New backroads episode features Cakes and Cowboys

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MISSOULA –

“Backroads of Montana,” the popular travelogue series on MontanaPBS, presents an all-new episode at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8.

The episode will repeat at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 15.

The program, subtitled “Cakes and Cowboys,” begins with sisters Tia Kober and Fritzi Idelman of Park City who are known as the “Cake Ladies.” They bake what locals say are the best angel food cakes around. They’re assisted by a coop full of chickens who produce two dozen eggs a day. Producer Gus Chambers spent a day with the sisters and learned all, or nearly all, their secrets.

Producer John Twiggs found a smile-producing surprise in the small town of Winifred. The museum there hosts what could be the world’s largest Tonka toy collection. Viewers will get a fast-paced tour from a 5-year-old boy.

Twiggs also visited the Montana Veterans Memorial in Great Falls. It’s unique in that it honors living veterans, as well as those who have died. A grassroots project, the memorial quickly grew beyond its planned size.

The final story profiles Bob Petermann, a cowboy, rancher and singer of old country tunes who lives on a ranch south of Wibaux. Petermann is well-known at Cowboy Poetry
gatherings across the West. "Backroads" host William Marcus, a Wibaux native, interviewed Petermann on a ridge overlooking the Badlands of Eastern Montana.

Marcus's host segments were filmed in the Montana Hi-Line community of Malta, with stops at the Great Plains Dinosaur Museum and Field Station, the Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge, Malta High School and an evening at a Malta Mustangs football game.

"Backroads of Montana" is a production of MontanaPBS, a collaborative effort of The University of Montana and Montana State University. Check local listings for channels.

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