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16th Annual Home Movie Day comes to Montana this fall

To celebrate October as American Archives Month, and in conjunction with the Center for Home Movies, the Montana Historical Society will be hosting Montana's first Home Movie Day on October 20th. The event will be held in the auditorium of Montana's Museum in Helena from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Home Movie Day is a celebration of amateur films and filmmaking held annually at dozens of local venues worldwide, providing the opportunity for individuals and families to discover how best to care for their films and get a rare chance to view examples of home movies. Admission to the Helena event is free, and advance submission of films and videos is strongly encouraged. Participants can find out more about the Helena venue and event at www.homemovieday.com.

"Home movies provide invaluable records of our families and our communities: they document vanished storefronts, questionable fashions, adorable pets, long-departed loved ones, and neighborhoods in transition. Many people still possess these old reels or tapes, passed down from generation to generation, but lack the projection equipment to view them properly and safely," stated Skip Elsheimer, president of the Center for Home Movies. "That's where Home Movie Day comes in: the public brings the films, and volunteers inspect them, project them, and offer tips on storage, preservation, and video transfer—and free of charge, in most cities. And best of all, you get to watch them with an enthusiastic audience, equally hungry for local history," added Elsheimer.

To submit home movies in advance, contact Kelly Burton at Kelly.Burton@mt.gov or 406-444-3668. For more information about the Montana Historical Society and its Film Archives, visit <https://mhs.mt.gov>. To learn more about the Center for Home Movies, visit www.centerforhomemovies.org.

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