

Thursday's Forecast



Partly cloudy
High-88°
Low-64°



Did you know that Ireland
is the only country whose
national symbol is a musical
instrument? It's a harp!



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Leprechaun counselor on campus?



Counselor Christian Curtis (and friend?)

By Tybie Brenneman

ROSEDALE, Ohio -- Ireland is filled with friendly people, wonderful scenery, and strange legends. It is also the home of counselor Christian Curtis's ancestors.

We don't know many details about these lively Irishmen, but we can always guess—especially about Christian! In fact, we have eyewitnesses who say they saw and heard Christian singing jolly old songs

and dancing up a storm in the cafeteria while sweeping. Well . . . he was supposed to be sweeping.

After they saw this, we got him to settle down and tell us a wee bit of his family history. His great-grandfather lived in the glorious hills of the Emerald Isle with his wife and three children. Thom, Christian's grandfather, was the youngest.

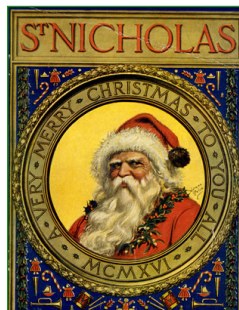
Can you imagine growing up in Ireland? At some point during Thom's childhood, his father decided to immigrate to America in search of a better life. Around that time many other Irish were moving to the U.S. because of the potato famine. Thom's father went ahead of the family to New York. After a while, he got enough money for Thom's siblings to come. The trip could take weeks, and they were all alone on the boat—it must have been pretty scary.

After some time, Thom and his mother also took the boat over. Unfortunately, Thom's father lost his job and the family ended up on the streets. To make matters worse, his mother was pregnant! Thom made money for his family by shining shoes. All ended well, though. Thom's mother was lucky enough to get a job in the printing press. (See *But what is he really?* on page 2.)

Tirades to the editor

As I read *The Rosedale Record* this morning, I was appalled to see a glaring error. I would have just let it go but I realize that the *Record* prides itself in journalistic accuracy and professionalism. On page one (the cover page!) in the lead article, the claim is made that the original St. Nicholas' bones are believed to be buried in Ireland.

Ireland?! St. Nicholas was born, ministered and died on the Northern coast of the Mediterranean (what is today Turkey) but during the crusades his bones were stolen (See *Tirade*, page 2)



Brought together by BUGS!

A Choral Camp love story



Incurable romantic Regina Yutzy-Wolfer noticed something very special about Choral Camp this year.

"We have the first camper here who's a child of a Choral Camp romance!" Her eyes grew misty as she spoke, so of course we had to find this special camper and learn more about her parents' legendary love story.

And here she is—Kalvary Freed!



Kalvary Freed

Kalvary just turned eight, lives in London, Ohio, and knows her parents' story very well. Her mother, then Kris Shirk, and her dad, Ryan, were both counselors at Choral Camp.

"One of the first times my mom and dad met [at Camp], she'd just learned that you can eat any bug but spiders and flies."

The counselors were playing basketball, and "there was a big bug on the floor and everyone was backing away from it. She went right up to it and ate it!"

What did her dad think?

"He thought that was awesome! He's a fan of eating bugs. He eats ants off the road." Her mom doesn't eat bugs anymore, she says. Does her dad?

"He still likes bugs!"

But what is he really?

From page 1

Thom and his siblings grew up and went their separate ways. One of the brothers even moved back to lovely old Ireland! Thom and his wife stayed in the States and became grandparents, and one of their grandchildren is our Christian. You could probably conclude from this story that the Irish aren't always as lucky as the legends say.

Still I am left wondering: is Christian in fact hiding something? Some things just don't add up. Is he just a lively counselor who likes to sing, dance and occasionally wear green? Or is he something more? Who is this guy, really? Just to be safe, keep an eye out for any rainbows, pots o' gold, or strange creatures hiding in the bushes!



All kinds of fun at the Carnival: pastor dunking, recorder dancing, hand and face painting! Earlier, everybody got totally soaked.

Tirade (from page 1)

from his grave and taken to Venice (that's in Italy). I know this is true because it says so on Wikipedia (oh, and I've also visited Demre, the place of his birth).

Thanks for your groundbreaking journalistic work. I'm an avid reader of *The Rosedale Record* and just want to make sure that your reputation for accuracy is not tarnished in any way.

Matt Showalter

The Rosedale Record responds: We recognize that there are many versions of what happened to the bones of St. Nicholas. However, we clearly said "believed to

be," and indeed, some people believe it so much they've dug a grave and named a church after him in Ireland. But of course, it may not be true. We're sorry to cause any offense, and your version has the ring of truth to it. Thanks for bringing it to our attention.



May the roof above us never fall in, and may we friends gathered below never fall out. ~ Irish blessing

Wednesday Room Awards

Best room awards go to:

Best of Bach (7): Room 8

Christian Curtis, Jeff Yoder, Jeremy Martin, Jesse Graber

Beethoven's Fifth (6): Room 8

Isaiah Graber, Jevon Martin, Mandi Schumacher

Handel's Messiah (7): Room 7

Autumn Moser, Brittney Jantzi, Rebecca Groh, Mandy Miller

Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik (6): Rm. 7

Galadriel Wenger, Yaqi Schumacher, Mandi Scheffel, Alissa Miller

Strauss's Blue Danube Waltz (5): Room 5

Erin Yoder, Emilie Miller, Rosalyn Miller, Ellie Blanton

Super Games! Hymns! Trees!

7:30	Wake Up	2:30	Super Games
8:00	Breakfast	5:15	Dinner
9:00	Choir-Library	6:15	CLAP Classes
9:30	Chapel	6:45	Session XVII:
10:00	Time Capsule, Camp Tree-chapel		Y.O.R.-Class
10:30	Session XV:		G.B.B.-Choose-a-Spot
	Yellow, Orange, Red-Class	7:45	Room Break
	G.B.B.-Choose-a-Spot	8:00	Hymn Sing-Lobby
11:30	Choir-Library	9:00	Running Games-Whole Camp
12:00	Lunch	9:30	Y.O.R.-Dorm Time
1:00	Session XVI:		G.B.B.-Campfire
	Y.O.R.-Choose-a-Spot	10:00	Y.O.R.-Lights Out
	G.B.B.-Class-Library		G.B.B.-Dorm Time
2:00	Choir-Library	10:30	G.B.B.-Lights Out

THURSDAY'S MENU

Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, cereal, milk, juice.

Lunch: Spaghetti, salad, garlic toast, fruit salad, punch.



Supper: Chicken strips, potato smiles, green beans, mandarin oranges.