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Locals backing Olwyn in All-Ireland title bid

■ Paul Healy

Olwyn Murray will sing 'Alleluia' in the All-Ireland Talent Show final this Sunday. And she will wear a long, gold, evening ballgown!

Olwyn's mother, Breda (nee McNeill) is daughter of Sean and Mary McNeill from Abbeytown, Roscommon.

This week Breda spoke to the Roscommon People as 'Olwyn-mania' continues, hot on the heels of Olwyn's success in last weekend's semi-final.

Breda said: "We were thrilled that Olwyn made it through the semi-final and we're so excited about the final. There will be a 'big gang' from Mayo, Roscommon and other counties going up to support Olwyn.

"She's wrapped up at home at the moment as she has a viral infection….but the doctor has assured us that she will be alright. She's singing 'Alleluia' in the final. She's very comfortable with that song."

It has emerged that Olwyn's sister, Niamh (13), has also reached a televised singing final in recent days! Niamh is in the final of The Den's 'Star Search'!

Breda said the whole 'All-Ireland Talent Show' experience has been "fantastic, a real rollercoaster."

Olwyn's proud mum said the support received from Co. Roscommon has been tremendous. "Olwyn has got great support in Roscommon town and county. The schools in Roscommon have been great too. Olwyn would like to thank everyone in Roscommon for their support. She is very humbled by it all. We are all hoping she can win the All-Ireland for the West."

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Competition Entry Form

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Martin Lonergan, Manager of Castlerea & District Credit Union, making a presentation to David McDonnell and Cllr. Michael Creaton, who are both going to Haiti to work with the Haven Agency on 28th April for one week. Also in the picture is Eamon Quinn who is Chairman of Castlerea & District Credit Union.

Launch of local Celebrity Jigs and Reels on Tuesday

Finally, the time is here to reveal this year's line-up of for Roscommon Celebrity Jigs and Reels, 2010. As part of Seachtain na Gaeilge, Roscommon Celebrity Jigs and Reels will launch this Tuesday night, March 16th at 9.30 pm in Gleeson's Townhouse, Roscommon.

All are invited to come along to meet this year's line-up of celebrity dancers and judges and participate in a great evening of ceol agus craic. Each of the participants will be dancing for a nominated charity of their choice with a prize fund of €1000 being awarded to the eventual winner.

Also this year, Jigs and Reels will have a surprise theme, which promises to provide a great evening's entertainment for all who attend and support the dancers. In fact, it has been rumoured that a certain two gentlemen with tall blonde hair, who recently participated in another certain talent competition, and who very much enjoy performing "under pressure", will also be in attendance on the evening of the finals.

But to find out more make sure to find out more make sure to make it along to Gleeson's on the eve of St Patrick's Day at 9.30 pm where refreshments will be served and music will be provided by Defcon 5. This year's event will be held in aid of the RosFm Disability and Training Fund.