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'Mysteries at the Museum' crew films in Baker City

• SEGMENT MAY AIR ON TRAVEL CHANNEL

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About six weeks ago, a film crew, now confirmed to be from the Travel Channel's popular show,

"Mysteries at the Museum," filmed in Baker City—at least in part at the Baker Heritage Museum.

Lea Hoover, the Museum's new director, said due to a nondisclosure clause in the contract, she was unable to comment for the time being.

A potential air date for the segment shot here is still pending.

Housed in the historic 1920 natatorium, the museum displays a rich history, certainly in keeping with the theme of that show. Host, Don Wildman, explores museums around the country, "Often strange and curious remnants of the momentous events that have shaped our history," according to the Travel Channel's web site.

"Behind each artifact is yet another story to be told and secret to be revealed — tales brimming with scandal, mystery, murder and intrigue," the site reads.

The Baker Heritage Museum is open seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes a new display honoring those who served.



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Notice from the Travel Channel is pending as to when or if a segment shot at the local Baker Heritage Museum will air soon.



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L-R back: Dave Downing, Brent Kragness, Keith Jensen, Penny Devlin, Allen Jensen, Tabitha Jensen, Cal Foster, Don Copley, Chris Galiszewski, and Steve Ritch. Front L-R: Jim Devlin, Gabriel Jensen and Rick Badgley.

Greater Bowen Valley welcomes new fire chief

• OPEN HOUSE MARKS RENEWAL OF AREA'S VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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The Greater Bowen Valley Fire and Rescue is proof that a small group of dedicated citizens can achieve great things.

On Saturday, volunteers and staff from Baker County Emergency Management, the Baker City Fire Department (BCFD), Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest (WWNF), Baker Rural Fire, Powder River Rural Fire, Haines Rural Fire, and Richland Rural Fire came together at the Greater Bowen Valley fire station on Sumpter Stage Highway to celebrate a grand reopening of sorts, including a brand new Fire Chief, Jim Devlin.

According to Devlin, Tabitha Jensen of both Greater Bowen Valley Fire and Rescue and the BCFD, was instrumental in organizing the event—the group's first of its type.

"Tabitha has been working on this since December or January," Devlin said. "It's never been done before. All the guys and gals put in a ton of effort and everybody pitched in."

Jensen's husband, Allen, is a volunteer, as are her in-laws, Keith and Janet Jensen.

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Zach Shively (left) and Scott Shively of the WWNF hang out with Smokey the Bear.

50 of world's top snipers to compete

• BAKER CITY WILL HOST THIS YEAR'S OREGON SNIPER CHALLENGE

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The men who may very well be the top 50 snipers in the entire world are coming to Baker City next month for the Oregon Sniper Challenge—an event that tests the mettle of the best of the best.

The challenge takes place every other year, aided by heavy sponsorship—with past promotion even including a vignette for the National Rifle Association's "American Warrior" magazine.

The Powder River Sportsman's Club (PRSC) on Highway 86, led by president Dave McCoy, will host the challenge. PRSC is one of only three ranges in Oregon with the capacity to shoot up to 1,000 yards.

That 1,000-yard range, said McCoy, was a key factor in drawing the event to Baker City.

"Steve Huisman," said McCoy, "contacted Buck Buckner who contacted me. And it went from there."

Huisman heads up Cold Bore Ops, a Portland-area company.

"This event should be good for tourism," said McCoy. "This is an international event. The winner last time was from Ireland."

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Dance of the 5J principals

BY SUNNY WERNER

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Betty Palmer, former Principal at South Baker Intermediate, is currently acting as interim Superintendent of Schools until Mark Witty formally takes the position in July.

Since the position of South Baker's Principal became open, there has been a cascade of changes. Qualified individuals from both inside and out of Baker County applied for the position, with the successful applicant being Teacher of the Year 2013, Nanette Lehman. Lehman has been teaching in the area since moving here with her family in 2006.

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Friday Partly sunny with a high around 55-58 and a slight chance of isolated thunderstorms. Northwest winds around 10-20 mph. Lows 32-35.

Saturday Partly cloudy with a high around 62-66. Northwest winds around 10-20 mph with gusts up to 30 mph. Lows near 35.

Sunday Mostly sunny with a high around 68-72. Northwest winds around 8-16 mph. Lows 33-35 and partly cloudy at night.

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