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Prompt 2: The Backstretch is a tight knit Community

From birth up to today, the backstretch community is similar to that of one giant family, though many have left we are all known from first name basis, nicknames, or a feature that is unique to one, everyone would know who you are referring to or looking for, that is how close of a family the backstretch community is.

The difference from this community to that of a community outside of the backstretch gates is that everyone here is connected or related to each other, like for example A lady that lives 2 barns away, we are not related in any sort of way, but I grew up calling her aunt, And all the children that I've grew up with, we're really close to one another that it felt that we were siblings or cousins, though very few were family related.

Growing up in the Backstretch there were some pros and cons, starting with the cons, the most common thing would be when having to wake up real early for the school bus at Arlington, being about an hour or two late for school, and at times it felt embarrassing when walking into class mid lecture and everyone goes quiet, staring and listening as you tell your teacher that you were late because "I am an Arlington student" or saying it was because the "Arlington bus came late" and as you walk to your chair everyone begins to ask what that is and you just not wanting to explain and in short just saying "Its where I live".

At Hawthorne one can't be as free as Arlington, you're limited to just sitting Infront of your door to feel the summer breeze and just staring at the building across, whereas at Arlington,

it was spacious. kids running around or riding their bikes, adults and teens walking around just enjoying the summer days.

There aren't many pros or benefits at Hawthorne as Arlington did but the very few would be that of having the Walmart and a couple gas stations that are at a walking distance for grocery shopping or just going for a snack, The schools being much closer and less time consuming when traveling.

A bigger Hispanic or Latino community where one is comfortable speaking Spanish whereas Arlington it was more of a white suburban area, and they give you that one judging look for just being yourself, the community park being about across the racetrack though it doesn't have the same feeling of nostalgia and beauty as how the green field did that was in between the 9,10, and 11 dorms.