

Stafford, Kansas

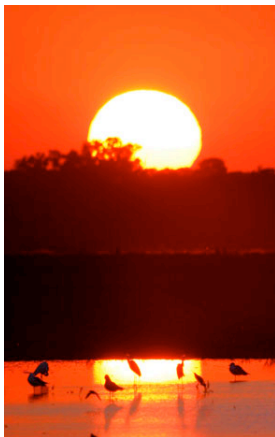
A Byway Community



Stafford, KS 67578

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

Population: 1097
Newspaper: StaffordCourier.com
Web Site: 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 (which runs through Stafford County)

Events & Attractions

- **Signature Festival:** Oktoberfest - First Sat in October
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 Restored 1945 theater
Enjoy Pelican Pete's Pig Out Eat Like a Hermit!
Overnight at Henderson House B&B/Conf Ctr
Help Restore 29,000 Glass Negatives
Visit Frank Lloyd Wright Inspired Church
Read at the Nora Larabee Memorial Library
Bike & Hike with the Birds Every September
- **Notable People**
The Larabee Family
Flour Mills, Electric Co, Phone Co, Library, Bank
Elias Pelton - Pelican Pete Hermit of the Marsh
Lou Brock Green Bay Packers Hall of Famer
Just Bill Warner-Pathe News Reel SpokesRooster
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- **Local Food**
Curtis Cafe - The Jigsaw Puzzle Diner
Jelly-Making Sand Hill Plums, WildGrapes, Wild Blackberries

Birdwatching Tips

- Speak Quietly Move Slowly
- Bring binoculars.
- Get a good Field Guide.
- Start in the morning.
- Stay Quiet & Listen.
- Respect the habitat.
- Dress in muted colors.
- Bring water & snacks.
- But DON'T feed the birds!
- Wear a hat & sunscreen.
- Bring it in? Take it out.
- Wear comfortable shoes.
- Best blind is your vehicle.

ENJOY THE EXPERIENCE

How many wild whooping cranes are there? Not enough.

National Geographic, June 2010



One of Stafford County Historical Museum's collection of 29,000 glass photographic negatives documenting life in Stafford County KS from 1880 to 1920

“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 in early January 2011. Winter numbers of bald eagles in the Refuge area topped 200 in mid-December.”

~Quivira National Wildlife Refuge