

St. John, Kansas

A Byway Community



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The heart of St. John is their picture perfect town square, complete with a splashing fountain and surrounded by historic architecture. St. John is truly a Central Kansas Crossroads – located three miles north of the junction of two legendary highways: US 50 and US 281 and sitting near one of the oldest bicycle routes in the United States – the TransAmerica Trail.

Population: 1,262 (2013 Census)
Newspaper: stjohnewsonline.com
Website: www.stjohnkansas.com



In addition to the beautiful fountain, flowers, historic tiles, and grass; St. John's square boasts a miniature Statue of Liberty, one of only 200 replicas donated to towns across the nation by the Boy Scouts in honor of the 40th birthday of scouting in 1950.

Events & Attractions

- **Signature Festival**
St. John Jubilee – Memorial Day Weekend
- **Things to See and Do**
See Electricity Work – St. John Science Museum
Sip Tea – Annual Victorian Tea
Stroll Town Square – Opera House/Courthouse
Tour Historic WPA Buildings – St. John High School
Visit Mormon Church – Stake of Zion Driven 1875
Drive By Gray Studio
- **Cemeteries to Die For**
Martin Cemetery – African American
Neelands Cemetery – Modern Woodmen
Fairview Cemetery – Bickertonites
- **Notable People**
William Bickerton – Founder of Zion Valley (Now St. John)
W.R. Gray – Glass Negatives Chronicle Rural Life
- **Local Food**
Squeaks – Bar & Grill
- **Locally Grown**
4-Star Hydroponics – Fresh Tomatoes All Year
DeVore Farms – Watermelons and Gourds
Spare's Produce – Farmer's Markets along the Byway
Stimatze Pumpkin Patch – Sell Thousands to Walmart
Delps Christmas Tree Farm – 50 Year Tradition

“Jim Hood, curator of St. John Science Museum, laughs like a character in a horror movie as a bolt of electricity leaps from a Tesla coil to a bulb he holds in his hand. “ My favorite part was when he lit up the light bulb.” Said 13 year old Natasha Groves. “It was really interesting.”

-Terry Spradley
St. John News



Pumpkins – A Stafford County Tradition

The field stretches nearly as far as the eye can see – full and ripe, orange pumpkins... “I never dreamed we'd be selling to Walmart,” Jill Stimatze said of her largest customer in the past 10 years.

*Amy Bickel, The Hutchinson News 09/28/10
“In Pumpkin Paradise” - Article about Jill Stimatze
Pumpkin Grower and Mayor of St. John.*

**“It feels good.
It feels comfortable.
It feels like home.”**

*Chiron Review, editor and poet - Michael Hathaway
About his hometown of St. John, Kansas
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