

St. John, Kansas

A ByWay Community



St. John KS 67576

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

Population: 1174
Newspaper: www.SJNewsOnline.com
Web Site: www.StJohnKansas.com
Television: SSC TV3 www.SandylandCenter.org
(Smallest High Definition, Privately Owned, All Volunteer Senior Citizen TV Station in the US)



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
- **Things To See And Do**
 - See Electricity Work St. John Science Museum
 - Sip Tea at Hall Museum Annual Victorian Tea
 - Stroll Town Square Opera House/Courthouse
 - Tour Historic WPA Building St. John High School
 - Visit Mormon Church Stake of Zion Driven 1875
- **Cemeteries to Die For...**
 - Martin Cemetery (African-American)
 - Neelands Cemetery (Modern Woodmen)
 - Fairview Cemetery (Bickertonites)
- **Notable People**
 - Jim Hood Science Museum's Mad Scientist
 - Alex Robinson The Man St. John Has To Keep Alive
 - William Bickerton Founder of Zion Valley/Now St. John
 - W.R. Gray Glass Negatives Chronicle Rural Life
- **Locally Grown**
 - 4-Star Hydroponics Fresh Tomatoes All Year
 - Spare's Produce Farmer's Markets on the Byway
 - Delp Christmas Tree Farm 50 Years of Tradition
 - Stimatze Pumpkin Farm Thousands for Walmart
 - DeVore Farms Pumpkins & Gourds

Jim Hood, 87, curator of St. John's Science Museum, laughs like a character in a B 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



Peter F. Smith & Pumpkins, 1915
Photo by W.R. Gray Studio, St. John, KS
Photo Courtesy Stafford Co Historical Society

Pumpkins - A Stafford County Tradition

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

Amy Bickel, The Hutchinson News, 9/28/10
"In Pumpkin Paradise" article about **Jill Stimatze**
Pumpkin Grower & Mayor of St. John KS

"It feels good. It feels comfortable. It feels like home."

~ Chiron Review editor & poet,
Michael Hathaway, about his hometown of St. John, Kansas
www.chironreview.com