

PDC Strategic Opportunities Survey Local Program Needs – Northeast Area

- I feel there needs to be work with the elderly, and give them the tools to stay in their own homes as long as possible. Also to help the elderly adjust to the needs as they age.
- To teach the youth and adolescents to grow, preserve and prepare nutritious foods at their homes on a daily basis.
- Teach ways of preserving food safely and nutritiously.
- Increase involvement
- Extension needs to continue to market what it is and what educational programs it offers to help county residents.
- Stronger ethnic base of 4H club leaders and members
- Atchison County needs more time to carry out strategic planning. We are working on it but scheduling is a challenge sometimes. We could always use additional grant money and try to take advantage of it when we can.
- Activities to keep kids off the streets and busy with trusted individuals in the community, building relationships.
- Connecting small farm producers with local consumers.
- Need educational material to keep everyone informed, Need the funds to make sure such material is available.
- Estate planning
- We need more local transportation for the elderly; more housing for the elderly (non income qualified); larger diverse job base (mostly ag related); more activities for children ages 10-15, broader base of adult and teenage volunteers to assist in our co
- no local needs
- The issues of local importance were all dead-on; however I am not sure Extension should play a key role in all of them, hence my ratings. I think we have some agencies already better equipped for some issues which KS Extension can certainly partner with
- help find solutions to community decline in population and school enrollment; therefore, causing an adverse impact on local school budget
- Assist people to live in their homes as long as possible Working together of youth and adult in community Efficient energy practices Protect soil and water problems
- Producers need ways to make a profit w/out it having to be passed on to other consumers. Producers are also consumers. Environmental Stewardship - This cannot be done by the EPA - they are a bunch of idiots - most ag people are the best stewards there
- Concentrate more on local ag needs instead of economic development. Keep youth programs.
- creating good paying jobs in local community
- Need legislative policies which promote local (individual & community) renewable energy generation, solar, wind with net metering with rate reflective of capital investment
- create a better understanding of impact of substance abuse and develop programs to educate you on the long term impacts substance abuse need to educate all ages on the positive health and wellness benefits of maintaining a exercise program develop
- I believe that we need to do everything that we can to possibly set up partnerships with schools as it relates to the development of activities for kids. I also think it is necessary to try and reach out to students as much as possible as it relates to

- Alternative sources of energy is all the rave and education is needed in this area that is not coming from a dealer of wind turbines or a utility company. Energy Conservation and water conservation are hot topics that education on the topics could help
- There are none that I foresee.
- With Dickinson county being such a large county (sq. miles) that include five school districts and people concentrated in the north and south ends, we need to provide opportunities for collaboration. Obviously, school rivalries exist but how can we ensure
- Make to come up with more ways to help protect the food chain and production in the us.
- Don't know of any.
- No response given
- Return envelopes for survey.
- Economic development Employment opportunities
- Economic development or 'how to keep them down on the farm'
- mainly making it better for our young people to be involved and love their community and take pride in it and wanting to make it
- We need more jobs.
- community dev. needed, increase in exercise programs needed, financial mgt. needed
- Need community development / business and places for people to work. There isn't a tax base due to the low number of business in the area and we won't see economic growth in our area until there are business where the youth can work and stay in the county
- Better understanding between city and country people. Example - animal rights and PETA vs livestock producers. Consumers need to know what it takes for farmers to produce their food.
- Programs to help your people now how to manage life and money. Programs to help the elderly feel part of the community.
- More parental involvement in children's lives
- We need a way to attract more younger women to Extension Units.
- Information about increasing healthful habits.
- Educating the community to the ideas expressed in this survey is an on-going opportunity and the Extension office provides a quality resource.
- Lack of planning in urban growth
- Maintenance of conservation structures such as terraces and grass waterways.
- Water quality
- Community Arts needs more support, as does science education.
- Energy crisis would be my top priority and then family relationship building
- Not all the questions on the survey are the sole responsibility of Extension. Other community assets need to be utilized and in some cases coordinated to work with extension. Extension cannot be all things to all people without spreading themselves to
- Creating financial security for a long life; and how to handle finances in case of job loss.
- Obtaining and utilizing financial information for self, family and community.
- The need to promote community individual awareness of the need for individuals to develop life-long activities and passions/hobbies/interests to aid in maintaining lifelong mental & physical wellness.
- Economic stabilization within our county. Encourage our youth to become more involved within our communities, staying in our rural environment. Not moving away to larger cities.

- 1. Improve upon delivery of programs and assistance for specialty crops such as sesame, etc. 2. Additional demonstration plots within the county to emphasize better agronomic, horticultural and animal husbandry practices.
- English instruction for non english speakers
- A more accessible location for local extension office with room for meetings and hands on instructions of programs. More programs offered to people that work during normal business hours, who can not attend programs and events offered during those hours
- I think pretty much of the needs were covered in the survey
- Improve the roads for the people living out in the country.
- We need better county roads.
- As I'm getting older - aging is of great importance.
- None that were not covered in the survey.
- Economic opportunities for young people so they will want to stay here.
- Economic Development, Alternate Energy
- More community get/togethers city parties, community parties to get to know neighbors
- Things for older youth to do in the community that are safe? Financial help to get back on track with spending and getting the best for our money.
- To provide programs to help meet the needs of our community.
- I feel good about our community, but would like to see continued support for small business and agricultural income opportunities
- prison communities
- Increase safety awareness. Things like farm safety - chemical handling, machinery operating, and livestock safety etc. Also, with increased traffic in our county there is a need to strengthen awareness of deer hazards and the rules, regulations, and h
- Actually have a Economic Development meeting once during the year would be nice.
- Can't think of any at this time.
- stronger, financially sound, resilient families assistance for families with disabilities
- highly transient community
- Get more information out to the life long benefits of the whole 4H program in areas where 4H is not the normal avenue. Help reach children in cities and also ethnic cultures.
- Because of the poor economy we have now we need to reach community members with information about healthy eating, money management and information about resources available.
- The survey has covered needs very well.
- Identifying opportunities and assisting individuals to develop new career paths linked to the natural resources, culture or history of the area primarily in terms of self employment or new business partnership opportunities.
- Low income and low-resource people need help to get the education that will allow them to develop self-reliance more than they need or want handouts. Our extension system needs help in establishing contact and working with underserved populations in o
- A better way of getting the word out about what extension can offer all citizens.
- Reaching minority audiences to get word out about what Extension can offer. Help keep our ag producers profitable and sustainable. Increase employment opportunities. Keep expanding the 4-H program while not forgetting that there are a lot of traditional 4-
- poverty, unemployment
- I think we are covering all that time permits now and most of those are my concerns anyway.

- Maintain our local population bases by promoting our communities to potential incoming populations related to the NBAF in Manhattan. We are close enough for workers tied to this facility to drive to work daily, we need to be able to promote our small co
- better opportunities/activities for children in the community whose parents work full time
- Already identified
- Ways to continually make adults and children aware of the economic impacts and personal impacts which agriculture has in their lives and community. 2. Target audience: Ways to reach/motivate children and parents in the general population to become
- 1. Identify,develop and encourage use of sustainable practices to be adopted by individuals, families, businesses and organizations. All entities should strive to become more sustainable in all facets of their existence. 2. Enhance spiritual program
- Develop leadership opportunities for youth, especially those under high school level.
- I feel the survey targeted very important issues with agricultural communities in Kansas and I believe bringing as many resources to those communities to continue the agricultural growth is most important.
- Need better community involvement with youth; the older residents do not appear to support the youth of the community.
- The biggest challenge I see was not mentioned in the survey which is daycare. The state of Kansas needs to rethink how they license daycares. As their current stucture is limiting the number of daycares in the rural area which in turn is creating one
- I think the survey covered it.
- educate on opportunities - and understanding that you must seize the opportunity and not think it will stop and ask you to ride along.
- Everything has been covered in the previous questions.
- More involvement of youth in the decision making process for communities Leadership training in school system
- Don't know
- We need rescouses for families and youth to develope skills for lifelong success in a changing world.
- More business , more youth activities
- Getting more young adults involved. Our Homemakers Clubs are all elderly women.
- not sure
- Community support and funding to build new fair grounds
- To let local people know more about NEKAP and other options we have available in our county.
- Building a strong, sustainable local economy, including local food economy. Promote an eat local mind set to benefit all sectors of the community, including prducers and consumers, all age and economic groups, and other local entrepreneurs. Extension sho
- More hands on type of programs
- Increase the understanding of methods to insure rights of majority and minority opinions of issues and in organizations.
- work on attracting people to the services of extension. Attendance and participation in extension programs locally are on the decrease, need inspiration to attrack residents to use the extension service as a resource.
- I do not have any specific needs that were not already covered in the other questions.
- We need to have these committees revitalized. Few if any people show up at our Ag PDC.