

## **PDC Strategic Opportunities Survey Local Program Needs – Southeast Area**

- Things that would add to quality of life in our community are issues that I hear about most often
- I have young children, so anything to enhance their education would be appreciated. Otherwise, I don't have any personal needs. Of course, I am always hoping to see improvements in the farming industry.
- Need jobs, many drive out of town and take their spending with them. Youth need community support - bowling alley or skating rink, youth center possibly?
- EDUCATION DEALING WITH DRINKING AND DRUGS ESPECIALLY UNDERAGE DRINKING AND DRUG ABUSE.
- Making good agricultural management decisions based on simple economics.
- Provide means to maintain or improve local quail populations
- Attracting younger generations to return to rural communities after receipt of a college education.
- We have a lot of people that are low income in Bourbon County. It would be to our advantage as a community to help those people learn how to become the working class by applying for jobs and to think enough of themselves to want to work instead of want t
- Financial support for the community college agriculture department.
- Practical ways to stretch the family budget, especially with meals and clothing
- We need to breathe life back into the rural communities. Community is a key word. We seem to have lost the sense of community.
- Providing opportunities for youth activities during their down time. 4H helps out in that area, but we need other things to occupy their time. We currently have a movie theater, but that is it. Hopefully through community groups working together we ca
- We need to be educating the consumer more as to where their food comes from and how biotechnology helps that process. The consumer needs to know that agriculture is important. Food doesn't just show up on a grocery store shelf out of thin air. Consume
- Creating more job opportunities!
- 4-H is more than livestock
- This economic cycle is forcing many to return the most important basic things in life. 4H is in a very good place to support this but the focus may need to be sharpened. Perhaps public messages & advertising to maintain and increase visibility of our va
- It is very important to educate the community and try to show them the importance of bein involved to take care of their needs
- Our county could definately benefit from activities and programs to get young people involved in and aware of all things extension has to offer. Extension has the potential to help a great number of individuals- young and old. Getting the information t
- maintaining family relationships ecofriendly products
- Promotion of locally grown food. Movement to small farms and marketing food to direct market incentives.
- Adressing the issues of the next generation of farmers. Teaming with local FFA and AG-Ed instructors to assess needs and long term growth and retention of those in the farming/ranching industry.
- a new 4-h agent that is not burnt out that will get along with the other agents
- keeping our local 4-H program active with teens/children/adults and families

- More involvement from community concerning livestock issues.
- Extension partner with companies large and small, farmer and ranchers to develop economic growth. Mainly develop smaller business to hire local people. Several smaller businesses may provide more tax base and easier to get than one large business. De
- To improve the quality of my family's life in all aspects.
- Housing issues for senior to stay at home longer and you families starting out on how finance their first home
- More information on our economy and how families should prepare for the tough times ahead.
- I would like to see the local farmer's market grow.
- Air quality issues will continue to increase as we are a community which still extensively uses agriculture burning on rangeland and other agriculture related forages.
- Recuitement and encouragement of the indivudals both adult and youth in clubs and organizations that benefit youth and community.
- Need to educate the general public about the importance of agriculture and what would happen to our world without agricultural impacts.
- I feel it is very important to be conservation minded with production agriculture. However, I am concerned in our haste to become better stewards that the 'green movement' if not managed properly could have detrimental ramifications for agriculture. Far
- Have nothing at this time.
- value added products economic downturn partnering with other entities with common goals citizenship of youth
- The capability to hire enough agents to support our existing programs and secure Extension's future in Cowley County.
- Concern that a large portion community/county is not aware of the already available resources that extension provides.
- We need to hire an Ag agent and we can't because of the state hiring freeze.
- Additional sources of fun recreation - learning for youth to keep them on the right path. Education for our teachers, parents, and students on how to deal with bullying. Counseling for children/youth who are doing the bullying as well as the victims.
- To keep local youth involved in the community and local groups and clubs
- activities for teenagers and young adults in the community in evenings and on weekends are very limited here. The kids have to drive to the city for movies or for a variety of restaurants, shopping- other than Walmart.
- marketing
- Counseling and assistance for those families experiencing stress overload from job loss.
- This question was not answered on the form I am submitting for a PDC member.
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- To provide education on new agricultural developments to help better market pork and beef, and educate consumers to buy products.
- I would like to see our community become more involved with the 4-H programs.
- Everything was covered in the previous questions.
- More education for our school age children on the importance of agriculture and how we all are dependent on agriculture even if we are not actively involved in agriculture. We also need more support for developing industry and businesses in small comm
- The questions above pretty well covers the issues that are important for our community.
- Involvement of community people in more volunteer services. Especially yound people.

- Keep public informed and active in programs.
- State and County funding - We have been warned that there may be more state funding cuts coming. Rural counties are also having a tough time with finding dollars to support the extension programs.
- In our smaller communities we need to find a way to grow our population base to support all of our programs and education systems. The aging of our small communities is a concern. When I look around me at church or other events it becomes painfully obvious
- teach or hold informational classes for those people that are low income or how to stretch their food stamp purchases and how to make wise food purchases and preparation of those purchases.
- elected officials to be responsible for their actions
- Keeping our youth involved and working in our local community
- The need to work together with other communities within our district; find a way to keep the young people from leaving our area.
- POST ON EVENTS ON THE ELK COUNTY FORUM.
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