

Country vibes

A few of our favourite things...

Poetry corner

Embrace FARM
By Noeline Rowe

E is for everyone who works
on a farm
M is memories of all
who are gone
B is for the broken hearts
left behind
R is for reasons of what
went wrong

A is for the accidents
that can occur
C is for all of us
taking good care
E is for Embrace, the group
letting us know
Of dangers that we should be
made aware

F is for families left
without loved ones
A is for anyone left
without limbs
R is for reality of things
that can happen
M is for the mindset to
do the right things

Embrace each of your
loved ones
While they're on this
earth with us
Embrace them each day
of the week
No need for alarm or
indeed any fuss

Thank you Embrace FARM
for all you do
To remember all our
loved so dear
This verse is to say we
appreciate you
And to all survivors we
love you all dear

A service of remembrance
will be attended
For all those in heaven
with God on high
With candles all lighting,
we may shed a tear
Together we'll send love
up to the sky

Calling all poets

Do you have a piece of
poetry inspired by the
countryside and farming?
Please send in your best work for
consideration for the weekly Poetry
Corner. We're looking for short
poems that captivate,
inspire and reflect the
landscapes, traditions, and culture
of rural Ireland in the past or the
present. About 200 words please.
Send your poetry to icj@farmers-journal.ie or post to Irish Country
Living, Irish Farm Centre,
Bluebell, Dublin 12.



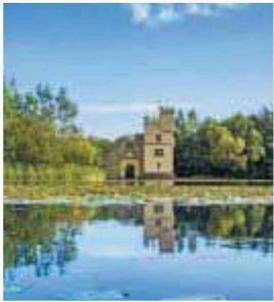
Picture of the week

Robert Harkin, Cork Summer Show committee, Charlotte Weld Reid, Marina Bolton, Grace Mangan, Conor O'Leary, MGA Ireland, Robyn O'Reilly and Hazel Lucey with Taoiseach Micheál Martin at Cork Summer Show last weekend to launch the International European Mounted Games Championships which will be held in Millstreet, Co Cork, on 29 July. The riders pictured are the Irish European under-15 team who will compete in Millstreet. \ Shannon Mulqueen, Blue Raven Photography

Belfast TradFest

Who doesn't love a bit of trad? From 28 July to 1 August, the city of Belfast will come alive with the sights and sounds of the fiddle and flute in a celebration of traditional music. The line-up includes a diverse concert series with contributions from the Ulster Orchestra and Belfast Harp Festival. See belfasttraditionalmusic.com

Pictured below: Lorraine Ni Bhriain, Noel Maguire and Niamh Ni Charra in The Duke of York as part of Belfast Tradfest last year. \ Claire Loughran.



Take your time

Some of you may find it hard to believe there are folk who actually want a non-sun holiday, but they do exist! And judging by the overseas visitor spend in Ireland in 2024 (€7bn), our little island appears to be a destination of choice.

With this in mind, Tourism Ireland launched their new 'Ireland Unrushed' global campaign this month, running on video and social platforms in Britain, North America and all over Europe.

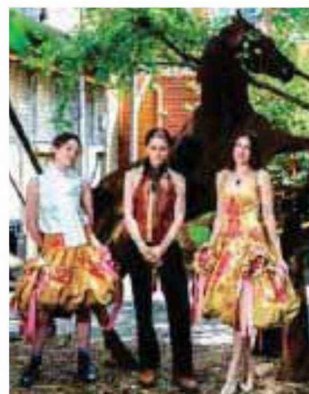
See ireland.com

Pictured: Oakfield Park in Raphoe, Co Donegal. \ Clive Wasson



Dairying at Dusk

Pictured at 'Dairying at Dusk' - an evening walk through the award-winning farm of John and Brendan Walsh, Ballylooby, Cahir, Co Tipperary organised by Teagasc, FBD and Dairygold are speakers William Ryan, Dairygold, Donal Mullane, Teagasc regional manager, hosts Brendan and John Walsh, Dr Tom O'Dwyer, head of Teagasc signpost programme and Rena Ryan, FBD. \ O'Gorman Photography.



Rural inspiration

Agriculture and rural life inspired several projects on show at the recent National College of Art and Design annual graduate show NCAD Works 2025. As we approach show season, one that really caught our eye was 'Ring Around the Rosie' by fashion designer D. Connor Petrin. It took its inspiration from the structure and symbolism of a dressage test, exploring the ritual of preparation and dressing the mare for the big show. Pictured from left to right, Rosie Carter and Teia Marsh wearing designs from the collection with designer D. Connor Petrin in the middle. \ Marc O'Sullivan

Wexford to Tesco

Shoppers who love the taste of Wexford-based jam, Mór Taste are in for a sweet treat. Four of the brand's signature flavours (4 berry, blueberry, cherry, and raspberry jams) are now stocked in Tesco stores nationwide and online (€3.70). Mór Taste's preserves are crafted using 85% real fruit, which is more whole fruits than most traditional jams. Given their high fruit content, Mór Taste's preserves are best enjoyed fresh and consumed within one or two weeks. So get the scones ready for some afternoon tea. See mortaste.ie.

