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Mount Dora is a slow waltz backwards in Florida

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Pineappic, usonin starket and ping Fly. Mount Dora is well known for the number of antique shops and especially for Renninger's – a collection of 200 dealers, which

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Sleepy town: An Ace Hardware is the only national chain store in downtown Mount

Some folks like to visit Mount Dora so much they don't want to loave. Money Magazine has rated Mount Dora No. 1 in Flori-da and No. 3 in the United States as the best place to retire. They base their ratings on cli-mate, housing costs, crime rate, health care and cultural and recreational activities. New resi-dents often choose to live at The Country Club of Mount Dora, a gated residential community

looked like an old home, but the waitress shared that only recent-by it had been a repair garage. If you are in the mood for a Big Mac, you will need to go just out-side of town. There are no fast food chains in downtown Mount Dora. Some folks like to visit Mount and No. 3 in the Unit of the warm, the nees is relared If you plan to stay in Mount

If you want to step back in time to a place where the weath-er is warm, the pace is relaxed and the people are friendly, try Mount Dora. If you like it, you may choose to keep it a secret. You may want to help the locals keep Mount Dora the unique community it is community it is.



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Dora, a Florida town that's like another era.