

HMFM

Historical Museum at Fort Missoula

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40th Annual 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION & PANCAKE BREAKFAST **AT THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM AT FORT MISSOULA**

The Friends of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula are getting ready for **Missoula's 40th Annual, Old-Fashioned, 4th of July Celebration, on Monday, July 4.** The pancake breakfast, put on by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (for the benefit of the Friends), kicks off the celebration from 8:00 until 11:00.

Festivities begin at 10am and include: musical entertainment by Cherry Creek Radio, The Jolly Jammers, Kevin Van Dort, & the Balled in Burlap group.

Additional offerings include:

- model trains & ham radios
- Ollie the Osprey will be stopping by!
- old-fashioned children's games
- bounce houses
- food trucks & cold beer
- a scavenger hunt (for adults, too)
- living history tours of the lookout, schoolhouse, Drummond Depot, Trolley barn, & locomotive
- historic steam-engine sawmill demos
- antique engine displays and Msla Fire Trucks
- historical surveying and MT Genealogy
- craft vendors
- horse-drawn wagon rides
- special goings all day at the Homestead Cabin with games, hands-on activities, and demonstrators
- miniature ponies and farm animals!

Additionally, this year exhibitors with the **Northwest Regional Antique Tractor and Engine Show** will be displaying their amazing machines. A Birthday Party for the 1916 Case Steam Engine will be held at 11:30am.

A Welcoming Ceremony, at 12:00pm, will celebrate America's Independence Day with singing of the National Anthem and a presentation of the flag by VFW Post 209 and American Legion Hellgate Post 27 Honor Guards.

Don't forget to stop by the HMFM Membership table and enter to win a Montana Camping raffle prize donated by **Cabela's**! Swing into the main museum building for the Grand Opening of the postcard exhibit: *To and From Missoula*. And while you're enjoying the events, walk the new WWII Alien Detention Camps Interpretive Trail.

Premiere sponsors are **Cherry Creek Radio, Tractor Supply Company in Lolo, Pierce Flooring and Design, Hospice Care Foundation, Pepsi-Cola, and Missoula Broadcast Company (U104.5 and Trail 103.3).**

Additional sponsors are: **Rockin Rudy's, Good Food Store, Murdoch's Home and Ranch Supply, OZ Architects, SignPro, K Design Marketing, Montana Ace, Cabela's, US Bank, A&E Architects, and Mike's Print and Copy.**

Admission is \$5/adults, \$3/seniors, \$2/students, and \$15/family Children 6/under and HMFM members are free. The Pancake Breakfast: \$5/adult or \$15/family (include admission for the day).

The party goes on rain or shine. **Please watch for road construction and detours.** Follow the signs and remember all roads lead to fun here at the Historical Museum!

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