

PROGRAM FOR VIRGINIA CITY'S "2017 IRISH WEEKEND"

Friday, Saturday & Sunday—June 9th, 10th & 11th

Annual Event presented by the Thomas Francis Meagher Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) from Helena MT and the Virginia City Chamber of Commerce, the Bale of Hay Saloon and the Businesses and People of Virginia City Montana



The overall Theme this year will be Thomas Francis Meagher—who he was, where he came from and what he meant to Ireland, Virginia City, the State of Montana and America.

FRIDAY Afternoon —June 9th

- ♣1pm—5:00pm** **AOH Community Service--Annual Clean-up at Meagher Cabin on west Idaho Street by the Helena AOH– A free family event.**
Also, a Time for Lunch or Dinner on own at the various eating places in Virginia City and Nevada City

- ♣5pm—6:45pm** **Live Celtic music by the Dillon Junior Fiddlers at the Historic Bale of Hay Saloon on west Wallace St– A free-will donation family event**

- ♣7pm—8pm** **Lying of the Irish green stripe down the center of Wallace Street (the main street in Virginia City) – A free family event— Everyone can participate**

- ♣8pm—9:30pm** **Live 1860's Celtic fiddle Music tying Irish Music to Montana at the lower level of the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Idaho St. presented by Tom Robison & Richard Burke from Bozeman Mt. This event is a free family event.**

SATURDAY—June 10th

- ♣9 am Welcome Speeches & Raising the Irish Flag at the Historical Madison County Courthouse on Wallace St— A free family event.
- ♣10:00 am Traditional Outdoor Catholic Irish Mass at the AOH Mass Rock adjacent to historical Meagher Cabin on west Idaho St.—a free family event.
- ♣11:00-1:00pm Lunch (Baked Montana/Irish Potato Bar) Camaraderie at the Bale of Hay Saloon-A small free will donation family event.
- ♣12:00-6:00pm Thomas Francis Meagher cabin - Exhibit on the life of Thomas Francis Meagher – a free family event.
- ♣1:00pm—1:30pm Annual AOH Parade following the path of Irish green stripe on Wallace St—everyone welcome to Participate in this Parade—a free family event.
- ♣2:00pm—4:pm Tiernan Irish Dancers—Irish Dancing exhibition at the Elks Club on Wallace St. (main street of VC). A free family event.
- 2:00pm—2:45pm Repeated live event presented 3 times during the day. Live
4:00pm—4:45pm music “*Songs of the Civil War*” by a trio from Bozeman
7:00pm—7:45pm (Alice Hanks Allen, Fiddle & vocals, Jim McMillan, guitar and Phil Schladweiler, banjo) focusing on the 1860’s era When Thomas Francis Meagher was a Union General in the U.S. Civil War and then Territorial Governor of the Montana Territory. A free family event at the Fellowship Hall on the lower level of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church on Van Buren St.
- ♣6:30pm—9pm Free time for Dinner & Camaraderie in/around Virginia City
♣9pm—11:30pm Live music with a tint of Irish by Dublin Gulch from Butte Mt. at the Bale of Hay Saloon--A free family event

SUNDAY – June 11th

- ♣10:30am Catholic Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish—at Laurin MT—A family event

Note: The Tiernan Irish Dancers from Helena and Butte will be performing at the Community Center, the Bale of Hay Saloon and various business locations in Virginia City throughout the day on Saturday.