

Community rallies to family's aid

TOM ROGERS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The Tom Rogers benefit fundraising campaign is presently underway. Tom, who lives in Drumlish and is formerly from Coskeagh, Strokestown, is recovering from malignant brain tumour surgery, which resulted in the loss of his eye and is presently having chemotherapy treatment in Dublin.

Tom is married to Pauline Spollen from Cloonshannagh, Rooskey. Pauline is recovering from an aggressive form of breast cancer and is presently travelling to and from St Luke's Hospital in Dublin for chemotherapy and radium treatment. Their twenty-year-old daughter Michelle has suffered from total kidney failure and is at present undergoing dialysis treatment travelling to Tallaght Hospital three times a week.

The communities in Strokestown and Drumlish have come together with a fundraising event to help with the enormous expense where three

members of the one family are attending hospitals in Dublin on a daily basis.

The fundraising social is scheduled for Monday the 28th of June next in the Shannon Key West, Rooskey with a fabulous line-up of popular bands including Night Fever, Nathan Carter, Carmel McLoughlin, Mattie O'Brien and Gobsnack, Noel Cassidy, Pauric Farrell and many other artists. Tickets are on sale at shops and outlets throughout the Strokestown and Drumlish region and the committee members in both areas are calling door to door. The chairperson of the Fundraising Committee Cllr. Tom Crosby is appealing for a generous response to this very worthy cause and requests that anyone who would like to sell some tickets or help in any way to contact him on (086) 6005530 or contact any member of the committee.



Pictured are Cora Cunningham (Roscommon) and Martin Keaveney (Glenamaddy) who were married on the 5th of April in the Sacred Heart Church. The reception was held in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon. Cora and Martin would like to take this opportunity to thank their family and friends for their support and best wishes.

Aintree Grand National Day raises €8,500

The recent Aintree Grand National Day in Ballintubber was an outstanding success, with funds raised of €8,500

The funds raised were then donated to four separate areas of the community: St. Croan's GAA, Ballymoe FC, Manor FC and Ballintubber Tidy Towns. As well as the funds raised there was also a total of €5,200 distributed in prize money.

The winners were as follows: Three €1,000 winners, Caroline Grogan, James Brady and Nevin Farrell. 20 €100 winners: Thomas S Mahon, Elaine McHugh, Enda Morgan, Fintan Egan, Jimmy Flynn, Anne Murphy, Joe Cassidy, Joe Gurren, Anne Keaveney, Sean Hynes, Ronan Curran, Martin Lydon, Michael S Keane, Damian Mulryan, Tom Moylett, Vincent Coll, E.J.Egan, Nicola Connell, Joe Barker, Eugene Morris, Stephen Brennan, Gretta Haugh. Thanks were extended to everyone who donated or contributed to the day.

Capital day for the Brownies

The Roscommon Brownie Pack recently organised a sleep-over in the Girl Guide Cottage, Mote Park. The following day they took a day trip to Dublin where they enjoyed a tour of Aras an Uachtaráin and the Phoenix Park. The tour included interesting facts about Aras an Uachtaráin, which was originally built in 1751. It became the President's residence in 1938, when Douglas Hyde became the first President of Ireland. Today there is a room named after the Roscommon native, Seomra de hÍde.

Sincerest thanks to the Brownie Leaders who helped make the weekend a tremendous success, Mary Kelly, Deirdre Crowley and Margaret Gilleran. They would also like to thank the girl's parents for their help and support during the year.

Thursday 27 May is the final Brownie meeting, until they resume in the second week in September 2010. Details will be published closer to the time and they will hope to welcome new volunteers to help with the weekly meetings.

Carrick N.S. family day

Carrick N.S. are holding their family fun and sports day on Sunday 13th June at Lough Harps soccer pitch. A great day of family fun guaranteed. We have many sporting events taking place and we will start with a soccer blitz. We have all the usual races for children and adults to include mother and son relay and father and daughter relay race and many more side events.

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Joan O'Connor's official retirement from the Sacred Heart Hospital in Roscommon was marked recently. Pictured during the presentation of crystal ware to Joan were (l-r) Deirdre Lenihan, Rose of Roscommon, Sr. Christina Dufficy, Mary Kelly, Joan O'Connor, Julie Silke Daly and Maureen Brennan. Picture: Andrew Fox.



Joan O'Connor's official retirement from the Sacred Heart Hospital in Roscommon was marked recently. Pictured during the presentation of a bouquet of flowers to Joan were (l-r) Miceál O'Connor, Julie Silke Daly, Noel Costello, Joan O'Connor and Nora Hoban. Picture: Andrew Fox.

Boystown news

An RTE film crew visited the Fr. Flanagan Centre in Ballymoe on Thursday, 6th May. John Griffin was interviewed by Garry Mac Donncha and gave an excellent account of the life story of Fr. Flanagan. The crew shot some film outside the centre and in the Museum.

It is scheduled to be aired on RTE 1 as part of the Scannal series of documentaries in September of this year. Anybody who has items that would be of interest to the Museum is asked to contact Margaret at (094) 96 55488 or email ballymoeboystown@gmail.com