

SMALL TOWN BIG DEAL

Season Two Episode Synopsis

August 29th – Dec 31st

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7. Oct 10-16 eps 10125 Pioneers and a Prime Minister

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Rodney and Jann take you to 'Pioneer Village' and Rodney gets several lessons on the way things 'used to be done' at a quintessential county fair. Then, not too many people know that Winston Churchill gave his famous Iron Curtain speech at a small college in the middle of America. We'll show you the impressive museum, the 11th-century British Church that was moved stone by stone across the Atlantic and another treasure is a true 'breakthrough'.

8. Oct 17-23 eps 10126 Something for Tastes Buds & Tailbones

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"I don't make chocolate, I make memories!" Jann & Rodney introduce you to Russell Sifers who brought his grandfather's signature candy bar back to life after finding the vintage equipment buried in an old warehouse. Then, hear the hills of North Carolina get loud. One man has collected over 300 of America's most rare classic motorcycles and keeps them ALL running! Does he let Rodney drive one? And visit Rock Ranch...see what attracts thousands there every year.

9. Oct 24-30 eps 20111 The Great Pumpkin

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See a town of 13,000 welcome more than 300,000 visitors to celebrate the Great Pumpkin! With no admission charged it's referred to as 'The Greatest Free Show on Earth'. You will see HUGE examples of this fruit (yep, it's officially a fruit) at the Giant Pumpkin Weigh-in, and see the baking of the 'World's Greatest Pumpkin Pie'...6 feet in diameter and 400 pounds! It's a celebration you don't want to miss.

10. Oct 31-Nov 6 eps 20107 Blazing the Trail

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