

SOUTHEAST AREA LOCAL NEEDS

- I don't feel I have any local needs at this time. AS I age I may have needs for home health care and living in the country some times presents a problem. People living in the country are unable to have meals on wheels and I see this as a problem to som
- a new 4-h agent that is not burnt out that will get along with the other agents
- elected officials to be responsible for their actions
- 4-H is more than livestock
- 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.
- 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. Addressing 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.
- 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.
- Attracting younger generations to return to rural communities after receipt of a college education.
- career planning and development for the youth.
- **COMUNITY TOGETHERNESS**
Concern that a large portion community/county is not aware of the already available resources that extension provides.
- Continued access to affordable health care for the low to moderate income segment of society. Industry & jobs.
- Counseling and assistance for those families experiencing stress overload from job loss.
- Creating more job opportunities!
- Dealing with the possibility of abandoned coal bed methane gas leases in this economy.
- **EDUCATION DEALING WITH DRINKING AND DRUGS ESPECIALLY UNDERAGE DRINKING AND DRUG ABUSE.**
- Enhancing the knowledge of local community members in relation to grants or special loans available based on location, farm type, gender/race, etc. These programs are sometimes available but not known about or how to obtain them until it is too late. Everything was covered in the previous questions.
- 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
- Financial support for the community college agriculture department.

- Housing issues for senior to stay at home longer and you families starting out on how finance their first home
- 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 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.
- I love the story of the lady trying to get school kids with programs for food at school and learning how to prepare.
- I think we need to find a way to support our local economy in ways other than high property taxes. We need to start training youth to be self sustainable and to keep a positive outlook on life. I am really lucky to be able to promote 4-H in various ways I think yo have covered all my needs adequately.
- I would like to our county invest in a more 'Green' remodeling of our fair grounds. I think we would spark interest to the rest of our comminity be doing so.
- I would like to see our community become more involved with the 4-H programs.
- I would like to see the local farmer's market grow.
- Improve understanding of the importance of agriculture and challenges faced by agriculture. More and faster access to internet. There is so much to learn from that form of communication but our capability to access is limited. 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 obv
- Involvement of community people in more volunteer services. Especially yound people.
- It is very important to educate the community and try to show them the importance of bein involved to take care of their needs
- Keep public informed and active in programs.
- keeping our local 4-H program active with teens/children/adults and families
- Keeping our youth involved and working in our local community
- Local communities need to be alerted to the importance of supporting new farmers who often have a long and hard time getting a good start.
- maintaining family relationships ecofriendly products Making good agricultural management decisions based on simple economics.
- marketing
- 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
- More information on our economy and how families should prepare for the tough times ahead.
- More involvement from community concerning livestock issues.

- **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?**
Need to educate the general public about the importance of agriculture and what would happen to our world without agricultural impacts.
- **Need to look for ways to involve more youth in our programs.**
Our county could definitely 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
- **POST ON EVENTS ON THE ELK COUNTY FORUM.**
- **Practical ways to stretch the family budget, especially with meals and clothing**
- **Promotion of 4-H to younger youth to help build the program for the future.**
- **Promotion of locally grown food. Movement to small farms and marketing food to direct market incentives.**
- **Provide means to maintain or improve local quail populations**
- **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**
- **Recruitment and encouragement of the individuals both adult and youth in clubs and organizations that benefit youth and community.**
social education of poverty level children
- **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.**
- **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.**
- **The capability to hire enough agents to support our existing programs and secure Extension's future in Cowley County.**
- **The need for parents to take responsibility in care of their children.**
- **The need to work together with other communities within our district; find a way to keep the young people from leaving our area.**
The questions above pretty well covers the issues that are important for our community.
- **The wording of some of these questions was a little opaque to me. I wasn't sure what 'systems' you were referring to that Extension Programs could affect, or 'grow'. I suspect that a local need I may have is someone to explain the survey, and if I have**
- **There needs to be more interaction between teens and younger kids. When I went to camp last year, one of the kids that was in my group said that some of the kids don't feel like they belong because they think that teens don't care enough. I think that if**
- **Things that would add to quality of life in our community are issues that I hear about most often.**
- **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

This question was not answered on the form I am submitting for a PDC member.

- **To improve the quality of my family's life in all aspects.**
- **To keep local youth involved in the community and local groups and clubs**
- **To provide education on new agricultural developments to help better market pork and beef, and educate consumers to buy products.**
- **value added products economic downturn partnering with other entities with common goals citizenship of youth**
- **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**
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
- **We need to breathe life back into the rural communities. Community is a key word. We seem to have lost the sense of community.**
- **We need to continue to determine ways to increase 4-H membership and retain the members we currently have**
We need to find ways to keep families in our small towns and rural areas by finding need ways to make money on the farms and by expanding the number of companies that are in our small towns.
- **We need to hire an Ag agent and we can't because of the state hiring freeze.**