



Guinness Debuts Open Gate Brewery



**Tim Egan Adds
Mobile Mammography Unit
to Roseland Hospital's Arsenal**
 Page 31



Thomas Mulvey founded ATHLETEX Sports and Orthopedic Physical Therapy in 1992 with the mission of offering quality rehabilitation that educates the patient from acute onset to their maximal functional level.



Thomas G. Mulvey
M.S., P.T., M.B.A.

- * American Physical Therapy Association (Sports, Orthopedic, and Private Practice Sections) member
- * American Academy of Sports Medicine member
- * Illinois Physical Therapy Association member

We offer Orthopedic, Neurologic, and Sports Rehabilitation. We also offer Sports Specific Training for Athletes. ATHLETEX accepts Medicare, Workers' Compensation and most PPOs and HMOs

Athletex Physical Therapy has been delivering quality and comprehensive Physical Therapy to the Southland since 1992.

4004 W 111th Street
 Oak Lawn IL 60453
708.424.4047
 708.424.4025 fax 708.424.4591

athletexpt.com

11140 w 179th St
 Orland Park IL 60462
708.478.7225
 fax 708.478.7229



**WHERE EVERY
 PATIENT IS
 TREATED
 LIKE A
 CHAMPION**

*Over 30 Years
 Serving the
 Southland*




Legacies & Narratives

Seeking truth and justice for crimes committed by all sides in the North, including by the British Army deployed there for three decades, has been one of the most fraught aspects of post-Troubles Northern Ireland. The Stormont

House Agreement (2014) provided mechanisms to investigate and establish a record of what happened to enable families of victims to achieve a measure of justice. That

View From Ireland

By Maurice Fitzpatrick



crimes. But what of IRA crimes?

Neither the Conservative Party in Britain nor Sinn Féin is willing to say that the Northern Ireland Legacy Bill suits a key element of their base and that, in effect,

Law Offices of Thomas W. Lynch, P.C.
 Thomas W. Lynch Noreen C. Lennon Robert W. Maucker

Solving Debt Issues for Business and Individuals
 9231 South Robert Road, Hickory Hills, IL 60457
(708) 598-5999

We are a debt relief agency. Our services can include helping people and businesses file for relief under the bankruptcy code

Aishling Care Academy
 EDUCATING WITH PURPOSE, PASSION AND PRIDE

GNA CLASS

Contact Us
 www.aishlingcareacademy.com
 Call: +708-234-1985
 Email: info@aishlingcareacademy.com
 13255 Southwest Hwy, Orland Park, IL, United States, Illinois

CENTRAL METAL RECYCLING, L.L.C.

5618 W. Fillmore St. | Chicago | Tel. 773.345.8608
 CENTRALMETALRECYCLING.COM

- Buyers of:**
- COPPER
 - ALUMINUM
 - BRASS
 - STEEL
 - STAINLESS
 - CAST IRON

Your Scrap Metal Connection

5618 W. Fillmore St.
 Tel. 773.345.8608

CENTRAL METAL RECYCLING, L.L.C.

agreement is now severely threatened by the actions of the UK Parliament. A legislative bill, the Northern Ireland Legacy Bill, approved in September in the House of Commons, will grant amnesty to perpetrators of crimes during the Troubles. The Irish government is vigorously opposed to it, as are all parties in the North. It is a blatant example of the UK government upholding the interests of one group over the victims' families - British Army veterans, represented by the Northern Ireland Veterans Movement.

The legislation runs counter to the logic of human rights law by prioritising perpetrators over victims. Consequently, the UK government has met with opprobrium from the international organisations with oversight over human rights abuses such the United Nations and the Council of Europe (the UK is a member of both). The Irish government may well take an inter-state case against the UK government at the European Court of Human Rights to reverse the legislation. Why would the British government provoke such opposition to shield its veterans?

It is not amnesty itself that animates the veterans since they have always effectively had it. In 2010, the then leader of the UK government, David Cameron, responded to the findings of the Saville Inquiry into Bloody Sunday by saying in the House of Commons that the killings were 'unjustified and unjustifiable' - yet, even then, the prospect of prosecutions seemed very remote. Notably, Cameron did not say that the killings were crimes, or that the perpetrators ought to be tried in court. (A group of the bereaved families in Derry split on the issue of pursuing criminal charges after 2010). The reason why the veterans are pushing for amnesty is that they remain soldiers in their outlook, and they do not want their honour tarnished by any further speculation that they may be brought to court or forced to co-operate with inquests or civil cases. The British government is aligned with them. This is a pity, not least because the ageing veterans will go to their graves with the truth about thousands of murders and covert operations that could give succour to families of victims.

Like all the other political parties in Northern Ireland, Sinn Féin has been critical of the amnesty legislation from the moment it was tabled. Northern leader of Sinn Féin, Michelle O'Neill, speaking in Stormont in July 2021 about the proposed British amnesty legislation, called it an 'insult to grieving families'. She was careful to circumscribe her comments to victims of 'state sponsored'

they have common cause in ensuring that there are no further trials or inquests for crimes committed during the Troubles.

The amnesty that the British are pushing through has a close relationship with the amnesia about the full dimensions of the Troubles that Sinn Féin has promulgated. Indeed, the words amnesty and amnesia both derive from the same Greek word, amnestia, meaning 'forgetfulness'. Both the UK government and Sinn Féin understand that the legacy of a conflict has an intimate relationship with the narrative of a conflict. The narrative that both the British and Sinn Féin are carefully curating depends upon their capacity to erase key parts of the historical record.

One instance of Sinn Féin's attempt to control the narrative of the Troubles came during an interview Michelle O'Neill gave to the BBC in August 2022, in which she claimed that there was 'no alternative' to violence during the Troubles. Sinn Féin's re-writing of history requires a delicate blend of vague vindictory comments about the past, covered over quickly with benign statements about (especially its role in) the peace process and a topping of the wonderful future that Sinn Féin will deliver. By Sinn Féin's own standards, O'Neill's claim was amateurish because it was too easily contradicted by facts: electoral results throughout the Troubles, for example, show quite how many people, including nationalists, voted for the alternative to violence.

Sinn Féin's narrative about the past requires relativising the tactics of terror perpetuated by the IRA, which the party would no longer justify today. The core justification for IRA violence that the party adopts is to frame the IRA as representatives of the beleaguered minority forced to defend itself from attack by the empire (and its unionist representatives). However, the party is visibly squeamish about applying that framework to IRA crimes against civilians; to assassinations, especially of members of the nationalist community; and violence and/or sexual crimes against women.

One of the most infamous examples of IRA crimes during the Troubles was the murder of Jean McConville, the subject of Patrick Radden Keefe's riveting book, Say Nothing. A mother of ten children, many of whom were still in school when she was murdered, McConville was widowed in 1972. Later that year, the IRA abducted McConville in Belfast (they suspected her of informing) and buried her in a shallow grave across the border, which was not discovered until 2003. Her murder and disappearance harrowed her children's lives, and it was among the most horrific of the entire Troubles. Both her murder and disappearance constituted war crimes. Yet, for the IRA, which cannot admit that it perpetuated any crime, accountability before international organisations such as the International Criminal Court for war crimes does not arise.

The UK government's Northern Ireland Legacy Bill is a violation of international human rights law, whereas the IRA's murder and secret burial of Jean McConville (and many others) is an example of its war crimes. The good news for upholders of the historical record is that several documentaries and books about the IRA's specific targeting of civilians and women are just about to be released.

OLD ORLAND INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.
 Since 1946

"We sell Peace Of Mind."

HOME • LIFE • AUTO • HEALTH • BUSINESS
ALL TYPES OF CONTRACTORS

14308 Union Orland Park, IL 60462
708-349-2000

Healy Scanlon is Proud to Announce it's New Firm Name



Supporting Chicago Labor For Over 30 Years



*Front Row (left to right): Matthew M. Gannon, Martin J. Healy, Jr. and John P. Scanlon
Back Row (left to right): Rachel K. Strieber, Neil Schelhammer, David P. Huber,
Kevin T. Veugeler, Joan Mannix and Michael P. Scanlon*

Practice Areas:

- Personal Injury • Product Liability
- Interstate Trucking • Construction Accidents
- Nursing Home Neglect • Professional Malpractice
- Railroad & Aviation Accidents
- Workers' Compensation

111 West Washington Street, Suite 1425, Chicago, IL 60602
312- 977- 0100 * Toll-Free 800- 922- 4500 * www.healyscanlon.com



Roaming in the Gloaming

By Estelle Shanley

Dear Reader: You may have read or better yet watched on PBS TV, the recent lengthy five part historic series entitled: **ONCE UPON A TIME IN NORTHERN IRELAND**. I paused over the title "once upon a time" a statement that usually heralds a story about to be read or told but would have no bearing on the North of Ireland. None the less my anticipation was high and I watched the first airing of this five part journey through the three-decade political conflict known as *The Troubles*. Meanwhile a dear dear friend who reads the morning newspaper forwarded a lengthy article published in the *Los Angeles Times* announcing that "Once upon a time" was a brilliant five part journey airing on a PBS series focusing on the political conflict in the North of

Ireland during The Troubles.

I hesitate to praise this TV oral all sides of the story, Catholics history program of this dirty war and Protestants, Republicans, where Catholics lived on one side Loyalists, victims and victimizers. of a walled road and Protestants In a word, it was akin to burning

area, keeping Irish readers up to date on the political-sectarian conflict. I often wrote into the night highlighting and witnessing the human cost, personal, psychological, physical and philosophical.

There were speakers from Catholics in Derry and Belfast demonstrated for their civil rights. None of it easy since the 1921 partition on the island became the independent Republic of Ireland and six British counties in Northern Island. This maintained Protestant loyalists in power in those six counties. Protests from both sides multiplied, violence became a way of life followed by death.

survive the Troubles and spoke emotionally about their own experiences.

These were essentially ordinary folk who survived, and several spoke who lost brothers, fathers and sons and wept telling tales of murder, death from dying in bombs and the disappearance of family members never heard from again. Were they buried I wondered? Maybe not need if they were sitting in a car and a bomb exploded.

Living under British rule, in the late sixties, Catholics in Derry and Belfast demonstrated for their civil rights. None of it easy since the 1921 partition on the island became the independent Republic of Ireland and six British counties in Northern Island. This maintained Protestant loyalists in power in those six counties. Protests from both sides multiplied, violence became a way of life followed by death.

The British responded and the British Army was called into the North and never left. Terrorist fringes on both sides were at war and a spiral of intensifying violence was ongoing. An estimated 3,500 civilians died. According to PBS, despite the numbers of lives upended and obviously defined by hostility, people tried and by the grace of God worked hard to seek out a "normal" life. It was revealed that people fell in love, reached out to help others and in time developed a sense of a human spirit, got married, had kids who played in the streets despite the barbed wire and the constant presence of armed British young men.

There are stories galore, many too horrifying to report. When Irish men and women who survived spoke and wept on PBS, some whose fathers and brothers had been imprisoned in the British notorious Long Kesh prison where ten hunger striker's died one right after the other because Lady Thatcher, British Prime Minister, turned a deaf ear to pleas from Irish inmates who objected to wearing prison clothes when they considered themselves political prisoners. Too many men died young in that prison.

In the concluding session of the five series program there were Catholic and Protestant men and women who literally talked about forgiveness and moved on. Others struggled with



on the other. Too dangerous to in the fires of hell.

climb over the wall. Neither one What was both amazing and would visit the other and this touching about the Northern separation literally consumed Ireland PBS program was the three decades of an all out war inclusion of brave men and between the Brits and Irish know courageous women on the screen as the "Troubles". It was hell. And whose stories drew shudders on a personal note, I was there as from their struggles, describing a journalist working for a daily the loss of family members, yet newspaper in the greater Boston they themselves managed to

IRISHAMERICANNEWS.COM

IAN

PERIODICAL

ISSN #1085-4053 USPS #013454
OCTOBER 2023 Vol. XLVII #10

Founders **Bob and Jean Burns**
Publishers **Cliff and Cathy Carlson**
Advertising Sales **Cliff Carlson**
Marketing: **CMO Jim Corboy**
Contributing Writers, **Katherine Iannitelli, Rynne Gallagher Johnson, Maureen Callahan, Elizabeth Belcaster**

COLUMNS AND REVIEWS

Catholic Charities
Connemara Daly **Bill Daly**
Counties of Ireland **Tom Butler**
Gallagher's Advice **Caroleann Gallagher**
Game On! **Chris Wheaton**
Generation Next **Conor O'Connor**
Getting to Know Irish **Tina Butler**
Good Grief **Josephine Coleman**
Healy Law **Martin J. Healy Jr**
Home is Where the Heart Is **Aishling Kelly**
Immigration Nation
Fiona McEntee / Alex George
Irish Comm Services **Paul Dowling**
IN Your Business!
Katie & Emmett Fitzpatrick
Irish Rover **Jim McClure**
Master Your Money **Mike Corrigan**
Notes from Archives **Barry Stapleton**
Picture Perfect **James T. Bartlett**
Roaming the Gloaming **Estelle Shanley**
Starts With A Song **Joe McShane**
Swimming Upstream **Charles Brady**
Terry From Derry **Terrence Boyle**
Thought for Food **Jim August**
View from Ireland **Maurice Fitzpatrick**
We've Always Been Green

Anne Marie McIntyre

SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

published monthly - 1st of month
SUBSCRIPTION
• 1 year \$35 • 2 years \$55
• 3 years \$75

(Periodicals Postage Paid at Palatine, IL, and other mailing offices)

POSTMASTER:

Address changes to Irish News Inc
PO Box 7, Zion, IL 60099


PUBLISHERS STATEMENT
The opinions and statements expressed in this newspaper are entirely those of the authors, and do not reflect in any way the opinions of Irish American News.

Distribution 13,013 monthly
cliff@irishamericannews.com

312-498-1337
irishamericannews.com

questions and one man who lost his eyesight in an attack, his voice barely a whisper faced the camera announcing he had forgiven his transgressor and moved on with his life such as it is as a blind man. Others admitted their struggle continues but make attempts to reckon with their losses as they continue to live as best they can.

Another woman revealed her life was a living lie for all she thought about was who was going to kill her. When the bodies of 3 IRA members were followed by mourners their coffins carried into the graveyard, bombs went off and grandmothers screamed in pain.



Home Equity Line of Credit

There's No Better Time to Let Your Home Work for You!


4.90% APR

Introductory Fixed Rate for the First 12 Months. Prime Rate* (variable) thereafter

No Closing Costs or Annual Fees

A Home Equity Line of Credit (HELOC) can be an easy, affordable way to finance home improvements, college expenses, debt consolidation, etc., etc., etc.


Stop in or call **Tom Boyle** NMLS ID 412233 **630-666-9887** or
Amy Weinart NMLS ID 572123 **708-485-2770 x139** for more details



FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BROOKFIELD

* 10 Year Interest only loan APR - Annual Percentage Rate of 3.90% Fixed APR is the introductory rate for the first 12 months. After the introductory period, the rate will adjust to the current variable rate based on the highest Prime Rate as published in the Wall Street Journal with a maximum loan to value of 80%. APR's accurate as of 1/16/2023 and subject to change. The maximum Annual Percentage Rate that can apply is 15%. The minimum annual Percentage Rate that can apply is 4.25%, Except for this 15% "cap" and 4.25% "floor", there is no limit on the amount by which the annual percentage rate on the account can change during any one year period. Subject to approval and underwriting standards.

9136 Washinton Avenue ♦ Brookfield, IL 60513 ♦ (708) 485-2770

FDIC www.FNBB.com 

Mary Ellen Considine



Office 312.266.7000
Voice Mail: 773.687.5181
Cell: 773.704.4250
Efax: 781.609.9527

maryellen.considine@cbexchange.com

1910 N Clybourn Ave
Chicago IL 60614



Swimming Upstream

By Charles Brady



Maureen Kearney and the Heavy Price Paid for Lifting the Lid on Corporate Corruption

----- You've been deep in thought for a while there, Brady. How do you think you'll begin?

----- Well, I know how I won't begin, because I typed it and then immediately erased it: 'I can only imagine how Maureen Kearney felt as...'. Now what can that possibly even mean? I can't BEGIN to imagine how she felt. A woman who has been tortured, raped and left tied up for hours...? What possible frame of reference to that horror could I ever have?

----- How did you feel about the evidence or lack of, Brady?

----- Oh please. The French cops had their minds made up from near-enough to the start. Or maybe someone made their minds up for them. I mean, according to this lot there are no fingerprints found at the scene, there's no DNA, nothing; but THEN it turns out that DNA taken at the scene made its way to the forensics lab but magically never made it out again. Funny, that. It just vanished completely. Right up there with 'The dog ate my homework', that excuse is. *****

Maureen got work teaching English to employees of the company that would soon become Areva, and which specialized in providing nuclear power. At a Questions and Answers session after the showing, she expanded on the sparse details at the beginning of the film.

'I had been involved with the nuclear industry for ten years. And at some point, I became aware that some of my students were being laid off without recourse to the redundancy laws, that those laws were not being applied. So, I went to see their union and they asked me if - instead of just shouting - I shouldn't join them'.

This seems to have been a good fit for the Mayo woman. From early years she was used to activism in her home. Her mother worked hard on the campaign to have Nelson Mandela freed and South Africa's Apartheid Laws made a thing of the past. And her grandmother wrote, on what I am sure was an annoyingly regular basis, to the British Prime Minister concerning the political

owned Electricité de France and our good and selfless friends of the China General Nuclear Power Corporation. And leaving aside the fact that it would necessitate the passing of nuclear technology to China it meant devastating job losses in France.

When I learned that Ms. Kearney was ASSURED by French politicians (no doubt with hands on heart and promises on their blessed mothers' graves) that the deal had been stopped, I feared the worst - equating French politicians with our own home-grown ones. Namely, in the main, being self-serving rodents only distantly on nodding terms with anything remotely resembling the truth.

And so, it proved. Shortly after the 'assurances' she received a photo taken months before, proving that the deal had taken place and with happy French and Chinese CEOs signing away to their heart's content whilst a benign President Sarkozy - he of the 'hysterics in skirts' aversion - looks on.

This time Ms. Kearney went ballistic, calling for a meeting with the CEO of Areva and in retrospect realises that she was too direct, if understandably so. The word 'liar' was used. 'I have proof' was uttered.

Early one morning in 2012, whilst brushing her teeth, Maureen Kearney was attacked, brutalized and raped. She had the letter 'A' carved into her

Speaking briefly with her before the screening, I asked her about this. She was adamant that having guts had nothing to do with it. 'No, it was not bravery; I simply would NOT accept that they had tarnished me as a liar who had faked this. I just would not. I had to see it through.' Later, at the Q & A she added: 'I don't feel that I am this thing, a whistleblower. I just did my job. But I never thought that trying to have truth and integrity could make me so many enemies - and I find that sad.'

When she appealed, she had a new lawyer and new evidence. For me, the most terrifying and unforgivable thing is that the police all along had evidence of a practically identical attack six years prior to the one on Maureen Kearney. But they had suppressed it.

The wife of a man in the energy sector had become a 'whistleblower' and had also been attacked, tortured and raped, with a coffin and a cross being engraved on her flesh. Sound familiar? Same prosecutor's office as well. I'm

sure that's a coincidence. Oh yes, and her file went missing.

As with Ms. Kearney, no real investigation was ever done and no arrests ever made or - let's be honest - are ever likely to be.

This isn't the place for me to reiterate my own feelings on corporate corruption and its close links to our equally corrupt politicians. Anyone who reads this column regularly knows where I stand, anyway.

Suffice to say that things worked out much as Maureen Kearney predicted all those years back. The deal went ahead, some 5,000 jobs were lost and the company was dissolved.

'La Syndicaliste' is directed by Jean-Paul Salomé, based on the book by investigative journalist Caroline Michel-Aguirre. Both have themselves been threatened in relation to this material.

ADDENDUM: I meant to make clear the fact that as well as her family and friends, Maureen's Union stood by her through even the worst of the years. It's something that should be said. charleybrady@gmail.com



Maureen Kearney (far right) with Galway Mayor Eddie Hoare; and Galway Film Society board members (l - r) Louise Casey Conneally, Edith Pieppenhoff and Bridie McMahon

So...where DO I begin with this? I'm at the opening of a new French film that dramatically retells the remarkable story of Maureen Kearney. The film is 'La Syndicaliste' ('The Trade Unionist') and stars Isabelle Huppert, one of France's most well-known actresses. It kicks off the new season of films presented by the Galway Film Society and Maureen Kearney is in Ireland and a guest at this showing.

Ms. Kearney was born in Castlebar, County Mayo in 1956. From an early age, however, she felt a deep affinity with French culture and moved there in the mid-80s, falling in love with and marrying Gilles Hugo, who ran a sound production company.

Along with their two children, they were based in Paris and

prisoners in Northern Ireland's Long Kesh, insisting that they must be tried, not simply held there indefinitely. It's clear then that she was obviously no stranger to roughing it up with the Establishment and settled in quickly to her role as a powerful trade unionist within the French nuclear industry -- and one not afraid to be heard, leading then-President Sarkozy to refer to her as 'a hysteric in a skirt', something I can picture that little weasel saying all too well.

Then came the incident that would change her life, the lives of her family and the lives of those around her. In 2011 she came into possession of extremely sensitive, top-secret material that concerned a very cozy deal in the offing between the State-

stomach and she was left tied to a chair with a knife inserted handle-first into her vagina. She was not found until her cleaner arrived later that morning.

The police concluded in their wisdom that Ms. Kearney had tied HERSELF up, having first mutilated her stomach by carving that initial into it and inserting the knife handle into herself. And, of course, there was no DNA to say otherwise.

With the victim suddenly becoming the accused, she was fined 5,000 Euro and given a suspended five-month sentence. And with her family under real threat now, she had initially been pressured into signing a confession, but within a short time had decided to fight back to clear her name.

CARA CONSTRUCTION CO
 CARPENTRY & GENERAL CONTRACTOR
 ROOM ADDITIONS - NEW HOMES - REMODELING
 KITCHENS - BATHROOMS - DECKS

847-514-2387
 294 WALKER AVE
 HIGHLAND PARK IL 60035
FBMOORE@COMCAST.NET

We ♥ New Clients
 hair by **O'HARA & friends**
 FIRST TIME CLIENTS ONLY
50% OFF HAIR SERVICES
708-239-1111
7008 W. 127th St. Palos Heights
 HOURS: Tuesday 11-7 Wednesday and Thurs 11-8
 Friday 9-5 Saturday 9-4 Sunday 11-6
 Most present this ad for discount. Cannot be combined with any other offer.
www.oharaandfriendssalon.com

find us on facebook!

DONEGAL IMPORTS FROM IRELAND
 773-792-2377

 now owned and operated by
 micéal hughes - 1st generation
 irish-american.
 same charm, different Brogue
 5358 west devon ave, chicago, IL 60646
 773-792-2377 mayoimportschiago@gmail.com

AUTO • HOME • LIFE • BUSINESS

Call Patrick Riordan today!

RIORDAN

INSURANCE GROUP

We Have Insurance Down Pat



6035 N. Northwest Hwy. Suite 207 Chicago, IL 60631

773.631.3388



WOOD ROASTED CHICKEN • FRESH FISH • STEAKS & CHOPS

Live Music Every Friday & Saturday 7pm

Private Party Room*

Let us Cater your next Event*

Family Packs & Carryout*



Johnny's
KITCHEN & TAP

Open Daily at 11am
1740 Milwaukee Ave
Glenview, IL 60025 (847) 699-9999
www.johnnyskitchen.com

f t i

Heather A. Begley, Partner
Tomasik Kotin Kasserman, LLC
Personal Injury Attorney

- ❖ Medical Malpractice
- ❖ Birth Injury
- ❖ Trucking and Auto Negligence
- ❖ Premises Liability
- ❖ Construction Negligence

312-605-8800
heather@tkklaw.com



TOMASIK KOTIN KASSERMAN
TRIAL LAWYERS



Michael Darcy & The Atlantic Tramps to Perform in Chicago & Detroit Soon

Irish-born, Canadian-based folk band Michael Darcy & The Atlantic Tramps will make their return to the US in early October with shows planned in Detroit & Chicago. Michael, who hails from county Clare originally but now based in Toronto, is about to embark on his 3rd tour to the US this year where he will be joined by fellow Atlantic Tramps John Murphy from county Mayo on tenor banjo and Dan MacDonald from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia on fiddle.

After releasing his impressive solo debut *Simple Drop of Rain* in 2018, Michael returned to the studio with his new band 'The Atlantic Tramps' in tow for the eagerly-awaited follow-up album, *Down to the Roots*. Drawing from the well of rich Irish music that he grew up with and also being inspired by gritty American songwriters like John Prine & Guy Clark, he aimed to create a whirlwind of folk traditions – where greengrass meets bluegrass. Released in July 2022 to critical acclaim, *Down to the Roots* was described by UK magazine *Folk and Honey* as “an excellent album; well-crafted songs with detailed arrangements

brought to life with virtuosic flair.” Irish Music Magazine raved that “Darcy’s originals sit so comfortably within the genre that you’d swear they’ve been around



for generations.” The album also garnered a 2023 Canadian Folk Music Award nomination for ‘Traditional Singer of the Year’ while his original song “The Ballad of Uncle Frank”, from the same album, has been nominated for ‘Song of the Year’ at the 2023 Ontario Folk Music Awards.

Most recently, the band returned from a successful Irish summer tour which included a packed show at the historic Cobblestone venue in Dublin as well as festival performances at

the Fleadh Cheoil in Mullingar and Féile na Sionainne in Athlone. They also embarked on their first US tour in June 2023 playing at festivals and theatres in Ohio, New York, New Jersey & Pennsylvania. 2022 saw the band receive a scholarship to attend the Folk Alliance International Conference in Kansas City, Missouri where they performed multiple showcases at the world’s largest gathering of the folk music industry and community. In March 2022, their single “Sweet St. John’s” was featured on the popular St. John’s Morning Show for CBC Radio One in Canada. In 2021, they were honoured to be the only Canadian artists presented at the international Robinson Emerging Artist Showcase at N. America’s longest running pan-Celtic festival - Goderich Celtic Roots Festival. 2020 saw the band share the stage with multi-platinum Irish artist Mundy closing out the show together, performing the worldwide hit “Galway Girl” at Toronto’s legendary Horseshoe Tavern. The album was supported by a full Ontario solo tour.

Catch the band live in the Chicago area in early October. **Fri Oct 6th: Fox’s Orland Park** **Sat Oct 7 McNally’s, St. Charles** **Sun Oct 8 Celtic Crossing, Chicago.**



Joe McKittrick, Paula Svadlena, Shay Clarke and David O'Flaherty at the opening of the new Open Gate Brewery, pictured on our cover this month, a Guinness Original.

We Offer:

- Companionship
- Respite Care
- Personal Care
- Health & Fitness
- Homemaking
- Meals
- Errands/Transportation
- 24/7 Live-In Care
- Activities

Testimonials

“Destiny Senior Care has proven to be an excellent caregiver company, servicing a wide variety of clients. As an RN working in a primarily geriatric field, I have made many referrals to Destiny as I am very confident in the skills, knowledge, and compassion their caregivers have to offer my patients. I have personally seen the employees of this company go above and beyond any other private duty/companion companies I have had experience with. Their clients have nothing but the best to say about their care and services.”

Jillian P.

DestinySeniorCare.com



DESTINY

Senior Care

Hearts Connected

“Where Seniors Come First”

Hi, I’m **Annie Nestor**. I was born in Ireland and have family from Galway, Mayo and Kerry. I’m a locally owned Home Care Agency founded in 2015.

After 50 yrs in early childhood education and owning several child care centers, I decided to pass the baton. Our children are the third generation in our family to start schools and after seeing their success & passion I decided to venture into another area of caregiving, **seniors!** I thought, I’m not going to retire I’m going to RE-FIRE!

Working with seniors reminds me of my wonderful years teaching children loving, laughing, and appreciating the joys of life.

HAPPY SENIORS singing old favorite tunes is music to my ears. Now I get to continue doing what I love with a new generation.



Mission Statement: Destiny Senior care provides a new beginning for our clients and families throughout the Chicagoland area so they can enjoy the benefits of staying home but also thrive in an environment filled with quality loving care!

Our **Caregivers** are screened and must go through an interview process. Each person is fingerprinted and must abide by all policies. The personality of a caregiver is extremely important for your loved one, as we want the best possible person for you. We are a team working together in the best interest of all concerned.

We offer the nationally acclaimed program **Ageless Grace**, which is offered throughout the U.S. and around the world. **Ageless Grace** is a fitness and wellness program featuring 21 simple exercise tools designed for all ages and abilities. The exercises are natural and organic & focus on the healthy longevity of the body & mind.




15774 S. La Grange Rd Orland Park, IL 60462

708-670-5970

f t in YouTube

Celtic Thunder Returns to the Riverside Theater Milwaukee with a New Show

Odyssey, the latest show from the internationally acclaimed group Celtic Thunder, is a fascinating exploration of Irish music and culture, firmly grounded in the ensemble's impressive history, while ambitiously forging new paths.

The show takes place October 6th at the Riverside Theater, 116 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Doors open at 7pm, show 8pm. Tickets: at <https://www.pabsttheatergroup.com/events/detail/celtic-thunder-2023>

Celtic Thunder invites audiences on a sweeping voyage through the heartlands of traditional Irish music, the rhythmic pulse of contemporary Irish music, and the innovative original arrangements that are emblematic of the ensemble's unique sound.

The shared musical chemistry of Celtic Thunder's lead vocalists Ryan Kelly, Damian McGinty, Neil Byrne, and Emmet Cahill, gives

the show its compelling power, while each singer adds their distinctive voice and charm to this musical journey, creating a harmonious blend that appeals to a broad spectrum of tastes. The ODYSSEY songbook is steeped in their Irish heritage and weaves a rich tapestry of emotional and musical tones.

ODYSSEY is not simply a concert; it's a powerful theatrical experience that honors Celtic Thunder's rich musical legacy and simultaneously blazes new trails. An

evocative journey through time, sound, and culture, as educational as it is entertaining. The captivating blend of music, storytelling, and atmospheric stagecraft makes "Odyssey" a must-see spectacle for fans of Celtic Thunder and

Irish music in general.

Formed in Dublin in 2007, Celtic Thunder is a multi-dimensional musical and theatrical ensemble celebrated around the world for emotionally powerful performances and a state-of-the-art production. Billboard magazine has named Celtic Thunder the Top World Album Artist 5 times (in 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2015 and 2016) while the group has had LPs placed in the World Album Top 10 every release year since 2008.



We Get Letters

We love the IAN and look forward to reading it monthly. It is filled with useful informative information. I was surprised you had no mention of Eamonn Vaughans sudden passing in May. It left the hospitality industry in shock not to mention part of a huge legacy gone. He meant so much to so many people in the Irish community because of his participation in Irish community events and his generosity to the Irish in general. Back in the day it was the Vaughan family that helped many Irish immigrants get through some tough times financially. As time has passed Eamonn and Kevin continued to help the Irish immigrants and remain involved with the Irish community. He was a great guy who deserves to have his legacy shared with the IAN readers.

Thank you, A Regular Reader

(Editor's Note: We hope to have a story on Eamonn in the November issue of Irish American News).

Letter to the Editor

Irish American News
Dear Editor:

Britain's security forces collusion with loyalist killers in NI (Stack, 9/3) is relatively new to the Times editorial page and most welcome. The corruption of law and justice in N. I. was endemic to the creation of the colonial garrison in 1920 and was a major defeat for democracy. It has been sustained for 100 years with such tactics and policies. The assassination of a second attorney, Rosemary Nelson, ten years after the killing of Pat Finucane in 1989, was of a more consequential nature. British police, Army and MI-5 feared the U. S. Congress probing into police threats and collusion with loyalist's murder gangs by Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ),

Chairman of the Helsinki Commission. They warned her not to attend and give testimony; she was murdered shortly after doing so. America is finally coming to grips with the depths of British evil in Ireland but for the Finucane and Nelson families and thousands of others it is too late.

Sincerely,
John M. Corcoran Esq.
1919 Chestnut Street, Suite 1724
Philadelphia, PA 19103
215-280-3711 corcoranesq@aol.com

Mary Pat Flanagan Sr. VP North American Sales

JEM TOURS
Ireland, Britain and Beyond

Each custom itinerary will be designed so that you and yours will experience Ireland at your own pace with one of our knowledgeable driver/guides

The **JEM TOURS** team has over 85 years combined experience and have worked closely together for 25+ years! Through the extensive contacts and travel partners built up over the years

JEM TOURS
CAN TAKE YOU THERE!



312-914-0982
marypat@jemtours.net
www.jemtours.com

Miller & McGing
Personal Injury Attorneys

6723 N Northwest Hwy, Chicago, IL 60631
773.467.8000 | MILLERMCGING.COM

Attorney Michael G. Miller | Hailey Staunton | Hon. Judge James McGing (ret.)

Recent Case Settlements

\$2.3 MILLION WORK INJURY	\$2.1 MILLION CONSTRUCTION INJURY	\$1.2 MILLION MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE
------------------------------	--------------------------------------	-------------------------------------

Areas of Expertise

- Personal Injury
- Wrongful Death
- Medical Negligence
- Car/Truck Accidents
- Premises Liability
- Worker's Comp
- Construction Accidents
- Motorcycle Accidents
- Nursing Homes
- Abuse/Neglect
- Railroad/Bus Accidents

of counsel

Kevin Bolger
Criminal Law

Gina Lavorata-O'Hehir
Wills & Trusts, Real Estate

Patrick Casey
Long Term Care
Medicaid Appeals

MM
MILLER & MCGING

773.467.8000

Long Time Volunteer at Gaelic Park, Mary Riordan Passes Unexpectedly

Remembering Mary Riordan

Chicagoland's Irish community in general, and several Irish organizations, including Gaelic Park, recently suffered a terrible loss with the passing of Mary Riordan. Mary Riordan (nee Cunningham) was born in Kilmihill, County Clare, Ireland and was a loyal employee of CNA Insurance for 47 years.



rocks with Mary's gentle hand on the tiller.

Mary was a loving aunt to numerous nieces and nephews and an adored friend to many. In addition to the Claremen's Association, she was also an active member of the Kerry Association. At Gaelic Park, her various contributions are too numerous to state. As Board Secretary, she was

Mary was a long-time Director, Vice President, and Secretary of the Board of Directors of Chicago Gaelic Park. She was a co-host of the Gaelic Park radio program for more than 30 years. She was an active member of the Claremen's Association, and the beloved wife of Matt Riordan of Co. Kerry, Ireland.

At Gaelic Park, Mary was always present, always with the kind word and always with the ready smile. She was one of the sturdy foundation pillars that Gaelic Park was built on. Gaelic Park was quietly shepherded around many

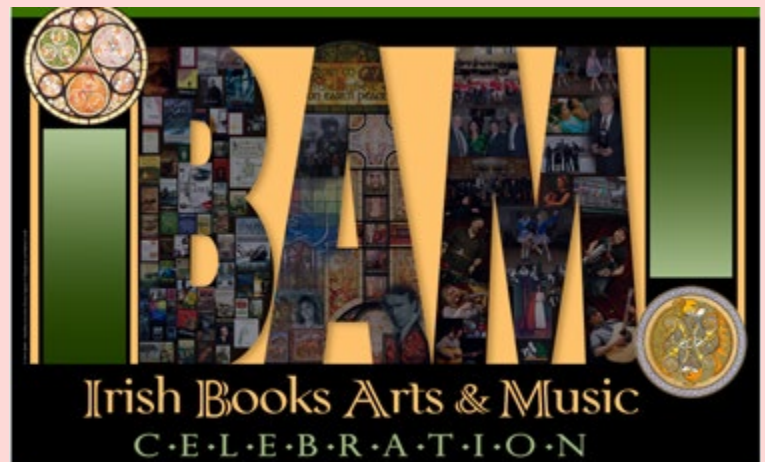
the main historian of Gaelic Park, she worked hours on the Gaelic Park radio show, and she was well known for arranging the Masses and setting up the altar at Gaelic Park. Someone said, "If there was a Mount Rushmore for Gaelic Park champions, she would certainly be on it". She was a kind woman with the heart of a volunteer. Mary set the example of what it means to give back to your community and others.

Our lovely Rose of Clare, the hand of kindness and generosity can never be replaced. She will be sorely missed.

Attend the iBAM! Gala 11-18 at the Irish Heritage Center

Honoring

Dr. Mary Pat Kelly - Person of the Year - Jimmy Keane - Music
Colm Toibin - Literature - Roisin O'Farrell - Visual Arts -
Eileen Dunne - Media/Journalism
Dan Hartnett - Volunteer of the Year
TIX www.ibamchicago.com/index.php/awards-dinner



Holy Ghost BINGO

God, Goblins & Games
by Vicki Quade

4 Weeks ONLY!

"It's a crazy night of Halloween trivia, audience interaction, and the funniest costume contest you've ever seen."
--Broadway World

"A night of entertainment you'll never forget."
--Broadway World

October 6 - 29 Fri & Sat 8pm & Sunday 2pm
Greenhouse Theater Center
2257 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
Box Office: 773-404-7336
<http://greenhousetheater.org>

Taoiseach and Minister Humphreys Officially Open the Redeveloped Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum

Taoiseach Leo Varadkar and Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, have today (Thursday, 14th September 2023) officially opened a €5 million redevelopment of the world's largest flying boat museum and the home of Irish coffee in Foynes, County Limerick. The project received funding €1.75 million under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF). An additional investment totalling €1.75 million was provided by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. A further €1.5 million was provided by the museum, Limerick City and County Council and from sponsorship. Visit the online website at www.flyingboatmuseum.com



The world's largest flying boat museum at Foynes, Co Limerick, has been reopened by Ireland's Taoiseach (Prime Minister) Leo Varadkar



Captain Liam Flaherty, Rescue 2 and Jim Maloney, Retired CPD Lieutenant at a 911 Memorial Service. NEVER FORGET

September 2023) officially opened a €5 million redevelopment of the world's largest flying boat museum and the home of Irish coffee in Foynes, County Limerick.

The Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum, the largest of its kind in the world, captures the story of how Foynes became one of the world's great aviation hubs of the world

New CD by Paddy Homan

By Paddy Homan

Since coming to the U.S. in 2007, I have always sought to be present in both my music and social work with a listening ear and attentive mind... sometimes it worked, sometimes.... Well, that's another story!

The vastness of this beautiful country, however, is not unmatched by the beauty of its diverse cultures and the legacy of its peoples.

What led to a chance encounter to sing at a local funeral evolved into a 15-year vocation of supporting those seeking to give their family members a good send-off. In most of these instances, this has been an Irish send-off! The majority of the time this has been in the form of a traditional Irish mass or service.



I have sought to understand the person before me; hear the story of the deceased person through the eyes of their spouse or family member; appreciate from them the deceased person's favorite song, in an effort to craft a meaningful tribute to them, a musical sculpting you might say for their final farewell.

The majority of the time these songs have been of Irish origin. Behind each family's loss is also an immense pride for their deceased relative and a desire to connect to a deep Irish spirituality that reflects their Irish culture and identity.

To be present to families at this most sacred time, is akin to being part of that 'Srutháin' (river) of Irish life and the community of the Irish diaspora.

We musicians are but faithful servants to a rich traditional Irish music culture that facilitates families in telling their story through the gift of song, while honoring their loved ones in celebrating their proud Irish heritage.

These musical acts of service keep me connected to my own native land which is never far from my mind, and which causes me to reflect on my own legacy and journey from Ireland to America.

www.paddyhoman.com
www.thenoblecall.com
www.iamirelandshow.com

INTRODUCING COOGAN GALLAGHER

Formerly Dwyer & Coogan, P.C.



CHICAGO & PARK RIDGE
Trial & Injury Lawyers

NEW FIRM IDENTITY

SAME LEGAL
EXPERIENCE
AND TENACITY

Contact us TODAY
about injury questions
by phone, email or text

Originally founded in 1980,
the law firm of Coogan Gallagher
provides civil litigation services,
focusing on injuries at work or
resulting from negligence
and malpractice.

Operating as Dwyer & Coogan
since 2015, we will continue to
represent our clients zealously
as
"Coogan Gallagher."

COOGAN GALLAGHER
444 N Northwest Hwy
Suite 153
Park Ridge IL 60068

(312) 782-7482

www.cgtrial.com

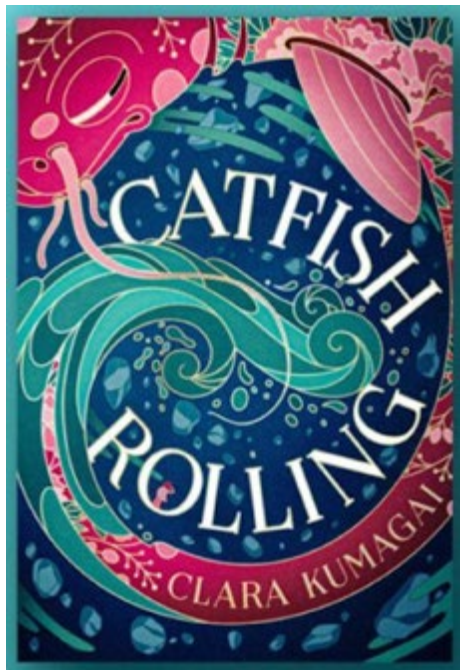
Legal Business Hours



COOGAN GALLAGHER
PERSONAL JUSTICE | SINCE 1980

BOOKS by Irish Authors or About Irish Subjects!

Myths, Legends and Folklore: A Talk by Author Clara Kumagai



Meet the Irish/Japanese/Canadian Author Clara Kumagai at the American Writers Museum for a reading from

her debut young adult novel 'Catfish Rolling', followed by a discussion around coming of age, identity, myth, legend, and folklore themes.

Born in Canada, Clara was raised in Cork and Galway by her Irish mother and Japanese father. She graduated from Trinity College, Dublin returned to Canada for a master's degree, and spent the past 5 years in Japan.

She has recently returned to live in Ireland and is celebrating the launch of her first novel.

The novel is set in Japan after the Fukushima quake. It blends magical realism with Japanese myth in an original story about grief and memory.

Clara is also developing an essay collection centered around multiracial identity, hybridity, and belonging.



Clara will talk about 'Catfish Rolling', and the influences of Ireland and Japan on her work, and how many threads woven through the story reflect the new modern Ireland.

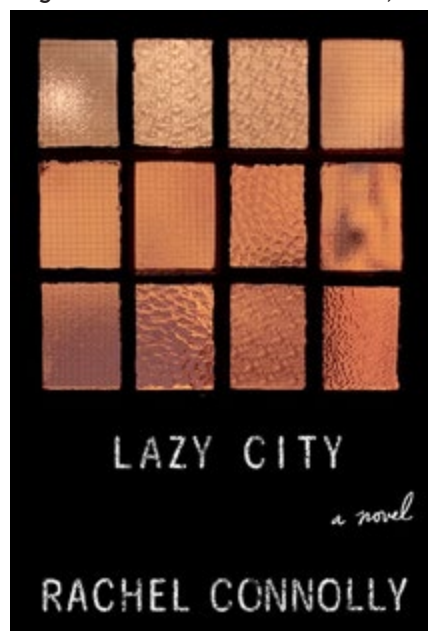
This event is hosted by the Consulate General of Ireland, and we are delighted to welcome friends from Galway Sister Cities, the Chicago Cork Association, and the Consulate General of Japan. Saturday, October 28 from 4 - 5:30pm at the American Writers Museum 180 North Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL 60601

Lazy City

(Liveright/October 3, 2023), a debut novel of modern Belfast that sings a tender hymn to messy love, quiet sorrow, and the hangovers in between.

The press has been raving about the book: Marie Claire included it in their list of the Best Books of 2023, calling it a "soul-searching - and at times delightfully spiky - debut," and in the Telegraph, John Self lavishly praises the book, noting it is "a novel about trauma and its aftermath: again, a common theme today, but done sophisticatedly here, with a quality of thinking rare in a debut... I felt better after reading this book. Connolly is a writer in whom I have faith."

Back in Belfast after abruptly leaving graduate school, Lazy City's protagonist, Erin, numbly teeters through the aftermath of losing her best friend to an accident she won't talk about. She slips easily into a routine upon returning to her hometown, in part because Belfast is a city without "early mornings, late nights in the office, productivity, or burnout." A simple housekeeping job provides Erin refuge, as do evenings at a cocktail lounge where her friend tends bar, and



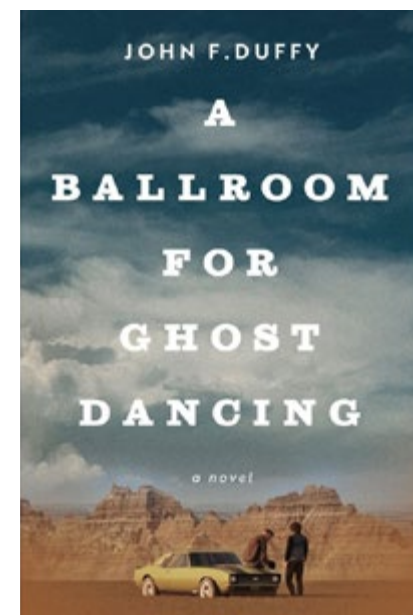
she drinks for free. In quick succession, she meets Matt, an American professor, and falls back in with Mikey, a local man from her past who comforts and confounds her in equal measure. Seeking solace from the various sources of tumult in her life, Erin wanders into churches, musing on these relationships—and her equally complicated relationship to faith—she gingerly confronts her grief. Written with mordant wit and startling sensitivity, LAZY CITY announces Rachel Connolly as an uncannily insightful new voice for a city that "shows all its history, all its personality, all the time."

About the Author: Rachel is a London-based writer from Belfast. Her writing has appeared in the New York Times, New York Times Magazine, Vogue, Guardian, and GQ, among other publications. Book available at Target, Walmart and other stores, and thriftbooks.com.

A Ballroom for Ghost Dancing

The Printer's Row Literary Festival happens every year in Chicago's South Loop, and two blocks of Dearborn street are closed to traffic so that authors, publishers, and booksellers can find new readers and customers.

This year, a Chicago native of Irish descent returned to promote his debut novel. John F. Duffy, who was born and raised in the Chicago suburbs, took the north stage and read to a crowd of people from his novel, A Ballroom for Ghost Dancing.



"I went to Columbia College and lived in the South Loop, which was one of the reasons I was so excited to participate in the literary fest," Duffy says. Though he currently lives in Bloomington Indiana with his wife and daughter, Duffy will always consider Chicago home and is happy to find reasons to return. He produces and edits podcasts as an occupation, but has ambitions to be a full time writer. His short fiction has been published in a variety of magazines and journals, and his novel won a gold medal for best midwest fiction from the Independent Publishers Book Awards this year. It was also a finalist for a National Indie Excellence award.

A Ballroom for Ghost Dancing, was based on real events and people from his life. The main character in the book, Adam, is suffering greatly a year after watching his older brother, Tommy, slowly die from ALS. Duffy says that Tommy was based on his real life friend from high school, Tim, who died from ALS several years ago. In the book, Adam

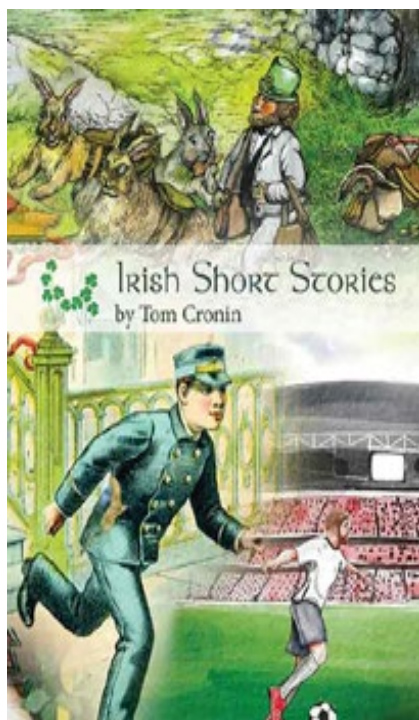


John Duffy

and his best friend, Mark, take a road trip to South Dakota so Mark can write a story about the decommissioned nuclear missiles that used to be hidden by the hundreds under the western landscape. As the men travel, secrets between them are slowly revealed, and as they navigate rising tensions, questions about living after loss and confronting our regrets come to the fore.

"It's a story about ghosts in a sense," Duffy says, "about the moments and events that haunt us, even those that

The very best of Irish Story Telling



To PURCHASE and SEE OTHER TITLES

Such as
Smoke & Mirrors
A Drop in the Ocean
Dublin and Cork:
A Tale of Two Cities
I Thought I Could Fly
Classic Irish
Postcard Collection
by Tom Cronin
go to

TomCroninPublishing.com

A portion of all royalties for the books will be donated to an Irish Charity

Author: Jeanie Dean
Amazon Seller: Primativa Books
Direct Primativa Books 414-546-3251

Dean captured a fragile moment in history, as poems, to expose the tragic JFK death. A unique book well worth reading!
Amazon Reader Review

Castle Island Investigative Associates
www.ciia.solutions
PATRICK MURPHY
email: pmurphy@ciia.solutions
331-401-8402
IL Private Detective License 115002464
IN Private Detective License P1223000009

BOOKS by Irish Authors or About Irish Subjects!

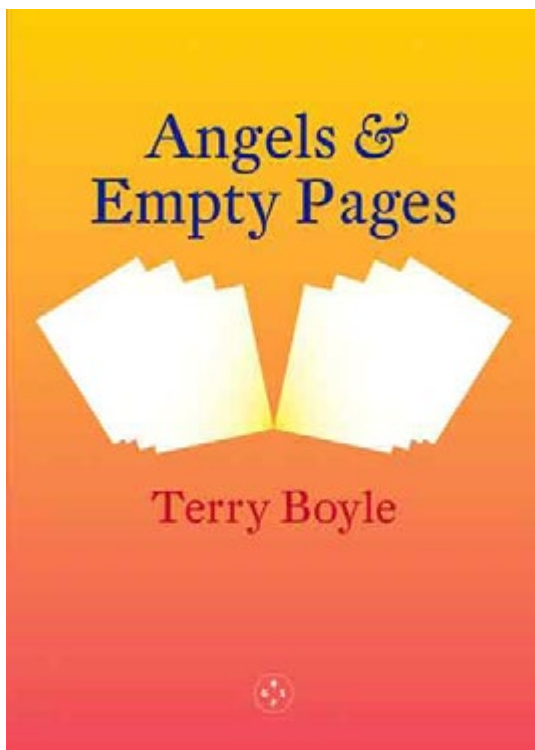
haven't happened yet." He goes on, "I hope it's a book that can help people who have gone through something really trying, but I also hope it's a book that can just make people laugh. My goal was to create something that was crisp in a literary sense, well written, but approachable. Something that would resonate with readers even after they put it down." In researching the novel, Duffy and a friend took the same road trip to Rapid City, SD that the characters in the book make. One thing he discovered on that journey was the Hotel Alex Johnson, where his main characters stay. "It's a beautiful old hotel that is supposedly haunted," Duffy says, adding, "but we didn't see any ghosts."

A Ballroom for Ghost Dancing is available at Quimby's Bookstore and Sandmeyer's Bookstore in Chicago, and can also be ordered at any bookseller online or in person. Duffy's short fiction can be found on his personal website, Johnnduffy.com

Angels and Empty Pages

By Terry Boyle

In times of uncertainty, we desperately crave something to bring comfort to our troubled hearts. Whether it's a song, art, a piece of music or an inspiring poem, we seek to find a temporary place of refuge



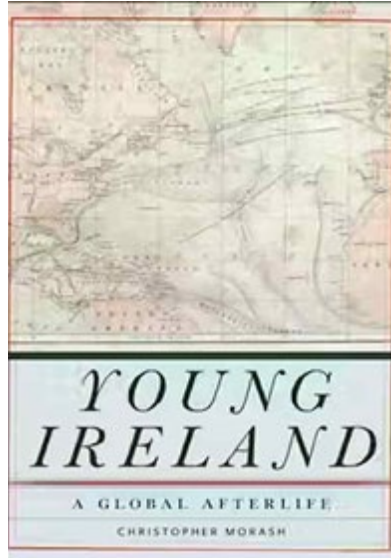
against the turmoil of the times. This collection of poetry is not a panacea for the ills of modern society. It's not an escape, rather it aims to reflect with candidness the complex, sometimes contradictory, emotions of the human experience. Feelings of despair, hope, love, and anger can assail the mind at times and sometimes it's almost impossible to put those feelings into words. It's my hope that those who read the myriad of emotional shades and colours of my own personal experiences will find comfort in knowing that we're not alone

<https://blackspringpressgroup.com/products/angels-empty-pages>

Young Ireland: A Global Afterlife

The Glucksman Irish Diaspora Series
by Christopher Morash
Published by: NYU Press, Imprint: NYU Press
September 2023, 288 Pages, 6.00 x 9.00 in
[Buy Hardcover](#) - 9781479822218 - \$35.00
[BUY eBook](#) - 9781479822232

Follows a group of people exiled from Ireland after a failed rebellion and the role they had in the building of new nations and states
This book is about the Young Irish, a group of Irish nationalists in the mid-nineteenth century, who were responsible for a failed rebellion in Ireland during the Great Famine, who once exiled from Ireland, came to play formative roles in the fledgling democracies of Australia, Canada, and the United States. Christopher Morash illustrates how the Young Ireland generation developed particular philosophies of nationalism, democracy, citizenship, and minority rights in Ireland, which became an integral part of how they engaged with their adopted nations, where they came to occupy significant political and cultural roles.



Christopher Morash explores the stories and political trajectories of an acting-Governor of the Territory of Montana and Union Army General, a Confederate newspaper owner, a Premier of Victoria, and many other important figures. Despite their divergent trajectories, these individuals applied many of the same ideas that they had developed during their original Irish political project to their respective nations and movements. Young Ireland is a vital new perspective in the field of Irish diaspora studies, highlighting the impact the Young Ireland generation had on emerging democracies and international debates, both in spite of and because of their defeat and dispersion.

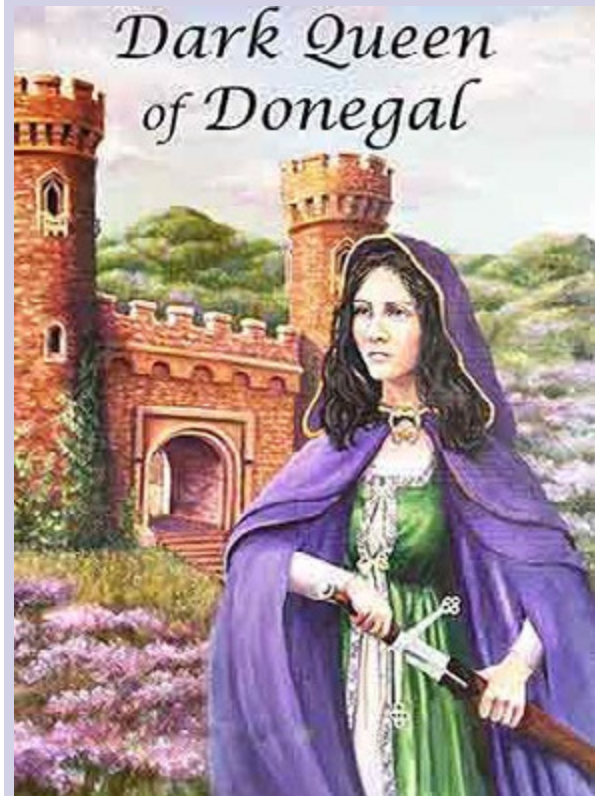
Mel Dermody
Hearing Instrument Specialist
Now Taking
Appointments
at
Gaelic Park and the
Irish American Heritage Center
mel@hearingworldonline.com
www.hearingworldonline.com

3 Offices to Serve You!
Hearing World - CHICAGO
1136 S Delano Court Ste B201 Chicago IL 60605
Free Underground Parking!
312-528-3233

Hearing World - PARK RIDGE
350 S Northwest Highway Ste 300 Park Ridge IL 60068
847-999-5111

Hearing World - INDIANA
1112 Indianapolis Blvd Ste 103
Scherville IN 46375
219-351-0073

Pen Women Press Presents
DARK QUEEN OF DONEGAL
by Mary Pat Ferron Canes with JR Foley



"Mary Pat Ferron Canes with JR Foley brings Ineen Dubh to thrilling life, showing how a mother's love for her son shapes and transcends history.

By delving into the inner life of this Scottish Princess and Irish Queen, Canes and Foley make a legendary woman real and do their ancestors proud."

- Mary Pat Kelly, bestselling author of Galway Bay

Available on Amazon.com Barnes & Noble and Pen Women Press

DarkQueenOfDonegal.com

Lizzie McNeill's Irish Pub
YOUR DOWNTOWN IRISH PUB
LOCATED ALONG THE SCENIC CHICAGO RIVER

400 N. McClurg Court, Chicago IL (312) 467-1992
lizziemcneillschicago.com

PRIVATE EVENTS RIVERWALK PATIO SEATING

THE WOLFHOUND BAR AND KITCHEN
ONE OF CHICAGO'S BEST NEW IRISH KITCHENS

"THE FULL IRISH...EVOKES PURE JOY" - THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Happy Hour from 4-6!
Tuesday 1/2 Price Pizza & Wine
Wednesday \$5 Sliders \$2 Off Domestic Drafts
Thursday 1/2 Price All Appetizers \$1 Off Cans and Bottles

TUESDAY IRISH MUSIC SESSION 7:30PM
WEDNESDAY FREE TRIVIA 8PM

3188 N Elston Ave 773.234.2736

FEEL INVISIBLE AT YOUR BANK? **TIRED OF THE BIG-RUNAROUND?**

SICK OF YOUR CURRENT BANK? **KNOW ANYONE AT YOUR BANK?**

GOT BIGGER-BANK PROBLEMS? **IS YOUR BANK MERGING?**

DOES YOUR BANK EVEN CARE?

You Deserve Better! Rediscover Modern Neighborhood Banking

BANKING THAT'S GOOD FOR YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY!

OVER 20 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE
10 CONSECUTIVE OUTSTANDING CRA RATINGS

NEIGHBORHOOD BANKING, SINCE 1945
MARQUETTE BANK
Love where you bank

Your bank helping our neighborhoods

1-888-254-9500
emarquettebank.com

Member **FDIC** NMLS #462926

CHECK IT OUT!

the Irish Book Club
www.theirishbookclub.com .com

An Authentic Irish Pub the whole family can enjoy!

MYSTIC ROGUE

6070 N Northwest Hwy, Chicago IL, 60631
708-831-5142 mysticrogueirishpub.com

SHEEHAN

JAMES SHEEHAN
MANAGING BROKER

REAL ESTATE **773.368.1977**

New Construction | Residential | Commercial | Multifamily

Sheehan-RealEstate.com |  

Anne McKeown of Anne's Irish Knits is Retiring and Would Like to Sell Her Thriving Business!

Anne McKeown has been specializing in one-of-a-kind Irish clothing; hand knit sweaters, capes, dresses, scarves, hats, mittens and more for a long time now and she is ready for the next chapter.

But, before she goes, she would love to pass on her shop to a person, or persons who would like to take over a ready-made business that is so popular with her clients that she wants to keep them happy, even after she moves on!

With grandchildren growing bigger, Anne would like to spend more time with them and let someone new take the reigns. And for you regular

customers, Anne will be around through the Christmas season so don't despair!

If you think you or someone you know would like to take over this business, whether it is in Evanston, or moved to another location of your choice, Anne has the knowledge and the track record of success to make sure that you succeed! For more information you can send Anne an E-mail or stop in at her store at 502 Main Street, Evanston, IL, United States, Illinois (847) 864-2103 AnnesIrishKnits@yahoo.com www.AnesIrishKnits.com



Anne McKeown



Sexton Complete Care THE SEXTON GROUP
985 Graceland Avenue
Des Plaines, IL 60016

How Do You Keep a 20 year old Restaurant Looking New?
CONSISTENT PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE IS KEY!
Owners Tim and Stacey Grodek, picked up where Peggy Kinnane's previous owners left off and the place looks practically new!

'The Sexton Group has the experience and expertise to serve all your flooring needs'

Whether it is your Kitchen Floor, Dining Room Wood, Tile, Bar Top or Upholstery
The Sexton Group answers the Call!

Spend your money wisely!
Call Sexton Complete Care
800-827-1126
847-827-1188
www.sextoncompletecare.com

Member NWFA National Wood Flooring Association
Irish American heritage center
Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago **Fáilte**

WE'VE PERFECTED IRISH COMFORT!

Get Away to Green Bay!



234 S Washington St Green Bay, WI 54301

Restaurant Dining Mon - Thr 4pm - 9pm
Fri - Sat 11am - 9 & Sunday 11am - 8

- Free high speed Wi-Fi • Private parking
- Free Homemade Breakfast Omelettes
- Printing/faxing • Double whirlpool bath
- Rainfall shower, hairdryer
- Iron & ironing board • Coffee maker & tea

Get Away to Milwaukee!

County Clare
1234 N Astor St in Milwaukee
NEIGHBORHOOD FRIENDLY

Restaurant Dining
Sun 11:30am - 8
Mon-Thur 5pm-8
Fr 5pm-9
Sat 3pm- 9
Reservations encouraged
414-240-2288



Purchase a Gift Card or sign up for our Loyalty Card today! Available at Both Harp & Eagle locations

- Rooms include: • WiFi
- Free Homemade Breakfast Omelettes
 - Complimentary parking
 - Double whirlpool bath

- Grilled Salmon • Sautéed Mussels
 - Shepherd's Pie • Guinness Pot Roast
- VISIT GREEN BAY PACKERS HALL OF FAME!
PRIVATE DINING ROOM SEATS 40
SEATS 50 FOR A COCKTAIL PARTY

Inn Reservations 920-884-8484
reception@stbrendansinn.com

Room Reservation 414-272-5273
<https://countyclare-inn.com>

NFL in Ireland is More Than a Possibility

By David McDonnell

There are a few different narratives as to why the University of Notre Dame are called the 'Fighting Irish.'

There was one incident that is often referenced in how the nickname became fortified within the football ranks of the famous Indiana University.

Back in the 1920's there was a lot of anti-immigration sentiment throughout the United States and in Indiana, anti-Catholic rhetoric was entrenched at the time. When the Ku Klux Klan planned a rally in 1924, it provoked a violent reaction from around 500 Notre Dame students, many of whom were of Irish descent.

The clashes were violent and included the students venturing to the local Klan office in South Bend where they started breaking the windows of the building by hurling potatoes from a grocery store located out front on the ground floor.

On the third floor of the building, there was a cross lit up with red lights outside the Klan headquarters. After the initial barrage all the lights on the cross had been broken with the exception of the very top bulb.

Enter the Notre Dame quarterback Harry Stuhldreher, who let fly with a potato and hit his target with his first effort to the gushing support of his comrades.

The conflict garnered a lot of attention at the time and local newspaper headlines included: "Klan display in South Bend proves failure" and "Notre Dame Students Clash with Kluxers." There is even a report that the county sheriff deputized 30 Klansmen to deal with the "lawlessness."

On the third day of the conflict,

as the violence threatened to get out of control, matters were calmed down by the arrival of Fr Walsh, who stated: "I should dislike very much, to be obliged to make explanations to the parents of any student who might be injured or even killed."

During the rest of the decade as Coach Knute Rockne's successful football teams were characterized by a never-say-die attitude, the 'Fighting Irish' moniker picked up traction. Indeed it was Fr Walsh himself, who authorized its use as Notre Dame's official nickname in 1927.

The Notre Dame football team has been on my mind due to their recent visit to Dublin where they started their college football season with a comfortable win against Navy. The game brought over \$50 million into the Irish economy as Notre Dame brought a reported 39,000 supporters from the USA. All in all it was a very successful event and it has been remarked to me that the Americans brought with them a lot of cheer and created a great buzz around Dublin as they warmed up for the match in the pubs around the city and in the fan zone downtown.

The sport of American Football continues to gain in popularity in Ireland especially amongst the younger generations, who recognise the stars of the NFL just as easily as the top Premier League soccer players.

Last summer the University of Limerick hosted a European flag-football tournament, while this year Daniel Whelan became the first Irishman this century to make an NFL squad, when he was named the starting punter for the Green Bay Packers.

Last year the Northwestern Wildcats beat Nebraska 31-28



in a Big 10 thriller and next year's fixture sees Georgia Tech face off against Florida State in what should be an exciting matchup. With each college game continuing to sell out in Dublin, the prospect of Ireland hosting an NFL game is on the horizon.

The Steelers are the team that makes the most sense given the Rooney family long-fostered connections to Ireland. It was a little over 10 years ago when Dan Rooney was the American

ambassador to Ireland. I read his book about his 75 years with the Steelers that came out in 2007 and I liked the story he wrote about the time he brought his dad, Art Rooney, to Ireland for the first time:

'In the summer of 1975 following our Super Bowl victory, Tim and I brought Dad with us on his first visit to Ireland. The Rooneys originated in Newry, County Down, a small town about 35 miles south of Belfast. His (Art) father was actually born in Wales, where his grandfather had gone to find work. "Doesn't that make you Welsh?" He would always say: "If a cat gave birth in an oven, would you call her kittens biscuits?" The Rooneys are Irish through and through. My father was proud of his Irish roots but he was even prouder to be an American.'

Over the last year or so, the Pittsburgh Steelers have built up a working partnership with the

Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) who are the largest sporting organization in Ireland. This November the GAA headquarters are hosting a Steelers Watch Party when Pittsburgh plays the Cleveland Browns in the return AFC North divisional game.

The building of these ties is with the hope that the team will play an NFL game at Croke Park in the medium future and I believe the current expectation is that the Pittsburgh Steelers will play a game in Dublin within the next five years.

Such is the rising interest in American Football by the average sports fan in Ireland, a Pittsburgh Steelers game would sell out in minutes, while Steelers fans from all over Europe and the States would also be clamoring to bear witness such a historic occasion.

At this point in time, the NFL in Dublin looks less of a possibility and more of a probability with every passing season.



Publisher of IAN, Cliff Carlson (left); points out that those framed in the picture - Terry and Marjorie O'Dowd of Naperville, IL were picturing a successful, Naperville Irish Fest and they were right! Now in it's third year, the Fest was moved to downtown Naperville and to September, and was a huge success. They want to thank the powers that be at Milwaukee Fest for all their great advice.



2023: (l to r): David Giblin and Megan White of White Hotels, Enda Kenny, Jim Myers and Mary Pat Flanagan of Jem Tours and Jason Makar, answering questions and booking trips to Ireland for Milwaukee Fest attendees .

HINTERLANDS

Biodiverse landscape architecture

Landscape architectural design services for residential, commercial, industrial, and public properties

Conor E. O'Shea
773-225-7380
info@hinterlands-ul.net
www.hinterlands-ul.net

MCENTEE LAW GROUP

Irish Founded Award Winning U.S. Immigration Attorneys

www.mcenteelaw.com
info@mcenteelaw.com
773-828-9544
Call us 24/7

Services Include:

- U.S. & Irish Citizenship
- Family Based Green Cards
- Fiancée Visas
- O-1 Visas
- Investor Visas
- Business Visas
- Sports Visas
- Arts & Entertainment Visas
- Deportation Defense



Game On!

By Chris Wheaton



When Cliff "hired me" (ok, I begged him!) to write a monthly column my charge was to cover the GAA sports with a focus on the Chicago area. Obviously, this was/is a wholly under-reported area of local sports. As the few non-family members of mine who read my column every month know, I sometimes veer off the sports path and delve into more philosophical rants. As I began thinking about this month's submission, I wholeheartedly expected to write about the end of the local GAA seasons, a bit about the Cubs and their precarious grip on a playoff spot and the misfortunes of the Bears after an embarrassing opener against the Packers. I veered off those topics when I received some news that hit me like a gut punch and made those other topics seem pretty mundane.

Many of you may know Paul Reynolds of the Michael Cusack's Hurling Club or through other avenues in the Irish community. I have met Paul a few times through my association with Naperville Hurling. The strength of my relationship did not really matter when I received the news that Paul has recently been diagnosed with Astrocytoma Stage IV, in layman's terms, he has an incurable brain tumor. Paul is currently undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments to attempt to slow the cancer's progress.

When Paul came here from County Galway, he joined the Limerick Hurling Club and years later helped found the Michael Cusack's, which has been a mainstay on the Southside hurling scene for years. Paul and his wife Lizzie have been actively involved in the GAA community for 20+ years. When they are not dedicating countless volunteer hours to the St. Jarlath's Youth Club Paul is employed as a Chief for the Local 399 Stationary Engineer Union but is unable to work for the foreseeable future. Lizzie is a dedicated Chicago Public School teacher and suddenly has become

the only source of income for the family. Putting aside all the tremendous work the Reynolds family have done for many of us in the Irish community their greatest accomplishment may be the rearing of two sons, aged 12 and 3. One of the greatest things about the GAA community is how we rally around one another when help is needed. We need to rally for Paul and his family as they go through this latest challenge. I cannot fathom what they must be feeling but I do know that the good people who are reading this are ready and willing to help.

A benefit fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, October 4, 2024, at Gaelic Park. Get that date on your calendar now as you will not find a more worthy cause. Raffle tickets are being sold and a Go Fund Me has been set up under the name Rally 4 Reynolds. You can find much more information on the Rally 4 Reynolds Facebook page or by following the Michael Cusack's Hurling Club. Any amount that you can donate would be helpful. If you are not able to help financially, I am sure there are many other ways you can help even if it is just keeping this family in your prayers. For those of you who know Colm Egan, he would be happy to provide any additional information that is not included here.

This has not been a fun column to write. Cancer sucks. Many of us have seen the path of destruction that cancer leaves in its wake, and it is not pretty. As I often say here, live every day like it is your last, don't take anything for granted and get on with LIVING. We never know when that will be taken from us. When you finish reading this and hopefully have donated to Paul's family, find your spouses, children and other loved ones and give them a hug and tell them how important they are in your life. We only have one.

Flood Brothers
DISPOSAL / RECYCLING SERVICES

Proud to be the ONLY Family-Owned Irish waste hauler in Chicago

FIVE GENERATIONS FLOOD BROTHERS

630-261-0400 / 773-626-5800

CHICALBA BAGPIPING SERVICES

Weddings • Parties
Funerals • Corporate Teaching

Dave Johnston
(630) 534 4964
www.chicalba.com
dave@chicalba.com

When Your Family Has Suffered A Loss . . . Our Family Can Help

Robert J. Sheehy & Sons is Family Owned & Operated

Robert J. Sheehy & Sons has been a name that is recognized . . . and trusted . . . for their professional manner

Think of them as a "second family" . . . at a time when family assistance and reassurance is so very important

Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home
(708) 857-7878

9000 W 151st Street Orland Park Illinois 60462

Available for Festivals, Clubs, Dances, Weddings and all Church Occasions

Joe McShane
JOEMCSHANEMUSIC@YAHOO.COM
www.joemcschanz.net
847-226-4056

DANCE LESSONS

McNULTY IRISH DANCERS

Adult & Children Classes (3 years and older)

8 locations in Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin plus new virtual classes for all ages - Contact:

Barbara McNulty Heneghan
224-639-8644
mcnultydancers@gmail.com
www.mcnultyirishdancers.com

Grammy-Nominated Celtic Woman Announces 20th Anniversary Tour

Soprano Mairéad Carlin to Return
 PBS To Air "20th ANNIVERSARY" Special in More Than 60 Markets Later This Year
 On the heels of the successful "Postcards From Ireland," Celtic Woman will carry on its legacy of uplifting performances packed with breath-taking harmonies and instrumental virtuosity. The group today announced it will bring an all-new live show to celebrate its 20th anniversary to over

90 cities. The Celtic Woman 20th Anniversary Tour will be delighting audiences with its fresh blend of traditional and contemporary Irish music that echoes Ireland's rich musical and cultural heritage, while reflecting the vibrant spirit of modern Ireland.
 In the 20 years since the global musical sensation's debut, Celtic Woman has emerged as both a formidable musical presence and a genuine cultural phenomenon.

The group's albums and DVD releases have been consistent multi-platinum best-sellers and its concert tours continue to touch the hearts of a devoted audience that spans the globe. Both an accomplished recording ensemble and a world-class performing collective, Celtic Woman introduces some of

Ireland's most talented singers and musicians to the world stage.
 Later this year, PBS will air the accompanying "20th Anniversary" TV special in North America across 60+ local PBS stations. Filmed in The Helix Theatre in Dublin, Ireland, it takes fans on a

journey back to where it all began 20 years ago (and in the very same theatre). The TV special features appearances from four very special guests including original members Lisa Kelly, Mairéad Nesbitt, Méav Ní Mhaolchatha and Chloë Agnew -- who join Celtic Woman for this wonderful TV special packed with emotional and heart stirring performances.

Following the PBS broadcasts, the "20th Anniversary" album and DVD will be released in January 2024 and features brand-new compositions and arrangements plus some fan favorites.

For tour schedule, tickets and information, visit www.celticwoman.com/tour-dates. Sign up for newsletters at www.celticwoman.com to learn about new tour dates, album releases and special offers.

photo by Kip Carroll



Thank you,

countless Chicagoans, for favoring the former Plunkett Home Furnishings, and now the *new John Plunkett Interiors*, with your business for ninety-plus years! It is a privilege to continue helping you create rooms you love.



- 200+ FINE FURNISHINGS BRANDS
- PERSONALIZED INTERIOR DESIGN SERVICES
- FURNITURE, WINDOW TREATMENTS, CARPETING, RUGS, BEDDING, LIGHTING, ART, DECOR & more

Call for a complimentary in-home design consultation.
 Shopping around? We will beat any price.



1600 10TH ST • PLAZA DEL LAGO • WILMETTE
 847-906-1000 • johnplunkettinteriors.com

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE!

We are proud that many of our customers have been advertising with us for quite a while!



- Aer Lingus 28+ years
- Aishling Home Care 10+ years
- Art Murphy Law 10 years
- Athletex 11+ years
- Bissell/Sexton Flr Care 24+ years
- Catherine O'Connell 21+ years
- Celtica Gifts 9+ years
- Central Metal Recycling 4+ years
- Chicalba Bagpiping 18 years
- Clancy's Pizza Pub 10 years
- Considine, Mary Ellen 28 years
- Coogan Gallagher 3 years
- Corrigan Financial 27+ years
- Fiddler's Hearth 13+ years
- Flood Brothers 10+ years
- First National Bank 3+ years
- Gadabout Travel 27+ years
- Gaelic Imports 26+ years
- Gaelic Park 27+ years
- Galway Arms 19+ years
- Gibbons Funeral Hme 22+ years
- Hair by O'Hara 10 years
- Harp & Eagle Hotels 28 years

- Houlihan, Mike 27+ years
- Irish Heritage Center 28 years
- Irish Cottage Hotel 20+ years
- Irish Fellowship Club 8+ years
- Irish Times Pub 28 years
- Joe McShane 13+ years
- Johnny's Kitchen 9 years
- Larkin Brothers 19+ years
- Late Night Catechism 25 years
- Law - Thomas Lynch 5 years
- Lizzie McNeil's 18+ years
- Marquette Bank 21 years
- Martin Healy Law 25 years
- McEntee Law 5+ years

- McGonigal's Pub/Rest 13 years
- McNulty Dance 29 years
- Mel Dermody Hearing 6 years
- Mickey Finn's 10 years
- Miller/McGing 3 years
- Milwaukee Irish Fest 28 years
- Mystic Rogue 3 years
- OldOrland Insurance 20+ years
- Old St. Patrick's Church 23 years
- Old Town School of Music 21 years
- Paddy Homan 16+ years
- Palos Country Club 28 years
- Peggy Kinnane's Rst/Pb 21+ years
- Riordan Insurance 6+ years
- Shamrock Tuckpointing 15+ years
- Shannon Law Group 3+ years
- Sheehan Group 3+ years
- Sheehy Funeral Home 28+ years
- Sheila's Carpet Clean 4+ years
- St Patrick's Parade 8+ years
- Tourism Ireland 27 years
- Trinity Irish Dance 28+ years
- Unforgettable Edibles 28 years
- Vaughan's Rest/Pub 23+ years
- West Suburban Irish 22+ years
- Whiskey Mick Music 2+ years
- Winston Sausage 28 years
- Wolfhound Bar/Kitchen 2 years

Red Apple Buffet is BACK!
 6474 N. Milwaukee Ave
 Chicago
 Phone: 773-763-3407
 Fax: 773-763-3406
 redapplebuffet@gmail.com
OPEN SATURDAY AND SUNDAY NOON til 8pm
 Award Winning Cuisine
www.redapplebuffet.com

If you are looking for a good place to sell your product or services, *Irish American News* could work for you too!
 For info, contact cliff@irishamericannews.com
312-498-1337

Authentic Irish Goods and that's no Mullarkey!



815-212-0041



Irish Ann

www.irishann.com

Terry From Derry

by Terry Boyle



Word of the hurricane's devastation spread quickly. I had friends and family call or write to see if everything was alright with us. What struck me was that if we were to simply think about our neighbourhood, the impact was minimal but moving a little further out the real effects were plain to

Strange Weather Indeed

Life these days is full of surprises, though some of them shouldn't be such a surprise to us. This year, the planet has endured the hottest summer on record. No surprise there since scientists have been warning us for decades of what to expect, and, for some reason, we've been ignoring it. In this year, we've experienced the first wave of troubling weather and witnessed the devastation it can bring. Maui, a relative paradise, is devastated by wildfire, and the city of Lahaina is destroyed. The loss of life by these consuming flames is still unknown. Reports of wildfires in Europe have also contributed to our transition into a new epoch of strange weather patterns. The world we used to know, no longer exists. It's beginning to crumble beneath us, despite what the naysayers think since they are as smart as those who believe in a flat earth.

Living, as I do, in a desert, I expect the summer to be as hot as hell. The temps are usually over 100 degrees most days. What I didn't expect to see in the desert though was a Hurricane. Hilary moved through the Coachella Valley in a way no one expected. Leading up to the landfall of Hilary, one of our neighbours had advised us to sandbag our home. The idea of sandbagging was foreign to me. It was August, hot as hell, and here we were preparing for an unusual amount of rain. While the neighbour's words sounded apocalyptic my other half was being the devil's advocate and downplaying the warnings. To stay on the side of safety, we drove with the neighbour to the local fire station to get our bags, and then onto the sandpit to fill said bags.

What I remember of that day is that it was so incredibly hot. I was just over 5 weeks out of a total knee replacement surgery, and already I'm in the middle of a sandpit digging out sand! The whole thing seemed incredibly surreal. For some silly reason, it made me think of Noah building an ark and how ridiculous it must have seemed to everyone around. I'm sure it looked equally ridiculous to see a crowd of people huddled around a sandpit while the sun shone and the temperature was over 100 degrees. After digging and filling our sandbags, we went home to wait for the alarms to start. The blue sky gradually began to fill with ominous clouds.

When the rains started, I was struck by awe and wonder at how fast and furious the rain came down. There was no letting up on the downpour. We kept a watch for possible flooding but we were among the lucky ones who didn't need to use the sandbags. Our neighbour had some trouble with her atrium but other than that this area of Cathedral City was relatively unaffected. However, when we watched the news we saw that our area as a whole was one of the worst-hit places. Roads were flooded, some of them costing a fortune to repair. Houses were flooded. Mud and water made the main highway impassable. After the rain, the wind came up and trees were level to the ground. This was the first hurricane of its sort in over 80 years and I'm sure we'll see even more strange weather to come.

see. In some ways, it's a parable for how we see the effects of climate change. We might live in a space that remains relatively free from any serious effects, at least for the moment, and therefore don't see the larger picture. Just beyond the margins of our narrow worldview lies a greater reality, a true picture of what is in store for all of us. The paradise of Maui is struggling to recover. Its main industry, tourism, is severely damaged and it will take years for this small island to recover. Who knows if it can ever recover? Next year, what will our summer bring?

Remember how as kids we used to look forward to summertime. Summer was always equated with fun. Now, as the climate patterns of the world change, we have no idea what each summer will hold. The exotic places we once thought of as great travel destinations might well become subject to extreme weather. There's no knowing what we have unleashed in our refusal to cut back on fossil emissions. I wish that I could say that we still have time but we ignored that warning some time ago, thinking that had more time than was predicted. If we thought the scientists were merely scaremongering us into change, we are sadly wrong. Time is not on our side.

We need to pressure those in power to wake up and act. It's not enough to believe that politicians will act to correct the wrongs we've done to the planet. Politicians, if left to their own devices, will follow their own agenda. They will only listen to the electorate if they feel their position is at risk. We need to remind them of what we want and that can only happen by voting for the right people. If a candidate misrepresents the subject of climate change as leftist, or liberal, they should be forced to spend some time in Maui, Greece, or Portugal. They should spend some time in Africa during a time of drought.

By voting in people who make climate change an important issue, we have people who see the whole picture and not their own neighbourhood. We want to have people in power who have our best interests as a global community and not those whose narrow response ignores the world around them.

THE LARKIN & MORAN BROTHERS

For Booking: www.celticratpack.com

Outside
Al Fresco Dining
▶ umbrellas
▶ heaters
▶ fire pit

Fiddler's Hearth
Family-Friendly Public House
fiddleushearth.com

Inside
6' social distance in dining room and bar
ND football fans

tripadvisor
#1 of 22 Bars & Pubs in South Bend
#2 of 278 Places to Eat in South Bend
Certificate of Excellence

1-80/90
Exit 77
South Bend
Notre Dame

Colfax
N. Main

127 N. Main
574.232.2853

SINCE 1957

gaelic imports

Feel Right at Home Here!

**Fresh Baked Soda Bread
Scones,
Meat Pies,
Sausage Rolls**

for your
TRADITIONAL IRISH BREAKFAST
Fresh Sausage, Rashers, Boiling Bacon
Black & White Puddings
**Belleek, Galway Crystal,
Books, Clothing, Jewelry**
• T-Shirts • Hats • Flags
• Stickers • CD's • Novelties
We use UPS to Ship Worldwide!

SEASONAL FALL HOURS!
M CLOSED TUE-FRI 3-7
SAT 10-5 SUN 10-3

6346 W GUNNISON ST
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60630
gaelicimportschiago@gmail.com
facebook **gaelic imports Chicago**
773-792-1905
FAX: 773-792-1925
Located NW Side of Chicago!

Proudly serving Chicagoland since 2010

McGonigal's PUB

105 S. Cook Street, Barrington
www.barringtonpub.com
847-277-7400

Sponsors:
Athletex Sports and Orthopedic Physical Therapy
Erin Tuckpointing
Gaelic Park
Irish Am Heritage Ctr
Maher Funeral Home
Mystic Rogue
O'Hara Hair Salon

**Good Morning Ireland Radio on
GlobalIrishradio.com or gir.ie**

ARTHUR J. MURPHY

- Real Estate Attorney
- 40 years experience
- Personalized attention
- Reasonable rates

Retain an experienced property law attorney to represent you in the purchase or sale of residential or light commercial real estate.

MURPHY & SMITH, LTD.
Serving Chicagoland for 40 Years!
312-427-3650
arthurmurphy@murphyandsmith.net

VOTED "BEST DANCE CLASS FOR KIDS" CBS

TRINITY IRISH DANCE
2022-2023 SEASON
NOW ENROLLING!

NW Chicago • Lakeview
Elmhurst • Palatine • Western Springs

Elevating children, the community, and the world through the power and grace of Irish dance.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
For boys and girls ages 3.5-10

- FREE trial classes
- 3-day summer camps
- Weekly classes begin this fall

WWW.TRINITYIRISHDANCE.COM
info@trinityirishdance.com | 877.326.2328

Who Was Percy French?

(William Percy French) He was a songwriter, author, poet, painter & comedian, a renaissance man. He was multi-talented. Some say the most creative writer & songwriter of his time. James Joyce used several of French's songs in his

work. French was a pacifist, deeply opposed of war and violence of any kind.

French was born in Roscommon, we share the same birthday, May 1st.

French married Ettie Moore from Co Cavan. Tragically Ettie and their daughter died in childbirth. French remarried a woman from England named

Helen Sheldon. They had three children. They have a daughter named Ettie in honor of his first wife. She is a writer and has written extensively about her father.

French wrote several poems and a lot of them have the theme of emigration. He was a brilliant painter of watercolor landscapes. Few of the painting are called: Evening light across the bog, west of Ireland, turf stacks, & wherever I go my heart turns back to Mayo.

Some of his most famous songs include Are you right there Michael, (song criticizing the rail system), Mountains of mourne (his signature tune), Come back home Paddy Reilly, Abdul Abdulbul Amir, slatterys mounted foot, Eileen Oge & McBreens Heifer. Unfortunately, French overlooked to copyright some of his songs therefore he lost the income on some of his work.

French died of pneumonia at the age of 65.

In memory of French there



GETTING TO KNOW THE IRISH!

By Tina Butler



is a sculpture in Co Down near the mountains of mourne, to mark the centenary (100th anniversary) of his death. There is also a bronze bench in Dublin dedicated to French.

Gortnamona-
 "Long, long ago in the woods of Gortnamona,
 I thought the birds were singing in the blackthorn tree;
 But oh, it was my heart that was ringing, ringing, ringing,
 With the joy that you were bringing, oh my love, to me
 Long, long ago in the woods of Gortnamona,
 I thought the wind was sighing round the blackthorn tree;
 But oh, it was the banshee that was crying, crying, crying,
 And I knew my love was dying far across the sea.
 Now if you go through the woods

of Gortnamona,
 You hear the raindrops creeping through the blackthorn tree;
 But oh, it is the tears I am weeping, weeping, weeping,
 For the loved one that is sleeping far away from me."
Smidin Gaeilge-
 Watercolor-uiscedhath
 Writer---scribhneoir
 Poet--file
 Songwriter--cumadoir
 Comedian--fuirseoir
 I hope everyone has an Oiche Shamhna shona duit!
 Happy Halloween!
 I won't be watching scary movies like Tales of Halloween, Pet Cemetery or Cabin in the woods.
 I prefer Haunted Mansion, Charlie Brown (1966) & Hocus Pocus.
 email: Molanive@yahoo.com

www.WhiskeyMick.com

Booking contact:
whiskeymickbooking@gmail.com

Celtic Thunder: Odyssey is Coming to The Genesee Theatre in Waukegan on Sunday, October 8, 2023 7:30pm

Celtic Thunder takes you on a musical journey through beloved Irish classics, inspiring Celtic anthems and fun, upbeat numbers. This eclectic group features Glee star, Damien

McGinty and Irish Music Association Tenor of the Year, Emmet Cahill.

This internationally acclaimed group has been named Top World Album Artist by Billboard magazine five times since 2008.

balance between traditional Celtic attire and modern good looks. Everywhere they perform, audiences agree: these handsome lads kilt it!

The historic Genesee Theatre with its stunning chandeliers

Amazing Grace

SENIOR LIVING

ASSISTED LIVING & MEMORY CARE

CELEBRATING
Two
YEARS!

CONTEMPORARY LIVING

PERSONALIZED CARE

Norwood Park

AMAZING GRACE OFFERS A VARIETY OF INVITING FLOOR PLANS TO CHOOSE FROM, EACH WELL APPOINTED WITH A SOPHISTICATED, TIMELESS CHARM, BEST OF ALL, WE PROVIDE ASSISTED LIVING AND MEMORY CARE SERVICES ALL ON 1 CAMPUS AT AN ACCESSIBLE COST-SO YOU CAN ENJOY EVERY MOMENT WITH TOTAL PEACE OF MIND.

REST ASSURED, AMAZING GRACE HAS INVESTED IN NEXT GENERATION VIRUS PROTECTION TECHNOLOGY WITH 60-90 DAY SURFACE PROTECTION TO KEEP RESIDENTS SAFE.

- LARGE MULTI-USE EVENT AREA WITH STAGE
- BEAUTIFUL CHAPEL AVAILABLE FOR DAILY WORSHIP
- ONSITE THEATER ROOM
- GAME ROOM WITH SIMULATED BOWLING
- BISTRO FOR COFFEE, SNACKING & CONNECTING
- ART STUDIO, BEAUTY SALON & FITNESS CENTER
- PICTURESQUE, PARK-LIKE PRIVATE WALKING GROUNDS

- ASSISTED LIVING & MEMORY CARE
- 24/7 PROFESSIONAL STAFFING
- HOUSEKEEPING & LAUNDRY
- BATHING, DRESSING & GROOMING
- MEDICATION MANAGEMENT
- PHYSICAL THERAPY
- COGNITIVE THERAPY

SCHEDULE A TOUR TODAY! 773-250-7000

Email info@amazinggracesenior.com

7432 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago, IL 60631

AmazingGraceSenior.com

They've been wowing audiences ever since.

This exciting new show is more than a concert. The settings and showmanship are akin to a Broadway production, with a wealth of musical talent at the center.

A full band provides an authentic backdrop to every song, and the musicians' detailed wardrobe strikes a

and vintage luxury is the perfect backdrop for this talented group.

Tickets are priced between \$40-\$40 and are on sale now at all Ticketmaster Outlets and at The Genesee Theatre box office. For more information visit www.GeneseeTheatre.com

Visit www.celticthunder.com for Preshow Soundcheck Party and VIP Fan Club Q&A information.



(l to r): Peg Buckley, Cliff Carlson, John McMahon, and Marge McMahon enjoying the Travel Section of the Milwaukee Irish Fest

Ireland Funds to Honor Abbott and Matt Moore at its Chicago Dinner on November 7, 2023

Over 450 guests are expected to gather on Tuesday, November 7 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Chicago to raise support for the work of The Ireland Funds while honoring Abbott with The Ireland Funds Corporate Responsibility Award. Robert B. Ford, Chairman and CEO of Abbott, will accept the award on behalf of Abbott. Matt Moore of Chicago Cut Steakhouse will receive The Ireland Funds Leadership Award.

The Chicago Dinner is one of the largest of The Ireland Funds' numerous international events. The 2023 Chicago Dinner will be co-chaired by Michael D. O'Halloran of Ryan Specialty Group; Thomas F. Meagher, Jr. of GCM Grosvenor; and Devon C. Bruce of Power Rogers, LLP. The evening will be a gathering of The Ireland Funds supporters from around the country in addition to notable Chicago leaders from the areas of business, politics, philanthropy and the arts.

Since 1946, Abbott in Ireland has been dedicated to helping people live healthier lives through a diverse range



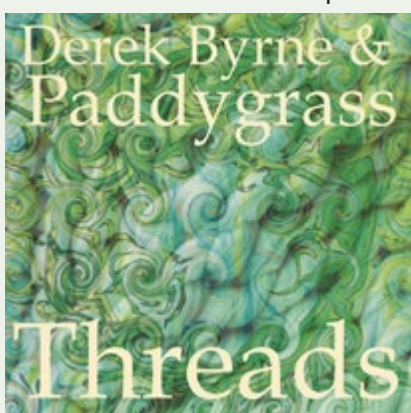
Robert B. Ford

Matt Moore

of science-based nutritional products, diagnostic tools and medical devices. Abbott advances health and wellness in Ireland by developing the highest-quality products and finding lasting solutions to the unique health challenges across the region. It is committed to developing locally manufactured healthcare solutions designed specifically for this market—from manufacturing nutritional products that give babies a strong start to creating diagnostic tools to help physicians guide treatment decisions for their patients. Most recently, Abbott broke ground on a new global manufacturing center in Kilkenny to produce its life-changing FreeStyle Libre 3 continuous glucose monitoring portfolio. Abbott was one of the first multinational companies to establish in Ireland and is the only one with operations in all four provinces. This new investment in Kilkenny will bring Abbott's total employment in the country to approximately 6,000 people across 10 sites, including seven manufacturing operations.

Derek Byrne & Paddygrass Release New Album 'Threads'

Derek Byrne & Paddygrass are known for their musical style of a combination of Celtic, Bluegrass and Gospel. They have been on the music scene for the past 15 years and have assembled a collective of Wisconsin's best folk musicians. On their new album THREADS the band set out to make their sound bigger and feature all of the players who have recorded or played with the group. The name of the album comes from the idea that every gig the band does has a thread for their set list, with ideas from all the players. After working new songs at live shows for most of 2022, they took January 2023 off to record the new album. So many great musicians are woven together in the fabric of Paddygrass - Irish, Bluegrass, Gospel and so much more - it's hard to know where one style ends and another begins. Paddygrass is a tightly knit family growing closer with every note.



Band leader Derek Byrne says, "Sara Kilpatrick wrote some amazing horn parts. We've featured Saxophone, Tuba and Clarinet before, but only as solos, never together as a complete horn section. So, we added, Trombone, Trumpet and French Horn. Go big or go

Matt Moore has more than 25 years of experience in the restaurant and hospitality industry in his native Ireland as well as England and the United States. Significantly he has helped to helm some of the most established steakhouses in Chicago including Smith & Wollensky and Rosebud Prime. More recently Matt established Chicago Cut Steakhouse with his business partner David Flom. Chicago Cut is now the premier steakhouse in Chicago and a valuable employer in the hospitality sector, including a large number of J1 Irish students every summer. For Matt, hospitality is in his DNA, for more than a century his family has owned and operated Mannions Bar in Balla, County Mayo. Matt is a long standing and committed supporter of The Ireland Funds, as well as other many other charitable organizations in Chicago and Ireland.

Aine Mallaghan, The Ireland Funds Vice President of Development, Midwest, said, "For almost 40 years The Ireland Funds Chicago Dinner has gathered our friends and supporters together to give back and celebrate the special bond between Chicago and Ireland. This year, it is an opportunity to recognize those who have made an impact for Ireland on both corporate and personal levels. Abbott and Matt Moore are great examples of what care and strategic investment can accomplish for those in need. We are delighted to honor them, their deep ties to Ireland, and to highlight The Ireland Funds' support of hundreds of nonprofit organizations working in communities across the island of Ireland."

Guests at this year's dinner will also be treated to a very special performance by Tolu Makay. Tol Makay's musical career has gone from strength to strength since she first emerged onto the Irish music scene, and she was named in the Irish Times list of "50 People To Watch For" in 2022. Born in Nigeria and raised in Ireland, Tolu cut her teeth singing in church groups - and winning a national gospel competition - and has steadily grown into an artist with her own vision, selling out gigs all over Ireland, performing in Washington DC and New York and racking up hundreds of thousands of streams on music platforms and YouTube.

The Ireland Funds is one of the largest private grant makers to the nonprofit sector in Ireland. Recent initiatives have ensured that critical and timely funding to a wide range of not-for-profit organizations across the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland is delivered. Most recently, the organization's Heart of the Community Fund delivered \$1 million to 94 nonprofit groups in 24 counties on the island. This year, in keeping with the event's tradition of supporting work not only across the island of Ireland but in the local community, a grant from the event's proceeds will also be made to support the work of the Mother Jones project in Chicago.

For information on The Ireland Funds' work and the 2023 Chicago Dinner, contact Aine Mallaghan, VP of Development Midwest at 312-659-1995 or amallaghan@irelandfunds.org

home. All our soloists came in and put their talents to the music. Harmonica, Mandolin, Viola, Bodhran, Piano, Drumset, bass and banjo, then we added backing vocals. This is our most ambitious recording ever. Close to 20 musicians are on this album! Peter Carlson had to edit and mix all the layers of sound on each track. It's a testament to his skill and patience as a producer. He's been with the band 15 years, so he knows us better than anyone."

Derek Byrne & Paddygrass shows are spontaneous, special guests arrive and become part of the magic. No matter how many times you see us there is always something new to discover, including Irish Step Dancers! Whatever happens, their music will move you to sing, dance, drink and forget all else.

<https://derekbyrnemusic.com/music>

Streaming Live very Saturday at 11am
<https://tunein.com/radio/WPNA-1490-s1224/>
 with Margaret O'Connor, Breege Looney and Siobhainn O'Connor
www.chicagoirishradio.com

CelticCrossingSocial@gmail.com
 Celtic Crossing Irish Pub 751
 Family Owned and Operated
 Like Visiting a Pub in Ireland!
 P J, Sean, & Flora Welcome You Thru This Door!
 751 N Clark St * Chicago
 (312) 479-2392
 4pm - 12am Mon - Tues - Weds
 3pm - 2am Thurs - Fri
 12pm - 2am Sat & 12pm - 12am Sun

Peggy Kinnane's
 IRISH RESTAURANT & PUB
 8 N. Vail Avenue
 Arlington Heights, IL 60004
 Tel. 847-577-7733 Fax. 847-577-3886
 Good food. Good friends.
 Just a great time. See you at Peggy's!
 Hours
 M-Th 11am-1am
 Fri & Sat: 11am-2am
 Sun: 11am-1am
www.peggykinnanes.com

Celtica Gifts
 1940 W Montrose Ave Chicago 60613
 773-784-7712
www.facebook.com/CelticaGifts
WWW.CELTICAGIFTS.COM
 Offering a Unique Selection of Celtic Gifts & Food
 Royal Tara - Cara Crafts
 Galway Crystal - Belleek
 Jewelry - Sweaters - Tea
 Breakfast Meats & More
GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE!

NEWARK NOOK
 Chicago's Side Street Bar
 6443 N Newark Ave,
 Chicago, IL 60631
 773-763-2338
 LIVE MUSIC SPORTS
 POKER MACHINES - SPONSORSHIPS
 COLDEST BEER IN TOWN!
 GUINNESS OF COURSE!

Wallcoverings of *Ireland*

We create beautiful wallcoverings using images of Ireland, the USA or anywhere you choose.

Put your images, your history, your story on the wall of your entertainment or hospitality area.

Call us for details.



Example of wall mural in a New York City Hair Salon.



Word of Life mural, commonly called 'Touchdown Jesus' on the campus of Notre Dame University



understanding. A Democrat all the way. Born in 1826, he came to New Haven CT in 1848, the Era of the Great Famine. By 1853 he had moved to Chicago and was in charge of freight for the Rock Island Railroad and the Pacific Railroad. By 1875 he was appointed Clerk of the Board of Cook County Commissioners.

He worked in the City Treasurer's Office and then was elected a City Alderman of the 7th, 8th, and 9 Wards as the number of constituencies increased. He was made for the job. Erudite. Friendly. And a great reformer.

He was also the father of young Charles Comiskey, a rising star in the growing fascination of baseball. Charlie had a lot of his dad in him. He was acquired by the St. Louis Brown

Stockings in 1882. Within a year he was managing the team at 23. He would go on to reinvent baseball. Building Comiskey Park and carrying the Chicago White Sox close to his heart. Even inventing his own version of a six game world series.

Both men created a dynamic cultural transfiguration of the immigrant's world. These two not only succeeded in America, they changed it. Without green beer. Shamrocks on their cheeks. Or losing the ancient roots of their skilled achievements.

If you grew up in Chicago in 1958 it means you remember the terrible fire at Our Lady of the Angels School. 92 children and three nuns died in the disaster. I think Sister Hillarie O'Neill, BVM, may be Chicago's most courageous Irish nun. When trying to help her students escape they were stopped by a flaming stairway. So she used her body as a human bridge, so children could pass over the flaming stairwell. She was critically injured.

Mary Gorham was born in the remote Gaeltacht, the rolling Atlantic countryside of Cornamona, County Galway, the seaside near Clifden, geography on which the ancient language of the Irish has always been spoken.

She was my best friend, Johnny Gorham's, mom. She was also the mother of my Aunt Peg O'Connor, her oldest daughter of seven girls and one son. Mr. Gorham was an Irish wonder. a native of Skinnive, Co. Galway, he worked for Peoples Gas. And was a huge White Sox fan. I often thought him the toughest man I'd ever knew. I always wondered if this was what having seven daughters did to you. He had a voice fit for the Abbey Theater stage in Dublin. A pure West of Ireland country character actor, he commanded attention. What W.B. Yeats, the poet/

playwright, could only dreamed of. Straight from the imagination of writer Jonathan Millington Synge.

I really liked "Pops," as Mr. Gorham was known. He liked me. I often wondered if it was because my grandfather was a commandant in the IRA. On our block of Peoria Street, on Chicago's Southside, in the 16th Ward, Mr. Gorham kept the finest lawn in the neighborhood. Manicured. As smooth as the 7th hole at Beverly Country Club. A work of art as spectacular as a painting.

Mrs. Gorham was a fabulous cook. I never refused an invitation to her huge dinners there. She made the richest Irish Soda Bread I ever ate. With caraway seeds in abundance. And her turkey with sage and onion stuffing was from heaven.

I look back now on such immigrant folk from Galway, today Chicago's Sister City, as the Gorhams, now, and still remember what I knew in my heart as true back 60 years ago. Everything they did, they did with love. And Mrs. Gorham spoke softly with love, and mystery, on the phone in her native Irish language with her sister, Bea Casey, in a code that Ian Fleming would have cherished. No wonder America is great.

All these Irish souls were people unafraid to be pragmatic and generous. People who value the humanity of others and cherish their ability to reach out to others in need. A sense of neediness that could not be measured on Ellis Island. A sense of common experience and shared heartache leaving the land of their family and friends forever. But like the English they spoke, the Irish sensitivity for others opened many doors. Permitting the heartbroken Irish a reasoned and intelligent opportunity to heal and hope. Irish hope sustained America through Prohibition, World War, Depression, political failures, and in the process lifted the Irish themselves.

The story of Irish immigration in America is a story of healing conversion. And the opportunity to use the wit, wisdom and gifts each immigrant carried with them in abundance beyond Great Famine, the inability to own property, the life-threatening practice of our faith, or speak our native language freely, and rule ourselves and determine the quality of our own lives.

The cold smell of potato mould,
the squelch and slap.mould,
the squelch and slap
Of soggy peat, the curt cuts of an edge
Through living roots awaken in my head.
But I've no spade to follow men like them.
Seamus Heaney "Digging"

I've been asked to speak at a gathering of folk who live at Foster Avenue and Marine Drive. A classic Chicago retirement community on the very edges of the lake front. Just across the street from the Saddle and Cycle Club. Elegant building. Refined residents. Many enjoyed exciting lives in Chicago commerce and finance. Some residents have been diplomats. Others had places of political responsibility. That's a colorful A-list of interesting Chicagoans. They've asked me to speak about the Irish in Chicago. A topic I am delighted to delve into. I think as I collect my thoughts I may have found fresh material for a new book.

There's nothing I enjoy as much as dispelling old myths about the Irish. Dislodging folk from shallow observations. Or presenting more substantive perspectives to rival past prejudices or false understandings. No city in America has quite the same engagement of the Irish as Chicago. During the years of greatest immigration from 1880 to 1920, the numbers of Irish looking for a new life was dramatic. And I believe that the Irish found what they were looking for on the streets and laneways of Chicago.

I think it is important to trace two histories whenever we talk about the Irish in Chicago. First the very number of immigrants and the pattern of their immigration. Where did they go? Where did they live? At what work did they succeed? What was the quality of the life they built here?

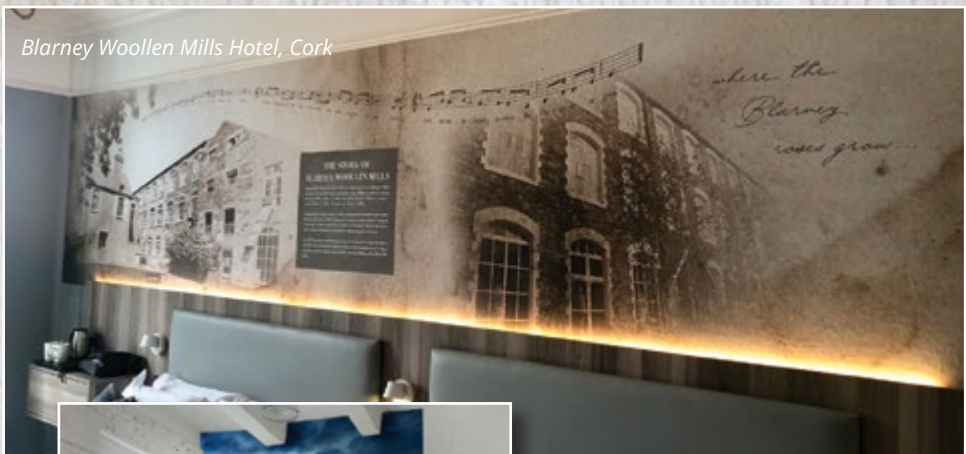
But then I think it is equally important to ask what was unfolding in Chicago during this time? Did the city blossom and bloom? Did commercial life advance? Did politics evolve? What was education like? Were the basics of life available for the immigrant to achieve? Watching and analyzing both the immigrant and the city is equally important. It gives a powerful understanding of both.

Do you have any personal favorites among the vast numbers of immigrant Irish families who made Chicago their home. I have more than a few. But here are five.

Two of them are the Comiskey's, a family from Crosser Lough, County Cavan. John Comiskey, the dad, was a man of talent, educational understanding, conscientious commitment to tasks and a powerful sense of political self



Lake Michigan Lighthouse



Blarney Woollen Mills Hotel, Cork



Hook Head Lighthouse, Wexford

//

We were interested in creating a story through their wallpaper. They sold us a dream and they made the dream a reality.

Everything from the sales pitch, the understanding of the story and the personal touch through every part of the process, I would absolutely recommend the team at Wallcoverings of Ireland for their understanding, professionalism, timeliness, creative vision and excellent work.

//

Dominic Heaney
General Manager of Blarney Woollen Mills Hotel
/ Blarney Group Executive

EUROPEAN OFFICE
Munster Hall, Hartstonge Street
Limerick V94H5P6
Ireland
+353 86 337 0058

US OFFICE
55 E Monroe Street
Chicago IL 60603
USA
+1 312 593 7476

DÉANTA IN ÉIRINN BY

Wallpapers
of Ireland



would not marry in the year. The stick meant an unhappy marriage with many disputes. The cloth signified bad luck or poverty. The coin, good fortune and wealth. The ring meant a wedding within the year, and the bean meant a future with no money.

I love this time of the year! I can finally shut off the air and open the windows. The temperature is perfect not a lot of humidity and cool at night, great weather for sleeping. The trees are taking on their fall colors. Hues of red, orange, gold and brown are everywhere. This is also harvest time. Pears and apples are in abundance, as are apple cider and cider donuts. Squash of every shape and size including pumpkins. The last of the summer veg are in the Farmer's markets as we transition to heartier more robust meals. What to do with all those tomatoes from the garden. It's also Halloween time. Everything pumpkin from lattes to potato chips, scarecrows, hay bales, taffy apples, skeletons, witches, ghosts, candy for trick or treaters, the perfect costume for the kids and if you're from Ireland barmbrack.

Barmbrack (Irish: barin breac) originally a yeast loaf with raisins and sultanas translates to a speckled loaf due to the raisins. Other origins of barm could relate to the froth from fermented ale, which is a form of yeast. This was used in place of baking powder and baking soda which was not widely available in Ireland until the early 19th century.

Baking barmbrack is a Halloween custom. Bracks traditionally contained various items baked in the bread that would foretell the future. Baked in the brack were a pea, a stick, a piece of cloth, a six pence, a ring, and a bean. Each slice containing an item held a special meaning. The pea meant the person

Today most bracks contain a ring or coin and not the other traditional items.

In many area of Ireland bracks are baked on New Year's Eve and used to ward off poverty and starvation.

Barmbrack is usually served toasted with a cup of tea.

Here is an easy recipe that is perfect for this time of the year.

BARMBRACK

- Ingredients:
2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ tsp baking soda
5 oz brown sugar
½ teaspoon mixed spice, or pumpkin spice
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
6oz raisins
6oz golden raisins



- 1 oz candied peel
1 cup strong Irish tea (cold)
1 egg
2 oz Irish whiskey

In a bowl soak raisins and mixed peel in tea and whiskey for 6 hours. In another bowl combine dry ingredients. Add beaten egg and enough liquid from the raisins to the dry ingredients. If necessary add a little water to form a wet sticky dough. Add raisins and mix. Pour batter into a greased prepared 9in loaf pan and bake 60 minutes at 350 degrees. Cover loaf with foil if top browns too soon.

Let loaf stand for 15 minutes then remove loaf from pan and cool on a wire rack. You can brush the top of the loaf with a glaze made from 1oz of sugar dissolved in 1oz of hot water.
Happy Halloween!



www.GALWAYARMS.com GALWAYARMS@gmail.com

The Galway Arms

2442 N. Clark Street, Chicago 60614 (773) 472-5555
CHICAGO'S HOME FOR TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC



Sunday: **John Williams, Katie Grennan & friends**
Tuesday: **Pat Quinn & friends**
Wednesday: **Katie Grennan & friends** **8pm Start Time**
Thursday: **Tim Fleming & friends**
Upstairs Wedding and Wedding Rehearsal Dinners

773-472-5555 **SOUL OF IRELAND - HEART OF CHICAGO**

The Voice of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago

By: David Dempsey, LCSW
Program Director, St. Leo's Residence for Veterans

No one who served our country should be without a home and yet, according to the most recent point-in-time count by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which assesses the number of homeless people on a given night, veterans comprised

approximately seven percent of all homeless adults in the country. As the director of Catholic Charities St. Leo's Residence for Veterans since 2014, it has been my privilege to help homeless veterans find stability with our unique, multi-faceted approach.

The St. Leo's Residence is part of Catholic Charities St. Leo's Campus for Veterans, the first and only completed project of its kind in the nation. Located in Chicago's Auburn Gresham neighborhood, the campus includes the St. Leo's Residence, the Pope John Paul II Residence for persons with physical disabilities, the VA-operated Outpatient Clinic and Resource Center, and the St. Leo's Veterans Memorial

Garden. In addition to subsidized rent, residents also receive comprehensive case management and supportive services, which are critical for helping

for social or familial supports. We advocate every day for our veteran residents, connecting them to other Catholic Charities programs or services from one of our community-based partners. Case managers work closely with the on-site VA clinic to help residents achieve the greatest possible level of health and self-sufficiency.

Sometimes it's hard for vets to accept help—they've been trained as soldiers, as protectors. Being vulnerable and accepting something for themselves doesn't come naturally. But when they take advantage of services such as those we offer at St. Leo's, they can truly soar. One of my most inspiring client relationships was a female resident, Debbie, who came to us from a domestic violence shelter and was suffering from a variety of issues including depression and anxiety. She was using a walker to get around due to her injuries. In her own words, she had a "very dim view of life."



them achieve and maintain stable housing and self-sufficiency.

Most people don't fully understand the challenges that the population we serve face. It is common to assume that PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder) is the driving factor for their unhoused state, but the reality is that veterans experiencing homelessness often faced numerous challenges before their military service, such as generational poverty, unemployment, limited education, family violence, mental illness, or substance use.

Many of the residents at St. Leo's served our country heroically and gained valuable skills during their military service. However, the combination of trauma from live combat together with unresolved past issues can make their transition to civilian life more difficult. This is why our approach to providing both housing and other supportive services is critical for their success.

The St. Leo's Residence consists of 141 fully furnished studio apartments, expansive common recreational space, a computer lab, a fitness room, and multipurpose rooms for community meetings, including Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. In addition, each resident is assigned a master's-level case manager who helps them design an individualized plan to maintain stable housing, increase income through benefits and/or employment, and address other barriers to self-sufficiency such as substance use, mental health issues, trauma, level of education, and needs



GIBBONS FUNERAL HOME

5917 W Irving Park Road Chicago
(773) 777-3944

Gibbons Funeral Home
134 South York Road Elmhurst
(630) 832-0018

The Oaks Funeral Home
1201 E Irving Park Road Itasca
(630) 250-8588

www.irishfuneralhome.com
"Family Owned and Operated For Over 80 Years"

Help Protect Ireland For Future Generations!



BECOME A GUARDIAN ANGEL FOR ONLY \$17 A MONTH!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO DONATE NOW

Your donation will help preserve the land to protect Ireland's heritage

GUARDIANSOFIGRELAND.ORG

PIZZA · SUBS · CATERING · DELIVERY
Come for the Pizza - Stay for the Pint!

Clancy's

PIZZA PUB
EATATCLANCYS.COM 708-422-1110 4624 103rd St, Oak Lawn

NOW OPEN FOR BREAKFAST
Wed-Sat 7am Sun-Tue 11 am
Full Irish Breakfast and more!
\$10 BREAKFAST & BEER

TRIVIA SECOND AND LAST THURSDAYS!
Live music nightly. Happy hour!!

Clancy's 95th

Irish Neighborhood Tavern
Pub menu & Pints. 5763 W 95th St Oak Lawn

Clancy's is a family friendly Irish Pub with great thin crust pizza, Corned beef, Pot roast, Fish & Chips, Shepherds Pie and of course our famous Pot Roast Rolls and Irish Spring Rolls. Please join us.



CLANCY'S 103rd GAMING NOW 7AM

HIT THE JACKPOT!



\$5 FREE PLAY
Minimum Purchase Required
VALID AT BOTH LOCATIONS
● CLANCY'S 103rd
● CLANCY'S 95th

Limit one per person. Not valid with any other offers. The location has the right in its sole discretion to revoke the promotion at any time. Must be played by request. Must present this original coupon.



Published 12 Times Yearly the First of Each Month

SUBSCRIBE TO: IRISH AMERICAN NEWS



REGULAR DELIVERY: check the appropriate box
 1 year \$35 or 2 year \$55 3 year \$75

OUTSIDE USA MAIL: check the appropriate box
 Canada 1yr \$45 2yr \$70 International: 1yr \$85

I Want To Subscribe For Myself

Starting the Month of Jan_ Feb_ Mar_ Apr_ May_ Jun_ July_ Aug_ Sep_ Oct_ Nov_ Dec_

Name _____
Address _____ Phone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ email _____

Card # _____ Expires _____ cvc# _____

I Want a GIFT Subscription for a Friend - starting the month of: Jan_ Feb_ Mar_ Apr_ May_ Jun_ Jul_ Aug_ Sep_ Oct_ Nov_ Dec_ (Please fill in your name and phone # above as well as who you want your gift to go to below)

Name _____
Address _____ Phone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ email _____

Send Check or Credit Card info to: Irish News Inc. PO Box 7, Zion IL 60099 or call 312-498-1337

Keep the news coming subscribe today!
Enjoy the convenience of delivery.
Order safely online at irishamericannews.com
paypal button right hand side of page takes most credit cards

2024 **HOME TO MAYO** Competition **#hometomayo**



We want to fly you & one other person home to Mayo from anywhere in the world next May



Spread the word far and wide with those abroad



Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo Mayo County Council



Ireland West Airport

Entry and terms and conditions at: www.mayoday.ie

OLDEST CRAFT BREWPUB IN ILLINOIS PRIVATE EVENTS
 FAMILY FRIENDLY FRESHLY BREWED NOW OPEN
 LIVE BIG OUTDOOR BEER GARDEN BEER FOR LUNCH
 CLOSED MONDAYS WEEKEND BRUNCH
 MUSIC AWARD WINNING MICKEY BURGER
 CLASSIC PUB FARE FREE PARKING GARAGE IN BACK

LOCATED IN HEART OF HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LIBERTYVILLE
 847-362-BREW

Mickey Finn's
 BREWERY SINCE 1994

345 N. MILWAUKEE AVE., LIBERTYVILLE | WWW.MICKEYFINNSBREWERY.COM



Fall Breaks: Festival Fun, Fine Food & Cozy Stays



Clockwise from top left: The Derry/Londonderry Halloween Parade; Goats Path Farm and Pod Park, Sheep's Head, County Cork; Shopping at George's Street Arcade, Belfast; a traditional Irish music session at Rouse's Bar in Ballina, County Mayo.

FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS THE FALL is a great season to visit the island of Ireland. The weather is usually at its most pleasant and reliable, flights and accommodations tend to be a bit more economical, and all the things you can see or do during the busy summer months are still here, usually easier to book and without the peak season throngs.

Festivals

Over the last several years, the Fall has also become a season when Ireland celebrates its culture and the arts. Ireland's cities are buzzing as festival season kicks off. From now through late November, food, music, film, theatre, comedy and literature are all given pride of place at festivals, large and small, throughout the island. Here are some of the highlights:

The **Cork Jazz Festival** (October 26 - 30) is a mainstay of the city's cultural calendar, now celebrating its 45th year. This year's line-up is a real treat for connoisseurs of jazz. Headliners include Macy Gray, Corienne Bailey Rae, Morcheeba, Matthew Halsall and Grammy award winning Kurt Elling. There will also be dozens of other artists performing at venues all over Cork City.

The 61st **Belfast International Arts Festival** (October 12 - November 5) returns with a new season of contemporary arts and culture in over 30 venues across the city and featuring the very best international and homegrown artists in theatre, dance, music, visual arts, literature and film.

The **Cathedral Quarter Arts Festival**, also in Belfast, (October 26-29), celebrates the city's thriving arts and culture scene. It bills itself, with some justification, as "one of the sassiest, brassiest and classiest acts on the island's cultural calendar."

Wexford Festival Opera (October 24 - November 5) has chosen 'Women & War' as its theme for 2023. With events taking place on 12 consecutive nights in the National Opera House in the city of Wexford (about an hour and a half drive from Dublin), this festival will feature many of the top operatic performers in

the world.

Halloween—not surprisingly as it is a tradition that was born in Ireland—plays a major role in festivities in the coming weeks.

Derry Halloween (October 28 - 31) is the grand-daddy of all Halloween Festivals, and is easily the largest in Europe. Voted the world's best Halloween spot in a poll by *USA Today's* 10 Best online poll, Derry Halloween regularly attracts 40,000 visitors. Essentially the whole city dresses up for the ghoulish fun.

The **Púca Festival** (October 27-31) takes place in venues in counties Meath and Louth and is full to the brim with paranormal activity including haunting performances, costumed creatures and hair-raising ghost stories. Púca is the Irish word for goblin.

Rounding things out on the supernatural front is the **Bram Stoker Festival 2023** in Dublin (October 27 - 30), which honors the Dublin-born creator of Count Dracula. Activities include literary events, walks, screenings and a Gothic ball.

Food

The annual harvest is a major factor of Irish life in the Fall. There are festivals celebrating the island's bounty in many towns and cities. Two favorites are the **Kinsale Gourmet Festival** (October 14) in Kinsale, County Cork, often referred to as the culinary capital of Ireland; and the **Savour Kilkenny Festival of Food** (October 27 - 30), held each year in the stunning setting of Kilkenny's Medieval city, in the heart of Ireland's Ancient East.

Besides festivals the Fall is a great time to visit a farmers market and savor local produce at its finest. There's nothing quite as tasty as food freshly harvested from the farm! These markets are part of the way of life in Ireland and two stand-out examples are St George's Market in Belfast and the English Market in Cork, which have both been serving organic food for centuries.

And of course, the freshly picked fruit and vegetables make their way on to the menus of restaurants and pubs. The Irish pub is an experience unto itself, serving up affordable and delicious tradi-

tional meals, often enjoyed in front of a warming open fire and accompanied by a creamy pint of stout or ale. If you pick the right pub you'll also get to enjoy a traditional Irish music session, where the best of local musicians trade ancient and more modern melodies and songs. It's a uniquely Irish thing.

The harvest is important all over the island of Ireland but perhaps nowhere more so than in the 'Orchard County' of Armagh, so-called because of its 6,000 acres of Bramley Apple trees which produce 40,000 tonnes of the fruit annually. The venerable Bramley has Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) status from the European Commission and is used in baking, apple sauce, juices and ciders.

There is something very special about biting into a slice of warm barmbrack, a traditional sweetened bread, flavored with sultanas or raisins and a drop of whiskey. Barmbrack is enjoyed year round in Ireland but is especially associated with Halloween. At this time of year you have to be careful what you find in your slice! Wrapped in muslin or grease-proof paper are tokens indicating your future in life. If you find a ring, you'll be married within the year; a thimble (a spinster forever); a button (a bachelor forever); a coin (a lifetime of wealth); and a piece of cloth (a lifetime of poverty).

A great recipe for barmbrack can be found at www.ireland.com.

Self-Catering Opportunities

When it comes to places to stay the island of Ireland offers a huge range of options. Visitors can enjoy next-level luxury at a number of converted castles and stately homes. Dromoland Castle (County Clare), Lough Eske Castle (County Donegal), and Ashford Castle (County Mayo), among others, offer five star hotel accommodation, gourmet dining and award-winning spas. There are hundreds of hotels to choose from, ranging from boutique to large. There are also almost 10,000 'Bed and Breakfast' locations on the island.

Nowadays many visitors are choosing the self-catering route, which offers a great deal of variety and freedom and

allows them to really personalize their vacation.

There are many options in the self-catering space, including non-traditional and innovative accommodations, such as the Goats path Farm and Pod park, in Sheep's Head, County Cork, which features six self-contained pods set into the high landscape, offering unrivalled views of the beautiful Wild Atlantic Way and Bantry Bay.

Here are a few more examples, just to give you a flavor. (A more comprehensive list can be found at www.ireland.com.)

The Cottages in Bettystown, County Meath, were once the homes of fishermen. Now these 300-year-old buildings have been converted into gorgeous self-catering beach homes.

Batty Langley Lodge, in Leixlip, County Kildare, replete with stone turrets and gothic arched windows, is the setting for a truly romantic trip. So is the snug and secretive Barbican tower in County Antrim, with its portcullis poised on a bridge above the Glenarm River. The lakeside lodges and villas at Fermanagh's Finn Lough allow you to take things really easy as you enjoy the onsite spa and natural, untouched surroundings.

The Clare Island Lighthouse in County Mayo is one of the most exclusive spots in Ireland and is one of the island's great escapes. It's impossible to hold on to your cares when the salt-slicked wind sweeps in from the Atlantic Ocean.

Built in 1804, the Martello Tower in County Dublin boasts unparalleled views of Dublin Bay. This quirky, round tower offers a truly unique self-catering experience for those who want to experience a more "rounded" accommodation option.

Wherever you plan your vacation on the island of Ireland, the next couple of months will allow you to see the place in a different light than at other times of year. The extensive programs of festivals, especially, make for a party atmosphere. All you have to do is show up!



What
fills my
heart?

The
Colorful
Coasts!


Fill your heart with Ireland

Ireland's heart and soul are shaped by the sea. These crystal clear waters have sculpted the coast of the lunar-like Burren, the stepping stones of the Giant's Causeway and the quiet coves of Connemara. Its shores are framed by a clifftop temple, lighthouses and the balmy beauty of coastal villages.


Discover captivating tales at Titanic Belfast in the city that built the Ship of Dreams, or dive into the adventures of a pirate queen in County Mayo. But most of all, leave the world behind as the wind greets your face, your lips taste of salt from the sea and you realize you're home.

So come on, fill your heart with Ireland...

 **Ireland.com**



Gallagher's Advice
By Caroleann Gallagher



Navigating Bicyclist Injury Claims From Potholes in Illinois

What You Need To Know: Picture this: a sunny day, gentle breeze, and the open road ahead as you pedal your bicycle through the streets of Chicago. Just as you're lost in the joy of the ride, an unexpected jolt sends you flying off your bike due to a treacherous pothole. Bicycle accidents caused by potholes are unfortunately more common than you might think., and understanding your rights and the legal framework surrounding such incidents is crucial. As a personal injury lawyer, I'm here to shed light on Illinois laws regarding bicyclist injuries caused by potholes, and to provide guidance on what steps you can take if you find yourself in this unfortunate situation.

The Importance of Road Maintenance Potholes are a menace to both drivers and cyclists. They can cause serious accidents and injuries. In Illinois, municipalities are responsible for maintaining safe road conditions, and this duty extends to repairing potholes promptly to ensure the safety of all road users, including bicyclists.

Understanding Negligence When you're injured due to a pothole while cycling, the concept of negligence comes into play. Negligence refers to the failure to exercise reasonable care, leading to foreseeable harm. In the context of bicyclist injuries caused by potholes, negligence could involve a municipality's failure to repair a dangerous road condition within a reasonable timeframe.

If you can demonstrate that the municipality's negligence directly caused your injuries, you may have a valid personal injury claim.

State of Limitations If you're considering pursuing a legal claim against a municipality for your bicyclist injury caused by a pothole, it's essential to be aware of the statute of limitations. In Illinois, there's a limited window of time during which you can file a lawsuit. Generally, you have one year from the date of the accident to initiate a lawsuit against the municipality. This emphasizes the importance of taking prompt action if you're injured. Missing the statute of limitations could bar you from seeking compensation for your injuries altogether.

Suing a Municipality Suing a municipality can be more complex than filing a claim against an individual. There are specific rules and procedures that must be followed. In Illinois, the Local Government and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act governs the process of suing a municipality for personal injuries. This Act grants limited immunity to municipalities, which means that not all claims against them are actionable.

To sue a municipality successfully for a bicyclist injury from a pothole, you need to prove that:

1. The municipality had notice of the dangerous condition (the pothole);
2. The municipalities actions (or lack thereof) were the direct cause of your injuries; and

3. Your use of the road was foreseeable by the municipality. Additionally, it's important to note that certain procedural requirements must be met, such as providing the municipality with notice of your intent to file a claim within a specified time frame.

Gathering Evidence Building a strong case is essential when pursuing compensation for your injuries. To bolster your claim, consider the following steps:

1. Seek medical attention immediately after the accident and keep all relevant medical records.
2. Document the scene of the accident, including photographs of the pothole, road conditions, and your injuries, preferably immediately after the accident or as soon as practical thereafter.
3. Obtain any available witness information, as their statements can support your account of the incident.
4. Report the pothole to the relevant municipality, as this demonstrates your efforts to mitigate the danger.

Showing the Municipality knew about the Hazardous Road Conditions:

If you're certain that a pothole caused the accident, you must show that the municipality knew about the hazard and failed to repair it. In most cases, governments discover hazardous road conditions in one of two ways:

- They're reported by individuals who qualify for compensation;

- By surveying the roadways regularly.

Road construction may occasionally be the government's attempt to repair a road, leading to accidents and vehicle damage. You might have a right to compensation if your car is subjected to a dangerous work zone in Chicago or elsewhere in Illinois.

To win a claim against the government for damage to your car due to poor road conditions, you must demonstrate:

- Your claim that the government was aware of the dangerous road conditions
 - And that it failed to correct them within a reasonable time
- Say, for example, a large pothole forms on a busy street in Chicago. The local paper floods with letters to the editor, and people have brought it up during recent city council meetings. Unfortunately, the pothole is left unaddressed for six months. If the pothole is the cause of your accident, you can claim compensation from the city if city officials were aware of it and had sufficient time to repair it.

Understanding the cause of your accident and determining whether the city knew about the road conditions will help you figure out how to proceed with your claim.

The presence of potholes can turn a leisurely ride into a dangerous ordeal. Understanding your rights as



Catherine O'Connell
BEST SELLING CD!
AVAILABLE NOW IN IRISH SHOPS
Songs From My Father
www.catherineoconnell.com
847-721-2299

a cyclist and the legal avenues available to you in the event of a pothole-related injury is vital. If you find yourself a victim of a bicycle accident caused by a pothole in Illinois, remember to act promptly, gather evidence, and consider seeking legal counsel to ensure your rights are protected and you have the best chance of obtaining the compensation you deserve.

Navigating the legal process, especially when it involves suing a municipality, can be complex and overwhelming. An attorney can help you understand your rights, assess the strength of your case, navigate the legal requirements, and negotiate with the municipality's representatives on your behalf.

***Caroleann Gallagher is an Irish born Attorney now licensed in Illinois and practicing all types of Personal Injury Law and Workers Compensation. She can be contacted at cgallagher@dwyercoogan.com or at (312) 782-7482.**



Home is Where the Heart Is
By Aishling Kelly



Caregiver Stress: Tips on Taking Care of Yourself

In case of emergencies when flying, an oxygen mask is lowered in front of your face. What's the first thing to do? The primary rule is to put an oxygen mask on yourself first. We can only greatly assist others if we first help ourselves.

Taking care of oneself is among the most crucial things you can do as a caregiver—and one of the most frequently overlooked. Taking care of your own needs will also help the person you care about.

Personal Stress Reduction This can considerably impact adapting and dealing with the incident in question. The amount of stress you're experiencing isn't only because you're caring for a loved one; it's also how you view the situation. It's crucial to remember that you're not the only one going through what you're experiencing.

Several aspects, such as the following, impact your degree of stress:
Whether or not you're doing

it for free. You are more likely to experience tension, anguish, and resentment if you believe you have no option but to accept the duties.

The nature of your connection to the person receiving care. It's not uncommon for someone to care for another in the hopes of improving a relationship. You may experience sorrow and discouragement if mending does not develop.

Your ability to cope. The way you've dealt with stress in the past is a good indicator of how you'll deal with it today. Recognize and enhance your present coping mechanisms.

Your circumstances as a caregiver. Stressful caregiving settings might vary widely. For instance, dementia-related care is often more difficult than providing for somebody with a physical disability.

Whether there is readily available support.

Feeling in Control Will Help Avoid Caregiver Burnout Feelings of inadequacy exacerbate burnout and despair. As a caretaker, it's easy to slip into this trap, especially if you feel confined in a position you

didn't expect or unable to alter circumstances for the better.

In any case, there are things you can do not to feel helpless, and this is through changing your mindset. The extra time, finances, or physical support you desire may not always be within your reach, but you can always find greater joy and optimism.

Participate in a Caregivers' Peer-to-Peer Support Group

A caregiver support group is a terrific place to talk to others going through the same things you are. If you can't get out of the home, there are several online organizations you may join.

There are a lot of support groups out there where you'll not just receive guidance, but you can also help others. And maybe most significantly, you'll realize you're not the only one experiencing everything. There is comfort in knowing that you are not alone, and the information you may gain from others who are dealing with the same condition as your loved one is priceless.

Take a Breather

If you're a full-time caretaker, spare time may feel like a luxury you can't afford. It's essential, but you owe it to yourself and the individual you're taking care of to make time for it. Allowing yourself to breathe and do activities you like regularly is integral to self-care. You'll be a better caretaker as a result.



4701 WEST 63RD STREET CHICAGO
773.767.4353
7959 WEST 159TH STREET TINLEY PARK
708.633.7500

MADE FRESH DAILY:
IRISH SAUSAGE
BLACK PUDDING
WHITE PUDDING
SODA BREAD
BACON
CORN BEEF
SMOKE BUTTS

FULL LINE OF IMPORTED FOODS

Product Available at Fine Irish Shops All Over Chicagoland
WE SHIP UPS anywhere in the U.S.

MAKING FINE IRISH SAUSAGE FOR OVER 40 YEARS!
FOR THE FINEST IN DINING TRY
ASHFORD HOUSE RESTAURANT
FOR THE VERY BEST IN IRISH CUISINE
STEAKS • CHOPS • PASTA
7959 WEST 159TH STREET TINLEY PARK
708.633.7600
WWW.WINSTONSMARKET.NET

The Sinead O'Connor Song We Should Play to Remember Her!

By **Jeanie Poet Dancer Dean**,
The true song to remember Sinead O'Connor is her incredible anthem and overlooked gem, "Feel So Different." There are so many reasons why "Feel So Different," a vocal masterpiece is the definitive Sinead O'Connor song and the ultimate treasure in her repertoire.



Jeanie Dean

This song is overlooked like many magnificent works for reasons of pop-ularity and greed. So, let's set things straight and move "Nothing Compares" off its pedestal and listen to Sinead's genuine tour-de-force.

I believe "Nothing Compares" is a tainted work or at the very least, just bad juju for Sinead. She publicly revealed her trauma with "Nothing Compares" author, Prince. Replaying the song certainly enriches his estate. While we may not know the whole story, Sinead declared, "foul play" and that matters. The public should respect her claim. Even with reservations, out of respect for the dead and we Irish respect the dead, Prinze's, song should be the last one we remember Sinead O'Connor for. Although it was her pop hit and money maker, so, what; should we remember that unpleasant thing?

Sinead authored "Feel So Different," when she was an up-and-coming female artist in the same year and the same album of that best seller. Like that pop hit, "Feel So Different" was sung at the crest of her career as an emerging-artist, and the high point of her vocal talents. For excellence in performance and vocal prowess, "Feel So Different" is something "to behold," to quote Sinead. I invite you to play the album or YouTube of her 1990 live Brazil concert to experience the actual power and perfection of Sinead's incomparable voice. This is the

tour, when Sinead cut her hair and emerged like a butterfly into her artist persona. From this humble reviewer, Brazil is the best live performance of her career. Not only that, Sinead's 1990 Brazil rendition of "Feel So Different" is the best live solo recording by any singer of all recorded time. Yes, it's a GOAT, that great; even better than Pavarotti, Peggy Lee or shush-

moment-of-silence-for Roy Orbison. Nothing compares to "Feel So Different;" there is not a single false note in her performance, but for one and that one is perfectly off! Listener, you have not heard the brilliance of Sinead's pure Irish voice in all its pulchritude and range, until you hear her 1990 live "Feel So Different." Finally, "Feel So Different" is Sinead's most memorable work because, it is a woman's statement in a world and an industry dominated by male voices, promoters and performers. Society accuses women of changing their minds, and yet neuroscience shows that females live in an ocean of evolving endocrine states and thus are more close to navigating the shifting tides of life than males. Sinead's anthem, "Feels So Different," expresses this intricate dance with the Dao and the woman's so-called-right-to-change-her-mind. Perhaps this song even has a note about her Novice-Meets-Superstar encounter with Prince. Yes, no means no.

"Feel So Different" certainly may express any number of circumstances in Sinead's life story: from poverty to wealth, girl to artist, nobody to superstar, from abuse to power. Perhaps she sings of flowering femininity or sexual awakening amidst that Catholic guiltiness. Might her song tell of the changing times of Ireland and

the world at the end of the 20th century. "Feel So Different" also speaks of that unique and almost incomprehensible world-view of the artist and the daunting gift of genius. Sinead, the artist, herself, feels so different and she gives us that difference; that unique unusual quality inside the artist that we can only just merely glimpse through her incredible performance.

These are remarkable reasons why, "Feel So Different" is the defining song, we should play to remember Sinead O'Connor. In fact, for sheer vocal perfection, "Feel So Different" is the most compelling of all her songs. It is her premier statement of self. Listen to her final fourth chorus and you will fall to your knees and kiss the earth with sincere gratitude and awe for the opportunity to hear such beauty and musical perfection in your life time without digital correction. Sinead has given the world a recording of her remarkable voice and a fleeting moment of human perfection, that is almost too much to bear, and no one can take that away from her. All one can do is feel gratitude to have witnessed that consummate beauty once. This rare beauty may be the burden, the artist, herself carries for us all. So, let's get it right and remember Sinead for her magnificent songs, and the near perfection of her rendition of "Feel So Different" as the true emblem of her awesome artistry.

Jeanie Poet Dancer Dean is the author of *The Whole World Stopped: Elegy for John F Kennedy and the American Dream*, *A New Alphabet*, *Poetry Collage* and *Essay on the Embodiment of Text* and other books, plays, essays, film and photographs. She hosts an annual JFK Tribute in Wisconsin since 1988 and produces art events. She is a spoken-word artist, dancer, playwright, designer, computer coder, and more.

Jeanie cut her hair off, calling it, "the Baldish," in 1973, when Sinead was a wee lass and is a cousin-in-spirit of sorts.



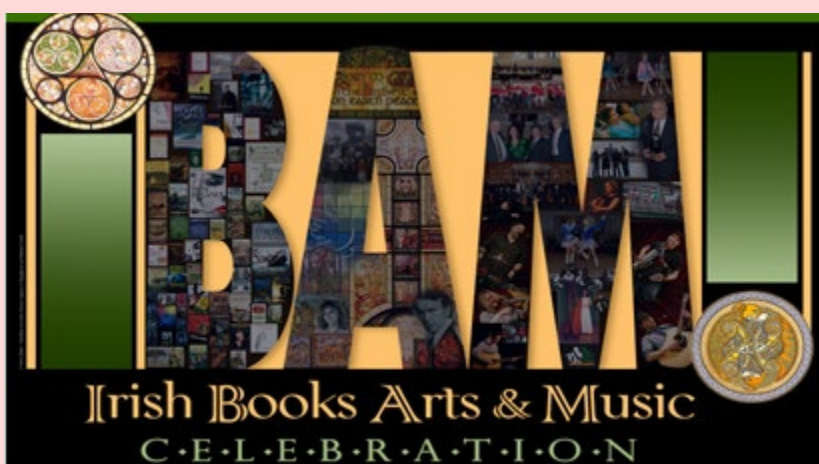
Stay in a Manor at a price that's gentle on your wallet!

Gurtenard House in Beautiful Listowel, Co. Kerry
Irish-American Owned and Maintained. Home to John B. Kean's Pub, Irish Writers Week, Jimmy Deenihan! Close to Dingle, Tralee and on the Ring of Kerry! Call 011-353-87-348-1580 or email kathy@gurtenardhouse.com - www.gurtenardhouse.com

Attend the iBAM! Gala 11-18 at the Irish Heritage Center

HONORING

- Dr. Mary Pat Kelly - Person of the Year - Jimmy Keane - Music
 - Colm Toibin - Literature - Roisin O'Farrell - Visual Arts - Eileen Dunne - Media/Journalism
 - Dan Hartnett - Volunteer of the Year
- TIX www.ibamchicago.com/index.php/awards-dinner



JOE GALLAGHER ENTERTAINMENTS LTD PROUDLY PRESENTS

MICHAEL FLATLEY'S LORD OF THE DANCE



25 YEARS OF STANDING OVATIONS

NOVEMBER 07 THE CHICAGO THEATRE

GET TICKETS NOW AT LIVENATION.COM



WWW.LORDOFTHE DANCE.COM

[/MICHAELFLATLEYSLORDOFTHE DANCE](https://www.facebook.com/MICHAELFLATLEYSLORDOFTHE DANCE)

A friend of mine from County Antrim told me about this guy Jay from Belfast. I added him to my summer reading. I talked to him to congratulate him on his publication and got his permission to share a bit about himself.

Jay is an award winning barber and founder of Jays Barber Academy. Life was not always easy for Jay and his younger brother Wayne.

Back in the eighties their mum had health problems, money was short as was food. They would find themselves shuffled from foster home to foster home. It was while they were in one of the foster homes they were told their mother had died.

I cannot imagine how these two little boys could even digest or comprehend this devastating loss. They were not even ten years old at that time. They were allowed to go to their mum's funeral but later sent to Carnview children's home Newtownabbey Belfast.

Apparently this was a place where children stayed in between foster homes while waiting for a family, always praying for nice warm hearted people to share birthdays and Christmas with.

Unfortunately for Jay and little brother Wayne, that day never came. They decided to run away. As they climbed over the gates and ran across the road little Wayne was struck by a car. He died upon arrival at the



hospital. He was buried beside his mother (rip).

This was so much tragedy for young Jay. He spent another year in Carnview Children's Home until an uncle welcomed him into his family's home. Jay joined the army where he learned discipline and made many friends who would become like family.

Later he would hear more sad news that one of his comrades took his own life. Jay did a course as a barber which he found he loved and was very good at. He finally got an apprenticeship at a top barbers but wasn't paid so it was a very lean time for him, but he was determined with the help of his friends.

He had to work his way up from washing towels to making the tea, and coffee.

Jay always chatted to customers. No matter how bad or hungry he felt, he took advantage of any courses including business classes to help run a barber shop.

Finally he was able to get his own chair and started to build up his own clientele. Very soon he would become one of the top guys and was offered a managerial position.

After a while he decided to open

up his own premises giving people a high end treatment from modern haircuts to eyebrows, hot towels, facials, neck massages - services that weren't available at that time in low cost

areas.

His shop was called Jays Male Grooming. Jays became so popular he had professional rugby and hockey teams stop by for Jays one of a kind grooming. He was at the top of his field.

Everyone loved his staff uniforms so he started his own clothing range. Life couldn't be better. There were cocktail parties and sniffing lines of coke.

Things slowly spiraled out of hand. The addiction was taking over his life, the people he was hanging out with were users. He lost everything. His shop and everything that went with it. He needed money so he went back working for another barber. He got news that the children's home where he had lived with his little brother Wayne was being demolished so he decided to visit it. While there he had flashbacks climbing over the rusty gates escaping with little Wayne and the other kids. He could feel his little brother's presence and yanked the gates of their hinges and tossed them in his van.

He had just secured a place to re-start his own barbershop again and like a phoenix he was rising up from

the ashes. Later he would use the iron gates in his shop as frames for his mirrors. Jay was still struggling with his addictions and ended up in hospital with a few broken bones. With the help of his girlfriend he recovered but not before he attended a course that would put him in touch with himself and God so his healing would begin. Needless to say, Jay today has overcome a lot and is back on top with his barber shops and giving back to his community by sponsoring sports teams and lots of others. Christmas Day you'll find him out giving free haircuts to the homeless.

Jay is a giver so he started his own Barber Academy helping people learn skills that may make a difference in their lives. Maybe one day owning their own business.

What a wonderful inspirational story. I was living in London in the eighties going back and forth home to Omagh, and eventually ended up in Chicago adopting our kids so this story really tugged at my heart as these boys were so young and just wanted a loving family.

You just never know what people are going through.

If you're going home or visiting Ireland be sure to stop in to say hello at Jays Barber Club. Newtownabbey, Belfast.

Til next time. Happy Halloween, you know it's my favourite! I love our little neighbourhood kids coming to our door all dressed up and excited for who gets the most candy! bless them.

ROTH Conversions - Must Read!

Maximizing your retirement savings and minimizing your income taxes during retirement is critical to a successful long enjoyable retirement. I teach a class on The Principles of Retirement Planning and I talk about the RISK people will face in retirement and one of the Major Risk is TAXES (among others).

There are 2 types of income in retirement. Income for the things you NEED. Which are the necessities like a place to live, food, clothing, insurance, etc. Then there is Income for the things you WANT, such as travel, 2nd home, hobbies, volunteer, see children and grandchildren, etc. In other words, do the thing you were unable to do because you were working 40 plus hours a week.

For many people, social security is about 30% of their retirement income and that typically provides the income you NEED to cover the basics. So, to maximize the income for the things you WANT you have to be conscience of the risk in retirement with one of them being taxes.

Taxes are going to be a constant no matter what your income is. The National Debt is out of control and sits at \$32 Trillion (with a T) and growing. Our government can't sustain that debt without raising taxes. They need to generate more revenue because I don't believe they will be cutting spending. So, raising taxes, unfortunately, will most likely be the consequence of dealing with our high national debt. Plan on higher tax rates even if your income is lower in retirement than while you are working.

If you are fortunate to have any significant amount of money in a ROTH IRA or ROTH 401-k you are to be congratulated because you have neutralized the government on ever being taxed on that money

again. The problem is that most people either don't or can't get enough money into a ROTH type plan due to certain limitations. Most people have their retirement money in Pre-tax retirement plans (IRA's or 401-k's) which are just TAX DEFERRED plans. The government is waiting with great anticipation to tax that money when you take it out during retirement. And with the high probability that tax rates will be going up in the future the government will get a bigger share of those dollars. The tax amount will be 5 to 10 times more than the little saving you obtained when you were contributing to those plans when you were in a low bracket.

So, ROTH Conversions have become very popular for the well informed and people "in the know". People who are aware of the strategies that are preparing themselves to Maximize their Retirement Savings by minimizing their taxes.

The catch on ROTH Conversions is that when you convert your traditional IRA or 401-k you need to pay the taxes on the amount you convert. There are strategies people use called "Tax Bracket" management, meaning they convert certain amounts over several years to keep themselves in the same tax bracket they are currently in while they are still working. Or start converting right after they retire when their income is lower. So, they pay the taxes at a much lower rate today and thus reduce their tax burden by saving thousands of dollars over the long term.

The above is a very common strategy, however I have another strategy where we can get the taxes paid with "other people's money" (OPM). We have a method using a



Master Your Money

By Mike Corrigan



CASH Bonus Annuity where we can get the insurance company to pay some or all of the income taxes on funds that you convert from a Traditional IRA to a ROTH IRA.

By using a Fixed Indexed Annuity that has a cash bonus on your initial deposit it will allow you to use the bonus to pay the tax when you convert some of the funds in the annuity.

The strategy is doing Internal PARTIAL ROTH conversions over the course of a few years in a Fixed Index Annuity that has a cash bonus feature. Here is how it works. Let's say you have \$200,000 in a traditional IRA, and you want to convert \$50,000 of it to a ROTH IRA. By transferring the \$200,000 into Fixed Index Annuity IRA with a 7% bonus you would receive a \$14,000 cash bonus. If your tax bracket is 20%, and you converted \$50,000 of those funds you would be required to pay \$10,000 in taxes. So, you have the insurance company pay the \$10,000 in taxes from the \$14,000 bonus and your account value is still \$204,000. Brilliant Idea!

If you are familiar with Fixed Index Annuities (which I wrote about last month) you would be aware that they have options to link your interest earnings to your funds based on only the positive increase in one or more indexes. So, you can't lose your funds on deposit even in a down market. If the index is down from one year to the next your principle is protected, and you would just get 0% for that year. No loss.

One of the other unique features with Fixed Index Annuities is they have index options that have

multiplier participation rates (you need to learn about how these work). The way a multiplier works is whatever the growth is on the index you would then receive a multiple of

that growth. So, if your index growth from one year to the next is 10% and your multiplier was 150%, then your account would be credited with 15%.

You now can convert another \$50,000 in year 2 and use the growth on your account to pay the taxes. Then you just rinse and repeat each year you have positive growth on your account and continue to covert year after year. Pretty soon your ROTH account will have grown and be all tax free. Any growth or distributions from that account over time will never subject to taxation again.

This is a very efficient strategy to have your taxes paid by "other people's money" when you convert IRA or 401-k account to a ROTH, particularly if you are 55 to 68 years of age and have enough time before you actually need to take distributions to support your retirement lifestyle.

If you would like to evaluate to see if this is a good fit for you, please call or e-mail our office. I would be happy to send you information.

Mike Corrigan
Corrigan Financial Services, Inc.
708-215-5100 Mike@corriganfs.com

KITCHEN PARTY
CEILI RADIO
9pm Central WICR FM 88.7
www.wicronline.org
Monday 4pm Central on
WXTF 97.9 FM
in Harrisville, Michigan,
Fri. 6:30 am Central on
Blues & Roots Radio,
bluesandrootsradio.com



Celebrate Samhain With Kathy Cowan

The Veil is very thin between the worlds of fairy and mortal; the living and the dead; spirit and body; the sacred and the profane; magic and the mundane on the Celtic New Year. Come hear Kathy Cowan's Celebrate Samhain concert - eerie songs, poems and stories of fairies, ghosts, changlings and so much more with a fairy host of guest artists - at NEIU on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 730 pm in the Recital Hall at NEIU. Enter at 3701 W Bryn Mawr, or 3600 W Foster. Park in lot F, Fine Arts building on east side of the lot. Free and open to the public.



Nimble Thimbles Help Santa

For the fourth year in a row, the Nimble Thimbles sewing group is making Christmas stockings for overseas military personnel. They will be donated to





2025

Annual Group Cruise

Sailing March 2, 2025 for 7-nights on the NEW Celebrity Ascent

Ports of Call

- 📍 Ft. Lauderdale; St. Maarten; St. Thomas, Puerto Plata

Inclusions

- Unlimited Classic Beverage Package
- Wi-Fi
- One Night of a Specialty Restaurant Dinner
- All Gratuities

Price

Infinite Veranda \$1,879 per person

BOOK TODAY!
 708.974.1300
 GADABOUTTRAVEL@HOTMAIL.COM
 WWW.GADABOUTTRAVEL.COM




Operation Support Our Troops out of Naperville, Illinois. The stockings will be filled with small items, like personal needs and snacks. If you would like to join Nimble Thimbles and contribute with your time and skills, they meet Tuesday and/or Saturday mornings at the Center, for quilting, sewing, knitting, crochet, needlepoint and tatting. Call the Center at 773-282-7035, x10, and leave a message for Nimble Thimbles.



The Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago

SAVE THE DATE – DECEMBER 1, 2023 FOR THE IRISH FELLOWSHIP CLUB ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The Irish Fellowship Club will host the annual President's Christmas Luncheon on Friday, December 1 at the Chicago Hilton on Michigan Avenue. As President Bob Flood states, "The Christmas Luncheon is a wonderful opportunity for our members and guests to celebrate their Irish heritage and begin the Christmas season. I look forward to an afternoon of great fellowship!"

The Luncheon traditionally honors the outgoing President. Says Executive Director Kathy Taylor, "Bob Flood has been a wonderful President for the Irish Fellowship. It is our pleasure to recognize him for his years of dedication and service to the Club and Foundation." As all Irish Fellowship events, the Luncheon provides important funding for the IFC Foundation which makes grants to Catholic high schools in the Chicagoland area and Irish cultural organizations.

The Luncheon is the kick-off of the Christmas season in Chicago as the Irish Fellowship Club welcomes its members and guests for cocktails at 11:15am and luncheon at 12:15pm. The afternoon will continue with Irish and Christmas music in the Normandie Lounge. Tables of 10 will be \$1250 and individual tickets \$125. Reservations will be available on the Irish Fellowship Club website beginning October 15, www.irishfellowshipclub.com.



2023 Irish Fellowship Club President, Bob Flood

Wedding Traditions are Special



Whether carrying on a family tradition or starting a new one, celebrate your lasting love, eternal friendship and loyalty to each other



The Irish Cottage
Inn and Suites
Galena, Illinois

Outdoor Ceremonies * Unique Receptions
Rehearsal Dinners * Personalized Menus

theirishcottageboutiquehotel.com 815-776-0707

ACROSS

- 1. Caribbean music genre
- 4. Iconic one-named Irish singer
- 8. Marsh plant
- 13. Spigot
- 14. Patron saint of Norway
- 15. Ankle injury
- 16. "... ___ quit!" - 2 words
- 17. Arm bone
- 18. High King of Ireland, goes with 47 across- 3 words
- 19. Mrs. Marcos of the Philippines
- 21. Hawaiian feasts
- 23. Tree with pods
- 24. Without (French)
- 25. Suffix for percent
- 28. Graduation candidate
- 31. Without end
- 33. Secret meeting
- 35. Sagittarius and Virgo, e.g.
- 36. Mamma Mia singers
- 39. Bunsen burners' kin

- 42. Guitarist and founder of Led Zeppelin, Jimmy
- 43. "Million Dollar Baby" director, first name
- 45. Entertainment center component, 2 words
- 47. See 18 across
- 50. More inexplicable
- 53. Slalom maneuver
- 54. Truncheon
- 56. Did the math
- 58. African antelope
- 59. Sham
- 60. Truck
- 63. ___ and proper
- 65. Cows chew this
- 66. Angers
- 67. Kind of appetizer platter
- 68. Electrocardiograph, abbr.
- 69. Flagrant
- 70. Dollar bills
- 71. Bad grade

Sheila's Carpet Shampooing

SUPERIOR CARPET SOIL EXTRACTION, PLUS:

- * PET STAIN REMOVAL
- * PET ODOR REMOVAL
- * UPHOLSTERY CLEANING
- * ALLERGY TREATMENT
- * CARPET SANITIZING
- * CAR INTERIOR CLEANING
- * FLOOD WATER EXTRACTION
- * GREEN CLEANING UPON REQUEST
- * OTHER SPOT AND STAIN REMOVAL

EXPERT SERVICE, SPECIALIZED CARE

OVER 12 YEARS OF FLOOR CARE EXPERIENCE
847-636-2529 sheilapenny@comcast.net

The Kettle is Always on...

Let's talk Real Estate!

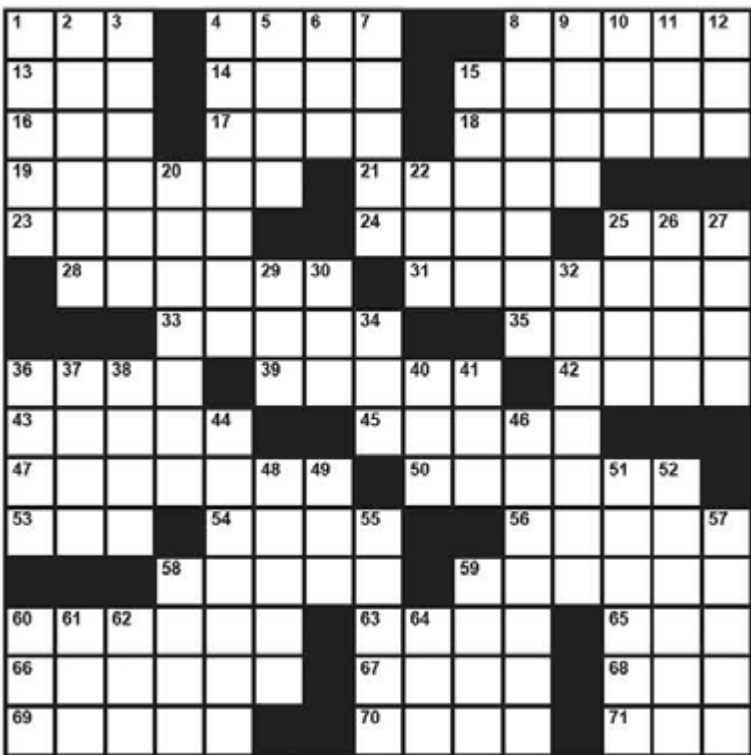
Eileen O'Grady Newell
773.406.2216

PARK RIDGE OFFICE

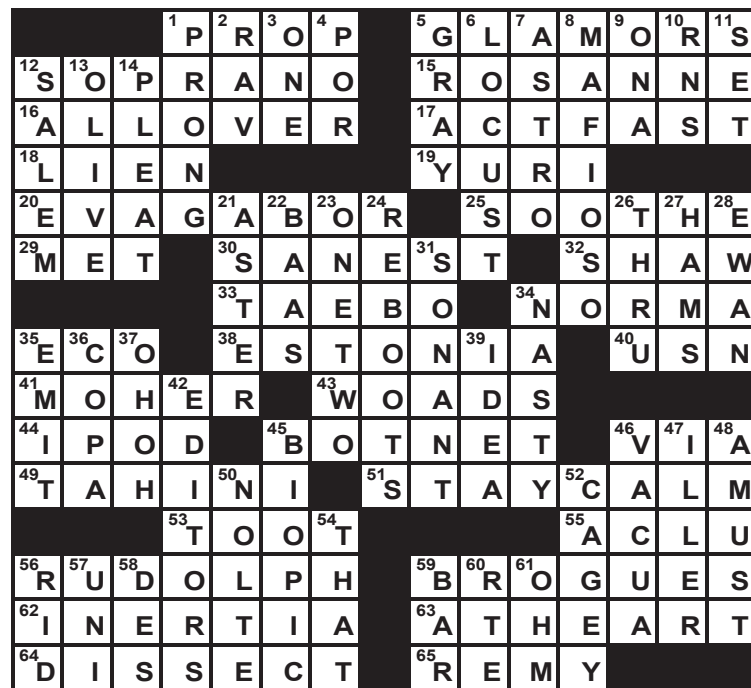
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HOMESERVICES | CHICAGO

DOWN

- 1. Stiff-upper-lip type
- 2. Destinies
- 3. Per person
- 4. Lady's bedroom
- 5. Mexican pot
- 6. Art photographer Goldin
- 7. Racecourses
- 8. Mr. and Mrs.
- 9. Slips
- 10. Farm mother
- 11. Angelina's title role in a 1998 biopic
- 12. Letter abbreviation
- 15. Skimpy
- 20. Tropical shrub
- 22. Emirates, for short
- 25. 'Young Frankenstein' woman
- 26. Singer k. d. ___
- 27. "... or ___!"
- 29. "... Como Va" (1971 Santana hit)
- 30. Letters after Q
- 32. Scary beach current
- 34. Letters that explode
- 36. Peak
- 37. Lesage hero Gil ___
- 38. Popular pens
- 40. Relative of blvd., abbr.
- 41. Compass point
- 44. Box-office buys
- 46. Dutch philosopher who wrote "The Praise of Folly"
- 48. Engine sounds
- 49. Kitchen measure, abbr.
- 51. Brought forth
- 52. Bring down
- 55. Mud bather
- 57. Duck
- 58. Arena shouts
- 59. Organ tube
- 60. Express love for
- 61. Repayment rate, abbr.
- 62. Active duty entertainers, in short
- 64. Vie for office



SEPTEMBER 2023 ANSWERS Crosswords by Myles Mellon



Gleeson Irish Trio

Good Times and Irish Music
*Festivals *Events *Weddings *Memorials
Call / Text (847) 567-7979
www.gleesonirishtrio.com

3 Outdoor Patios - 3 Special Events Rooms
Irish Cottage Room with Fireplace and Bar
Private Rooms - Parties to 300!

Your Host: Martin Lynch & Staff Welcome You to one of the BEST Irish Pub/Restaurants in Chicagoland! 708-485-8787
www.irishtimespub.com

GLOBAL IRISH RADIO - GIR.ie

TOM'S IRISH RADIO SHOW

Sponsors:
Athletex Sports and Orthopedic Physical Therapy
Erin Tuckpointing
Gaelic Park
Irish American Heritage Ctr
Maher Funeral Home
Mystic Rogue
O'Hara Hair Salon

LIVE STREAM
from Chicago

WEEKDAYS 2-3pm CST

Safety Net Hospital CEO and Godfather of Chicago's Mobile Healthcare Programs Adds To His Family... and This One is Pink!!

By **Nikia McGee**

On Chicago's far Southside, the person some call an "Unapologetic Irish American" is trading in his favorite green for "passion pink" this October to expand his mission-driven life.

Tim Egan (pictured), Chairman and Founder of the Chicago Irish Brotherhood, established in 1996, and President and CEO of The New Roseland Community Hospital since 2013, will unveil a Mobile Mammography Unit in October in an effort to combat the rising breast cancer morbidity rates for African-American women on the Southside of Chicago.

The New Roseland Community Hospital made local, national, and international headlines during the height of the COVID Pandemic due to Egan's dynamic leadership and the creation of the first drive-through and walk-up COVID testing programs on the Southside. Overcoming the tremendous obstacles of a lack of funding and staffing, the Safety Net Hospital was able to test over 80,000 people.

"We were the tip of the sword in the battle against COVID in the communities we lovingly serve," Egan said. "Now we are ready to bring the fight to breast cancer by creating one of the most aggressive and coordinated early detection and treatment programs in Chicago."

During his decade of service, Egan faced the challenge of inheriting \$35,000,000 in debt, a political stalemate that almost ceased funding to all hospitals in Illinois, a cyberattack, and an ever-changing healthcare funding landscape.

"Never give up is our mantra," Egan said. "Some Englishman had a version of that saying, but we've perfected it."

The New Roseland Community Hospital is a 134-bed Safety Net Hospital that was founded in 1924. Egan was tapped by then Illinois Governor Pat Quinn to restructure the debt-saddled hospital that was on the verge of closing in 2013.

"There will never be an easy day at a Safety Net Hospital," Egan said. "When the alarm clock goes off it's the sound of another round in a fight that will never end. You either believe in the mission or you simply will not last another round."

As a servant leader, Egan received the Neighborhood Hero Award from Roseland's most respected leader and CNN Hero, Diane Latiker, and her Kids Off The Block organization in June, 2023. Egan has also received the Far South Community Action Council Humanitarian Award (2018), Chicago State University's Leaders In Motion Award (2023) and during his time as Vice President at Norwegian American Hospital, was awarded the Youth Service Project Community

Service Award (2013).

It was at Norwegian American Hospital where Egan developed his passion for mobile medicine. "Standing with my mentor, Jesse White, so many years ago, we cut the ribbon on the Care-A-Van program in Humboldt Park and it changed my healthcare career," Egan said. "We knew we would alter the lives of many kids with what we achieved. This achievement created a feeling in my heart that there was so much



more to be done."

In 2014, as President and CEO of Roseland that "so much more" came rolling into the Southside in the form a full-service dental mobile with two operatories that has served thousands of kids, seniors, and veterans. "On the day of the dental van ribbon cutting Mr. White was standing by my side again," Egan said. "My four sons were there to see the unveiling of the dental van and I introduced the program as my fifth child."

This month, Egan leaked the news that his "sixth child" was on the way and this one would be pink. Grants awarded by the Washington Square Healthcare Foundation and the Michael Reese Research & Education Foundation (MRREF) have funded Fuji 3D mammography units for inside the hospital and on the newly created Mammo Mobile. "A life without passion is a slow way to freeze to death," Egan said. "If we can save one woman's life with a mammogram, that woman may turn around and make the difference in someone else's life. In my healthcare career and in my life, it's never about just helping one person. We make sacrifices and fight battles so we can help future generations."

Egan has steadfastly relied upon passion to power his mission in

life - service to others. He links that passion to his Irish heritage and longtime dedication to sports. After a 4-year college basketball career, Egan began a rugby journey that took him all over the world, including two tours across Ireland. Although he grew up on the West Side of Chicago and Cicero playing 16-inch softball during his summers away from basketball, rugby took him to Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Figi, France, Spain and New Zealand. Ireland, however, is where Egan's

parents and loved listening to their musical Irish brogues. They sang me songs, taught me poems and I learned some jokes and limericks that didn't please the nuns at Mary Queen of Heaven School."

Pride in his Irish roots led Egan to create the Chicago Irish Brotherhood and during its tenure, the organization has raised charitable funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance Youth Burn Camp, Father Flanagan's Boys Town, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls,

heart lies outside of the Southside of Chicago. While Egan has several titles including 2nd Ward Democratic Committee person, Roseland Medical District Commissioner and Commission Secretary, and Board member of the Old Town Merchants and Residents' Association, one title means the most: Father. Egan's sons' Wedge Donovan (20), Tadhg Liam (19) and twins Chance Connor (12) and Cormac Conran (12) are his life blood.

Wedge is a sophomore at University College Dublin making Egan's travels to Ireland more than cultural but paternal, and easier now that Egan obtained his Irish Citizenship in May of 2023.

Egan's maternal grandparents hailed from Leighlinbridge, County Carlow. His grandfather, Thomas Conran, was a member of the Irish Republican Army. Thomas' discharge orders are a family heirloom. His grandparents emigrated to Chicago through Canada and set up residence on Chicago's Westside. A framed picture of the 1933 Chicago Gaelic Athletic Association Champions featuring Egan's grandfather hangs above a fireplace in Egan's home.

"I loved Ireland before I ever knew where it was on a map," Egan said. "My parents both worked very hard to take care of our family. So, I spent a lot of time with my mother's

Misericordia and many other well deserving institutions.

Egan and the C.I.B. have hosted tours to Ireland and organized events in Chicago for the first female President of Ireland, Mary Robinson, as well as helping promote a docudrama about the 1916 Uprising: A Terrible Beauty. In September, Egan represented Irish Patriot Kieran Doherty at an event hosted at Chicago's Gaelic Park during the 42nd Anniversary 1981 Hunger Striker Remembrance.

Said Egan, "I am a student of Irish History. I am driven by my Grandfather's service and the sacrifices of Irish patriots throughout history. I get the chills every time I'm in Kilmainham walking into the 'yard' where the leaders of 1916 were executed."

The New Roseland Hospital will be hosting a fundraiser for the new Mammo Van on Thursday, October 26th at the Tinley Park Convention Center from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. For sponsorship and ticket information, please email nnglenn@roselandhospital.org.

"Irish hero Bobby Sands said; "Our revenge will be the laughter of our children", and I believe our Safety Net Hospital will help generations to come," Egan said. "I hope my children's children get to hear that laughter."

CHICAGO GAELIC PARK

Serving the social and cultural needs of the Irish community throughout Chicagoland

A Chairde - Greetings from Gaelic Park

When we created our pages for the September issue of this paper, we had no idea how Irish Fest 2023 would turn out. We had three years with no festival, and after 30+ years of successful Memorial Weekend festivals, we moved our event to August. I'm very pleased to say that Irish Fest 2023 exceeded expectations. Thank you!! Many thanks to all our brilliant entertainers, our valuable sponsors, our festival music/culture/theatre/logistics organizers, our wonderful volunteers, our engaged vendors, our diligent security team, and our devoted staff. And a special thanks to all of you who came out and had a great time. Your enthusiasm was infectious, and it inspired all of us who were involved in presenting the festival. For those of you who couldn't join us for Irish Fest 2023, I encourage you to check out the videos and photos on social media, and speak to your friends that did attend.

On a personal note, it hasn't been long, but I already miss Mary Riordan. Mary was an officer on our board for over 30 years, an Irish radio legend, a key county association volunteer, and a wonderful friend to so many of us. I join my fellow board members and our staff in remembering Mary and the legacy she left behind, and send best wishes to her husband Matt and all of Mary's family and friends.

Is mise le meas,
Bill O'Sullivan



Upcoming Events

Visit chicagogaelpark.com and follow us on social media for more information on upcoming events.

- October 1st - GAELIC PARK BOOK CLUB
- October 4th - MONTHLY MUSICAL LUNCHEON
- October 5th - MAGGIE SPEAKS
- October 11th - THE GOLDEN GAELICS
IRISH COMMUNITY SERVICES' GATHERING
- October 18th - IRISH COUNTRY JIVE LESSONS BEGIN
- October 27th - FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY
- October 27th - MYLES MCVEIGH & THE HOYLE BROTHERS BARN DANCE

Chicago Gaelic Park
6119 W. 147th St. Oak Forest, IL (708)687-9323

The Carraig Beer Garden Live Music

No cover charge! Visit carraigirishpub.com for more up to date information.

- October 5th - JIMMY KEANE & FRIENDS - IRISH TRAD MUSIC SESSION
- October 6th - RAY GAVIN
- October 7th - THREE MEN IN KILTS
- October 13th - LIAM DURKIN
- October 14th - WHISKEY & HARMONY
- October 19th - JIMMY KEANE & FRIENDS - IRISH TRAD MUSSIC SESSION
- October 20th - BERNIE GLIM
- October 21st - KIERAN BYRNE
- October 27th - GERRY HAUGHEY



Aly and Jack by Holmes Photo and Film

Get Married at Gaelic Park

Our property offers many excellent locations for indoor and outdoor wedding ceremonies and celebrations. We have beautiful surroundings for portraits with your new spouse and photos with your nearest and dearest!

End the best day ever dancing the night away on the dance floor or stopping in The Carraig for your afterparty!



Interested in having your perfect day at Chicago Gaelic Park?
Email banquet@chicagogaelpark.org or call (708)860-3023 to inquire.

WIN A CHICAGO HOME RAFFLE

Support Gaelic Park Charities

We hope to ensure future generations can share in Ireland's cultural heritage at Chicago Gaelic Park, including its national games—through an upgrade of the sports fields and adjacent parking facilities—while also strengthening other charitable endeavors.

Our annual Super Fundraiser is on hiatus in 2023, so we hope you will support this special Raffle!



GAELIC PARK CHARITIES WIN A CHICAGO HOME RAFFLE

6119 W. 147th St., Oak Forest, Illinois 60452 (708) 687-9323

Drawing: March 24, 2024 Winner need not be present
Donation: \$100.00 per ticket



10430 S. Saugher Avenue - Chicago, Illinois 60655

ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN:

A NEW CONSTRUCTION,
SINGLE-FAMILY HOME IN THE
MOUNT GREENWOOD
NEIGHBORHOOD OF CHICAGO
(\$650,000.00 EST. VALUE)

OR

\$450,000.00

Ticket purchase benefits Gaelic Park Charities, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit, and constitutes acceptance of the Raffle's Terms & Conditions found at chicagogaelparkhouseraffle.com. Either prize selected by the winner subject to all taxes and fees.



Cut out this raffle ticket and mail it in for your chance to win!

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

CHICAGO GAELIC PARK

Serving the social and cultural needs of the Irish community throughout Chicagoland

Planned Giving Seminar

The Irish immigrant story of poverty, lack of opportunity, forced emigration has been well documented and for most emigrants to the great United States of America, the story has a happy ending. Irish men and women have been coming to America since the founding of this country, the Irish emigrant assimilated very well and they have become leaders in all areas of life. It is a challenge for all emigrants to hold onto their national music, dance, national games and every aspect of their heritage while immersing themselves in the potpourri of American culture.

In the late 1970s, many men and women were very passionate about preserving our games and culture, they were tired of renting park district fields and renting rooms for dances and meetings in different locations. Those men and women inspired others and together they purchased 9 acres in Oak Forest and constructed a hall and a playing field with voluntary labor. Many Irish men and women are rightfully proud of the Gaelic Park they have created, it is now a beautiful sprawling 55 acre complex with spaces for all men, women and children to celebrate their heritage. Most Irish Americans in Chicagoland will have a photo of a wedding, banquet, a birthday party, a meeting, a game of football, hurling or a Festival in their home. We are passionate about ensuring that the generations to come will have the same opportunity to meet people of Irish Heritage.

Recently, a current member and past director approached the Gaelic Park Executive Board with a commitment that Chicago Gaelic Park is a part of his family's estate and frankly it inspired us to believe that there may be other men and women with a lifetime of happy memories and association with Gaelic Park or who believe in our mission of preserving our games, music, dance and drama who could benefit from such a relationship.

Gaelic Park is hosting an educational seminar on **Thursday, November 16th at 11am** with three speakers with knowledge and experience in planned giving. Lunch will be served to registered attendees after the planned 45 minute presentation. There will be no selling or solicitations at this seminar which is designed to be educational. You can pre register by clicking the link at chicagogaelpark.com or by calling the front office at 708-687-9323. The planned speakers are Paddy Homan, Eileen Kerlin Walsh and Ed Hagerty, who are all well known in the Irish Community and are experienced in all matters pertaining to planned giving.



Photo by Maure Black Photography



Dan McSweeney



Dan McSweeney



Dan McSweeney

UPCOMING CONCERTS & EVENTS



Maggie Speaks
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH



**Myles McVeigh and
The Hoyle Brothers**
Barn Dance + Costume Party
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH



Libido Funk Circus
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH



Murder Mystery Dinner
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH



One of These Nights
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD



**A Very Very Cassie
and Maggie Christmas**
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD



Celtic Angels Christmas
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS

We have an unbelievable concert lineup this fall and winter. Visit our website for more information about each artist and to purchase tickets! You can also call us at (708)687-9323 to purchase tickets.



IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER

4626 N. Knox Ave.
Chicago, IL 60630
773-282-7035 x10
irish-american.org   

Enjoy a show - or more than one - at the Irish American Heritage Center!
GO TO IRISH-AMERICAN.ORG FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION.

IAHC members always save money on tickets! Call 773-282-7035, extension 10 for the member discount code.
Prices do not include Eventbrite fees.



THE JEREMIAHS

OCTOBER 28 | 7:00PM

Welcome The Jeremiahs on their first visit to the Irish American Heritage Center. The Jeremiahs combine traditional and contemporary sounds to create their own brand of Urban Folk music.

Tickets are \$20 for IAHC members | General Admission \$25.

LOS SAN PATRICIOS: THE IRISH SOLDIERS OF MEXICO

NOVEMBER 17 | 7:00PM

Los San Patricios: The Irish Soldiers of Mexico is back for another triumphant performance in the Mayfair Theatre at the Irish American Heritage Center! Join Sones de Mexico and the Irish Music School of Chicago for a celebration of the St. Patrick's Brigade and their place in history set to music!

Tickets are \$30 for IAHC members | General Admission \$35.

SAVE THE DATE! ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2024 WITH THE SCREAMING ORPHANS!

MARCH 17 | 7:00PM

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with this unbelievable show! Chicago favorites The Screaming Orphans will be in the Mayfair Theatre at the Irish American Heritage Center on Sunday, March 17th! Don't miss the opportunity to see these superstars! The pub will be open and the craic will be on!

DISCOUNTED TICKETS \$25 BEFORE DECEMBER 1ST with promo code ORPHANSPRE | \$35 after December 1.



QUILT RAFFLE *It's the perfect Christmas gift for someone special!*



2023's exquisite work of art "Diamonds in the Rough" is ready for the annual raffle. Don't miss your chance to win this beautiful 82" square, all-cotton, washable quilt. No need to look for them in person at the IAHC. You can purchase your tickets right here!

This beautiful quilt was custom-quilted, block by block. A quilt like this, hand-made by our very own Nimble Thimbles, would cost at least \$500 if purchased outright!

The drawing is on December 4th.

Cut this order form out and check the box that shows how many tickets you would like:

2 tickets \$10 3 tickets \$15 5 tickets \$20

Total number of tickets purchased: _____

Checks payable to the IAHC and mail to:
4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, IL 60630
Or visit irish-american.org, to purchase tickets or donate online

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Members and Friends of the Irish American Heritage Center,

Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered at our Halfway to St. Patrick's Festival and annual golf outing fundraisers in September.

As we enter the Fall season, please plan to visit the Center and enjoy the variety of classes and events that we host here.

The Jeremiahs take the stage on October 28th at 7:00 PM. They have won numerous awards including Album of the Year and Best Male Vocalist by LiveIreland for their second Album, "The Femme Fatale of Maine." The band continues the tradition of great songs and great tunes that harken to an older time, but sound thoroughly modern. The band's tour is supported by Culture Ireland, which helps bring the best of Irish culture to the world and to our Center! Larry Groce, host of NPR Music's "Mountain Stage" wrote, "Great songs, poignant, emotional vocals, masterful guitar and fiddle/flute conversations that work like fine embroidery – no wonder critics love them. You will too!"

I want to introduce you to a new member of our team, Lauren McTigue Nerad, our new Volunteer coordinator. As many of you know, volunteers are the cornerstone of our center. They purchased the building and spent countless hours making it into a uniquely beautiful Irish cultural center. As I introduced visitors from Ireland or other parts of the US to our center, they are consistently amazed at this place, which is a gift from these founders and volunteers to future generations. We need new volunteers to keep the Irish American Heritage Center thriving and growing. Next year, our building will be 100 years old. Unsurprisingly, we have many needs for capital improvement and maintenance. In addition to our building needs, volunteers are also critical to the success of our events. Finally, volunteers are the heart of the center and make it a fun place to be! Please reach out to Lauren at volunteers@irishahc.org if you or your company is interested in volunteering so that she can help match your talents and time to the needs of our center.

Best Regards,

Tom Chambers

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE OUR 2nd annual halfway to st. patrick's day celebration A SUCCESS! SEE YOU IN SIX MONTHS!



IRELAND 2024 RAFFLE

Aer Lingus

Thinking of booking that trip to Ireland? Planning to head home in 2024? The Irish American Heritage Center and Aer Lingus want to help you get there! Enter the "Ireland 2024 Raffle" to benefit the IAHC and your chance to win **2 Round Trip Tickets on Aer Lingus to Dublin, Ireland.**

Winner picked on Oíche Nollaig na mBan on January 6, 2024. For tickets, fill out this form and mail it, along your check or visit www.irish-american.org to purchase tickets online.

**THE RAFFLE CLOSSES JANUARY 6, 2024
BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS NOW!**

_____ Single ticket \$20 each Total amount enclosed:

_____ 3 tickets \$50 bundle

Checks payable to the IAHC and mail to:
4626 N. Knox Ave., Chicago, IL 60630
Or visit irish-american.org, to purchase tickets or donate online

Payments by credit card Visa MC Discover

NAME ON CARD

ACCOUNT #

EXP DATE

SIGNATURE

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL

**Irish American
Heritage Center**

4626 N. Knox Ave. | Chicago, IL 60630
773-282-7035 x10 | irish-american.org



Reflections Through Time

Over the years I have written entries in Diaries of stuff that comes into my head, and also what I see and observe as I walk around the wonderful Connemara landscape. The following are a few of these entries, and I hope you enjoy them.

24th May 2015

I put out some oatmeal flakes in the back garden for the birds. A male blackbird came along and started to eat. Some smaller birds, mostly sparrows and finches, flew in and began to eat also. After the blackbird has eaten some of the flakes, he flew off. The blackbird could have eaten all of the flakes and leave nothing for the smaller birds. But he didn't, he only ate what he needed. No more. The frog does not drink all the water in the pond in which he lives.

1st June 2015

It was a very windy and stormy day, coming back from a walk with our Golden Retriever, Alfie. There were sheep and lambs in a field at the end of the breen. Most of them were getting lashed by the incessant wind and rain that is so prevalent in these Western

lands. I noticed that one little lamb had moved away from the rest and taken shelter under a ledge near a holly tree. Why did this particular lamb do that, and not the others? In life, we have Innovators who think differently to the rest of us. Not everybody can innovate, but those that can have the gift to implement great changes for our civilization.

23rd July 2015

When Tommy from Inverin was painting the house a few years ago, a neighbour's dog called Sheeba wandered into the garden. Sheeba was a border collie and a frequent visitor to the house. I threw a small stone into the adjoining field for Sheeba to retrieve. The grass at this time of the year was quite high in the field and she spent a long time searching. She was unsuccessful on this occasion, but did not come back empty-handed. She brought me back a stick instead of the stone! It taught me a little lesson that I used afterwards in my consultancy business. There is wisdom for us here. If the customer doesn't have an interest in what you are selling them, try offering them something else. Never give up.

8th August 2015

One Saturday afternoon we were in the Hodson Bay Hotel in Athlone to celebrate Fr. Sean Cunneys 60th year in the priesthood. When the meal was over, his brother Ab stood up to say a few words and started off with the following anecdote...

It was an afternoon in the heady days of the Roman Empire. The Coliseum was packed, the Emperor was in attendance, and the Christian slave was about to be thrown to the lions. The lion came out of the pen to devour the slave, came close to him, but then backed away with his tail between his legs. A bigger lion was then rolled out and the same thing happened, he backed away. Finally, a ferocious lion who had been

starved for over a week bounded out, but as he got near to the slave, he backed off sheepishly



again like the other two lions. When it happened, for the third time, the Emperor had no choice but to set the man free. As the slave started to walk to freedom, a Standard Bearer who had been in attendance for the duration of the extraordinary event noticed that the slave had whispered something to each of the lions.

'What did you say to them?' inquired the Standard Bearer.

'Very simple, said the Christian slave. I told them if they eat me, they are going to have to make an after dinner speech' Works every time.

'Until you value yourself, you won't value your time. Until you value your time, you will not do anything with it' - M. Scott Peck.

Naperville Irish Fest's New Location a Big Success

Now in its third year, Naperville Irish Fest once again brought the spirit of Ireland to the heart of the western suburbs of Chicago. With a lineup that blended traditional and contemporary

Center, a facility designed to house and showcase the Naperville Municipal Band, and the lush, tree-covered surroundings created an enchanting setting, immersing attendees in the essence of Irish

O'Dowd, Naperville Irish Fest Co-chair. "In the philanthropic spirit of the West Suburban Irish, some of the proceeds from the Fest will be donated to local charitable organizations, further helping our community."

The festival's grand commencement was marked by an opening ceremony graced by Pádraig Manning, Vice Consul, Consulate General of Ireland in Chicago; Naperville Mayor Scott Wehrli, members of the Naperville City Council, and representatives from the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce. The Firefighters Highland Guard of Naperville, a staple at the Naperville St. Patrick's Day Parade, kicked off the ceremonial gathering and helped set the tone for the weekend's festivities. Notably, Terry O'Dowd was named the 2023 Naperville Irish Fest Grand Marshal.



Naperville Mayor Scott Wehrli; Marjorie O'Dowd, Fest Co-chair; Finnegan Ginalski; Terry O'Dowd, Fest co-chair; Tim Johnson, St. Patrick



Opening Ceremonies: Pádraig Manning, Vice Consul, Consulate General of Ireland in Chicago; Marjorie O'Dowd, Fest Co-chair; Terry O'Dowd, Fest co-chair; Naperville Mayor Scott Wehrli; Tim Johnson; Finnegan Ginalski

Irish music, captivating dance performances, and an intimate atmosphere, the family-friendly festival proved to be an exceptional cultural experience for all attendees.

The two-day celebration of Irish culture took place September 22-23 in the picturesque Central Park, nestled in the heart of Naperville's vibrant downtown. After two years at the Frontier Sports Complex in south Naperville, the Naperville Irish Fest's new location in Central Park was a strategic move that added to its charm. The Naperville Community Concert

traditions. The convenience of downtown shopping and dining, and easy access via the BNSF train, sealed the deal on the new location and helped to drive more than 2,500 attendees over two days.

The brainchild of Terry and Marjorie O'Dowd, together, the O'Dowds have served as Naperville Irish Fest's co-chairs since its inception.

"In its third year, Naperville Irish Fest not only continued to celebrate the rich tapestry of Irish culture, but also nurtured a sense of togetherness and cultural exchange within the community," said Terry

Naperville Irish Fest featured several local Irish and Celtic musical acts, including The Joyce Boys, The Boils, The Chicago Irish Band, Small Batch, The Chancers, Dirty Wellies, Whiskey Mick, and Larkin and Moran Brothers. Three area Irish dance schools (Bentley Academy of Irish Dance, McNulty School of Irish, and Hogan Irish Dance Academy) performed. The Fest also featured Emeralds GAA Ladies Gaelic Football hurling demos and two whiskey tastings at Quigley's Irish Pub, which is adjacent to the festival grounds.

GERRY HAUGHEY MUSIC

Vocalist / Guitar
Mandoline / Banjo

Happy to Play at Private Parties of All Kinds!

Celtic Rock
Rock & Roll
Country
Irish

Facebook Gerry Haughey
cell 630-364-8613

GERRYHAUGHEYMUSIC@GMAIL.COM

FREE BOOK
Will You Be a Burden to Your Children?

If you Live a Long Life You Likely Will Need Care!
Children do NOT want to Take Care of Their Parents BUT
They will Because it's the Right Thing to DO!
Is That What You Want?

Avoid the Unintended Consequences of having your Children Put their lives on hold to take care of you!

Learn about Long-Term Care Insurance Solution

- Establish a Plan for Tax Free Money for Long-Term Care
- Leveraging Your IRA and Other Assets for Long-Term Care
- How to Make \$1 be Worth \$3 Dollars to pay for Care - Tax Free!
- How to Legally Protect Your Assets

Get a Free Copy of this Valuable Book
Call for a Free Consultation
708-215-5100
Mike@corriganfs.com
Mike Corrigan

Counties of Ireland

by Tom Butler



Leaves are falling, Autumn is calling it's that time of year again where we need to get the candy ready. As most of you know us Irish invented Halloween about 2,000 years ago! Halloween is fun, tasty and the ritual of holidays keeps us together.

This month it's Co. Cavan. I worked over 50 years ago with a man from Cavan, we worked in Kilkenny. His name was John O'Reilly, he told me stories about how his family grew flax on their farm. I don't think today flax is as prominent in Ireland as it was years ago. The population of Cavan is just over 80,000, very similar to Bloomington or Cicero, IL. It is in the province of Ulster. Cavan means the hollow and its nickname is Breffni. Co.

Cavan is unique in that it is the only town established by a native Irish family, The O'Reilly's, meaning not by the Vikings or the Normans.

I heard once that if heaven existed on Earth, it would be in Cavan. As you know I'm from Kilkenny so I might think differently. Some might say the Bahamas or Switzerland you could discuss this all day.

The county is characterized by drumlin countryside scattered with many lakes & hills. Cavan is the source of many rivers. Shannon Pot on the slopes of Cuilcagh is the source of the River Shannon. Cavan is a lake land County and meant to contain 365 lakes. (one for each day of the year) Some famous rivers in Ireland include: Shannon,

Foyle, Boyne, Erne, Moy, Liffey, Slaney, Lee and the three sister rivers are Nore (Kilkenny), Barrow and Suir.

A notable person from Cavan was Archbishop of Dublin John McQuaid. Canan's GAA colors are blue and white. If you like music, there is a famous song called, Cavan girl.

I will end with this story, "Don't Envy Others."

Two tigers - one was in a cage, and the other in the wilderness. Both thought that that its own plight was bad, and each admired the other's situation and finally decided to swap positions. Not long after, both tigers died, one of hunger, and another died of loneliness.

Morale of the story: We are often not satisfied with our own situation, and envy others when other people are actually envious of your situation.

If you have any questions or if you're from Cavan, please give me a call at (708) 425-7021

For the young festivalgoers, there was an array of children's activities, including a bounce house and playground, face painting, wood-working crafts courtesy of Home Depot, shamrock crafts, traditional Irish storytelling, and a kids' parade around the festival grounds. Fest attendees could also take a stroll through the Irish Village to explore a variety of Irish offerings.

"It was important that the Naperville Irish Fest promote Irish heritage and culture to remind people about where they came from, said Marjorie O'Dowd, Naperville Irish Fest Co-chair. "We worked hard to ensure that Naperville Irish Fest would not only in be entertaining, but would also educate visitors about the rich heritage of Ireland."

West Suburban Irish (www.WSIrish.org) is a nonprofit organization that's dedicated to bringing the rich Irish culture and tradition to thousands of people in the Western suburbs of Chicago through parades, charitable giving, and cultural events.

SERVING CHICAGOLAND FOR OVER 30 YEARS!



UNFORGETTABLE EDIBLES Catering
Certified Women - Owned Business

UECATERING.COM | 773-774-4001

Quality Shamrock TUCKPOINTING

- ◆ Caulking
- ◆ All Brick Repairs
- ◆ Chimney Repairs
- ◆ Fully Licensed & Insured

OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE

CALL JOHN GALLAGHER FOR A FREE ESTIMATE

PHONE: 708.388.2871 FAX: 708.388.2872

A family tradition of Irish Radio in Chicago Since 1953
Jack, Denise, and Ed Hagerty Host



THE HAGERTY IRISH HOUR

9 am - 11am Saturdays WEUR 1490 AM
www.IrishHour.com

Professional Quality Penny Whistles



BURKE WHISTLES

www.burkewhistles.com



Hibernian Radio with Mike Houlihan can be attended live Weds, 7pm at the Beacon Pub, 101 Circle Ave, Forest Park

Hibernian Radio Police Pub Tour! Recording Live at The Beacon Pub

101 Circle Ave in Forest Park



Every Wednesday night 7pm Start Dedicated to Irish First Responders
WE BACK THE BLUE!

HIBERNIANRADIO.ORG

Hibernian Radio hosted by Mike 'Houli'"Houlihan Broadcast Sat nights 7-8pm on Global Irish Radio, GIR.ie Podcasts at hibernianradio.org Irish cops, Firefighters, Paramedics, music, news, obits, comedy, houli-town, life!

Presented by Madden Funds, Flood Brothers, Fox's Pizza, Local 150 Operating Engineers, Sheehy Funeral Home, Emerald Society, The Beacon Pub, and Irish American News!

Mullen's Applesauce™



It's Like Apple Pie Without The Crust!®

Meet Jim Mullen, the man behind the sauce

My name is Jim Mullen and I am a disabled Chicago Police Officer. My extra thick and chunky applesauce is re-created from my mother's recipe. It tastes like apple pie without the crust. I believe it is the best tasting apple sauce on the market today and everyone who tries it tells me the same thing! Order some and see for yourself how delicious it is. Please note that a portion of the profits from Mullen Foods is donated to a veteran's or first responder's charity. Visit our website at Mullenfoods.com.



Mullen's Applesauce is available at these fine retailers



Like Apple Pie Without the Crust!® | Crafted in Small Batches | All Natural - 100% Apple | No Added Water - No Preservatives | 18 Month Shelf Life | Kosher Certified | Gluten Free | Extra Thick and Chunky
ALSO AT: BUTERA, ANGELO CAPUTO'S, C & R SUPERMARKETS, FOOD LION, HOLIDAY MARKET, JOSEPH'S CLASSIC MARKET, PETE'S MARKET, AND WALT'S FOOD CENTER



It is the month of Halloween, and things are still pretty dark here in Hollywood.

Almost all movies and television shows are still not filming, save for the ones that have waivers or are not included in the strike, such as reality television and soap operas. The Drew Barrymore Show seemed to ignore all that however, and started filming again recently, but we will have to see what effect that has (if any).

There may be some light at the end of the tunnel, as the studios are about to go back to the negotiating table with SAG-AFTRA, the actors' union, but I think it will be a while before everything is resolved, and the WGA (the writers) come to an agreement. No matter what happens, make no mistake: AI is not going away.

There are still plenty of opportunity to see Irish stars on the big screen however.

There's Cillian Murphy still smashing box office records in *Oppenheimer*, while more recently you can see Belfast-born Kenneth Branagh directing (and playing Hercule Poirot) alongside County Down's Jamie Dornan in *A Haunting in Venice*, which is an adaptation of a short story by Agatha Christie.

The always-working Ballymena hardman Liam Neeson is on screens and streaming in his latest actioner *Retribution*, and if you are sharp-eyed you can catch Galway's own Nicola Coughlan from "Derry Girls" in the opening minutes of monster hit *Barbie*, playing one of the many Barbies.

Talking of "Derry Girls," its creator Lisa McGee has had a new eight-part series commissioned for Channel 4. Titled "How to Get to Heaven From Belfast," the comedy-thriller will follow three women - Saoirse, Robyn, and Dara - who meet up at the wake of an old friend and soon "find themselves embroiled in a dark and twisted mystery" that will take them to

the mythic wildness of rural Donegal and right across Ireland as they attempt to solve a puzzle.

McGee said she "cannot wait to share these flawed funny women with everyone," but there's no word yet on shooting dates, nor who will be cast in the lead roles.

Elsewhere, despite American talent not being allowed to promote their movies due to the strike, film festivals are happening around the world at the moment, and West Belfast actress Geraldine Hughes recently premiered her latest work at the Venice International Film Festival in Italy.

"It's been a real dream come true," said the Divis woman, one of the producers of *In The Land of Saints and Sinners*, which stars Irish talent including Neeson, Ciarán Hinds, Jack Gleeson and Kerry Condon, who is back on the big screen after winning critical acclaim for her role in *The Banshees of Inisherin* last year.

Directed by Robert Lorenz and written by Mark Michael McNally and Terry Loane, the movie is set against the backdrop of "The Troubles" in 1974, and was filmed mostly in County Donegal and Dublin. Neeson plays the role of a newly-retired assassin who has, of course, been drawn into a deadly game of cat and mouse. It is due to be released in the fall.

This month also sees the BFI London Film Festival in England, where *That They May Face The Rising Sun* will receive its World Premiere as part of the Journey strand.



Imogen Poots

Adapted from John McGahern's final novel, *That They May Face The Rising Sun* follows Joe (Barry Ward) and Kate Rutledge (Anna Bederke), who have returned from London to live and work in the rural community near

where Joe grew up and find themselves mixed up in the life, loves and drama of the passing seasons.

Written by Éamon Little and Pat Collins, the film is produced by Tina O'Reilly for South Wind Blows and Brendan J. Byrne for Cyprus Avenue Films.

Also receiving its European premiere at London is *Baltimore*, a psychological thriller based around an actual armed raid in 1974, in which 19 masterpieces of art were stolen from one of Ireland's great houses - Russborough in Co. Wicklow.

The raid was masterminded by English Heiress Rose Dugdale in her efforts to

support the IRA, and the story follows her journey from privileged aristocrat to committed rebel, playing out over two days when she is hiding in a remote cottage with her two accomplices.

It is written and directed by Joe Lawlor and Christine Molloy, who noted that:

"(Baltimore's story) started to exert a powerful draw on us in how it embodied larger ideas to do with class, social inequality, and radicalization, as well as questions about identity, who we are, and how we find a place to belong."

Seniors: A Chance to Meet One Another at IAHC

If you are a senior, on the second Saturday of each month, you're invited to our Saturday Socials at the Irish American Heritage Center (4626 N Knox Avenue, Chicago, IL 60630).

Maybe you're stopping by the gift shop to pick up some tea and sausage, maybe you're dropping off a family member at a cultural class, or maybe you've been looking for an excuse to come to the IAHC to connect with other community members. Whatever brings you to the Center, stop by and have a cup of tea and a chat while you're here!

The kettle will be brewing on the first floor between 11am and 1pm! We're looking forward to seeing you there!

SAT, October 14, SAT, November 11, and SAT December 16.

Published 12 Times Yearly the First of Each Month

SUBSCRIBE TO: IRISH AMERICAN NEWS

IRISHAMERICANNEWS.COM
IAN
312-498-1337

REGULAR DELIVERY: check the appropriate box
 1 year \$35 or 2 year \$55 3 year \$75

OUTSIDE USA MAIL: check the appropriate box
 Canada 1yr \$45 2yr \$70 International: 1yr \$85

I Want To Subscribe For Myself
 Starting the Month of Jan_ Feb_ Mar_ Apr_ May_ Jun_ July_ Aug_ Sep_ Oct_ Nov_ Dec_

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ email _____

Card # _____ Expires _____ cvc# _____

I Want a GIFT Subscription for a Friend - starting the month of: Jan_ Feb_ Mar_ Apr_ May_ Jun_ Jul_ Aug_ Sep_ Oct_ Nov_ Dec_ (Please fill in your name and phone # above as well as who you want your gift to go to below)

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ email _____

Send Check or Credit Card info to: Irish News Inc. PO Box 7, Zion IL 60099 or call 312-498-1337

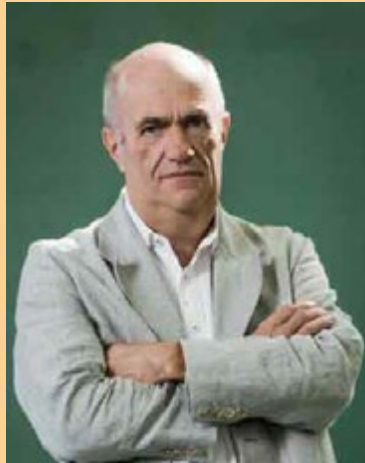
Keep the news coming subscribe today! Enjoy the convenience of delivery. Order safely online at irishamericannews.com paypal button right hand side of page takes most credit cards

Irish Books, Arts, and Music Celebration!

Saturday November 18 **iBAM! GALA AWARDS DINNER** Honoring the best in Irish Culture and Heritage!

Colm Toibín was born on 30 May 1955. He is an Irish novelist, and short story writer, essayist, journalist, critic, playwright and poet.

Colm's first novel, *The South*, was published in 1990. The *Blackwater Lightship* was shortlisted for the Booker Prize. *The Master* (a fictionalized version of the inner life of Henry James)



Colm Toibín, Literature

was also shortlisted for the Booker Prize and won the 2006 International Dublin Literary Award, securing for Toibín a

bounty of thousands of euro as it is one of the richest literary awards in the world.

His fellow artists elected him to Aosdána and he won the biennial "UK and Ireland Nobel" David Cohen Prize in 2021.

He also succeeded Martin Amis as professor of creative writing at the University of Manchester. He was appointed Chancellor of the University of Liverpool in 2017.

Our iBAM! Person of the Year has led a varied and interesting life.

She was born in 1944, became a nun for 6 years, and then went on to write for Saturday Night Live!

As an author and filmmaker, Mary Pat Kelly has told various stories connected to Ireland. Her best-selling novel *Galway Bay* (2009), called *Pure Magic* by Frank McCourt, is based on the history of her Irish-American family. Of *Irish Blood* (2015) continues the saga. *Irish Above All*, the story of the rise of Ed Kelly to Mayor of Chicago (1933-1947) and power nationally. She produced and directed award-winning PBS documentaries: *To Live for Ireland* (1986) a portrait of Nobel Peace Prize winner John Hume and the political party he led; *Home Away from Home: The Yanks in Ireland* (1992), a history of U.S. forces in N. Ireland during World War II with an accompanying book;



Dr. Mary Pat Kelly Person of the Year

and *Proudly We Served: The Men of the USS Mason* (1995), a portrayal of the only African-American sailors to take a World War II warship into combat, whose first foreign port was Belfast which won the CINE Golden Eagle.

Her book of the same title was published by Naval Institute Press in 1995. She wrote and directed the dramatic feature film *Proud* (2004), starring Ossie Davis in his last film role and Oscar

nominee Stephen Rea, based on the USS Mason story. The film was selected by Tribeca and many other film festivals.

She wrote *Martin Scorsese: The First Decade* (1978) and *Martin Scorsese: A Journey* (1990); *Good to Go: The Rescue of Scott O'Grady from Bosnia* (1996); and a novel, *Special Intentions* (1997) based on her experiences as a nun on the West Side of Chicago. She is a frequent contributor to *Irish America Magazine* and has twice been named one of the Top 100 Irish Americans and one of the Top 100 Global Irish.

Mary Pat worked in Hollywood as a screenwriter for Paramount and Columbia Pictures and in NYC as an associate producer with *Good Morning America* (1976) and *Saturday Night Live* (1980-82). She wrote the book and lyrics for the musical *Abby Cadabby*.

Born and raised in Chicago, she lives on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her husband, app developer Martin Sheerin from County Tyrone.



Eileen Dunne, Journalism

Eileen Dunne (born 28 April 1958 in Dublin) is a respected and recently retired Irish journalist, newsreader and presenter for Raidió Teilifís Éireann (RTÉ), Ireland's national radio and television station, where she presented the main TV news programs *Six One News*, *Nine O'Clock News* and *One O'Clock News* including all other news bulletins on both radio and television from 1980 to 2022.

She was the co-anchor with Sharon Ní Bheoláin of RTÉ's flagship *Nine O'Clock News* and presented afternoon bulletins for RTÉ Radio 1.[1]

Dunne regularly featured on RTÉ coverage of major state occasions. In 2016, she was co-anchor with Bryan Dobson for the official state commemoration of the centenary of the 1916 Rising.

She is married to the actor Macdara Ó Fátharta with one son, Cormac.



Jimmy Keane, Music

Jimmy Keane was born to Irish-speaking parents from Connemara and Kerry. His father Jimmy Keane was an old style sean-nós singer.

Playing the piano accordion, he won five consecutive All-Ireland titles. In the 1970s, he started his professional career with fellow All-Ireland fiddle champion Liz Carroll and the duo was named All-Ireland Senior Duet Champion in 1975.

In the 1980s, Robbie O'Connell and Mick Moloney releasing the first recording of the iconic Irish song "There Were Roses" penned by Irish folk singer-songwriter Tommy Sands.

In the '80s, Keane collaborated with guitar great Dennis Cahill, and founded the group Bohola with Pat Broaders and Seán Cleland. Keane won "Male Musician of the Year" (2010), and "Male Musician of the Decade" by Live Ireland & *Irish American News* (2011).

Róisín O'Farrell has emerged as one of Ireland's most successful artists who is known for her vibrant and emotionally resonant works that capture the essence of home, family, and the human spirit. She is all about two things: painting and inspiring women to live bigger, more meaningful, creative lives.

Born on the east coast of Ireland, Róisín O'Farrell's artistic journey has been nothing short of remarkable. Best known for her bright, vibrantly colourful paintings in textured, buttery oils with a contemporary finish. Her pieces often



Roisin O'Farrell, Visual Arts

feature light-filled period interiors, whimsical gatherings of Wellington (rain) boots, and charming china teacups, each painting telling a unique story and inviting viewers to immerse themselves in a world of vivid colours and captivating textures.

Since her discovery in 2009, Róisín

O'Farrell's work has been exhibited in galleries across Ireland and the UK, with numerous sellout exhibitions and events in London, Edinburgh, Amsterdam, Barcelona, and the U.S. Her bold use of jewel-like colours and her ability to suggest rather than describe invites us to engage with her art on a deeply emotional level.

Róisín O'Farrell resides in Co. Wicklow, Ireland. Róisín is deeply committed to the art of teaching and nurturing creativity in others. She has many years of experience in giving workshops and teaching. She believes that creativity should be nurtured, and she does that at her artist retreats in Ireland, the USA, & Malta.

roisinofarrell.com

Gala Awards Dinner Tickets at www.ibamchicago.com

ACANTO CODA DI Volpe DAWSON THE GAGE CONSULATE GENERAL OF IRELAND | Chicago WEST SUBURBAN IRISH Belleek FINE PARIAN CHINA Milwaukee Irish Fest Tourism Ireland Marketing the Island of Ireland KNI COMMUNICATIONS SEAN TENNER Thank You to Our Sponsors! Government of Ireland Emigrant Support Programme na Gaeil CHICAGO AN GHAELIGE BHEO ANSEO Irish American News Center Aer Lingus IAN 312-498-1337 Flood Brothers DISPOSAL/RECYCLING SERVICES Mike Neary Family fáilte THE IRISH FELLOWSHIP CLUB OF CHICAGO Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade 2024 69th Anniversary 2024 CHICAGO ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - SATURDAY, MARCH 16 12:30PM PROUDLY SPONSORED BY CHICAGO'S VERY OWN - PLUMBERS LOCAL 1324A

**Happy
Halloween**

Shannon Law Group

A Professional Corporation

TRIAL ATTORNEYS



Jack Cannon
jcannon@shannonlawgroup.com



Joseph Shannon
joseph@shannonlawgroup.com

PRACTICE AREAS

Construction Accidents

Wrongful Death

Lyft and Uber Accidents

Mesothelioma

Workers' Compensation

Personal Injury

Medical Malpractice

Railroad & Aviation Accidents

Trucking Accidents

Motor Vehicle Accidents

Round Up

Insurance Bad Faith

CALL TODAY FOR A FREE CONSULTATION

 **(312) 578-9501**



200 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1550, Chicago, IL 60601
3550 Hobson Road, Suite 403, Woodridge, IL 60517



www.shannonlawgroup.com