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Having traveled the back roads of the Irish Republic extensively the past few years, we were anxious to take in the beautiful coast of Northern Ireland and spend some time with my cousin Shane McCurdy and his wife Sandra. We timed it so they would be on "holiday" staying at their summer home and able to share some of my family history.



The Road to the Family Farm

We drove from Belfast and headed north to reach the land of my ancestors in County Antrim. The drive was dotted with quaint small towns and luscious greenery. We arrived in Ballycastle, a scenic port town, to spend the next week exploring and meeting up with Shane.

The highlight of our trip was Shane taking us to the family farm established in 1637 in nearby Toberkeigh. What once was a thriving townland is now just a church and a few farms. Most of the farm is still owned by the McCurdy family. My emotions overwhelmed me when seeing the original farmhouse where my great grandparents lived and attending the Toberkeigh Presbyterian Church services where they worshiped. We were welcomed with open arms and everyone had a "wee" story for us. I felt like I was at "home"!



The original farmhouse of my Great-Grandparents the McCurdy's

Before leaving, Shane and Sandra hosted a typical Irish tea for us with all the traditions of yesteryear and delighted us with delicious breads, desserts, and traycakes. He also took us to their National Trust parks which included places like the Giant's Causeway, the Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge and Dark Hedges. What a beautiful country with warm, friendly outgoing people. I feel blessed we have been able to see the entire island and marvel at how my ancestors endured the hardships and also enjoyed the beauty of this rugged land.



My cousin Shane, his wife & other cousins standing around the rock marking the farmland.



The potato market for the farm.



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memories of IRELAND



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My one and only visit to Ireland was brief-very brief!

In July of 1971, the kids and I boarded a chartered military aircraft at McGuire Air Base, N.J. with a destination of Frankfurt, Germany. We had one scheduled stop in the Azores, a group of mid-Atlantic islands belonging to Portugal. About half way through our flight, the captain announced there was to be a change in plans. We were now going to refuel at Shannon Ireland Airport. I was thrilled. This allowed for a descent over the Shannon Estuary. The weather was clear and the view perfect! The airport is located adjacent to the Estuary and about halfway between Limerick and Ennis. The airport's duty free gift shop, est. in 1947 and the first in the world, was open. We were able to browse and purchase some of the displayed treasures. All too soon it was time to board and continue on to Germany and our new home for the next four years. Although my visit was brief, I'll never forget the beauty of County Clare!

march



birthday party!

Date: Saturday, March 21 Time: 2:00 PM
Place: Lounge Area

Come enjoy entertainment by
The Group "Just Us"

Bill Skylstad	3/02	Jack Tanner	3/24
Marvel Wald	3/06	Bill Carroll	3/24
Suzanne Landby	3/09		

THIS MONTH'S
OUTINGS



Sunday, March 8th 1:30 pm
"Ham on Regal" Outing

Wednesday, March 11th 1:00 pm
Shopping Outing "Home Goods"
& Joann's Fabrics"

Sunday, March 15th 2:15 pm
"Floating Crowbar" Airway Heights Library

Wednesday, March 18th 11:00 am
Lunch Outing "Conley's"

Monday, March 23rd 8:30 am
R.O.M.E.O. Breakfast Outing "Terry's Cafe"

Saturday, March 28th 10:30 am
Shadle Park High School Spring
Craft Fair Outing

Monday, March 30th 8:30 am
Breakfast Outing "Hogans"

FredMeyer

Tuesday, March 3rd, 11:30 AM

ROSAUERS
SUPERMARKETS

Thursday, March 5th, 10:30 Am

ERRAND DAY

Tuesday, March 10th, 11:30 AM

ROSAUERS
SUPERMARKETS

Thursday, March 12th, 10:30 AM

**SUPER
FOODS**

Tuesday, March 17th, 11:30 AM

ROSAUERS
SUPERMARKETS

Thursday, March 19th, 10:30 AM

TRADER JOE'S

Tuesday, March 24th, 11:30 AM

Walmart

COSTCO
WHOLESALE

Thursday, March 26th, 10:30 AM

TARGET

Tuesday, March 31st, 11:30 AM

WED
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Chair Massage

\$15 for 15 minutes Fee

10:00 am
Craft/Community Room

WED
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"Foot Care" Clinic

\$15 Fee

10:00 am
Craft/Community Room

A "Richard Sola"
History Presentation
6:30 pm | Family Room

TUES
MARCH



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**"Hanford
Documentary"**

2:00 pm
Family Room

MON
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**"Dispatch
House Call"**

2:00 pm
Family Room

MON
MARCH

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"Fitness Activity"

1:00 pm
Depends on weather,
so keep posted.

FRI
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"Fitness Kickoff"

1:00 pm
Family Room

THURS
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"Read & Share"

4:00 pm
Craft/Community Room

THURS
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"Picnic Social"

12:30 pm
Lounge Area

"Resident Council
Meeting"
2:00 pm | Lounge Area

WED
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**"Protein Soups"
Demo**

2:00 pm
Craft/Community Room

MON
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**"Audiology Northwest
Hearing" Clinic**

10:00 am
Craft/Community Room

Irish Movie:
"Widow's Peak"
2:00 pm | Family Room

MON
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"Fitness Activity"

1:00 pm
Depends on weather,
so keep posted.

FRI
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**"Linda's Vintage
Closet" Fashion
Show**

2:00 pm
Lounge Area

THURS
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"Color & Chat"

2:00 pm
Craft/Community Room



Linda's Vintage Closet Fashion Show:

Friday, March 20th 2:00-3:30 pm | Lounge Area

Come join Linda Stephens from Villa 14 as she presents her vintage clothing collection of over 35 years. Linda has saved dresses, hats, shoes, gloves, slips, etc. from the early 1900s to the 1960s. Some of her fashions will be modeled, some displayed, and you are welcome to try on and wear one of her wonderful hats or wear your own vintage hat! Enjoy refreshments and her presentation.