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COOKING UP A HOOLEY
By Katie Gagne

Perfectly Fall Harvest Baked Beans

Once you've dropped the apples, onion, and celery - place in bottom of crockpot/slow cooker, casserole dish, Dutch Oven, or Stock Pot. Sprinkle all the seasonings over them. Add the cooked, drained sausage. Add in the 2 cans of baked beans. Stir in the syrup and mustard.

Cook on low for 2 hours in the crockpot or on the stovepot. Bake in the oven at 300° for 2 hours. You can keep these on warm for as long as you need to before serving.



We all need that simple and satisfying, yet unique dish to bring to our next potluck, or an upcoming get-together. These are even a great addition to your holiday menu. It's so easy to take these baked beans to a new level.

Quick to make, using convenient ingredients. They can be made in a crockpot, a large pot on the stove, or baked in a casserole dish or Dutch Oven.

- Ingredients**
- 2 Granny Smith Apples - peeled, cored, and chopped -- you can leave the skin on for a rustic look
 - 1 medium White Onion - chopped
 - 4 stalks Celery - chopped
 - 1 lb bulk Breakfast Sausage - cooked and drained
 - 2 16 oz cans Bush's Baked Beans
 - 1/2 cup Maple Syrup
 - 1/2 cup Mustard
 - 2 tablespoons Yellow Mustard
 - 1 teaspoon Garlic Salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon Black Pepper
 - 1/2 teaspoon Cinnamon

Makes approximately 10 side dish size servings. You can easily adjust the amounts to serve a bigger crowd.

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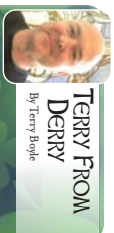


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TERRY FROM DERRY
By Terry Boyle

Living with Indifference

In retrospect, this past nine months have been extremely challenging for everyone. At times, no matter where the fire has had to burn and act differently. What we once thought of as normal interactions with others have dramatically changed.

The restrictions we have all had to endure has to have a toll on our mental health, whether we realize it or not, and, yes, we manage to carry on. It's to our credit that given how universally pervasive the virus has been, we have managed to find ways to survive, and even make the best of things.

The human capacity to adapt is remarkable. And, while it seems appropriate, the crisis we're living through has shown the best and the worst of who we are as a species.

Years in his poem, "Easter 1916" says, "Too long a sacrifice, but it can also give peace of mind, and it can also be applied to the daily sacrifices we must make to keep ourselves and others safe."

Resisting the normal, natural desire to meet with family and friends is no mean feat. It's something that becomes increasingly more difficult as the days become weeks, and weeks become months. The tendency to avoid, and ignore the consequences of our actions can be costly to ourselves and others. And, if you're like me, you create all sorts of scenarios in your mind of what if's.

For example, we tend to hike into the desert mountains. Some of these hikes are a little strenuous, and there are some hikers who are not prepared for the trek. They think they are, they believe they are, but when they encounter a rocky area that they need to scramble over or climb, their body reminds them of what they are really capable of.

These are scenarios we've not had to think about before. In my own active imagination, I've wondered about those first responders who daily put their lives on the line for others; having to face the possibility of helping someone who is positive and thereby putting themselves at risk. Every call-out carries a potential risk that most of us never have to think about. No matter how many precautions they take, there is always a chance that one of their good deeds might be the one that leaves them infected.

Most are not in positions of putting ourselves into a situation that carries such a high risk. However, we are, as with the lady who refused to accept her limitations, capable of being foolishly. Too long a sacrifice, can make a stone of the heart, might also be seen as too long living with restrictions can make us indifferent and less cautious.

No one wants to exist the way we've been forced to live over the past months, and it's easy for us to find loopholes to justify and excuse our increasing lax behavior. In some areas, the rate of infection has gone up, while deaths have decreased. This observation could be seen by some as a good justification for being less restrained, and more irresponsible.

We, human beings, are complicated. In times of crisis, it's hard for us to contain the urge to deny the reality the unseen enemy. We tend to want to minimize it, pretend it's just as dangerous as the flu, or we buy into some conspiracy theory that questions the very existence of the virus.

However, none of this changes the fact our very existence is under threat. There is no guarantee that you will be the one

who is asymptomatic or that you'll be partner's warnings. When we reached the top of the trail, the lady in question, was so scared of the descent, she froze. So, while one of the other leaders took charge of the rest of the group, I spent over an hour reassuring this woman she could, with help, make it down the trail. To her credit, she followed every instruction, and made it back. I suspect, she will continue to overestimate her abilities, at least her partner believes she will, and as such will ever learn to live with her limitations. However, now that we have greater restrictions, the level of help we offer is also limited. Social distancing means no contact. So, can you imagine what would happen is someone is injured, or stuck, and needs a helping hand?

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in our respective areas. Derry has been fortunate; infection rates were low so restrictions eased. People were not made to wear masks and pubs were open. Whereas my reporting was the complete opposite; our infection rates were going up with more restrictions imposed.

However, as we know from experience, things can change overnight. When things begin to improve, people become blasé and as such, the tables have turned. The rate of infection has gone up in Derry, whereas the opposite has happened here. Restrictions have increased for Derry, folk and lessened here. It could all change again. This roller coaster ride that we're all on is not going away any time soon, and we have to fight against the natural desire to become complacent. Indifference and complacency are a real enemy. They find a home in our hearts when we feel we've sacrificed our freedom for a long time. But we're not out of the fray yet, so let's not allow dependency lead us to become reckless with our lives and others. ■

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BLOWIN' IN
By Susan Morgan

Putting Up A Jar

Late autumn ushers in early winter. Squirrels have set their garden table with hollowed out acorns. The kernels have long been buried, foodstuff for arctic drops, and the caps left open to cradle drops of cold rain. A fitting cordial for the blue jays who roost winter cardinals, inviting them to a frosty buffet.

The bird bath stands alone, hidden in the corner of the garden. Moss has overtaken the water, but perhaps in the spring, new rain will fall, and the robins will again enjoy a frolic in the bath. My husband has recently put the garden to bed. Hardly leaves of chard remain, covering the last of the carrots and parsnips from the morning cold. Emptied of summer tomatoes, skeletal branches of tarragon and rosemary, his array of terracotta pots will patiently await spring pecks.

There is a beautiful sense of hope in the discovery of a weathered clay garden planter that sits empty on the last shelf of the potting shed, or in the



A SECRET SET ASIDE

Call it an obsession, or simply a collection, but I have acquired jars everywhere from remote wineries in the Finger Lakes of New York to whiskey distilleries in the Highlands of Scotland. Most recently, and most treasured, is the jar of Christmas Mince-meat with plum and ginger from the Waitrose Market in London's Marylebone.

While many London tourists boarded the plane back to America sporting luxury Burberry scarves, I was toting small jars of mince-meat from North Hill, fins of tea from Covent Garden, and pots of Cakeswold honey and hand-dipped pear jam from the Borough Market. Obsession indeed.

Even as I admit my weaknesses to you dear readers, I cannot help but smile at my jar of Follain Blackcurrant Jam procured from Keane's Meats in Newport, Ireland. This particular pot dates back twenty-four years to my honeymoon. The jam has long been spread upon slices of my mother-in-law's brown bread, and the treasured container now holds spent vanilla bean pods nestled beneath soft grains of caster sugar. I have baked cookies, pies, muffins, and scones with this fragrant sugar - small gestures of love and comfort sweeten dear days.

There is that old saying about whether or you recognize a jar as being half-full or half-empty. In this season of mindful thanksgiving, I may look to my empty jar of French-bred memories of bread and freshly-baked jam always with simple beauty. While I do enjoy reminiscing about that carefree Montreal weekend, I spent with my husband these days, I will also celebrate the new year with the simplicity of our life today, watching my husband's mother and I in his garden and then offering me a humble bouquet of the November herbs which look perfect, resting in my post pot of content.

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WISE CRIMES
By Mary Collins

Murph and Pat are neighbors. They meet at the pub for a pint. Murph says to Pat, did I see you chasing your wife around naked last night? Pat replies, jokes on you Murph, I wasn't home last night.

Paddy and Mick went fishing, and they are not catching anything. As they're about to give up for the day, two Englishmen with huge baskets of freshly caught fish walk by.

"Bojaysus!" Paddy exclaims. "How on Earth did ya catch so many fish?" The Englishmen explain that it's a life-hack they've been doing for years. They find a bridge, then one of the guys holds the other by his ankles over the bridge and they scoop up all the fish as they're swimming downstream.

"Genius!" Mick jubilantly cries. "You're!" Paddy lowers the side with a basket. Shortly after, Mick excitedly yells, "Paddy, Paddy, pull me back up!" Paddy, excited by the prospect of a basket of fish, yells back, "Great, have ye caught something?" Mick yells back, "No Paddy, there's a train coming."

Paddy and Mick are working at the local sawmill. One day, Mick slips, his arm gets caught and severed by the big bent saw.

Paddy quickly puts the limb in a plastic bag and rushes it and Mick to the local hospital. Next day, Paddy goes to the hospital and asks after Mick. The nurse says, "Oh he's out in Rehab couldn't believe it, but there's Mick out the back exercising his now re-attached arm. The very next day he's back at work in the saw

mill. A couple of days go by, and then Mick slips and severs his leg on another bloody big saw.

So, Paddy puts the limb in a plastic bag and rushes it and Mick off to Hospital.

Next day he calls in to see him and asks the nurse how he is. The nurse replies, "He's out in the Rehab again exercising." And sure enough, there's Mick out there doing some serious work on the treadmill.

And very soon Mick comes back to work. But, as usual, within a couple of days he has another accident and severs his head.

Wearily Paddy puts the head in a plastic bag and transports it and Mick to hospital. Next day he goes in and asks the nurse how Mick is. The nurse breaks down and cries and says, "He's dead." Paddy is shocked, but not surprised. "I suppose the saw finally did him in." "No," says the nurse. "Some idiot put his head in a plastic bag and he suffocated."

Paddy says to Mick, I have brought two goldfish. Mick says have you got names for them? Paddy replies, I call that one, One, and the other one I call Two.

Why have you called them that? Paddy replies, well if one dies, I will still have two.

Converted hit man Jimmy "Two-Shoes" McCharty confessed today that he was once hired to beat a cow to death in a rice field, using only two small porcelain figurines. Police admit this may be the first known case of a knacker paddy-whack.

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ILLUMINATIONS
By J. Michael Finn

Henry Joy McCracken, County Antirim Rebel

Henry Joy McCracken was born in Belfast on August 31, 1767 into two of the city's most prominent Presbyterian industrial families. He was the son of a ship owner, Captain John McCracken, and Ann Joy, daughter of Francis Joy, of French Huguenot descent.

The Joy family made their money in linen manufacturing. McCracken's maternal grandfather, Francis Joy, also owned important paper mills and was the founder of *The Belfast Newsletter*, Ireland's oldest newspaper.



Henry was the older brother of political activists and social reformer Mary Ann McCracken, with whom he shared an interest in Irish traditional culture. Henry was brought up in the linen business, and at the age of twenty-two was the manager of a cotton factory in Belfast.

In 1792, McCracken was one of the organizers of the Belfast Harp Festival, which gathered aged Irish harpers from around Ireland, and helped preserve Irish traditional music by having their music transcribed by Edward Bunting. McCracken became interested in republican politics from an early age, and along with other Protestants, notably Robert Emmet, Thomas Russell, James Napier, Tandy, and Theobald Wolfe Tone, formed the Society of the United Irishmen in 1791 in Belfast.

The Society of United Irishmen, also known as the United Irishmen, was a sworn society formed in the wake of the French Revolution to secure "an equal representation of all the people" in a "national government." The movement included Protestants, Catholics and Dissenters (Dissenters were Irish Presbyterians who were often discriminated against because they were not members of the established church of England).

The formation of the United Irishmen had a promising start. It was organized under the deliberately inoffensive cover name of "The Students Club." The mostly-Frenchman group held their meetings in a pub, Peggy Barclay's Tavern, on a Belfast alleyway called Suganhouse Henry.

At first their plans were peaceful. Following the outbreak of the United Irishmen Rebellion in Lanesborough in May 1798, the Antirim organization met on June 3, 1798 to decide on their response. The meeting ended inconclusively, with a vote to wait for French aid before taking any direct action.

A new meeting of delegates was held in Templepatrick on June 5, 1798, where McCracken was elected general and supreme commander for Antirim. He quickly began planning military operations. On June 6, he issued a proclamation, calling the United Irishmen

to arms.

Of the 21,000 members on the rolls in his district, approximately 9,000 responded to the call. McCracken formulated a plan for all small towns in Antirim to converge upon Antirim town on June 7, 1798.

McCracken regularly travelled throughout the county using his cotton business as a cover for organizing other United Irish Societies in Ireland. He was arrested in October 1796 and held in Kilmalinham jail in Dublin for thirteen months. While imprisoned there with other leaders of the United Irishmen, McCracken fell seriously ill in a "national government." The movement included Protestants, Catholics and Dissenters (Dissenters were Irish Presbyterians who were often discriminated against because they were not members of the established church of England).

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After her brother's execution, Mary Ann took over the care of his illegitimate daughter, Maria, who was not universally accepted in her wider family. Mary Ann lived with Maria and her family until her death on July 26, 1866 at the age of 96 years.

Conway and Jimmy and Nora Margaret Wilson, brother of Mary Jones (deceased), Rose O'Brien (deceased), Bridget Moran (Michael, deceased), Frank Conway (deceased), Margaret Canning (deceased), Patrick Conway (deceased), and Hugh Conway, beloved brother-in-law, uncle, great-uncle, and friend of many. Retired Laborer Local 310. Passed away at home surrounded by his family October 12, 2020.

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Owls of Ireland

This is my favorite time of the year to be out walking in the woods. As the trees drop their leaves, visibility becomes better, and wildlife and birds of prey become easier to spot if you're observant.

Over the years and countless walks in Cuyahoga Valley National Park, we've been fortunate to come across a few areas, where, if you're early enough, quiet enough, and lucky enough, you may spot one of the most mysterious of the raptors.

Imagine walking and suddenly seeing a large dark shape glide silently through the canopy and land a little farther away as it maintains its distance! It's head swivels and how you're the one being studied!

There are seven species of owls native to Northeast Ohio, and we've been lucky enough to have encountered a few of them. They can be easily identified by their round feather formations around their face, to help channel sound to their ears. A useful adaptation for a primarily nocturnal hunter. Their forward-facing, piercing eyes and strange nightly calls add to the mystery; it's no wonder that they've become part of our halloween traditions.

Perhaps the very nature of the owl is what led it to being so maligned in Celtic and Irish mythology. Almost always female, the owl was referred to as a creature from the spirit world.

species in need of a good PR firm.

Ireland has three native species of owls, all of which can also be found in Northeast Ohio. The Long-eared Owl, *Cearn Cat* in Irish means cat head and describes its resemblance to a cat, is the most common and can be found throughout Ireland.

They are found in forests and wooded areas that have open fields and grasslands, where they hunt mice, voles, rats and shrews. Their English name comes from the long ear tufts that are raised when they are alarmed or focused on potential prey or just plain curious.

Those tufts lie flat when they are flying or relaxed. *Cearn Cat* is a medium sized owl, thirteen to sixteen inches in length and with a maximum weight of 3 1/2 lb. The female is the larger of the two. They tend to nest in abandoned stick nests of other birds. When defending their nest, their ears go up, wings out-stretch and when they extend, their flight feathers double or triple their appearance.

As with many species of owls around the world, the actual number of Long-Eared Owls in Ireland is unknown, primarily due to the difficulty of studying this silent, nocturnal bird.

The Barn Owl, *Screech Owl*, although the most widespread and bird in the world, is the most threatened in Ireland, and was recently red listed in the "Birds of Conservation Concern in Ireland." Larger than the Long-Eared Owl, it weighs up to a pound and a half. The Barn Owl usually nests in barns, chimneys, attics of old buildings, but can also be found in the cavities of trees or even rock crevices.

They require an area of about twenty acres per pair to hunt and raise their young. A pair will normally mate for life and lay four to seven eggs in spring. In a good year, good weather and ample prey, the pair may raise two or three chicks.

The Short-Eared Owl, *Ultradhan* *Réis*, which roughly translates to owl of the marsh, is a winter visitor to Ireland. It is mostly found on the east and south coasts. These owls, unlike the other two, are diurnal, or active in the daytime. They hunt small rodents, birds and insects for food. They perch on posts, walls or in the branches of trees, scanning for potential prey, flying low and swooping down on their victims.

Short-Eared Owl



Gold Cheeked Owl

All photos by Rob Kanter

They rarely breed in Ireland, but oddly enough, when they do, it generally happens on the southwest coast.

Rob Kanter, Clinical Associate Professor at The School of Earth, Society and Environment at The University of Illinois, says the owl for the most part is a resilient bird and adapts to changing environment. As with all wild creatures, there are things that threaten them, loss of habitat can decrease potential hunting and breeding sites.

Pesticides and poisons to protect crops can be ingested by the owl through its prey. Collisions with power lines and vehicles take their toll on many birds of prey.

According to Kanter, owls can be very difficult to put exact numbers on. They can have a large range; some species have hunting sites away from

Barred Owl



call Ireland home.

A Cherokee elder explained the mindset difference between a Western settler, "I have rights," and indigenous people, "I have obligations."

"Instead of thinking that I am born with rights, I choose to think that I am born with obligations, to serve past, present and future generations, and the planet herself." - Stan Rushworth.

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KIDS CRAIC

2nd Annual KNOWvember!

There are so many things happening in the United States this November, we will start the month by electing a president, November 11th is Veterans Day, and a couple weeks after that, we'll celebrate Thanksgiving! This month's column is dedicated to fun facts regarding these American events, with some Irish craic thrown in for good measure!

Election Day, November 3rd

Fun Facts
In Colonial times, people voted out loud, "Yea" (yes) or "Nay" (no) with their voices. Today, we go to polling place, like a school or another public building, to cast our vote. We choose our favored candidate, and we vote using a ballot, which might be filled in by hand. Voters in some polling places use a punch tool to "punch" their ballots, or some use a touch-screen computer.

What is a political party?

Well, it's not necessarily as much fun as it sounds. Many grown-ups join a political party because it supports values they believe in, and ideas about how they feel the government should



work. The two main political parties in the United States are the Democratic Party (famous Democratic presidents include Franklin Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, and Barack Obama) and the Republican Party (famous Republican

presidents include Theodore Roosevelt, George Bush, and Donald Trump). A donkey is the symbol of the Democratic Party, and an elephant is the symbol of the Republican Party. ■

Veterans Day, November 11th

Fun Facts
On November 11, 1918, at 11:00 a.m., a temporary peace (or armistice) was signed and the fighting during World War I ended. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson announced that November 11th would be called Armistice Day in the United States.

Then in 1954, Armistice Day became known as Veterans's Day, in honor of veterans of all wars. You can observe Veterans's Day by flying the American flag, placing mini flags on graves and memorial sites, and by thanking a veteran personally for their service to our country. ■

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

Here's a cute candy turkey kids can make for Thanksgiving, or for whenever a sweet tooth strikes! Use a bit of melted chocolate to attach a bite-sized Reese's cup to a regular-sized Reese's cup as shown in the picture. Add some colorful "feathers" and a beak by attaching Reese's Pieces or M&M's, and the turkey's face can be made complete with candy eyes. Have fun, and try your own additions too. ■



Dottie might kindergarten and second grade for a total of thirty-two years, and she now handles marketing and promotions for Yorktown Service Plaza in Parma Heights in her spare time. Dottie is a tinker extraordinaire, and also enjoys participating in 5K events in order to offset collateral damage from this hobby.

Presidential Craic

DID YOU KNOW...

An Irishman, James Hoban, designed the United States White House! Ireland has had two female presidents: Mary Patricia McAleese, served 1997-2011 and Mary Robinson, served 1990-1997.

THANKSGIVING November 26th

TEST YOURSELF!

(Answers below)

1. How long did the first Thanksgiving last?
2. What is a snood?
3. What is a baby turkey called?
4. Which Native American tribe taught the pilgrims how to plant and harvest food, and were invited to the Thanksgiving meal?

Answers:

1. three days
2. the loose skin under a male turkey's neck
3. a pout
4. the Wampanoag tribe

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Irish Dance





Shamrock Club Columbus Shenanigans



LAOH Member of the Year Megan Malloy and Daughters of Erin Irish Woman of the Year Peggy McCarrahan.

HALF-WAY TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY

When the St. Patrick's Day parade and Family Reunion were canceled earlier this year, it was stated that if possible, the Shamrock Club of Columbus Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Party would have to make up for it and more we certainly did that on September 19. The event was held outside, and distancing procedures were followed by everyone. Festivities kicked off with the Irish Academy of Irish Dance and the Shamrock Club Pipes and Drums. Once the piping, drumming and dancing were done, The Dowry Lads took the stage to really turn up the critic. There was not the usual St. Patrick's Day merit and parade of the procession to Mass, the ceremony of the reunion, but it was a grand event filled with our Irish family and well worth the wait. ■

Classic Car Show at the Shamrock Club

The 4th Classic Car & Bike Show at the Shamrock Club of Columbus was a great day. Huge turnout and over 140 vehicles registered to be judged, was an all-time record. When they saw how many people showed up to participate, many members who attended the event jumped in to help the scheduled volunteers. Everything aligned with weather, turnout and fun, to make it a perfect day, and a big fundraiser for the club to support the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. ■



Car Show Volunteers:

Back-L-R Lisa O'Connell-Paccorette, Secretary Nancy Murphy, Board Member Nora Feeney, LAOH President Katie Somers, Board Member Jim McDonald, Debbi McDonald, Jim Feeney, Rolia McCandless, Jeff Hockingberry, Stacie Stearns, Christina Morkla, Christina McConarney Front-L-R Josef Fallon, Molly Truex.



Judges Trevor Luther, Beth Berkenner and Devin Stearns.



Best of Show winner Bob Kirst (1946 Ford Coup) and President Andrew Suman.



Msgr. John Kelly, Coadj. blessed all the animals and Ann & Rick Rablson.

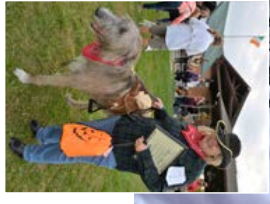
Barktoberfest Haunts the Night

The first ever Barktoberfest on October 10th at the Shamrock Club of Columbus, invited all owners and pets to join in a costume parade and to be blessed by the Club Chaplain, Monsignor John Kelly, Coadj. The turnout was grand and the costumes spoozy and silly. Thank you to Co-Chairs Stacie Stearns and Karen Finn for putting on this wonderful and fun event. ■



Second Place, Jasper who ain't nothing but a hound dog.

Third Place winner for best costume for pet and owner.



Donnybrook



by John Myers

AMERICAN CRUISE

A spirited group shared their support for a United Ireland, American Style, with the first annual, American Cruise for a United Ireland, in Cleveland's West Park neighborhood. A beautiful fall day presented the backdrop to advocate for a United Ireland as we near the UK Brexit withdrawal date of New Year's Eve, 2020.

Come 2021, the UK will be formally out of the EU and drag the Six Counties in the North of Ireland with them. Irish Supporters need the US government to be clear that it is unacceptable for the UK to force the Six Counties, where a majority voted to stay in the EU, to leave the EU.

Nowhere in the world is there an open border absent a trade treaty in place; this unilateral UK action will likely mean a return of a "hard" border between the North of Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, causing great economic and political disruption. It will also put at risk the 1998 Good Friday Peace Agreement.

Thanks to all who supported the Cruise, including Irish Northern Aid and Cleveland Hibernians.

O'CONNELL/DOUGLASS 175TH

This fall marks the 175th Anniversary of American Abolitionist Frederick Douglass' trip to Ireland. In 1845, Douglass had just published his autobiography and his supporters were very concerned that his recent notoriety would make it unlikely that Bostonians would be able to track him down in Boston and drag him back to his slave owner in Maryland.

Douglass' got out of town for what was to be a brief speaking tour in Great Britain and Ireland. As is the case with many visitors to Ireland, Douglass was scheduled for a few days in Ireland, but ended staying for over four months. It was on this journey that he met the "Liberator of Ireland," Daniel O'Connell, who led the fight for Catholics to be able to vote in the UK and for the repeal of Union between Ireland and



the UK. O'Connell introduced Douglass at one of his large mass meetings in Dublin to speak to the Irish crowd.

O'Connell was a well-known anti-slavery advocate as well. The Irish trip transformed the young Frederick Douglass into the world renowned leader he became. Douglass wrote at the time: "I can truly say, I have spent some of the happiest moments of my life since landing in this country (Ireland). I seem to have undergone a transformation. I live a new life."

IRISH OPEN

American Gaelic John is only the 3rd American to win the Irish Open. The fall classic was played at Galgorm Golf Resort in Ballinprossna, Co. Antrim. John edged out Fraser's Adam Tarrington and Shane Lowry. Ironically, NI native Rory McIlroy stayed in the US due to pandemic travel challenges.

BLOODY SUNDAY

It has been almost fifty years since the events known as Bloody Sunday, and still no justice has been achieved for the thirteen innocent civilians who were murdered in the streets of Derry and fifteen injured by British troops. To add insult and injury to the cause for peace and reconciliation, The Pres-

entation Service for Northern Ireland recently announced that there would be no further changes related to Bloody Sunday.

Currently only one soldier, Soldier "E," has been charged with any violation and that trial has not yet been adjudicated. The lack of further action lends support to those nationalists who believe that justice will never be served by any government of the Crown.

This failure to proceed with the investigation further erodes confidence that the extent of British violations of human rights in the North of Ireland will never reach the light of day. Families of the victims will ask the High Court in Belfast to review the prosecution's failure to act in the hope that these thirteen state sponsored murders shall not be swept under the rug, that these thirteen lives matter.

Gavin, the co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous.

WHITEHOUSE 2020

"Northeast Pennsylvania will be written on my heart. But Ireland will be written on my soul," said Joe Biden on one of his visits to the Emerald Isle. The Veep's great grandfather was born in Ballina, County Mayo (The sister city to Scranton,

Pa) and his Ma, Katie Finnegan's family is from County Louth. While the 2020 race will be a true One Ireland.

The Ohio "One Island One Ireland" Committee is inviting all supporters of a free and united Ireland to gather on October 3rd, 2020 (11 AM) in the West Park neighborhood of Cleveland for "An American Cruise for a United Ireland," with support from the Cleveland Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. Bring your sweetest car or decorate your vehicle.

This is NOT a parade, as all traffic laws must be followed, but an old fashioned cruise that will allow one to show your support for A United Ireland in a COVID safe manner. This is a crucial time and the Brexit plans offer the best chance for progress towards a United Ireland in a generation.

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TOLEDO IRISH
By Mary Collins
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Mohr Bros Bottling Company

John Mohr is a long-time member of the John F. Kelly AOH Division (Lucas County). I spoke to John about Mohr Bros, pop always being available at parish functions at old St. Ann's Church, and at dances and summer picnics with the Irish Benevolent Club. John shared stories about the family business, which lasted nearly three years.

Mohr Bros, Bottling Works was established in early spring of 1902. The first office and plant were at Meador and Lagrange and later purchased land and

an old house, at the corner of Lagrange and Palmer. The family investors were Henry (Henry), Edward S. Mohr and James Faurer, a brother in law. William and Henry were twins. They had another brother, John, Mohr, who ran an ice cream and sweet shop at Lagrange and Hausman. The building is still there and has the name "Mohr's Town Station" cemented into the top of the framework.

It was a stop on the inter-urban rail streetcar, which went from there to Manhattan Blvd. and then on to Toledo Beach. Johnny Mohr's (John's namesake) Sweetshop also had card games. The numbers racket was run out of the back room.

That was quite common at that time and also quite illegal. Johnny Mohr was not involved in the soft drink business, but he would lend the brothers money when they started to buy bottles, extract and other supplies. Everything was paid C.O.D. since it was a new business.

PUTTING THE HORSE ON THE TRAIN

As the business grew, the need for a larger plant became necessary. There was also a need for a stable for the horses.



There was space for the horse drawn carts and carts were put on a rail car, which would take them to Defiance, Napoleon, most of Wood County, and to Adrian, Morenci and Monroe, Michigan.

The driver would go with the train and stay in their area from Tuesday until Friday; local stables were contracted to house the horses. There were smaller carts for local areas: Toledo, Maumee, Point Place, Erie and Lima Pier.

In about 1915, a fleet of four or five trucks was purchased. They kept six horses for a couple of years for short runs and truck breakdowns.

On January 20, 1920, the company was incorporated and became the Mohr Bros. Bottling Company. Common stock was offered for sale and some stocks were given to long time employees with their bonuses. Changes were made in the board of directors. Henry and William retired, giving their stock to their children and Grandchildren.

The President was Edward S. Mohr, (John's Grandfather), Vice President was James Faurer, the Secretary, Treasurer was John Fisher, Alton Mohr, who was just back from World War I, the 2nd Vice-President was William Maska (Son in Law of Henry Mohr); the

Office Manager was William F. Corrigan (Son in Law of Edward Mohr). He was also just home from World War I.

The company began by supplying beverages to candy stores and social events, like ice cream socials and outdoor events. Later their market was mainly taverns and grocery stores, but they also sold cases of soda to church functions and other organizations.

Through the years, Mohr Bros. stuck to its line of old-fashioned flavors. Like root beer, ginger ale, lime, orange, blood orange, cherry, grape, cream, strawberry, grapefruit, lemon-lime and cola. Mohr Bros became beer distributors from about 1923 until Prohibition, for Anheuser - Busch products.

When prohibition was ended, they continued to sell Budweiser and Michelob. At that time, Michelob was only available in kegs. They always had a regional beer, which was cheaper for Phifer's, then later it was Altes Lager and then Weidemann.

There was also a beer called Marsh from Michigan, and Erin Brew, a great Irish brewer, from Cleveland. Ted Eash was President & CEO. His ruddy face was a picture of Ireland. Ted was always right there with his sales force; he would hop on a truck and run

the route with the Mohr Bros. driver. Ted was always with his distributors in March (the Green season) and the beer flowed like water (Holy Water).

GLORY DAYS

The glory days for beer distributors was in the '20s and '30s. Brothers wanted to go to bigger regional distributors. Business was slow to take the beer from Mohr Bros and give it to Trou House of Monah, because they had the distributorship. Saginaw, Bay City and covering all of the Michigan Lower Peninsula did not offer franchisees or contracts. It was order to reduce, so Mohr Bros had no choice. However, Max Treen and Leo Metch said they did not take the distributorship from Mohr Bros. They paid \$30,000 over a three year term for a couple of trucks and good will.

The Mohr Bros beer sales manager at that time was Barney Quinter. Barney was good friend the Budweiser sales manager for Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky, Stan Robinson. Stan refused to be the hatch man for the beer very against Mohr Bros, resulting in him being transferred to Kansas, Nebraska and Montana.

Barney Quinter went on to become an Ohio State Representative (see the May issue of the OHIOANSWER). Barney, along with House Leader Vern King, wanted to make breweries give a 180-day notice before cancelling a contract with a distributor. The final law required a 90-day notice.

Mohr Bros. hired high school students from the two nearby high schools (Central Catholic and Woodland High) every summer. John himself started working there at age fifteen and worked there for twenty-four years. He did everything from mixing soda in-

vors to driving a delivery truck, being a salesman and served on the board of directors. Even after he left the company, he continued to help out on a part-time basis, and served on the board of directors as Secretary Treasurer.

Mohr Bros. was sold in 1983 to John Kolb, who was formerly with Vernors. Inc. Richard Mohr, whose grandfather was one of the original founders, stayed on as company president.

The company was renamed the Kolb Beverage Company and sold a total of sixteen flavors at that time. Richard Mohr eventually bought the company back from Kolb. He had started working at Mohr Bros. in 1940, at the age of 14. Richard had a reputation for being very hands-on with the business he could be seen on the factory floor in work clothes, mixing the soda flavors by hand, referring to the recipe book containing the company's eighty-year-old formulas. He passed away in 2002 at the age of 75.

"They were locked into the old standards, and Richard Mohr just hung in there with that," his brother said. "He kept a lot of customers, even when he was down to three people working there. It was pride, because he was the third generation of Mohr's in the business."

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RapsSCALLIONS

It was a couple of fortnights ago that this article discussed the Cleveland Police Department in 1898, with a particular focus on the Irish members of that force. As I researched, I was surprised not so much by the number of native-born Irish on the force, the majority born in the Emerald Isle during the 1850s and 1860s.

That was not shocking; it complies with the familiar Irish narrative: 'The number of native born, albeit children of immigrants, who made their way to a position of relative power and respect was inspiring, especially considering the social and political climate in

America during the 19th century. The force was primarily Irish and German, with many of those fellows being immigrants. They migrated to the United States as a result. In part, of open immigration and ability to become citizens. The founding generation in this country made it comparatively simple to become American. Free public education and various benevolent organizations assisted immigrants. Capitalism and republicanism were the welcoming call to all those abroad who dreamed of a better life, and/or a position with the Cleveland Police. Millions of Irish heard that call; they might not have heard the third tenet of Protestantism.

THE RISE OF THE NATIVISTS
 Irish immigrants in Cleveland and all of Ohio during the 19th century were confronted with Nativists. Some Americans were alarmed at the slow rate of assimilation of these newcomers. In 1854 and 1856 there was enough of support of the Nativist movement to gain political power on the national level.

Nativists believed they were the original Americans, and the rightful heirs to this country. They believed they were the protectors of common values, beliefs, language and race. It was a response to over four million European immigrants in the mid-19th century who spoke Gaelic or German, had different cultural customs and came from different religious traditions, 95% of the Irish immigrants and about 30% of the Germans were Catholic.

That was problem enough for the native born, Protestant males who acquired the name "Know Nothings" after a member refused to answer a journalist's questions about the organization and simply replied, "I know nothing." The real issue was what Know Nothings called "rigged elections".

Reverend Chuck preached that the "political-ecclesiastical Corporation of priests and Jesuits under the direction of a foreign power" would employ any means for the glory of God, because treachery and fraud, even the violation of oaths, private murder, destruction by war are all justified by the holy end.

The Know Nothings listened to his preaching and the call to defend what they determined was their national right. The Know Nothing Council of Ohio had 138 sub-councils and direct-ors of Kentucky's fifteen councils. Missouri's ten councils and Indiana's five councils. Their constitution required members to pledge:

I, _____, hereby solemnly swear eternal fidelity to the vows I have taken in this Order. I also swear that I will advance the interests of every native born American citizen, especially members of this Order, to the entire and absolute exclusion of all aliens and foreigners, and more especially those who belong to or profess the Roman Catholic faith. So help me God!

THE POPES TICKET
 The anti-Catholic dogma and the fear of the Catholic vote, the "Popes Ticket," led to this country's most violent election day riots. The St. Louis Know Nothing Riot of 1854, the Cincinnati Election Day Riot of 1855, the Chicago "Lager" Riot of 1855 and the Louisville "Bloody Monday" Riot of 1855. Know Nothing Orders took oaths to annihilate the whole tribe of worthless scoundrels. The Cleveland Irish raps-callions close to be police after immigrating during this violent turmoil.

The nativist attack was not limited to physical violence. Culture war led to the adoption of the King James Bible in those free public schools and curriculum from a nativist paradigm. Sunday closing laws were aimed at preventing Catholic teaching and German cultural recreation. Protestantism constructed the core values and social attitudes of this country in the nativist paradigm. They even created national myths producing a dichotomy between Americanism and Catholicism.

Americans and immigrants challenged what they deemed bigoted xenophobia. The Know Nothings did not have the numbers nor the support of the general public. They went underground and formed secret cohorts which required members to be white, male, native born, at least 21 and Protestant Christian. All members had to disown membership. Groncho Marx said, "I would never join an organization that would have me as a member." He could not join the Know Nothings because of his Jewish faith.

Emma Lazarus was also of Jewish faith and her 1858 sonnet "The New Colossus" was written to raise funds for the Statue of Liberty. "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to the breathe free." Those are words Irish immigrants landing in New York could read. Those are the words that Irish immigrants heard whilst in Ireland; the parents of those Cleveland Police officers in 1898, as well as the parents of the Irish they arrested.

For further reading see *Inventing America's First Immigration Crisis: Political Nativism in the Antebellum West* by Luke Ritter. It is part of the series, *Catholic Practice in North America*, published by Fordham University Press. ■



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SPEAK IRISH
By Bob Carney

Pronunciation

The last few months, we've jumped into exploring the Irish language with out too much explanation of the origins of the language itself, or some of its nuances. I have found from my own (hardly scientific) experiences, that it's easier to learn in a way that incorporates Irish words and phrases into your daily speech, rather than trying to understand the grammar behind the language. After all, as children we learned to communicate long before we were introduced to Varriner's English Grammar and Composition.

Linguistic family: Irish speakers refer to Irish as Gaeilge (gah-ih-gay), derived from an old Irish word for 'fritشان, Goidel (goy-del).

There are three regional dialects: Donegal, Galway and Kerry, along with an official dialect that was established during the language reform of 1950. That official dialect is what is taught in schools, on-line courses and most self-learning materials.

There are eighteen letters in the Irish alphabet: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPSTU, although you will see the remaining letters of the English alphabet used in "loan words." Vowels can be long or short, indicated by a mark over the vowel called a fada (fah-dah) which means long. Vowels and consonants are broad or slender.

We have no word for 'yes' or 'no', you can't have something, something will be with you or on you. Sentence structure is common to other European languages, verb-pronoun-adjective. Spelling can appear confusing at first, but the vowels that appear to be extra or unnecessary are there to aid in the pronunciation of the consonants. In English there are far more exceptions than rules, in Irish there are few exceptions to the rules.

A fada over a vowel indicates it is a long vowel and changes its pronunciation and will also change the meaning of the word, for example briste (brish-shah) broken and briste (brise-shah) parts. The vowels are also grouped into two types, broad and slender: a and u are broad, while e and i are slender. Whether the vowel is broad or slender affects the pronunciation of the consonant next to it.

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The English spelling "rule", Leathan le leath-an agus codice (lah-than-lee-thah-lee-han-ah-goo-keel-ee-koich) broad with broad and slender with slender, keeps pronunciation consistent. Since we know e and i are slender vowels, we can look at the word briste, and know that the consonants are slender as well. You will never see a consonant between a slender vowel and a broad vowel.

Typically broad consonants are pronounced as they would be in English, with exceptions in the letters d and t. Slender consonants can be a bit trickier to pronounce. They can be a bit trickier the way they might be in English or with a very faint "y" sound at the very end. For example, in the word beo, which means alive, the b is slender because it is next to e, a slender vowel, the word is pronounced be-yo. In the guide below, notice the exceptions to the slender pronunciation in the letters d, s and t.

SHORT LONG
a - ah - a - aw
e - eh - e - ey
i - ih - i - iy
o - oh - o - oh
u - uh - u - oo

CONSONANTS
BROAD SLENDER
b (b) as in ball (b) as in bill
c (c) as in cat (c) as in cute
d (d) or like the word (th) as in dot (d) as in part
f (f) as in faint (f) as in fee
g (g) as in gone (g) as in regiment
h (h) as in hall (h) as in heel
l (l) as in law (l) as in leap

m (m) as in mop (m) as in mope
n (n) as in no (n) as in knee
p (p) as in paw (p) as in pill
r (r) as in raw (r) as in read
s (s) as in saw (s) as in shop
t (t) as in top (t) as in tick

SEMHÚ AGUS IRLÉ
The beginnings of Irish words can be changed by words that precede them. These changes can be very confusing

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at first, but with practice become quite natural. In semhú (shay-wool) or lenition, an h is added after the first letter of words starting with the following consonants and change the pronunciation of the letter: b - bh (y) or w - ch (ch as in loch) - dh (y) f - fh (silent) g - gh (ch as in loch) - mh (v) p - ph (f) s - sh (th - th-yah).

Úrta (uh-roo) or eclipsis involves adding a letter before the first letter of words starting with the following consonants. These changes are easier to pronounce as the eclipsis letter takes over the original first letter: b - mb - c - gc - d - dh - f - fh - g - gh - t - th. For now, just be aware that these changes exist and how they change pronunciation. We'll get into when and why later.

Also be aware if you are having difficulty looking up a word in the dictionary, try looking it up without the h. If that's the second letter or dropping the first letter, the word you're looking for may have been lenited or eclipsed.

MORO STRESS
In Irish, stress is usually placed on the first syllable. In Kerry, the dialect in the south is Irish, the stress is on the second or third syllable.

With this information you can refer to last month's vocabulary and try your hand at pronouncing the words and phrases without using the phonetic keys. Use the audio for the on-line dictionary www.learnspeaking.com to check your progress.

Slán go hÉil!
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OUT OF THE MMLB6 COMES SONGS AND STORIES
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Ashley Davis Band: When the Stars Went Out

2020 14 tracks, 63 minutes.

And the stars went out in our lives, and love's shimmers in a different light, do our dreams reflect what could be, or merely our fantasies? Ashley and gang take a look at love, hearts, society rules and how little our heart listens to those rules, when love's promise over takes what other people want for us.

Wann Jones - The life a fisherman, who has lost many members to the sea, accepting he will probably go the same way, and continue not dispirit his father, also already in the grave, some-where.

Mountain Jane, w/Tony Putrado - I have spent more than a few days, down in the mountain. Black as coal, and too much time to think. Trapped in so many ways, to a life in chains. I hear the lover's lament in Ashley's song.

Burning House, w/Heidi Talbot - A lover with regrets, as they look back on what could have been, "... I hear sleep waltz... the only place that I can hold you tight"

Lorenz psalm - the title words are a mangling of Cleo, are the standard darning text for printers, and dates back to the 16th century. It is derived from the Latin "dolesco psalm." In this song, I feel that the singer is hurt by words left unsaid by their lover, that remain long after the lover has gone. Communication is almost always at the root of lost loves. How 'bout You, w/John Doyle - the singer asks their lover, "When did you know it was love, the right one? I knew right then well baby how loud you?"



anyway?
They tell me to let go of you / They you're gonna break my heart in two / Shut down my feet / am walk away / But not today / No not today / Baby no, maybe never, not today



the ashley davis band
WHEN THE STARS WENT OUT

Sign of the Times - another warm and inviting tune, the kind that makes you close your eyes, sway your head, and imagine what are the words, emotions, meanings that Dave Carley and Colin Farrell are conveying. We all take different things from songs, especially trid ones, of course, but what do you think Colin and Dave are conveying in their music?

Here by My Side, w/John Doyle - A bit more regret, a bit of how we have developed and diversified, and the realization, that you are what the lover was looking for then, and once again, now. If I had you here by my side / I wouldn't waste any time / I'd hold you real close / I'd hold you forever

When the Stars Went Out took me by surprise, I wasn't expecting anything in particular, but the love songs throughout I wasn't expecting either. Deeply emotional, these are the exact style of song I think Ashley rocks the most, and she rocks so many genres of break the others heart, have the chance to reunite... can they listen, and break

you may want to explore, and learn from, the singer, and the listener. Even though these songs are tinged with a bit of sorrow of regret, and the evolution of the singer and the subject, the whole album is perhaps a celebration, or at least recognition, of how we learn and grow in our lives and in our relationships.

Colin, Dave, Will Duncann, Heidi, John, Kevin, Mick, Shane, ... the full list is below, but with that level of gifted performers in the band and guesting on this CD, paired with such a gifted singer/songwriter, when the Stars Went Out was predestined to be great, and fully lives up to its destiny. I understand the ache.

Although it may be best suited to listen to when the light goes out, or maybe with candles or some other form of fire for you, I am quite sure there will be grooves worn into this CD, as I listen to it whether I do my best thinking and meditating, I mean meditating, while driving. Music is truly the best form of meditating any way.

To hear more from and about Ashley, subscribe to the Irish Songs, Stories & Shenanigans Podcast Episodes 4: When the Stars Went Out, with special guest Ashley Davis, available on iTunes, www.ohioianews.com, www.ohioianews.com, or www.ohioianews.com.

Ashley Davis Band is: Ashley Davis on vocals, Dave Carley on Acoustic guitar, Mandolin, Bodhran, Banjo, vocals, Colin Farrell on Fiddle, Low whistle, the Will MacMoran on Electric guitar, Acoustic guitar, bouzouki, Percussion, Bass, Pipes, & Accordion, Duncann Wicked on Strings, Cello, Tenor Guitar with special guests Shawn Collins, Tim O'Brien, Heidi Talbot, Tony Putrado, Stephanie Schneckerman, Shane Hennessy, John Doyle, Simon Christman, Nicholas Fink, Mick McCauley, Kevin Crawford, and Danny Malone.

Check out Danny Kings Music Ashley-DavisBand.com
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TAKING THE FIELDS OF GLORY
By Vincent Bech

Midwest Gaelic Athletic Association

Another stalwart of Cleveland GAA is west bound for work. We wish Chris Weiner the best of luck and look forward to our paths crossing once again. Chris began playing in 2011 with the St. Pat's club anchoring the middle of the field with spectacular catches and distributions. He was instrumental in Pat's turn-around to a winning club as they garnered Midwest titles in 2014 and 2015 and a national runner-up in 2012 and a national championship in 2013. Chris also picked up two all-stars with the Midwest Division and multiple Player of the Year with Cleveland. His presence off the field was equally impressive embodying the GAA volunteer spirit at every event. Cleveland hosted — we may have to use some of that fundraising dollars on a flight back home if we need a trigger, wink. Safe travels, *slán dhéanú* (safe home), *agus*



Chris Weiner

go n-éirí an t-éidh leat a dhán (and may good luck be with you, friend). As it goes, we say goodbye to one and welcome another. Congratulations to Lindsey and Steve Pepin on the birth of their daughter, future duet code sensation, 2040



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Steve, Lindsey, and Milia Gianna Pepin.

October), the big news out of Ireland has been spectacular county championship finals followed by the cessation of all club GAA activities on October 5. Leading into this week, we have seen countless late time winning scores, extra-time deciders, and replays. Several counties had clubs end their dreights long county final winning droughts which has led to great excitement among supporters.

With the news of Armagh county shutting down activities last week, delays in games due to teams testing positive with COVID, as well as the field-rushing and celebrations at county finals by supporters, head-quarters (Croke Park) has flipped the circuit breaker on all activities on the entire island. In fairness, Croke Park

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guards will host their Annual All-Ireland hurling tournament on the 17th. Seven-a-side teams are expected from Cleveland, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, and possibly Purdue. The following weekend, Midwest clubs will meet in Pittsburgh for the division's annual general meeting (AGM). The AGM decides any proposed changes in the bylaws and new officers for the 2021 year. Reports, Clubs also provide year-end updates, and development for the upcoming season is discussed. Cleveland continues to hold training sessions for both the youth and adults at the West Side Irish American Club for as long as the weather allows. To stay fit and active, indoor sessions are being planned as well.

At the time of writing (first week of

did provide warnings to all that post-game celebrations had to meet COVID guidelines the week before the stadium. Adherence to guidelines can hardly be controlled by Croke Park or even some county boards, and many have noted that the real issues are not seen with crowds at the match, but rather at indoor celebrations after COVID has not been related to field play, but rather social gatherings, carpooling, and school interactions. It is a real heartbreaker for many club players as 11 counties have not completed their championship — some being delayed due to later starts when their counties were still in lockdown. Players may now have to wait until mid-December when the inter-county league and championship are done. The actual dates will depend on when each county is knocked out of the championship, and as always, what COVID level each county is at this winter when spikes are expected. A level 4 or 5 will shutdown club play.

The GAA are also commemorating the 100-year anniversary of the Croke Park Bloody Sunday. On November 21, fourteen civilians lost their lives when British forces opened fire on players and 15,000 spectators during the "The great Challenge Match" between Tipperary and Dublin. This autumn Croke Park is releasing each week a remembrance video for every

person. William Robinson (11 years old, shot while sitting in tree overlooking the field), Mick Hogan (24, Tipperary player), Jane Boyle (26, due to be married later that week, shot while holding the arm of her fiancé), James Trehan (26, publican, crushed in crowd near Casteck stand), James Matthews (38, father, shot while scaling wall at the northeastern corner of the grounds), James Burke (44, crushed in crowd at St. James avenue), Daniel Carroll (31, shot on the street after fleeing the grounds by a police truck), Michael Feery (40, WW1 veteran, shot), Tom Hogan (39, shot in shoulder and later died of wounds), Patrick O'Dowd (57, shot after helping others over the wall), Jerome O'Leary (10, shot while sitting on the Canal Field wall), Tom Ryan (27, shot in back while whispering the Act of Contribution to the dying Mick Hogan), John William Scott (US, shot in chest) and Joe Traynor (20, shot twice in the back while fleeing over the Canal Field wall). *Is camhain hain naid.*

Go raibh míle maith agabha!
(thanks a lot) to our readers and supporters. We need your help and involvement, but would most like to share the fun of Irish sport and Cleveland community with you. Consider getting involved at any level. Failte (welcome) to all. The Gaelic Athletic Association is Ireland's largest sporting organization and a bit of home for the Irish abroad

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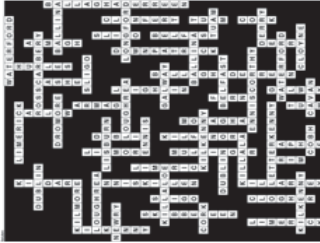
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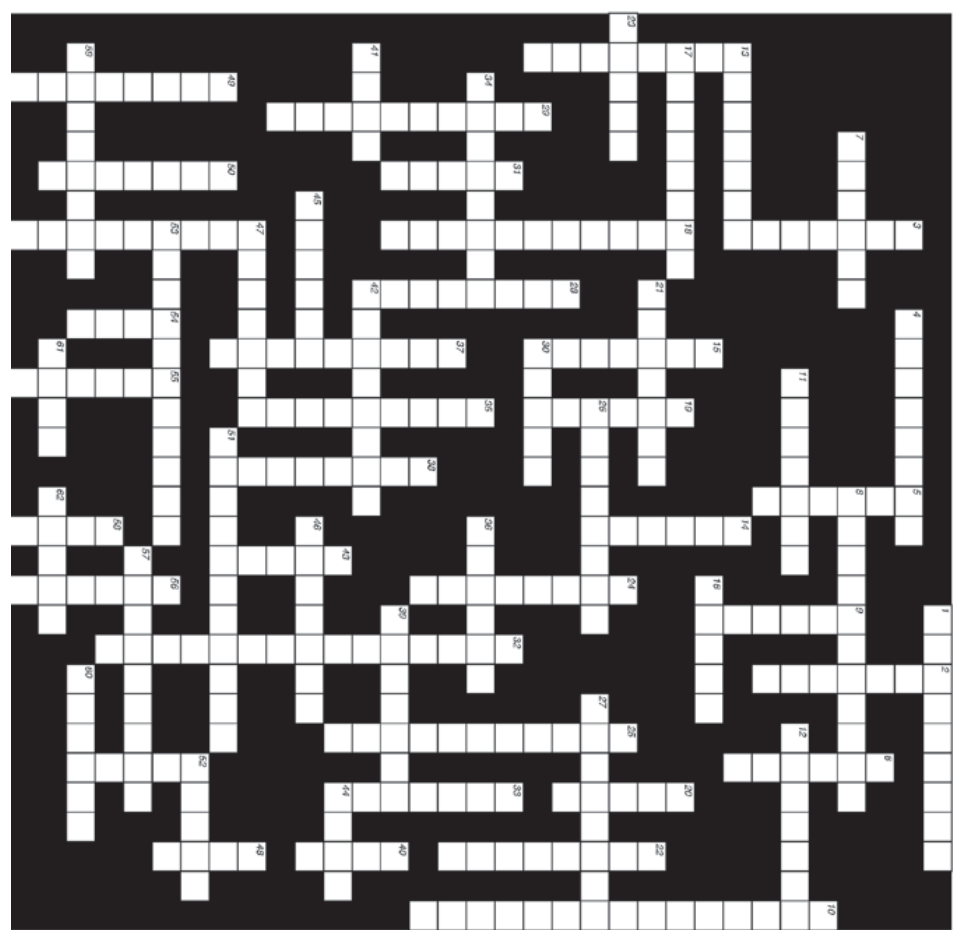
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