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[Backroads of Montana Special Presentation: The Collections \(No. 106\)](#)

Is collecting a hobby, a passion or just a conversation starter? We'll let you decide in our Backroads of Montana Collection Special. Sonia Tetley, of Columbia Falls, started the trend when we profiled her door knob collection. After that we visited doll collections, antler collections and handkerchief collections. Along the way we got to know the collectors. We met people who collect sewing machines, beer memorabilia and natural fibers. In Kalispell we met a man who collects antique telephones. Lou Adler, of Billings, is considered "The King of the One Armed Bandits". In Winifred we followed a young boy through what may be the world's largest collection of Tonka toys. And in Three Forks we met a man who collects Montana stories for his weekly magazine column. Those collections and more on the next Backroads Special.

Airs MontanaPBS – HD: *Thursday, 3/7 at 7pm, Saturday, 3/9 at 12:30am, Sunday, 3/10 at 10am, Monday, 3/11 at 5am, Tuesday, 3/12 at 10:30am*

Airs MontanaPBS – Create: *Sunday, 3/3 at 8am, Saturday, 3/9 at 6:30pm, Friday, 3/15 at 6:30pm, Saturday, 3/16 at 8am*

[Montana On My Mind](#)

Montana on My Mind celebrates the unique beauty and spirit of the last best state. Inspired by the best-selling book, "Montana on My Mind," this program combines stunning film with inspiring quotes, music and commentary by Michael S. Sample. Including magnificent scenery, people, places and events, this program will leave you with an unforgettable portrait of Montana.

Airs MontanaPBS – HD: *Saturday, 3/9 at 4:30pm, Monday, 3/11 at 2am*

Airs MontanaPBS – Create: *Monday, 3/4 at 4pm, Saturday, 3/9 at 8pm, Wednesday, 3/13 at 4pm, Friday, 3/15 at 8pm*

[Remembering the Columbia Gardens](#)

This program celebrates the now-vanished Columbia Gardens, in business from 1899-1973, in home movies, pictures, and first-hand accounts of people who remember the rollercoaster, the carousel, the biplanes and the cowboy swings.

Airs MontanaPBS – HD: *Monday, 3/4 at 6:59pm, Wednesday, 3/6 at 11am, Wednesday, 3/6 at 11:30pm, Saturday, 3/9 at 12pm,*

Airs MontanaPBS – Create: *Wednesday, 3/6 at 7pm, Sunday, 3/10 at 7pm*

[Bozeman Trail](#)

The Bozeman Trail was an offshoot of the Oregon Trail, a shortcut to the newly discovered gold fields of Montana Territory. Pioneered by John Bozeman and others beginning in 1863, the Bozeman Trail cut through the heart of Indian country. It became a flash point for a clash of cultures that would explode into warfare, destruction and tragedy. Set against a backdrop of the sprawling western plains and stunning Rocky Mountains, the Bozeman Trail tells a different story of U.S. western expansion and manifest destiny. A story of hope and greed, honor and disgrace, power and submission. It's a tale filled with surprising twists and unlikely outcomes. In the end, the dynamic events that transpired during the five years of Bozeman Trail era changed this part of the American west forever.

Airs MontanaPBS – HD: *Tuesday, 3/5 at 6:59pm, Thursday, 3/7 at 2:30am, Thursday, 3/7 at 11:30am, Sunday, 3/17 at 8am*

Backroads of Montana: Marking Passages (No. 141)

We watch the closing of dinosaur-digging season near Bynum, listen to a centenarian bugler pay his respects, follow a Polson man in his quest to raise the state's largest pumpkin and recount one man's efforts to preserve a special rock quarry near Geraldine. William Marcus hosts the program from the 30th annual Hunter's Feed in Ennis.

Airs MontanaPBS – Create: Friday, 3/8 at 5:30pm, Monday, 3/11 at 5:30pm

Glacier On My Mind

Glacier on My Mind celebrates the rugged beauty and spirit of Glacier National Park in Montana. This park is a stunning region of spectacular mountains, beautiful forests, cascading streams, and magnificent wildlife, all shown here in breathtaking color images by Montana photographer Michael Sample. The images are carefully matched with quotations from writers who know and love these splendid parks, creating a unique and timeless portrait of these remarkable lands.

Airs MontanaPBS – Create: Friday, 3/8 at 6:15pm, Monday, 3/11 at 6:15pm

Glacier Park's Night of the Grizzlies.

On the night of August 12, 1967, grizzly bears in Glacier National Park killed two young women and severely mauled one man. For everyone involved, it remains an unforgettable night of crisis, intense fear, bravery and, ultimately, grief. This dramatic and tragic story, and how it eventually influenced the fate of the grizzly bear in the continental United States, takes center stage in the historical documentary. Archival material, photographs, recreations and gripping on-camera interviews with survivors, witnesses, family members, journalists and biologists, provide a complete account of those events. Veteran film and television actor J.K. Simmons (Law and Order, Juno, Up in the Air, The Closer) narrates.

Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Sunday, 3/10 at 1pm, Tuesday, 3/12 at 3:30am

Thunder Under the Big Sky

Fifteen-thousand military planes roared into Great Falls during World War II. Three years later, courageous Air Force pilots and crews trained 24-hours a day in Great Falls preparing for the Berlin Airlift. They stopped the Cold War blockade, and probably prevented World War III. At the same time, a new Air National Guard was formed to serve Montana, and they were later called up to support overseas wars. A decade later, there was the race in Montana to ready the Minuteman missiles as Russia stockpiled missiles in Cuba. It all happened in north-central Montana, and often in top-secret conditions.

Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Monday, 3/11 at 6:59pm, Wednesday, 3/13 at 1am, Wednesday, 3/13 at 11am, Saturday, 3/16 at 4:30pm

Playing for the World: 1904 Fort Shaw Indian Girls' Basketball Team

In 1902, a unique combination of Native women came together at a boarding school in Montana. They used the new sport of basketball to help them adjust to a rapidly changing world. Their travels and experiences led them to places they never imagined. Ultimately, these women played for something much larger than themselves.

Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Tuesday, 3/12 at 6:59pm, Thursday, 3/14 at 4am, Thursday, 3/14 at 12:30pm, Sunday, 3/17 at 10:30am

Butte, America

Grounded in the dramatic personal stories of five generations of mining families, and narrated by Irish actor Gabriel Byrne, this program tells the tale of Butte, Montana. Butte was once the world's largest producer of copper - the "Richest Hill on Earth," the town that "plumbed and electrified America," the Pittsburgh of the West. The community's toughness, vitality and solidarity speak to what's missing in America today, while raising profound questions about the costs and consequences of industrialization and use of natural resources. "Butte, America" is an unsentimental and moving tribute to working class life and to the never-ending labor of achieving fairness in a world where powerful, destructive forces are always at play.

Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Thursday, 3/14 at 7pm, Saturday, 3/16 at 12am, Sunday, 3/17 at 3:30pm

Never Long Gone: The Mission Mountain Wood Band Story

In 1971, two young musicians from Missoula, Montana, took a trip in a van and began a journey that continues to this day. Against the backdrop of cultural change that swept the nation, a group of Montanans with talent, big dreams and a tremendous sense of fun explored a sound that defied category and captivated audiences at home and across the country. Sharing stories about working alongside musical greats like Bonnie Raitt and Charlie Daniels, playing to crowds that numbered in the tens of thousands, and surviving long years on the road, Never Long Gone offers an intimate portrait of a journey full of hope, loss and perseverance. With never before seen archival footage, national television performances and scenes from recent reunion concerts, this documentary tells the story of a musical family that embodied the magic of an era and remains as a centerpiece of Montana's musical tradition.

Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Monday, 3/18 at 2am, Sunday, 3/31 at 10am

Violin Alone

The unlikely pairing of two modern visionaries, Vilmos Olah, a Hungarian violin virtuoso, and Eric Funk, a contemporary classical composer from the heart of Montana, has resulted in a new piece of music that pushes the boundaries of music and our notion of the possible. Vili: Concerto for Violin Alone is an extreme concerto in which its player must simultaneously play the solo AND orchestra parts. He must emulate flutes, oboes, clarinet, timpani, and brass. A reflection of the violinist, the composer, and the unquenchable human spirit of Eastern Europe, The Violin Alone re-imagines what music can be.

Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Thursday, 3/21 at 7pm, Sunday, 3/24 at 10am, Monday, 3/25 at 2am

Backroads of Montana: Paintings, Partials and Pies (No. 137)

Follow competitors in the cherry pit spitting and cherry pie eating contests at the Flathead Cherry Festival in Polson. Learn the story of Hobson dentist Virgil Stewart who began his practice in 1912 during an era when most rural Montanans could not afford such care. Hike into the Sweet Grass Hills where an unexpected natural wonder rises out of the prairie. And meet an eastern Montana man whose passion for art has literally spread all over the town of Forsyth. William Marcus hosts the program from historical landmarks near Havre and Chinook.

Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Saturday, 3/23 at 5pm

Montana Ag Live: Another Cropping System Angle (No. 4907)

Pat Carr, Agronomist at MSU's Central Ag Research Center at Moccasin, looks at incorporating traditional warm season crops into Montana's traditional cool season cropping systems.

Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Sunday, 3/24 at 11am

Montana Ag Live: Farm to Table: Montana Made – Bakery (No. 5101)

Dean Folkvord from Wheat Montana Farms and Bakery will share with viewers how they took a Montana dry land wheat farm and turned it into a nationwide food supplier.

Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Sunday, 3/24 at 6pm, Sunday, 3/31 at 11am

11th & Grant with Eric Funk: Bad Betty Organ Combo (No. 1002)

The Bad Betty Organ Combo brings the classic soul jazz sound of the 60s and 70s to 11th & Grant. Five energetic, seasoned musicians display their prowess with a blend of groove, blues, and jazz. Appearing in this all-star cast are Buff Brown on harmonica, guitar, and lead vocals, Ryan Montana Matzinger on Alto and Baritone Sax, Chris Cundy on Hammond B3, Mike Gillan on drums, and John Sanders on bass.

Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Thursday, 3/28 at 7pm, Saturday, 3/30 at 9:40pm

Backroads of Montana: Hook, Line and Singer (No. 138)

Backroads meets a western Montana man who has worked hard to improve access to the state's great outdoors. A terrifying highway accident left Chris Clasby a quadriplegic, but it couldn't diminish his passion for hunting and fishing. His spirit comes through as we tag along on a fishing trip on the Missouri River. Next is a tour of Rock City near Valier, a sandstone metropolis of hoodoos carved by Two Medicine River. The show profiles Chontay Standing Rock, a student at Stone Child College on the Rocky Boy Reservation, who has a unique approach to American Indian songs. He adds some English words and a striking stage presence to put his own spin on traditional music. And in Deer Lodge Backroads visits retired rancher, Gene Hensen, whose unlikely collection of home appliances grew from necessity. William Marcus hosts the program from the Fergus County Courthouse in Lewistown.

Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Saturday, 3/30 at 5pm

Montana Ag Live: Farm to Table: Montana Made – Distillery (No. 5102)

Jeff Droge, owner and president of Dry Hills Distillery located in Four Corners, Montana, discusses how they turn their crops, grown in the Big Sky country, into liquid enjoyment.

Airs MontanaPBS – HD: Sunday, 3/31 at 6pm, Sunday, 4/7 at 11am

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