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## McManus gives a gift to the GAA

To celebrate Limerick's All Ireland hurling win, Limerick businessman, J.P. McManus has donated €3.2 million to the GAA to be divided between each of the 32 counties of Ireland. Each GAA county board will receive €100,000 to be divided equally among every club in the county.

McManus who is said to be a billionaire started his career as a greyhound and horse racing track bookie. He is heavily involved in the horse racing industry and has had many successful winners down through the years. World famous Irish champion jockey, Tony McCoy rode for McManus for many years up until his retirement in 2015.



McManus is well known for his generous donations to many charities in Ireland. He hosts a large golf competition every three

years in which all the top international golfers take part. He is a personal friend of American golfer Tiger Woods. The money raised goes to charities and non-profit community projects all over the Mid-West region.

Every year he funds college scholarships for 100 students from low income families who have achieved top marks in the leaving certificate. The award is worth €6,750 a year to each student for the duration of their chosen 3<sup>rd</sup> level degree. He has sponsored the GAA in Limerick for the past 5 years and has given large sums to pay for the county GAA stadium. He has also contributed to the new wing of the University Hospital in Limerick and to the University of Limerick.

He is owner of the famous Adare Manor, the 5-star luxury hotel and golf course which stands on 800 acres. It recently re opened after major renovations which took more than 2 years to complete. Earlier this year it was named Hotel of the Year 2018. It is believed that McManus hopes to host the Ryder Cup Golf classic there in 2026.

## Storm Ali upsets the National Ploughing Championships

The National Ploughing Association was forced to cancel the second day of the event this year which was held in Scraggan near Tullamore in Offaly.



It was decided to call off the event for safety

reasons as Storm Ali caused gusts as strong as 140km per hour to blow across the country. Many of the tents and temporary buildings which had been put up for the festival were damaged. It is the first time the event has had to be cancelled due to the weather. Two people lost their lives in accidents due to the storm. A man died in Newry when a tree fell on him and a female tourist was killed when the caravan she was sleeping in was blown into the sea near Clifden in Galway.

The Irish and British Met services have been giving names to storms since 2013 and in 2015 invited the public to send in names they would like to see used. A storm is given a name if it brings wind that has an orange or red weather warning. The reason the storms are named is to raise public awareness of storms and the safety risks involved. Names are given in alphabetical order with every second one being male or female. The American Met office has been naming storms for many years.

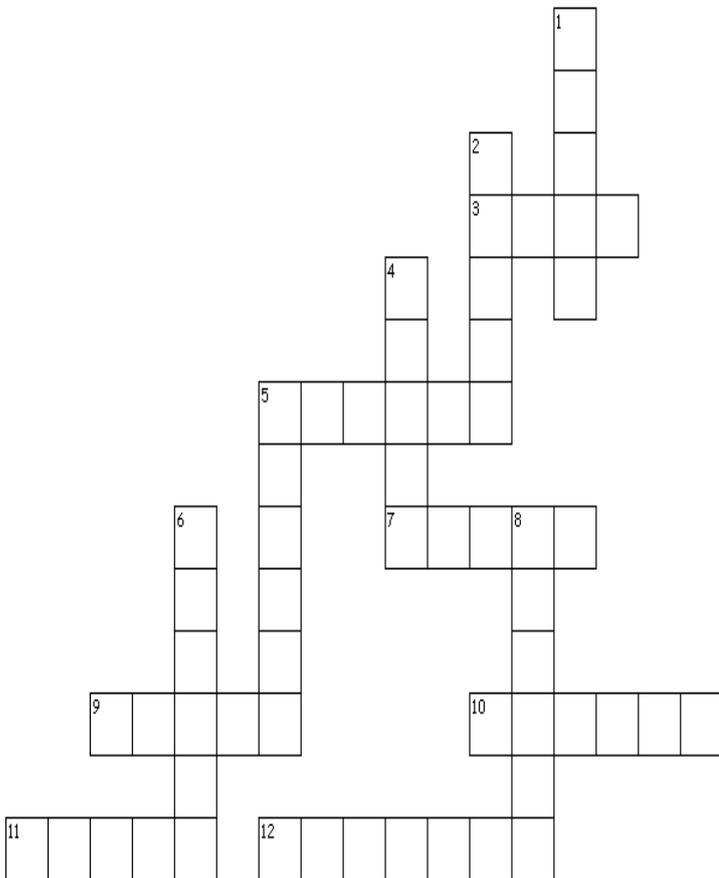
Already since the start of the storm season which starts in Autumn we have had Storms Ali, Bronagh and Callum. The next storm when it arrives will be Deirdre followed by Erik and Freya. The letters Q U X Y and Z are never used.

## Words ending in tch

<i>batch</i>	<i>match</i>	<i>scratch</i>	<i>sketch</i>	<i>bitch</i>	<i>witch</i>	<i>scotch</i>
<i>catch</i>	<i>patch</i>	<i>snatch</i>	<i>stretch</i>	<i>ditch</i>	<i>stitch</i>	<i>clutch</i>
<i>hatch</i>	<i>watch</i>	<i>fetch</i>	<i>itch</i>	<i>pitch</i>	<i>switch</i>	<i>Dutch</i>

### Crossword

Answers to the clues are all words from the list.



#### Across

- You need to scratch if you have this (4)
- A type of whiskey (6)
- When the egg does this the baby chick will appear (5)
- A game played between two teams (5)
- Sew one with a needle and thread (6)
- A person from Holland (5)
- You might do this after getting out of bed in the morning (7)

#### Down

- A sports field (5)
- Female dog (5)
- To look at (5)
- To grab (6)
- To draw (6)
- Helps to change gears in the car (6)

### Maths

2,488 people attended a concert.

Half of them were men.

25% of the women and 50% of the men were over 65.

$\frac{1}{4}$  of the entire audience wore glasses.

The admission fee was €8 per ticket and €4 per ticket for anyone over 65.

#### Questions

- How many men were at the concert?
- How many women were at the concert?
- How many women were over 65?
- How many men were over 65?
- How many people wore glasses?
- How many €8 tickets did they sell?
- How many €4 tickets did they sell?
- What were the total takings at the concert ticket desk?
- If the expenses for the concert came to a total of €8,217, how much profit did they make?
- If the seats were arranged in rows of 8, how many rows of seats were needed?

Answers

1) 1,244 2) 1,244 3) 311 4) 622  
5) 622 6) 1,555 7) 933 8) €16,172  
9) €7,955 10) 311



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### **Competition**

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***J.P. McManus is from what Irish county?***

*Please send answer and your name by  
**text to, 087 198 4228***

*or*

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