

# COMMON GROUND

PRODUCERS AND GROWERS, INC.



## MOBILE FARMER'S MARKET

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“ALL ARE FED  
NO ONE IS HUNGRY!”







# Pearson's Farm

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In honor of  
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# IT STARTED WITH A QUESTION...

We Have Extra Produce,  
What Can We Do With It?

2, 2014

Kansas  com

75 CENTS

# Extension director retires after 50 years of service





red Friday as director of the extension service in Sedgwick County after working there 50 y  
 ment shows the gamut of how that unusual government entity benefits the public.

Mike Hutmacher/The Wich

**BY ANNIE CALOVICH**  
 The Wichita Eagle

**D**onna Pearson McClish wants to start a farmers market in Wichita. She recently went to the Extension Center at 21st and Ridge Road to ask the director, Bev Dunning, how she might go about it. Dunning normally wouldn't have been directly involved in such a matter; in fact, an extension agent for horticulture sat in on the meeting. But Dunning wanted to make time for Pearson McClish. "Addie Pearson is her mother," Dunning said, and Addie used to round up students for Dunning when she was a clothing and textiles agent for the extension, back in the 1980s. "In those days, I taught clothing to kids on the porch of an old farmhouse on 37th North of off Hillside," Dunning remembers, "and Addie would pick up children in her van off the streets in northeast Wichita."



Courtesy photo  
 ches a Sedgwick  
 in sewing class in

### Reception for Bev Dunning

**What:** A reception honoring the director of the Sedgwick County Extension Service, who is retiring.

**When:** 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, with a luncheon program at 3 p.m.

**Where:** 4-H Center, the Extension Education Center, 21st and Ridge Road

**In lieu of gifts,** donations may be made to the Extension Education Center.

Please see **DUNNING**, Page 3A



- **FOOD DESERT-**

- An urban area in which it is difficult to buy affordable or good-quality fresh food.
- There are usually no grocery stores in these areas within a one mile radius or walking distance.

- **LOCALLY-**

- Wichita has 44 square miles of food desert area (*Health ICT, 2014*).

- **NATIONALLY-**

- "More than 5 million senior citizens age 60 and older face hunger. The food insecurity rate increases to 81 percent when including households with a member age 50 and older."

([www.feedingamerica.org/senior\\_hunger\\_facts](http://www.feedingamerica.org/senior_hunger_facts))



# Stores Closing!

## Direct Impact on the Community

Wal-Mart closed five smaller stores in the Wichita area as part of a plan to cut 269 stores worldwide.

In the Wichita area, closings include Neighborhood Markets at:

601 N. West St.

9831 E. Harry

4794 E. 13th St

In addition to Express stores in Rose Hill and Clearwater, Kansas

All of the Kansas stores closed Jan. 28, 2016.

<http://www.kansas.com/news/article1124864.html#storylink=cpy>

January, 2016



## ...And Another Question

Is there a way to get fresh produce to the senior citizens in residential communities?







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9:00 am-3:00 pm

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<https://www.ksn.com/news/local/mobile-market-aims-to-solve-wichita-food-desert-issues/1324224111>

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**Kansas Profile – *Now That's Rural*: Donna Pearson McClish, Common Ground**

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<http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/news/stories/2018/11/Kansas-Profile-Common-Ground.html>

\*Note to Editors: An image of Ron Wilson is available

at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/ksrecomm/34164358602/in/photolist-U3Zgxy-U44faf-U4268w>

An image of Common Ground is also available

at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/166312327@N06/45142473654/in/dateposted-public/>

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