

Small Town Big Deal

Syndication Season Four

Episode Descriptions

1-"Bigger in Texas!" Eps 40106 (Texas Antique Show) Discover why a town with a population of just 90 attracts tens of thousands twice a year! It's been called the *biggest* of its kind in America. While we're there Jann & Rodney will introduce you to the cutest 'Gypsies' who will inspire every DIY cell within you and we'll meet the Pie King! Learn his secrets and how to make a Texas Trash version!

2-"Fastest Grandma!" Eps 40107 (Dirt Track Racing/Keenland) While some people slow down and chill out as retirement nears others simply DON'T! Meet our 'Fastest Grandma' whose idea of fun is all about a dirt track, the smell of gasoline, and the need for speed! Rodney and Jann even suit up and 'throw some dirt'! And speaking of tracks and speed - we travel to Kentucky to see where some of the fastest and most beautiful horses in the world of racing are born and breed.

3-"Time Travel" Eps 40105(Henry Ford Museum/Mackinac Island) Henry Ford was a man who knew what do with all his money. He preserved American history and created a museum that rivals them all! Among the treasures; the chair Lincoln was sitting in the fateful night he was assassinated and Thomas Edison's laboratory! Next you'll step back in time on Mackinac Island - where they still use horses and carriages to get around and Jann & Rodney try their hand at making some of the island's famous fudge.

4-"Flying High" Eps 40110 (Flying Fish Festival/Kite Festival) Can fish fly? Well, they do off the coast of Catalina Island near Southern California. Catching them on video can be tricky... but we got 'em...tune in to see! Then, some of the biggest kites and most elaborate kite flying you'll ever see. It's a yearly event off the shoreline of Oregon that will have you wanting to take flight yourself!

5-"Rollin' in the Grits" Eps 40108 Some people are lucky enough to be 'rollin' in the dough' but come along and see people who 'roll in the grits' - and we mean literally! A large inflatable pool full of the freshly cooked goodness is not to be resisted. It's all to honor a long time staple of Southern cooking. We'll also learn exactly what grits really are and how they're still a few places grinding them the old-fashioned way. Discover a mill that's so old it got it's permission to operate from officials back in England in the 1700s!

6-"True Inspiration Awards" Eps 40109 It's a Red Carpet event! But the stars on *this* carpet are not celebrities -- they are ordinary people doing truly

extraordinary things and changing lives forever. Meet some of the winners as Jann & Rodney travel to see them in action.

7-“Cactus League Food Wars” Eps 40111 (Cactus League Food Wars) One of the best things about going to a ballgame is the food! But at Spring Training in Arizona every year there is another kind of competition *besides* what’s happening on the ballfield! Each of the parks brings forth a food frenzy to satisfy any taste bud! And also find out which team has fans SO loyal we found them hosting their *wedding reception* at their team’s home field!

8-“Have Wheels Will Travel” Eps 40114 (Ragbrai/Volo Car Museum) It’s a bike ride that is called the oldest, longest and largest in the world! See thousands of riders, many from all over the U.S. and even from across the world, who accept the challenge. It’s a Party on 2-wheels but with a downhome twist....Ever hear of Chicken poop bingo? It’s all part of the experience! But if something with 4 wheels is more your, well...*speed* then hang on! Classic cars from movies and TV shows, cars of the rich and famous...and cars for sale. Tune in to see this hidden gem....and all the things they have to offer, *besides* cars!

9-“Missiles and Mules” Eps 40112(Titan II Museum/Mule Days) It’s a historic site like you’ve never seen before! A Titan II missile silo with a 103 foot tall missile inside. Rest assured though....no warhead and no fuel! But it’s a place overflowing with history -- and those famous keys are still there. Then, it’s a *complete* change of pace. Join Rodney and Jann in a town that dedicates one weekend a year to a celebration of the long eared, half horse/half donkey...the mule.

10-“Hoist Those Sails!” Eps 40113(Tall Ships & Ronald McDonald House) It’s an episode that will have you looking for Jack Sparrow or Captain Hook! Meet seafaring enthusiasts who are keeping the tradition of the sailing multi-mast sailing ships alive. Then, do you know what prompted the very first Ronald McDonald House or where? We visit the very first one and learn more about how they are planning to help even more families in need.

11-“Favorite Pastime and Gentle Giants” Eps 40118 (Wiffle Ball & Clydesdale Breeding Farm) Meet a man who turned his backyard into a mini Wrigley Field and a mini Fenway Park...and raises half a million dollars playing wiffle ball! Where does all that money go....tune in to find out! Then, get an insider’s look at the breeding farm of those famous Budweiser Clydesdales. Jann is in heaven...as she and Rodney get to be in the pasture with 23 of the babies!

12-“Life Changing” Eps 40115 (Civil Rights/Alabama & Brandy Wine Farms) There are some ‘big deals’ that change the course of a country for the better and this is certainly true of the Civil Rights movement. We visit 3 powerful places in Alabama that certainly qualify including the training grounds of the Tuskegee Airmen. Then, we meet a farmer who is giving ALL of his crops away! All of

them! He's helping make sure folks in his community don't go hungry, changing the lives of many.

13-“Is that a REAL Job?” Eps 40123 (Cracker Barrel/Ice Castle/Corn Palace) Meet a man who decorates every single Crackle Barrel! He runs a HUGE décor warehouse overflowing with real antiques like you've never seen. Then, what about growing ice castles for a living? Yep, it's a real job and Jann & Rodney help. And finally, how about a palace that is decorated with murals made of corn! Meet the artists who make it happen.

14-“Christmas is Coming!” Eps 40125 (Portsmouth/Polar Express/Monks & Fruitcakes) Get in the Christmas Spirit as Rodney and Jann celebrate in a vintage New England town and learn to believe in Santa once again aboard the Polar Express. Then, hidden deep in the Ozarks are Monks who will make your mouth water, baking a Christmas delicacy!

15-“Make the Christmas Spirit Last!” Eps 40126 If there is one place that packs in enough Christmas Spirit to last the entire year it's Grapevine, Texas. The official Christmas Capital of Texas. But Rodney and Jann also find California doing it up right by recreating the town of Bethlehem - including camels! And what tree would be complete without a teddy bear underneath waiting to be unwrapped? We find the best Teddy Bear factory in the United States, complete with a repair 'hospital' for any bear needing some special care.

16-“Living the Sweet Life” Eps 40116 (Sweetcorn/Zac Brown) It's "ear" resistable! Yep...we're talkin' sweetcorn! We'll discover what makes sweetcorn so, well....sweet! And Rodney and Jann find a town dedicated to celebrating this summertime favorite. Serving up a ton of fun including a sweetcorn eating contest....tune in to see the butter fly! Then, it's sweet memories of summer camp that prompted Country Music star Zac Brown to start his own camp. We visit his 'Camp Southern Ground' and learn what makes his camp so different.

17-What's an Applecorn? Eps 40117(Applecorn/Popcorn Harvest) Two all-American favorites play center stage! Apples and Popcorn...it's harvest time! Travel to the festival with Rodney and Jann to help us celebrate them. But while there don't miss the apple dessert contest (we'll share the recipe!) and men's leg contest? Will Jann get Rodney to enter?

18-“Viva La Fiesta” Eps 40119 (Old Spanish Days) It's a party to beat all parties! A celebration of the days of Spanish Missions, Mexican Cowboys, and Flamenco dancing! Mix in a rodeo, and you've got an episode of Small Town Big Deal to remember!

19-“Lake Erie Invaded!” Eps 40120 (D-Day Reenactment) It’s the largest D-day living history re-enactment in the United States and possibly the world! The shores of Lake Erie are invaded as hundreds of volunteers take the beaches and perform a living tribute to those who served. Everything from vintage aircraft overhead to flame thrower demonstrations and USO/Canteen shows can be seen with the highlight being the actual storming of Omaha Beach in Normandy.

20-“Perfect Pony Paddling” Eps 40122 (Chincoteague Pony Swim) Come along as the Ponies of Chincoteague Island take to the sea for their yearly swim! Stallions and their mares, and foals make their way to shore across the channel. Each year, in order to keep the herd from being over populated, there is an auction of a certain number of foals and that’s when dreams come true for the lucky winners.

21-“Chef to Farm & Nitro Ice Cream!” Eps 50105 (St. Louis Farm to Restaurant) Farm to fork is a popular term now but what about ‘Chef to Farm’?! It’s a movement where your local chefs now frequent your local farms and ranches before choosing who will supply their kitchens and help them create the menus. Visit the farms with Rodney and Jann and one very creative ice cream shop that is super selective about the dairy they get their milk and cream from and very creative how they make it refreshingly cold.....liquid nitrogen!

22- “Up, Up & Away” Eps 50101 (Hot Air Balloon Fest/Cactus Candy) We take you to Albuquerque, New Mexico to see a kaleidoscope of colors fill the skies. With over 500 Hot Air Balloons taking flight.

23-“Seen it All!” Eps 40124 (Wooley Bear Festival/YouTube Farmer) Just when you think you’ve seen a festival for everything...a small town in Ohio celebrates the Woollyworm! Yep, that black and orange caterpillar that they claim predicts the upcoming winter weather. Then, Jann & Rodney meet a YouTube sensation. And his trusty dog Rocket who often serves as his cameraman!

24 - “Pumpkin Regatta” Eps 50102 It’s a boat race you must see to believe where the vessels are enormous, hollowed out pumpkins! Tenacity may be the most important quality as these bobbing pumpkins leave a bit to be desired as a trusty boat. Rodney & Jann will also highlight other GIANT pumpkins that artists carve into extreme works of art. It’s a true celebration to experience with us!

25-“Auto-Mania and Pizza Wars” Eps 40121 (Iola Car Show/Nationwide Pizza Guys) America has had a love affair with the automobile since the Model-A. And since then, there are has been endless supply of makes, models, colors and sizes. Visit a small town in the upper Midwest with us as it explodes with excitement and more than 100,000 fans who come to admire or even buy their dream car. Then it’s a pizza war....New York or Chicago style? Which do you pick? Rodney and Jann find a restaurant that features both and find out the winner: thick or thin?!

26 -“Airplane Boneyard/Daktronics Eps 50103 You ever wonder what happens to old planes. Come explore with us as we visit one of the largest graveyards where over 4,400 aircraft are collecting dust.