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### Tiny Home with a Big Family

Two tribes, Pottawatomie and Osage, are the tribes that Osawatomie was named after. I live in Osawatomie, a small town. But in this small town, there's family. We cry when someone dies, we support those who make big accomplishments, and we love our neighbors, and friends. Come to think of it, we're all friends here, in this place I call home.

We love our city services too. The police, firefighters, doctors, nurses, and even school teachers. You can see the rows of cars at the school, each one with a kind and helpful person behind it. Sometimes though, school can get boring, so we also have entertainment. Want to go see a movie like it was back then? You can, at the drive in movie theater, and not to forget their melty, buttery popcorn. Or playing at the John Brown Park. The feeling of the mulch on your hands and feet as you play. Or if you just want a place to chill and take a break, the public library. Sometimes they give out popcorn and other times, they let you go downstairs to do crafts. But, no matter the circumstances, we love our city services and the things they provide.

Some fun facts about Osawatomie is that we could have had KU University here, but instead we chose the state hospital. It's not that bad, but I personally think that KU University would have been better. The name, Jayhawkers, originated from us. It

happened during the *Bleeding Kansas* period, in the 1850's. John Brown actually did come here to try to stop 250 pro-slavery forces from destroying our town. That's a reason why we have a whole place dedicated to him, the John Brown museum.

All set aside, I wasn't born in the small town like most of the residents were. But as soon as I moved here 7 years ago, I knew that I would make many friends, and have a whole other family that isn't blood. Strangers come and give cookies, friends come and hang out, and family comes for a fun and enjoyable time. I love it when friends come over, because it gives me an opportunity to explore the many secrets of my town that still have yet to be discovered. And the neighbors, the loving neighbors that help you when you don't know what to do. They really help. And there are always children playing in the street with their friends. Friends and family are top priority. I'm always afraid that I'll move away, but even then, I know that I will always remember this small place called home.