Northwest Area Local Needs

- our community needs more economic development.
- A need for a building to make it nicer for the community to meet in and to hold the local fair This building should have air conditioning to better accommodate the weather and community members.
- Action on the part of the committee.
- Aging issues Money management
- any thing promoting the value of extension. possibly some information about the districting process and existing districts.
- As an ag community I feel the bases have pretty much been covered by the survey, we do have a special
 resource in Barton Cty which is the Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife area & also to the south is the Quivira wildlife
 center. These areas embody so much in re
- Attracting big business; mainly stores like Home Depot, Lowes, Target. Small communities do not have the
 opportunities to buy at these stores unless they are willing to travel some distance. I would like for these
 companies to develop small stores to s
- better medical options; need doctors!
- Better use of local funds and donations to benefit the local community rather than sending the money out of town. More communication between local organizations.
- brining in anything to create jobs to bring more people into the community
- Consumer education.
- Continue to keep people informed on the Extension helpfulness and the information the Extension has for the average individual.
- Developing specific strategies that will work in each community to remain sustainable in an ever changing world.
- Development of the 4-H and youth program to involve more adults in teaching our youth.
- Extension cannot be all things to all people but they can be a catalyst to bring the city to the county---create
 opportunities by either doing programs themselves or bringing in experts to answers questions, provide
 resource. And timeliness---ext. needs
- FARMERS MARKET, CONFERENCES ON AG SCIENCE
- Garden/Orchard produce
- Goat production
- Going Green Dealing with failing economy in our World
- grow-serve local markets to schools, hospitals, senior centers, etc.; promote sustainable family farms
- Health Aging
- Healthy Living...nutrition information
- Help sustain the small town atmoshpere and financial commerce while transitioning into the statewide consolidation of state and county governments. The consolidation will be more cost effective and efficient, but will remove local jobs.
- Helping the farm community deal with the current economy Hoisington has very high utility bills.
- Housing development, programs for an aging population
- Housing shortage/prices and need more people to fill available jobs--although we are beginning to see that turn with the current economy.
- I am unaware of current local needs that are not already being addressed.

- I believe our local extension office is doing a great job.
- I feel the illegal aliens are getting to many handouts from the federal, state & local community and not paying any taxes or giving anything back to the local community.

 I think everything that I can think of was covered.
- I think one of our biggest needs is to help our community be sustainable and resilient with the way the economy is in rural america.
- I think the main conern at this point in time is helping people wiwthin the community create businesses. Our community needs a strong economic force in order to draw others into living here.
- I think the programs we've had in the past have been timely and very inforamtive. keep up the good work.
- I work with young families who struggle with putting nutritious food before their families. They need help with planning and what is the mose resourceful for their family.
- Job creating business or industry that will draw and keep young people.
- Keeping youth in the rural areas so that they don't lose their existence.
- Keeping youth involved in good quality educational activities. Sports are our biggest competition. Lawn/garden is a big item with local residents. More education for homeowners regarding pests, fertilization, soil testing, etc. Pouring on more Sevin and roundup isn't the answer to all your problems!
- Managing household resources efficiently in the current economic environment.
- Marketing crops and livestock
- Marketing of crops and livestock during volatile market times.
- more area wide daycare options
- More Beef BQA
- more community involvement
- More information on green living
- my comments here refer to my question as to what this survey is actually about...does it ask me if I think extension should supply this help in the community as a result of the answers or if these points need are important to me?
- Need new businesses
- Noxious weed control, Beef Production and marketing
- Nutrition for all ages Dealing with the failing economy Dealing with Food Allergies
- Nutrition for all ages, goat production
- Our agents do a good job trying to get information out to producers, consumers and the community as a whole. I have no additional comments or concerns. Keep up the good work!
- Parenting Skills
- Pasture management
 - Prevent/Reduce substance abuse for all ages. Return physical activity/recess to all elementary students.
- production costs fertility management
- Production costs management Leasing rates Fertilizer management
- Profitability for agriculture, local shopping where possible
- Programs that will bring our young people back to our communities after college.
- Retain the youth in the area with jobs to help reduce the diminishing population of northwestern Kansas.
- Retaining youth and young adults in the community.
- Safety on the internet, Going Green
- Agriculture is so vital to our area. This is the strongest need that we have because it reaches and affects every person in our area.

- Substance abuse/avoidance of addictive behaviors Parenting/grandparenting skills
 The community seems to like info on health issues and farming. One thing I would like is to help get
 knowledge of community service available for the teens in our community. They seem to not be able to
 come up with very many.
- The economic downturn has affected the financial resources of many families in Barton County. Extension has many wonderful programs to help guide people and improve their quality of life.
- The important issues of having music, home economics, arts and so forth available to our youth instead of sports being more important. Drug issues are increasing... parents need to be aware of what to look for as signs of drug use.
- To come together as a community and make things happen
- transportation for elderly residents
- Updating or replacement of current health care facilities.
- We are in the process of having wind energy in our county.
- We have a great need for increased local daycare options for young parents. Ag is a major part of our local economy. Anything thing that can help producers will help our community.
- We need agents with animal science knowledge to provide educational opportunities for our 4-H'ers and livestock producers.
- What farming and ranching practices have been successfull and what hasn't. What new things have been tried.
- What is 'very important' is different than what extension should focus.
- woild like more recycling and earth friendly practices
- · Working closer with families and children Anything with aging
- Would like to see some family life programming
- youth financial management