

people news

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Sun Seekers gig in Regan's

The Sun Seekers return to Roscommon on Saturday, 17th April at 10 pm in Regan's, Roscommon.

The Galway-based band have been on the go since 2003, bringing their pop/rock sound to venues throughout Ireland, along the way sharing the stage with the likes of popular Irish groups 'The Walls' and 'The Revs'. The band released their debut album 'Window shopping for Porsches' in 2005, which featured guest appearances by Tony Lambert (ex-Bonnie Tyler Band, ex-Saw Doctors), Johnny Donnelly (ex-Saw Doctors) and Cormac Dunne and Derek Murray (The Stunning).

The Sun Seekers are Fintan Donnelly on lead vocals and rhythm guitar, Mark Keane on bass and backing vocals and

Cormac Dunne (also of The Stunning) on drums. In July 2006 they released their EP 'Peace and Love' in which the title track reached number 5 on the iTunes download chart in Ireland. In September 2005, they won a Hotpress competition to play support to The Revs in Cuba Live, Galway. Last October they released a new EP called 'Escapade' in Roisín Dubh, Galway, guest appearances on the night included members of The Stunning and The Saw Doctors. This EP, along with other previous releases, is available to download on iTunes. Since 2005, the band has played 136 gigs around Ireland and so are a well oiled live band and a must see. The Regan's gig is free admission.



The Tesco Senior All Ireland Post Primary Schools finals take place this Saturday 17th of April in Longford and Limerick. Pictured Alice Leonard (captain), Mercy Heights, Skibbereen, Cork and Máire Mullooly, (captain) Scoil Mhuire, Strokestown, Roscommon, who will contest the Senior C Final. Picture credit: Brian Lawless / SPORTSFILE.

Bumper Tea Day

A Bumper Tea Day for Western Alzheimers will take place on Friday, 23rd April, from 9 am until late in Ballybay Parish Hall, Kiltoom. Organiser Patricia Shine is also holding a Fabric Sale on the day. All are welcome and all support is greatly appreciated.

Oran lotto

There was no jackpot winner in the recent Oran Lotto draw held in McDermott's Ballinaheglish on April 11th. The numbers drawn were 7, 19, 26 and 27. The eight lucky dip winners were: Phil Lyons, c/o Liz Mahon; Tom Kelly, Derrane; Eileen Somers, c/o Jimmy Healy; Mary Brandon, Donamon; The Playboys, c/o Willie Corcoran; Pat Hayden, c/o Cattigans; John Casey, Roscommon and Gerry Waldron, Athleague.

Rose reception

Rose of Roscommon contestants and escorts will enjoy a champagne reception in The Hollywood Bar, Castle Street, Roscommon, this Saturday night, April 17th, at 11 am.

Later, the Roses and their escorts will be introduced on stage in Jack's Live Venue and all will also enjoy complimentary admission to Rockford's nightclub.

Table quiz in Creggs

A table quiz will be held in O'Roarke's on Friday night next at 10 pm in aid of Creggs GAA Club. Please support. Table of four €40. Contact Gerry at (086) 3920951.

Fundraising dance for hospice

A fundraising dance in aid of Roscommon/Mayo Palliative Care Service will take place in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon, on Tuesday 27th April from 9 pm to 1.30 pm. Great night of music and dancing with Frank Nelson, The Lancers, Hearts Delight, Patsy McCall and many more guest artists.

Raffle and spot prizes and lots of fun. Contact Mary (086) 1269593; Irene (087) 2286076 or the Palliative Care Administration Office Knock (094) 93 88666.



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Each month we will post a regional winner from each county until in December we will hold the Grand Final of Granny of the Year in the Louis Fitzgerald Hotel.

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