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Gilmore commits to Portiuncula

Labour Party leader Eamon Gilmore TD, this week pledged his party's commitment to the retention of services in Portiuncula Hospital in Ballinasloe.

The Caltra native met management, staff and union leaders at Portiuncula on Friday morning and spent more than two hours listening to their concerns for the future of the hospital.

Mr. Gilmore gave his full backing to the Hospital Action Committee and believed that any reduction in services would affect hundreds of people over such a wide catchment area.

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We are delighted to announce the official launch of Carrick-on-Shannon's newest business, EXT Insulations.

As External Wall Insulation is relatively new to the Irish market we have consciously prepared a show house to different levels of completion to clearly and expertly display each and every level of material and workmanship.

This show house is located at No. 24 Woodside Park, on the Charlestown Road in Ballaghaderreen and will be opened on Bank holiday Monday between 2:00pm and 6:00pm.

We are inviting all interested architects, builders and home owners to call in and see at first hand the excellent results that can be achieved using this method of insulation.

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Thanking you.

Declan Duffy

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Brendan Shine who was awarded freedom of County Roscommon at St. Brigid's Handball complex on Monday. He is pictured with County Manager Frank Dawson; Mayor of Roscommon, Cllr. Tony Ward; his wife Kathleen; daughters Emily and Philippa and their respective husbands John Halpin and John McDonnell and Brendan's grandchildren Esmeré, Amelia, William and Senan.

Texas celebrates first year with huge discounts

Texas will celebrate its first anniversary in Roscommon this weekend with a weekend of fun, frolics, huge discounts and giveaways.

There will be spot prizes all weekend, face painting on Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday and Hogan, a Tullamore-based band, will be in town on Saturday afternoon, where they will play outside the store at 2 pm as part of the launch celebrations for their new album 'Boom'.

The celebrations will get underway on Thursday evening, when customers can look forward to the first of many huge discounts in-store. Everything in the shop is discounted by at least ten percent from Thursday, with discounts of up to 50 percent available in some cases. The discounts will be available in-store throughout the weekend.

Local radio station Shannonside FM will broadcast from outside the store on Friday from 9 am to 1 pm. Saturday sees lots more spot prizes and discounts and don't forget Hogan will be playing outside the entrance adjacent to the

car park from 2 pm. Enterprising students from the Convent of Mercy Secondary School will provide face painting for students on Saturday, Sunday and Monday and spot prizes will be given out in-store on all three days.

Store Manager Martin Rattigan this week reported on what has been a fantastic first year for Texas at Main Street, Roscommon. "The first year has been fantastic. It was slow at the start, but the people of Roscommon have really welcomed us.

"We have been supporting local events and charities and schools whenever possible. We supported several school and charity fashion shows, also the Lamb Festival and Rose of Roscommon. We are trying to be part of the community. We are an Irish-based company and are fully Irish owned. We hire from the local area and currently employ nine local people.

"Texas in Roscommon is going from strength to strength. This been a great start and a great year and we are looking forward

to 2010 and 2011. We are trying to support locally-based businesses, such as the local paper and we try to be part of the local community."

Martin has recently been joined on the management team at the store by Angie Hanly from Strokestown, who is the new Assistant Manager at the store.

Transition Year students from the Convent of Mercy Secondary School will also be in-store during the weekend, selling copies of the newly published 'Macalla' magazine.

Over the past year, Texas at Main Street, Roscommon, has continued to expand. Store Manager Martin Rattigan reported, "We now have brand new children's wear and nursery departments, which opened two weeks ago. Texas also now has the largest cosmetic department in Roscommon. We are continuously bringing in new lines of stock and new brands of clothing."

Join in the first anniversary celebrations at Texas, Main Street, Roscommon this weekend.