COMMON GROUND
PRODUCERS AND GROWERS, INC.

MOBILE FARMER’S MARKET

“All Are Fed
No One Is Hungry!”
Pearson's Farm

CELEBRATION
50th
ANNIVERSARY

In honor of
Robert C. and Addie Williams Pearson
“The Legacy Continues”
IT STARTED WITH A QUESTION...

We Have Extra Produce, What Can We Do With It?
Extension director retires after 50 years of service
Donna 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.

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• 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)
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?
FARMERS MARKET ON WHEELS
PRODUCER FILLS GAP IN WICHITA FOOD DESERT

GIPSA ADMINISTRATOR LOOKS BACK AT CAREER IN POLITICS “HELL OF A RIDE”

UNDERSTANDING BACKWARDS: LESSONS FROM THE 1980S FARM CRISIS

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