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Huge reductions at Moran & Co., Ballygar

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David Moran reports increased activity in the market and has negotiated a number of sales in recent weeks. Vendors are most anxious to sell and prices have been cut to an all-time low. House buyers are still finding it very difficult to arrange finance and for the chosen

few who can get a mortgage, they have an excellent choice of properties at very low prices.

Moran & Co. are currently offering a large four bedroomed dormer house at St. Brendan's, Ballygar, with a stone front for an unbelievable €185,000. A very attractive new bungalow at Kilmore, Ballygar can be bought for just €150,000 and a large well finished four-bedroomed bungalow at Moate, Creggs,

with fitted kitchen, flooring, tiling, is on offer at an asking price of just €245,000.

Moran & Co. also have on offer O'Rourke's residential seven-day licensed premises in Ballygar, Ballygar Equestrian Centre and eight acres of lands with full planning permission for a dormer house at Mount Talbot. Full details from David Moran, Moran & Co., Ballygar, Tel. (090) 66 24531.

Athlone Road premises leased by P. Burke

Roscommon Furniture and Carpet Centre, a well-known landmark premises on the Athlone Road in Roscommon for in excess of 30 years, was recently the venue for a massive furniture and floor covering auction which took place due to the owner's retirement.

Auctioneer, Padraig Burke MIPAV of Sherry Fitzgerald P. Burke, Goff Street, Roscommon, stated the auction was very successful and reported a large clearance of furniture on the day. The premises comprises of approx 10,000 square feet with ample parking to the front and side of the building. It has recently been leased to local furniture manufacturer Oliver Gannon where it is expected he will operate a furniture retail business which is due to open shortly.

Ardsallaghbeg home for €210,000

Get an exceptional four-bedroom bungalow on a large site in Ardsallaghbeg, Roscommon, for €210,000.

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people news

Caisleán Óir childcare centre opens in Glinsk

■ Pauline Scott

Olwyn Murray of the All-Ireland Talent Show and local priest Fr. Michael Joyce performed the official opening and blessing of the new Caisleán Óir childcare centre in Glinsk on Sunday afternoon last.

Guests were welcomed to the event by Chairperson of the Glinsk Childcare Committee, Rosemarie Trayers, who noted that two years previously Fr. Joyce had turned the sod for the childcare facility on a cold November day. Land for the centre had been kindly donated to the Childcare Committee by Kathleen Quinn, who had represented the area as a councillor on Galway County Council for many years.

Olwyn Murray, who has family connections in Roscommon town in the McNeill family, was on hand to sing at the official opening. She is currently a Leaving Cert. student at Ballyhaunis Community College, where Patricia Whyte, Secretary of the Glinsk Childcare Committee, is a member of the teaching staff. Following

the official opening, performed by Olwyn and the blessing performed by Fr. Joyce, Olwyn sang 'Hallelujah' by Leonard Cohen and a reflection was later given by Clodagh Brennan.

Guests at the official opening heard that the process of building the new childcare began in 2002 when Cllr. Kathleen Quinn, then a member of the council, encouraged local people to apply for a grant for a childcare service as grants were available. "In our naiveté we thought it was just about filling out a form, but the children that were going to go to playschool then are now preparing for their Holy Communion," said Ms. Trayers.

She noted that the committee had worked for eight years to bring the project to fruition. The group applied to Glinsk Community Council to use three enterprise units at the rear of the community centre and were given permission and these units now form part of the new childcare centre.

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scheme and their supervisor; Kathleen Quinn, architect Simon Beale and John Carty from Carty Developments who undertook the building project, along with a range of local tradesmen. The artwork in the new centre was carried out by local woman Miriam Cuddy and she was also thanked for her input. Brian Silke from Go Play in Corofin provided the outdoor playground, which was greatly enjoyed by children attending the official opening on Sunday. Local school Principal and Secretary of Glinsk Community Council,

Marty Ward, was also thanked for his input.

Staff at the new centre are headed up by Manager Liz Leahy from Loughrea and she is ably assisted by Patricia, Edel, Stella, Susie and Colette. Local chefs Stella Scappaticci and Maria Fitzmaurice were also thanked for their input to the food and cakes at Sunday's celebrations.

The new centre, which features rooms for children of varying ages, with a Montessori playschool room, cost €1 million, which was provided by a grant under the National Childcare Investment Pro-

gramme. All of that money is now spent and Ms. Trayers thanked a local group headed up by Noreen Conway and Marie Barlow, who made a donation to the centre to be used for the buying of books. Others thanked included Des Joyce who worked on the sound on Sunday and John, Mary, Tommy and Delores Dowd who sponsored sweets for the children at the opening. Noeleen Curley, Tommy Burke, Michael and Enda Kilcomms were thanked for their work on gate and parking duties on Sunday, ensuring that children at-

tending the official opening were kept safe.

Concluding, she thanked the hard-working ladies of the Glinsk Childcare Committee and also their husbands and families who ensured that they had the time to devote to the committee.

Manager Liz Leahy recalled the warm welcome she received in Glinsk and thanked everyone for their help and support. Local councillor Tiarnan Walsh said, "it was breathtaking to come in and see what has been done and the facilities are an absolute credit to the ladies on the committee." Concluding, he urged everyone to vote for Olwyn Murray in next Sunday night's All-Ireland Talent Show. "I'd ask everyone to do what I used to hope ye'd do for me, vote often," quipped Cllr. Walsh.

Deputy Michael Kitt also paid tribute to the local committee, adding "If I was Taoiseach and I was doing a reshuffle I'd have all of them in the cabinet!" He also commended Kathleen Quinn for her generosity and stressed the importance of early child-

hood education in giving children a good start in life.

Marty Ward, Principal of Glinsk NS and a man that was described as "the hub of community development in Glinsk", said it was a great day for Glinsk and a proud day for members of the local childcare committee who worked hard to make a difference.

He outlined the many developments that have taken place in the area since the national school opened in 1983. "Let nobody think that bringing a project like this to fruition was easy," said Mr. Ward. He added that the introduction of a free year at pre-school would have many positive effects in years to come. Concluding, he congratulated the childcare committee on behalf of all at Glinsk NS and looked forward to working with the committee for years to come.

At the conclusion of the event, a prize was presented to Conor Gannon, a pupil at Glinsk NS who won a competition to design a logo for the new Caisleán Óir Childcare Centre, by Olwyn Murray.