

Stafford, Kansas

A Byway Community



Stafford, Kansas 67578

Stafford is the gateway to Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. The community is rich in architecture, history, and small town charm. But it's the startling connection to nature that leaves a real impression. This is a place where eagles nest and whooping cranes rest.

Population: 1,019 (2013 Census)
Newspaper: Stafford County Courier
Website: www.staffordcounty.org



"Who would have thought Kansas would be so beautiful. Night riding is key. No sun, wind, cars, and I get to watch the sunrise... good stuff."

-Bicyclist David Garancosky via Facebook while riding the TransAmerica Trail

Events & Attractions

- **Signature Festival** – OktoberFest – 1st Saturday in Oct. Parade, Crafts, Car Show, Street Dance, Food Booths
- **Things to See and Do**
 - See Wild Whooping Cranes – Quivira NWR
 - Watch a Movie at the Ritz – Historic Restored Theater
 - Enjoy Pelican Pete's Pig Out – Eat Like a Hermit
 - Overnight at Henderson House – Bed and Breakfast
 - Help Restore 29,000 Glass Negatives
 - Visit Frank Lloyd Wright Inspired Church
 - Read at the Nora Larabee Memorial Library
 - Bike and Hike With the Birds -Every September
 - Sip a Soda – Old Fashioned Soda Fountain at the Mercantile
- **Notable People**
 - The Larabee Family
 - Flour Mill, Electric Co., Phone Co., Library, Bank
 - Elias Pelton – Pelican Pete
 - Lou Brock – Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame
 - Just Bill – Warner-Pathé News Reel SpokesRooster
 - Jones Brothers – Started Jones Store Empire
- **Local Food**
 - The Gathering Place – Made From Scratch
 - Taste & See Coffee House – Daily Specials
 - Jelly Making – Sandhill Plums, Wild Grapes, Blackberries

Birdwatching Tips

- Speak quietly, Move slowly
- Bring binoculars
- Get a good field guide
- Start in the morning
- Stay quiet and listen
- Respect the habitat
- Dress in muted colors
- Bring water and snacks
- Do not feed the birds
- Wear a hat and sunscreen
- Wear comfortable shoes
- Do not leave trash
- Use your vehicle as a blind

ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE

How many wild whooping cranes are there? Not enough.

-National Geographic, June 2010



*From WR Gray Glass Negative Collection
Stafford County Historical Museum*

"Bald eagles successfully nested at Quivira for the first recorded time in 2010, producing two eaglets. A pair of adults was seen attending the nest January 2011. Winter numbers of bald eagles in the refuge area topped 200 in mid-December."

-Quivira NWR

