



upcoming events

OCT. 5

CMA CONCERT: *OLD BLIND DOGS*
@ HOLY TRINITY PARISH HALL
\$25 GEN. ADMISSION
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JAN. 11

CMA CONCERT: *LE VENT DU NORD*
@ HOLY TRINITY PARISH HALL
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FEB. 15

CMA CONCERT: *HIGH TIME*
@ HOLY TRINITY PARISH HALL
\$25 GEN. ADMISSION
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MAR. 14

CMA CONCERT: *CALAN*
@ FRANKLIN JUNIOR HIGH
\$25 GEN. ADMISSION
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MONTHLY IRISH "SESSION" OPEN JAMS / 7-9:30 P.M.

1ST TUESDAY @ FIDDLE & WHISTLE, MARSHALLTOWN
2ND TUESDAY @ JAVA JOE'S, DES MOINES
3RD TUESDAY @ COONEY'S, DES MOINES
4TH TUESDAY @ DUBLIN BAY, AMES



The Blarney

upcoming:

Monthly Meeting

Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m.
Menu:
Fish Fry
w/coleslaw & baked beans

Halfway to St. Pat's Bike Ride

Sept. 21

Next Meeting

October 14

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hit the trail with us at our bike event this month

Some words of wisdom: When in doubt, pedal it out!
If you are a biker, you know that each ride in the fresh air is like a tiny, little holiday from your usual daily stress and strain. It's a remedy that you can dose out however long or strong that you want it.

In a couple of weeks you can hit the bike trail and get that balm with us on our annual **Halfway to St. Pat's Day Bike Ride on Sept. 21.**

The big news is the newly-altered route necessitated by the closing of our friend Pat Renda's Orlando's Bar and Grill. It was the venerable start/stop hub of our trip to Cumming Tap and back and will be missed. (Check the map out on page 2.)

Sully's Pub has taken up the slack and the ride committee has everything prepped to go. Sell some raffle tickets, spread the word and let's make this the best ride ever! 🍀

REGISTRATION AT 10:00 AM Saturday Sep. 21st

RIDE STARTS 12:00 NOON Saturday Sep. 21st

FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK OF CENTRAL IOWA

Annual Half Way to Saint Patrick's Bike Ride

ENTRY FEE: \$25

- Registration is at SULLY'S IRISH PUB at 10:00 AM
- Win a trophy for best IRISH THEME DECORATED BIKE @ SULLY'S 10:45 AM
- Ride starts at SULLY'S IRISH PUB at 12:00 NOON and travels the "GREAT WESTERN TRAIL" 12.5 miles to the CUMMING TAP
- ACOUSTI-BEAST BAND will be playing 2:30 to 5:00 PM at CUMMING TAP
- FREE contests, prizes & trophies starting @ 2:30 PM at CUMMING TAP

5:00 PM LUCKY DRAW RAFFLE

FIRST PLACE: CUSTOM IRISH THEMED BICYCLE
SECOND PLACE: \$500 CASH
THIRD PLACE: \$250 CASH
FOURTH PLACE: \$100 BREWER MEATS BUNDLE

FIRST 100 ENTRANTS RECEIVE A FREE LEATHER TOOL BAG!

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modified bike route

Sully's Pub is the new headquarters for our annual bike ride with registration beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21.

When riders leave at noon that day they now will be experiencing a little more of the DM area trail system, in addition to the usual Great Western Trail to Cumming and back.

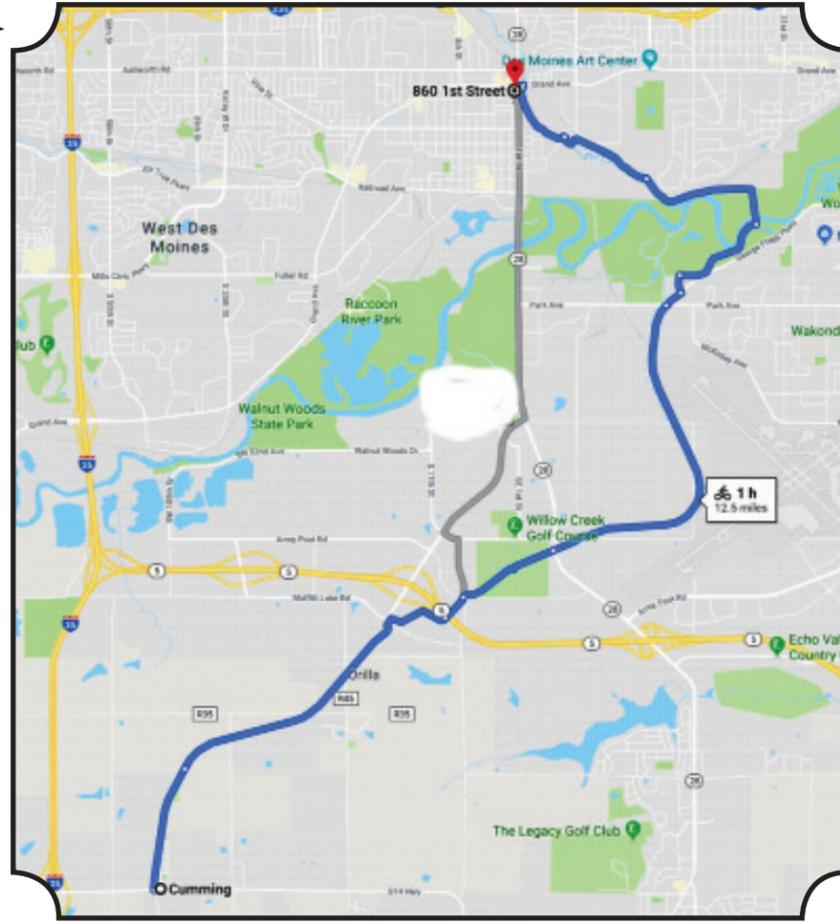
Mileage will be a wee bit longer, about 4 plus miles, so you'll have to hustle a little if you intend to "partay" at The Chicken in Orilla and still make it to the Cumming Tap for the day we have planned.

Music by Acousti-Beast from 2:30 to 5 will pump the festivity for everyone.

Food, free contests, prizes and trophies will also be on tap, along with the raffle drawing.

This year's first prize in the raffle will be a custom Irish-themed bicycle that will be on display in advance that week at the bar in Cumming.

Hope to see you on the ride! 🍀



WEARIN' OF THE GRIN



Two women friends had gone for a girls' night out. Both were very faithful and loving wives, however they had gotten over-enthusiastic on the Bacardi Breezers. Incredibly drunk and walking home, they needed to pee so they stopped in the cemetery.

One of them had nothing to wipe with so she thought she would take off her panties and use them.

Her friend, however, was wearing a rather expensive pair of panties and did not want to ruin them.

She was lucky enough to squat down next to a grave that had a wreath with a ribbon on it, so she proceeded to wipe with that.

After the girls did their business they went home.

The next day the one woman's husband was concerned that his normally sweet and innocent wife was still in bed hung over, so he phoned the other husband and said:

"These girl nights have got to stop! I'm starting to suspect the worst.

My wife came home with no panties!"

"That's nothing," said the other husband.

"Mine came back with a card stuck to her ass that said..."

'From all of us at the Fire Station.

We'll never forget you.'"

An 8-year-old girl went to her grandfather, who was working in the yard and asked him, "Grampa, what is a couple sex?"

The grandfather was surprised that she would ask such a question, but decided that if she's old enough to know to ask the question, then she's old enough to get a straight answer.

Steeling himself to leave nothing out, he proceeded to tell her all about human reproduction and the joys and responsibilities that go along with it. When he finished explaining, the little girl was looking at him with her

mouth hanging open, eyes wide in amazement.

Seeing the look on her face, the grandfather asked her,

"Why did you ask this question, honey?"

The little girl replied, "Well, Grandma says to tell you that dinner will be ready in just a couple secs."

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First women in space:

"Houston, we have a problem."

What?

"Never mind."

What's the problem?

"Nothing."

Please tell us.

"I'm fine."



board news

Sorry for the glum beginning this month, but neither of the grants we applied for were successful, even though treasurer **Josh Soliday** made a valiant effort.

As a result we will have about \$10,000 less to work with, mostly adding to our parade expense stress.

In other money news, this year's quote for club activities insurance has risen and other company sources will be sought out.

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After the "Friends of the Friends" meeting we were able to donate almost \$600 to the **Food Bank of Iowa**.

Admirably, much of that came from independent checks written by Sons to add to our meal fee collection.

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Should we continue our **club lending library** efforts?

Bob Fogarty's idea was a good one, but only a few members have donated books or checked any out.

Take advantage of it this fall and let's see if it's worth the hassle.

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The club is going to have to come to grips with the reality that our **yearly membership and monthly meeting fees** are going to have to be tweaked.

Food costs have climbed 60% in the last two years and the \$10 we all pay for meals isn't covering the actual costs for dinner plus beer. Perhaps \$15 for that terrific deal is more practical, 'eh? Think about it.



hello, fellow Irishmen!

I think we had good "Friends of the Friends" meeting in August.

Although we did not have very many sponsors and charities make it out compared to years past, we raised a nice amount of money for donation to the Food Bank of Iowa and we were graced with the presence of several of our queens and special guest Tony Rose.

But the board is debating if spending our money, time and energy to continue holding a host night for our sponsors and charities is a priority when so few show up. If you have opinions on this, please feel free to let one of us know.

And prioritizing right now is very important due to the ever-increasing costs we are dealing with. It feels like we are going to have yet another year of "tightening the old belt" in hopes of a brighter future.

I am however very excited about a proposed idea of throwing an "official FSOSP tailgate party" during our parade. It has a strong possibility of making our club very lucrative again!

It would potentially put a large profit from beer sales on St. Patrick's Day in our pockets while not changing our parade, costing us a lot of up-front money or stepping on the toes of others that partner with us every year.

Let's raise our glasses to a bright future for the Friendly Sons. Cheers!

Your honored president, Tony "T-Bone" Schmid

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An Irish whiskey has been awarded the **World Whiskey Trophy** at the International Wine and Spirit Competition (IWSC).

Redbreast 12-Year-Old Single Pot Still Irish Whiskey scored a remarkable 98 points to take home the competition's highest honor, FFT.ie reports. Midleton Very Rare Berry Crockett Legacy and Jameson Cooper's Croze were also honored.

The Midleton portfolio also saw success at the Beverage Testing Institute (BTI), with both Jameson Bow Street 18 Years Cask Strength and Redbreast 21-Year-Old receiving prestigious platinum medals.

At the Irish Whiskey Masters, Irish Distillers took home 27 medals, including 16 gold medals and 7 Masters awarded across the range.

Billy Leighton, Redbreast Master Blender at Midleton Distillery, said: "*We are thrilled to see more fantastic results at such prestigious global spirits tasting competitions. It is great to see the Redbreast range flourish as it continues to excite consumers with its exemplary single pot still Irish whiskey style. These awards are truly a testament to the craftsmen at Midleton Distillery who assist me in blending the finest Irish whiskeys in the world, and we look forward to seeing what the future holds!*"

We can all raise a glass to that! Slainte! 🍀