

Court hears drink driver fell off the wagon

A MAN caught drunk driving claimed he had fallen off the wagon after being unable to return home during the pandemic to get a yearly "suppressant".

Zbigniew Weglarski, of 52 Ashbrook, Oranmore, pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated at Tullyvoheen, Clifden on July 25 last year. A second charge of careless driving was struck out by the State.

The 55-year-old shop fitter

was seen by a garda in a patrol car "half pulled in off the road". When he pulled off he swerved across the road. On his arrest he gave a blood sample which was found to have 242mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood - nearly five times the legal limit.

His solicitor Evan O'Dwyer told Clifden District Court said his client was held in such high regard that he was appearing "at the behest of his employer".

Weglarski had an underlying dependency problem which he kept in check by going home to Poland to get a suppressant every year. He was unable due to travel restrictions during this period.

"It allows him to stay off it. This was a binge situation. Thankfully his driving didn't injure anybody. He's here to take his punishment."

Judge Mary Faly said she had never heard of a suppressant that could help people stay off alcohol.

"A lot of people before the courts will be asking for that. Surely there's nothing available in Poland that's not here," she enquired.

The solicitor said the accused had gone home since to avail of the treatment. She banned him from driving for three years and ordered him to pay €450, agreeing to suspend the disqualification until January.

Sadness at tragic death of retired UHG nurse

● Crash victim was on a Dublin city break

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The late Marie Pollard.

THERE was shock and sadness in Galway and Mayo last week following the death of a retired nurse after a road accident in Dublin.

Marie Pollard (nee Farragher), from Bruckey, Castlebar, passed away on Friday last after being struck by a motorcyclist in Dublin city on the Wednesday morning of November 9.

Gardaí and emergency services were alerted to the accident shortly after 10.30am at the Eden Quay/Beresford Place junction - she was rushed by ambulance to a Dublin hospital but passed away on Friday last.

Originally from The Neale, Co Mayo, she had worked as a theatre nurse for many years at University Hospital Galway - touching tributes have poured in for the deceased from former work colleagues, friends and patients.

One of the tributes on the RIP website was from Dominic McSorley, CEO of the Concern charity, who recalled Marie's decision in the early 1980s to travel thousands of miles across the world to help families caught up in war and poverty describing her as "compassionate, caring and professional".

An Dubliner, who was in her early sixties, had recently retired from her nursing position in Mayo and had been on a visit to Dublin when the accident occurred - she was walking near the city centre.

Marie Pollard is survived by her husband Tom; children Sarah, Gerard and Mark; sisters Clare and Helen; brother Brian (nee Ballyhaunis); Fionnuala and David; in-laws Michael and Rosemary; relative members and a large circle of friends.

The funeral for Marie Pollard is planned for Friday 11th Sunday morning at 11.00am at St. Peter's Church, Galway (RIP) in the grounds of Roscommon College from 5pm - 8pm. The funeral Mass will be at 10.00am in St. Peter's Church, Galway. Burial will be in Roscommon Cemetery, Oranmore.



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

NA hACHTANNA UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT 2000 (ARNA LEASÚ) NA RIALACHÁIN UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT 2001 (ARNA LEASÚ) - CUID 8

IARRATASÓIR: Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
SEOLADH SUÍMHE: An Chreig Bhuí, Baile Chláir, Co. na Gaillimhe
BAILE FEARAINN: An Chreig Bhuí

Tugtar fógra leis seo, de réir cheanglais Chuid 8 de na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2001 (arna leasú), go bhfuil sé beartaithe ag Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe tabhairt faoi forbairt ar an láthair thuas, a bheidh comhdhéanta de Reilig, bóthar rochtana agus áit pháircéala do charranna. Beidh Pleananna agus sonraí na forbairt beartaithe ar fáil lena n-ádh, nó lena gceannach ar tháille (nach mó ná an costas réasúnach a bhaineann lena gcoipeáil), in oifigí Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, An Rannóg Pleanála (An Cuntar Poiblí), Áras an Chontae, Cnoc na Radharc, Gaillimh le linn gnáthuaireanta oifige (Luan go hAoine, 9.00 a.m. go dtí 4.00 p.m.) ón Luan an 21 Samhain 2022 go dtí Dé Luain an 19 Nollaig 2022. Is féidir aighneachtaí nó tuairimí i ndáil leis an bhforbairt beartaithe, mar a bhaineann le pleanáil agus forbairt chuí an cheantair ina mbeadh an forbairt lonnaithe, a dhéanamh i scríbhinn chuig Rúnaí an Chontae, Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, Áras an Chontae, Cnoc na Radharc, Gaillimh, H91 H6KX; nó i bhfoirm leictreonach ar an láithreán gréasáin ag <https://consult.galway.ie/en> le bheith istigh tráth nach déanai ná Dé Máirt an 10 Eanáir 2023.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 (AS AMENDED) PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED) - PART 8

APPLICANT: Galway County Council
SITE ADDRESS: An Chreig Bhuí, Baile Chláir, Co. Galway
TOWNLAND: An Chreig Bhuí

In accordance with the requirements of Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), notice is hereby given that Galway County Council intend to carry out a development at the above location, comprising a Burial Ground, access road and car parking. Plans and particulars of the proposed development will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee (not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy) at the offices of Galway County Council, Planning Department (Public Counter) Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway during office hours (Monday to Friday, 9.00am - 4.00pm) from Monday November 21st 2022 to Monday December 19th 2022.

Submissions or observations in relation to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development in the area in which the development would be situated, may be made in writing to the County Secretary, Galway County Council, Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91 H6KX; or in electronic format via the website at <https://consult.galway.ie/en> to arrive no later than Tuesday January 10th 2023.

BUISÉAD 2023

Tugtar fógra leis seo go bhfuil Dréacht-Bhuiséad do Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe don tréimhse an 1 Eanáir 2023 go dtí an 31 Nollaig 2023 ulnhaite agus go mbreitheoidh an Chomhairle é ag an gCruinniú Reachtúil Buiséad a réachtálfar an 28 Samhain 2022 ag 10.00 in Áras an Chontae, Cnoc na Radharc, Gaillimh.

Beidh cóip den Dréacht-Bhuiséad in Oifigí na Comhairle in Áras an Chontae, Cnoc na Radharc, Gaillimh lena scrúdú ansin, saor in aisce, ag aon duine den phobal an 21 Samhain 2022 le linn gnáthuaireanta oibre na hoifige.

Is féidir cóip den Dréacht-Bhuiséad a chur ar fáil do gach duine a dhéanfaidh iarratas ar chóip ar chostas deich euro (€10.00) & beidh sé ar fáil freisin ar ár láithreán gréasáin le hiosáid ag an seoladh www.gaillimh.ie.

BUDGET 2023

Notice is hereby given that the Draft Budget for Galway County Council for the period 1st January, 2023 to 31st December 2023 has been prepared and will be considered by the Council at the Statutory Budget Meeting which will be held on 28th November, 2022 at 10.00 in Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway.

A copy of the said Draft Budget will be deposited in the Offices of the Council at Áras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway and may be inspected there, free of charge, by any member of the public from November 21st 2022 while the offices are open for the transaction of official business.

A copy of the Draft Budget will be supplied to every person making an application at a cost of ten euro (€10.00) & will be available on our website to download at www.galway.ie.

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J. Brann, Rúnaí Chontae

Cycled wrong way down street

A MAN put his life in "huge danger" by cycling the wrong way down a one-way street into the path of an oncoming fire engine, Judge Mary Faly said.

Connor McDonnell (20) from 30 Creagh Mór, Banna was not present to hear the judge chide him at Galway District Court for cycling without reasonable consideration for other road users.

The judge had just heard evidence from Garda Nigel Silke that he observed McDonnell cycle the wrong way down New Dock Street - and on the

same side of the road as we would expect. The 20-year-old cyclist had issued the fire engine with a noisy notice when the fire engine went into the street.

The judge also issued a fine of €100 for the cyclist for a "reasonable" consideration for other road users contrary to section 51A of the Road Traffic Act 1961.

He was putting his life in "huge danger" and he's not present to hear the judge observe before convicting and fining McDonnell €170.