

House of Celts

New Celtic clothing store opens in Tulsa

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As people walk into the House of Celts, they'll see the Gaelic words, Cead mile fáilte (kood meel felt-tay) which means 100,000 welcomes.

Sam Matthews decided to open the store at 1515 E. 15th St., after traveling to Scottish games and festivals for six years as a vendor.

"I'd been looking for a place to make a home for it," said Matthews, who is from Pryor and has Irish, Scottish and Welsh ancestry. "I thought this would be a great location. It was fair priced, and Cherry Street is a hot place."

Matthews said his store will sell kilts, Highland dress clothes, jackets and casual wear. It will also have Celtic jewelry, books, family histories, ties and scarves in family tartans or plaids, and musical instruments, such as bagpipes.

"There'll be a lot of new stuff that I couldn't carry on the road," he said.

House of Celts opens with a grand opening celebration and block party starting at 6 p.m. Saturday.

"The grand opening is probably going to be a big bash," Matthews said. "There'll probably be 50 people showing up in kilts."

From St. Louis to Rockford avenues, 15th Street will be blocked off. The shops along that block will stay open later, and House of Celts will offer some ethnic Scottish and Irish food and drinks, such as cheese, beer and whiskey cake.

"It's not Scottish without whiskey," Matthews said. "I'll set some haggis out for people to try. It's like spicy meat loaf."

Haggis is a Scottish food where meat and spices are stuffed into an animal's stomach and boiled.

Matthews said he dismisses peo-



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Sam Matthews, owner of House of Celts, dresses a mannequin in Scottish formal wear for display in the store's window. The store will have its grand opening, complete with a block party and performance from the City of Tulsa Pipes and Drums, at 6 p.m. Saturday.

ple's disgusted faces when he tells them about the traditional Scottish dish.

"You can say the same thing about a hot dog," he said. "If people knew what was in a hot dog, they wouldn't eat it."

Also during the block party, the city of Tulsa Pipes and Drums will perform as well as the band Snap

Dragon.

William Tetrick, City of Tulsa Pipes and Drums pipe major, said the group's members are looking forward to the store opening.

"We are absolutely thrilled to see this happening," Tetrick said. "(Matthews) has been one of our prime suppliers."

Tetrick said because Matthews

Celtic pride

House of Celts grand opening

When: 6 p.m. Saturday; regular store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Where: 1515 E. 15th St.

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traveled so much, sometimes it was hard to get items ordered.

"He's out of town 35 or so weeks of the year," he said. "There are other suppliers on the Internet, but you're buying sight unseen, and there's shipping costs. This is a really great boom for us."

Matthews said he liked traveling but is ready to stay in one place for a while.

"I enjoyed that, the traveling, but it can be hard on you. It's exhausting," he said. "I thought I could give it a shot here."

Matthews said he has traveled many times to Scotland, Ireland and England doing research and learning about his history.

"When I actually went to Scotland, I got really interested in the cultural thing," he said. "Scotland seems to be the place I seem most home."

Matthews said he has been interested in his ancestry since he was a child.

"My family is very historically knowledgeable," he said. "My house looked like a museum."

"I like knowing where I come from. If you know where you came from, you'll know better where you're going."

Registration under way for BA parade

Groups entering floats in the annual Broken Arrow Civitan Christmas Parade have until Dec. 1 to register.

The parade will be held Dec. 2 on Main Street.

Floats and marching groups must pertain to the theme "Candy Cane Christmas."

No live Santas are allowed on floats or in marching groups. Candy may be handed out but nothing can be thrown from floats, marching groups or cars.

No solicitation for donations by individuals or groups will be permitted without the written permission of the parade committee.

To register or for more information, call Ron Peterson at 249-3609.

No entry fee is required.

Tee Town to help Project Graduation

Tee Town Golf Ranch, 7401 S. 209th East Ave., is offering a way for the community to support Broken Arrow's Project Graduation.

Customer's purchasing a bucket of golf balls may request a \$1 donation be made for the annual celebration for Broken Arrow Senior High School's graduating seniors.

The alcohol-free, drug-free, all night celebration is set for May

17 following commencement. The event provides food, fun and gifts in a safe environment at no cost to the students.

To find out more about Project Graduation, call Sherry Rowland at 625-6526.

For more information about the Tee Town Golf Ranch fundraiser for Project Graduation, call Jason at 355-4727.

Shopping event set for Nov. 19

The "Simon Evening of Giving," a private after-hours shopping event, will offer a chance to get a jump on holiday shopping and, at the same time, support Broken Arrow's Project Graduation.

All mall merchants will be open from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Nov. 19 at Woodland Hills Mall, 71st Street and Memorial Drive.

Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling Missy Baughn at 455-2699. Children 10 and younger are

free.

Project Graduation will receive \$7 from each ticket purchased by Nov. 14, with the remaining \$3 benefiting The Simon Youth Foundation, which has awarded more than \$3.5 million in scholarships in the past six years.

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