

Monett, Small Town with Big Culture

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*M*onett, Missouri is a charming town nestled in the heart of the Ozarks.

This small city is located in Lawrence County, and is home to approximately 9,000 residents. Monett is a great place to live, work and raise a family, and has a rich history and vibrant culture that is evident in its architecture, events and the friendliness of its people. One of the most notable characteristics of Monett is its uniquely beautiful architecture. The town's architecture is marked by its beautiful examples of Craftsman and Queen Anne homes, as well as its historic downtown, which boasts a variety of early 20th century storefronts. Visitors can take advantage of the walking tours available through the Monett Historical Society to explore the town's intriguing architectural history.

Monett is also known for its lively cultural events, including the Monett Oktoberfest, an annual celebration of German culture, food, and entertainment. This exciting community event is one that is eagerly anticipated every year, and attracts visitors from all over the state and beyond. Other events in Monett include Christmas Cookie Walks, the Annual Christmas Parade, and the Carn-evil Trunk or Treat.

Monett's economy is prosperous and diverse, reflecting the ingenuity and creativity of this community. The town's economic base is built on various industries, including manufacturing and agriculture. Monett's downtown area has flourished in recent years, with new businesses providing everything from boutique

fashion to fine dining. The town's geographically positioned location means easy access to travel, making it possible for small business and larger corporations to thrive in the area.

The town of Monett has established a robust and thoughtful educational system for its residents. The Monett School District provides educational opportunities for students from kindergarten through 12th grade, with programs focused on developing well-rounded individuals with skills for success after high school. The district has top-rated schools at every level, including Monett High School, which was recently awarded a Silver medal by U.S. News and World Report.

Not to be overlooked, Monett's diverse and welcoming community is the heart and soul of the town. Its vibrant population is characterized by their friendliness, kindness, and willingness to give back to the community. The town has a variety of houses of worship, parks, and community events, all geared to gather families and neighbors together, fostering a strong sense of belonging.

Monett, Missouri is an inviting and picturesque town in the Ozark Mountains. It is a town

which has attracted and kept a range of careers, industries, and families. The town offers a wide range of opportunities for work, education, and entertainment. It prides itself on its robust and active historical society's devotion to the preservation of its buildings and cultures that define it. As you drive down Route 37 and turn off to take Main Street, you'll discover a vibrant and charming community; it's easy to see why families and businesses continue to flock to this jewel of a town.



Monett Downtown facing west