said we weren't interested in photo opportunities or meeting with business leaders but instead opted to bring Pearse to meet real people with real issues. Small businesses are struggling and visitor numbers aren't what they once were, but all agreed, Killarney is resilient and will fight its way back to the top again. We spoke to everyone, the postman, hoteliers, restaurant staff, barbers to our council workers. This is the only way to get a read on the local issues. Before departing the Kingdom, Damien insisted on getting commitments to change the VAT rates and other supports. We met plenty of well-wishers along the way, things are changing and we feel very optimistic about Killarney's future.





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FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH



YOUR VOTE MATTERS – Vote Kelleher No.1 on June 7th

**VOTE
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Cllr. Niall

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MY PRIORITIES

- I will continue to lobby for social and affordable housing and greater assistance for first-time buyers
- I have already engaged with senior HSE Forum officials regarding the requirement for a patient-first approach to health services with a very clear need for a properly resourced minor injuries clinic in Killarney
- I will continue to strongly advocate for positive and crucial mental health initiatives in the Killarney Municipal District
- I will seek the required funding for our local and regional roads and to improve safety at dangerous junctions.
- I shall continue my work with community and sporting organisations to ensure they can reach their goals with proper funding and greater support



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LOCAL AND EUROPEAN ELECTION FEVER FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH



INDEPENDENT

VOTE NO.1 CRONIN

SOME OF MY PRIORITIES INCLUDE:

- St. Finan's Hospital & site must be redeveloped to supply **social and affordable housing**, along with proper amenities, **for local Kerry families**. I have led this call & will continue to do so if re-elected.
- We need a dedicated **A&E for Killarney** along with East & South Kerry. With the new community hospital nearing completion, I would like to see St. Columbanus and Killarney Community Hospital sites serve as a new A&E and out-patients clinic.
- Killarney needs a **multi-story carpark** centrally located and easily accessible.
- The TIL must progress with the new **Farranfore to Lissivigeen bypass** route to alleviate traffic congestion at bottleneck areas, such as Muckcross Rd, Killarney Bypass, Mission Rd, & Lewis Rd.
- I will continue to work to reverse the **current crippling planning legislation** so that families can buy a site and build their home in the countryside around Killarney. The current planning laws are resulting in high-priced housing, which is in short supply.
- The re-development of the **Áras Phádraig** must progress as the funding has been allocated. KCC management needs to ensure this redevelopment commences.
- During my tenure as **Mayor of Killarney**, I requested that the government and IPAS stop sending further asylum seekers to Killarney **as our current local services are at capacity**.
- I have continuously defended **family-owned short-term lettings**, which provide a vital contribution to Kerry's tourism sector and local businesses, and they must have a voice to defend them.
- **Our town councils need to be restored**. Shame on the Fine Gael & Labour government in 2014 for diluting local democracy.
- The full replacement of the single-lane **Listry Bridge** must progress, and I will continue to keep this major road safety project on the table until adequate funding is allocated.
- Following the securement of approx. **€1.5 million** to carry out road safety and road improvement works at **Fossa**, I will continue to campaign for major road improvements at **Madams Hill, Coolcaslagh, Ballydribbeen, and Ballycasheen junctions**.
- A programme of works with increased funding to upgrade footpaths within estates that have been neglected. In addition to this, the provision of footpaths at **Pairc Cummin, Madams Heights, and Barraduff** to provide safe connectivity for residents.
- Following successfully delivering the **Mission Rd pedestrian crossing**, I have called for a slip-lane entrance into lower New street carpark from Mission Rd to give easier access for parking.
- I have contacted Minister Darragh O'Brien's office, requesting that the **Old Killarney Village & Birch Hill estates, Aghadoe** are connected to the Killarney sewerage scheme immediately.
- **I have brought an emergency motion before KCC** calling for farm supports to be put in place and for the Department of Agriculture to be conscious of the exceptional pressures facing farming families trying to cope in the future.
- KCC must address the current speed and road safety concerns highlighted by locals on **Woodlawn Rd and Mill Rd**. I will work with residents to resolve their concerns and improve road safety.
- Increased funding of up to €5 million a year is required for **Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)** to make a proper impact on the enormous list of over 600 who are awaiting rural road upgrades.



KEEP KILLARNEY AT THE CORE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

VOTE NO.

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CRONIN

ON JUNE 7TH



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Cllr
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Or next highest preference.

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ON JUNE 7TH**

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Ciara O Mahoney after receiving First Holy Communion in Gneeveguilla last Saturday. Photo Seamus Healy.



Jack Colby after receiving First Holy Communion in Gneeveguilla last Saturday. Photo Seamus Healy.



Kaia Sweeney pictured with her mum Leilia and dad Anthony on the occasion of her First Holy Communion.



Members of Farranfore Maine Valley AC at the Community Games in Meath last weekend.



2 Meabh class of the Killarney Community College with their teacher Miss D O Sullivan and Principal Miss Stella Loughmane presenting Mr Eddie Sheehy from the Kenya Education Project a cheque for 855 euro. This was raised from a non uniform day and coffee morning on 15th May organised by the 2 Meabh CSPE class as part of their Classroom Based Assessment. This great fundraising event will help to feed and educate up to 6 Secondary School students in the Edmund Rice school in Kenya. Well done to Eddie Sheehy for the generosity of his time and great work done by the Kenya Education Project. Education is a gift which will last a lifetime.



Killarney Community College had their last Fishing Club outing of this school year last Wednesday 22nd May on Lough Barfinnihy. Six anglers caught fourteen rainbows between them all in the 1lb to 1.5lb range

Legacy elite cheerleaders took to the stage at Inspire cheerleading championships in Dublin last weekend and brought home two silver titles to Kerry. The coaches are delighted with their hard work and achievements. The athletes train in Killarney and are currently preparing for one of the biggest cheerleading competitions in Europe at the end of the month, Jamfest Europe.





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KILLARNEY RFC

CLUB AWARDS A HUGE SUCCESS

Thanks to everyone who came up to the Old Killarney Inn at Aghadoe on Sunday last for our club awards and bbq. A huge turnout and a wonderful day of celebration, with the 6 Nations trophy being the guest of honor. Congratulations to all of our awards winners and thank you to Ava O'Malley who presented the club with her U18 Ireland jersey, a lovely touch and really appreciated. A huge thanks to all who helped out in any way and to all at the Old Killarney Inn for hosting.

TAG TUESDAYS

Our Tag Tuesdays kick off for the summer at Aghadoe next Tuesday the 28th at 7pm and new players very welcome. Remember no experience necessary and fun guaranteed. For details call Eoin on 087-2146126.

WORKMEN'S ROWING CLUB NEWS

Mixed conditions over the weekend which allowed some of our crews on the water. Please note our next regatta is Bantry on the Reendonegan Lake this Saturday 1st June 2024. Our crews are preparing well for the Bantry Regatta and the club is looking forward to the outing. Training continues as usual for all members.

FARRANFORE MAINE VALLEY

The National community games took place in Meath over the weekend. The club had 2 members representing Kerry. Cathal O'Connor was in part of the Kerry team that won silver in the U-14 Cross-country relay event. This is a very successful start to Cathal's career with the club adding to the gold medal he won in the county championships earlier in the month. He now turns his attention to the Munster championships in Castleisland in 2 weeks' time. Conor McCarthy was running in the U-16 marathon. His career continued in an upward trajectory by coming 4th in the marathon and winning his first individual gold medal, covering the 7 km in a very fast time of just over 25 minutes. He also led the Kerry to gold in the team event. Conor now will focus on the All-Ireland schools championships in Tullamore next weekend.

Natasha Myers was our only competitor in

Templemore at the Munster Championships. She had a very successful outing finishing 2nd in the 200, 3rd in the 400 and 4th in the Long Jump.

Well done to all our athletes.

KILLORGLIN ROWING CLUB

The Killorglin Women's Junior 16 quad made an impressive showing at the National Schools Rowing Regatta this past weekend, held on the prestigious 2012 Olympic rowing course at Eton Dorney, London. Crew members Sadhbh O'Sullivan, Fia O'Gorman, Freya Doyle, and Chloe O'Sullivan competed in their time trial at 8:20 AM on Sunday, finishing 3rd overall among 30 boats.

Later that afternoon, they returned to the water to compete for medals in the event's A final, facing off against teams from Cambridge 99 Rowing Club, Tideway Scullers School, Sir William Borlase's Grammar School Boat Club, Hexham Rowing Club, and Hartpury University and College Boat Club. Despite challenging conditions with strong crosswinds, the Killorglin crew led at the 1,000-meter mark. They maintained a strong position but ultimately secured the bronze medal, finishing behind Hartpury University (1st) and Hexham Rowing Club (2nd).

Congratulations to Sadhbh, Fia, Freya, and Chloe, and a heartfelt thank you to their dedicated coach, Michael Fleming Jnr, for his commitment to preparing the team for this high-level competition. We also extend

our gratitude to the parents and supporters who organized and accompanied the trip, contributing to the team's success.

KILLARNEY VALLEY ATHLETIC CLUB

The Munster Senior and Master Track & Field Championships was held in Templemore last weekend. Our Master athletes did very well. Alan Delaney came 1st in the M40 100m and High Jump. Tim Horgan came 1st in the M45 WFD and High Jump and 2nd in the 100m. Pierce O'Shea came 1st in the M35 400m. Derek Pyne came 1st in the M45 Long Jump and 2nd in the 800m. Maureen O'Shea came 1st in the W55 Discus and 2nd in the WFD. Our Men's relay team of Alan Delaney, Pierce O'Shea, Derek Pyne and Tim Horgan are Munster Champions in the 4 x 100m relay. Congrats also to Ciara Kennelly who came 1st in the Senior High Jump and to Orla O'Sullivan who came 3rd in the 100m. KVAC had 4 Pole Vaulters competing at the weekend. Anna O'Shea came 3rd in the Seniors and 2nd in the U20. Katie O'Sullivan came 2nd and both Beibhinn O'Donoghue and Kate Kissane came 3rd in the U15 Pole Vault.

In Community Games, Congrats to Conor Duffin and Kirsten who received Team Medals in the Marathon. Also Elsie O'Doherty and Conor O'Donnell who received Team Medals in the Cross Country.

Our Middle Distance Crew got some PB's over the weekend. Darragh O'Leary ran a 5km in Cork with a new PB of 15m15sec. Both Oisín Lynch and Jack O'Leary ran an 800m in



KILLORGLIN ROWING CLUB: Sadhbh O'Sullivan, Fia O'Gorman, Freya Doyle, Chloe O'Sullivan at National Schools Regatta



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VOTE 2 John MULLINS

Manchester with new PB's of 1min50.56sec and 1min51.99sec respectively.

Our Summer Camps are back this year with 4 weeks to choose from .. July 8th – 2nd August. Our Multi activity camp is for kids aged 5-12 years. Book on our website to avoid disappointment.

All relevant information on our club is on our website www.killarneyvalleyac.ie

KILLARNEY SWIMMING CLUB

Killarney Swimming Club's Development and Junior Squads had a fantastic evening of racing at the Kingdom Gala in Tralee on Friday night.

We finished with 13 gold medals, 8 silver medals, and 4 bronze medals.

A huge congratulations to Daniel Cremin (11) and Aideen Casey (9) for finishing first in all three of their races, as well as Marco Regosa (13) for three silver medals.

Results:

Juan Avila - 2nd 100IM, 3rd 50 Free.

Maria Avila - 3rd 50 Back.

Aideen Casey - 1st 50 Back, 1st 50 Free, 1st 100IM.

Daniel Cremin - 1st 50 Back, 1st 50 Free, 1st 100IM.

Emma Hallissey - 1st 50 Free, 2nd 100IM.

Noah Keogh - 1st 50 back, 1st 100IM.

Beibhinn Kiely - 1st 100IM, 2nd 50 Free.

Derbhla Kiely - 3rd 50 Back.

Lily Larkin - 1st 50 Breast, 3rd 100IM.

Marco Regosa - 2nd 50 back, 2nd 50 Free, 2nd 100IM.

Cora Sheehan - 2nd 50 back, 2nd 50 Free.

Zara Tomlinson - 1st 50 Breast, 1st 50 Free.



The Murphy Family: Liam, Margaret, Stevie, Donnacha, Adam and Ronan pictured with the 6 nations trophy



The Guinness Six Nations trophy arrived into the KCC this week and the junior rugby team and rugby coach Jer O Sullivan took the opportunity to take a quick photo.



Ava O'Malley presenting her U18 girls IRFU jersey to Ger Moynihan of KRFC.



Killarney Rugby Club Award winners pictured at the club last Sunday

NEW SIGNING AT ST. PAULS

Utility Trust St Pauls are delighted to announce the signing of Gracen Kerr as they prepare for the season ahead in the MissQuote.ie Womens Superleague.

The 23 year old point guard is a native of Ansonia, Connecticut and is coming out of Kentucky State University on the back of a stellar season.

In the 2023/2024 season she helped the University to the SIAC Womens Basketball Championship finals for the first time since 2019, averaging 16.5 points per game and is seen as a team player who helps bring other players into the game and is adept when faced with a hard press.

She was named on the SIAC All Star team and honoured as Player of the Year in 2024 and comes to Killarney with a very good reputation as the Club is welcomed back to the top table of Irish basketball.



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A group of 18 young Killarney men who are students at St. Brendan's College took part in a 'Shave or Dye' fundraiser for the 'Irish Cancer Society' in March 2024.

"It is a cause very close to our hearts as three of us had lost parents to cancer and had been directly affected by the heart breaking effects of

this disease", Sean Pierce told Killarney Outlook.

"We wanted to raise the money in honour of our loved ones and give back to the 'Irish Cancer Society' which helps patients and families affected by Cancer. We raised over €11,000 and would like to thank everyone who generously donated to our fundraiser", Sean added.



St Brendan's College Transition Year Students Shane Doolan, Sean Pierce, Jake Spillane, Mark Kennelly, Karl O'Neill, Senan Kennedy (second row from left) Tadhg Wubeshjet, Sam Clerkin, Conor O'Mahony, Fionn Doyle, Luke Courtney, Kevin Looney (back from left) Luke Henderson, Leon Bowler, Chris Scannell, Senan Cotter, Andy Casey, Tiernan Cassidy and Ronan Fahy with the charity cheque for €11,485 which they presented to Irish Cancer Society at St Brendan's College, Killarney. Missing from the photo is Max Coyne. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

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U17 PREMIER LEAGUE FINAL

Tralee Dynamos 0-3 Killarney Athletic

Luke Doolan 2, Jack Rudden 1

The lads completed the U17 double tonight in Tralee with a hard fought win over Dynamos and in doing so remained undefeated all season. It's great to see them carry on their talent and success from schoolboys into senior grade.

We played against a gale force wind in the first half and were expectedly under the cosh but defended well. After about 15 minutes a ball into the dynamos box was adjudged to be handballed by a defender and we were awarded a penalty which Luke dispatched to the net. We continued to battle for the rest of the half and managed to get a second just before half time when a corner resulted in a goal mouth scramble being poked home by Luke. 2-0 ahead at halftime after playing against the wind can lead to teams getting complacent but not these guys. We asked them to start fast again in the second half as we were in no doubt Dynamos would come flying out of the traps to get back into the game. Dynamos had a few chances early as we sat a bit too deep but after we weathered the storm we began to get a bit more composure on the ball and in particular from Brian O'Shea who was a class apart from start to finish. Then from a long ball down the right Jake Nash managed to hook a looping ball to the back post where Jack Rudden was on hand to side foot volley to the net. 3-0 now and with the aid of more subs we got fresh legs on to help see the out the win. Dynamos had a few good chances towards the end but Caolan Mitchell, like all good goalkeepers, was always in the right place at the right time. A great win all in all with the most pleasing part keeping a clean sheet in both the cup and league finals. A special mention to Sean Kiely who stepped up at late notice to play centre back and had a stormer with Nathan Cronin next to him who seemed to be everywhere especially in the second half getting vital clearances. John Murphy right back is just a guaranteed outstanding performer every time he plays and Fionn Daly at left back used his strength and speed to deter all attacks down his side. So Luke Doolan as captain accepted the cup, it's very fitting as Luke has always stuck by this team and won us many a game down through the years so it was great to see him centre stage. A big thank you to all the players that played their part throughout the season. Also thanks to the parents who are great supporters to this age group. Thanks to Roland and Tommy and the Dynamos lads on great battles all season, they're a very talented team representing a great club.

U13 GIRLS CUP FINAL

Killarney Athletic (1)...MEK (0)

Scorer: Lillian Slattery

What a Wonderful way to bring the curtain down on the Season for our U13 Girls squad tonight... In what was a fantastic sporting game between these two sides, and with great personal and team performances from each of our Girls..there was never going to be any doubt that the night belonged to our young blues...Thanks to MEK for a Sporting game..this ends the Season for our Girls...Thanks to Martin Muldoon our underage

Secretary for all the help arranging our fixtures.... sincere thanks to the parents for their continued support....we hope our girls enjoy their winning Celebrations and the summer and we look forward to welcoming them back for next season to do it all over again...

U13 JOHN JOE NAUGHTON CUP FINAL RESULT

Killarney Athletic A.F.C 3 - 0 St Brendans Park

Sean Quill 2, Patrick McSweeney 1

Our season came to an end today with victory over St Brendans Park in Celtic Park.

An outstanding start saw us race out of the blocks to go 1 up in the third minute from Sean Quill. The boys with their tails up went 2 up after great work from Eric Corcoran who sent Sean Quill through on goal, under serious pressure from the Park defender, Sean held off the defender and rolled the ball past the keeper into the empty net. The Park are a very good side & they had a couple of chances but our defence of Mark Cremin, Patrick McSweeney, Fionn McMonagle, George Lenihan and goalkeeper Leni Rujvcan defended resolutely to keep us 2 up going into half time.

Into the second half. We knew we had keep working hard, keep battling and play our game, knowing if we gave the Park any incentive, with their quality, they would find a way back into the game. With a few tired legs & a couple of injuries, fresh legs were introduced. We kept looking dangerous on the break with Robert Murphy, Rory Moynihan, Nathan Mulcahey, Shéa Driver, Leo Noonan, Daniel Quinlan, Sam O'Shea & MOTM Captain Max Moynihan pulling the strings in midfield to create some great chances for Sean & Eric up front.

Our third came from a wide free kick from Sean Quill, who whipped into a beautiful cross, causing a scramble & Patrick McSweeney reacted quickest and poked the ball over the line. We saw out the rest of game to win the game.

Thanks to the Park for a good, sporting game

Thanks to the Officials for a good match

Well done to our young blues on a outstanding performance, each & everyone one of them were brilliant today

Finally, thanks to the parents for bringing the

boys to training, games & their fantastic support all season & today.

BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

LOTTO

No.s 4, 18, 26 ,27. No winner of the Jackpot. 5 x €25 Hannah McGillicuddy, Ballyhar x 2. Mai Mckenna, Firies. Mike Moriarty, Currow & Hannah Kennedy, Castlegregory. Next draw for a jackpot of €14,900 will take place on Sunday next 2nd June at Hendersons Bar, Firies. Thanks to all who support & help out with the club draw. Tickets available from committee members, Spar, Bridies & Hendersons shops & Butlers Bar.

TEAMS

The club u14s welcomed St Brendans Park to Murt Scott Park in a must win last game of the season in a bid to wrestle the Premier Title from the Park. On the night the Park took the win on a 0-1 scoreline but the park will be first to admit that Ballyhar pushed them all the way. The Park took the lead on the stroke of half time just after Ryan Quilter had earlier hit the crossbar with a fine long range effort. The Ballyhar boys put in a super effort during the second half creating but unable to take their chances. Over the course of the game Daniel Duggan was fantastic in goals with Cornally, O'Brien, Allam & Fleming very solid at the back. Further out the field Quilter, Vickers, Murphy, Finn, Fitzgerald & O Leary worked hard setting up attack after attack & defending when required. Congratulations to St Brendans Park on winning the title with Ballyhar Dynamos taking the runners up medals. Well done to the squad & team management of John, Stephen & Peter on their commitment over the past season.

KILLARNEY CELTIC

CELTIC LOTTO

Numbers drawn 3,13,25,27. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners received €150. Next jackpot €8,600 on Monday June 3rd. Tickets available from The Dungeon Bookshop, Amber Shop (



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CHARLEVILLE CHEESE PREMIER A FINAL
Killarney Celtic 3-1 Killarney Athletic

Chris O'Leary, Trpimir Vrljicak, Lee Downing
 Killarney Celtic completed a League and Cup double in Kerry for the 6th straight season after they defeated Killarney Athletic last Sunday in Mounthawk Park. Celtic have topped the league table on each of those 6 seasons and held their nerve to win the League final each time. Celtic hit the front on 18 mins. Kalvin O'Sullivan won a corner and Chris O'Leary headed home the

resultant corner but Athletic were back on level terms shortly afterwards. Celtic were back in front on 36 mins when Trpimir Vrljicak finished to the net after a pass from Matt Keane. Celtic led 2-1 at the break. Athletic came out strong at the start of the 2nd half but it was Celtic who struck for the decisive goal after 53 mins. Celtic broke at speed after Roy Kelliher gathered and cleared an Athletic corner and Trpimir Vrljicak crossed for Lee Downing to score. This goal gave Celtic breathing space and they defended well afterwards despite Athletic pressure. Congratulations to the management and

coaches on achieving a milestone victory.

HEALY FAMILY U15 SHIELD FINAL
Killarney Celtic B 0-0 Listowel Celtic A

Listowel won 4-1 on pens. In a game played in very tough conditions Killarney Celtic B gave a very spirited performance before losing on penalties.

KILLARNEY CELTIC SUMMER CAMPS are now open for booking through Clubzap on <https://killarneyceltic.ie/products>

SCHOOLS SUPER SEVENS SLAM FINALS NIGHTS

The Annual Primary School Super Sevens Slam basketball event is reaching its climax as finals nights approach, following eight weeks of intense group qualifiers and playoffs.

This year's competition has seen participation from over 80 teams, involving over 900 players and coaches.

Established in 2011, the event has grown in scale and excitement each year, becoming a highly anticipated highlight of the primary school sports calendar.

The Super Sevens are delighted to announce that the Kerry & West Limerick Credit Unions have become the new Title Sponsor to the annual Primary Schools basketball competition. Going forward, the competition will be proudly known as the Credit Union Super Sevens.

This exciting partnership includes schools throughout the southwest region and encompasses all areas served by the Kerry & West Limerick Credit Unions, including Killarney, Rathmore, Listowel, Abbeyfeale, and Cara Credit Union.

The Credit Union Super Sevens competition aims to foster teamwork, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm for basketball among primary school students.

Event Coordinator David Ahern welcomed the support of the Kerry & West Limerick Credit Unions in promoting these values and helping to grow the sport in the community, we extend our appreciation to the Credit Union for their generous support and commitment to youth sports development.

We look forward to a successful and exciting

event under the new banner of the Credit Union Super Sevens.

The partnership will be officially launched at the upcoming finals, as follows:

- Junior Girls Finals: Thursday, May 30th
- Junior Boys Finals: Friday, May 31st
- Senior Boys Finals: Wednesday, June 5th
- Senior Girls Finals: Thursday, June 6th.

The finalists and schedule for the Junior Finals (3rd/4th Class) have been confirmed and scheduled as follows

Junior Girls Finals night 2024 Thursday May 30th. Presentation Gym Killarney
 Doors open from 6pm, games tipping off from 6.15 pm.

Junior Girls Cup Final
 Scartaglen v Currow.
 Cup Bronze Medal: Kilgobnet v Faha

Junior Girls Shield Final
 Gaelscoil Faithleann v Gneeveguilla
 Shield Bronze Medal: Nagle Rice v Fossa

Junior Boys Finals night 2024 Friday May 31st. Presentation Gym Killarney.
 Doors open from 6pm, games tipping off from 6.15pm.

Junior Boys Cup Final
 Scartaglen v Holy Family Rathmore
 Bronze Medal: Currow v Duagh



Event Coordinator David Ahern

Junior Boys Shield Final
 Gaelscoil Faithleann 1 v Knockaderry
 Bronze Medal: Raheen v Fossa

Junior Boys Plate Final
 Faha v Loughquittane
 Bronze Medal: Knockanes v Gaelscoil Faithleann

Upcoming schedule will follow includes
 Senior Boys Finals night June 5th
 Senior Girls Finals night June 6th
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takes a look at all things sport...

THE BURNING QUESTIONS OF OUR TIME

Actually, no, I have no intention of touching the actual burning questions of our era. The Digital Age has transformed into the Social Media Age, and it might never have been a swan, but it's certain an ugly duckling at this stage. Cancel Culture started out as a voice for the downtrodden – as tends to happen, the pendulum has swung much too far and it's now used as a cudgel by self-important bullies. Polarisation attracts attention, and public attention is obviously (really?) a necessity for self-validation.

Geopolitics, climate change and oil dependency, supply chains, isolationism, immigration crises, with knocks on affects globally...an increasing rise of militant nationalism and hard right conservatism (and I really am talking Margaret Atwood 'Gilead' conservatism).....

Did you think yours truly was touching on any of those burning questions? As B.A. Barracus was wont to say to Hannibal Smith (the original A-Team series, not that truly awful pastiche of a film 'reboot'. I used to love 'The Fall Guy' and 'Roadhouse was awful, but in a junk food kind of way – I have no intention of watching the remakes – ever) "My momma didn't raise no fool".

Obviously, I'm concentrating on English speaking areas and that basically means Britain (not the UK) and the US. Ireland – and some of you may not like these – don't actually feature as much as we like. 'Going viral' to most of us still means your kid picked up a bug in school. I will allow for the search for the next Irish soccer manager, because that's gone on so long it's become more of a trope than a meme.

No. These are the sort of burning questions you get from pundits desperate for clickbait. There are certain cues. Joe Brolly leaning back in his chair....Micah Richards giving a big, huge belly laugh and no-one knows why... Stephen A. Smith trying and utterly failing to break a pencil in his righteous anger....Simon Jordan giving an English Eamon Dunphy impression without any of the wit, passion, or humour...Joey Barton (actually, I have always switched Joey Barton off immediately, a clickbait misogynist is almost worse than the real thing)....Piers Morgan saying anything. About anything. Ever. Let alone hagiographing ('interviewing') the likes of Cristiano Ronaldo. That was the worst interview I have ever seen. It was only embarrassing for Ronaldo, but it was utterly demeaning for Piers (and finding a new low for the editor of the Sun newspaper during the Hillsborough disaster, the phone hacking scandal, and the cheerleader for the supposedly surreptitious racism dished out to Meghan Markle is fairly spectacular). These aren't actually burning questions. But

they will appear on your social media at some point, no matter how uninterested in sport you are, so let me give you the obvious answers.

Who Should be the next Irish Manager?



Former Irish Manager, Stephen Kenny

He should be, and I think he will be. John O'Shea. Has he shown a particular aptitude for it? He hasn't mis-stepped badly. We had one decent international friendly, and one that was disappointing. Jaysus, lads, that's actually an upswing on recent results. Now, would he be my first choice? No offence to John, who has put in the graft, shown decent man-management, and reasonable media skills towards an Irish media basically baying for blood (sadly, media management is a requirement, especially given that the FAI's complete failures in that department), but this isn't flying a cargo plane from A to B. This is pulling a passenger plane that's in a steep dive back up, and doing it with stuttering engines. Charlton, McCarthy, and O'Neill were castigated for a lack of ambition in playing style. Stephen Kenny – and I always liked him – was criticised for a lack of pragmatism. Look, the hard and obvious truth is that you are going to get pasted if you don't win, no matter how good the effort.

The main reason I think he will end up getting the job is because he is the only one I know who has put his hand up for it. A small country, with an awful administrative record and totally dependent on Government largesse, almost all of whose international players are actually developed into seniors in a different country which no longer accepts as many of them because of Brexit? Whose supporters expect not just qualification for major tournaments (which admittedly has gotten much easier as entry requirements are loosened) but good displays when there? Whose one high value player is out injured at the moment and remains unproven, though undoubted

talented? Most of whose players ply their trend at the lower level of the Premiership or the Championship? Worst of all, where you won't get to pick your own management team and will be expected to supervise the development of all Irish underage teams? Whoever came up with that parcel of absolute insanity? It's like telling an architect that they also have to mix all the cement and chop down all the trees for the lumber. It's not quite as stupid as Qatar hosting a World Cup, but we are definitely in that kind of territory.

Apologise to John, tell him that you just made that nonsense up to big yourself up in the media in the days when you could still face them, and that you'll always have his back (he'll know your lying, but he's smart enough to have a pay-off in his contract, just as Robbie Keane quite rightly did when John Delaney panicked and made the worst managerial deal in history) and just give him the job.

Who is the Goat in Soccer, Messi or Ronaldo?

Ronaldo has slightly more goals, but Messi has almost double the number of assists. Messi, in my opinion, is better. In the end, both were absolutely iconic figures in Spanish soccer and both took their countries to international titles (in fairness, Portugal winning a European Championship was always less likely than Argentina winning a World Cup). Both developed an unhealthy dominance of their already brilliant clubs, so much so that they skewed viable development models for.... well, now, really. Between them, Real and Barcelona basically have a monopoly of one of the world's top leagues, but there's a reason for their declines at the elite level. Zlatan on the wing? I know he is full of himself (I suspect it's an act and he's laughing away behind it all) but shouldn't the greatest playmaker create the goals and out-and-out goalscorer Zlatan tuck them away? But no, that would have involved sharing the limelight.

The GOAT? I still give Pele the nod, despite his famous capacity for self-promotion. He was on a great team, but he really was that good. He played with the abandon of the schoolyard at recess in the most demanding games in the world. Maradona, despite his personal problems, was the most skillful. He piggy-backed teams and made it look easy. You talk about the Argentinian trope of the 'pibé'? No Argentinian thinks of Messi that way. Cruyff, despite famously not winning a World Cup (that narrative is too simple in team sports) was the most impactful. Messi belongs in that list, but certainly not at the top.

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the circumstances, why are the celebrations so muted?

Everyone knows why. And yes, every single title they have won in recent years has a serious cloud over it. Look, arguably the burning question is, given that Everton and Forest have been docked points for smaller infractions, are Man City likely to be relegated and stripped of their titles? Let's ask João Havelange, Sepp Blatter, Franz Beckenbauer, Jack Warner.....Man City will eventually walk with a token gesture and keep all their medals. FIFA haven't been in the business of soccer for generations. They have been in the business of business, and Man City is more folding green than blue. But I doubt if even their most die-hard supporter will ever try and include them in the conversation of greatest teams.

Should Man United Sack Ten Hag?

It's not like anyone is asking my opinion (for which I thank you all) but I suspect we will have answer by the end of next week. You might have an answer by the time you read this. Man United have had their worst season in years. For most of my lifetime, being outside the top four was an absolute crisis. Four places behind Tottenham would be a humiliation even if Tottenham won the Premiership. And Tottenham just about scraped into the Europa Cup (you know, the bad one that saps energy and costs you in the League after – but you are simply not a top team if you aren't playing some sort of European football).

That FA Cup is only a piece of trivia by now, but it is important because it gives Man United a place in the Europa Cup. Without that, I do think he would be gone. It also came at the expense of Chelsea – God be with the days when an unctuously arrogant Mourinho goaded the red-nosed Scottish bull and ganged up on an urbane Wenger; they were giants on the stage. But games come thick and fast nowadays, many of them on various pay-per-view outlets, and it's owners and pundits who take the headlines. Managers are ephemeral characters, here today and gone tomorrow. Boehly at Chelsea is a case in point, I have zero sympathy. Hurl money in ridiculous proportions and demand instant gratification.

Ten Hag has had to contend with a massive injury list. But worse for United, in my opinion, is the insistence in recent years in buying big names and reputations rather than actually applying system. I think Ten Hag can do that,

not by next year, but the year after. There's an argument that supporters won't wait that long, but they will, because they are waiting since 2013 and Man United is still one of the biggest merchandise sellers out there. And the alternative – and this is my key point – is opting for a ninth manager in twelve years. I came across that statistic and I thought "absolutely no way" so I googled it and it's spot on.

Hey, if there's some magic man out there that I haven't considered, some budding Napoleon that has completed eluded me, all the rampant speculators (and they have been proposing some absolutely ludicrous candidates), and that fine mesh net cast by the FAI, then best of luck to them. Rome is famously known as the Eternal City. It also, equally famously, wasn't built in a day (we shall ignore the fratricide and the lupine fostering for the purposes of this discussion, obviously).

Should Saudi Arabia be Hosting the World Cup in 2034?

No. It's better than Qatar, but so was Tattooine or Mordor. It has neither the facilities, nor the culture. It does have the money, and enough international disapproval to be willing to spend the money on completely unnecessary white elephant facilities (it's called 'sportswashing'). I suspect that Saudi Arabia, which is much much smarter than Qatar, will treat its migrant workers a lot better – that was the headliner from the Qatari World Cup. But is Saudi Arabia affordable for most soccer fans? And when it comes to things that most of those fans take for granted like alcohol consumption (like it or not, it has always been a big part of global soccer culture) and freedom of sexual expression, themselves very much based on western first world philosophies?

These are questions that need to be asked. And for obvious reasons, I suspect that the only question that was actually asked was "how much?"

Has LeBron Taken Over the GOAT Mantle from Michael?

To be fair, in basketball, only one player has ever been referred to by his first name alone. Michael was Michael. LeBron was a faster rising star and lasted longer, has always been far more unselfish on the court, and didn't have the under-rated Scottie Pippen (I know he's a Hall of Famer, but trust me, the word applies), Dennis Rodman (Michael famously punched team-mate Steve Kerr – he never tried that on Dennis, who would have battered him and then sat out the next ten games out of spite. Dennis was always about Dennis, but he was so good they had to tolerate it), Horace Grant.... No. If I had to pick one, I'd pick Michael. But the 'GOAT' conversation is a different thing. Was Michael the greatest moneyspinner? Absolutely. He took the game into the stratosphere. Was he the greatest ever? Kareem won everything he did, and he won it at every level right from the start. There was the skyhook long before there was air Jordan. Bill Russell has almost twice as many rings as Michael. Was he competing against the same quality of player? No – but that's because he lifted the game to that level. Michael was, of course, the undisputed greatest shooter of all

time....unless you have heard of Wilt. Basically, the giraffe with the wingspan of a Boeing 747. It wasn't like he was Gulliver in Lilliput; they guy could seriously play as well.

There are other names in there. Jerry West.... great, but not up among the greatest for me. Oscar Robertson had the best single season of all time, but I just don't know enough about him. Earvin Johnson was known by his nickname, and for a good reason. Larry Bird was definitely great, no question, but as great as the legend of Larry? Isaiah is another very under-rated player for me. The Bulls never had to carry Michael, but he never carried them either. Isaiah gave rings to the likes of Bill Laimbeer. If Laimbeer had been honest, he should have given them back to him. Shaq was incredibly dominant, but never brought enough game – the Gulliver metaphor does apply there. Good guy, though. Steph changed the game almost completely with his outside shot, but all time greatest? Sorry. Kobe? Great player, no question, and of course sentiment has to come into it, but he was always the understudy to Michael, even after Michael had retired. That says a lot.

The point I'm making is that any time that you come across an attempt to ignite a GOAT debate between LeBron and Michael, it's clickbait. Not only is your life too short for that nonsense so was Methelusah's.

Are the Attacks on Caitlin Clark Justified or Plain Misogyny?

I've criticised social media in this opinion piece, and it is my genuine opinion (I have a facebook account because a lot of local sports clubs communicate through facebook and I once used it quite a bit. I don't have a twitter – I refuse to indulge Elon Musk's 'X' nonsense – account but I do check club updates on it. I use whatsapp extensively as a communication device. Instagram, snapchat....no clue and no interest). But social media can be a force for good. Caitlin Clark is a WNBA debutante with the Indiana Fever (I think she has played nine games in total so far). She never actually won a college championship with Iowa, but smashed records with them and propelled womens' basketball in US national conversations. Endorsements have rolled her way with multi-million contracts. More significantly, the income into the WNBA and NCAA womens basketball programmes has gone into....well, it's still not the stratosphere, but it's definitely airborne. It was a financial loss but a social necessity until now, to be honest. Caitlin is like the Michael of her generation, except Michael was carefully brand managed from the very start. I think the zeitgeist reached a certain tipping point, and she caught it. Good for her. Naturally, this, plus her many duels with Angel Reese (refer to previous GOAT conversations; duality is a necessity in stories like this) have engendered a certain resentment.

Fortunately, loads of people have leapt to social media to defend Caitlin. Charles Barkley, Shaq, Tom Brady (Tom Brady being politically correct. Oh my God, it's so cute to see him trying.....), the three Manning brothers (Cooper directs Peyton and Eli's podcast, before you ask), LeBron, Ashton Kutchner, Elle Duncan (some sort of tv host. Okay, I'm reaching at this

stage), the Bidens (yup). They have all come out to defend Caitlin's right to play the game and praised her for ignoring all the misogyny, because they are all about womens' rights. Except.....who are they criticising, and what for? Who actually said "women can't play basketball" or "Caitlin isn't talented" or anything vaguely against her, or the WNBA, or anything? I see and hear all these people defending her for criticism, but I can't actually find any of this criticism. You want to be internet heroes? Lose the inane posturing; there are actual real fights to be fought. Eejits.

Is NFL Fans Criticism of Taylor Swift Justified or Plain Misogyny?

Plain misogyny. She has literally done nothing to them. She's dating an NFL player. She hasn't tried to take over or even influence the NFL in any way. They benefit from the global marketing phenomenon that she is – personally, and let's face the firestorm, I think her music is okay for easy listening but no more than that. It's fast food, not fine dining, but I never said no to chicken nuggets. And yet it does seem to enrage NFL fans that cameras pan on her for perhaps three minutes of a four hour show (you really have no idea how long these games actually take until you actually attend one. Baseball is even longer). Seriously? Her face at your event is brand marketing that nothing can buy. If Taylor Swift attended a Kerry match, RTE would show her non-stop instead of the actual game. And Kerry GAA, and Kerry County Council, would be begging RTE to do that, because tourism would quadruple overnight. Economists can and should talk about Taylor Swift. NFL fans? No. Get over it. Fast.

MOLONEY STEPS DOWN FROM KERRY HURLERS AFTER MEATH VICTORY

**McDonagh Cup
Kerry 3-13 Meath 1-10**

The Stephen Molomphy era ended on winning note, as his Kerry side secured third-spot in the Joe McDonagh Cup with a comfortable victory over Meath. In fairness, neither side had anything to play for really (Meath, newly promoted last year, are on their way straight back down, as are Carlow from the McCarthy Cup) and it kind of played out like that. Just to say it and get it out of the way; I personally don't believe that the football match between the counties, despite having a much longer and more illustrious history, will be any better.

Gavin Dooley got us up and running before Michael Leane smashed in a goal. Meath's James Murray notched a free but Evan Murphy replied. Murray and Dan Goggin exchanged before Meath's sharpshooter nailed a penalty. 1-3 to 1-2. Game on?

Nah, not really. Brandon Barrett (good to see him back from injury) notched two points and Gavin Dooley struck for a goal and a point. Murray notched another free but Meath picked up a red card (scrappy game, more than anything). Two more Murray frees made it 2-7 to 1-5 at half-time.



St. Brendans Killarney team with Russell Cup.



Paul Barden, Chairman of Kerry PPS Committee presented the Russell Cup to Samuel Scroope, captain of the winning team, St. Brendans.

Brandon Barret had two frees pointed before James Murray notched Meath's first score from play. Luke Crowley replied after a good pass by an alert Michael Leane and Gavin Dooley slotted his second goal to really put the game to sleep – it had already been nodding off, to be honest. Murray slotted another free but Fionán Mackessy from distance and Luke Crowley replied. Tomás O'Connor came off the bench but quickly picked up a red card – I thought it was very harsh, but maybe I missed something. It was academic anyway, as Kerry ran out easy winners.

Stephen Molomphy didn't have it easy, and certainly didn't get everything right, but he certainly did his best and he blooded a lot of good players. The league was disastrous, to be truthful. We are lucky that there was no relegation this year. I certainly thought it was a strong possibility, even a likelihood in the Joe McDonagh. To be honest, I genuinely thought that our last game against Meath would be a relegation decider, so Stephen Molomphy and the players deserve enormous credit for those first two wins.

Kerry's biggest problem seems to be retaining a big enough core of players year after year; the turnover rate is what's killing us, and that's not down to management. Look at the likes of Darragh Shanahan with Dublin and Jack Goulding with London – it's not like they had any real choice but to go.

Kerry: Louis Dee, Eric Leen, Dáithí Griffin, Flor

McCarthy, Bill Keane, Evan Murphy (0-1), Kyle O'Connor, Ronan Walsh, Colin Walsh, Gavin Dooley (2-3), Dan Goggin (0-1), Killian Hayes, Brandon Barrett (0-4f), Fionán Mackessy (0-2, 1 '65), Michael Leane (1-0) Subs: Darragh Shanhan (for Ronan Walsh, half-time), Tom Doyle (for Eric Leen, half-time), Luke Crowley 0-2 (for Colin Walsh, half-time), Niall Mulcahy (for Killian Hayes, 45 mins), Tomás O'Connor (for Flor McCarthy, 56 mins), Darragh Kearney (for Kyle O'Connor, 67 mins)

SEM CLAIM FINAL COLLEGES TITLE OF THE YEAR

**Russell Cup
St Brendans College, Killarney 2-10
Tralee CBS 0-10**

It was the last of the major trophies to find a cabinet, and we all were fairly sure from a long way out who were going to be contesting the final. No-one really landed a glove on either school on their respective paths to the final. I don't think I'm laying any hostages to fortune when I say that they both have some serious talent coming through and you will see a lot of these names again.

This was a repeat of the Br. Taft Cup Final, previously the Corn Uí Mhoráin, and the Sem won that one, but I actually had Tralee as slight favourites for this one (I wasn't saying that aloud last week, obviously!). The Green were missing a few players, including a player

I would probably consider the best at this age group (I'm not naming him, I don't think it's fair at such a young age).

Understandably enough with so much on the line and tricky enough weather conditions, both sides were a little slow to start. Jack Culloty broke the deadlock after ten minutes with the opening score from a free. Darragh O'Callaghan rapidly cancelled that out for Tralee and a good pass by Danny Lane saw Tom Lenihan put them in front.

A great run by Roan Guerin, far from his first one in this competition, saw him lay off to Daniel Cronin for an effort at goal. He was illegally blocked – no controversy, referee Evan Horan had an excellent game, and both sides acknowledged as much afterwards. Roan Guerin took it himself and duly slotted it despite a great effort at a save by Darragh O'Connor.

Tralee, showing admirable composure, hit back with the last two scores of the half from Tom Lenihan and Eoin Tansley and the stage was set for a cracking second half.

Half-time St. Brendans 1-2 Tralee CBS 0-5

The Sem had the slight advantage of that fairly treacherous wind in the second half and opened with points from Jack Culloty (2) and Daragh Keane. Eoin Tansley pulled back a point, but Culloty again and Isaac Vickers put four points between them.

Tralee were looking dangerous, but good work by Daragh Keane saw Samuel Scroope gather in front of goal and send a stinging shot past the hapless O'Connor and into the net. That extended the lead to seven points, 2-8 to 0-7.

The Green weren't letting anything go easily – they never do, and I would never want to them to – and they hit back fast and hard with points from Tom Lenihan, Stephen Shanahan, and Jack Doyle, but the Sem had a sufficient cushion to absorb the punches without leaving themselves open for the goals that might have denied them the title and in the end, it's they who round off the college year with another piece of silverware in the cupboard.

St. Brendans: James Murphy, Ryan Downing, Ronan O'Brien, Tadhg O'Donoghue, Mark Looney, Conor Clifford, Conor Lynch, Cian Stack, Roan Guerin (1-0, pen), Daithi Stack, Samuel Scroope (1-1), Isaac Vickers (0-2), Daragh Keane



Paudie O'Connor, Mags Beckett and Reeva Beckett Kiely presenting the Beckett O'Connor Memorial Cup to winning captains of the Beckett O'Connor Cup Finan Blackwell and Jack Hallissey with (front from left) finalists Jake Nash, Luca Mosca, Jack Spillane, Patrick O Riordan, Sean Collins, Cillian Coffey, Milosz Jarzembki, Cathal Sugrue (back from left) Ms Lucy Saunders team manager, Mr David Clifford team manager, Maurice Joy, Ryan Downing, Luke McCann, Ewan McGullycuddy, Paudie O Connor, Finan Blackwell, Jack Hallissey, Mags Beckett and Reeve, Gabriel Kowalczyk, Craig Brosnan, Dara O Sullivan, Mr Turlough O'Brien team manager, Mr Paul Barden team manager at St Brendan's College Killarney on Thursday. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin

(0-1), Daniel Cronin, Jack Culloty (0-5, 3f) Subs: Ryan Vickers 0-1 (for Daniel Cronin, 50 mins), Kiernan Kelly (for Daithi Stack, 50 mins), Cillian O'Leary (for Conor Lynch, 59 mins)

Tralee CBS: Darragh O'Connor, Jackson Brosnan, Rohan Kirby, Christian Dunne, Stephen Shanahan (0-1), Jamie Casey, Darragh McMahon, Adrian Molloy, Jack Collins, Darragh O'Callaghan (0-1), Tom Lenihan (0-5, 2f), Gavin Deasy, Danny Lane (0-1), Mikey Corridan, Eoin Tansley (0-1) Subs: Luke H O'Meara (for Darragh O'Callaghan, 42 mins), Luke Donovan (for Danny Lane, 42 mins), Jack Doyle 0-1 (for Adrian Molloy, 50 mins), Jack Delaney (for Christian Dunne, 55 mins)

Referee: Evan Horan (Glenflesk)

GAYNOR/KENNEDY LAUNCH

On Friday Night the launch night took place at the Golden Nugget Fossa as the Gaynor Cup and Kennedy Cup squads gear up for their Odyssey to the University Of Limerick in early June for the competition.

The Kennedy and Gaynor Cups are the Premier competition for players in this U14 age group and the players and management are very much looking forward to the challenge that lies ahead.

The 2024 Gaynor Cup will take place from Monday the 3rd of June to Friday June 7th at the University of Limerick. While the Kennedy Cup takes place a week later from Monday June 10th to Friday June 14th at the same venue.

This year Clodagh Quirke of MEK Galaxy will take up the role of captain of the Gaynor side which caters for fourteen year old players to impress. The Schoolgirls will also have Evanne Mason as their vice-captain, the LB Rovers player has shown great leadership this year within the Kerry ranks.

Eoin O'Mahony is the manager of this year's team and is assisted by Danny Diggins and Tom Costello, while LB Rovers U17 player Saoirse Kelly follows in her sisters Caragh and Aisling's footsteps and takes on a role coaching the Gaynor team.

The Gaynor Cup is a relatively new tournament and Kerry only entered the competition four years ago so it has been a learning experience. With how the game has grown in the county Kerry have developed plenty of talented players and will look to make a splash in this year's competition.

Sligo-Leitrim, Clare and Inishowen await the Kerry Schoolgirls in the group stage phase of the competition. Killarney Amber Station has come on board to be the sponsor of the girls



Paudie O'Connor, Mags Beckett and Reeva Beckett Kiely presenting the Beckett O'Connor Memorial Cup to winning captain of the Beckett O'Connor Cup Finan Blackwell with (left) Jeremy Kenny Cup tournament organiser (right) Hugh Rudden Deputy Principal at St Brendan's College Killarney on Thursday. Martin Beckett and Sean O'Connor were past pupils at St. Brendan's College and died tragically in a car accident in September 1998. Photo by Michelle Cooper Galvin



L to R- Tom Costello (Goalkeeper Coach & Assistant Coach), Saoirse Kelly Gaynor Cup Assistant Coach, Clodagh Quirke (Captain), Eoin O'Mahony Manager.

Kennedy Cup squad



this year, John Flemming helping to donate, kit, gear bags and consumables for the campaign this summer.

U14 Girls Gaynor Cup Squad: Clodagh Quirke (MEK Galaxy), Evanne Mason (LB Rovers), Grace O' Regan (St.Brendan's Park), Casey Shanahan (Iveragh United), Leona Meaney (Listowel Celtic), Sofia Rybanska (St.Brendan's Park), Caoimhe Ní Lionáird (Killarney Athletic), Ava Fealy (Listowel Celtic), Niamh O' Callaghan (Camp Juniors), Taylor-Kate Leen (St.Brendan's Park), Abbie Fleming (MEK Galaxy), Meabh Kennedy (Camp Juniors), Sadhbh Dowling (Fenit Samphires), Maja Wolska (Listowel Celtic), Isabelle Lyons (MEK Galaxy), Malwina Jankowska (St.Brendan's Park), Saoirse Brosnan (Dingle Bay Rovers), Fleur O' Neill (MEK Galaxy). A week later the Kerry Schoolboys kick off their

Kennedy Cup campaign hoping to join the 2015 side and record success in the competition. Bantry native Donal McGrath takes up the role as manager of the side this year assisted by Aidan Murnane and Andrew O'Leary of Inter Kenmare.

As things stand the 2024 group is still unaware of who they will play in this year's competition. Named in Pot 2, the Kerry schoolboys will have an anxious wait as they continue their preparation to learn just who will meet them in UL in the second week of June.

The Schoolboys will be supporting the Kerry Hospice this year on their jerseys for the competition, the coaches donated their expenses to the charity earlier this month and hope to support them further as they look to raise vital funds.

U14 Kennedy Cup Squad: Liam Moynihan (Mastergeeha FC), Diarmuid O'Riordan (Killorglin AFC), Alex Nassar (Iveragh United), Ryan O'Flaherty (St Brendan's Park), Liam O'Flaherty (Listowel Celtic), Adrian O'Connor (St Brendan's Park), Donnacha Vaughan (Killarney Celtic), Adam Moynihan (Killarney Athletic), Connor O'Sullivan (Fenit Samphires), Daragh Keane (Mastergeeha FC), Jayden Hurley (Killarney Athletic), Lúic MacGearilt (Dingle Bay Rovers), Eoin Bennett (Killarney Athletic), Lachlan Scannell (Killarney Celtic), Stephen Shine (Killarney Celtic), Thomas Keane (LB Rovers), Jimmy McGann (Inter Kenmare), Kiernan Kelly (Killarney Celtic), Danny Lane (Tralee Dynamos), Ryan Vickers (Ballyhar United), Tadhg Dalton (St Brendan's Park)

2024 Gaynor Squad



L to R - Andrew O'Leary (Assistant Coach), Tadhg Dalton (Captain), Aidan Murnane (Assistant Coach), Donal McGrath (Head Coach).



Mary Fleming, centre, Sponsor from Amber Killarney pictured with her daughter Abbie and Manager Eoin O'Mahony.



KILLARNEY CAMOGIE CLUB

FÉILE FUNDRAISER

Our GoFundMe page is up and running to raise as much money as possible to send our Under 15 girls to Regional Féile in Roscommon on 22nd June. All donations would be greatly appreciated. Search for "Killarney Camogie" on the GoFundMe platform or click the link in our Facebook page!

UNDER 13

Our Under 13's had a win v Ballyduff last Friday night in the County League in Rathmore. Thanks to Ballyduff for the sporting game, Seán Casey for refing and Rathmore for the pitch.

KERRY SENIORS

Congratulations to the Kerry senior team and management, especially Kate Lynch and Áine Devlin, who had a win v Antrim in the Intermediate Championship last weekend on a scoreline of Kerry 8-30 Antrim 0-00

KERRY UNDER 16S

Hard luck to the Kerry Under 16's who were narrowly defeated by Waterford last weeked in the latest round of their development programme. Killarney had 5 representatives on the panel - Doireann Dineen, Laura Griffin, Holly McLoughlin, Shannon Murphy & Maebh O'Connor (injured)

FOSSA GAA

LOTTO

The numbers drawn on 26/05/2024 for a jackpot of €12,000 were 7, 12, 17, 24. There was no jackpot winner and the €40 consolation prize winners were; Pat Walsh, Jennifer Myers, Brian O'Leary, Lil Kelly, John Fitzgerald. Tickets are available from our sellers and can also be bought online with the following link <https://fossagaa.clubforce.com/products/lotto/fossa-gaa-club-lotto>

COUNTY LEAGUE DIV.2

Fossa played Beaufort in the county league in Fossa on Saturday evening. It proved to be a tough outing for the home side, Fossa started brightly and led after eight minutes through points from Tadgh O'Shea and two Emmett O'Shea frees. This was as good as it got because Beaufort struck for a goal in the 11th minute from Ciaran O'Sullivan and from there on, they

controlled proceedings. Beaufort lead at the break, 1-09 to 0-05, Fossa never gave up trying and had some really good scores in the second half from Matt Rennie, Michael O'Dwyer, Tadgh and Emmett O'Shea but Beaufort had too much guile and were able to hit Fossa on the break as the home side chased the game. It finished, Beaufort 2-17, Fossa 0-11. We are away to Ardferf next Sunday at 2pm in the third last game of the county league.

U-12 GIRLS

The Fossa U12 Girls were on the road over the past 2 weeks, first to Spa and then to Beaufort. These were good challenging match-ups for our girls. Thanks to both Spa and Beaufort, their coaches and refs for two wonderful nights. Next up is an away trip to Kenmare this Tuesday for a game with ISG. The girls are all getting lots of good experience from these games, helping them develop. Thanks to all the parents for travelling and enthusiastically supporting the girls... well done to all.

FOSSA U-13 BOYS

County League. Phase 2 - Round 2

Fossa 0-19, Na Fianna 1-05.

A massive well done to our U13 Boys who played their best game of the season so far when they threw off the shackles and convincingly defeated the South Kerry side, Na Fianna in Fossa.

The visitors started strongly and within the first few minutes had taken the lead through an opportunist goal and followed this up with two points. The Fossa response was immediate and they quickly drew level with some excellent point taking from all over the pitch. By the half time whistle the home side had raced into a six-point lead on the scoreboard, 0-11 to 1-02.

The second half was to follow a similar pattern with Fossa dominant in most areas of the field. The defence was rock solid throughout and our mid-fielders and forwards were full of running and kicked some fantastic scores. When excellent referee Cillian Hickey blew the final whistle, Fossa emerged victorious by the comfortable margin of 11 points. Fossa scorers on the night were Gerry Moroney 0-04, Aaron O'Sullivan 0-04, Mark O'Connor 0-04, Shea Driver 0-03, Eoin Murphy 0-02, Ryan Lynch 0-01, George Nomikas 0-01. Next up for our U13's is an away game in Churchill on Sunday evening where they hope to build on tonight's excellent performance.

U-16 GIRLS

Congratulations to our U16's girls who

celebrated their outstanding success in the East Kerry League finishing up as outright Division 2 Champions. Our girls played and beat Beaufort, Scart/Cordal, Legion and Glenflesk along the way and finished the competition unbeaten. Tonight, a trophy was presented to our captain, Martha Myers who thanked all the players for their hard work since they returned to training twice weekly on 7th February, to the parents and to their dedicated coaches. A night of pizza and fun for all soon followed. We now take a break from competitive games for exams but we will tip away for those around and those who want to clear the head!!! Well done to all so far.

COUNTY LEAGUE PHASE 2 : ROUND 3

Churchill 3-08, Fossa 3-09

Tonight, our U13 boys made the long trip to Fenit, home of St Brendan the Navigator to take on the locals in a most important game. Before tonight Churchill were unbeaten and are a formidable outfit. This did not phase our lads who were fastest out of the blocks and Fossa rocked the home side with 2 quick fire goals in the opening minutes from our pocket rocket corner forward Eoin Murphy. But Churchill are a really good team and they quickly bounced back to score freely for the remainder of the half and at the short whistle Churchill were to lead on a scoreline of 2-06 to 2-03. Fossa now knew they were in a battle royale to get anything out of this game. As the 2nd half started, the heavens opened with driving wind and rain the order of the day for the entire 2nd half. The Fossa lads to a man put their bodies on the line in the dreadful conditions to play their best football of the year in the 2nd half. Super sub, Peter Clifford scored a brilliant goal to push Fossa ahead going down the straight and Aaron O'Sullivan kicked a few great frees to put Fossa into a four point lead with time almost up. But the home side were not done yet and with a defence splitting move they rattled the back of the Fossa net to leave the bare minimum between the teams. Fossa to their credit held on to win by 1 point in an absorbing encounter. Thanks to Churchill for a most sporting game and we are sure to meet again later in the year. Fossa scorers on the night were Eoin Murphy 2-00, Aaron O'Sullivan 0-05, Peter Clifford 1-00, Gerry Moroney 0-02, Johnny Myers 0-02.

RACE NIGHT

Fossa GAA Club will hold a Race Night in The Outback in the Golden Nugget on Friday 28th June. There will be a prize for the best dressed



Killarney Camogie Club Under 13 team



Killarney Camogie club U15 players on Kerry panel last weekend



Lady and Gentleman and an evening of fun and craic is guaranteed for all. Proceeds will go towards the enhancement of our facilities in Gortroe.

KILLARNEY LEGION

SENIOR MEN

A share of the spoils was the outcome when Dingle were the visitors to a damp Direen on Saturday evening. The visitors got the early boost of two goals, courtesy of midfielder Billy O Connor, but points from David O Sullivan, Micheal Devlin and Ryan O Grady steadied the ship. Dingle added on two further points but these were cancelled out before half time by William Shine and Ryan O Grady. Dingle hit two points in the third quarter to bring their total upto 2-5 and it took points from Will Shine, Finbarr Murphy, James O Donoghue and David O Sullivan to regain parity. Despite a late surge the winning score was elusive. Three games remain in the league, all equally important, starting with this weekend coming against Dr Crokes.

U7 GO GAMES

Our U7 boys and girls made the trip to Listry on Friday night for the first go-game of 2024. We travelled in great numbers and had 4 matches in total. This was the first match ever for our boys and girls and to say they did well would not do them justice! Some great skills on show, teamwork and respect. They had lots of fun and everyone played every minute. Thanks to Listry for being such great hosts! We look forward to the next one.

U13 BOYS

The U13 Boys met Finuge in Direen on Sunday evening. At half-time, Legion found themselves trailing by four points with a score of 1:3 to Finuge's 1:7. Despite a spirited effort, the gap widened by the end of the match, with Legion finishing six points behind, Final score Killarney Legion 1-6 Finuge 1-12. For the boys the focus now shifts to a semi final next Sunday

U15 BOYS

Our U15 B Team completed a unique double for the club in joining their A team counterparts and becoming County League Division 9 champions by defeating a gallant Keel / Listry team in Keel. Playing into a gale in the first half, it was a case of staying in the contest. Having been behind 0-7 to 0-2 initially, a couple of well worked scores paired down that lead to the minimum by half time, 0-7 to 0-6. The third quarter was an even affair with Keel / Listry battling extremely hard into the wind and this was reflected in the scoreline heading into the final straight. At 9 points each, it was anyone's game but the lads hit a purple patch scoring a great goal and pushing the lead out to 1-14 to 0-9. Keel / Listry though came thundering back into the game hitting the net twice and reduced the deficit to 2 points entering injury time. It took an outstanding save at the death for us to emerge victorious. Thanks to Keel Listry for a great battle and to the referee Brendan Twiss for excellent officiating. Final score Killarney Legion 1-14 Keel / Listry 2-9.

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Well done to Mark Looney, Samuel Scroope, and Jack Culloty, who togged out for the Kerry South U15 development squad against Kildare in Newbridge on Saturday. It was a reat experience for the lads who gave a good account of themselves against top class opposition.

U17 BOYS

Our minor boys went down to a good Rathmore team in Dirreen on a perfect evening for good football, which was duly served up. Early green flags for each team set the tone for an attacking game of football. The visitors shaded the first half with a 2-7 to 2-5 scoreline. Rathmore went into an 5 point lead early in the second half, but the game was levelled up at the three quarters mark. Tiring in the fourth quarter it was then Rathmore goals put the result beyond doubt. Credit to our lads who battled on in the absence of some key players, 3-11 was a good tally. Thanks to Evan Horan for good officiating and communication as always, and best of luck to Rathmore in the final.

The lads get a break from games for a few weeks as we enter the exam window but plenty of minor action to look forward to over the summer. Final Score Killarney Legion 3-11 Rathmore 4-16

U21 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

A difficult draw against reigning County Champions North Kerry, away from home, was made more arduous by a strong gale force wind. A tough night for all concerned but credit to the team and management for representing the club. With our U17 Boys also competing under the Club flag in the County Championship it is the goal of the club to continue our sole involvement in years to come.

SAINT BRENDANS COLLEGE

St Brendans College was successful in the Russell Cup during the week in John Mitchels, defeating Tralee CBS in the final.

James Murphy lined out in goal, Ronan O'Brien and Mark Looney in defence, while Samuel Scroope and Jack Culloty were in attack. William Fogarty was also a member of the squad with Paul Moriarty in the management team.

U12 LADIES

The U12 White and Green teams took on MKL Gaels in Direen on a beautiful Tuesday evening for football. It was great to see games that were played in a spirited and even fashion by all participants. Special thanks to our referees this evening - Sean Pierce and especially Fergal Moynihan for stepping in on short notice.

U14 LADIES

On a blustery Sunday evening, our U14 girls faced Na Gaeil in Direen. A full panel effort saw the girls take the lead and they never looked back, taking the win on the night. Final score 5-8 to 3-3. Thank you to Na Gaeil for a sporting game and thank you to our Referee John O'Neill and the supporters who cheered on the girls.

U15 LADIES

The U15 Ladies are off to the regional Feile finals being held at Moyle Rovers GAA in Co Tipperary on Saturday, June 29th. There will be many fundraising initiatives to help fund the Feile adventure. We are asking all our members to donate their plastic bottles and cans to help raise funds. They can be dropped to designated points in the club grounds (only items displaying



Faha NS boys won the county primary skills competition in Austin Stack Park on Wednesday 22nd May and will now represent Kerry in Munster final on June 5th. Dara McCarthy, Cillian Scannell and Patrick O Connor. Patrick O Connor won the individual title as well.

the Re-Turn symbol are accepted). The club will also host a bingo night on Friday June 7th in the Plaza hotel. Finally, the club are running their 2nd Annual U10 girls blitz on Saturday June 8th where a bake sale will be held.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

We extend our sympathies to Breda and Denny Murphy and the Costello family on the sad passing of Bredas brother, Kevin.

Also to the family of Charlie O Leary whose grandchildren are active playing members in our Juvenile club. May they both rest in peace.

LOTTO

We had a winner in our Lotto. Congratulations to Geraldine Breen, who picked the winning numbers of 4, 7, 11, 12 and scooped the jackpot of 9,000 Euro.

EAST KERRY NEWS

KILLARNEY TROPHIES AND MEDALS LTD SPONSORED U17 EAST KERRY LEAGUE ROUND 5.

Division 1:

Killarney Legion 3-11 Rathmore 4-16

Division 2

Cordal 3-13 Glenflesk 2-22; Currow 2-08 Furies 6-14.

Division 3

Gneeveguilla 7-07 Beaufort 5-14.

ALL IRELAND FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Good luck to the Kerry team in their round 2 match against Meath in the All Ireland Championship.

KERRY COACHING AND GAMES PRIMARY SCHOOLS SKILLS FINALS

Kerry Coaching and Games Primary Schools boys and girls skills finals took place on Wednesday. Austin Stack Park was in excellent condition for the competition. East Kerry were well represented in all events on the day. Faha NS (Patrick O Connor, Dara McCarthy, Cillian



Scannell) secured top spot in the boys team section. Patrick O Connor took the individual award with a fantastic performance. Lissivigeen NS (Rose Lenihan, Esme O Sullivan, Shola Daly) took third place in the girls team section. Esme O Sullivan performed well in the individual event securing third place. The standard was excellent in both competitions showing the massive work been done at school and club level in developing all players for this level of competition. Thanks to (Tim Daly) Austin Stack Park for the support on the day.

DYLANCROWLEY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT
Monday 3/6 at 9pm. Launch Night at Gneeveguilla Gaa Club House. Saturday 15/6 at 10 AM Tournament Day

DR CROKES

SFL DIV. 1

Dr Crokes 1:15 Kerins O'Rahilly's 1:08

With our 3 senior teams due to line out on the same day, it was fantastic to get the results that we needed. Our senior team continued their successive run at the County League with a comprehensive win away to Kerins O'Rahilly's on Sunday last. The game remained scoreless for the first 4 minutes, with both teams working hard, until Tom Doyle kicked the game's opening point from play. Rahilly's replied with their only two points of the half, both from play. We seemed to control the half and extended our lead in the 10th minute through a Micheal Burns goal. Credit must be given to Mark O'Shea for his fielding that led to our only goal

of the game. We led 1:08 to 0:02 at the break. Aided by a strong wind, and with nothing to lose, Rahilly's came out fighting in the second half, scoring 1:01 in the opening minute. We held our lead throughout the half and ran out 7-point winners in the end. Next up we have our neighbors, Legion at home on June 1st.

LGFA

Donal Curtin Cup

Our senior ladies travelled to Na Gaeil on Sunday last, where both teams toggled out with just 15 players. Playing against the wind in the first half, we trailed by 3 after 10 minutes. Some strong defensive play, along with points from Amanda Brosnan, Leah McMahon and Niamh Stack brought us back in to the game and we were behind by just two at the break. The second half turned in to a great battle and a goal from Ava Sheehan, along with a Seodhna O'Donoghue point, gave us the lead for the first time in the game. We were then reduced to 14 when Leah McMahon picked up an injury, but in great sporting gesture, Na Gaeil also reduced their team to 14 players. The lead changed hands again, but we battled until the end and Amanda Brosnan scored a superb free from a narrow angle to level matters with the last kick of the game. The result sees us finish 2nd in Div. 1, earning us home advantage going in to the semifinal in 4 weeks' time.

ACADEMY

Our Academy will take a break this Saturday but will recommence on June 8th with Hurling from 10-11 and Football from 11:15-12:15. Fun and friendship guaranteed. Bring a friend.

LOTTO took place May 27th. Numbers drawn

were 11, 19, 22, 27. Jackpot of €6,800 was NOT WON. 9 patrons matched 3 numbers and receive €45 each. Jackpot for draw on June 3rd will be €7,100. Play online by following the link below and follow instructions attached https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor (https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=734#Anchor)

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BINGO

Dr Crokes Bingo continues every Sunday in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Doors will open at 7pm with the first game commencing at 8pm.

OLD CLOTHES BANK is located at the rear of the clubhouse. All clothes should be deposited in bags. Donations will help to provide valuable funding to our club.

CONDOLANCES to the Maj family on the recent passing of Grzegorz. Grzegorz is the father of underage players Natalia and Adam. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

NOTES

If anyone has anything they want to add to our club notes please email pro.drcrokes.kerry@gaa.ie

HELP MAKE BEN'S DREAM COME TRUE

Meet Ben Mullen, an Irish lad hailing from Macroom, with an unwavering love for motorbikes since his childhood days. Growing up, his bedroom walls were adorned with posters of Motocross icons like Rob Herring and Matt 'Flash' Gordon, igniting a fire within him to pursue his dreams on the track. Despite facing financial hurdles, Ben's determination knew no bounds. He hitch-hiked to races, scrounged for second-hand gear and relentlessly chased his passion.

His grit and talent didn't go unnoticed. Ben secured sponsorships and transitioned into semi-professional Motocross racing as a teenager, tearing up tracks across Ireland and Northern Ireland. In 2006, he clinched impressive podium finishes in Ireland's under 21's category, setting the stage for a promising career ahead. However, personal setbacks out of his control, derailed his aspirations of representing Ireland on the international MX stage and leaving him with lingering regrets.

Undeterred, Ben sought solace in other forms of racing, taking up super-biking, racing internationally in mountain biking and Enduro. Despite remarkable experiences like training with the Yamaha Enduro team, the yearning to fulfill his MX

dreams persisted.

Then, a glimmer of hope emerged: Just two weeks ago, Ben received an invitation to represent Ireland at the Veteran Motocross Championships! After two decades of longing, he finally has the opportunity to compete against his childhood heroes on the MX circuit.

The stage is set at Farleigh Castle, Bath, UK, from September 13th to 15th 2024. But Ben can't embark on this journey alone. To make his dream a reality, he needs our support. He'll dedicate his summer to rigorous training, sacrificing workdays to hone his skills. From purchasing a training bike to covering race transportation, fuel, gear and maintenance expenses, every contribution counts.

Let's rally behind Ben and help him seize this once-in-a-lifetime chance to represent Ireland! Together, we can propel him towards victory and make his long-awaited dream come true.

Donate today and be a part of Ben's extraordinary journey!

Please contact Ben on: 0896039794

or visit his Go Fund Me page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-ben-mullen-achieve-his-lifelong-mx-dream>





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TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS
ALT 75 d'ACHT NA mBÓITHRE 1993
SECTION 75 OF ROADS ACT 1993



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Glenflesk Minor team after winning the East Kerry Div 2 minor final last Monday in Rathbeg.

A second half goal from John O Sullivan helped Glenflesk, to victory over Kilcummin in the East Kerry U17 Division 2 League final, played in perfect conditions in Rathmore.

Glenflesk were dominant early, with Liam O Brien and Kieran O Sullivan leading the charge. 2 well hit frees from goalie Pearce Moynihan, gave them a 7 points 3 lead as half time approached. Kilcummin scores coming from Shane Morrissey, Sean Cox and Rory O Connor. By half time, Glenflesk had increased their lead to 6 points.

An early goal chance for Glenflesk was thwarted by a brilliant save from Dylan Cronin. Kilcummin attacked immediately and Maher scored his second point of the evening. When he fisted to the net from a long range free, it looked as if Kilcummin might produce an unlikely comeback. O Brien responded quickly for Glenflesk though with another fine point. He then found the pass that set Seamus O Donoghue free. O Donoghue crossed to John O Sullivan who found the net at the second attempt. From here Glenflesk saw the game out, as the final stages got increasingly scrappy.

Afterwards, East Kerry Vice Chairman Gary O Halloran presented the Cup to winning captain Tadhg Herlihy. A well deserved win for Glenflesk, after a match well reffed by Donal Casey. Kilcummin tried hard on the night but very little came of for them. Hard luck to them and congratulations to Glenflesk.



Action from the East Kerry Final. Photos Seamus Healy



All eyes on the East Kerry Final. Photos Seamus Healy



Glenflesk minor captain Tadhg Herlihy receives the cup from East Kerry vice Chairman Gary O Halloran after his team beat Kilcummin in the Div 2 East Kerry League Final last Monday in Rathbeg.

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Welcome back dear student, well next week's elections are fast approaching. Last week we spoke on how love never fails. There is so much hatred and division being stirred up currently and we know who is behind it – Satan. Jesus said, 'a kingdom or house divided shall not stand' (Matthew 12:22-28). Division, strife, and hatred come only from one source; it is the operation of hell itself. So, beware dear friend, for it seeks to infiltrate every crevice of life and contaminate all that is pure and holy. Marriages, childhoods, families, workplaces, and communities can all be affected. The enemy has no power to inflict – but only what people give him: access by agreement. It's important not to get dragged into the sin of anger and offence, judgement, and strife (Ephesians 4:26-5:10). God's love overcomes in every situation, so because the devil cannot love, he seeks to destroy it. But Love never fails (1 Corinthians 13:8). Face the upcoming elections with this in mind.


The Scripture above is not often taught on. Many people build themselves, or others up, based on achievements and outward show. God chastised Samuel when he was impressed with one of David's brothers. He told Samuel – 'you're only looking at him from the outside (the flesh) – I have rejected him, for I look at the heart' (1 Samuel 16:7). God examines our hearts! Our motives, attitudes, and beliefs are weighed by His standard - His Love, and His Word. It's a warning for us – because right now the god of this world Satan is twisting and perverting truth, and people are sucked in by lies, ungodly motives and outward fakery. Don't ask yourself what great works these politicians or leaders have done – pray and ask the Lord – 'what kind of heart has this person? Is integrity, honesty, righteousness, and justice at work here?' Let God direct your steps as you vote.

Currently we are reaping the rewards of decades of corruption, greed, and injustice in our nation. People ask, 'why can't problems be fixed?' Because of the control by ungodly people in high institutions who have lined their own, and the pockets of their friends for gain. They may have an outward appearance of godliness, but it's not backed up by the fear of God, because if it were, they would have shouted 'STOP' long ago (2 Timothy 3:1-5). When election time comes around they are very quick to take their lead - not from the Lord or His precepts - but from what's trending on Twitter. They know little of spiritual matters, because if they did they would be hollering from the rooftops of society in repentance.

This is not every politician – of course there are godly women and men, but they need to take a courageous stand for what is right, even if it's not popular opinion. And it's not just those involved in politics – but the entire civil service, and also the church at large. Those who carry out laws: whether administratively; in policing; in education; and in health. You have a voice – and God has placed you here for such a time as this! (Esther 4:14). Instead of listening to the angry screams of the ungodly about being on the wrong side of history – friend: make sure you are NOT on the wrong side of God.

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 Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine.
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 Say this prayer three times for three days and your favour will be granted.
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