

**THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN
NEWSLETTER
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JULY 4 ~ HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

JULY 15 ~ IRISH NIGHT AT THE MUD HENS

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Mother McAuley Division

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A MESSAGE FROM LUCAS COUNTY AOH PRESIDENT, ROBERT MCMAHON

Happy Independence Day! July 4th might be as important to Ireland as it is to us. As proud Americans and Irish the notion of Freedom has and will always be near to our hearts. The U.S. and Ireland enjoy a special relationship that predates America's independence. It is a relationship which George Washington paid tribute to when he said "When our friendless standards were first unfurled, who were the strangers who first mustered around our staff, Erin's generous sons. Ireland, thou friend of my country in my country's most friendless days." Ireland is still a close friend to the United States today, allowing over 66,000 US troops to transit through Shannon Airport to the Middle East in 2020 alone. Irish patriot Robert Emmet wrote in his proclamation and uprising in 1803 "You are now called on to show to the world that you are competent to take your place among nations, that you have a right to claim their recognizance of you, as an independent country, by the only satisfactory proof you can furnish of your capability of maintaining your independence, your wresting it from England with your own hands." No doubt he and others who had also attempted to rebel in 1798 had been inspired by their American friends. *Go to page 12*



A MESSAGE FROM LUCAS COUNTY LAOH PRESIDENT, ANN DOLLMAN

Warm Summer Greetings! It was wonderful to see so many members at the June picnic in the park! The Mud Hens have reserved 70 seats for the Hibernians, and Irish in Section 114. If you want \$1 discount tickets I need to know by July 7th please and thank you. Otherwise please join us and sit with us in that section. Jim Burns and Robert McMahon will be singing the Irish and American National Anthems. The Ardan dancers will perform at the Home Plate Plaza before the game. This is a wonderful to promote and support the Irish ! So let's play ball!!!

Congratulations to our New Ohio State Board! President- Teresa Harris, Vice-President- Nicky Parks-Norris, Secretary- Cindee Case, Treasurer - Mary Jo Rawlins, Historian -Jenny Scarry, Office of Missions & Charities- Marie Rizzo, Office of Catholic Action - JoAnn Shire. Tricia Cassidy is our State Sunshine lady!

As State President Teresa Harris would like to attend one of our meetings. We welcome her with open arms! Some of the ideas I came away with from the convention include: A cheat sheet for new members of various web sites , a sheet for new members of the duties of the officers, I thought a folder presented to the new member about the Hibernians would help them to feel a part of us. I also chaired the Ways and Means committee. We had a wonderful group of ladies with a lot of great ideas! I will share some of these ideas at one of our next meetings. Join us on our sunset cruise on the Sandpiper August 19th 7-9pm Good time and good fellowship! RSVP to Sherri McNeill 419-382-3429. The more the merrier!

Our sympathy goes out to the Cromley family. Noreen Cromly passed 6/12/21. Noreen and her husband John were wonderful volunteers at the festival. We will miss her beautiful smile...

Last but not least the LAOH is offering a Legacy membership. If you are the daughter, daughter-in-law, niece, wife, aunt, mother, sister or sister-in-law of a Hibernian we are offering you your first year of dues for FREE! We want you to try us out! Don't be shy, give us a try!

Yours in Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

Ann Dollman

Lucas County President

JULY, 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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 Peak Sunday Croagh Patrick, Co. Mayo	26	27	28	29	30	31



IRISH NIGHT AT THE MUD HENS

Irish dancers from Ardan Academy
Jim Burns & Robert McMahon will sing
the Irish & American National Anthems

Thursday. July 15th 7:05 PM

Toledo Mud Hens vs Iowa Cubs

Bring your family, bring your friends!!! All are welcome!
\$1 off regular ticket price. Ticket information page 12

WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

After the eighty-four-year-old lady finished her annual physical examination, Doc Murphy said to her, "You are in fine shape for your age, Mrs. Sullivan, but tell me, do you still have intercourse?" "Just a minute, I'll have to ask my husband." Mrs. Sullivan stepped out into the crowded waiting room and yelled out loud, "Sean dear, do we still have intercourse?" Suddenly, there was a hush in the waiting room. It was literally so quiet you could hear a pin drop. Sean answered impatiently, "If I have told you once, Kathleen, I have told you a hundred times. What we have is Blue Cross!"

Murphy's old lady had been pregnant for some time, and the time had come. He brought her to the doctor, and the doctor began to deliver the baby. She had a little boy, and the doctor looked over at Murphy and said, "Hey, Murph! You just had you a son!" Murphy got excited by this, but just then, the doctor spoke up and said, "Hold on! We aren't finished yet, !ø The doctor then delivered a little girl. He said, "Hey, Murph! You got you a daughter!!!! She is a pretty Lil ting, tooí .øMurphy got puzzled by this, and then the doctor said, "Hold on, we aren't done yet, !ø The doctor then delivered another boy and said, "Murph, you just had yourself another boy!ø Murphy said to the doctor, "Doc, what caused all of the babies?ø The doctor said "You never know Murph; it was probably something that happened during conception.ø Murphy said, "Ah yeah, during conception.ø When Murph. and his wife went home with their three children, he sat down with his wife and said, "Mama, you remember that night that we ran out of lube, and we had to use that 3-in-1 Oil.ø She said, "Yeah, I remember that nightí ø Murph said, "I'll tell you, í .itø a good thing we didn't use WD-40.

A Waterford wife, Pauline, was keeping a close eye on her new neighbors. 'They seem perfectly devoted to each other,' she opined to husband, Ryan. 'He kisses her every time he goes out and even blows kisses to her from the window. Why don't you do that?' 'But, I hardly know the woman,' was Ryan's reply

At the height of the gulf wars, the expertise of Red Adair (that well known fire fighter) was called upon to go out to the gulf and put out the oil rig fires. On his way his plane landed in Ireland for an overnight stop so Red took advantage to visit the local bar for a pint of the black stuff. On entering the bar two old Irish boys witnessed him walk in and one said to the other. 'Isn't that Red Adair?' The other replied, 'No'. The old boy then said, 'I'm sure it is and I'm so sure that I will bet you a pint if I am wrong'. The doubting one said, 'Ok' and they both went over to Red and the one said, 'Are you Red Adair'? To which Red said he was. The doubting Irishman said, 'Are you still dancing with Ginger Rogers'?

The car sped off the highway, went through the guardrail, rolled down a cliff, bounced off a tree and finally shuddered to a stop. A passing motorist, who had witnessed the entire accident, helped the miraculously unharmed driver out of the wreck. "Good lord, mister," he gasped, "Are you drunk?" "Of course," said the man, brushing the dirt from his suit. "What the hell do you think I am ... a stunt driver?"

Danny walks into Murphy's bar and says, "Murph, give me the daily lunch special, double it, along with 3 pints of Guinness, two glasses of dark ale, and five shots of Jameson." "What's all this for, Danny? Are you okay?" "I just came back from the doctor, and I tell you Murph, if you knew what I have you wouldn't be eatin' and drinkin' like this." Murph brings over a Guinness and Danny downs it straight away. "My goodness Danny, is it cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's? What do you have?" Danny licks his foamy lips and replies, "50 cents."

Juan Rodriguez decided to call his Irish father-in-law the "Exorcist" because every time he came to visit he made the spirits disappear.

The Fourth of July is Independence Day



Independence Day honors the birthday of the United States of America and the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. It's a day of picnics and patriotic parades, a night of concerts and fireworks, and a reason to fly the American flag.

Be Proud!!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

Have a Happy & Safe 4th of July



On July 4, 1928,
Katie (Waters) Collins set sail for
America!!!!

The Captain of the ship told her that there would
be a big celebration on that date every year in
America!!!!

Reek Sunday in Ireland

July 25, 2021



Reek Sunday, also known as Garland Sunday, is an annual day of pilgrimage in Ireland that occurs on the last Sunday in July. On this day, pilgrims climb Croagh Patrick, a mountain in County Mayo associated with Saint Patrick.

The name *ōCroagh Patrickō* means *ōPatrick's stacksö*. Before the introduction of Christianity, the mountain had been a site of pagan pilgrimage. It was originally known as *Cruachán Aigle*, this name is mentioned in a number of early Irish texts.

According to legend, Saint Patrick climbed this mountain and fasted on its summit for forty days of Lent. Since then, Croagh Patrick has been drawing thousands of pilgrims who want to honor the primary patron saint of Ireland.

A total of 100,000 pilgrims climb Croagh Patrick every year, between 15,000 and 30,000 of them make their pilgrimage on Reek Sunday. The day of pilgrimage was named Reek Sunday because Croagh Patrick is nicknamed the Reek. The Reek Sunday climbing is traditionally led by the Archbishop of Tuam.

It takes about two hours to climb and an hour and a half to descend, although the exact time depends on weather conditions. Reek Sunday is one of the busiest days of the year for local rescue teams, as injuries occur every year

The ascent along the traditional pilgrim path begins from the north side of the mountain in the village of Murrisk. At the base of the mountain there is a small parking lot and a visitor center, as well as several stands selling religious items and that also rent walking sticks hewn from nearby trees. There is also a small pub near the base of the mountain, which is as full of locals as it is of pilgrims. Beyond the stands and sellers lay a set of stairs up to a statue of St. Patrick. On the last weekend in July this statue bore a sign with the schedule of masses to be celebrated atop the mountain all weekend. Some pilgrims recounted that, when they were children, their parents used to take them up the stairs as far as the statue and declare that they had, in fact, climbed the mountain. The statue more or less marks a boundary between civilization and the area that turns into more rugged mountain paths, and really stands as the beginning of the path.



IMPORTANT JULY DATES IN IRISH HISTORY

July 2, 2000 - The 25th anniversary of St. Oliver Plunkett's canonization is celebrated in Drogheda, Co. Armagh

July 4, 1998 - It is announced that outgoing US Ambassador Jean Kennedy-Smith is to be made an honorary Irish citizen in recognition of her contribution to the peace process

July 5, 1838 - The Board of Trinity College decrees the establishment of a Chair of Irish

July 8, 1984 - Two Irish-Americans slug it out on Wimbledon's centre court for the men's singles title - John McEnroe beats Jimmy Connors

July 9, 1921 - A truce is reached between the IRA and the British army

July 9, 1959 - Mary Browne from Roscommon becomes the first Ban Garda - woman police officer - pounding the beat in Dublin

July 11, 1921 - Truce is declared between IRA and English forces, thus ending the War of Independence military campaign

July 15, 1927 - Countess Constance de Markievicz, Irish patriot, dies

July 15, 1943 - Maurice & Katie Collins become proud parents of their only son

July 15, 1999 - It's revealed that since 1998, all telephone, e-mail and fax messages between Ireland and Britain, and probably the United States, were tapped by the British Government

July 17, 1846 - Birth of Fenian, John McLure. He is one of 30 Fenian prisoners released in a general amnesty by the British government on January 5, 1871. They are released on condition that they exile themselves to the country of their choice and not return until their sentences have expired. Many choose to go to Australia, but John McClure, Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa, John Devoy, Henry Mulleda and Charles Underwood O'Connell, who had all been imprisoned together, decide to go to America and ship out from Liverpool on board the "Cuba." The so-called 'Cuba Five' arrive in New York to a hero's welcome and even receive a resolution of welcome from the US House of Representatives

July 23, 1999 - Guinness Blues Festival gets underway in 30 venues across Dublin

July 25 - Today is the feast day of St. James. Since mediaeval times, Dubliners held an annual drinking festival in the Saint's honor. Fittingly, Guinness chose St. James's Gate as the site for their brewery

July 25, 1987 - U2 plays in Cardiff, Wales, in response to a fan who gathered 10,000 signatures on a petition requesting the show

July 31, 2007 - After 38 years, the occupation of Northern Ireland by the British Army ends at midnight. Operation Banner is the Army's longest continuous campaign in its history with more than 300,000 personnel serving and 763 directly killed by paramilitaries.



A Message from the crazy editor, Maury Collins

Think where man's glory most begins and ends,
and say my glory was I had such friends.

William Butler Yeats

I no longer write the "Toledo Irish" column for the Irish American News Magazine. The question came up, after reading my articles, "Are there any live Irish Americans left in Toledo?" I was writing about friends, many who have gone to their eternal reward. They were the ones, who supported the efforts to promote Irish heritage in Toledo. They came to all events, They brought friends and family. They volunteered. They bought and sold ads. They did all the little things that needed to be done and they did all that with enthusiasm. The "Toledo Irish" column has been turned over to Molly McHugh. It's rime for a younger person to take over and write about the living "movers & shakers" of the Toledo Irish. It is a good time for younger people to step up and become the movers and shakers. It's also a good time for this old guy to step back and admit that my time has past. God bless.



Picnic August 1st at Matt & Tricia Cassidy's home
Starting at Noon!!! Bring a dish to pass.
Beautiful yard on the Maumee River

495 S. River Road
Waterville, Ohio

**REMEMBER THE GOOD
OLD DAYS????**

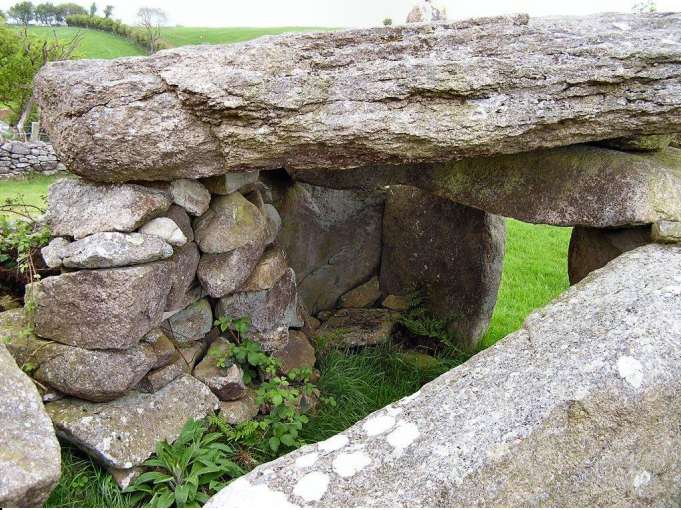


THURSDAY, AUGUST 19th 7 -9 PM

Cost: \$30 per person

RSVP to Sherri McNeill 419-382-3429

The Clontygora Court Tomb County Armagh



The Clontygora Court Tomb is locally known as 'The King's Ring' and is situated on a prominent hillside in South Armagh. In Irish, this location translates to mean 'the meadow of the goats'. The tomb has an odd Y shape and has a large burial gallery at its center. The roof slabs and the large capstone that covers its first 3 chambers are supported by enormous split granite boulders. These unusually face north (instead of east-west) probably towards the nearby stream. This area is known as The Ring of Gullion has been farmed for at least 6000 years and has 20 impressive megalithic tombs, burial chambers, and cairns. Over the recent past, there have been reports of 're-constructive vandalism' and it's incredible that this tomb survived. In the 18th century, it was reported

that some of the stones were removed to build the first lock on the Newry Canal, in the 19th-century they were used to build the quay at Narrow Water, and more recently to build field boundary walls! Clontygora means 'meadow of the goats' in Irish.

The forecourt is the most impressive feature of the tomb and is defined by very large orthostats (upright stones). The tallest of these are near the center of the forecourt and stand over 9 ft. high. where funeral rites were performed before the ashes or bones of the dead person were taken through the entrance, marked by two massive portal stones, to be placed inside the burial gallery. This forecourt may have been used for other ceremonies as well as for burial ritual.

Roof slabs and a large capstone over the first of three chambers are supported on enormous split granite boulders. The ruined burial gallery consists of at least two, probably three, chambers lined with similarly large sidestones and some roofing slabs still survive though displaced. Very little remains of the stone cairn which once would have covered the tomb. The first burial chamber is quite well preserved and is 3.28 yards wide. Stone has been robbed from the second chamber, and also from a third chamber, leaving it with no existing surface remains at all. Evidence of this third chamber was revealed only by excavation in 1937. The below-ground archaeological record yielded sherds of decorated and plain ware, worked flint and cremated human bone and earlier stone structures. Overall dimensions including cairn would have been approximately 22 yards long by 115 yards wide.

Huge orthostats, particularly those flanking the entrance to the chambers are the most obvious features of this tomb. The enormous chair shaped orthostat to the right of the entrance to the gallery makes this monument easily recognizable in photographs.

There is still plenty left to impress the visitor and it is easily recognized as a court tomb as all the most classic identifying features are here. This is a VERY nicely maintained site.



Irish exiles - the “Cuba” five

In 1871 British authorities release over thirty Fenian prisoners including John Devoy and Jeremiah O’Donovan Rossa. The conditional amnesty of 1871 required those released not to return to Ireland for the term of their respective sentences for treason. Devoy, O’Donovan Rossa and three others:

Charles Underwood O’Connell, Henry Mulleda, and John McClure boarded the S.S. Cuba bound for New York where the “Cuba Five” were greeted as heroes by their Irish brethren and even receive a resolution of welcome from the US House of Representatives



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Jeremiah O’Donovan Rossa ran a dynamite school in the United States and boasted of bombing campaigns in his self-published newspaper. He embraced new technologies of destruction and communication, ran bombing campaigns from afar and revelled in being a hate figure in Britain.

O’Donovan Rossa is best known by Pádraig Pearse’s graveside oration at his funeral in 1915, “They think that they have pacified Ireland. They think that they have purchased half of us and intimidated the other half. They think that they have foreseen everything, think that they have provided against everything; but, the fools, the fools, the fools! They have left us our Fenian dead, and while Ireland holds these graves, Ireland unfree shall never be at peace.”

In death O’Donovan Rossa became a unifying symbol of revolutionary continuity. In life he was more divisive. What radicalized him. The answer is relatively simple: he lived through The Great Hunger. His family were annihilated in The Great Hunger. They fell from such a high position so low that they had to emigrate. He remembered his father let some friends live in their property. They had a donkey, and he was devastated when he discovered the family were forced to eat the donkey.

On another occasion he had to bury a woman in a shallow grave. He recalled putting a pillow over her head and a tea cloth over her face. He argued very prominently that to call the Famine an act of God was an act of blasphemy, that it was the British government’s fault.

2021 Irish Festivals



July 31, August 1 & 2

<https://dublinirishfestival.org/>



August 20, 21 & 22

<https://irishfest.com/Milwaukee-Irish-Fest>



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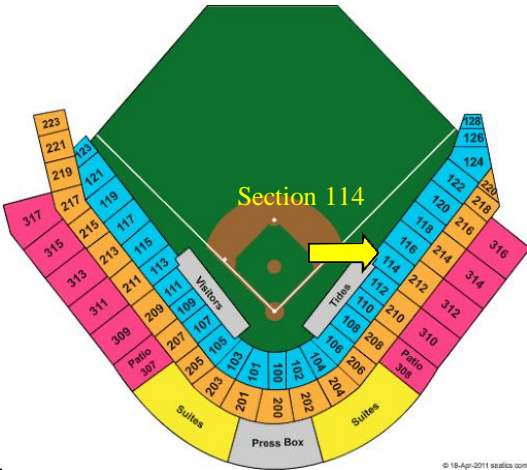
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A MESSAGE FROM LUCAS COUNTY AOH PRESIDENT, ROBERT MCMAHON (continued)



Further, he had a secret weapon that he felt would make the difference. Developed with help from his chemistry teacher, John Patten, it was an iron-clad rocket that delivered a bomb. Their chemical powder mix and a stabilizing shaft made it steadier than anything ever seen before. They built enough of them to provide a military advantage. An interesting addendum to this story is that after the ill-fated uprising, the Brits seized the remaining rockets from Emmet's apartment and sent them to Sir William Congreve, Comptroller of the Royal Arsenal. In 1805, his son claimed them as his own invention. It was those so called Congreve

Rockets that produced the "rockets red glare" in America's national anthem when they were fired on Fort McHenry in the War of 1812. Not only does the Bold Robert Emmet get no credit for developing the rocket. I hope that everyone has a safe and poignant holiday. I hope to see everyone at the Irish night at the Mud Hens on 15 July. God Bless the USA and God Bless Ireland. In Charity Robert McMahon.



IRISH NIGHT AT THE MUD HENS

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Toledo Mud Hens vs Iowa Cubs

Irish dancers from Ardan Academy

Irish singers for the National Anthem

Tickets \$14 (\$1 off regular price)

if ordered by July 7th

Contact Ann Dollman for tickets

419-250-0288 anndollman@yahoo.com



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