



Towns small on city limits, but big on community pride

"One-horse town," "blink and you miss it," and "hick town" are just a few of the cliches attached to the rural village.

By city standards, there is a certain amount of truth to these cliches. But what they fail to define is a character of substance that is partly responsible for the existence of many a hamlet.

Cliches say nothing about the warmth of the people and their involvement with one another. They say nothing about the pride and community spirit commonly shared or the unfettered down-to-earth lifestyle lacking in the city of sophistication and hype.

Three cheers for the rural resident who sees his place in the world under a different light. Blink, but they'll still be there.



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