

people news

Naughten slams removal of breast cancer surgeon

Local TD Denis Naughten has condemned the removal of a general surgeon with a special interest in breast surgery at Sligo General Hospital, saying that it is a further measure by this



Denis Naughten T.D.

Government to delay the roll out of vital cancer treatment services to women throughout the West of Ireland.

This announcement comes on top of the recent admission by the health authorities that it will be at least 2009 before breast screening is available to women throughout the region.

"The jobs that are being slashed are all front line staff. This again highlights the abject failure of this Government to deliver a proper breast screening and cancer treatment service to the women of the west.

"Local women have a one in thirteen chance of getting breast cancer during their lifetime, which means that approximately 3,000 women in the constituency of Roscommon and South Leitrim will get breast cancer. The HSE decision to slash front line staff, including those dealing with the treatment of breast cancer, clearly shows the lack of priority this Government and its agencies have to delivering a comprehensive cancer service for the women of the west."



Sheila Mulroy from Kilglass, Co Roscommon won €20,000 to include a holiday to Greece on last Saturday's (22nd September 2007) National Lottery game show "Winning Streak double your money" held in RTE. Pic Mac Innes

Kilglass woman scoops €20,000 in TV gameshow

Kilglass woman Sheila Mulroy was the lucky winner of €20,000 and a holiday to Greece in last week's Winning Streak TV programme.

The winning ticket was purchased in Dunnes in Finglas. Dublin native Sheila and her husband John moved to Kilglass eighteen months ago, after they opted to change from city living. They both

love the outdoors and animals and John is a keen fisherman. They are very happy with their decision and feel at home there now.

Sheila works in Centra in Rooskey. It was her mother Ellen Sharpe who put her name on the scratch card. Sheila has three sisters and one brother and her mother often puts their names on the cards – she

is over the moon that Sheila has been chosen. Ellen is a big fan of the show – she goes to bingo on Saturday evenings and records the show, which she watches afterwards.

Sheila has lots she would like to do with her garden and her home and she says the winnings will come in very handy!

Ballyleague opts to Save a Life

A large crowd attended a defibrillator meeting in Lanesboro/Ballyleague Co-Op Hall on Thursday night last.

Gearóid Oman from the HSE spoke of the benefits and also the financial cost of setting up of a defibrillator scheme. Guests heard that the Irish Heart Foundation encourages local communities to engage in resuscitation training and defibrillator training is a vital part of that.

The scheme is based on the chain of survival concept, which promotes the four vital links that can save a life. Early access involves recognising that a person is in cardiac arrest and calling for professional help. At this stage every minute counts.

Early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) provides rescue breathing and chest compression. When these are started, they immediately help to keep brain and heart supplied with blood and oxygen until medical help arrives.

Early defibrillation delivers an electric shock to the chest to restore heart function. There are 23 people trained to use defibrillators in the Ballyleague/Lanesboro community at present. This is the action most likely to improve survival rates.

Early advanced care includes basic life support

measures, plus specialised care by doctors, nurses, paramedics and trained rescuers. Chairperson of the steering committee, Joe McGrath, spoke about the cost to get the scheme up and running, which is somewhere in the region of €23,000.

AEDs, high visibility vests, mannequins, gloves, mouth pieces, etc. are among the items needed. The committee is about to embark on a major fundraising drive and will be delivering envelopes to each house in the community in the near future.

Please support this worthy cause.

Teresa Costello, Defibrillator Committee Manager, Lanesboro/Ballyleague, Evelyn Rooney, Defibrillator Committee Chairperson Lanesboro/Ballyleague, Gearóid Oman (giving demonstration), National Ambulance Service, HSE Midland Division, pictured right at a defibrillator information meeting held in Lanesboro/Ballyleague on Thursday evening last. Pic: Michelle Hurson.



Gearóid Oman, National Ambulance Service HSE Midland Division, pictured with one of the new defibrillators and members of the Lanesboro/Ballyleague Defibrillator committee: Teresa Costello, manager, Evelyn Rooney, Chairperson. Joe McGrath, chairperson, steering committee, Regina Carroll, secretary, Joe Mulooly, treasurer and Tom Gill, PRO, pictured at a defibrillator information meeting held in Lanesboro/Ballyleague on Thursday evening last. Pic: Michelle Hurson.

news at a glance

Killina Céili Band at Cloonycolgan Céili

A Céili with music by the famed Killina Céili Band will be held in Cloonycolgan Hall on Sunday next, September 30th from 4 pm to 7 pm. The Céili is always an enjoyable occasion and all are welcome.

Set dancing for the autumn season resume in Cloonycolgan Hall each Wednesday at 9 pm. Cáirde Rince Céili na hÉireann organises céili dancing classes, workshops, fíor-chilite throughout the year. Seasamh Mac Fhloinn and his wife Éibhlin set up a branch of the organisation in Oran many years ago. The present officers are: President Michael Lyons, Chairperson Kevin Kelly, Vice Chairperson Ian Marks, Treasurer Jimmy Cribben and Secretary/PRO Peter Brandon.

Outreach service in Athleague

Co. Roscommon Support Group Ltd. Mobile Information Unit will be holding an outreach service in Athleague on Tuesday, October 9th from 11 am to 3 pm.

Information will be provided on the following: disability, social welfare, employment rights, HSE information, personal assistance service and supported living service. The information is a free, professional and confidential service.

The Late Mary Farrell

The death took place (suddenly) in her 86th year of Mary (Babs) Farrell, Curragh, Castlecoote, Co. Roscommon, on September 8th last in the County Hospital, Roscommon.

Wife of the late John, she will be sadly missed by her family, neighbours and friends. Her remains were removed from Smyth's Funeral Home, Roscommon on September 9th to the Church of the Assumption, Fuerty. Following Mass of the Resurrection on September 10th her body was laid to rest in Fuerty Cemetery. The chief celebrant of the Mass was Fr. John Leogue, PP, assisted by Canon Eugene McLoughlin, PP, Roscommon.

A keen gardener all her life, she was for many years a member of the Parish Altar Society. She is survived by her son Noel (home), daughter Anne (Portlaoise), sisters Kathleen Mitchell (Glenamaddy) and Betty Daly (London), son-in-law Sean, grandchildren Eleanor and Ailbhe Smythe, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, neighbours and friends.

May she rest in peace.