The Green Gazette

TRIBUTE

to Thomas Francis Meagher

Thomas Francis Meagher was a multi-faceted character in Irish history, American history and finally, Montana's history. A rebel leader, prison escapee, soldier, Civil War general, and territorial governor of Montana – he lived an unbelievable life – one mysteriously cut short at the age of 43. This page from the 1902 Butte Miner celebrated Meagher's life, and was illustrated by George W. Long, the Butte Miner's chief artist.

LIMERICKS

A slice of Irish tradition

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sunday is St. Patrick's Day and to help everyone get into the celebratory spirit, Charlie O'Leary, Joan Lynch, Gary Kump, Arlene McLean, Ellie Dunn and Harriet Geary submitted their original limericks featured here. We at The Montana Standard hope our readers will enjoy this slice of Irish tradition. More importantly, we hope you all have a fun, but safe holiday.

From Charlie O'Leary, Butte

St. Paddy's Day meant to be fested
Our local brews will be ingested
So have a few jars
But don't drive your cars
Or your arse will wind up arrested.

He survived Skibbereen as a child
The famine ship ride he reviled
He wandered to Butte
In his tattered old suit
Looked down at the dirt and just smiled

From Joan Lynch, Walkerville

Ellen Shannon she was on arrival.
Her passion, Butte's history survival.
She is now Ellen Crain,
Ruling Quartz Street at Main,
Where her domain is Grandly archival.

The're corned beefin' with cabbage and stout.
The're paradin' on Butte's festive route.
But St. Patrick, it's said,
Is scratchin' his head,
And wondrin',
"What's that all about?"

It's St. Patrick's Day in the area,
With reveling crowds that could scare ya.
From the Pit to the Stack,
The Irish are back.
Come join us,
And we'll take good care ya.

From Gary Kump, Butte

Name Your Poison:
Patrick O'Malley is dead
And here's what his tombstone said
"He reached for some booze"
"But here's the bad news"
"He grabbed some water instead"

Be Still My Heart:
There is an Irish girl named Jill
Who resides up in Walkerville
That moonshiner's daughter
Drinks more booze than water
But she knows that I love her still

From Arlene McLean, Butte

There was once an old sot from Muldoon
Who went up in a hot air balloon
He was drinking his hooch
And consoling his pooch
When he awoke in a local saloon

From Ellie Dunn, Butte

There once was a man from Killarney
Whose neighbors said was full of blarney
He drank too much rye
And he bragged he could fly
Fueled by whiskey and chili con-carne

From Harriet Geary, Butte

Starkle, Starkle, little tink
Who the hell you are I think?

I'm not under the alcfluence of inkahol
Like most thinkle peep I am
I just had tee martunies and the drunker I sit here the longer I get!

TRACY THORNTON, THE MONTANA STANDARD

Butte's St. Patrick's Day parade kicks off at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 17.

Butte's Irish parade Sunday

The Butte America Foundation will again host Butte's St. Patrick's Day Parade, which begins at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 17, in Historic Uptown Butte.

Parade assembly begins at 10 a.m. at the Lexington Gardens (off Arizona on East Granite) and will be staged east on Granite, south on Covert and east on Broadway. All entries must be in place by noon. The parade route begins at the corner of Arizona and Granite, proceeding west on Granite to Montana, south on Montana to Park St., east on Park St. to Arizona where disassembly can begin.

If you have any questions or concerns, call the parade director, Matthew Boyle at 406-498-3549 or email at mjboyle14@gmail.com.

Uptown road closures announced

THE MONTANA STANDARD

Due to the weekend's St. Urho's and St. Patrick's Day celebrations, certain Uptown streets will be closed from 3 p.m. Saturday, March 16, to 8 a.m. Monday, March 18.

Main Street will be closed from Granite Street to Broadway Street and from Broadway to Galena Street throughout this period. Park Street will be closed east of the entrance of the parking garage to Wyoming Street. Emergency vehicles will have access into the closed areas.

During these closures, Granite, Broadway and Galena will remain open to traffic.

Barricades will be placed at 1 p.m. Vehicles parked in the no-access area will receive a note asking to remove their vehicle by 5 p.m. Saturday.

All public parking lots, including the parking garage on Park Street, will be open, except for the parking lot at Main and Broadway, which will be closed.

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Mass, dinners, social all on tap

THE MONTANA STANDARD

Yes, Butte and Anaconda will both be hosting parades. But that's not the only events planned. Read through the calendar listings below and see just how much more there is to do during this Irish holiday.

Comedy Night has an Irish theme — Cutler Brother's St. Patrick's Day "Comedy Night" will be performed at 8 p.m. Friday, March 15, at the Cutler Bros. Theatre, 301 Main St., Deer Lodge. This marks the 41st "Comedy Night" in the brothers' history. The evening will include sketches based off of the holiday themes. Tickets are $12, and may be reserved at the theatre box office, 406-846-4096. Visit cutlerbros.com or call the box office for questions, directions, or for more details.

The annual Shillelagh Shindig – A benefit for the Butte-Silver Bow Democrats, the party is from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at Imagine Butte, 68 W. Park St. Potluck-style food will be served, so bring your favorite dish. The host for the evening will be Amanda Curtis, and guest speakers will be Kathleen Williams and John Heenan. Live music will be by Chad Ball and the Edmonton Bagpipers, too. Entry donation is $10. The evening includes speakers and music, including bagpipers.

The 111th annual Friendly Sons and Daughters of St. Patrick banquet and gathering – The event will be Saturday, March 16, at the Front Street Station. Cocktails are at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7. The banquet is the longest consecutive event celebrating the Patron Saint of Ireland, St. Patrick. The Friendly Sons and Daughters was founded in 1908 by Judge Jeremiah Lynch, Maurice English, and John H. O'Meara. Master of ceremonies is Wayne Harper, and guest speaker is Michael Harrington. Tickets are $25 and are available at Cavanaugh's County Celtic, or contact Brendan McDonough at 406-498-3983, or Lori Maloney at 406-723-7771.

For teens only — YMCA and T.A.S.C will once again host a St. Patrick's Day Free Teen Party from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday, March 17, for grades 6 through 12 at the YMCA. Events include dodgeball, water volleyball, music, swimming, snacks, refreshments and pizza for kids and many other activities planned. Call 406-782-1266 for more details.

Mass at St. Patrick's Church — To honor St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, a special Mass will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday, March 17, at St. Patrick's Church, 329. W. Mercury St. Traditional Irish music will be played and there will be a Hibernian procession, Irish music dedicated to St. Patrick and Our Lady of Knock, and an Irish-theme homily. Readers and ministers will be members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies AOH.

Brad Budd took this aerial shot of last year's Anaconda parade.

Parade Saturday in Anaconda

THE MONTANA STANDARD

ANACONDA — Anaconda's St. Patrick's Day celebration begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 16, when members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will gather at the hall, then march to Holy Family Church, 217 W. Pennsylvania Ave., for Mass at 9 a.m. A breakfast will follow after the Mass.

The annual parade starts at 2 p.m. at the AOH Hall, 321 E. Commercial St.

Anybody can be in the parade — just start lining up at 1:30 p.m. at the AOH Hall, a spokesman said. The parade proceeds up Commercial, on Hickory, then on Park Avenue back to the AOH Hall.

This year's grand marshals are Ray Ryan and Patty Ungaretti.

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Irish in origin, hurling has been played for the past 4,000 years.

Hurling match after the parade

Following Butte's annual March 17 parade, Butte's own Wolfe Tones Hurling Club will take on the four-time national champs from the University of Montana, in an epic battle of Gaelic courage and pride.

Take a short walk to Montana Tech's Alumni Coliseum, where you'll see Ireland's national sport and obsession — often called "the fastest game on grass" — played by some of the finest players around.

Entry fee is $5 for adults, and only $2 for students age 12-18.

This family-friendly, alcohol and tobacco free event should prove a perfect addition to a day of celebrating Irish heritage.

St. Urho's party Saturday

At the East Side Athletic Club, 3200 Dexter, Butte's Finlanders will host a traditional St. Urho's Day celebration Saturday, March 16.

The crowning of St. Urho, Dean Peterson, and Princess St. Urho, Autumn Kielb will take place at 6 p.m. The Great Scots will perform from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Anaconda Pipe and Drums will be at the club at 8 p.m.

In addition, F.O.G., a rock and dance band comprised of Mark James, Gary Robinson and Toby Schelin, will perform from 7 p.m. to midnight. Details: 406-782-7539.

Barbara Hepola Brown is featured here in last year's St. Urho celebration.

Bagpipers return for 35th year

The Pipes and Drums of the Edmonton Police Service will once again help revelers celebrate St. Patrick's Day with performances throughout the Mining City Friday-Sunday, March 15-17.

The band got its start in 1914, and in 1984, members paid their first visit to Butte. They have been a favorite parade entry for the past 35 years. Their schedule is listed below:

Friday, March 15

■ 9 a.m. — Kennedy Elementary School, 1101 N. Emmett Ave.
■ 10 a.m. — Whittier Elementary School, 2500 Sherman Ave.
■ Noon — M&M Bar & Café, 9 N. Main St.
■ 2 p.m. — Butte-Silver Bow Courthouse rotunda, 155 W. Granite St.
■ 3:30 p.m. — NorthWestern Energy, 11 E. Park St.
■ 5 p.m. — Pour House Pub, 1815 Harrison Ave.
■ 7 and 9 p.m. — Montana Golden Gloves, 1101 Utah Ave.

Saturday, March 16

■ 10 a.m. — Crest Nursing Home, 3131 Amherst Ave.
■ 12:30 p.m. — Headframe Spirits, 21 S. Montana St.
■ 2:30 p.m. — Magic Diamond, 3700 Harrison Ave.
■ 3:30 p.m. — Butte Plaza Mall, 3100 Harrison Ave.
■ 5:30 p.m. — Crazy Carol's Casino, 2702 Walnut St.
■ 6:30 p.m. — Butte Brewery, 465 E. Galena St.
■ 7:45 p.m. — Shillelagh Shindig at IBRC, 68 W. Park St.
■ 8:30 p.m. — McGrath's, 2201 Silver Bow Blvd.

Sunday, March 17

■ 10 a.m. — Copper Ridge, 3251 Nettie
■ 12:30 p.m. — Parade, Uptown Butte
■ 1 p.m. — Metals Sports Bar & Grill, 8 W. Park St.
■ 2:30 p.m. — Elks Lodge, 206 W. Galena St.
■ 3:30 p.m. — Sam's Place, 905 N. Excelsior Ave.
■ 6:30 p.m. — The Depot, 818 S. Arizona St.
■ 7:45 p.m. — Handing Down the Heritage, Butte Civic Center, 1340 Harrison Ave.
■ 9:10 p.m. — M & M Bar, 9 N. Main St.
■ Donations, small or large to Friends of the Pipers Fund are greatly appreciated to help defray the expenses of the pipers while they are in Butte. Donations can be sent to Mainstreet Uptown Butte, P.O. Box 696, Butte, 59703.

DAVID MCCUMBER, THE MONTANA STANDARD

A huge Butte favorite, the Edmonton Police Service Pipes & Drums were making their way down Granite Street in this 2018 photograph.

Handing Down the Heritage

THE MONTANA STANDARD

"High Energy", "A Feast for the Eyes", "Amazing Local Talent" are some of the recent quotes from audience members describing the combined efforts of Dublin Gulch and the Tiernan Irish Dancers. Fresh from their annual donation tour of local school assemblies, these two groups are ready to lead the celebration of all things Irish on St Patrick's Day.

Their 16th annual "Handing Down the Heritage" show will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 17, at the Butte Civic Center, 1340 Harrison Ave.

The Tiernan Dancers, under the direction of Kerry Powers, will honor six graduating seniors this year, Jaden Cleveland, Lexie Kautzman, Josie Klapin, Margaret LaFave, Brynlee Nielson, and Kamryn Scully (from Deer Lodge).

Dublin Gulch will have their usual line-up of Tom Powers and Mick Cavanaugh of Butte, Jim Schulz of Helena, and John Joyner of Missoula and will be supported by percussionist Conor Powers of Butte and bass player, Luke Michelson of Helena.

Special guests, the Edmonton Police Services Pipes & Drums, will again be featured as they open the second half of the show in their only concert-setting performance in Butte.

Admission is $13 for adults, $5 for students, and children 13 and under admitted free when accompanied by a ticket-bearing adult. Tickets are available at Cavanaugh's County Celtic, the Butte Civic Center and Tiernan Irish Dance families

TRACY THORNTON, THE MONTANA STANDARD

The Tiernan Irish Dancers, along with the Mining City's own Dublin Gulch, will be performing at the 16th annual Handing Down the Heritage.

Great Scots Pipes and Drums popular parade entry

THE MONTANA STANDARD

The Great Scots Pipes and Drums will be back again this St. Patrick's Day. The group first appeared in Butte's St. Patrick's Day celebrations in 2001 and have been an annual participant ever since.

The group was formed in 1998 in Polson. Three of the original members are still playing with the band.

The band members have all been playing together for the past 15 years. They are — John Hamilton II, Pipe Major; John Hamilton III, piper; Dick Braxton, piper; Sandy Ferrell, piper; John Bourne, piper; and Don Gunderson, bass.

Friday, March 15

1-2 p.m., Head Start
2:15-3 p.m., Butte High School
3:30–4:30 p.m., Crest Nursing Home
6-7 p.m., Big Sky Senior Living
7:30–8:30 p.m., Silver Bow Athletic Club

Saturday, March 16

10-11 a.m., Copper Ridge
11:30–12:30 p.m., The Springs
1:30–2:30 p.m., Slainte'
2:45–3:45 p.m., Invigorate (formerly Genesis)
4:15-5:15 p.m., McGraths/Christina's Cosina
5:30–6:30 p.m., East Side Athletic Club
6:30–7:30 p.m., East Side Athletic Club
7:45–8:45 p.m., Metals Bank
9–10 p.m., The Dublin
10:15–11:15 p.m., East Side Athletic Club

Sunday, March 17

10-11 a.m., Cavanaugh's
11-noon, Party Palace
12:30 p.m., St. Patrick's Day Parade
1–2:30 p.m., Uno's with lunch
3-4 p.m., Party Palace (basement)
5-6 p.m., Sparky's Garage
6:15–7:15 p.m., McQueen Athletic Club
7:30–8:30 p.m., Pair a Dice
9-10 p.m., Pisser's Palace
10:30–11:30 p.m., Silver Dollar Saloon

AOH Pipes & Drums schedule listed

ANACONDA — For more than 30 years, the Anaconda AOH Pipes & Drums has marched in both the Butte and Anaconda St. Patrick's Day parades. This year is no different.

The group will be playing in Butte and Anaconda on Saturday-Sunday, March 16-17. Their schedule is listed below. Times are subject to change.

Saturday, March 16

Anaconda
1 p.m.: Smelter City Brewery
1:30 p.m.: Thompson's/Harp & Thistle
2 p.m.: Anaconda parade
2:45 p.m.: AOH Hall
3:30 p.m.: Haufbrau
4 p.m.: Carmel's
4:30 p.m.: Club Moderne

Butte
6:30 p.m.: Friendly Sons and Daughters' banquet
8 p.m.: East Side Athletic Club
8:30 p.m.: McQueen Club
9 p.m.: Uptown Butte bars

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Anaconda's AOH Pipes & Drums was established in 1987.

Irish symbols and their meanings

PADDY DENNEHY
for The Montana Standards

I would like to remind and re-educate readers about the meaning of the symbols we use to represent the Irish.

THOM BRIDGE,THOM.BRIDGE@HELENAIR.COM

Gov. Steve Bullock raised the tricolor Irish flag in front of the state Capitol on St. Patrick's Day 2017.

Some of Ireland's historical emblems include its Irish flag, abbey, stone tower, ancient Celtic cross, shamrocks, Lake Killarney, and the harp.

Shamrock: The most common symbol of the Irish is the three-leaf clover that St. Patrick used to explain the Holy Trinity when teaching the Irish about Christianity. Although we see the four-leaf clover commonly used instead of the shamrock, it has no connection to the Irish. In fact the four-leaf clover was first recorded in Egypt back in the days of the Pharaohs. It was English and German immigrants who brought the "lucky" four-leaf clover tradition to this country.

Harp: The ancient Irish had a great respect for poets and musicians. The harp was a common instrument for these artists. The harp is found in some Irish families' coats-of-arms. The harp was first used to represent Ireland and the Irish in the 15th century. It became a symbol of the Irish people's fight for independence in the Rising of 1798 and has represented the Irish people ever since. The harp on green (referred to as the "green flag") was used in many Irish-American organizations such as the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Daughters of Erin and the fighting 69th Regiment of New York.

The color green: Before the 17th century the traditional color of the Irish was actually blue. It is believed that the lakes and the ocean around the island produced the love of this color. It was referred to as St. Patrick's blue.

When the United Irishmen was formed in Belfast in the 18th century it was made up of Protestants. Men such as Napper Tandy, Wolfe Tone, Rory McSorley and Robert Emmet, men whose families came over with William of Orange, decided it was time to organize the fight for Ireland's freedom.

They united with other Irish organizations and when they did they combined the two colors — orange and blue — which resulted in a dark green. It is from this point in history that green represented all Irish in their fight for freedom from the English and their right to govern themselves.

Irish Cross, also called the Celtic Cross: It is believed that St. Columkille introduced this type of cross that is now seen not only in Ireland but also places where the Irish missionaries went. That includes Scotland, Cornwall, Wales, England and many places in Europe. It has become very popular worldwide in art, jewelry, and cemetery stones. The cross is the Christian symbol representing how Christ died and the circle represents God—no beginning and no end.

The Tricolor Flag: The Green, White and Orange flag first appeared in Irish history in 1848 when Thomas Meagher, upon returning from France, introduced this flag copied after the French flag style. Immediately there was controversy concerning the flag. People thought it a redundancy to have the extra orange as it was already in the green. The color green was used to unite all Irish irrelevant of personal religious beliefs. The tricolor flag seemed to separate them. The orange was maintained in the hope that the decedents of William who wish to remain under British control would have a change of heart and join for a united Ireland. It never happened. Today the tricolor is a national flag of a country representing 26 out of the 32 counties of Ireland.

No matter what your nationality, wear the green on March 17th and celebrate the feast day of St. Patrick. Honor one of many ethnic groups that make up this country. Raise a glass and enjoy. Slainte.

TRACY THORNTON, THE MONTANA STANDARD

Featured, from left, are AOH members, Cortney Brown, Denise Kagie, Mike Kujawa, and Joe Lee. Seated atop one of the carousel horses is Lee's six-year-old grandson, Ridge Bauer.

AOH sponsoring free carousel rides

The men and women's divisions of Butte's Ancient Order of Hibernians are again giving back to the community with free carousel rides for children ages 16 and under from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 17, at the Spirit of Columbia Gardens Carousel in Stodden Park.

According to spokesman Joe Lee, the AOH sponsored the event because they wanted to do something for Butte's younger generation this year and the carousel was a perfect fit. However, the group took it a step further. Not only are the rides free, but so is the green popcorn.

ANNIE PENTILLA, THE MONTANA STANDARD

From left: Wade Bush, Michael Bush, 6; Natalie Bush, 14; and Dory Shea pose for a picture St. Patrick's Day in Uptown Butte with 13-year-old Eleanora Gillia, who decided to commemorate the holiday by dressing up as a dinosaur.

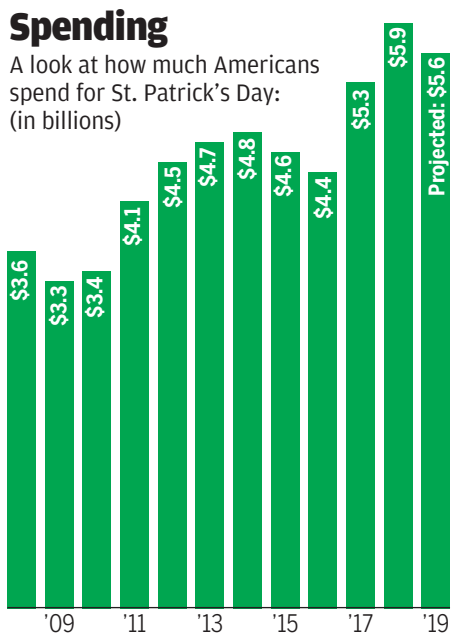
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

TOP OF THE MORNING TO YOU

A look at the luckiest day of the year by the numbers

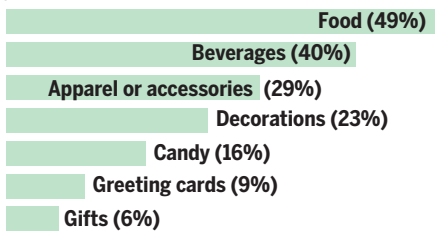
Spending

A look at how much Americans spend for St. Patrick's Day: (in billions)



Top purchases

The leading planned St. Patrick's Day purchases for 2019:



Shamrock or blarney?

An Irish shamrock is a wildflower, but the ones sold in U.S. flower shops are often impostors, clover-like sorrels easily grown in greenhouses.

'Original' Irish shamrock

- "Shamrock" comes from the Irish "seamrog" or little clover.
- Probably closest to today's trifolium repens (white clover), which originated in Europe.
- May have a triangular mark (a crescent or watermark) on upper surface.
- White flowers, sometimes with pink hue.

Familiar shamrock

Oxalis acetosella (wood sorrel) is a variety sold often for St. Patrick's Day.

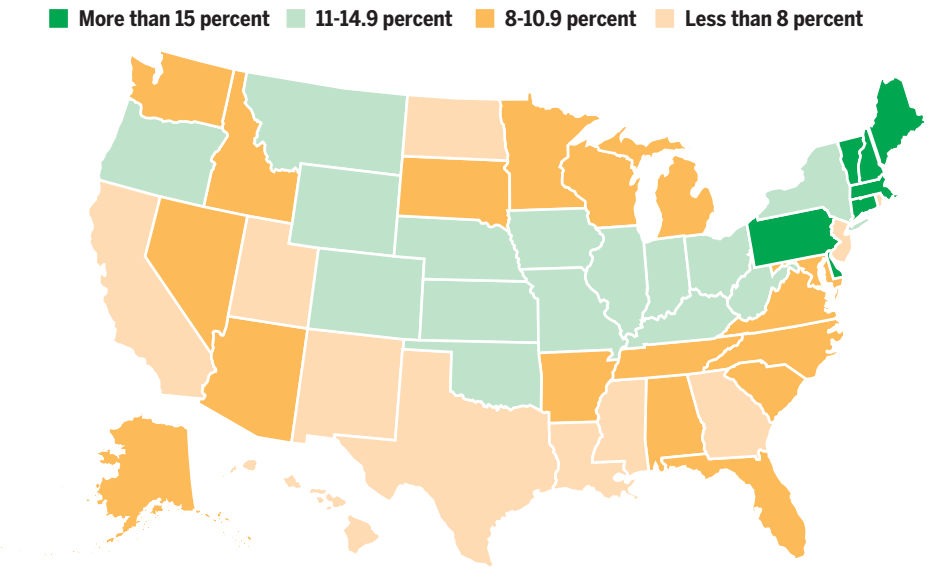
- Three heart-shaped leaflets; easily mistaken for clover, but leaves are paler green, softer.
- Folds easily at midrib; many plants fold leaves up at night.
- White or pink flowers.

Why shamrocks?

According to legend, St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity to Christian converts in Ireland.

— Tribune News Service

Irish ancestry by state



Baby names

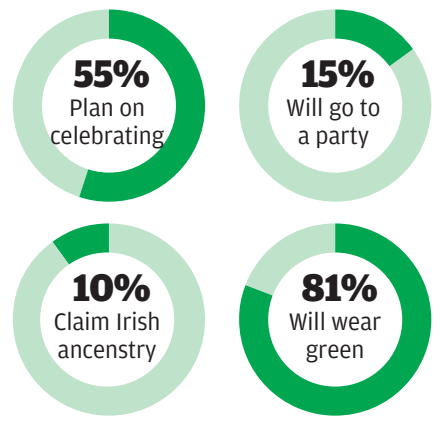
A look at the top baby names in Ireland and the United States for 2018:

BOYS		
Rank	Ireland	United States
1	Jack	Jackson
2	James	Liam
3	Noah	Noah
4	Conor	Aiden
5	Daniel	Caden

GIRLS		
Rank	Ireland	United States
1	Emily	Sophia
2	Grace	Olivia
3	Emma	Emma
4	Sophie	Ava
5	Amelia	Isabella

Sources: BabyCenter, Central Statistics Office

Celebrations



4.5 million

Number of Irish immigrants who traveled to the U.S. between 1820 and 1930.

4.8 million

Total population of Ireland in 2018.

1762

The year of the first St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day

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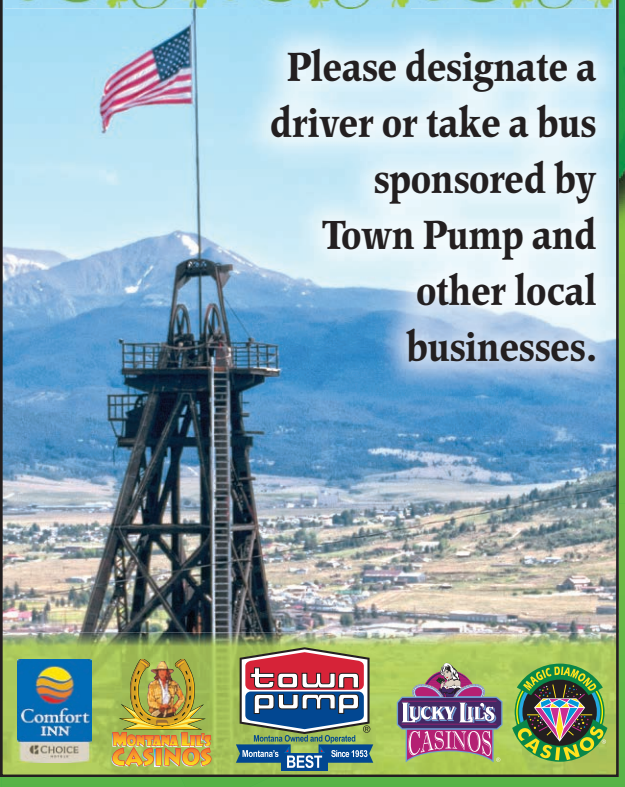

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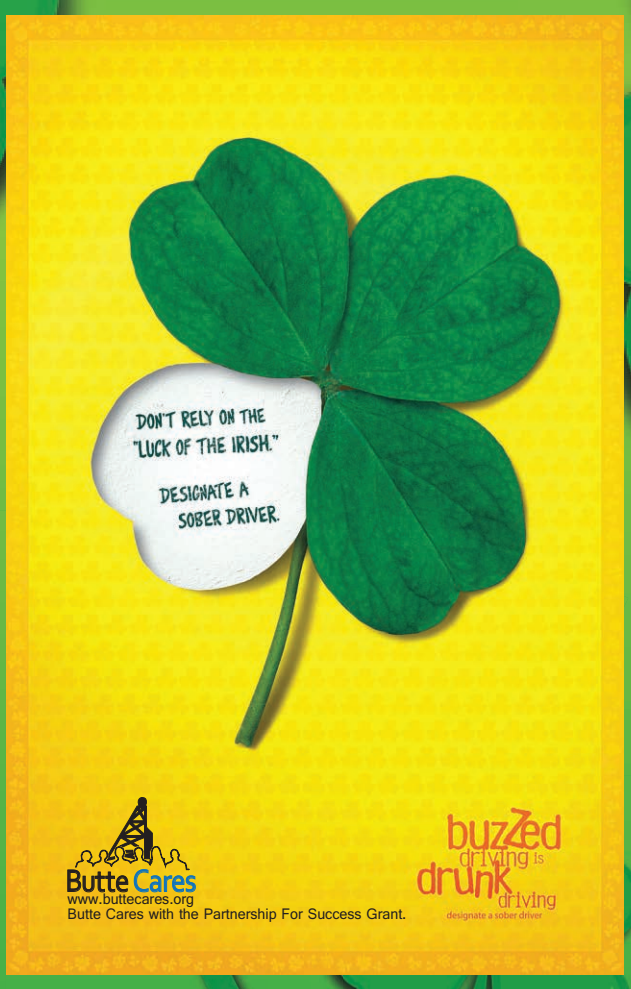

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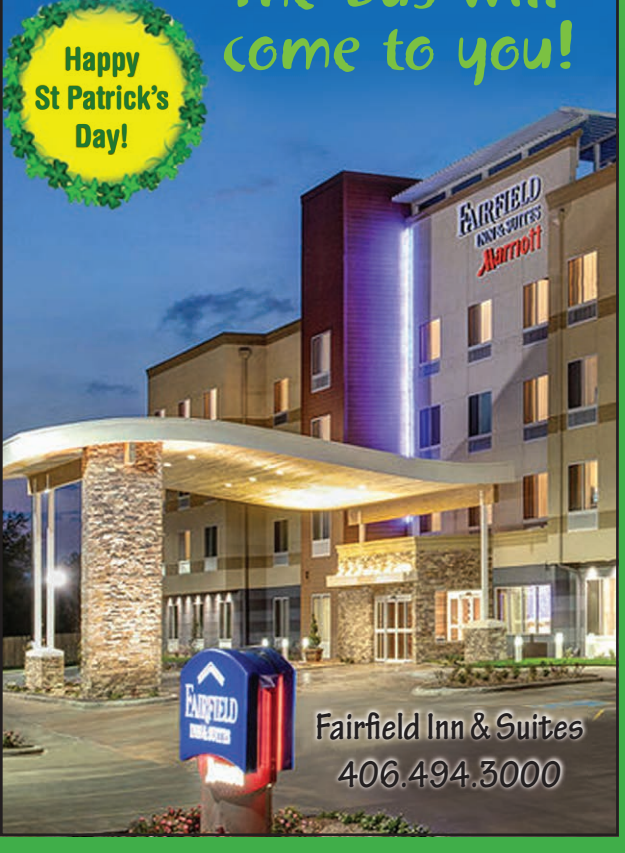

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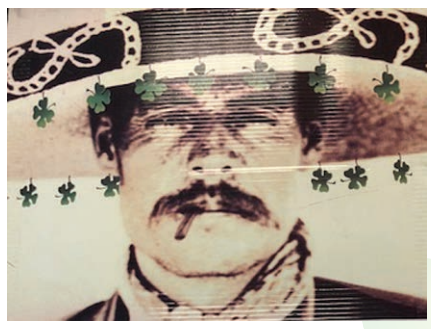

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Sunday, March 17th.

The Bus will start immediately following the parade at the road closure on the corner Galena St. and Main St.

All bus riders will be required to sign a waiver and release of claims at the time of boarding. Entire waiver and release of claims will be available on the bus and also at mtstandard.com.

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- McQueen Club
  - *Hecla and Continental, Parking Lot*
- East Side Athletic Club
  - *Dexter and Continental, Front Door*
- Jim's Bar
  - *Elm and Garfield, Front Door*
- Crazee Carols
  - *Walnut and Hayes, Side on Hayes*
- McGrath's Bar
  - *Silver Bow Blvd. and Howard, Front Door*
- Gilligan's
  - *Front St. and Arizona, Left side parking lot*
- Galena and Main
  - *Road Closure, Right at Baracade*
- Copper King Saloon
  - *Second St. and Montana St., Second St. Entrance*
- Comfort Inn
  - *Dewey-behind Bob Wards, Front Door*
- Unos
  - *Cleveland and Harrison, Cleveland Enterance*
- Chances R
  - *Harrison and Heman, Parking lot-Front Door*
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  - *Meadowlark and Paxon, Parking lot-Front Door*
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