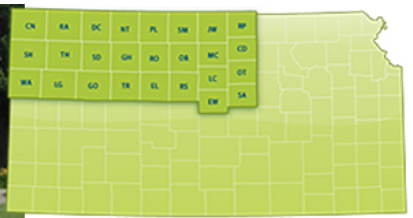


# First Impressions

## Lenora, Kansas

K-State Research and Extension in Partnership  
with

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation



- Lenora – Population 214
- 11.5% college educated, 88.5% high school or GED
- 52.8% male, 47.2% female
- Median age of 58.5 years
- Poverty rate is 13.1%
- Median household income is \$37,188

(Source: [www.censusreporter.org](http://www.censusreporter.org) 2013)



## Web Presence:

- There wasn't much about Lenora online
- No website of their own
- The team did find the Lenora Jubilee website



# The “Five-Minute” Impression

- Very Impressed!
- Very nice community welcome sign
- Large wide streets
- New brick buildings
- Everything very neat





- Five city parks and all very nice
- Lawns mowed and community looks inviting
- Community pride is evident



## Downtown Business Area

- Very nice brick buildings
- Nex-Tech is the main business in town
- Observed a gas station, repair shop, grocery store and antique store



- Nice street benches
- Restrooms in grocery store ok
- Easy parking, wide streets
- Good signs





- Nice park and landscaping downtown





# Industrial Parks/Commercial Areas

- Good exchange of use of old buildings
- Well kept and mowed
- Good placement of ag facilities along highway



# Housing

- Total housing units – 182 (100%)
- Owner occupied housing units – 99 (54.4%)
- Renter occupied housing units – 17 (19.6%)
- Vacant housing units – 66 (36.0%)
- Median value of owner occupied housing units - \$60,900
- 18.9% have moved since the previous year
- (Source – [www.censusreporter.org](http://www.censusreporter.org) 2013)



- Wide variety of houses – large, small, old, new
- Very few houses for sale
- Yards are well maintained





- Overall houses are well cared for
- There is room for building or homes to be brought in
- Very few apartments



- As with all communities there are a few homes which could use some improvements





# Schools

- No longer used as a school, owned by Nex-Tech





# Childcare

- No information was found by the team

# Faith/Religion

- Two churches were found
- Both churches were well kept



# Civic

- PRIDE program
- Where do people go to find out about organizations or how to get involved?





# Public Infrastructure

- Nice wide streets throughout town
- Trees all trimmed and neat
- A lot of trees and green space



- City Office nicely signed
- Very nice library/community center
- Gazebo downtown is beautiful





- The number of parks in town is incredible
- Good signage for Larrick Park/Lenora Park





- Great to have restrooms at Larrick Park
- Regular cleaning would make them more desirable



- School playground has been well maintained
- Roadside park nice for travelers
- Could use some sprucing up of facilities





# Infrastructure Concerns

- No evidence of the type of police protection, EMS or fire
- A few areas could use some clean-up





## Recreation/Tourism

- Lenora Jubilee is a big community event
- Northwest Kansas Bike Bash 2015



# Most Positive Observations!!

- Wide Streets
- New business buildings
- The number of parks for a small town
- Community Pride



## Biggest Obstacles/Challenges

- It's hard to see what problems they have. They have really worked hard to provide jobs and pride
- Housing
- A few clean-up issues



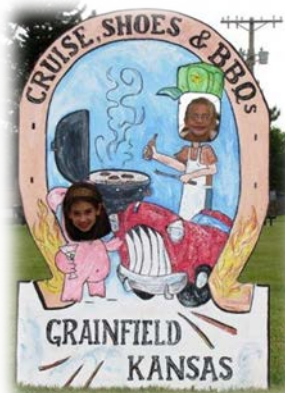


# What will you remember most in six months?

- They are a very lucky community
- Tax dollars and businesses to support the livelihood of the community
- Money, Nex-Tech and oil



# Kansas PRIDE is helping communities create the type of place they want to call “Home”



- The Dane G. Hansen Foundation wants to help communities in Northwest Kansas become the best they can be and take great PRIDE in who they are and what they can be.



- <http://danehansenfoundation.org/>