

SMALL TOWN BIG DEAL
Season 7 Air Schedule & Episode Descriptions
2021-2022

Aug 23-29

#30113 Shanahan Harness; Bowling Balls; Brae's Brown Bags

For a glimpse back in time, witness the lost art of harness making at the Shanahan family farm in Huntsville, Ohio. From this small village, the majestic Anhauser-Busch Clydesdales are among the show teams who proudly wear these harnesses and their legacy of excellence, all over the world. And then Rodney and Jann roll on to see how one small Kentucky town has become one of the biggest suppliers of Bowling Balls to the WORLD. Also meet a young man who is making an impact in his community by reaching out to help those less fortunate. By simply providing a meal.

Aug 30-Sept 5

#30115 Cherry Festival and Harvesting/Kazoo Factory

We join over 500,000 festivalgoers in Traverse City, Michigan – for some cherry flavored fun. Then we help shake things up out on the farm as we meet the farmers who bring cherries to our tables. Also, find out what all the buzz is about at Beaufort, South Carolina's Kazoo Factory.

Sept 6-12

#30116 Mackinac Bridge and Tractor Drive/Saddle Making

Rodney and Jann scale the exhilarating heights of Michigan's iconic Mackinac Bridge. Once back down they lead the world's largest antique tractor parade across the Mighty Mac. And then its on to an old west town in California where we learn the finer points of saddle making.

Sept 13-19

#30117 Tabasco/Old Hickory Furniture/Gourd Lady

Things heat up when Jann and Rodney go to Avery Island, Louisiana, the home of Tabasco Hot Sauce. Then we visit a hickory furniture store that's been outfitting President's homes and national parks for over a century. We also visit a lady who is out of her gourds! She has devoted her life to celebrating one of nature's great treasures . . . the GOURD!

Sept 20-26

#40111 Cactus League Food Wars

One of the best things about going to a ballgame is the food! But at Spring Training in Arizona every year there is another kind of competition *besides* what's happening on the ballfield! Each of the parks brings forth a food frenzy to satisfy any taste bud! And also find out which team has fans SO loyal we found them hosting their *wedding reception* at their team's home field!

Sept 27-Oct 3

#70101 Route 66 Texas

From Texas-sized steaks to graffiti Cadillac's and ghost towns, the nostalgia and romance of Rt 66 through Texas makes every mile a journey to remember. Come with Rodney & Jann through this Texas panhandle adventure and enjoy the open road to fun!

Oct 4-10

#70102 Unbound Gravel and Subtropolis

Thousands of bike riders from around the world descend on a small Kansas town once a year. It's called Unbound Gravel – and something of the Super Bowl of gravel road racing. Why would someone actually choose to ride a bike for hours on end across hundreds of miles of remote, dusty Kansas roads? And more importantly, why do they keep coming back? Then, an entire business complex – with dozens of business, hundreds of employees, and millions of square feet – and it's all beneath the surface of the earth! We take you Subtropolis, to the largest underground business complex in the world. How did it get here? Whose doing business there? And did Rodney and Jann actually get lost?

Oct 11-17

#70103 Washboard Festival and App Harvest

Every Father's Day weekend people flood the streets of Logan, Ohio's to celebrate its one claim to fame: the washboard. Logan is home to America's last washboard factory and puts on a festival to the washboard as a musical instrument in a way that's good, clean fun. Then, we are digging up some amazing facts on a new/old way to farm. We meet the Brietkreutz family, who became pioneers in the new regenerative agriculture movement and saved their farm in the process. Get the 'dirt' on this cleaner and greener food source they are growing and raising.

Oct 18-24

#70104 Circus World

Rodney and Jann run off to join the Circus in Baraboo, Wisconsin as they visit the longtime winter home of Ringling Bros. and explore "Circus World". You'll also find out why the U.S. Army was in awe of and tried to learn from the circus as well as how many muscles are in the trunk of an elephant...(you'll be shocked!) Count on plenty of clowning around as we take part in a live performance of the Greatest Show on Earth!

Oct 25-31

#70105 Tucumcari, New Mexico, and Peanuts for Good

Time to head out west - and spend some time in the historic town of Tucumcari, New Mexico. We see proof of the dinosaurs who once roamed these parts and learn of a college that has a lot of unusual courses.... Native American arts, shoeing horses and roping cattle! Then see how much-loved peanut butter, helps the Georgia Peanut Commission reach from it's Georgia fields to a world in need. Rodney and Jann help with local outreach- and show us how our little peanut has a global impact.

Nov 1-7

#70106 Water Ski Championships

Rodney and Jann get wet and wild in Wisconsin to witness some of the greatest water skiers in the world compete in the Water Ski-Show Championships. 28 teams go head to head performing amazing routines on a liquid stage that's never the same twice. With the attempt at a 5-level human pyramid on skis be achieved or a wash out!

Nov 8-14

#70107 Veteran's Day Special

One of the most elite soldiers in the world is the U.S. Army Ranger. One time a year they open up their doors at their mountain training camp and let the world get a glimpse of

what they can do. Then, we have the opportunity to see where the men come to be known as the Band of Brothers trained. Meet a man who was a paratrooper and jumped out of the first plane on D-Day and see how many are honoring these brave men so that we never forget their bravery and sacrifice. Then, meet the remarkable canines that are making life changing connections with our warriors once they return home.

Nov 15-21

#70110 Canfield Fair and Dirt Doctors

Labor Day weekend is the traditional start of fair season, and in Ohio that means the Canfield Fair. We visit the 175th edition of this rural themed extravaganza where the competition is keen. From wiener dog racing to cow dressing to pig iron pulling, only the very best need apply. Dirt Doctors – People these days are looking for a cleaner, greener source of nutritious food. Some farmers are learning that the best way to produce healthy food is through healthier soil. We meet the Brietkreutz family, pioneers in the new regenerative agriculture movement.

Nov 22-28

#40125 Hidden Christmas Gems

Get in the Christmas Spirit as Rodney and Jann celebrate in a vintage New England town and learn to believe in Santa once again aboard the Polar Express. Then, hidden deep in the Ozarks are Monks who will make your mouth water, baking a Christmas delicacy!

Nov 29-Dec 5

#40126 Getting in the Christmas Spirit

Come experience the factory that is still making oversized candy canes by HAND! Then it's off to the largest Christmas store in the WORLD and celebrating our military with "Trees for Troops".

Dec 6-12

#70117 A Dickens of a Christmas

A small town in the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York knows how to get into the Christmas 'spirit' as they welcome the characters from Dicken's famous, A Christmas Carol. Then...he's won close to 60 Dove music awards and he's sharing some of his Christmas music from his own personal recording studio. Steven Curtis Chapman knows how to celebrate Christmas and leaves us on a high note!

Dec 13-19

#50106 Christmas Then and Now

If there is one place that packs in enough Christmas Spirit to last the entire year it's Grapevine, Texas. The official Christmas Capital of Texas. But Rodney and Jann also find California doing it up right by recreating the town of Bethlehem – including camels! And what tree would be complete without a teddy bear underneath waiting to be unwrapped? We find the best Teddy Bear factory in the United States, complete with a repair 'hospital' for any bear needing some special care.

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