

WE ARE PARSONS



Marketing Campaign Online Survey Results

Survey dates: June 9 to June 30, 2014

About the Survey: Online survey using a service called, SurveyMonkey.com, consisted of 10 questions to learn more about where people are at as we begin to try to make community image improvements.

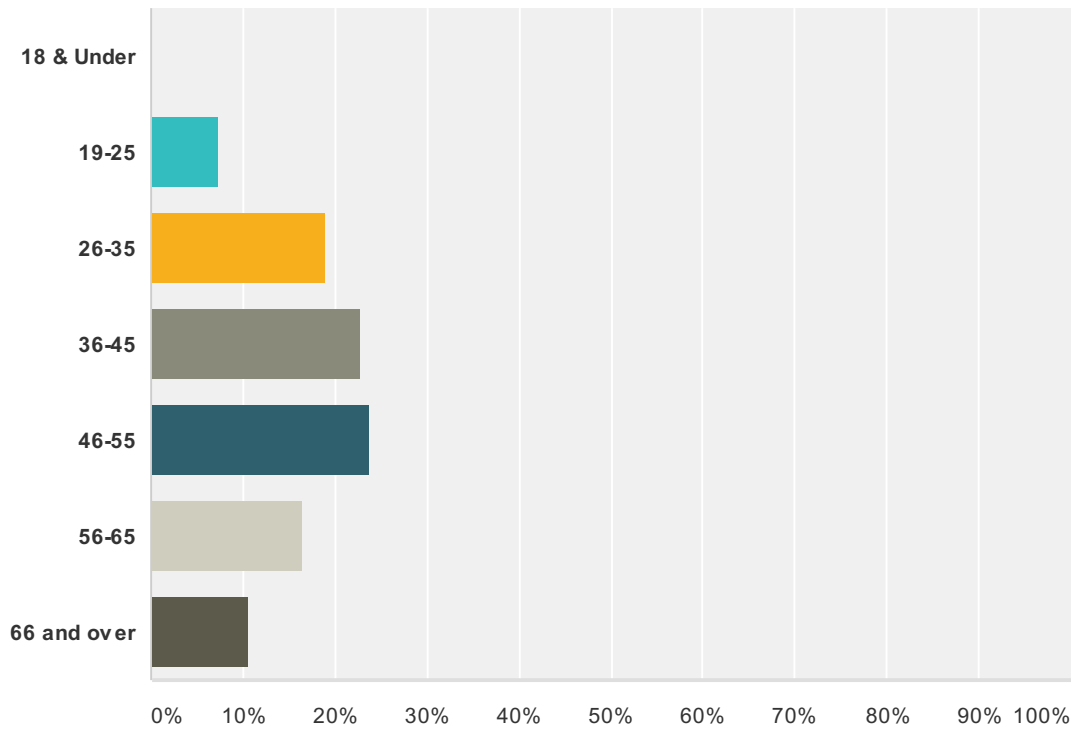
- 647 Online Respondents
- 44 Written Responses

Distribution: Online via website, Facebook, and face-to-face with individuals

What do you think about Parsons?

Q10 What is your age?

Answered: 426 Skipped: 221



Answer Choices	Responses	
18 & Under	0.23%	1
19-25	7.28%	31
26-35	19.01%	81
36-45	22.77%	97
46-55	23.71%	101
56-65	16.43%	70
66 and over	10.56%	45
Total		426

Q10 (by week)

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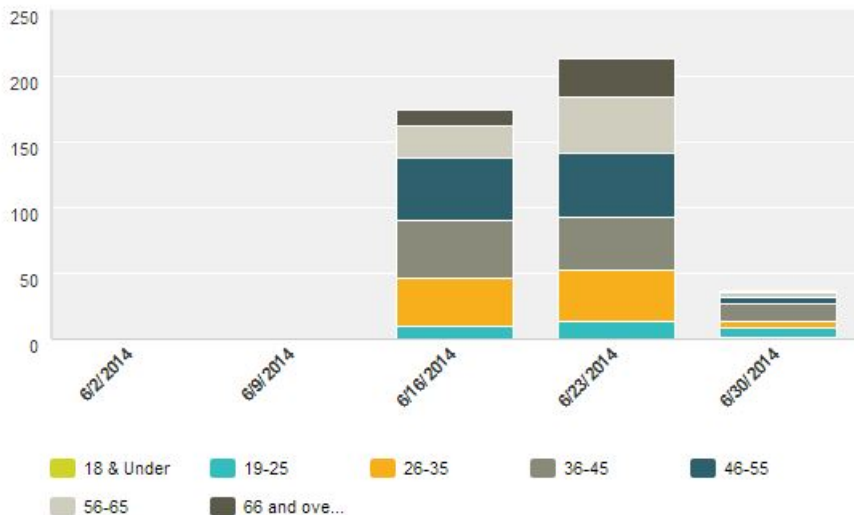
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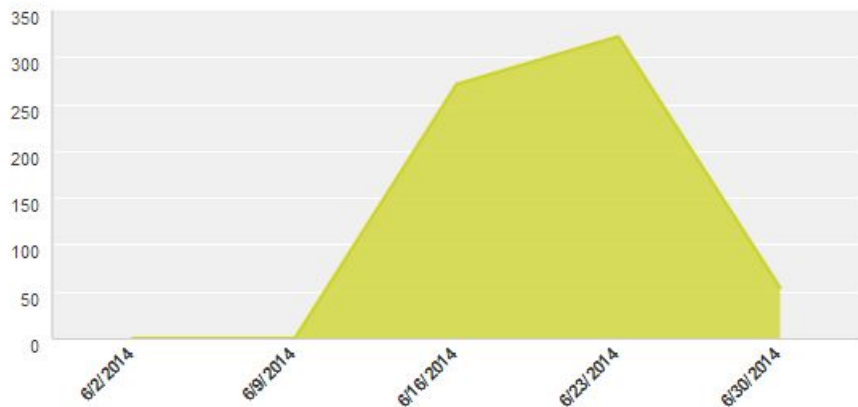
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First: 6/19/2014 Zoom: 6/2/2014 to 6/30/2014



Weekly (Starting on the date)

What do you think about Parsons?

Q1 When you think of Parsons, Kansas, what do you think of?

Answered: 630 Skipped: 17

#	Responses	Date
1	Retirement	6/30/2014 10:22 PM
2	Family	6/30/2014 10:11 PM
3	Home	6/30/2014 9:45 PM
4	Home	6/30/2014 9:12 PM
5	Where I live	6/30/2014 8:19 PM
6	Nice town	6/30/2014 6:53 PM
7	A great little town with so much potential. Wonderful vintage storefronts begging to be restored and used for locally run businesses. A decent coffee shop, local artist and music spaces, etc. love the old houses.	6/30/2014 4:52 PM
8	Retirement town	6/30/2014 4:07 PM
9	Friendly	6/30/2014 4:05 PM
10	ok	6/30/2014 3:54 PM
11	Why has it degraded so much as a community from whe I first moved here in 1980?	6/30/2014 3:39 PM
12	Summer baseball, fall fottball, home town pride.	6/30/2014 3:37 PM
13	Hometown, friendly, a community that comes together when it needs to.	6/30/2014 3:30 PM
14	Small town. Family. Growth. Katy Days.	6/30/2014 3:28 PM
15	Home	6/30/2014 3:21 PM
16	Same old, same old. Nothing ever changes. The employment opportunities are not good (unless of course minimum wage is enough to pay your bills). The condition of the streets is atrocious. We give money to businesses to come in then they leave as soon as the handouts are over.	6/30/2014 3:04 PM
17	Walmart and el publitos	6/30/2014 2:35 PM
18	Friendly people willing to help.	6/30/2014 2:26 PM
19	Method labs and drunk teenagers.	6/30/2014 2:21 PM
20	Small town community	6/30/2014 2:00 PM
21	Drama	6/30/2014 1:56 PM
22	Fuckinflat landers	6/30/2014 1:48 PM
23	My hometown	6/30/2014 1:48 PM
24	Druggies drunks and thieves.	6/30/2014 1:39 PM
25	poverty	6/30/2014 1:33 PM
26	HOME	6/30/2014 1:32 PM
27	my hometown but it is BORINGGGGG. Nothing to do but party and have sex, then people wonder why Parsons has soo many teenage mothers.	6/30/2014 1:31 PM
28	A dying community	6/30/2014 1:14 PM
29	Nothing to do!	6/30/2014 1:10 PM
30	Home. Friends family	6/30/2014 12:35 PM
31	Home	6/30/2014 12:32 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

32	Small town mentality	6/30/2014 12:02 PM
33	Small town community that seems to be getting smaller	6/30/2014 11:36 AM
34	People that complain about things that they know nothing about.	6/30/2014 11:32 AM
35	Nice town	6/30/2014 11:13 AM
36	Small. Quite. Bad roads. Peaceful but also not much to do	6/30/2014 11:12 AM
37	Home	6/30/2014 11:09 AM
38	Nice people, great park, homes that need torn down, new downtown.	6/30/2014 11:03 AM
39	Home town	6/30/2014 10:51 AM
40	Judgmental, old-fashioned, behind times, no room for improvement, nothing for our youth, non-supportive, no motivation	6/30/2014 10:45 AM
41	Home, family, boring, no shopping, senior citizen town, lots of druggies, no growth.	6/30/2014 10:41 AM
42	Small town, good people.	6/30/2014 10:39 AM
43	Family	6/30/2014 10:35 AM
44	Kids and questionable adults roaming the streets at all hours of the night. Vacant lots and run down homes.	6/30/2014 10:33 AM
45	Poor customer service on downtown main street	6/30/2014 10:33 AM
46	HOME	6/30/2014 10:33 AM
47	Nothing	6/30/2014 10:31 AM
48	Home	6/30/2014 10:26 AM
49	Low income	6/30/2014 10:22 AM
50	Family	6/30/2014 9:58 AM
51	Home	6/30/2014 9:33 AM
52	How it used to be a nice Midwestern town to grow up in.	6/30/2014 8:33 AM
53	La better health	6/29/2014 10:47 PM
54	Boring	6/29/2014 10:23 PM
55	Rundown	6/29/2014 9:57 PM
56	Many different classes of people. There are those with the money and connections that continue to enrich themselves under the guise of furthering the fortunes of the city. There is one which truly believes that Parsons is great and continues to be used by those in the previously mentioned class. Then there is the class which is low to lower income. They continue to leech off the system and the government. Those in the first class provide ways for this class to do this by using government funds to build housing for them. Lastly, there is the criminal element, which the law enforcement group is afraid to handle. Look around on weekend nites and see the out of county vehicles, caddies, etc that are here. Think they are visiting relatives? dont think so. That is what I think. Major changes are on the horizon for Parsons and I think they will be for the worse.	6/29/2014 9:18 PM
57	It's really going downhill, they need more family fun things for all ages! It would being in more out of towners also.	6/29/2014 9:11 PM
58	Glad I moved away, should've sooner. Growing up there with little to do, even less now!!	6/29/2014 7:58 PM
59	Not attractive.	6/29/2014 7:49 PM
60	Boring	6/29/2014 7:26 PM
61	Failure	6/29/2014 6:45 PM
62	Black hole. I keep getting sucked back here.	6/29/2014 5:02 PM
63	Poor Poor Poor management, totally incompetent city hall	6/29/2014 4:30 PM
64	A place with little or no jobs	6/29/2014 4:26 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

65	A dying town,High taxes,bad streets.	6/29/2014 3:48 PM
66	Drama	6/29/2014 2:56 PM
67	Trashy ass holes always starting shit with people thy dont even knw...just a rude hateful town	6/29/2014 2:34 PM
68	High taxes, very little industry, not much social interaction, depressing housing.	6/29/2014 2:30 PM
69	Home...	6/29/2014 2:16 PM
70	Low income housing.	6/29/2014 2:11 PM
71	This is my home. I've stayed here bc of family, but this is home	6/29/2014 2:07 PM
72	Home	6/29/2014 1:36 PM
73	high taxes...town leaders make to much money, poor streets....unfriendly people... changed to much for the bad over the last few years.	6/29/2014 1:35 PM
74	There's nothing to do in this town for teens or young adults.	6/29/2014 12:43 PM
75	Dog	6/29/2014 12:24 PM
76	Drugs welfare and apathy on the part of so many residents. I see a few people working for the betterment of parsons but most have the what can be given to me attitude	6/29/2014 12:22 PM
77	Not really anything	6/29/2014 12:15 PM
78	Small town America	6/29/2014 12:02 PM
79	It's not a bad town, however we need new leaders and strive to get some businesses in town to help Parsons grow and economically.	6/29/2014 11:59 AM
80	Home	6/29/2014 11:52 AM
81	My hometown that's dying	6/29/2014 11:52 AM
82	Home, friends and family	6/29/2014 11:44 AM
83	My home, my family.	6/29/2014 11:42 AM
84	How our city govement runs our town. They suck!!!	6/29/2014 11:35 AM
85	No money..no jobs..stress	6/29/2014 11:34 AM
86	Police	6/29/2014 11:30 AM
87	My home town	6/28/2014 9:27 PM
88	Parsons needs much improving, more jobs better streets with various places of recreation.	6/28/2014 9:12 PM
89	Home	6/28/2014 8:57 PM
90	A lame retirement town that has never supported any business that doesn't fall into the narrow small town mold. As a musician growing up in Parsons I had to drive far away to buy musical equipment and play/attend concerts. So I moved...far away. The town has always been boring and people tend to rely on "habits" to enjoy the weekend rather than pursuing dreams, I mean who can blame them, there isn't anything to do besides golf. It seems that someday the town will shrink to nothing with the highway now dodging it, and I hope my family moves so I can be done visiting there, if I was to serve a sentence of hell on earth it would be moving back to Parsons.	6/28/2014 2:54 PM
91	Nothing for kids to do	6/28/2014 2:35 PM
92	hometown	6/28/2014 1:07 PM
93	The much less desirable hometown of my youth. I was born here and remember the day urban renewal killed this town, I was a High school student working in a down town retail store. People drove up and down Main St. the afternoon and evening before it would be closed forever. In its place would be an ill-conceived mall that would stand with even more misguided alterations until thankfully a tornado destroyed it and we finally came back to our senses and reopened Main. Sadly it was too late.	6/27/2014 11:41 PM
94	Podunk, little backwards town; educationally challenged; lacking imagination.	6/27/2014 10:09 PM
95	work	6/27/2014 9:40 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

96	family	6/27/2014 8:40 PM
97	Children	6/27/2014 7:51 PM
98	Community-centered and a great place to raise your kids	6/27/2014 5:45 PM
99	Meth, poverty, railroads, small town living	6/27/2014 4:53 PM
100	home	6/27/2014 4:39 PM
101	Mean people	6/27/2014 4:14 PM
102	Small town community	6/27/2014 1:04 PM
103	ghost town	6/27/2014 12:56 PM
104	Katy Railroad	6/27/2014 12:44 PM
105	trashy, run down	6/27/2014 11:52 AM
106	Saddened by the deterioration	6/27/2014 10:53 AM
107	Katy Days	6/27/2014 10:50 AM
108	ernesto's	6/27/2014 10:45 AM
109	My hometown	6/27/2014 9:51 AM
110	My hometown	6/27/2014 9:41 AM
111	A town that has become dead, not much to do	6/27/2014 9:26 AM
112	Slum	6/27/2014 9:03 AM
113	Cows	6/27/2014 4:37 AM
114	Small town America. Close Knit	6/27/2014 4:34 AM
115	Dad	6/27/2014 12:59 AM
116	Racism	6/27/2014 12:24 AM
117	Home	6/26/2014 11:01 PM
118	Small town living	6/26/2014 10:43 PM
119	shopping	6/26/2014 10:02 PM
120	I hate this place..it's boring there's nothing to do...especially for our kids..that's why half of them are in trouble or doing drugs or drinking	6/26/2014 9:56 PM
121	Family	6/26/2014 9:27 PM
122	small town USA	6/26/2014 9:06 PM
123	small tight community	6/26/2014 8:26 PM
124	A community that once was our home, then sent us away.	6/26/2014 8:18 PM
125	Dilapidated buildings	6/26/2014 8:06 PM
126	Its a dyeing town. We need jobs to keep younger people here.	6/26/2014 7:53 PM
127	Depressed	6/26/2014 7:27 PM
128	Small town (positive). Good place to raise children, most neighbors know each other, and easy to get around.	6/26/2014 5:51 PM
129	Nice place to live.	6/26/2014 5:39 PM
130	A town that's not the same place we moved to 40 years ago. We have fewer tax payers, consequently those of us who pay taxes are over-burdened. A town that cannot attract new business and industry because of our high taxes. We have attracted too many low income folks who do not take care of their properties, destroying many neighborhoods.	6/26/2014 5:09 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

131	Hometown pride, but also economic stagnation. I'm excited at the possibility of what Parsons can become but I feel the powers that be sabotage and discourage economic opportunities to the detriment of our community's citizens and economy.	6/26/2014 4:56 PM
132	Nothing to do.	6/26/2014 3:55 PM
133	It's home. Small enough so that like in Cheers --where everyone knows your name but big enough to have many positive activities.	6/26/2014 3:41 PM
134	Great place to live	6/26/2014 3:37 PM
135	Drug town	6/26/2014 3:36 PM
136	My home town for 23 years.	6/26/2014 3:18 PM
137	It worries me	6/26/2014 3:16 PM
138	poverty	6/26/2014 2:54 PM
139	home	6/26/2014 2:53 PM
140	small town	6/26/2014 2:41 PM
141	Home	6/26/2014 2:40 PM
142	high taxes	6/26/2014 2:37 PM
143	Hometown	6/26/2014 2:18 PM
144	Poor choices being made for town	6/26/2014 1:56 PM
145	Small town struggling like most communities its size for jobs and entertainment options	6/26/2014 1:44 PM
146	High cost of living.	6/26/2014 1:25 PM
147	abandoned houses	6/26/2014 1:05 PM
148	Poverty.	6/26/2014 12:44 PM
149	A quiet, welcoming, comfortable hometown. Manufacturing oriented business community.	6/26/2014 12:26 PM
150	nice family town	6/26/2014 11:44 AM
151	po-dunk town	6/26/2014 11:32 AM
152	small town	6/26/2014 11:10 AM
153	my home	6/26/2014 11:07 AM
154	High taxes-delapidated houses-drug dealers-poverty. Money spent on walking trails and parks instead of infrastructure.	6/26/2014 11:05 AM
155	railroad,center of SEK	6/26/2014 10:59 AM
156	The place my children come to visit.	6/26/2014 10:52 AM
157	Bad streets and poor management. City commission that is only responsive to the wealthy.	6/26/2014 10:39 AM
158	a good clean city	6/26/2014 10:36 AM
159	Small town living with big city management	6/26/2014 10:33 AM
160	small town	6/26/2014 10:30 AM
161	Home	6/26/2014 10:28 AM
162	Home	6/26/2014 10:27 AM
163	Serene, country living	6/26/2014 10:01 AM
164	A town of very limited resources and opportunities.	6/26/2014 9:47 AM
165	Poor	6/26/2014 9:41 AM
166	Home, A great place to live. A centralized location to travel to KC, Tulsa, Joplin and Wichita without having the City life.	6/26/2014 9:35 AM
167	Home	6/26/2014 9:00 AM

What do you think about Parsons?

168	Home town	6/26/2014 8:58 AM
169	Needs more decent places to eat. Tired of having to drive out of town to go eat	6/26/2014 8:51 AM
170	Nothing to do, high taxes, high water bills but quiet.	6/26/2014 8:38 AM
171	Ammunition Plant	6/26/2014 8:37 AM
172	Whirlpool of death	6/26/2014 8:35 AM
173	work bank	6/26/2014 8:21 AM
174	A town that has two separate groups. The rich and the poor. The educated and the non. The unfortunate reality that the rich and educated not only do not care for their fellow citizens that may be struggling but actually try to hurt them.	6/26/2014 8:18 AM
175	Tom down, depressing, dirty, crime, boring but is slowly improving!!!	6/26/2014 8:13 AM
176	Needs more dining options	6/26/2014 8:12 AM
177	Quiet.	6/26/2014 8:01 AM
178	Walmart-historic downtown-Katy Days-Katy RR-Parsons Lake	6/26/2014 7:56 AM
179	Home	6/26/2014 7:46 AM
180	Small city which I like but with problems. Standing laws not enforced (boom boxes, pit bulls still in the city, drugs, junk cars etc, setting around in yards).	6/26/2014 7:45 AM
181	The railroad. Good community. Family oriented.	6/26/2014 7:42 AM
182	Lack of growth	6/26/2014 7:29 AM
183	Not much.	6/26/2014 7:26 AM
184	A town that was once grand but now faces many struggles.	6/26/2014 7:12 AM
185	Used to be a great town to live in...	6/26/2014 7:11 AM
186	BORING!!!	6/26/2014 6:25 AM
187	Safe place to live, but to expensive to retire	6/26/2014 6:23 AM
188	Poverty	6/26/2014 5:19 AM
189	A small town family friends and community to raise ur kids	6/26/2014 2:58 AM
190	Small town	6/26/2014 12:46 AM
191	A town with pride that is slowing deteriorating.	6/26/2014 12:08 AM
192	A hell hole.	6/25/2014 11:37 PM
193	A beatiful small town	6/25/2014 11:29 PM
194	It sucks	6/25/2014 11:23 PM
195	katy days	6/25/2014 11:23 PM
196	I think of a dwindling small town with several small businesses and some larger businesses.	6/25/2014 11:21 PM
197	Katy Days, Christmas Parade	6/25/2014 11:11 PM
198	Home. Good People.	6/25/2014 10:55 PM
199	Extremely high taxes for low end property. No forecast for improvement.	6/25/2014 10:41 PM
200	Family and friends.	6/25/2014 10:12 PM
201	Home	6/25/2014 10:09 PM
202	Vikings, Katy Days, MKT & Union Pacific Railroads, Labette Health.	6/25/2014 9:42 PM
203	Sucks and keeps worse instead of better...	6/25/2014 9:39 PM
204	Crime	6/25/2014 9:36 PM
205	Nice	6/25/2014 9:36 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

206	Lovely town, friendly people and rude police officers.	6/25/2014 9:34 PM
207	Lack of jobs	6/25/2014 9:20 PM
208	Family and friends	6/25/2014 9:13 PM
209	Trash, meth heads	6/25/2014 8:50 PM
210	Boring nothing to do the really only place we hang out is at wall mart	6/25/2014 8:44 PM
211	Trashy homes and people	6/25/2014 8:31 PM
212	Poor	6/25/2014 8:20 PM
213	Good small town to live in 1 hr from Joplin 2-3 hr from Witchita, K,C. Good schools	6/25/2014 8:11 PM
214	Wishing it was as thriving as it once was. But still a great community with a great and underestimated school district and arts programs.	6/25/2014 8:01 PM
215	A dying community. All the young people have moved away.	6/25/2014 7:58 PM
216	There isn't anything for anyone to do.	6/25/2014 7:57 PM
217	Small minded. Uneventful.	6/25/2014 7:57 PM
218	My family lived in Parsons for 6 months. It was full of meth heads and hateful judgemental people. I moved to Olathe and like it better now.	6/25/2014 7:52 PM
219	Home.	6/25/2014 7:51 PM
220	trains	6/25/2014 7:49 PM
221	Crime. Welfare. Homeless people	6/25/2014 7:47 PM
222	Hometown	6/25/2014 7:46 PM
223	A small town that doesn't have much to offer its citizens.	6/25/2014 7:35 PM
224	Small town with too much trouble	6/25/2014 7:34 PM
225	Hometown.	6/25/2014 7:32 PM
226	Small town with no shopping.	6/25/2014 7:23 PM
227	Lol.	6/25/2014 7:00 PM
228	The streets are awful and no jobs that pay a decent wage.	6/25/2014 6:59 PM
229	Drama. Dying community.	6/25/2014 6:52 PM
230	It's where I live.	6/25/2014 6:51 PM
231	Home	6/25/2014 6:50 PM
232	Boring rural community riddled with drugs	6/25/2014 6:47 PM
233	I hated pk straight up	6/25/2014 6:47 PM
234	Crime, poverty corruption	6/25/2014 6:40 PM
235	Small town values	6/25/2014 6:36 PM
236	The park and rec, railroad, and family	6/25/2014 6:36 PM
237	My hometown, family, and friends.	6/25/2014 6:33 PM
238	Pitiful	6/25/2014 6:31 PM
239	Ernesto's	6/25/2014 6:30 PM
240	family	6/25/2014 6:29 PM
241	people not wanting to get involved in their community and solve the problems in it. The drug problem is so large and the cops don't have the man power to curb it.	6/25/2014 6:26 PM
242	Small town	6/25/2014 6:24 PM
243	Katy Days, bad roads, high taxes	6/25/2014 6:20 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

244	hometown	6/25/2014 6:19 PM
245	Railroad, Katy Days, how the downtown used to have the plaza.	6/25/2014 6:17 PM
246	The city we live in.	6/25/2014 6:17 PM
247	crime, drugs	6/25/2014 6:10 PM
248	Home	6/25/2014 6:09 PM
249	Ok	6/25/2014 6:07 PM
250	Good place to live and raise a family.	6/25/2014 6:05 PM
251	Thieves and drugs	6/25/2014 6:02 PM
252	Meth heads	6/25/2014 5:58 PM
253	Railroad	6/25/2014 5:55 PM
254	Problems	6/25/2014 5:54 PM
255	Bad streets, mostly friendly people, and Katy Days.	6/25/2014 5:54 PM
256	Home	6/25/2014 5:47 PM
257	Fairly quiet & pretty. I like that it is small enough that the businesses I frequent know me.	6/25/2014 5:46 PM
258	Trains	6/25/2014 5:44 PM
259	Meth	6/25/2014 5:44 PM
260	Shit hole	6/25/2014 5:43 PM
261	the town i was born in and have lived in all my life.	6/25/2014 5:41 PM
262	Drugs	6/25/2014 5:40 PM
263	Today I think it has become a dollar sucking money pit that is continuous of draining its citizens from unscrupulous city fiscal mismanagement.	6/25/2014 5:37 PM
264	Home	6/25/2014 5:36 PM
265	Can't keep businesses	6/25/2014 5:33 PM
266	Nothing to do here	6/25/2014 5:31 PM
267	Crime and poor people	6/25/2014 5:28 PM
268	Home	6/25/2014 5:25 PM
269	A town with many offerings for all ages, and a town with a lot of history	6/25/2014 5:22 PM
270	A community isolated geogically but rich in people and spirit. Facing all the challenges of like communities but continuing to fight to make it better.	6/25/2014 5:21 PM
271	High Taxes, Community is uninviting to new comers (and we are going on six years.)	6/25/2014 5:16 PM
272	It's a very boring town with nothing to do. The same old places to eat and the same shopping that doesn't t really exists. Minimum things for adults and kids to do.	6/25/2014 5:16 PM
273	I remember I did not want to come here because of the plant. my husband's company, National Gypsum, ran it for the gov. and he was transferred here. I knew nothing about the place, but did not want to leave the great place where I was. It was probably the smartest move possible.	6/25/2014 5:15 PM
274	No pride not moving forward leadership stopping progress	6/25/2014 5:14 PM
275	Nice place but very little for children and kids to do around town...	6/25/2014 5:12 PM
276	Positive answer-clean streets, friendly people, a beautiful park Negative answer-abandoned houses and buildings, slow reactions of police	6/25/2014 5:08 PM
277	Nice town, during daylight hours.	6/25/2014 5:08 PM
278	Home	6/25/2014 5:07 PM
279	Crime, drugs, dead town.	6/25/2014 5:06 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

280	Not much to do for younger kids. High crime rate.	6/25/2014 5:04 PM
281	home	6/25/2014 5:03 PM
282	Hometown with Hope for a bright future	6/25/2014 5:00 PM
283	Home	6/25/2014 4:59 PM
284	Houses in need of repair, bad neighborhoods with too many low income houses and sub-par schooling	6/25/2014 4:58 PM
285	Cultured	6/25/2014 4:57 PM
286	Crime, drugs and thieves!! Can't trust anyone in this town! And now we have a gun shop just what this town needs!!! NOT!!!	6/25/2014 4:54 PM
287	Low income, welfare, drugs	6/25/2014 4:46 PM
288	ghost town	6/25/2014 4:46 PM
289	Vikings	6/25/2014 4:41 PM
290	people	6/25/2014 4:41 PM
291	My hometown. Small town.	6/25/2014 4:41 PM
292	people	6/25/2014 4:40 PM
293	Family	6/25/2014 4:38 PM
294	I think of home. I was born and raised in this town and left as soon as I could (upon graduation). It lacked in activities, places to shop, food, and opportunity. However, I loved and always will love Forest Park. There lies my fondest memories. I believe Forest Park may be Parsons' most beautiful attribute-the tennis courts, the playgrounds, and the trees. Wonderful place to grow up.	6/25/2014 4:37 PM
295	Their is nothing for kid's to do!! And we need to get a better handle on our crime rate, and also we need more businesses to come into this town there is nothing here to eat or to do everyone has to drive out of town upper management needs to be more willing and more open to help businesses to come into town..	6/25/2014 4:34 PM
296	family	6/25/2014 4:32 PM
297	People on welfare, crime and drugs. People that live here have a sense of entitlement that somehow enables them to try and take what they want and not work for it. Not many people here actually contribute to society, they make it worse by letting their kids follow in their own footsteps by stealing and using drugs or alcoholism as an excuse...	6/25/2014 4:31 PM
298	Poor City Government	6/25/2014 4:29 PM
299	Good town but don't have enough stuff for the people in the town too do or the kids there is no attractions in parsons	6/25/2014 4:27 PM
300	Drama	6/25/2014 4:25 PM
301	I think there needs to be more things to do for children.	6/25/2014 4:21 PM
302	Ernestos	6/25/2014 4:20 PM
303	Dieing town	6/25/2014 4:20 PM
304	How our town when from great to awful...	6/25/2014 4:19 PM
305	Prejudice town	6/25/2014 4:17 PM
306	Boring and nothing to do	6/25/2014 4:14 PM
307	Boring, Nothing to do for teens, people in their twenties, and Nothing to do that is family oriented.	6/25/2014 4:13 PM
308	Nothing to do	6/25/2014 4:08 PM
309	1. A mid-western community which provide jobs, friendly caring attitude of the people and a sense of security for its inhabitation.	6/25/2014 4:07 PM
310	home	6/25/2014 4:07 PM
311	Good place to raise a family	6/25/2014 4:06 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

312	Dwindling	6/25/2014 4:04 PM
313	I miss Dillons	6/25/2014 4:03 PM
314	Run down...	6/25/2014 4:02 PM
315	Hometown	6/25/2014 4:02 PM
316	Small community in SEK.	6/25/2014 4:01 PM
317	Run down homes and no job opportunities.	6/25/2014 4:01 PM
318	Not good	6/25/2014 3:59 PM
319	CRAP TOWN THAT OFFERS NOTHING, DRUGS	6/25/2014 3:59 PM
320	Not where I want to live...even though I have been here a long time.	6/25/2014 3:58 PM
321	Home	6/25/2014 3:58 PM
322	Slowly shrinking rural town	6/25/2014 3:55 PM
323	Needs more restaurants, less crime, lower taxes, better schools, more for the youth of the community to do	6/25/2014 3:53 PM
324	small	6/25/2014 3:52 PM
325	Hom	6/25/2014 3:50 PM
326	Horrible restaurants	6/25/2014 3:50 PM
327	Home	6/25/2014 3:46 PM
328	Katy Railroad, small town, Katy Days	6/25/2014 3:44 PM
329	Small town	6/25/2014 3:44 PM
330	Home	6/25/2014 3:42 PM
331	Home	6/25/2014 3:42 PM
332	Becoming ghost town,nothing for the kids to do,taxs too high and I have a love hate relationship towards parsons!	6/25/2014 3:41 PM
333	Home Town	6/25/2014 3:40 PM
334	Small quite	6/25/2014 3:37 PM
335	nice town, perfect size, great people	6/25/2014 3:35 PM
336	Bad drivers	6/25/2014 3:34 PM
337	Clean small town with a lot of history. But, not enough retail (shopping) venues.	6/25/2014 3:34 PM
338	Dead end town. Criminals. Underage drinking and smoking. Corrupt cops.	6/25/2014 3:30 PM
339	Great community needs better management to get us back where we thrive	6/25/2014 3:27 PM
340	Housing/neighborhoods have become run down in the last 15 or so years. Downtown continues to look nice.	6/25/2014 3:27 PM
341	Smaller city in southeast Kansas with many positive aspects, but also a fairly prominent racial problem.	6/25/2014 3:25 PM
342	Small town in KS	6/25/2014 3:24 PM
343	Nice small town	6/25/2014 3:23 PM
344	home	6/25/2014 3:23 PM
345	Labett Health	6/25/2014 3:23 PM
346	gossip	6/25/2014 3:03 PM
347	Old Dominion freight Labette Comm College	6/25/2014 2:58 PM
348	low income, rundown	6/25/2014 2:57 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

349	work	6/25/2014 2:56 PM
350	WORKPLACE	6/25/2014 2:53 PM
351	Home	6/25/2014 2:53 PM
352	HAS A LOT OF POTENTIAL, LOW INCOME CAPITAL	6/25/2014 2:52 PM
353	high taxes	6/25/2014 2:51 PM
354	Decaying houses in need of paint & repair.	6/25/2014 11:23 AM
355	Beautiful city in SE Kansas and my Home	6/25/2014 10:22 AM
356	Home... warm and friendly people.	6/24/2014 9:52 PM
357	home	6/24/2014 5:12 PM
358	Family.	6/24/2014 3:53 PM
359	Curious minds discovery Zone	6/24/2014 3:18 PM
360	A small town that tries	6/24/2014 2:54 PM
361	Home, and good friends.	6/24/2014 2:02 PM
362	IT IS THE HOMETOWN THAT I ENJOY VISITING. THE PEOPLE ARE KIND. THE COLLEGE IS TERRIFIC. THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COULD BE IMPROVED. THE NEW DOWNTOWN IS FANTASTIC EVEN THOUGH I ADMIT THAT I MISS THE PLAZA.	6/23/2014 8:12 PM
363	It's not as good as it used to be.	6/22/2014 10:05 PM
364	Going down the tube,poor goverment,high taxes.	6/22/2014 7:37 PM
365	Home	6/22/2014 6:48 PM
366	childhood	6/22/2014 3:55 PM
367	Home the best place to live.	6/22/2014 3:38 PM
368	My parents and family	6/22/2014 9:03 AM
369	Bored. Yawn.	6/22/2014 8:24 AM
370	Hometown	6/22/2014 7:36 AM
371	An old town.	6/22/2014 7:22 AM
372	Has much potential too become a thriving city again.	6/22/2014 5:49 AM
373	Where I raised by boy. And this is where we call home..	6/22/2014 1:27 AM
374	Small town	6/22/2014 1:10 AM
375	Home	6/22/2014 12:41 AM
376	home	6/21/2014 11:50 PM
377	Wal-Mart	6/21/2014 11:22 PM
378	Family	6/21/2014 11:12 PM
379	Katy days and that's it it is a very boring town to live and grow up in	6/21/2014 11:04 PM
380	Home	6/21/2014 10:37 PM
381	Home	6/21/2014 10:26 PM
382	Home and family.	6/21/2014 10:14 PM
383	The Katy Railroad	6/21/2014 9:47 PM
384	A dying community with high crime, high taxes, and neglected homes. A city that only cares about the wealthy.	6/21/2014 9:32 PM
385	home	6/21/2014 6:55 PM
386	Home	6/21/2014 6:42 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

387	Not moving forward	6/21/2014 5:59 PM
388	Wonderful park, neat old two story homes, around the park. Negatives-old homes in ruins that need tom down, high gasprices, high taxes, a large part of the community that aren't motivated to work or improve anything in their community or with themselves	6/21/2014 1:00 PM
389	When I first started going to LCC in 2006 I loved Parsons, there was something about that just made me want to be here! I moved away in 2008 and came back in 2011 and it changed for the worse even worse now 3 yrs later, tons of violence for a small town, don't feel safe raising my son here.	6/21/2014 12:26 PM
390	Home town	6/21/2014 10:05 AM
391	Low income housing. High taxes	6/21/2014 9:56 AM
392	Home	6/21/2014 8:56 AM
393	Family and friends	6/21/2014 8:46 AM
394	Poverty, racial diversity, friendly people, crumbling infrastructure, LCC, super 503 district, limited restaurant choices	6/21/2014 8:06 AM
395	A dying town with little to attract newcomers.	6/21/2014 12:58 AM
396	A old railroad town	6/21/2014 12:44 AM
397	Not progressive	6/20/2014 11:13 PM
398	I think that we have a lot of new small businesses that I know nothing about. I always find it interesting when I happen to go in a store I haven't been in and find things I didn't even know we had in Parsons. These small businesses can't sometimes afford big advertising prices in the Sun. Maybe the Parsons Sun could feature 1 or 2 small businesses each weekend so we would know where to shop.A nice little article free of charge about what the business provides might get people shopping in Parsons and might increase revenues at the Sun. If the shopkeeper is making more money they are more likely to advertise. I also think Parsons just sucks for single professional people. Not sure you can change that. I do think the city is trying to find more for the youth to do. I think it was a great thing the State ? did letting low income kids enroll in one activity per year for free. I wish the City/Police Dept/Larger Business could also help with this by providing 1 more activity for these kids or providing 1 activity for low income kids who didn't qualify for the State funded program.	6/20/2014 10:36 PM
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400	My birthplace.	6/20/2014 10:07 PM
401	long time home	6/20/2014 9:49 PM
402	High taxes.	6/20/2014 9:36 PM
403	Small town, small minds. It is not the most welcoming place for newcomers or people who would like to do things differently.	6/20/2014 6:32 PM
404	mentally ill. This town is full of skil, class, and state clients that live among us and there are untrained or not enough caretakers to watch them. Their sex offenders and this city welcomes them and then tries to hide how almost all the state clients are the worst of the worst sex offenders. When i think of Parsons it is an unsafe town for women and children.	6/20/2014 6:32 PM
405	Usually quiet, rural, good folks and obnoxious ones, pretty skies, lots of trees.	6/20/2014 6:31 PM
406	Depressed economy, drugs	6/20/2014 6:06 PM
407	Bad city management	6/20/2014 5:35 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

408	Home	6/20/2014 5:27 PM
409	Katy Days	6/20/2014 5:14 PM
410	Community	6/20/2014 5:14 PM
411	A town that used to have a lot to do and restaurants to pick from.	6/20/2014 5:00 PM
412	small dying town	6/20/2014 4:40 PM
413	a sleepy, small town out of a Norman Rockwell painting with drugs everywhere	6/20/2014 3:56 PM
414	Low income town	6/20/2014 3:22 PM
415	Great place to live. Would like to see fewer homes with boarded up windows.	6/20/2014 2:36 PM
416	Katy Days Railroad Economic challenges	6/20/2014 2:15 PM
417	Home/Family. Declining/Depressing.	6/20/2014 2:13 PM
418	Where I work and live.	6/20/2014 2:01 PM
419	A community that was a great place to grow up...25 years ago.	6/20/2014 1:35 PM
420	Nice downtown, larger small town, industrial, Labette Community College, nice kids park with train, PSH	6/20/2014 1:30 PM
421	Home	6/20/2014 1:19 PM
422	A town with not much going for it...glad I don't live there anymore.	6/20/2014 12:52 PM
423	Home	6/20/2014 12:41 PM
424	Home	6/20/2014 12:33 PM
425	bumpy streets, sad main street after a snow storm	6/20/2014 12:24 PM
426	My first thought is home! Lived here all my life and have many wonderful memories.	6/20/2014 12:01 PM
427	I think of a small town with a great history with the need to improve it's opportunities to maintain its appeal.	6/20/2014 11:31 AM
428	Small town America.	6/20/2014 11:23 AM
429	A town listening to peoples complaints, trying to head in the right direction, but the complainers don't want to pay the price for improvements.	6/20/2014 11:18 AM
430	Crime, drugs and houses falling apart, low income	6/20/2014 11:09 AM
431	Home now for 17 yrs. Like to get away, but love to come back	6/20/2014 9:54 AM
432	Home - a nice size town to raise a family in.	6/20/2014 9:38 AM
433	Well located small rural diverse town.	6/20/2014 9:04 AM
434	Home	6/20/2014 8:37 AM
435	How the stupid the mall was.	6/20/2014 8:36 AM
436	Home	6/20/2014 8:21 AM
437	Friendly people. Easy-paced living. Good place to raise kids.	6/20/2014 8:18 AM
438	I like it here	6/20/2014 7:57 AM
439	Family, friends, high school sports, high school choir, failing economy	6/20/2014 7:36 AM
440	Home	6/20/2014 7:00 AM
441	Great place to raise kids.	6/20/2014 6:44 AM
442	Home!	6/20/2014 6:44 AM
443	Low income Declining economy Slow to change	6/20/2014 6:38 AM
444	Getto as hell	6/20/2014 5:39 AM
445	How boring	6/20/2014 5:09 AM

What do you think about Parsons?

446	LCC	6/20/2014 5:06 AM
447	My HOME, with bad roads, poor water quality, weeds growing tall on all sidewalks along the main streets through town, have to leave town to go to a good quality restaurant, abundance of drug housing/slumlords. Basically, I guess I'm trying to say when I think of parsons, I think of the city being run by people, not all people, but people running this city with no PRIDE. You don't show it in any part of the city, from burnt out street lights to over grown weeds to roads that aren't safe to drive on (north 16th.) Take pride in your city and fix the things you can and just keep striving to make progress. Yes, you have to show progress by fixing something.	6/20/2014 4:35 AM
448	Boring	6/20/2014 3:55 AM
449	Ernestos and lcc	6/20/2014 1:11 AM
450	Decrepit houses that need to be torn down--OR a property tax law that needs to be changed so people will want to invest in their houses and fix them up. The city should award low interest loans to people to fix their houses--not punish them for putting on a new coat of paint or fix their roof!!!	6/20/2014 12:49 AM
451	Walmart	6/20/2014 12:42 AM
452	Not much	6/20/2014 12:34 AM
453	home	6/19/2014 11:17 PM
454	Ghetto	6/19/2014 11:11 PM
455	Home	6/19/2014 11:03 PM
456	Dilapidated homes, lots of social services, poverty, loss of Katy railroad.	6/19/2014 10:37 PM
457	Home	6/19/2014 10:32 PM
458	Hometown, family, friends	6/19/2014 10:28 PM
459	My home town!	6/19/2014 10:28 PM
460	Home	6/19/2014 10:27 PM
461	High taxes and nothing to offer	6/19/2014 10:09 PM
462	Home	6/19/2014 10:03 PM
463	My hometown. Rough streets, aging housing	6/19/2014 9:59 PM
464	Run Down	6/19/2014 9:54 PM
465	Boring town with bad city manager and some but not all the commissioners. Seems like lots of bad ideas with thousands wasted on trails- dog parks that they should know Parsons with a decreasing pop. Cannot keep funding new projects and keep up present ones. Really - that much \$\$ for restrooms?? Same price as an executive home!	6/19/2014 9:48 PM
466	Friendly	6/19/2014 9:48 PM
467	Pot holes and pot heads	6/19/2014 9:43 PM
468	my home	6/19/2014 9:36 PM
469	I think of the town I was born and raised in and have chosen to raise my kids in.	6/19/2014 9:30 PM
470	nostalgia, pride	6/19/2014 9:29 PM
471	Home	6/19/2014 9:26 PM
472	Corruption	6/19/2014 9:22 PM
473	Home	6/19/2014 9:18 PM
474	Highway bypass.	6/19/2014 9:05 PM
475	Farms, railroad	6/19/2014 9:05 PM
476	Old people	6/19/2014 9:04 PM
477	Mixed feelings. Flouride in the drinking water. Cute little main street. Walmart.	6/19/2014 8:59 PM
478	Dying	6/19/2014 8:58 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

479	Small, businesses have weird hours, property taxes are too high, most people are nice	6/19/2014 8:56 PM
480	Small community stretched too thin. Bad streets, shrinking middle class, no choices for entertainment	6/19/2014 8:53 PM
481	Welfare recipients, rundown, drugs, no community spirit or pride	6/19/2014 8:53 PM
482	Home	6/19/2014 8:53 PM
483	High taxes	6/19/2014 8:47 PM
484	home	6/19/2014 8:43 PM
485	Crappy streets, to young police	6/19/2014 8:39 PM
486	stand still	6/19/2014 8:38 PM
487	Home	6/19/2014 8:37 PM
488	Home town	6/19/2014 8:30 PM
489	Home	6/19/2014 8:30 PM
490	Home	6/19/2014 8:25 PM
491	Schools n college	6/19/2014 8:21 PM
492	Home	6/19/2014 8:19 PM
493	Community	6/19/2014 8:19 PM
494	Slitting my wrists.	6/19/2014 8:18 PM
495	My Hometown	6/19/2014 8:15 PM
496	Boring, expensive place to live, high taxes.	6/19/2014 8:13 PM
497	Over spending in unnecessary places.	6/19/2014 8:12 PM
498	lack of entertainment	6/19/2014 8:07 PM
499	Home	6/19/2014 8:05 PM
500	An high rate of people using social services, houses that need to be condemned and a give-me/you owe me attitude. I think of a city manager that needs to go. I also think of a county hospital that runs physicians away.	6/19/2014 8:03 PM
501	Afraid to change.	6/19/2014 7:58 PM
502	Home	6/19/2014 7:56 PM
503	Home	6/19/2014 7:51 PM
504	Small town USA	6/19/2014 7:46 PM
505	Great schools, Beautiful park, Pretty downtown area	6/19/2014 7:46 PM
506	Strong community, good neighbors, good retail	6/19/2014 7:44 PM
507	how much the town has changed during the 19 1/2 years that I have been gone and not for the better	6/19/2014 7:34 PM
508	Katy days	6/19/2014 7:33 PM
509	Home	6/19/2014 7:24 PM
510	Crime	6/19/2014 7:22 PM
511	Home	6/19/2014 7:19 PM
512	empty, dilapidated houses	6/19/2014 7:19 PM
513	Going downz hill fast	6/19/2014 7:18 PM
514	My hometown.	6/19/2014 7:17 PM
515	Growing up.	6/19/2014 7:14 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

516	My hometown.	6/19/2014 7:13 PM
517	Home	6/19/2014 7:10 PM
518	High taxes. Bad streets. Low income.	6/19/2014 7:10 PM
519	Small Hometown	6/19/2014 7:02 PM
520	The beautiful skies and the trees	6/19/2014 6:59 PM
521	Drugs, violence and a police force that is overworked and under payed. Ran by people who don't know or understand the law and who don't support the enforcement of that law no matter what it takes. Also, the part of the community who is upstanding fail to support in the prosecution of those cases and then wonder why the same people continue to commit crime. Parsons lacks resources and entertainment for young people.	6/19/2014 6:55 PM
522	Small town with no where to go.	6/19/2014 6:53 PM
523	Bad roads. No decent places to eat. BORING!!	6/19/2014 6:51 PM
524	High taxes, corrupt leaders, no restaurants, no entertainment.	6/19/2014 6:49 PM
525	Sadly a small town that used to thrive with few options	6/19/2014 6:49 PM
526	Drugs,crime and no economic growth. Nothing for kids!	6/19/2014 6:46 PM
527	Where I live.	6/19/2014 6:44 PM
528	Poor	6/19/2014 6:41 PM
529	Home	6/19/2014 6:34 PM
530	A small town that's done nothing but get smaller since I was born, and all we really have is a super Walmart, mcdonalds and a few other fast food chains.	6/19/2014 6:34 PM
531	Home	6/19/2014 6:33 PM
532	Home	6/19/2014 6:33 PM
533	Labette Community College	6/19/2014 6:31 PM
534	Run down	6/19/2014 6:28 PM
535	Home	6/19/2014 6:28 PM
536	Small Town	6/19/2014 6:27 PM
537	There is nothing its a dead town.	6/19/2014 6:25 PM
538	Small town USA	6/19/2014 6:23 PM
539	My hone town.	6/19/2014 6:22 PM
540	Home sweet home	6/19/2014 6:22 PM
541	Hometown	6/19/2014 6:21 PM
542	Growing crime.	6/19/2014 6:21 PM
543	Home	6/19/2014 6:14 PM
544	One word.....poverty	6/19/2014 6:10 PM
545	Low rents, dirty, poor, welfare	6/19/2014 6:09 PM
546	Unemployment, crime & drugs	6/19/2014 6:04 PM
547	high taxes, a lot of crime	6/19/2014 6:00 PM
548	no jobs, corrupt police department, too many people on welfare positive its a close community people help each other out when needed, easy to get around,we have one of the nicest park around	6/19/2014 5:59 PM
549	Poor and rundown	6/19/2014 5:57 PM
550	Small community	6/19/2014 5:55 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

551	The city manager needs to be replaced.	6/19/2014 5:52 PM
552	Jail time ratchet police pit holes	6/19/2014 5:50 PM
553	Things slowly dying	6/19/2014 5:48 PM
554	Not much	6/19/2014 5:45 PM
555	The Katy Railroad. My home town. Wish there was more things for the kids to do other than being harrassed by the police.	6/19/2014 5:42 PM
556	Home	6/19/2014 5:38 PM
557	Drugs, jerk cops,	6/19/2014 5:37 PM
558	Poverty	6/19/2014 5:35 PM
559	A great home town to raise our kids in. Activities are always going on, get out there & find out. Visit PRC for a start. Numerous things for all ages!	6/19/2014 5:35 PM
560	Small family town	6/19/2014 5:33 PM
561	Empty houses	6/19/2014 5:32 PM
562	Retirement community.	6/19/2014 5:25 PM
563	A nice place to live.	6/19/2014 5:24 PM
564	no downtown	6/19/2014 5:23 PM
565	A place to retire. There is nothing here for children or family's to do	6/19/2014 5:23 PM
566	Home	6/19/2014 5:23 PM
567	Home	6/19/2014 5:23 PM
568	Turning into a retirement town.	6/19/2014 5:22 PM
569	Bad roads	6/19/2014 5:22 PM
570	My home and my place of work	6/19/2014 5:20 PM
571	Home	6/19/2014 5:17 PM
572	Once a pleasant place to live. Now a dying community.	6/19/2014 5:11 PM
573	We need better commissioners, better paying jobs to bring new people to the area and more things for kids to do. If those things were to happen Parsons would be a good place to live. Right now we are a dying community.	6/19/2014 5:11 PM
574	Poor Services	6/19/2014 5:06 PM
575	Small town	6/19/2014 5:04 PM
576	Dying town	6/19/2014 5:02 PM
577	A deteriorating little town	6/19/2014 5:01 PM
578	I think of parsons ks has my home town I think the town needs to be bigger	6/19/2014 4:58 PM
579	My home town	6/19/2014 4:58 PM
580	Family	6/19/2014 4:55 PM
581	Home	6/19/2014 4:55 PM
582	Home	6/19/2014 4:54 PM
583	Positive, nice, generous and kind people willing to help out others.	6/19/2014 4:53 PM
584	Not much to do especially for kids	6/19/2014 4:51 PM
585	A decaying outdated water delivery and sewer system and paying too much money for it.	6/19/2014 4:50 PM
586	Small town with nothing to do	6/19/2014 4:49 PM
587	Rundown, but home	6/19/2014 4:48 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

588	home	6/19/2014 4:48 PM
589	Fairly safe	6/19/2014 4:48 PM
590	I think of it as a diamond in the rough. There are great people doing great things here, but there is also a huge unemployment and poverty rate which holds all of us down. Oh, and I think of trains, the times I love them as well as the times I hate them.	6/19/2014 4:48 PM
591	A lot of drug use...	6/19/2014 4:46 PM
592	a retirement community.	6/19/2014 4:45 PM
593	Safety, friends, good schools, home!	6/19/2014 4:45 PM
594	Poverty	6/19/2014 4:44 PM
595	Home	6/19/2014 4:42 PM
596	Needs more eating places.	6/19/2014 4:40 PM
597	Low income	6/19/2014 4:40 PM
598	weather	6/19/2014 4:40 PM
599	Parsons Foursquare Church	6/19/2014 4:38 PM
600	Corrupt administration in the police department.	6/19/2014 4:32 PM
601	My hometown	6/19/2014 4:32 PM
602	Home	6/19/2014 4:31 PM
603	Small town, broken down houses as you drive in	6/19/2014 4:31 PM
604	Corruption, a few people running the show, no interest in bringing in new jobs	6/19/2014 4:29 PM
605	Friendly community	6/19/2014 4:28 PM
606	Small town community, my hometown	6/19/2014 4:26 PM
607	Dying town	6/19/2014 4:25 PM
608	Small town	6/19/2014 4:25 PM
609	nasty tasteing water	6/19/2014 4:24 PM
610	Rural town that has people in the city offices that don't want a town to grow and support itself!	6/19/2014 4:23 PM
611	there is nothing here	6/19/2014 4:22 PM
612	Home	6/19/2014 4:21 PM
613	A dying city, that was once full of hope, and opportunity. A city that has become a town, impoverished. Lacking true cultural diversity, and ever more a "police state". I once lived in a "real" city, and had always dreamt of coming "home" to start, and raise a family. After being back here for 11 years, the only thing I don't regret is the family that I have acquired. Parsons is a narrow-minded community, that still has no idea how a true "metropolis", and it's constituents live, grow, and reap the benefits of an open mind. On the bright side; had I not moved back to Parsons, I would have never known what the word struggle meant..	6/19/2014 4:20 PM
614	I think of a nice little town where I was born and raised, but also a town that needs new leadership that believes in progress and that will listen to its constituents. There are many improvements that need to be made to ensure that Parsons does not remain a dying community.	6/19/2014 4:19 PM
615	Hometown	6/19/2014 4:17 PM
616	My hometown.	6/19/2014 4:15 PM
617	Home	6/19/2014 4:13 PM
618	My hometown. It's the place where I grew up and I have fond memories there. Also the history.	6/19/2014 4:12 PM
619	bad streets	6/19/2014 4:09 PM
620	I've grown up here and have slowly watched this town go down hill. Pretty sad!!	6/19/2014 4:09 PM
621	Depressed town	6/19/2014 4:06 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

622	Nasty	6/19/2014 4:06 PM
623	small	6/19/2014 4:03 PM
624	My home town, where I was raised, where I raised my kids, where my grandchildren are being raised.	6/19/2014 4:03 PM
625	Not enough grocery stores, fast food and deteriorating buildings	6/19/2014 4:02 PM
626	Small town living, community pride	6/19/2014 4:02 PM
627	Friendly people	6/19/2014 4:01 PM
628	Small town, good people, family.	6/19/2014 3:59 PM
629	Small community, big problems.	6/19/2014 3:59 PM
630	Trains	6/19/2014 3:58 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

Q2 What are some strengths of this community?

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#	Responses	Date
1	Disability support, educational community	6/30/2014 10:23 PM
2	There's an inviting family atmosphere that I've always enjoyed.	6/30/2014 10:14 PM
3	Community support	6/30/2014 9:14 PM
4	There a lot of different stores to choose from	6/30/2014 6:55 PM
5	Friendly people. Town centre has great vintage charm. The size makes the town centre a potential hub of the community.	6/30/2014 4:59 PM
6	Hard workers, gatherings there's always a good turn out	6/30/2014 4:17 PM
7	Safety	6/30/2014 4:06 PM
8	Many of the industrial businesses are committed to staying here rather than moving to other areas.	6/30/2014 3:55 PM
9	We come together during crisis to help each other, our college	6/30/2014 3:40 PM
10	Strong schools, attractive downtown. The Parsons Theater, Ernestos, Upscale Country, The Wellness Center, and The Children's Museum bring in business from other towns. Labette Community College is outstanding and so is Parsons State Hospital. We have many nice motels. Katy Days is a nice event that many people look forward to.	6/30/2014 3:38 PM
11	Being the mother of two young boys, I really enjoy the library activities. Although we don't get to go very often because I am working, when we do they always enjoy it. The REC center is awesome for the activities and camps they put on. My kids love going to as much as they can.	6/30/2014 3:35 PM
12	Schools	6/30/2014 3:22 PM
13	The small town atmosphere. Low cost of living.	6/30/2014 3:11 PM
14	Walmart	6/30/2014 2:36 PM
15	Taco mayo	6/30/2014 2:23 PM
16	MANY GREAT PEOPLE. MANY GREAT VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS.	6/30/2014 2:02 PM
17	Good leadership	6/30/2014 2:00 PM
18	Friendly people, Katy Days, town beautification, LCC, Forest park.	6/30/2014 1:57 PM
19	Coming together when it's needed.	6/30/2014 1:40 PM
20	city manager, police, ems, parks	6/30/2014 1:37 PM
21	Some nice people. That's about it.	6/30/2014 1:33 PM
22	People	6/30/2014 12:38 PM
23	It beautiful part of ks, well located to other cities. Lots of good people try very hard to bring new things here	6/30/2014 12:34 PM
24	Small town ideals	6/30/2014 12:34 PM
25	Small town atmosphere, low traffic rate	6/30/2014 11:40 AM
26	Can't think of any	6/30/2014 11:33 AM
27	Main St beautification projects, schools, and an effort to generate community pride through various community events	6/30/2014 11:20 AM
28	It comes together when it needs to	6/30/2014 11:15 AM
29	Good people, senior citizens activity center, forest park, municipal auditorium.	6/30/2014 11:05 AM

What do you think about Parsons?

30	Schools	6/30/2014 10:52 AM
31	Downtown area looks great! Concerts in the park.	6/30/2014 10:47 AM
32	Small, everyone knows everyone	6/30/2014 10:45 AM
33	I don't really know. I guess that our leaders are trying to make parsons better. I just don't know for who.	6/30/2014 10:44 AM
34	People, new downtown, Ernestos, Forrest Park, Marvel Park.	6/30/2014 10:40 AM
35	small, close knit.	6/30/2014 10:38 AM
36	FAIRLY SAFE COMMUNITY TO LIVE IN	6/30/2014 10:38 AM
37	Hospital, college, Ernesto's, parson family pharmacy, a blossom for every Occassion, Ace	6/30/2014 10:36 AM
38	Good people that care.	6/30/2014 10:36 AM
39	None	6/30/2014 10:32 AM
40	Nice parks and facilities for the youth.	6/30/2014 9:34 AM
41	Home town atmosphere.	6/30/2014 8:36 AM
42	Plenty if crazy to go around	6/29/2014 10:23 PM
43	Honest group in middle class who really care, but are the minority.	6/29/2014 9:20 PM
44	None	6/29/2014 6:46 PM
45	Cheap housing	6/29/2014 5:03 PM
46	????? can't think of one	6/29/2014 4:32 PM
47	Can't think of any	6/29/2014 4:29 PM
48	None	6/29/2014 3:49 PM
49	Sorry cant think of any	6/29/2014 2:35 PM
50	Operation Bright Touch, my church, a few nice small stores.	6/29/2014 2:32 PM
51	Food Banks	6/29/2014 2:17 PM
52	Park.	6/29/2014 2:13 PM
53	We've had quite a few tragedies and we've seen people pull together during some dark times.	6/29/2014 2:10 PM
54	lots of trees, nice park, lots of events in the park, lots of events at the municipal building.	6/29/2014 1:41 PM
55	Katy days bringing people together but not a lot to do anymore. Usually the same thing every year. Why doesn't the carnival ever come around any more??	6/29/2014 12:55 PM
56	People pull together to help each other.	6/29/2014 12:44 PM
57	Our schools attempts at uniting the community-concerts in the park etc	6/29/2014 12:28 PM
58	Not to many I can think of	6/29/2014 12:16 PM
59	Good people Involved community Many loyal people	6/29/2014 12:06 PM
60	Community actions such as operation bright touch, feeding the hungry on Thursdays.	6/29/2014 11:55 AM
61	Closeness of the community. People helping out others in time of need.	6/29/2014 11:48 AM
62	Lots of churches.	6/29/2014 11:38 AM
63	None	6/29/2014 11:31 AM
64	Labette Community College. Public School system is pretty good. Labette Center for Mental Health Services, Labette Health. Sports programs for kids. PSH&TC. The Chamber of Commerce does a great job with what manpower they have to work with.	6/29/2014 11:20 AM
65	United	6/28/2014 9:29 PM
66	Moderately safe in some areas.	6/28/2014 9:17 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

67	cheap labor	6/28/2014 8:57 PM
68	None	6/28/2014 2:57 PM
69	Closeness	6/28/2014 2:36 PM
70	pretty small gardens in various places that citizens and travelers see and are impressed	6/28/2014 1:13 PM
71	Good schools, good churches, nice park for kids, rec center, community projects, i.e. music in the park, Katy Days, kids safety program, good hospital and health services.	6/28/2014 9:49 AM
72	We keep supporting a sales tax for recreation and infrastructure improvements. We came together after the tomado.	6/27/2014 11:42 PM
73	Most people are good-hearted and friendly; business owners are true survivors and help keep this place afloat; love all the parks, arboretum, and walking trail. LCC and PRC are good assets and should be utilized more. I appreciate Ace Hardware and Walgreens more than they'll ever know!	6/27/2014 10:31 PM
74	nice parks; community events	6/27/2014 8:40 PM
75	Activities for children	6/27/2014 7:55 PM
76	Everyone is willing to help each other, small town pride, sense of security	6/27/2014 5:47 PM
77	People	6/27/2014 4:55 PM
78	Labette Community College, Parsons State Hospital, Labette Health, Good schools	6/27/2014 1:09 PM
79	Fire Department Clean	6/27/2014 12:47 PM
80	good school system	6/27/2014 11:54 AM
81	Citizens have resided here for long periods of time	6/27/2014 10:57 AM
82	Small community living	6/27/2014 10:52 AM
83	Schools, community support	6/27/2014 9:43 AM
84	Ernestos eating facility, rec center, parsons state hospital and training center-keeps parsons grocery and walmart in business. Old Dominion is well known, the stockyards and plaze is an asset to parsons kansas. Labette Community College is also growing which is great.	6/27/2014 9:31 AM
85	This community sucks.	6/27/2014 9:04 AM
86	Schools, friendly, growing	6/27/2014 4:41 AM
87	None	6/27/2014 12:25 AM
88	The people, the infrastructure.	6/26/2014 11:06 PM
89	Summer activities: Music in Park, good tennis courts & pool, Cooperative city officials. Community College. Active Rec Center & Senior Center. .	6/26/2014 10:10 PM
90	Some wonderful people.	6/26/2014 8:22 PM
91	Good school system	6/26/2014 8:00 PM
92	The College, forest park, parsons Rec.	6/26/2014 7:33 PM
93	Size. Location (within a couple hours any director to a city).	6/26/2014 5:54 PM
94	Volunteerism, education	6/26/2014 5:13 PM
95	Our schools are our biggest asset. We have by far the best school district compared to those of similar sized communities in our area.	6/26/2014 5:00 PM
96	Family oriented and small.	6/26/2014 3:56 PM
97	having a college, the state hospital, not much else available	6/26/2014 3:39 PM
98	Good schools	6/26/2014 3:39 PM
99	people, easy to get around, safe	6/26/2014 2:55 PM
100	Industrial parks that are ready for development. The tomado proved that we can come together to achieve goals.	6/26/2014 2:45 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

101	some good people	6/26/2014 2:38 PM
102	Recreational areas, location, LCC,	6/26/2014 2:28 PM
103	Nice downtown area, parks, and various activities going on in the city. Events and community gatherings are a hit! We have family that travels from out of town to visit Katy Days and Music in the Park events. Businesses are also great here. I feel that I can get the majority of what I need day-to-day from Parsons and don't have to travel to Pittsburg/Joplin to get what I need.	6/26/2014 1:54 PM
104	Lower cost of living and crime rates Friendly people Good schools	6/26/2014 1:47 PM
105	good people	6/26/2014 1:07 PM
106	There are no strengths. This community is dying and the commissioners are allowing it to happen.	6/26/2014 12:48 PM
107	Good, caring, hardworking people who help each other.	6/26/2014 12:30 PM
108	good city commissioners beautiful park persons interested in our history and willing to share good businesses	6/26/2014 11:49 AM
109	Community acceptance and friendliness/ community events	6/26/2014 11:34 AM
110	The people who just won't give up and leave. I think we have a good school system. A good college.	6/26/2014 11:07 AM
111	diverse manufacturing, good schools, location	6/26/2014 11:02 AM
112	Pete & Mary Hughes, PACF, PHS, LCC, Labette Health.	6/26/2014 10:52 AM
113	Gods schools and a strong economic base	6/26/2014 10:42 AM
114	The honest hard working people of Parsons.	6/26/2014 10:41 AM
115	Lions club, Kwains, Rotery	6/26/2014 10:31 AM
116	Citizens enthusiasm. Variety of community groups.	6/26/2014 10:30 AM
117	Friendly, generous folks	6/26/2014 10:04 AM
118	Being a small community to live in.	6/26/2014 9:41 AM
119	Cultural events - While not as varied as metropolitan areas, it is quite nice for this size community. Low cost of living which is related to low prevailing wages is also a strength. The education system is very good. The medical community is excellent.	6/26/2014 9:13 AM
120	Long time residents	6/26/2014 9:02 AM
121	The College	6/26/2014 8:53 AM
122	The roads are getting better.	6/26/2014 8:44 AM
123	None	6/26/2014 8:36 AM
124	We have a great grant writer that helps pull in money to do projects we would not otherwise have. The unfortunate side of this is that the general public sees the city spending money on things like walking trails but not fixing streets that are down right horrible. There is very little education and communication.	6/26/2014 8:23 AM
125	Several Industries, hospital, schools, community college	6/26/2014 8:23 AM
126	It has a few businesses and activities in it that are attractive.	6/26/2014 8:07 AM
127	strong faith, some really good churches, employment opportunities.	6/26/2014 7:59 AM
128	Good leadership as long as their hands are not tied. Lot of good Christian people.	6/26/2014 7:51 AM
129	Strong community of people wanting to make our city the best.	6/26/2014 7:51 AM
130	Friendly people	6/26/2014 7:48 AM
131	A very diverse community	6/26/2014 7:43 AM
132	Diversity among ethnic groups.	6/26/2014 7:43 AM
133	The people that get involved	6/26/2014 7:32 AM

What do you think about Parsons?

134	Support from the citizens to help each other when needed. The local hospital and manufacturing jobs.	6/26/2014 7:18 AM
135	Good school system	6/26/2014 6:30 AM
136	We care for each other (good and bad)	6/26/2014 6:28 AM
137	Plenty of liquor stores	6/26/2014 5:21 AM
138	Katy days	6/26/2014 3:00 AM
139	???. Hard working community. P.A.L.S. is a great plus. Have a variety of restaurants most locally own/ We have a pretty good collage	6/26/2014 12:55 AM
140	Friendliness, a good education system, pride in our home town to make it better for everyone	6/26/2014 12:12 AM
141	Haha	6/25/2014 11:38 PM
142	Three grocery stores, several clothing stores, movie theater, hospitals (Labette Health & PSHTC), clinics, community college, PALS animal shelter, Veterinarian clinics, the public schools and lots of small businesses.	6/25/2014 11:33 PM
143	The small-t	6/25/2014 11:15 PM
144	Small community-willing to help others. Great people.	6/25/2014 11:00 PM
145	At this time, I don't see any.	6/25/2014 10:50 PM
146	Good people friendly hardworking honest	6/25/2014 10:13 PM
147	The majority of the residents want to make their community a better place. The residents have great ideas and plans to improve the community.	6/25/2014 9:53 PM
148	Ha! A bars	6/25/2014 9:45 PM
149	People are friendly	6/25/2014 9:36 PM
150	In times of need or sorrow, old friends show up to help. Best fireworks show ever and gets better every year. Katy Days was a great idea and a lot of fun!	6/25/2014 9:24 PM
151	Strength??	6/25/2014 8:53 PM
152	Great community college	6/25/2014 8:26 PM
153	Good C ofC, and Tourism Program	6/25/2014 8:21 PM
154	Community Arts, Good Schools, Parks, the people.	6/25/2014 8:03 PM
155	The closeness.	6/25/2014 8:00 PM
156	Can't think of any	6/25/2014 7:59 PM
157	Katy Days	6/25/2014 7:58 PM
158	The members of the community that work to make the city strong.	6/25/2014 7:53 PM
159	Kids sports	6/25/2014 7:53 PM
160	Everyone knows everyone Good infrastructure	6/25/2014 7:51 PM
161	The hospital	6/25/2014 7:49 PM
162	N/A	6/25/2014 7:36 PM
163	Good people. Lots of community involvement.	6/25/2014 7:25 PM
164	Small community, everyone knows everyone.	6/25/2014 7:03 PM
165	Are there any?	6/25/2014 7:01 PM
166	None	6/25/2014 6:54 PM
167	Its a good place to live if your rich or a criminal!	6/25/2014 6:52 PM
168	Everyone knows your name	6/25/2014 6:51 PM
169	good place to raise kids	6/25/2014 6:48 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

170	Strong recreation program and activities for kids, great children's museum, opportunity for higher education with LCC	6/25/2014 6:40 PM
171	Good family community.	6/25/2014 6:38 PM
172	Good, nice folks	6/25/2014 6:37 PM
173	Lets get real people this town is a cyst pool, of drugs and crime and the victims don't want to help solve the problem. it is a consent fight to get anything done.	6/25/2014 6:36 PM
174	Katy Days, Music in the park	6/25/2014 6:34 PM
175	Good schools, awesome churches.	6/25/2014 6:31 PM
176	Community events	6/25/2014 6:24 PM
177	Small town	6/25/2014 6:24 PM
178	Nice park	6/25/2014 6:21 PM
179	good place to live ,close to larger cities	6/25/2014 6:21 PM
180	Friendly, good schools, clean central business district	6/25/2014 6:20 PM
181	The beauty of the community lots of plants trees flower's.	6/25/2014 6:17 PM
182	Small town atmosphere; school system	6/25/2014 6:12 PM
183	Size, people, farmer's market, senior center, library, some public access, size of hospital, PSHTC, KU, KSU, LCC college work partnerships, some public transportation, Timber creek, Heirloom Antiques	6/25/2014 6:08 PM
184	There is a beautiful downtown entry arch. Period	6/25/2014 6:01 PM
185	None left really	6/25/2014 5:59 PM
186	Nice downtown	6/25/2014 5:56 PM
187	Rec Center Katy Days	6/25/2014 5:50 PM
188	the people, churches, neighbors	6/25/2014 5:46 PM
189	none	6/25/2014 5:45 PM
190	None	6/25/2014 5:44 PM
191	?	6/25/2014 5:40 PM
192	Not much. Everything is politics here. If you in your in and get help if not your on your own	6/25/2014 5:35 PM
193	Can't think of any	6/25/2014 5:35 PM
194	Strong family roots, generally helpful neighbors, good programs for kid and usually scholarship availability	6/25/2014 5:33 PM
195	good people who want to move forward. Library, schools, Police department, Senior Center and activities, LCC	6/25/2014 5:29 PM
196	Friendly community, some new blood in office.	6/25/2014 5:28 PM
197	None currently	6/25/2014 5:28 PM
198	Community spirit, abundant natural resources for hunting and fishing.	6/25/2014 5:26 PM
199	Small-town charm and hospitality	6/25/2014 5:25 PM
200	Many residents who step up to help when and where needed.	6/25/2014 5:25 PM
201	Family Oriented Community Activities	6/25/2014 5:20 PM
202	Many good families: many churches: great medical center with caring nurses & physicians: Labette College has good solid programs and instructors: City supports many cultural and sports programs + we have two good golf courses: Many and solid banks that always support the businesses & families. The industries we have are steady, good to their employees and successful.	6/25/2014 5:18 PM
203	City Employees are committed to serving this community. Strong business owners who lead from their sphere of influence and expertise.	6/25/2014 5:17 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

204	People are pretty tight nit	6/25/2014 5:17 PM
205	Schools are very informative. Let parents know if any concerns about their children. If a family is in need of help schools and staff do what they can to help.	6/25/2014 5:16 PM
206	Trees, park, starting to get a bigger variety of activities for children	6/25/2014 5:12 PM
207	Strong public schools; clean; strong rec center; good doctors; LCC; many volunteers and generous donors; Senior center; PSTHTC; music venues & cultural events (Katy Days, PACA, Blues, Balloons & Barbeques, summer concert series); flower gardens around Parsons are attractive & give good 1st impression of our town; Hwy 400	6/25/2014 5:11 PM
208	Small town charm, local businesses, strong community support	6/25/2014 5:10 PM
209	Ammunition plant	6/25/2014 5:09 PM
210	Parks, schools, medical facilities and doctors, churches	6/25/2014 5:06 PM
211	a community comprised of people who gathered together and rose from the ashes (our 2000 tomado)	6/25/2014 5:03 PM
212	Parsons recreation is awesome!	6/25/2014 4:57 PM
213	The ability of the citizens to survive the poor judgement of their local elected officials	6/25/2014 4:49 PM
214	Some pretty good volunteers. Its to bad it usually the same people.	6/25/2014 4:49 PM
215	small town	6/25/2014 4:47 PM
216	We come together once a year for Katy Days.	6/25/2014 4:43 PM
217	location, size	6/25/2014 4:37 PM
218	The people that actually contribute to society. Those who work for a living and pay taxes.	6/25/2014 4:35 PM
219	the only strength in this community is that everybody knows everybody's business and knows what everybody is doing there's not many opportunities in this town	6/25/2014 4:35 PM
220	Can come together as a community if needed	6/25/2014 4:29 PM
221	Parks Walking Trails Katy Days Churches Farm Heritage Days Dog Days Generally Friendly People	6/25/2014 4:27 PM
222	Not lived here long enough to know	6/25/2014 4:24 PM
223	We are a strong community and we look out for each other.	6/25/2014 4:21 PM
224	Activities yearly	6/25/2014 4:21 PM
225	good community support from local businesses	6/25/2014 4:19 PM
226	Family support. Long term residents	6/25/2014 4:18 PM
227	The school system	6/25/2014 4:18 PM
228	Everyone knows everyone	6/25/2014 4:13 PM
229	Parks, high school, people	6/25/2014 4:11 PM
230	2. A good employment base for the majority of our people who are wanting to work, excellent educational systems and outstanding health care providers / facilities.	6/25/2014 4:08 PM
231	Hometown pride	6/25/2014 4:07 PM
232	Desire for growth	6/25/2014 4:06 PM
233	Nice parks. Several good places to eat.	6/25/2014 4:05 PM
234	Police have good response time when necessary	6/25/2014 4:04 PM
235	Small community, strong work ethic, good people, good schools, strong company base	6/25/2014 4:02 PM
236	NONE	6/25/2014 4:01 PM
237	Where my job is located.	6/25/2014 3:58 PM
238	Stregnth? Really? I can't believe this is even a question.....	6/25/2014 3:55 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

239	Downtown	6/25/2014 3:51 PM
240	Good people	6/25/2014 3:51 PM
241	The college, down town, and forest park	6/25/2014 3:49 PM
242	Small town,feel comfortable & mostly feel safe with my kids walking around parsons.	6/25/2014 3:46 PM
243	Friendly people	6/25/2014 3:46 PM
244	I think the community has really improved over the past few years. There are more activities to be involved in for residents of all ages.	6/25/2014 3:44 PM
245	Some very good Industries.	6/25/2014 3:38 PM
246	Pride in their Katy Railroad heritage. Nice downtown area. Strong school ties - USD 503 & LCC.	6/25/2014 3:37 PM
247	many opportunities to attend concerts, events, etc.	6/25/2014 3:36 PM
248	Good core group of people that dedicate a lot of personal time and effort to keep Parsons moving in a positive direction. High school and their activities. The robotics program SHOULD be a shinning star that could potentially draw technical businesses to Parsons, but they do not seem to get much school or public support.	6/25/2014 3:35 PM
249	None	6/25/2014 3:34 PM
250	diverse: population, employment opportunities ,recreational activities, educational opportunities, and PK provides an opportunity for an individual to make a difference quickly if they want to. You don't have to be a "BIG FISH" to matter in this pond.	6/25/2014 3:31 PM
251	I cant think of one.	6/25/2014 3:31 PM
252	People	6/25/2014 3:30 PM
253	Good people willing to help their neighbors. Good place to raise a family. We've got a little of everything people need as far as restaurants, shops and professional services. Orthopedic surgeons, 3 North and CORE are outstanding.	6/25/2014 3:28 PM
254	residents community involvement	6/25/2014 3:26 PM
255	LOCATION ON 400. MFG W/STEADY GROWTH. GREAT PLAIN IND PARK	6/25/2014 3:12 PM
256	employment	6/25/2014 3:07 PM
257	handful of good volunteers, churches, good festival each year,	6/25/2014 3:01 PM
258	coming together in a crisis	6/25/2014 3:00 PM
259	jobs (but need more) downtown	6/25/2014 2:57 PM
260	Labette College, PSH&TC, churches and various programs offered through Rec Center & the Thursday evening meal offered each week.	6/25/2014 11:26 AM
261	Location; water supply; manufacturing	6/25/2014 10:24 AM
262	The people. Our Orthopedic Doctors and the excellent care they provide, along with the Core Center.	6/24/2014 9:56 PM
263	caring people decent industrial base great industrial future (Great Plains Ind.Park)	6/24/2014 5:15 PM
264	College, Main Street Renovation, schools, walmart	6/24/2014 3:13 PM
265	I feel that for the most part the people that are interested in Parsons are a big asset	6/24/2014 2:06 PM
266	THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROVIDES A GOOD EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION. THE PEOPLE ARE FANTASTIC.	6/23/2014 8:15 PM
267	Good people.	6/22/2014 10:06 PM
268	Good people. Good education.	6/22/2014 6:49 PM
269	none that i see	6/22/2014 3:57 PM
270	Well taken care of downtown area. Good library and musical concerts. Great schools.	6/22/2014 8:18 AM
271	Caring people	6/22/2014 7:37 AM

What do you think about Parsons?

272	Knowing everyone. Small town atmosphere.	6/22/2014 7:24 AM
273	Familiarity	6/22/2014 1:11 AM
274	Not too far from big cities or airports. Small town but not too small	6/22/2014 12:41 AM
275	People	6/21/2014 11:51 PM
276	Good public schools with some excellent teachers and staff.	6/21/2014 11:14 PM
277	Very little	6/21/2014 11:04 PM
278	Nothing good	6/21/2014 10:37 PM
279	Small community, everyone like family	6/21/2014 10:15 PM
280	1) The longevity of some of the involved families. 2) Lots of churches. 3) Organized groups that promote and help public education. 4) The historic buildings. 5) Forest Park (and other parks) 6) Promotion of music for public enjoyment and schools 7) Beautiful trees 8) Creative Minds museum 8) Parsons Historical Museum 9) Arboretum 10) Katy Days 12) Beautiful flower beds 11) caring people who make all the aforementioned strengths a reality	6/21/2014 9:59 PM
281	If something bad happens in our community, we band together.	6/21/2014 6:48 PM
282	Tradition, cleanliness, LCC, history and many interested in it The park, pool	6/21/2014 1:03 PM
283	Downtown, parks	6/21/2014 12:28 PM
284	Community involvement and medical care	6/21/2014 9:57 AM
285	Pull together in hard times	6/21/2014 8:57 AM
286	Both LCC and USD 503 should be considered shining beacons. They are excellent small educational institutions and should be touted as such.	6/21/2014 8:15 AM
287	the college is an asset	6/21/2014 1:00 AM
288	Youth activities and the college allied health programs	6/20/2014 11:17 PM
289	Resilience, longevity and a good hospital.	6/20/2014 10:18 PM
290	the elders of the community do care and are willing to help save the town but the city chooses not to listen.	6/20/2014 6:45 PM
291	Parks and outdoor recreation. Music in the Park series. Katy Days. Concerts at Municipal building.	6/20/2014 6:37 PM
292	Good schools	6/20/2014 6:06 PM
293	Great churches and recreational opportunities	6/20/2014 5:36 PM
294	The potential for growth. The potential to bring in industry and provide jobs.	6/20/2014 5:32 PM
295	Churches	6/20/2014 5:16 PM
296	Nice park system	6/20/2014 4:44 PM
297	That there are really good people who are willing to volunteer to help with activities (such as coach/umpire baseball and other sports)	6/20/2014 3:59 PM
298	Providing town activities	6/20/2014 3:37 PM
299	Strong Downtown that has beautiful buildings. Very diversified manufacturing business culture. Hospital is first rate. Labette Community College offers wide range of degrees. Strong in medical	6/20/2014 3:26 PM
300	Good people. Lots of Manufacturing companies and job opportunities for a city this size. No gang violence. Good hospital and schools.	6/20/2014 3:03 PM
301	A lot of good people.	6/20/2014 2:26 PM
302	People are willing to help others out in times of need.	6/20/2014 2:16 PM
303	Diversity is a strength of the community.	6/20/2014 1:39 PM
304	Some good food choices, more than one grocery store, lots of community involvement, good sized Chamber of Commerce, very active	6/20/2014 1:33 PM
305	Industry	6/20/2014 1:20 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

306	Good park, nice downtown, good restaurants, friendly people	6/20/2014 12:43 PM
307	Parsons has a lot of friendly people. The parks are nice as well as the walking trail.	6/20/2014 12:03 PM
308	Great place to raise a family. Good schools with opportunities for young people to be prepared for further education and occupational prospects. I believe the people in our community are generous.	6/20/2014 11:45 AM
309	Bringing back community pride for USD 503, typically pretty clean around business areas, great schools.	6/20/2014 11:29 AM
310	Active clubs, good schools, churches.	6/20/2014 11:25 AM
311	There are a lot of resources in this area in terms of low income assistance and developmental disabilities	6/20/2014 11:13 AM
312	good area hospital and good recreational facilities, strong Community College	6/20/2014 10:04 AM
313	Diverse companies	6/20/2014 9:24 AM
314	Can't think of a one.	6/20/2014 8:38 AM
315	Small	6/20/2014 8:37 AM
316	Willingness of many people to help others. A neat looking downtown (when clean). Small town opportunities.	6/20/2014 8:36 AM
317	Good people	6/20/2014 8:01 AM
318	The small number of residents that do so much for the town like Pete Hughes	6/20/2014 7:39 AM
319	Resiliency, teamwork, unselfishness, history	6/20/2014 7:07 AM
320	Love Katy Days	6/20/2014 6:46 AM
321	Healthcare	6/20/2014 6:45 AM
322	Schools Parks Community events (Katy days, balloons bands and bbq, ect.)	6/20/2014 6:42 AM
323	None	6/20/2014 5:40 AM
324	Friendly people	6/20/2014 5:07 AM
325	The park and the concert programs through the summer.	6/20/2014 4:51 AM
326	Most of the people are great but mostly the older individuals. Other than that, nothing.	6/20/2014 3:57 AM
327	Friendly people	6/20/2014 12:51 AM
328	sweet people who help out one another the 'trading post' the Wellness Center people obey the speed limits	6/19/2014 11:24 PM
329	Caring community Volunteers Great potential for growth Strong city staff	6/19/2014 10:42 PM
330	Generous people	6/19/2014 10:05 PM
331	Schools and city employees. Management is still trial and lots of costly errors.	6/19/2014 9:53 PM
332	Haven't seen any in three years	6/19/2014 9:45 PM
333	schools, churches, jr college	6/19/2014 9:43 PM
334	The variety of things to do for our youth. Low cost of living.	6/19/2014 9:35 PM
335	looks pretty good	6/19/2014 9:31 PM
336	None	6/19/2014 9:23 PM
337	Nice downtown area. Blues festival, Katy days	6/19/2014 9:18 PM
338	Everyone likes a good reason to gather together	6/19/2014 9:11 PM
339	People	6/19/2014 8:59 PM
340	It is very clean and attractive	6/19/2014 8:59 PM
341	Small town pride	6/19/2014 8:58 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

342	None	6/19/2014 8:57 PM
343	the people	6/19/2014 8:47 PM
344	Katy days	6/19/2014 8:41 PM
345	k	6/19/2014 8:38 PM
346	A lot of pride for it's white, catholic, and rich men. A strong tax system. Discourages filthy laborers by providing an astounding lack of business.	6/19/2014 8:28 PM
347	Main areas of town are well kept, sense of community, and many things to get involved in.	6/19/2014 8:24 PM
348	Purple helping people	6/19/2014 8:22 PM
349	Theatre, Labette Community College, a downtown that has improved since the tomado. Small town. Excellent trash service however I am sure we should be recycling more.	6/19/2014 8:19 PM
350	Very giving to charities, good public school system, LCC.	6/19/2014 8:18 PM
351	Good Schools	6/19/2014 8:17 PM
352	people	6/19/2014 8:14 PM
353	Parks and Recreation activities.	6/19/2014 8:13 PM
354	The people	6/19/2014 8:06 PM
355	Old buildings and homes	6/19/2014 7:57 PM
356	Downtown area is neat and clean with cool light fixtures. Municipal Auditorium is well maintained. Beautiful Middle School building.	6/19/2014 7:51 PM
357	LCC	6/19/2014 7:38 PM
358	Support of people in crisis.	6/19/2014 7:34 PM
359	several very good restaurants that have been able to stay in business	6/19/2014 7:34 PM
360	Has some good people	6/19/2014 7:20 PM
361	Schools, children's museum, senior citizens activities at the center	6/19/2014 7:13 PM
362	The people.	6/19/2014 7:12 PM
363	Schools	6/19/2014 7:03 PM
364	Dedicated City workers	6/19/2014 7:01 PM
365	Churches, integrity.	6/19/2014 7:00 PM
366	Cheap housing	6/19/2014 6:54 PM
367	Good junior college and Katy days.	6/19/2014 6:53 PM
368	Easy to get around-	6/19/2014 6:52 PM
369	None	6/19/2014 6:52 PM
370	Some great volunteers. Labette Health. LCC. Care for the elderly population. State hospital.	6/19/2014 6:47 PM
371	Ernestoes	6/19/2014 6:43 PM
372	Quiet neighborhoods, very little traffic, less crime,	6/19/2014 6:37 PM
373	The people who work hard to provide oportunites for community events, children's activities, etc.	6/19/2014 6:37 PM
374	None	6/19/2014 6:34 PM
375	Labette Community College	6/19/2014 6:33 PM
376	There is not a lot.	6/19/2014 6:31 PM
377	Growth potential	6/19/2014 6:28 PM
378	Size, plenty of shopping spots, and hotels and tons of gas stations	6/19/2014 6:28 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

379	A number of people really care about the community and put forth effort to make it a great community.	6/19/2014 6:28 PM
380	The way everyone will come together. It doesn't matter if it's a crisis for the whole town or just an individual. The problem gets taken care of.	6/19/2014 6:26 PM
381	Can't think if any..	6/19/2014 6:25 PM
382	Schools	6/19/2014 6:24 PM
383	I can't name one	6/19/2014 6:14 PM
384	Small town feel	6/19/2014 6:12 PM
385	There are few in under 40 crowd that are really trying to build community spirit & revitalize. More people need to join this movement.	6/19/2014 6:09 PM
386	I believe we are gaining in school pride, which is beneficial to uniting the town.	6/19/2014 6:05 PM
387	nice downtown area nice recreational park	6/19/2014 6:00 PM
388	The churches	6/19/2014 5:54 PM
389	There are a fair number of people that try to make things better.	6/19/2014 5:51 PM
390	Nothing	6/19/2014 5:50 PM
391	Great entertainment on Thursday nights. People usually willing to help others.	6/19/2014 5:46 PM
392	Downtown area is clean. A friendly community. A strong community. When tragedies strike the community (as a whole) steps in to help out.	6/19/2014 5:39 PM
393	Not sure. I guess they are working on the roads.	6/19/2014 5:37 PM
394	Community participation in city events. Labette community college	6/19/2014 5:33 PM
395	Some citizens care enough to beautify town by the pretty plantings around town.	6/19/2014 5:31 PM
396	good library, a couple of good commissioners, school system	6/19/2014 5:28 PM
397	Police fire and medical are very active in the community	6/19/2014 5:28 PM
398	Five minutes from most services.	6/19/2014 5:26 PM
399	Not sure if there are any strengths.	6/19/2014 5:23 PM
400	Great location	6/19/2014 5:22 PM
401	Several longtime stores that have managed to stay alive. Good school and a community that supports the school. Good hospital and doctors.	6/19/2014 5:15 PM
402	The strengths probably lie with the older people who lived and thrived when you actually could. Many are very generous with their time and money to make this town as nice as they can. Have a nice theater and working on skating rink.	6/19/2014 5:14 PM
403	Everything is in walking distance	6/19/2014 5:07 PM
404	Friendly, LCC, Ernesto's ;)	6/19/2014 5:06 PM
405	Close knit community	6/19/2014 5:05 PM
406	for the most part it is a small quiet community	6/19/2014 5:02 PM
407	food pantry	6/19/2014 5:00 PM
408	It is a caring community	6/19/2014 4:59 PM
409	We are unique. The local businesses that thrive here are unique. The vocations that thrive here are unique. The history is unique. In many ways, our community has done an excellent job at embracing diversity.	6/19/2014 4:58 PM
410	Generosity, can do attitude, willing to help out others in need. Many events and things to do for individuals.	6/19/2014 4:56 PM
411	The people.	6/19/2014 4:55 PM
412	Community spirit.	6/19/2014 4:54 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

413	Friendly, good doctors.	6/19/2014 4:51 PM
414	Parks, USD503, Main Street, LCC, good hard workers.	6/19/2014 4:50 PM
415	Beautiful Parks	6/19/2014 4:50 PM
416	Good schools	6/19/2014 4:50 PM
417	Community comes together as a whole	6/19/2014 4:49 PM
418	We have a good recreation programs, College, Police force, One of the best Hardwares stores around,	6/19/2014 4:48 PM
419	Some good teachers	6/19/2014 4:47 PM
420	location	6/19/2014 4:41 PM
421	They care for each other in crisis times	6/19/2014 4:39 PM
422	The amazing ability for the citizens to put up with the constant headache of our ever rising water bill	6/19/2014 4:36 PM
423	Hospital, Main Street, some very nice people, local companies, PRC, community college, industrial park could be great	6/19/2014 4:35 PM
424	When someone is in need everyone comes together for them, everything is within driving 5-10 minutes, good schools, nice parks, great eye doctors and dentists, nice hospital, express care	6/19/2014 4:32 PM
425	People are friendly	6/19/2014 4:32 PM
426	We have a great public school system that gives its students a great education, considering the current financial restrictions placed upon it by our state government.	6/19/2014 4:31 PM
427	It's superficial, but this community is beautiful. Tree-lined streets, and it's history.	6/19/2014 4:28 PM
428	in tough times we all do seem to pull together	6/19/2014 4:28 PM
429	Some really good businesses that try to help make community better but are possibly limited.	6/19/2014 4:28 PM
430	It has room to grow.	6/19/2014 4:26 PM
431	the comers where the flowers are	6/19/2014 4:25 PM
432	The schools are the best strength. The people of Parsons are wonderful.	6/19/2014 4:18 PM
433	The historic houses. The ability to go to the grocery store. The amount of parking. A sense of community. The small town life.	6/19/2014 4:16 PM
434	The parks	6/19/2014 4:11 PM
435	None	6/19/2014 4:08 PM
436	Nothing	6/19/2014 4:07 PM
437	The people.	6/19/2014 4:05 PM
438	Friendly folks, quiet, historic	6/19/2014 4:04 PM
439	Great schools and good place to raise a family	6/19/2014 4:04 PM
440	Forrest Park, new downtown, good people.	6/19/2014 4:03 PM
441	Very nice downtown area. Friendly people. Small town atmosphere.	6/19/2014 4:00 PM
442	Small. Good church community.	6/19/2014 4:00 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

Q3 What are some weaknesses of this community?

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#	Responses	Date
1	Youth involvement and preteen activities	6/30/2014 10:23 PM
2	Our school system needs some major work. Students needs more opportunities to develop. They also need more exposure to opportunities to jobs and career options that are in their backyard of Parsons, KS.	6/30/2014 10:14 PM
3	High taxes horrible streets not enough city workers	6/30/2014 9:14 PM
4	The kids park tables need to be washed	6/30/2014 6:55 PM
5	Late mid century urban renewal, like many places, left ugly gaps in the city centre. There is a lack of variety of economic possibilities which will keep younger people from staying or moving to parsons.	6/30/2014 4:59 PM
6	City officials not letting exciting new ideas in. Government allowing DHS KVC do what they please and not held accountable for horrible long term effects of their judgment that is held higher then a court	6/30/2014 4:17 PM
7	Business opportunity	6/30/2014 4:06 PM
8	Crime and drugs are to high. The city also does not seem to want to recruit new businesses that could support services, supplies, or support to existing industries such as sheet metal suppliers, distributors that could utilize rail and highways into town, or that support industries in the surrounding communities. The city seems close minded about what to recruit for Parsons jobs.	6/30/2014 3:55 PM
9	Our city government, school system, inadequate lodging for renters, run down houses, lack of choice in restaurants, no doms for college students	6/30/2014 3:40 PM
10	Labette Health has some issues that bother me. I am ashamed the way some of the neighborhoods look. Many, many of the rental houses are run down.	6/30/2014 3:38 PM
11	I think a lot of the businesses and resturants close too early. I wish we could do more around the holidays, especially Christmas, to get everyone together and in the spirit. I like the parade but would like to see a Santa's work shop or a drive through light display. I would also LOVE to see the Arts and Crafts Fair return. That is one of the best childhood memories I have.	6/30/2014 3:35 PM
12	Businesses or entertainment	6/30/2014 3:22 PM
13	Not very many options for shopping or entertainment. Lack of city commissioners representing the people.	6/30/2014 3:11 PM
14	Nasty people , gangs	6/30/2014 2:36 PM
15	A lot of people drink and drive and get into wrecks and die. Almost all the teenagers or young adults party and do a lot of drugs.	6/30/2014 2:23 PM
16	HORRIBLE UPKEEP AND APPEARANCE OF MANY SMALL OLDER HOUSES. LACK OF JOB MARKET TO KEEP OUR BRIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE HERE.	6/30/2014 2:02 PM
17	Lack of restaurants	6/30/2014 2:00 PM
18	Fluoride in the water, roads/streets, derelict houses, variety in food places, wasted opportunity, bad education	6/30/2014 1:57 PM
19	Not enough for children	6/30/2014 1:57 PM
20	Priorities and law enforcement.	6/30/2014 1:40 PM
21	city commission	6/30/2014 1:37 PM
22	Shitty court system, the police officers are assholes, and meth heads roam the streets with the cops doing nothing about it. NO JOBS, at least none that pay decent.	6/30/2014 1:33 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

23	Lack of jobs. Good pay. Future	6/30/2014 12:38 PM
24	The lack of respect of so many. For others and themselves Trashy homes and yards.	6/30/2014 12:34 PM
25	Housing, needed badly for economic growth	6/30/2014 12:34 PM
26	Housing cost is high for the area, very little shopping availability, less activities available close to Parsons. Lots of boarded up homes or unmaintained homes in the town	6/30/2014 11:40 AM
27	City council that doesn't try to recruit new restaurants and businesses	6/30/2014 11:33 AM
28	Too many run down properties, high taxes which may be why so many homeowners are letting their properties deteriorate as well as discouraging economic development prospects, weak on retail shopping and limited grocery shopping	6/30/2014 11:20 AM
29	Not diverse enough. Very small	6/30/2014 11:15 AM
30	Lack of things for kids or families with kids, old houses that need torn down, declining population.	6/30/2014 11:05 AM
31	Things for kids to do	6/30/2014 10:52 AM
32	Medical service is Parsons is poor. Labette County Medical Center fails to maintain long term contracts with physicians. Too many doctors leave the community due to the Hospital. Lack of activities for children. Too many people with drug problems. Too many sex offenders located in the community. Too many vacant houses and empty overgrown lots. Too much drug activity. High use of Methamphetamine.	6/30/2014 10:47 AM
33	Small, not enough opportunity	6/30/2014 10:45 AM
34	There's nothing to really do. I mean, there are events every now and then, but on any given night or weekend, there's nothing really fun to go do. I mean, we can only go to the arcade so many times before it gets boring.	6/30/2014 10:44 AM
35	Lack of things for kids, old homes that look horrible and need torn down.	6/30/2014 10:40 AM
36	failing infrastructure.	6/30/2014 10:38 AM
37	NO JOB OPPURTUNITIES. NO JOBS THAT PAY WELL. TAXES AND UTILITIES ARE HIGH COMPARED TO OTHER COMMUNITIES	6/30/2014 10:38 AM
38	Customer service in the downtown businesses. Would be nice for them to act happy when a customer comes in!	6/30/2014 10:36 AM
39	Lack of industry and pride.	6/30/2014 10:36 AM
40	Everything as this is a dying community, only good for the stop and grab and gas for people getting from one place to another.	6/30/2014 10:32 AM
41	Advertising low income housing in Parsons in other cities. They take what they want. For example a bridge that was on my families land.	6/30/2014 10:24 AM
42	Side roads/15 of main all the way to 15 of southern Roads going to walmart	6/30/2014 10:00 AM
43	Terrible bathrooms at the football stadium and Babe Ruth fields.	6/30/2014 9:34 AM
44	Very poor city leadership.	6/30/2014 8:36 AM
45	Too many druggies	6/29/2014 10:23 PM
46	Weak accountability to those who are in psuedo power, those who are enriching themselves on the backs of evryone else. Weak, weak weak law enforcement, they are scared to confront the problems.	6/29/2014 9:20 PM
47	Funds distributed to things that aren't necessary	6/29/2014 6:46 PM
48	Jobs, we need more then minimum wage.	6/29/2014 5:03 PM
49	Incompetence in city management	6/29/2014 4:32 PM
50	People not helping each other likke they used to. The job market and taxes.	6/29/2014 4:29 PM
51	Everything	6/29/2014 3:49 PM
52	Evrything	6/29/2014 2:35 PM
53	Shopping, high prices on everything. We save our lists and shop in Joplin or on the Internet.	6/29/2014 2:32 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

54	Not enough stuff for teens and children to do.	6/29/2014 2:17 PM
55	To high of percentage of low income housing, drugs, dirty neighborhoods.	6/29/2014 2:13 PM
56	Idk. There's alot of theft and drug use in this town. But isn't that everywhere?	6/29/2014 2:10 PM
57	tooooo high taxes, not enough affordable living for middle class incomes.(to many low income housing projects) no where to eat, gas prices are to high, to many high income people have to much influence.streets are crappy,	6/29/2014 1:41 PM
58	Lack of restaurants, becoming very dangerous.	6/29/2014 1:37 PM
59	Streets, druggies, people living off our tax dollars (not just here, of course), run down houses, having to pay more on taxes so the city of parsons can install ridiculous things like a walking trail and new signs everywhere.	6/29/2014 12:55 PM
60	They aren't open minded about new businesses than will benefit the younger generation.	6/29/2014 12:44 PM
61	Not much shopping, low paying jobs, too many drugs, welfare too high, run down homes and unkept lawns.	6/29/2014 12:28 PM
62	To many to name	6/29/2014 12:16 PM
63	Housing Streets	6/29/2014 12:06 PM
64	Water bill is outrageous with all the fees especially with the quality of water. City employees are rude and could do more when it comes to tree limbs and such. Not enough shopping (variety) food places, need a nice restaurant like serves Italian and steak. All the houses that need torn down, the houses that people let go to pot. Why can a city employee have a house that is a dump with trees and grass grown all around it and nothing gets done. But, a disabled woman has a few weeds by gas meter and gets a nasty letter from the city?	6/29/2014 12:05 PM
65	Police force is very corrupt. They profile, stereotype people, beat people, misuse their power. No jobs, seems that city government turns away good companies, housing,	6/29/2014 11:55 AM
66	Lack of progressive thinking of our leadership. To much of the good ole boys club. Certain well off people getting breaks or being taken care of by the city officials. Poor workforce due to drugs and lack of willingness to work hard.	6/29/2014 11:48 AM
67	No where to shop! No good paying jobs.	6/29/2014 11:38 AM
68	High taxes which keep people at a poor level	6/29/2014 11:36 AM
69	Police, gossip, no jobs	6/29/2014 11:31 AM
70	WELFARE! We all get robbed, because there are not enough tax payers, and the welfare population is extremely high per capita. "Most" of local government. Our old judge who needs to retire and get his old sleepy butt out of the courtrooms because he acts like he has Alzheimer's and doesn't remember what's already been said in a case before today and sleeps half the time in front of everyone!!!! (just like the other old judge who retired before him) Pathetic and shameful! And our county attorney is not much better. Roads are kept horribly. Methamphetamine -period! Job opportunities. Things for kids to do. Recreation Center should be run by the city. Burlington, Kansas does this (or at least they used to) and it was free to the public.	6/29/2014 11:20 AM
71	Worn streets by WalMart, lack of restaurants	6/28/2014 9:29 PM
72	All else limited in job opportunities Little growth. No basic social lifestyle.	6/28/2014 9:17 PM
73	Lack of jobs; lack of training for available jobs	6/28/2014 8:57 PM
74	Read first comment.	6/28/2014 2:57 PM
75	Nothing for kids.	6/28/2014 2:36 PM
76	retail stores--weneed to go out of town for many things. now people are so used to going out of town they don't think of looking here first.	6/28/2014 1:13 PM
77	Allowing drug dealers to continue, putting everyone on community service and probation instead of truly paying for the wrong they have committed, too few manufacturing plants	6/28/2014 9:49 AM
78	Lack of community involvement by the vast majority. There are a very few citizens that are willing to involve themselves in creating opportunities for fun and enrichment within the community. The few that do year after year grow weary and quit after time. I am soon to be one of them. Our Police dept. is about two sandwiches shy of a picnic.	6/27/2014 11:42 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

79	Wal-Mart being the main big box store here. Not enough people to do volunteer work or get involved in the community. Too many undereducated, overweight, smoking people and not enough outreach to help them. Not enough progressive-thinking people to propel this community into the future.	6/27/2014 10:31 PM
80	too high of city tax	6/27/2014 9:41 PM
81	poor pay, poor housing options. lack of good jobs	6/27/2014 8:40 PM
82	Little variety in restaurants	6/27/2014 7:55 PM
83	EMS response times and police staffing	6/27/2014 5:47 PM
84	Poor, dilapidated homes, crime, lack of restaurants and businesses	6/27/2014 4:55 PM
85	Lack of chain restaurant such as Wendy's, Applebee's, Golden Corral. Additional retail clothing would be helpful	6/27/2014 1:09 PM
86	Communication.	6/27/2014 12:47 PM
87	not enough clothing stores, no good place to eat a steak	6/27/2014 11:54 AM
88	Resistance to change, needed services moved away from downtown where citizens could walk to them from high-rise living and mid-point of town. Medical office buildings all moved away from downtown so not easy to get to. Transportation service is VERY limited and restrictive where walking is readily available.	6/27/2014 10:57 AM
89	Lack of activities for teens; higher taxes	6/27/2014 10:52 AM
90	restaurants, "entertainment" (especially for kids)	6/27/2014 9:43 AM
91	We have little eating place and old eating places boring at that. We need more businesses for job advancement, better exercise facilities.	6/27/2014 9:31 AM
92	If your on welfare. Move to Parsons.	6/27/2014 9:04 AM
93	Pride, housing, & volunteerism	6/27/2014 4:41 AM
94	Racism	6/27/2014 12:25 AM
95	Lack of good paying jobs, goods jobs would bring more to the city. LCC taxes. They need to concentrate more on education than sports.	6/26/2014 11:06 PM
96	No support systems	6/26/2014 10:42 PM
97	More employment opportunities are needed. Increase community involvement. Work on a positive community attitude!	6/26/2014 10:10 PM
98	Not recognizing the assets of some community members, resulting in their leaving.	6/26/2014 8:22 PM
99	Lack of jobs that pay above minimum wages with benefits; Racial Prejudice; poor housing/too high rent for quality of home/apt.	6/26/2014 8:00 PM
100	The library	6/26/2014 7:33 PM
101	High taxes not well spent. Poor condition of streets.	6/26/2014 5:54 PM
102	Run down neighborhoods. Decreased job opportunities. Poor condition of some streets	6/26/2014 5:13 PM
103	Some of the ideas of our leaders are dated. We need young fresh leaders with visions that will lead our community into the future.	6/26/2014 5:00 PM
104	Racism and low ACT average of high school students.	6/26/2014 3:56 PM
105	too much drugs, not enough cracking down on the criminal, too many repeat offenders, police dont seem to want to be bothered with actually helping people	6/26/2014 3:39 PM
106	Medium price range housing is needed	6/26/2014 3:39 PM
107	poverty, run down, unmaintained homes	6/26/2014 2:55 PM
108	High taxes, drug use, lack of community pride, seems like we have a lot of people in this town that do not want to work.	6/26/2014 2:45 PM
109	poor government, high taxes, no opportunity	6/26/2014 2:38 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

110	Poor city management, few GOOD restaurants, lack of industry, high property taxes, abundance of run down eyesore properties,	6/26/2014 2:28 PM
111	Finding ways to fund improvements to the city, such as the rainwater drainage and sewer issues. The city has dug a large hole in letting these issues get worse and worse. It does sting to find added "fees" on the city's water bill to help fund the improvements and read how much it will cost because of the dilapidated state.	6/26/2014 1:54 PM
112	Lack of middle management type of jobs Lack of jobs leading to people taking poorer care of their property	6/26/2014 1:47 PM
113	parts of residential areas are rundown	6/26/2014 1:07 PM
114	The biggest weakness we have is the City Commission. I know in years past people have not always agreed with the commissioners. I have lived in this town for over 30 years and this is by far THE WORSE commission we have ever had. Actually, there are only two commissioners that make it bad. These two only want to take care of themselves or their friends. They do not think about the community at all. It is time for new commissioners.	6/26/2014 12:48 PM
115	High taxes, infrastructure in need of repair, some of the workforce is not dedicated to being present. Attendance issues. Not highly educated workforce. Lack of expansion in housing market for mid to upper income recruits to the area.	6/26/2014 12:30 PM
116	school system police department high taxes	6/26/2014 11:49 AM
117	broke down roads- cant see the painted lines pot holes, so on	6/26/2014 11:34 AM
118	Poor streets. Lack of affordable decent housing. No jobs for the average young person. To survive, the best of our young people have to leave the area. Lack of available training for the available jobs in any tech field. Minimal entertainment facilities for children.	6/26/2014 11:07 AM
119	negative attitudes, housing, distance from major airport, highways	6/26/2014 11:02 AM
120	Limited opportunity for young adults to work and live here.	6/26/2014 10:52 AM
121	High taxes and no housing for the retired, and too much low cost housing. Un-employed work force that does not want to get off government assistance	6/26/2014 10:42 AM
122	City management and city commission.	6/26/2014 10:41 AM
123	It trys to be bigger than it is. Commissioners are out of touch with the citizens.	6/26/2014 10:35 AM
124	small town politics	6/26/2014 10:31 AM
125	Local government is narrow minded. Water/Sanitation dept has been a fiasco. Too many egos think they know best.	6/26/2014 10:30 AM
126	Need to control and get rid of the drug, (possibly cartel) influence in our community and surrounding communities!! Parsons needs more physicians who will STAY HERE!!!	6/26/2014 10:04 AM
127	Needs more Businesses, need some chain restaurants. Homes need TLC.	6/26/2014 9:41 AM
128	District attorney's focus. She makes it hard on law enforcement who cannot speak against her. She is soft on crimes of burglary, drugs, etc. I realize this is an elected position and she is a good politician.	6/26/2014 9:13 AM
129	Run down empty houses everywhere	6/26/2014 9:02 AM
130	The crime and the drug use	6/26/2014 8:53 AM
131	Nothing to do for young adults. Have to go out of town for mens clothes shopping. No new bussiness. What happened with the Great Plains drawing in bussiness!!	6/26/2014 8:44 AM
132	Everything	6/26/2014 8:36 AM
133	There is a tremendous lack of things for children of all ages to do in this town. Buy local used to mean something and now it is a thing of the past. I think this town is outdated and unable to compete with the modern world.	6/26/2014 8:23 AM
134	not enough places to shop. Local people have to drive to other towns to get clothes, etc. Parsons walmart does not have a good variety of items to choose from. Lack of eating establishments that are not ethnic foods.	6/26/2014 8:23 AM

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135	Communication of upcoming events is poor. Street conditions are bad. Water quality is inconsistent.	6/26/2014 8:07 AM
136	need more restaurants, Kitchen pass is way too expensive, way too slow and the food is not that good. been in there several times and I have decided not to go back. CJ's is good, Shredders is good, but we really need some more eating establishments	6/26/2014 7:59 AM
137	Not enough support for new business. In some cases there is a total lack of respect for people and property.	6/26/2014 7:51 AM
138	High utility bills, and poor rental properties that are not kept up. I own my home, but know people who are currently looking for rentals to move in town. People believe that it is a conflict of interest for the city inspector to also be a landlord. He doesnt even keep his rental properties up and isnt made to, because he works for the city.	6/26/2014 7:51 AM
139	High taxes	6/26/2014 7:48 AM
140	Not accepting to change, declining businesses/restaurants if kids under grade 7 want to be involved with sports they must go through the rec center, which is extremely overpriced, also usually only have 2-3 teams. You end up play the same 2 teams each week. I'm guessing becUse it's so expensive and people who have multiple kids can't afford it. Instead if making sure they are reasonable and affordable it seems they hope kids won't sign up. Sports has always been a huge part of the community in parsons which starts with the rec center who doesn't seem to interested in making them a priority. It makes me sad for my kids, nieces and nephews.	6/26/2014 7:43 AM
141	Too many low paying jobs, people abusing the pay scale at their jobs in supervisory positions, i.e., having a job title changed to get a higher salary. Too many people on welfair who abuse their prescription drugs, claiming they have a disability. Too many old abandoned house that need demolished. No sidewalk out to Wal-Mart along the highway, making it dangerous for those who have to walk. High water bills, excess city spending money on non-essentials. No liquor sales on Sunday, sending Parsons' residents out of county to buy liquor on Sundays. Slow response time with city police when needed due to the fact that the officers can't find your address because they don't know the town very well.	6/26/2014 7:43 AM
142	Drugs, crime, appearance of the city-streets etc	6/26/2014 7:18 AM
143	Very limited major chains for shopping and dining. No entertainment. Need a water park so we don't have to go to Pittsburgh or Independence. No decent rental properties.	6/26/2014 6:30 AM
144	Not enough younger 30-40 yr old men taking the lead from our elders	6/26/2014 6:28 AM
145	Not enough jobs	6/26/2014 5:21 AM
146	Not enough ppl keeping the whole town clean	6/26/2014 3:00 AM
147	??... I never hear about any activities that are going on until the day of or after. Also keep hearing about a lot of violence and drugs happing around town. No doms for students at the college.	6/26/2014 12:55 AM
148	Not enough well paying jobs to keep people from moving away.	6/26/2014 12:12 AM
149	Not enough leisure-like activities for community members to do, not enough 24 hr food options for individuals who work night shift, not enough good quality food options, not enough good-quality housing, not enough jobs.	6/25/2014 11:33 PM
150	High tax base. High unemployment. Low paying jobs.	6/25/2014 11:00 PM
151	Residents aren't heard, the city fathers make decisions for the them. The college is geared for out of town students and do not produce graduates that remain in the community. No choice in shopping to keep our money here. And the jobs in the factory's will not give the worker the pay they need to survive in the community due to the high taxes.	6/25/2014 10:50 PM
152	Poor housing run down houses drug problems same people arrested f this	6/25/2014 10:13 PM
153	Lack of support when people are trying to improve our community. Despite the Curious Minds Discovery Zone, Parsons Movie Theatre, Bowling Alley Parsons Public Pool (seasonal), and the skating rink (which is in progress but not open to the public).. there's nothing for children ages 0-18 to do. There's not even really a clean fun bar besides Kitchen Pass to go to for adults which, is occasionally a decent time. Residents are forced to leave their community to find quality entertainment. The southwest residential side of town needs lots of abandoned homes tom down; they are an embarrassment to the community.	6/25/2014 9:53 PM

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154	just about everything after 8..sucks...so we have nothing to do but get in trouble trying to find to do..yes legal leisures close at 8pm	6/25/2014 9:45 PM
155	Nothing for our youth to do	6/25/2014 9:36 PM
156	Not enough retail shopping. Not enough nice places to eat. Fast food choices are terrible. Too much politics when it comes to improvements for the entire now..decisions should be made by the people in the town and not by a few select people or families. Who gets opportunities is STILL biased as to who your family is. This is flat out wrong!!! Including athletics in the schools. Too much crime for such a small town. Roads in the winter are not cleared at all like they used to be. There has to be something done with all the crime.	6/25/2014 9:24 PM
157	This is a meth'd out town full of scummy people. Nobody pays the price for what they do.	6/25/2014 8:53 PM
158	Hypocritical police force. The police speed down the road with no lights. And they stand around the gas stations for hours wasting taxpayer money.	6/25/2014 8:26 PM
159	City Management to Workers	6/25/2014 8:21 PM
160	Low Income is too much of a percentage of the new housing. Middle Class jobs that are more white collar. Technology etc.	6/25/2014 8:03 PM
161	No jobs.	6/25/2014 8:00 PM
162	Not diverse	6/25/2014 7:59 PM
163	Nothing to do. Limited community events. Lack of officials and city employees working together to Parsons a great city to visit.	6/25/2014 7:58 PM
164	Those who complain about the community, yet don't do anything to help.	6/25/2014 7:53 PM
165	No jobs	6/25/2014 7:53 PM
166	Few social opportunities for singles Lots of abandoned homes Too many low wage jobs Little entertainment for teens No restaurants open on Sundays Not a lot of quality rental homes	6/25/2014 7:51 PM
167	Nothing for younger kids to do that is SAFE!	6/25/2014 7:49 PM
168	Lack of activities for children Lack of attractions that will bring business to the town Lack of quality food restaurants (the only one of quality is Ernesto's)	6/25/2014 7:36 PM
169	No shopping and not enough restaurants.	6/25/2014 7:25 PM
170	Lack of activities for children, teens, and young people aged 20-35.	6/25/2014 7:03 PM
171	Having no redeemable characteristics.	6/25/2014 7:01 PM
172	No restaurants. Police are over active.	6/25/2014 6:54 PM
173	Drugs, police, government, the attitude of the entire town! 3rd highest taxed in the state of Kansas, government uses it to put their friends to work and puts it in their own pocket!	6/25/2014 6:52 PM
174	Everyone knows your name	6/25/2014 6:51 PM
175	Its messy as hell	6/25/2014 6:48 PM
176	Lack of professional jobs	6/25/2014 6:40 PM
177	Not enough things to do for kids activity wise. A lot of abandoned houses. Needs cleaned up. Violence and other crime rates are growing every day.	6/25/2014 6:38 PM
178	Economy; prop taxes are FAR too high. Police force needs work; COP not a good leader.	6/25/2014 6:37 PM
179	The low income house and the special needs community needs to leave	6/25/2014 6:36 PM
180	Complacency. People unwilling to step up, volunteer and improve their community.	6/25/2014 6:34 PM
181	The crime, and the city administration just doing what they want and not always having the best interest of the citizens in mind.	6/25/2014 6:31 PM
182	Not enough business	6/25/2014 6:24 PM
183	Needs better swimming area. Streets need improvement. Need to demolish houses that are beyond repair to keep Parsons looking good.	6/25/2014 6:21 PM
184	shopping and Industry	6/25/2014 6:21 PM

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185	Crime, to many junk houses, poor streets	6/25/2014 6:20 PM
186	Not much to do or eat all the same things have to go out of town to do family things.	6/25/2014 6:17 PM
187	Repeated drug offenders not receiving appropriate punishment to deter others; Abandoned homes that need to be demolished	6/25/2014 6:12 PM
188	Reliance on Walmart, no health food store, no vendors of grass fed beef or free range organic eggs	6/25/2014 6:08 PM
189	Way too many to list without sounding extremely negative. Poor street pavement, biased community improvement plans, the city recreation center continuously incorporates and creates additional fees for kids sporting activities that are below sub par. Parents pay to watch attend events even though they paid the entry fee for the child to play, not to mention the cost increases each year. Funded through taxation only to be charged to attend your tax deducted facility. Go figure that one out for me. I could go on and on and on and on,,,	6/25/2014 6:01 PM
190	Everything. Crime. Crack heads. No jobs.	6/25/2014 5:59 PM
191	Poor streets	6/25/2014 5:56 PM
192	Domestic Violence	6/25/2014 5:50 PM
193	not enough GOOD restaurants, NO stores to shop in, VERY, VERY LITTLE downtown.lots of houses need to be tom down, lots of yards need mowed	6/25/2014 5:46 PM
194	too many to list	6/25/2014 5:45 PM
195	Everything	6/25/2014 5:44 PM
196	Drugs	6/25/2014 5:40 PM
197	We are not united. There's nothing for anyone to do here unless you are old and retired. No attractions no water parks no good restaurants except Ernesto s and then all we have is Chinese and Mexican food there is no diversity.	6/25/2014 5:35 PM
198	City officials lie.	6/25/2014 5:35 PM
199	Not enuff shopping and families that cannot many afford to travel out of town to do so, pitt bull ban, not enuff jobs, or opportunities	6/25/2014 5:33 PM
200	People who say, "Been there, done that. Don't want to do anything else. It's all yours, but you had better do it just like I want it done." Shopping Opportunities, good restaurants, lack of public transportatio[n that meets needs. They try, Lack of community spirit between races, churches	6/25/2014 5:29 PM
201	Pretty high \$ place to live. Always raising something to pay for something on the water treatment plant.Water, sewer, sanitation high enough and then they added a \$10 fee for something. I think they are thinking of raising sewer rates. please stop. Fixed incomes have enough trouble.	6/25/2014 5:28 PM
202	Everything	6/25/2014 5:28 PM
203	Drugs, law enforcement, crime. No positive aspects to encourage development.	6/25/2014 5:26 PM
204	No diversity or appreciation of diversity. No culture. Lack of diverse retail. Personal agendas of some community leaders.	6/25/2014 5:25 PM
205	Too much drug traffic	6/25/2014 5:25 PM
206	Welfare State, the few pay for the many. Because of the welfare programs many (not all) come here for these programs. Tax structure discourages people to improve their homes. Racial bias.	6/25/2014 5:20 PM
207	Schools are too sports centered: do just a fair job of preparing students for either work or college. City seems to have trouble with long range planning, has a huge budget and flops around with central missions of streets, water supply, sewer supply. Seem to always asking voters for a tax for a specific project and then spending part of the money for crisis management. Poor planning----!	6/25/2014 5:18 PM
208	A handful of misinformed folks who think they don't have any need for improvement (& truth) and they clearly do...	6/25/2014 5:17 PM
209	The police department, the city court including attorney and judge.	6/25/2014 5:17 PM
210	police are from this community and make their job personal. If they dont like someone they do pick on them. Some people they give breaks to because they like them and others they are harsher on because they dont. I think they should hire police from different place so this doesnt' happen....	6/25/2014 5:16 PM

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211	No water park! Police responses are slow! Old run down buildings and houses are everywhere!	6/25/2014 5:12 PM
212	Too much low-income housing & not enough moderate housing; drug use; teen pregnancy; houses abandoned or in disrepair; hospital tests are expensive; good paying jobs for women; variety of restaurants	6/25/2014 5:11 PM
213	Crime, drug related crime, low income areas.	6/25/2014 5:10 PM
214	High taxes, no business, too many thugs.	6/25/2014 5:09 PM
215	City commissioners, city manager, price of water bills and taxes , high level of crime and drug useage, poverty	6/25/2014 5:06 PM
216	unable to properly in some cases to maintain our infra structure to a level desired	6/25/2014 5:03 PM
217	Crime, drugs, theft	6/25/2014 4:57 PM
218	Lack of Jobs that pay enough for an individual to support their family. The lack of educated city commission. Their inability to see the total picture and their belief that dealing with small insignificant matters is truly what our community needs. They need to understand their role in city government. They are ruining this community and should do the right thing and step down because they are all in over their head. I'm sure the citizens would greatly appreciate at least having a commission that could read. Are these products of the local school system? Lets hope not. A poor excuse for a news paper, Lack of public transportation, and the list goes on.	6/25/2014 4:49 PM
219	We live in a county where the judges let repeat offenders continue to repeat. CRIME	6/25/2014 4:49 PM
220	Letting drug/crime offenders off too easily. Not compensating emergency personnel properly. City officials	6/25/2014 4:48 PM
221	a lack of things for families to do and activities for the kids	6/25/2014 4:47 PM
222	The number of food joints, the quality of people, the job prospects/opportunities, the activity options.	6/25/2014 4:43 PM
223	economic opportunity, infrastructure maintenance	6/25/2014 4:37 PM
224	People that feed off those who contribute to society and pay their taxes. Those tax dollars are for people who need it. It should be a requirement to take random drug test if assistance is needed. Too many people that have it do NOT need it. But no one seems to be doing anything about it. There are entire families that have lived off other people for generations and have never worked a day in their lives.	6/25/2014 4:35 PM
225	the crime rate is not many job opportunities need to bring more jobs to Parsons	6/25/2014 4:35 PM
226	Not enough work to do	6/25/2014 4:29 PM
227	Crime Drugs Low Paying Jobs Community College, Cost vs Benefit to Community Large Division Between Wealthy and Poor Taxes Appearance of Commercial and Residential Building Along Major Traffic Routes Over Regulation by City Government No Re-Investment in Community by Government and Community Wal-Mart	6/25/2014 4:27 PM
228	Greedy landlords forcing businesses to close. The city would do well to put caps on rent. No job agencies to help people get a job.	6/25/2014 4:24 PM
229	Our politicians are just as crooked as everywhere else. Just trying to make a dollar instead of making this place a better town!!!	6/25/2014 4:21 PM
230	Violence. ...food and clothing options	6/25/2014 4:21 PM
231	there seems to be some sort of inferiority complex among the general population: us vs them	6/25/2014 4:19 PM
232	Bad roads Poor school support Long term political crap No desire for change The recreation commission	6/25/2014 4:18 PM
233	Not enough activities for the kids	6/25/2014 4:18 PM
234	Everyone knows everyone	6/25/2014 4:13 PM
235	lack of decent rental property, run down appearance on main streets with houses that are rotten and not kept up. We look old, poor and out of date.	6/25/2014 4:11 PM

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236	3. We do not have an upcoming skilled job force which would be need for attracting specific types of business and industry. We lack housing for both mid-level and below workers if we could attract jobs. Transportation could also be a weakness, we are in a good location but do not have transportation network adequate for competition.	6/25/2014 4:08 PM
237	Very few jobs, housing choices are EXTREMELY limited. Most rental properties are overpriced DIVES! High school sports programs are weak at best. No opportunities for growth for most.	6/25/2014 4:07 PM
238	Lack of vision	6/25/2014 4:06 PM
239	Terrible streets.	6/25/2014 4:05 PM
240	No Dillons to shop at and limited clothing stores	6/25/2014 4:04 PM
241	We have able-bodied people on welfare that are bringing down our communities. We are not talking about the poor, which have legitimate needs. We are talking about people that are qualified to work, but choose to be freeloaders on the system. The community needs to clean up the drug problem. Close to 3 out of 4 people that interview for an entry level manufacturing position will not pass a drug test. This is an unacceptable statistic.	6/25/2014 4:02 PM
242	COUNTY ATTORNEY NOT WANTING TO TRY CASES TO GET DIRT BAGS OUT OF THIS TOWN AND COUNTY	6/25/2014 4:01 PM
243	Not friendly. Cliquey. Hard to make friends here...even after several decades. Little to do. Few good restaurants.	6/25/2014 3:58 PM
244	Such high taxes, no shopping/eating options.higher crime rates.	6/25/2014 3:55 PM
245	Crime and some trashy people	6/25/2014 3:51 PM
246	No businesses	6/25/2014 3:51 PM
247	Dilapidated houses, and lack of sit down restaurants	6/25/2014 3:49 PM
248	Nothing to do for kids or adults.....why do you think kids get bored & do stupid things! The pool, the rec center & sports for the kids have gone downhill!!!! No where to shop & just a few good places to eat.	6/25/2014 3:46 PM
249	There are a lot of houses that really need to be tom down. They make the Parsons look trashy.	6/25/2014 3:46 PM
250	I don't think that the public is always aware of things going on around Parsons.	6/25/2014 3:44 PM
251	Very poor shopping.	6/25/2014 3:38 PM
252	Not enough fine restaurants or retail stores (no men's clothing stores).	6/25/2014 3:37 PM
253	Clean up a few areas around town. more opportunities for school/college age.	6/25/2014 3:36 PM
254	Housing. Even some of the nicer old neighborhoods look bad in comparison with Independence, Pittsburg, etc.	6/25/2014 3:35 PM
255	Bad police department	6/25/2014 3:34 PM
256	low assessed valuation. Bad landlords..the many group homes and services in the neighborhoods for mentally and physically challenged people seem to have weakened neighborhoods. Too few jobs that pay well. Lack of an interstate nearby Drugs and people trying to live off others and not work is a big problem.	6/25/2014 3:31 PM
257	Everything.	6/25/2014 3:31 PM
258	City management	6/25/2014 3:30 PM
259	Crime seems to have increased over the last 16 years since we moved here. People are sometimes too quick to shop outside of town instead of supporting local shops. Shortage of qualified workers for manufacturing.	6/25/2014 3:28 PM
260	residents not being supportive of the hospital and other business'	6/25/2014 3:26 PM
261	CRAPY STREETS, NO NEW HOUSING DEVL.M. US 400 EAST & WEST ENTRANCES TO TOWN ARE NOT INVITING, 90 DEGREE TURNS SUCK. THAY SHOULD HAVE LEFT THE LONG CURVE ON WEST SIDE	6/25/2014 3:12 PM
262	laws not enforced enforcement is scared	6/25/2014 3:07 PM
263	high taxes,a lot of run down houses, buildings, restroom facilities at football stadium and Winway,	6/25/2014 3:01 PM

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264	neighborhoods look run down...houses needing paint/repairs.	6/25/2014 3:00 PM
265	entertainment Main Roads	6/25/2014 2:57 PM
266	High taxes, which seems to impede the likelihood of homeowners having the incentive to fix up their homes (only to be taxed more.)	6/25/2014 11:26 AM
267	housing; lack of 4 lane highway	6/25/2014 10:24 AM
268	Terrible Grocery stores. Residents not supporting local shops and restaurants enough.	6/24/2014 9:56 PM
269	poor self image poor housing weak retail	6/24/2014 5:15 PM
270	Jobs for young people	6/24/2014 3:22 PM
271	Restaurant choices (Sunday)	6/24/2014 3:13 PM
272	The lack of good restaurants and entertainment. The lack of goods jobs.	6/24/2014 2:06 PM
273	THE PUBLIC LIBRARY DOES NOT OFFER ENOUGH COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND THE FINES ARE TOO HIGH.	6/23/2014 8:15 PM
274	Schools are going downhill. Not enough good jobs.	6/22/2014 10:06 PM
275	Small minded.	6/22/2014 6:49 PM
276	drugs and crime, utilitie prices	6/22/2014 3:57 PM
277	Limited resteraunts and shopping. Taxes are way too high!!!! Recreation for kids needed	6/22/2014 8:18 AM
278	Retail shopping and restaurants	6/22/2014 7:37 AM
279	New businesses. The houses are falling apart. Not a progressive town.	6/22/2014 7:24 AM
280	Run-down	6/22/2014 1:11 AM
281	Poor middle income housing High county property taxes Poor attitude from surrounding community.	6/22/2014 12:41 AM
282	Not enough tax base	6/21/2014 11:51 PM
283	Fighting among the town leaders	6/21/2014 11:14 PM
284	Pretty much everything	6/21/2014 11:04 PM
285	Lacks good leadership, corrupt justice system	6/21/2014 10:37 PM
286	Not a lot for young kids.	6/21/2014 10:15 PM
287	1) Little entertainment for youth. 2) Few good dining options 3) Few places to enjoy wine with dinner. 4) Far from live entertainment 5) WalMart has driven out locally owned stores 6) Town shuts down EARLY 7) No "branding" or anything that makes us special	6/21/2014 9:59 PM
288	Poor leadership.	6/21/2014 9:34 PM
289	Children's activities, spending money without asking the public what THEY want. Roads are bad. Helping businesses that we all know are not going to work but not helping businesses that will. The skating rink should be a priority!! That place WILL make it! EVERYONE wants it open again and the city should be doing everything they can to help.	6/21/2014 6:48 PM
290	Parsons doesn't show well...limited decent housing...the money is being spent in certain areas of town...not equal...the roads are not maintain...potential for flooding too high	6/21/2014 6:03 PM
291	Not valuing historical buildings, unmotivated people stay, motivated move on, high taxes,	6/21/2014 1:03 PM
292	WATER! Roads, crime, the run down and/or abandoned houses	6/21/2014 12:28 PM
293	Abandoned and poorly maintained property	6/21/2014 9:57 AM
294	Police force. Out to get kids instead of working with them	6/21/2014 8:57 AM

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295	Poverty, poverty, poverty...it is the root of many of our problems such as drug use, crime, neglected children, neglected properties. We are also terrible about integrating the black and white communities. They tend to work parallel rather than together on the same issues. Also--we LOOK like a poor community to outsiders. Streets in bad shape, crumbling houses on every block, unattractive entrances into the city. The new "Welcome to Parsons" rock signs were a good idea, but damned ugly...put some people on a committee to think of ways to clean up/dress up the city and give them the money to actually do it.	6/21/2014 8:15 AM
296	high taxes, lack of affordable homes in good shape, lack of restaurants and stores, too many crappy old houses that should be tom down	6/21/2014 1:00 AM
297	No growth with business or jobs	6/20/2014 11:17 PM
298	Poverty pockets, no thriving restaurants, no retail businesses.	6/20/2014 10:18 PM
299	Staffing. The city is way under staff in all departments. The streets, parks, sanataion, police/fire. The city waste money on walking trails and signs instead of investion money in 250,000 dollar restroom but give there employees only 3% cost of living which doesn't cover cost of living. Exept the 10% the city manager put in for himself but froze all other raises. Stop throwing money to companies that come in and when they fail the city just lets them take the money and run. Bring in Applebees something you know has the backing to stay and actully hire and keep employees instead of just a job for a family run business.	6/20/2014 6:45 PM
300	Limited interest in the arts and humanities - local scope is strong, small nucleus, but otherwise lacking. Limited outlets for meeting folks with similar tastes and interests. No bookstore, no music store, no art gallery, no coffee shop, no open forums for local artists. Boring for 20-40 year olds.	6/20/2014 6:37 PM
301	City manager	6/20/2014 5:36 PM
302	Most tax dollars seem to go toward beautifying downtown while the rest of Parsons falls apart. Not much for young adults to do. Too many people go to Pittsburg or Joplin to spend their money.	6/20/2014 5:32 PM
303	Available and quality services; ie mental health, peditricians, medical care in general	6/20/2014 5:16 PM
304	Failure to bring in chain restaurants and stores. All the zoning rules and hoops that people must jump through. Lack of proper places to walk (no sidewalks) and bicycle riding. The streets are falling apart.	6/20/2014 4:44 PM
305	lack of education, lack of ambition, lack of tact at kids sporting events, too many drug users	6/20/2014 3:59 PM
306	No middle class new homes, no shopping as others local town offers such as mAuricies, hibbets, and goody s	6/20/2014 3:37 PM
307	Some of the residential areas in town are run down and not well maintained .	6/20/2014 3:26 PM
308	Taxes . Boarded up homes that need to be tom down. People won't upgrade their homes because of high taxes. Need higher paying job opportunities.	6/20/2014 3:03 PM
309	Taxes and utility costs are too high. The economic development program is a joke. How much mone has been spent with no return and accountability. Real Estate owners on 16th Street and Main Street should not have any abandoned properties and those occupied should be better maintained. City Commission should discuss major issues and not spend so much time and money on issues like a dog park. Get our of the loan business and let the banks do the lending. Require all City employees live within the City limits or pay a minimum of 5% of wages as a City Tax.	6/20/2014 2:26 PM
310	Drugs, not enough jobs, lazy people, city officials who are stuck in their ways and don't take into consideration what people want to see happen in this town.	6/20/2014 2:16 PM
311	I believe there is a serious lack of pride within the community.	6/20/2014 1:39 PM
312	All little hard to navigate certain parts of town, ex. Inch Street, haha	6/20/2014 1:33 PM
313	Low income community	6/20/2014 1:20 PM
314	People who won't take care of homes and yards, negative people who complain too much	6/20/2014 12:43 PM
315	The roads are bad. Lots of crime for such a small area. No where to shop for clothes for men. Lack of reatail stores. Lack of places to eat.	6/20/2014 12:03 PM

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316	Limited things to do compared to bigger communities and the distance to those communities is a challenge. Also, the condition of many homes is in total disarray and is an eyesore throughout the community, especially along the main thoroughfare along 59 Hwy . One last thing...I believe it is important to encourage everyone to return to living strong moral lives and not succumb to the constant moral decay in current American culture.	6/20/2014 11:45 AM
317	Residential roads, parents don't get their kids involved, too many complainers who don't want to be involved to help solve problems, athletic facilities look terrible most of the time (Winway bathrooms are terrible, as are Marvel Parks, tennis court fence is falling and grass is never mowed, etc).	6/20/2014 11:29 AM
318	Poor upkeep of property. Few job opportunities. Drug problem.	6/20/2014 11:25 AM
319	Housing, crime rate	6/20/2014 11:13 AM
320	Administrative personnel of some places do not even live in the City! Tough to promote to other folks about moving here when our leaders do not.	6/20/2014 10:04 AM
321	Poor housing picture. Gross, dilapidated houses that need to be torn down. New citizens have nothing to buy. People have little pride in taking care of their houses and yards.	6/20/2014 9:24 AM
322	To many to list..	6/20/2014 8:38 AM
323	Small	6/20/2014 8:37 AM
324	"Squabbling at city meetings" over small problems that are exploited to give a negative perception of this community. Problems/complaints that CAN be handled by city employees at all levels SHOULD be, as promptly as possible to help diffuse issues. Not maintaining city properties -- lots and parks mowed & clean. Physical appearance of many properties, especially on the main roads many people travel. POORLY maintained Restroom facilities @ ball parks that MANY people from other communities are exposed to -- then go spread negative comments about Parsons in their community. Poor upkeep of many homes.	6/20/2014 8:36 AM
325	The lack of jobs	6/20/2014 8:01 AM
326	The amount of drugs and low paying jobs that offer no opportunities for advancement.	6/20/2014 7:39 AM
327	Crime, Drugs, delapidated housing and business, perceived lack of work ethic in younger generation and lack of creative long term strategic planning by community leaders	6/20/2014 7:07 AM
328	No where for youth to hang out	6/20/2014 6:46 AM
329	Activities for kids such as nice sports complex like most other communities around us.	6/20/2014 6:45 AM
330	Infrastructure Abandoned homes General appearance of town	6/20/2014 6:42 AM
331	Everything	6/20/2014 5:40 AM
332	Not enough jobs or housing	6/20/2014 5:07 AM
333	If you are a city employee that is always saying you can't do everything because you are short staffed, DONT be telling us this on Facebook when you should be doing your job!!! Accountability, we have all been getting ill from drinking less than adequate water because someone didn't order testing bottles? Screw that!! We get sick, it costs us money. Someone shouldn't have a job in the water department. Poor roads. My wife has severe pain throughout her body and she feels every little bump while we are driving, let alone the craters and overfilled asphalt pot holes. I've never seen such an inadequate asphalt job as the one under 400 highway.	6/20/2014 4:51 AM
334	A lot of things, mostly getting more strict with legal issues.	6/20/2014 3:57 AM
335	Racism, decrepit houses, poorly run property tax laws, biased newspaper	6/20/2014 12:51 AM
336	Theft	6/20/2014 12:43 AM
337	The people	6/20/2014 12:35 AM
338	Judges and DA not standing behind the police. It sets a bad example. Allowing too much section 8. Makes those of us who pay taxes pay more. Increasing water bills and taxes but giving the city manager a raise. Pretty sure he needs to be evaluated as to what he does for the community. Not using sales tax increase for the roads as published but giving grants away.	6/19/2014 11:36 PM

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339	difficulties some have to stand up for what they think most people shop at Walmart, outside city limits, thereby limiting Parsons' tax income; Walmart wrecked the downtown; People don't walk very much. Sometimes people only look for how to spend as little money as possible and not keep in mind that buying 'local' will help others stay in business. Many homes need to be either tom down or helped out	6/19/2014 11:24 PM
340	Poor curb appeal on our major streets Perception that everything is always status quo High debt Diminishing home owners	6/19/2014 10:42 PM
341	City manager and Ms Martha at city offices. Doesn't any one check what she says to Parsonians?	6/19/2014 9:53 PM
342	No infrastructure.	6/19/2014 9:45 PM
343	city manager, lack of effective governing, not taking care of streets, spending money on consultants for stupid reasons, lack of jobs that pay a decent wage, not listening to the public regarding changes that affect them, must go out of town to shop for many things or order online	6/19/2014 9:43 PM
344	Economic diversity and lack of decent paying jobs.	6/19/2014 9:35 PM
345	could look better	6/19/2014 9:31 PM
346	High taxes	6/19/2014 9:23 PM
347	Definitely drug use lack of prosecution of criminals and lenient judges. Below average parks. Lack of restaurants/bars. Lack of entertainment for youth and young adults	6/19/2014 9:18 PM
348	It's boring for middle aged kids and adults	6/19/2014 9:11 PM
349	To many low income housing and slum landlords-taxes	6/19/2014 8:59 PM
350	Little job opportunities.	6/19/2014 8:59 PM
351	Poor city management team, poor planning for the future that has existed for years, and increases on home owners and tax payers to fund broken systems that we cannot afford to shoulder the burden of the expense.	6/19/2014 8:58 PM
352	Drugs, welfare	6/19/2014 8:57 PM
353	lack of good paying jobs	6/19/2014 8:47 PM
354	Too many chiefd	6/19/2014 8:41 PM
355	kk	6/19/2014 8:38 PM
356	Too many women in government.	6/19/2014 8:28 PM
357	Community members want things to do and activities yet are not willing to help make them happen or even attend, many want to complain but don't want help make improvements	6/19/2014 8:24 PM
358	Segregation	6/19/2014 8:22 PM
359	City government. Short-term physicians. Slow and/or unenforced zoning violations. Lack of pride like keeping yards picked up, making the best of your home with what you have—I keep hoping it will snowball if we keep setting examples.	6/19/2014 8:19 PM
360	Outdated infrastructure, lack of median income housing, too many dilapidated houses, too many excuses, lack of jobs for young adults and college graduates.	6/19/2014 8:18 PM
361	Lack of support, togetherness, and equality	6/19/2014 8:17 PM
362	not enough for the kids to do but get into trouble.	6/19/2014 8:14 PM
363	Out of shape police officers and department heads that do not live in Parsons city limits.	6/19/2014 8:13 PM
364	Not much to do around town	6/19/2014 8:06 PM
365	No decent jobs	6/19/2014 7:57 PM
366	Roads are needing repair, swimming pool needs replaced with a modern water park, property owners need to keep their lawns groomed and their yards clutter free.	6/19/2014 7:51 PM
367	All the run down boarded up houses. No shopping or restaurants	6/19/2014 7:38 PM

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368	No restraunts besides fast food. We need large chain quality eating establishments. The streets here are terrible. No entertainment besides an over priced movie theatre. I dont even have my family visit me here because there is no way to entertain someone outside your home unless you want to go to a run down bar. There are too many run down homes. CRIME CRIME CRIME AND nothing for kids to do here.	6/19/2014 7:34 PM
369	Police need to crack down on the crime an the roads need fixed	6/19/2014 7:20 PM
370	Lack of doctors, shopping, terrible roads, unkept and empty housing and lack of affordable decent housing	6/19/2014 7:13 PM
371	Taking correct care of business.	6/19/2014 7:12 PM
372	Tax rates, decapitated housing or NO housing(referred to as "green lots" around here). water and sewer infrastructures, streets are terrible if your not on a road that's considered a main vain or a street with a school on it. Highway 59 is worse then the old brick roads in town with that terrible patch work at the 400 intersection. lack of jobs that pay more then minimum wage, need more jobs that would make people want to move/stay here to use those degrees they eamed. lack of shopping, Walmart, jocks nitch, the farm store only options if you are a man.	6/19/2014 7:05 PM
373	HOUSING	6/19/2014 7:03 PM
374	City workers who are expected to complete task without enough employees. Way too many people on assistance. Home owners are penalized for taking care of their homes. Too many rundown homes which make the City look poor.	6/19/2014 7:01 PM
375	Taxes, businesses	6/19/2014 7:00 PM
376	Nothing to do. No where to hang out with decent free inetemet. I have to leave town to do anything.	6/19/2014 6:54 PM
377	Obvious drug traffic in Glenwood park, too many bars and no jobs.	6/19/2014 6:53 PM
378	Employment- property taxes- little options in egard to stores- entertainment- kids activities- lack of community support -city not making residents keep houses repaired yards mowed-	6/19/2014 6:52 PM
379	Parsons PD	6/19/2014 6:52 PM
380	Lack of shopping and restaurants. Highest gas in area. Not many job opportunities for young or for those wanting to move up.	6/19/2014 6:47 PM
381	Crime,police harass honest citizens	6/19/2014 6:43 PM
382	Houses allowed to stand that are literally falling apart, roofs with huge holes in them, people not painting for decades. It makes our neighborhoods look like utter trash...and to have high taxes on top of crappy looking neighborhoods is absurd. Very little jobs. Watching restaurants open over and over, but fail. We really don't need more restaurants. This cannot be helping the city by them failing all the time. things needing to be fixed that impact our neighborhoods, parks or streets but they just not ever getting accomplished. The hospital is pretty reasonable for our city size, however it's obvious that the management is not working out well. We've lost one of only two pediatricians which stinks, because they refused to allow the pediatrician to not have to be on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for c sections. How on earth could they have let her go????!?? There is no way on earth Dr. Dixit can take care of all the kids in Parsons and surrounding communities. We are now seeing a family doctor who is cutting his hours directly because of management at the hospital. It's not cool to be facing having to travel to Joplin for our medical care. We already have to go there for the kids dental care. obviously the city has next to nothing they can do at the hospital, but the discussion still needs to be made.	6/19/2014 6:37 PM
383	The people who complain about everything, but offer no realistic suggestions to come up with a solution	6/19/2014 6:37 PM
384	Elderly votes against anything for the young	6/19/2014 6:34 PM
385	Mostly everything about it. The poor road conditiobs not enough fast food choices, unsupported small businesses, no bathrooms at the playgrounds, to many rules and regulations, poor water quality and much more	6/19/2014 6:33 PM
386	City offices, the value of real estate is very low	6/19/2014 6:33 PM
387	Nothing for kids especially teenagers. Not a lot for adults to do either like you will be sitting home on sat night and be like with to do and go out every thing is closed.	6/19/2014 6:31 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

388	They seem to promote low income. The new neighborhood that was to be on north blvd should have been relocated, not dropped	6/19/2014 6:28 PM
389	ROADS ROADS ROADS they are HORRIBLE. I went throughout 3 sets of tires and a set of ball joints. In less than 6 months of living there and the only roads I drove were 32nd, north side of 26th, and 59 hwy to Wal-Mart... the city needs to completely do away with the lil patches they do on the roads it makes them way worse. And the other thing is crime. To many wanna be thugs moving to Parsons and trying to make a name for themselves.	6/19/2014 6:28 PM
390	*Lack of good jobs *Poor communication *Too many people using illegal drugs	6/19/2014 6:28 PM
391	Jobs are scarce	6/19/2014 6:26 PM
392	No industry..good paying jobs.	6/19/2014 6:25 PM
393	People who keep thinks from happening-- business, new anything. There is a need to improve the way we are seen in the news; when our commissioners are making a\$\$ of themselves and the Sun report it the community is seen in a bad light.	6/19/2014 6:24 PM
394	Nothing to do. Drowning in know it all's. Too many people who think they are big fish in the little pond. No liquor on Sunday	6/19/2014 6:14 PM
395	Poor leadership, lack of business to create sales tax and lack of entertainment for our youth	6/19/2014 6:12 PM
396	The constant cycle of poverty, crime & drugs. You can't turn a blind eye to the areas that need support.	6/19/2014 6:09 PM
397	The town as a whole is in a state of disrepair. We have too many empty buildings, abandoned houses, and undeveloped weed filled lots. Also, there is a hierarchy of "haves" and "have-nots". Until all of Parsons residents are allowed to be involved and feel like they have a stake in the future of Parsons, the "have-nots" will slowly overtake the "haves", and this town will continue to deteriorate.	6/19/2014 6:05 PM
398	job opportunities, poor corrupt police department, too many welfare handouts	6/19/2014 6:00 PM
399	The streets are horrible. The commissioners do not listen when people call them.	6/19/2014 5:54 PM
400	Not enough good paying jobs, too many buildings and homes that are just slowly decaying.	6/19/2014 5:51 PM
401	Crime police	6/19/2014 5:50 PM
402	Nothing fun (free) for the teens to do. Not many jobs available.	6/19/2014 5:46 PM
403	I feel like those in charge of the judicial system are not hard enough on lawbreakers.	6/19/2014 5:42 PM
404	Tons of people complain about the lack of activities, I'm tired of hearing it, then DO something about yourself. Start an activity that you wish was available for you. You never know how many people that could reach!	6/19/2014 5:39 PM
405	The economy, job availability, income to cost of living ratio. State things I guess.	6/19/2014 5:37 PM
406	Poverty.	6/19/2014 5:33 PM
407	Because of the past it is hard for the future. Meaning... because of that plaza thing that was up town stores failed and people have gotten too used to out of town shopping. Basically, people in town have a hard time supporting anything local when you can go out of town and get everything you want.	6/19/2014 5:31 PM
408	poor city manager, tired 'railroad' festival, bad grocery stores, no men's clothing store, mediocre newspaper and radio station	6/19/2014 5:28 PM
409	No jobs and nothing for children or families to do. Also some houses need to be tore down due to being dilapidated. Taxes are way to high. Water pipe problems and water bill to high.	6/19/2014 5:28 PM
410	Delapidation.	6/19/2014 5:26 PM
411	To many chiefs and not enough indians, and high taxes.	6/19/2014 5:23 PM
412	Our streets	6/19/2014 5:22 PM
413	Lots of run down houses. Too much money from city put into new businesses that don't last. Walmart.	6/19/2014 5:15 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

414	Poverty, poor leadership and management for many years, greed of the few that are in positions to be greedy, drugs (for probably many reasons) rampet, the same old depends on your name and financial situation as to who gets the breaks and who doesn't for the most part, continual decline of streets, water/sewer system, decline in hope which leads to many of the other problems for our young people, lack of decent jobs.....	6/19/2014 5:14 PM
415	The roaming gangs of criminal who will beat you for no reason other than they are bored, and a Police dept who don't seem to care	6/19/2014 5:07 PM
416	I feel there is not enough making people want to stay. Bring some good paying jobs to town so after people graduate and go to college they will want to come back	6/19/2014 5:06 PM
417	Crime. Not a lot to offer for children	6/19/2014 5:05 PM
418	it is a small quiet community. it has nothing to draw people here. no convention center for conventions or concerts. no real big draw events except for Katy days.	6/19/2014 5:02 PM
419	walmart	6/19/2014 5:00 PM
420	Not much to do in town for any age	6/19/2014 4:59 PM
421	I feel division in other areas. I feel like there is a huge economic gap for a town this size. Lots of unemployment and children living in physically and mentally unhealthy conditions. We are only as strong as our weakest link, so the middle class can't really move up unless the entire community comes with them. Not through communism or socialism, but through compassion and sacrifice.	6/19/2014 4:58 PM
422	Self criticism and negative attitude about our community. Run down houses with citizens who either don't have the means or don't care about their houses.	6/19/2014 4:56 PM
423	Lack of opportunity.	6/19/2014 4:55 PM
424	Streets, infrastructure, empty buildings on main street, decaying and substandard housing and lack of industry / jobs.	6/19/2014 4:54 PM
425	Streets, jobs, lots of lazy people.	6/19/2014 4:51 PM
426	High property taxes, city government that seems disconnected from the people.	6/19/2014 4:50 PM
427	Nothing for the kids to do	6/19/2014 4:50 PM
428	Not enough restaurants or shopping.TERRIBLE streets...(popular streets,with big homes like Morgan are terrible!)	6/19/2014 4:50 PM
429	Need more things for children to do. More places to shop instead of going out of town	6/19/2014 4:50 PM
430	Crimes	6/19/2014 4:49 PM
431	High property taxes NO housing for college students NO clothing stores men Doctors who will stay here!	6/19/2014 4:48 PM
432	High property taxes with no job growth	6/19/2014 4:47 PM
433	population leaving	6/19/2014 4:41 PM
434	City staff	6/19/2014 4:40 PM
435	not enough places to eat at on Sunday or Monday...or in general	6/19/2014 4:39 PM
436	Corrupt administration in the police department	6/19/2014 4:36 PM
437	Restaurants, housing, shopping, houses looking a mess, city landscaping, town looking old and not taken care of, drug issues,	6/19/2014 4:35 PM
438	Negative people (they're everywhere!!), not many places to shop, not many places to go out to eat on Sunday or Monday, city water, bad roads	6/19/2014 4:32 PM
439	The town is run by a select few. Nepotism is rampant.	6/19/2014 4:32 PM
440	Parsons needs new leadership, specifically a new City Manager, that is willing to find innovative ways to provide better recreational opportunities for its families and youth. That person should also be able to use tax payer money more efficiently to provide citizens with better roads and infrastructure. The City Manager should also place higher demands on Parsons landlords so that nicer and safer rental properties are available at more reasonable prices to renters.	6/19/2014 4:31 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

441	Opportunity. No place to earn a decent living, no options for that "living" when you find it. Spends more money on police, and decorative stones than on making this town the queen that once was. The commission that dictates this communities lifestyle are afraid of change, and seem to be only interested in the survival, and well-being of themselves, and the rest of the "old-guard".	6/19/2014 4:28 PM
442	no place to shop, not much for the kids to do, same ole same ole fast foods! only one hardware store,	6/19/2014 4:28 PM
443	Crime is actually high for such a small town. Cops seem to try to do their part, but it's a waste once it's hits judicial system. Not near enough activities to keep teens/kids occupied and out of trouble.	6/19/2014 4:28 PM
444	Allowing new businesses to come in	6/19/2014 4:26 PM
445	not helping the needy	6/19/2014 4:25 PM
446	Lack of good paying jobs. The amount of crime. ie, break ins, theft, drugs. Activities for kids.	6/19/2014 4:18 PM
447	The few local businesses. Too many historic building lost to urban renewal. Houses being torn down for no reason.	6/19/2014 4:16 PM
448	Business leaving parsons and not much for young kids to do. Hard to find decent jobs. Also the appearance of parsons. Abandoned houses falling down everywhere. Makes neighborhoods look bad.	6/19/2014 4:13 PM
449	city budgeting	6/19/2014 4:11 PM
450	Infrastructure (road). Government. Housing. Nothing to show for the high taxes paid.	6/19/2014 4:08 PM
451	Drama and poverty	6/19/2014 4:07 PM
452	There seems to be little thought for the future. People who live in Parsons do not speak highly of Parsons. People who live in Parsons are not good at promoting the community.	6/19/2014 4:05 PM
453	jobs	6/19/2014 4:04 PM
454	Same as most towns high taxes, terrible road conditions,not enough jobs, bad housing	6/19/2014 4:04 PM
455	Lack of things for children. We have used the 1/2 cent sales tax for stage for concerts (older people), bike trail (older people I guess), lights and sidewalks (older people). We have nothing to offer kids. Every surrounding town has a better pool, skating rinks, things for families with children. It's no wonder USD 503's enrollment has dropped dramatically, we have nothing to offer families with young children.	6/19/2014 4:03 PM
456	Not enough good restaurants with good food. Too many old dilapidated houses. CRIME!	6/19/2014 4:00 PM
457	Lots of problems with drinking, drugs and homeless. Not a lot to do or places to go.	6/19/2014 4:00 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

Q4 What are some areas of opportunity in Parsons?

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#	Responses	Date
1	Disability advocacy,	6/30/2014 10:23 PM
2	Parsons needs to start seeking out students who have recently graduated from college with degrees in business and look for ways to get them connected to the community again.	6/30/2014 10:14 PM
3	Streets retail opportunity	6/30/2014 9:14 PM
4	None	6/30/2014 6:55 PM
5	On my visit I thought that with the right funding all the great storefronts could be utilized for a vibrant arts and crafts community. I live in Portland oregon and it's becoming impossible for struggling and emerging artists to afford to live here.	6/30/2014 4:59 PM
6	Hold criminals accountable! Allow a younger generation in on brainstorming events	6/30/2014 4:17 PM
7	Agriculture	6/30/2014 4:06 PM
8	Further improvements for family, exercise and health. Minnesota has much shorter summer and many more walking trails and parks than we have down here. Take a look at plains Spirit trail just about an hour or so drive north. That thing is 40 or 50 miles long. Parsons had a good plan for a walking trail here, but cut it short before they even started construction on it. Things need to be done to bring friendliness back to the town I first moved here too, to bring families together, to make it a likable community. Small improvements in appearance, attitudes, friendliness, cleanliness, condition will do alot in regards to recruiting people to come to stay. When you show improvement in those, you will get new like minded people in here.	6/30/2014 3:55 PM
9	We could use some more places to eat out. I'm not sure what is meant here. I would love more clothing stores. I would also like to see a nice place to have functions like reunions and wedding receptions besides the VFW and the Elks. I miss the Art Fair, it seems it has been replace by Katy Days.	6/30/2014 3:38 PM
10	Mini golf or kids entertainment	6/30/2014 3:22 PM
11	I honestly can not think of an answer for this question.	6/30/2014 3:11 PM
12	Walmart	6/30/2014 2:36 PM
13	Well, considering all the kids my age are too busy partying and getting stupid they quit their jobs a lot so there's probably always somewhere hiring.	6/30/2014 2:23 PM
14	LCC HAS GREAT PROGRAMS IN HEALTH SCIENCES. WE NEED OTHER GREAT PROGRAMS.	6/30/2014 2:02 PM
15	It's location	6/30/2014 2:00 PM
16	I really do believe that if we could get a good franchise in Parsons, like Panera for example, it would provide variety and local spending instead of people having to go all the way to Joplin or Pittsburg. Even a Dillons would be amazing, it would bring good prices to a town where we desperately need it. Our HS educational system needs serious restructure, with less focus on sports and more on academics. More college prep, more advanced classes, better resources for the advanced kids. ELP and College Orientation classes are extremely important and the higher level kids need a challenge in our school system instead of one curriculum. More teacher interaction for the kids who need it on a one on one basis.	6/30/2014 1:57 PM
17	Nothing comes to mind.	6/30/2014 1:40 PM
18	lots of open space and empty house to bring in business and employees	6/30/2014 1:37 PM
19	n/a	6/30/2014 1:33 PM
20	PSHTC. Grand view Tank companies	6/30/2014 12:38 PM
21	No idea	6/30/2014 12:34 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

22	Jobs, chain resturants	6/30/2014 11:40 AM
23	Lots of building spaces for industries	6/30/2014 11:33 AM
24	Encourage small, locally owned business.	6/30/2014 11:20 AM
25	Business to grow. If things get built the community will us them	6/30/2014 11:15 AM
26	Inexpensive property.	6/30/2014 10:47 AM
27	???	6/30/2014 10:45 AM
28	I don't know.	6/30/2014 10:44 AM
29	Plenty of room to build "in town" and not necessarily build on the outskirts.	6/30/2014 10:38 AM
30	I CAN'T THINK OF ANY. I CAN'T THINK OF ANY REASON ANYONE WOULD MOVE HERE FOR OPPORTUNITIES OF ANY SORT	6/30/2014 10:38 AM
31	Retail businesses and restaurants. It is in a prime location and that should be capitalized on!	6/30/2014 10:36 AM
32	Rec for kids, LCC and good hospital/doctors.	6/30/2014 10:36 AM
33	Re-open the ammunitions plant.	6/30/2014 10:32 AM
34	Not much	6/30/2014 10:24 AM
35	???	6/30/2014 10:00 AM
36	Education, jobs	6/30/2014 9:34 AM
37	Again the ability with the right leaders to be a nice Midwestern home town.	6/30/2014 8:36 AM
38	We could handle start up industry quickly	6/29/2014 10:23 PM
39	Lots of empty lots to build new homes on.	6/29/2014 9:20 PM
40	None	6/29/2014 6:46 PM
41	The college?	6/29/2014 5:03 PM
42	Replace city management especially City Manager	6/29/2014 4:32 PM
43	Don't know of any	6/29/2014 4:29 PM
44	None	6/29/2014 3:49 PM
45	Factory jobs	6/29/2014 2:35 PM
46	I am not sure.	6/29/2014 2:32 PM
47	Work	6/29/2014 2:17 PM
48	The community college.	6/29/2014 2:13 PM
49	Retail. Creating more small businesses and keeping our money here.	6/29/2014 2:10 PM
50	good question	6/29/2014 1:41 PM
51	??	6/29/2014 1:37 PM
52	Um... ? I don't know off the top of my head.	6/29/2014 12:55 PM
53	The hospital. The college.	6/29/2014 12:44 PM
54	? I would have to say low paying factory jobs. The school system is great! We have good teachers.	6/29/2014 12:28 PM
55	There's not many	6/29/2014 12:16 PM
56	New industrial park at ammunition Plant	6/29/2014 12:06 PM
57	New entertainment look into putting an arcade or investing in the bowling alley to spruce it up. Center more around youth.	6/29/2014 12:05 PM
58	LCC	6/29/2014 11:55 AM
59	There is plenty of opportunity to improve our schools and employment areas.	6/29/2014 11:48 AM
60	Get rid of our City Government and our jerk City Manager!!!	6/29/2014 11:38 AM

What do you think about Parsons?

61	None really	6/29/2014 11:36 AM
62	College to get out	6/29/2014 11:31 AM
63	Ditto what I said in the "strengths" and that's about it!!	6/29/2014 11:20 AM
64	Restaurants	6/28/2014 9:29 PM
65	Don't feel there any	6/28/2014 9:17 PM
66	Music venues. Tattoo shops. National food chains. Arcade. Gracie jiu-jitsu gym. More martial arts/boxing gyms. Bike trails. Develop Lake Parsons, that thing is like a big pothole, ugh.	6/28/2014 2:57 PM
67	restaurants, the movie theater, Big Hill, and other water spots close.	6/28/2014 1:13 PM
68	LCC gives good opportunity to further education. Good Vacation Bible School programs for kids in many churches, good debate classes in the High School plus other good courses that are not found in all high schools.	6/28/2014 9:49 AM
69	All.	6/27/2014 11:42 PM
70	The Great Plains Development Authority and a potential future at the old plant; Parsons schools seem to be adequate and have pretty good teachers & staff and should be fully supported.	6/27/2014 10:31 PM
71	few	6/27/2014 8:40 PM
72	The arts, community orchestra, community theater	6/27/2014 7:55 PM
73	Healthcare	6/27/2014 5:47 PM
74	Cheap cost of living, outdoor activities (hunting/fishing)	6/27/2014 4:55 PM
75	Jobs...more of them, higher wages	6/27/2014 1:09 PM
76	Few	6/27/2014 12:47 PM
77	can't think of any	6/27/2014 11:54 AM
78	Clean well-stocked grocery store, sandwich shop (not fast-food), department store, healthy food restaurant options	6/27/2014 10:57 AM
79	would like to see tax incentives given to larger corporations; better employment opportunities	6/27/2014 10:52 AM
80	Arby's most definitely, bring long john silvers back, kentucky fried chicken back, taco tico, but with management that cares about cleanliness, hires decent workers. The management says alot.	6/27/2014 9:31 AM
81	Poor pay. Poor opportunities.	6/27/2014 9:04 AM
82	Competitive wages for industry location, College training, Housing	6/27/2014 4:41 AM
83	None	6/27/2014 12:25 AM
84	Our parks and history.	6/26/2014 11:06 PM
85	The redevelopment of the Plant area has great possibilities.	6/26/2014 10:10 PM
86	Education; Health Care	6/26/2014 8:22 PM
87	Retail, housing	6/26/2014 7:33 PM
88	Not sure	6/26/2014 5:54 PM
89	Health Sciences programs at LCC	6/26/2014 5:13 PM
90	Our passion for arts shows with all of our live music opportunities. Love that this is something Parsons provides for it's citizens.	6/26/2014 5:00 PM
91	Rental properties	6/26/2014 3:56 PM
92	not much is available	6/26/2014 3:39 PM
93	More leisure activities	6/26/2014 3:39 PM
94	We need to find a place for a new subdivision. There is opportunity to grow. But nowhere to build.	6/26/2014 2:45 PM
95	none	6/26/2014 2:38 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

96	College education, park events, camping/fishing/boating,	6/26/2014 2:28 PM
97	I would say restaurants but it seems that every time a new one tries to open, it doesn't do well.	6/26/2014 1:54 PM
98	outdoor recreation, sports	6/26/2014 1:07 PM
99	I do not see any areas of opportunity in this town.	6/26/2014 12:48 PM
100	More manufacturing opportunities if the workforce can be grown if the workforce was better educated and could be trained to show up on a regular basis. Quality of work is second to none. Many management personnel come from outside the community. Development of home grown managers would be nice.	6/26/2014 12:30 PM
101	promotion of leadership groups long time business owners willing to support youth	6/26/2014 11:49 AM
102	Need a Welcome to Parsons sign/ flowers / entrance from all directions - some kind of entrance that would be noticed - coming in from the hwy 50 north /south and also on the old hwy east and west.	6/26/2014 11:34 AM
103	Can't think of anything worth while.	6/26/2014 11:07 AM
104	centrally located in the US ideal for distribution companies, KAAP area development,	6/26/2014 11:02 AM
105	Develop environment friendly businesses. Great Plains development.	6/26/2014 10:52 AM
106	More economic growth	6/26/2014 10:42 AM
107	There really none, unless you are part of the good old boy network.	6/26/2014 10:41 AM
108	None that I know of.	6/26/2014 10:35 AM
109	??	6/26/2014 10:31 AM
110	Education	6/26/2014 10:30 AM
111	Opportunities could be better for those still in the working class.	6/26/2014 10:04 AM
112	Being Centralized located to larger cities.	6/26/2014 9:41 AM
113	Increased support and focus on the long term economy basics. Farming and manufacturing. The Amish and Mennonite will not promote themselves. Established long term manufacturing will not ask for help and is often reluctant to even accept help. Even though both of these groups are hard to mine for their opportunities, it would be worth the effort.	6/26/2014 9:13 AM
114	Good question??	6/26/2014 8:44 AM
115	To go to jail	6/26/2014 8:36 AM
116	community college	6/26/2014 8:23 AM
117	That is a question best answered by a community analytic team. In general more opportunity is available where residents are paid well and spend locally. This should be promoted by businesses and by community.	6/26/2014 8:07 AM
118	restaurants, more employment choices, tourists trade.	6/26/2014 7:59 AM
119	If we were a bigger city, I think there would be more opportunities. As is, we can not offer what big cities can. Invest in young people and children they are the future.	6/26/2014 7:51 AM
120	Labette Community college and many businesses are growing and are are a real asset to this community.	6/26/2014 7:51 AM
121	Recreation	6/26/2014 7:48 AM
122	Lcc has several 2 yr programs	6/26/2014 7:43 AM
123	Not many.	6/26/2014 7:43 AM
124	Great Plains-if we could get something to locate there.	6/26/2014 7:18 AM
125	Good question	6/26/2014 6:30 AM
126	Industrial growth. We are centralized with routes extending in all directions. Incentives need to be more appealing	6/26/2014 6:28 AM
127	Family togetherness at Katy days	6/26/2014 3:00 AM

What do you think about Parsons?

128	Growth. I see we are making progress of trying to clean up the town. It takes time I understand.	6/26/2014 12:55 AM
129	Education	6/26/2014 12:12 AM
130	Parsons State Hospital and Training Center, Labette Community College and Labette Health just to name a few.	6/25/2014 11:33 PM
131	Good school system. Good, solid industries already here.	6/25/2014 11:00 PM
132	At this point, I think it's a sinking ship and has been since the tomado in 2000. Homeowners didn't rebuild and businesses either died or went under.	6/25/2014 10:50 PM
133	Growing bussieness	6/25/2014 10:13 PM
134	it's a place where everybody knows your name...your business eye color...wait. .	6/25/2014 9:45 PM
135	New swimming pool	6/25/2014 9:36 PM
136	Urban development!!! Give other businesses a chance based on what all of the town decides. Give tax breaks fairly to the businesses that want to have stores or restaurants there. Clean up the houses that are just falling apart. We have some beautiful old homes that are just rotting away. It's so sad to see. Help the local people that need tax assistance or money for their business...like Silver Wheels!!!	6/25/2014 9:24 PM
137	How about actually sending people to jail for the crimes they commit instead of slapping them on the wrist and making them pinky swear not to do it again.	6/25/2014 8:53 PM
138	None	6/25/2014 8:32 PM
139	The city needs more municipal sports leagues for adults	6/25/2014 8:26 PM
140	Good REC. Summer in Park all ages.Museums school system, Sports Fishing, Boating.	6/25/2014 8:21 PM
141	Swimming Pool redo would be a huge asset.	6/25/2014 8:03 PM
142	Being proactive and bring more jobs and opportunities to the people who live there.	6/25/2014 8:00 PM
143	We need good dining establishments.	6/25/2014 7:59 PM
144	Peaceful place to live most days.	6/25/2014 7:58 PM
145	Our industrial businesses that offer work. The many activities, civil and religious, that are around to make people feel at home and have something to do.	6/25/2014 7:53 PM
146	I can't think of any.	6/25/2014 7:53 PM
147	Housing and job development	6/25/2014 7:51 PM
148	Lots of people need something to do make a community garden. Find a way to have the youth participate and help others	6/25/2014 7:49 PM
149	None that I'm aware of	6/25/2014 7:36 PM
150	Not much.	6/25/2014 7:25 PM
151	Activities for children, teens, and young people aged 20-35. I think that only having a bar to go to to meet poeple is no fun and hosting some type of food series or concert series geared towards the younger crowd would help generate some hype.	6/25/2014 7:03 PM
152	...	6/25/2014 7:01 PM
153	The bypass 400 and 59	6/25/2014 6:54 PM
154	Drug dealing, welfare, getting away with child abuse/ murder!	6/25/2014 6:52 PM
155	Idk	6/25/2014 6:51 PM
156	none	6/25/2014 6:48 PM
157	Agritourism	6/25/2014 6:40 PM
158	There are lots of building sites for opportunities like restaurants and other shops and activities	6/25/2014 6:38 PM
159	Education.	6/25/2014 6:37 PM
160	there aren't any	6/25/2014 6:36 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

161	Recreation, two nearby large lakes, a good 2-year community college, a chance to contribute to the history of railroading, the thing that created Parsons	6/25/2014 6:34 PM
162	The downtown area would be great if some more businesses would be able to locate there. Also, some more restaurants would be nice.	6/25/2014 6:31 PM
163	Bike/ walking trails	6/25/2014 6:24 PM
164	More restaurants, variety	6/25/2014 6:21 PM
165	college	6/25/2014 6:21 PM
166	Some jobs local plants, state hospital	6/25/2014 6:20 PM
167	Get more family stuff reopen the bowling alley skating rink.	6/25/2014 6:17 PM
168	Small businesses	6/25/2014 6:12 PM
169	Not sure	6/25/2014 6:08 PM
170	To expect an increase in your public utilities, an increase in sales tax to pay for some independent firm, to perform some cost analysis report, for a city project, that some independent firm, did a cost analysis survey, to perform some cost analysis report, for a city project, that was part of the funding from the previous increase in sales tax.	6/25/2014 6:01 PM
171	None	6/25/2014 5:59 PM
172	Parks	6/25/2014 5:50 PM
173	LOTS of empty v accent bldgs for businesses to go into. people that need somewhere to shop.	6/25/2014 5:46 PM
174	leaving town	6/25/2014 5:45 PM
175	There is none	6/25/2014 5:44 PM
176	Everywhere	6/25/2014 5:40 PM
177	Build a mall you want to keep people here and buy local then give us a reason to stay here and to help our community	6/25/2014 5:35 PM
178	Small businesses can't stay open	6/25/2014 5:35 PM
179	Nursing, factory work, not much else	6/25/2014 5:33 PM
180	I am thinking on this I certainly did not urge my kids to stay here. I am not a techie so have no idea in that area. I am not a business person so don't know ins and outs of that area. There is great opportunity for people to find the community spirit and clean up, assist neighbors in homecare, etc. yard work, home repair, etc. We are a small town and maybe should go for that as ordinary citizens and not expect to look like a metropolis.	6/25/2014 5:29 PM
181	Nothing for kids,	6/25/2014 5:28 PM
182	None	6/25/2014 5:28 PM
183	Many business interests want to encourage growth there are influences that want to retard any development.	6/25/2014 5:26 PM
184	Retail stores. Tourism development. More widespread mental health care. Expanded health care offerings. More children-focused arenas.	6/25/2014 5:25 PM
185	Good location, a hub for the area A variety of businesses and manufacturing opportunities	6/25/2014 5:25 PM
186	Great Plains Industrial Park	6/25/2014 5:18 PM
187	Educating all who will learn about how to be a resident of a hometown to be proud of. (Contributing not contaminating)	6/25/2014 5:17 PM
188	Road repairs and offer more for kids	6/25/2014 5:17 PM
189	Tear down old houses and build new ones that will sale. We have a lot of low income housing but not enough housing for other people to move here and build up this community.	6/25/2014 5:12 PM
190	Strong 2 year training programs at LCC; good paying factory jobs (Most are for men); future businesses at the former Plant land	6/25/2014 5:11 PM
191	Employment, recreation.	6/25/2014 5:10 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

192	Plenty of vacant buildings for new business.	6/25/2014 5:09 PM
193	South industrial park, Tank connection , PSHTC	6/25/2014 5:06 PM
194	a place that allows you to try -	6/25/2014 5:03 PM
195	None!!!!	6/25/2014 4:57 PM
196	Lots of Jobs at Wal Mart. A Community College. Lots of low income housing. We do have decent parks, and for goodness sake we even have a walking trail and dog park that are so crowded you can't even use them. We are going to have new bathrooms and improve our stadium just like Independence KS. We were thinking outside the box on that one.	6/25/2014 4:49 PM
197	The youth, if not this town is going to die off.	6/25/2014 4:49 PM
198	Drugs	6/25/2014 4:48 PM
199	more community togetherness activities and events. More childrens events. Bring more businesses and restaurants to town.	6/25/2014 4:47 PM
200	Labette Community College offers great medical tech programs. Other than that, there is very limited opportunity. Internship/Job prospects are a weakness.	6/25/2014 4:43 PM
201	manufacturing, youth	6/25/2014 4:37 PM
202	Industrial parks etc... work offers opportunity.	6/25/2014 4:35 PM
203	None	6/25/2014 4:35 PM
204	Not a lot	6/25/2014 4:29 PM
205	Year Around Aquatics Center for Youth and Adults Updated Library or Hands on Learning Center for Youth and Adults Biking Trails - see Lawrence, Kansas Updated Recreational Center	6/25/2014 4:27 PM
206	Dept of Motor vehicles. Other states have them in each town. Bigger towns have about 6 or 7 of them.	6/25/2014 4:24 PM
207	There sure isn't much...	6/25/2014 4:21 PM
208	School options	6/25/2014 4:21 PM
209	help promote and expand marketing capabilities of small and emerging businesses.	6/25/2014 4:19 PM
210	The recreation commission could improve. People of Parsons could be open to new politicians	6/25/2014 4:18 PM
211	Good community college	6/25/2014 4:18 PM
212	Activities for young and younger adults, more restaurant choices, more business/shopping, taxes are high and town doesn't reflect investment in the community	6/25/2014 4:11 PM
213	4. Work on the retention of existing business and companies, if you look around owners are at an age point that they may be retiring etc. Parsons needs to keep local ownership when possible. Work on finding medium to small level company that can grow.	6/25/2014 4:08 PM
214	Honestly do not know and its sad.	6/25/2014 4:07 PM
215	Youth involvement.	6/25/2014 4:06 PM
216	Can't think of any off hand	6/25/2014 4:05 PM
217	idk	6/25/2014 4:04 PM
218	Develop more recreation center activities. Develop a "think tank" of the best and brightest minds in Parsons to focus on this question.	6/25/2014 4:02 PM
219	NONE, CITY OFFICIALS HAVE TURNED POTENTIAL BUSINESSES AWAY FOR YEAR	6/25/2014 4:01 PM
220	I really don't know.	6/25/2014 3:58 PM
221	Good question, when you find the answer, let me know.	6/25/2014 3:55 PM
222	Need new businesses	6/25/2014 3:51 PM
223	Drug dealer or nurse	6/25/2014 3:49 PM
224	Maybe.....LCC if your live in this area.	6/25/2014 3:46 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

225	I would like to see more opportunity for those in their 20's & 30's to draw people back once they finish schooling or if they choose to stick around after high school.	6/25/2014 3:44 PM
226	Cheap housing	6/25/2014 3:38 PM
227	The general area has some untapped opportunity with Big Hill, Claythome Lodge and other outdoor experiences. Parsons itself has little to offer activity or cultural wise.	6/25/2014 3:35 PM
228	Area employment	6/25/2014 3:34 PM
229	develop new housing. Work for 4 lanes on 400 between here and Highway 69. Improve rental housing.	6/25/2014 3:31 PM
230	None.	6/25/2014 3:31 PM
231	Retail manufacturing etc. If we can get them into the community which will take new leadership	6/25/2014 3:30 PM
232	More vocational training.	6/25/2014 3:28 PM
233	College	6/25/2014 3:26 PM
234	GET TRAFFIC MOVING THROUGH TOWN AGAIN. NEED GOOD RESTURANTS. ADVERTISE IN STATES LIKE CALIFORNIA FOR BUS. TO RELOCATE TO GREAT PLAINS IND PARK	6/25/2014 3:12 PM
235	new places to eat like arbys	6/25/2014 3:07 PM
236	Good jobs at industries, Community College,	6/25/2014 3:01 PM
237	finding more things for the children of parsons to do to keep them out of trouble.	6/25/2014 3:00 PM
238	investment in new businesses (manufacturing)	6/25/2014 2:57 PM
239	Small town atmosphere, a few good employers and a couple of good restaurants.	6/25/2014 11:26 AM
240	Great Plains Industrial Park	6/25/2014 10:24 AM
241	Better stores. More community gatherings; art, sport, etc.	6/24/2014 9:56 PM
242	industrial growth housing growth retail growth	6/24/2014 5:15 PM
243	Lcc	6/24/2014 3:22 PM
244	Improved swimming area, lower retail taxes and property tax	6/24/2014 3:13 PM
245	THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.	6/23/2014 8:15 PM
246	I don't know.	6/22/2014 10:06 PM
247	Stimulate the local economy.	6/22/2014 6:49 PM
248	none	6/22/2014 3:57 PM
249	?	6/22/2014 7:37 AM
250	I'm not sure.	6/22/2014 7:24 AM
251	LCC	6/22/2014 1:11 AM
252	Not sure	6/22/2014 12:41 AM
253	?	6/21/2014 11:51 PM
254	Restaurants besides Mexican food and Chinese buffet; and clothing stores	6/21/2014 11:14 PM
255	Things to do	6/21/2014 11:04 PM
256	There are none, other than alot of vacant buildings that could be revitalized to generate jobs	6/21/2014 10:37 PM
257	New business	6/21/2014 10:15 PM
258	1) Dining options 2) Capitalize on the beautiful downtown and parks and organize activities to bring people in 3) Attract unique retail businesses and help them stay afloat. 4) More job opportunities that pay a living wage. You can't raise a family on the income generated by working in the shop of our local cabinet company, not to mention fast food employment opportunities.	6/21/2014 9:59 PM
259	Mid level housing. NO more low income!	6/21/2014 6:48 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

260	?	6/21/2014 1:03 PM
261	Medical and dining services	6/21/2014 9:57 AM
262	LCC-need to be looking at keeping these kids in PK or bringing them back to work and live.	6/21/2014 8:57 AM
263	Having trouble thinking of any...	6/21/2014 8:15 AM
264	bring in Kohl's, Five Guys, Panera	6/21/2014 1:00 AM
265	Open space for business	6/20/2014 11:17 PM
266	Industrial Park?	6/20/2014 10:18 PM
267	get the state sex offenders out and do what is necessary to get the the druggies, theives, and low lives out.	6/20/2014 6:45 PM
268	See weaknesses.	6/20/2014 6:37 PM
269	Industries, youth and adult recreation, arcade, theater	6/20/2014 5:36 PM
270	To bring in industry. To provide something for young adults instead of just concentrating on the younger and older.	6/20/2014 5:32 PM
271	The opportunities are endless. There is nowhere to go but up. See answer #3.	6/20/2014 4:44 PM
272	Parsons could bring in more businesses with better paying jobs if folks would get off drugs and welfare and be willing to work. Most companies can't hire enough people but folks say they can't find a job....	6/20/2014 3:59 PM
273	The Great Plains Development area has alot to offer businesses wanting to relocate of startup.	6/20/2014 3:26 PM
274	Great Plains Industrial Park. Several vacant lots for building homes.	6/20/2014 3:03 PM
275	Many oppotunities have been lost because of high tax and utility costs. The downtown (except for a few locations) is an area that makes most of us feel good after such a disaster with the Plaza. Get rid of the terrible looking structures along 16th & Main streets. Develop a uniform government structure with the county to inhance efficiency and cost savings. Stop competing with local business such as trash service, street maintenance, etc. to bcome more efficient, cut costs and allow local business owners to grow. Let citizens decide on their own trash provider.	6/20/2014 2:26 PM
276	Jobs, activities for kids/adults, community service/involvement, community cleanup	6/20/2014 2:16 PM
277	Parsons needs to bring in more business and the ones there have very inadequate hours of operation.	6/20/2014 1:39 PM
278	I see tons of potential for growth in Parsons. I think as long as Parsons continues to focus on quality vs quantity. That's what makes a wonderful small town more appealing. Meaning, keep what is already there running at it's full potential, as much as possible. Don't let the parks get run down, etc	6/20/2014 1:33 PM
279	Curious Minds	6/20/2014 1:20 PM
280	vague question	6/20/2014 12:43 PM
281	Very few areas of opportunity	6/20/2014 12:03 PM
282	I believe Parsons has the opportunity to draw in more industry and businesses. We also need a comprehensive plan to completely take care of the homes and other buildings that are in disarray. I also believe that Parsons is one of those communities that could be very impactful if more partnerships were encourages between city and civic organizations and local faith communities.	6/20/2014 11:45 AM
283	Improving the quality of athletic facilities could make kids want to be involved.	6/20/2014 11:29 AM
284	Few	6/20/2014 11:25 AM
285	Recreational type stuff, restaurants, better housing options	6/20/2014 11:13 AM
286	Working with all of Labette County and surrounding counties to form a common direction	6/20/2014 10:04 AM
287	A successful housing program would be a start. Mandatory demolition of abandoned properties. Better oversight of commercial, retail and residential areas.	6/20/2014 9:24 AM
288	Very few.	6/20/2014 8:38 AM
289	Everything	6/20/2014 8:37 AM

What do you think about Parsons?

290	Developing & promoting art. Potential for small business company start ups. Small town comforts.	6/20/2014 8:36 AM
291	The Great Plains industrial park	6/20/2014 8:01 AM
292	The nursing program at LCC and the ammunition plant land.	6/20/2014 7:39 AM
293	Making home owners or landlords up keep their property. More business in town to increase jobs and wages	6/20/2014 6:42 AM
294	Are you kidding	6/20/2014 5:40 AM
295	Open new businesses, education, fine arts community.	6/20/2014 5:07 AM
296	This survey for one. The answers are all going to be the same.	6/20/2014 4:51 AM
297	The college but it needs to be better than it is. A lot of the jobs here suck, but that's also bc of how disrespectful the people are	6/20/2014 3:57 AM
298	Parsons could offer people low interest loans to fix up their houses--award industry and effort rather than punish those who try. Parsons should work to try to attract some mid-sized companies--right in between Independence, Pittsburg, and Coffeyville is a good situation!!!	6/20/2014 12:51 AM
299	Build a pool like independence or Pittsburg. Allow more activities for kids other than sports. Instead of bringing youth in from out of town to paint houses how about youth in parsons being allowed to take part in the community and being allowed to have pride in it.	6/19/2014 11:36 PM
300	Some kind of public transportation in the area. Currently there is none and you can't get anywhere without a car.	6/19/2014 11:24 PM
301	Razing old neighborhoods and building new Training home grown resources to enter workforce Develop more main street retail	6/19/2014 10:42 PM
302	Would be great NOT to be always in the running for first or second place in highest taxes in Kansas.	6/19/2014 9:53 PM
303	None if the city will not spend any money on city improvements	6/19/2014 9:45 PM
304	??????	6/19/2014 9:43 PM
305	A small shopping center to get the money that leaves to Joplin every weekend.	6/19/2014 9:35 PM
306	parks, shopping	6/19/2014 9:31 PM
307	Welfare for the wealthy	6/19/2014 9:23 PM
308	I don't have the answer but need to attract young professionals. Also need to improve high school sports. A sense of pride has not been as strong as in the past	6/19/2014 9:18 PM
309	Restoring the city's structure water pipes and attention to the edges of town not just the middle where all the politics happen	6/19/2014 9:11 PM
310	Great question	6/19/2014 8:59 PM
311	Need more recreation for young kids	6/19/2014 8:59 PM
312	Job growth through the old ammunition plant. Creating good paying jobs to retain younger community members to stay in Parsons. Easing sales tax and municiple taxes on property owners to be able to afford to OWN homes in the City & County.	6/19/2014 8:58 PM
313	None. Flesh blocks new companies from coming in.	6/19/2014 8:57 PM
314	?	6/19/2014 8:47 PM
315	None	6/19/2014 8:41 PM
316	k	6/19/2014 8:38 PM
317	Cant think of any! LOL	6/19/2014 8:28 PM
318	college	6/19/2014 8:22 PM
319	Community College. There are lots of opportunities to volunteer and improve the community.	6/19/2014 8:19 PM
320	-Create a Vo-Tech program for the community. -A Welcome Wagon to introduce new residents to Parsons. When we relocated here we knew nobody. It is difficult to know where to meet people as a newcomer to the community. -Many of the smaller communities in SE Kansas have more dining options. -Term limits for city council members.	6/19/2014 8:18 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

321	Labette Community College	6/19/2014 8:17 PM
322	none	6/19/2014 8:14 PM
323	Thinner fitter police officers.	6/19/2014 8:13 PM
324	ldk	6/19/2014 8:06 PM
325	Downtown	6/19/2014 7:57 PM
326	Local manufacturing and the school district provides jobs, Labette Community College has many educational programs to choose from,	6/19/2014 7:51 PM
327	I have lived here a year and still haven't found anything to do	6/19/2014 7:38 PM
328	I dont see any. We are Actually planning to sell our home and leave.	6/19/2014 7:34 PM
329	Repair the roads put more police in action	6/19/2014 7:20 PM
330	Expand children's services/ activities, support boys and girls club! Better recreation center	6/19/2014 7:13 PM
331	Tax dollars spent correctly and where actually needed.	6/19/2014 7:12 PM
332	Highways 400 and 59 create good traffic flow with access to I - 35, 49, with traffic from Wichita, Kansas city, Tulsa, and Joplin we are right in the middle of that traffic. people like coming from all over to hunt here.	6/19/2014 7:05 PM
333	Uhhh...sorry. Can't think of any ?????	6/19/2014 7:03 PM
334	Public entertainment	6/19/2014 7:01 PM
335	LCC, jobs, hobbies	6/19/2014 7:00 PM
336	Hobby and game stores.	6/19/2014 6:54 PM
337	Can't truly think of any	6/19/2014 6:52 PM
338	LCC	6/19/2014 6:52 PM
339	To volunteer your services and join church family.	6/19/2014 6:47 PM
340	I cant name any	6/19/2014 6:43 PM
341	Housing is cheaper here then much of the country. It could be a great place to retire.	6/19/2014 6:37 PM
342	repair streets, need a clothing store especially for men	6/19/2014 6:37 PM
343	Not jobs	6/19/2014 6:34 PM
344	The college.	6/19/2014 6:33 PM
345	Economic development, allowing and encouraging more business	6/19/2014 6:33 PM
346	None. There not really any jobs.	6/19/2014 6:31 PM
347	Large industrial park for more jobs, many areas available for retail growth	6/19/2014 6:28 PM
348	Lots of jobs, lots of schools and parks. I think the city could use a few more good restaurants maybe one or 2 fast food place and a few good family restaurants to sit and dine.	6/19/2014 6:28 PM
349	*Bringing more industry/jobs to Parsons *Finding ways to more effectively and accurately communicate to the public	6/19/2014 6:28 PM
350	Can't think if any..	6/19/2014 6:25 PM
351	improve attitude and the way we act in public meetings	6/19/2014 6:24 PM
352	I can't think of anything. College.	6/19/2014 6:14 PM
353	400/59 junction should be booming	6/19/2014 6:12 PM
354	I think there is a strong health care community. The hospital is a good employer.	6/19/2014 6:09 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

355	The city needs to require citizens to maintain their properties and take care of the ones that are abandoned. Start an annual Parsons Pride civic event, where charitable organizations and individuals can donate time to cleaning up the town. Every year, thousands come to our town for Katy Days festival, but there is nothing here to offer them. Offer economic incentives to businesses that will actually do well in Parsons, not be here 6 months then go out of business.	6/19/2014 6:05 PM
356	we owned one of the largest industrial parks in the US now it's time to get some business in there	6/19/2014 6:00 PM
357	What opportunities? Can't think of any	6/19/2014 5:54 PM
358	The college is a great selling point. There is plenty of room in the city and the old ammunition plant that we should be able to attract new businesses. All too often we don't make it convenient for new businesses to come here and stay.	6/19/2014 5:51 PM
359	None	6/19/2014 5:50 PM
360	We need more restaurants	6/19/2014 5:42 PM
361	Wonderful kids programs, from the library, children's museum, PRC to the local schools. There are tons of volunteer opportunities if you get out there & search.	6/19/2014 5:39 PM
362	We should get an Arby's or something out by Walmart or stick yards. It would provide more jobs.	6/19/2014 5:37 PM
363	Low cost of living, if more jobs were available the community could expand.	6/19/2014 5:33 PM
364	Good question... don't know.	6/19/2014 5:31 PM
365	improve industrial base at the former munitions plant	6/19/2014 5:28 PM
366	Other than the theft rate being high it is somewhat a safe community	6/19/2014 5:28 PM
367	Eclectic shops.	6/19/2014 5:26 PM
368	Haven't seen any.	6/19/2014 5:23 PM
369	Labette health PSHTC LCC	6/19/2014 5:22 PM
370	To clean up the town—help people spruce up homes. We need a variety of shopping and more places to eat other than Mexican & pizza.	6/19/2014 5:15 PM
371	Katy days, community concerts, etc. to offer something to help community come together	6/19/2014 5:14 PM
372	None	6/19/2014 5:07 PM
373	I want to see more of food pantrys	6/19/2014 5:00 PM
374	Not sure	6/19/2014 4:59 PM
375	When community outreaches like Hannah's Promise Pregnancy Life Center or the Youth Crisis Center become top priority for this town, we will see poverty cycles BROKEN. Individual lives will change until the community as a whole is changed.	6/19/2014 4:58 PM
376	Growth, jobs, opportunity to volunteer and lend a helping hand.	6/19/2014 4:56 PM
377	Go block by block and tear down empty and decaying houses and open up the lots for people to move decent housing in or build new.	6/19/2014 4:54 PM
378	Room to grow if people would just do it.	6/19/2014 4:51 PM
379	Incentives for building new houses, need for affordable, nice, new housing.	6/19/2014 4:50 PM
380	They are bringing in more jobs slowly	6/19/2014 4:50 PM
381	Business with incentives	6/19/2014 4:50 PM
382	?	6/19/2014 4:49 PM
383	Need a place to hold bigger events More places to eat	6/19/2014 4:48 PM
384	Katy days is fun & family friendly. They should do more community events like this to attract out of Towner's.	6/19/2014 4:47 PM
385	?	6/19/2014 4:41 PM
386	not sure	6/19/2014 4:39 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

387	Free will and the ability to have the godgiven sense to move move move	6/19/2014 4:36 PM
388	Industrial park could do great things for us...I am really hoping that will save this town. I think once we have that we will be able to get more housing and restaurants. Our train in the park needs updating..we need to keep up with things	6/19/2014 4:35 PM
389	LCC, Labette Health, state hospital	6/19/2014 4:32 PM
390	Encourage businesses to come to Parsons! Instead, we see the same people open/close businesses, each time re opening under a different name.	6/19/2014 4:32 PM
391	There should be a greater effort made in bringing in new business and creating new jobs. However changes need to be made to entice prospective businesses and families into moving here (see previous answer). Right now all of the other surrounding small communities are showing greater progress in all of those areas.	6/19/2014 4:31 PM
392	Parsons has some jobs, but at the end of the day; if your not a professional, or work for Ducommun, CST, Tank connections, you are more than likely financially broke, or you have to commute to another community. As far as support goes, unless your a drug addict, or elderly there is none.	6/19/2014 4:28 PM
393	I'm not aware of a whole lot. There could be opportunities, if there are, it is not well known.	6/19/2014 4:28 PM
394	hobby stores, fabric, etc.	6/19/2014 4:26 PM
395	out by walmart they could build a water park or something for kids to do	6/19/2014 4:25 PM
396	Bring back the yearly Arts & crafts show at the park.	6/19/2014 4:18 PM
397	The empty buildings down town would be so lovely if restored. As well as the houses. Things for people to do as well as teens. Antique stores.	6/19/2014 4:16 PM
398	downtown	6/19/2014 4:11 PM
399	None .. Get people n city government that actually want the city to hve businesses.	6/19/2014 4:08 PM
400	No where abymore	6/19/2014 4:07 PM
401	Creating more opportunities for young adults and young families. Supporting young adults and young families. Promoting life in this community.	6/19/2014 4:05 PM
402	Buying a home	6/19/2014 4:04 PM
403	Na	6/19/2014 4:04 PM
404	Not sure what this question means, but I would like us to find money to invest in the pool and rec center. Forrest park is wonderful and it is used. We need to expand and update the pool and rec center so we offer more for kids.	6/19/2014 4:03 PM
405	Good place to open a business, especially if you know how to cook. Lots of land for development. Lots of houses that need fixed and bought or rented.	6/19/2014 4:00 PM
406	More activities, places to eat, places to shop.	6/19/2014 4:00 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

Q5 What is your favorite thing about Parsons?

Answered: 438 Skipped: 209

#	Responses	Date
1	Quiet small community with very little major crime	6/30/2014 10:24 PM
2	My favorite thing about Parsons is that it has maintained most of its charm over the years.	6/30/2014 10:15 PM
3	People history	6/30/2014 9:15 PM
4	All store owners are nice	6/30/2014 6:56 PM
5	Loved the old buildings and public parks. St Pattys church was nice. Wish I could have seen inside the Episcopal church.	6/30/2014 5:05 PM
6	Nothing	6/30/2014 4:19 PM
7	People	6/30/2014 4:07 PM
8	Forest Park is Parsons one shiny star, but the only reason I've stayed, is because my wife's family is here, and she won't go without them.	6/30/2014 3:58 PM
9	My family grew up here	6/30/2014 3:43 PM
10	The Schools!!!	6/30/2014 3:39 PM
11	The activities it offers for younger kids.	6/30/2014 3:35 PM
12	Small town feel	6/30/2014 3:23 PM
13	Forest Park	6/30/2014 3:12 PM
14	Walmart	6/30/2014 2:36 PM
15	Taco Mayo	6/30/2014 2:23 PM
16	PEOPLE.	6/30/2014 2:02 PM
17	Clean air, lots of parks, a lush town in comparison to all the "concrete jungles" of the world.	6/30/2014 1:57 PM
18	Lcc just got their new nursing building	6/30/2014 1:57 PM
19	Small and not too far from being away from the pavement and noise.	6/30/2014 1:41 PM
20	family	6/30/2014 1:37 PM
21	It's familiar. I know this town like the back of my hand.	6/30/2014 1:34 PM
22	My family. Easy to drive in & around	6/30/2014 12:39 PM
23	My friends that I met here	6/30/2014 12:34 PM
24	Ernesto's	6/30/2014 12:34 PM
25	Small town life	6/30/2014 11:40 AM
26	Being able to leave at the end of the work day and not listen to people complain	6/30/2014 11:34 AM
27	It's my home	6/30/2014 11:24 AM
28	Small schools. Personable people .	6/30/2014 11:16 AM
29	Forrest park, old houses (that have been kept up), new downtown, Ernestos	6/30/2014 11:06 AM
30	Home town feeling	6/30/2014 10:53 AM
31	Brick Streets. Older neighborhoods. Downtown.	6/30/2014 10:52 AM
32	Easy to get around in because it's small.	6/30/2014 10:46 AM

What do you think about Parsons?

33	Cheaper cost of living	6/30/2014 10:46 AM
34	My family is here.	6/30/2014 10:44 AM
35	The People.	6/30/2014 10:41 AM
36	MY FAMILY IS HERE AND THAT IS THE ONLY REASON I AM HERE	6/30/2014 10:38 AM
37	Ernesto's!!!	6/30/2014 10:37 AM
38	Knowing people and Quiet lifestyle.	6/30/2014 10:37 AM
39	Nothing. There aren't even any good restaurants.	6/30/2014 10:33 AM
40	USA 503	6/30/2014 10:24 AM
41	My family	6/30/2014 10:00 AM
42	The people	6/30/2014 9:34 AM
43	Family	6/30/2014 8:37 AM
44	The crazy people	6/29/2014 10:23 PM
45	Good highways to leave town on.	6/29/2014 9:21 PM
46	Leaving town	6/29/2014 6:46 PM
47	I get to see my son all the time	6/29/2014 5:03 PM
48	Fairly quiet town	6/29/2014 4:32 PM
49	My family is from here	6/29/2014 4:29 PM
50	It's where I grew up.	6/29/2014 3:50 PM
51	Nothing at all I stay away from tht hell hole	6/29/2014 2:35 PM
52	Meeting people I know each day.	6/29/2014 2:33 PM
53	Katy Days	6/29/2014 2:18 PM
54	I don't really have a favorite thing	6/29/2014 2:14 PM
55	My grandma :)	6/29/2014 2:11 PM
56	have lived here all my life, know where everything is.	6/29/2014 1:41 PM
57	Small town feel.	6/29/2014 1:37 PM
58	Daylight donuts	6/29/2014 12:56 PM
59	People are friendly.	6/29/2014 12:45 PM
60	Going downtown but unfortunately downtown is not as economically sufficient as it was say 20 years ago.	6/29/2014 12:29 PM
61	Tolen creek	6/29/2014 12:17 PM
62	People	6/29/2014 12:07 PM
63	The fond memories I have with family and the park. (Forest park)	6/29/2014 12:05 PM
64	My family and longtime friends are here.	6/29/2014 11:55 AM
65	The way the community can pull together when needed.	6/29/2014 11:49 AM
66	It's where I grew up!!	6/29/2014 11:39 AM
67	Park	6/29/2014 11:36 AM
68	Looking at in my rear view mirror	6/29/2014 11:31 AM
69	Most of the public school system.	6/29/2014 11:20 AM
70	Events	6/28/2014 9:29 PM
71	Most people seem to be friendly	6/28/2014 9:19 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

72	The people	6/28/2014 8:58 PM
73	Leaving :)	6/28/2014 2:57 PM
74	Small town and close net	6/28/2014 2:37 PM
75	Seeing old friends. It's a good feeling to go to stores and the hospital, etc. and our helped by past students for instance.	6/28/2014 1:17 PM
76	We pastored the Foursquare Church for over 17 years and are so very satisfied with the beautiful congregation there. Our son and his family live in Parsons. It is for the most part very peaceful (except for the neighbros directly behind us).	6/28/2014 9:51 AM
77	The Seasonal changes.	6/27/2014 11:42 PM
78	The Arboretum and Forest Park.	6/27/2014 10:32 PM
79	work	6/27/2014 9:42 PM
80	The beautiful old houses and tree lined streets	6/27/2014 8:41 PM
81	School district	6/27/2014 7:57 PM
82	Great place to raise my children	6/27/2014 5:48 PM
83	Seeing it in my rearview mirror	6/27/2014 4:56 PM
84	My home and friends	6/27/2014 1:10 PM
85	Park	6/27/2014 12:48 PM
86	nothing	6/27/2014 11:54 AM
87	Struggling with answering that. Has been home all my life but very disappointed in where it is and seems to be going, ready to entertain change in location due to city seems to be dying	6/27/2014 10:58 AM
88	knowing so many people of the community	6/27/2014 10:52 AM
89	the people	6/27/2014 9:43 AM
90	Ernestos, everyone that comes back has to eat at Ernestos.	6/27/2014 9:31 AM
91	When I leave.	6/27/2014 9:04 AM
92	Growth & expansion	6/27/2014 4:42 AM
93	Family	6/27/2014 12:25 AM
94	Parsons Theatre	6/26/2014 11:08 PM
95	Size, friendliness, location and it is my home town!	6/26/2014 10:11 PM
96	Memories	6/26/2014 8:22 PM
97	Low crime rate; Trees	6/26/2014 8:01 PM
98	Forest park	6/26/2014 7:33 PM
99	It's home	6/26/2014 5:54 PM
100	Home and friends, small town atmosphere. We are within driving distance to Joplin, Wichita, Kansas City, without having to put up with traffic, etc.	6/26/2014 5:13 PM
101	Our schools. They really show the most promise for our future and are also a good indication I our future successes.	6/26/2014 5:01 PM
102	Seeing familiar faces.	6/26/2014 3:57 PM
103	not much really	6/26/2014 3:39 PM
104	Family atmosphere	6/26/2014 3:39 PM
105	That there are good people in this town who are really trying to make it a better place to live.	6/26/2014 2:48 PM
106	family and friends	6/26/2014 2:38 PM
107	Family here	6/26/2014 2:28 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

108	Close to work. Also see #2 strengths of community.	6/26/2014 1:54 PM
109	Ability to know a lot of people in town and get involved with activities if you choose to	6/26/2014 1:48 PM
110	Size of town, Walmart	6/26/2014 1:08 PM
111	My favorite thing about Parsons is Wal-Mart.	6/26/2014 12:48 PM
112	My family is here. I have all of the basic necessities of life right here, and is a positive, caring, community.	6/26/2014 12:31 PM
113	my church and the friendships with community The Senior Center offers lots of programing and is very well attended	6/26/2014 12:02 PM
114	helpful friendly people/ family events that come to parsons/ concerts/ car show	6/26/2014 11:36 AM
115	Churches	6/26/2014 11:07 AM
116	Its my hometown, we have seen major improvements in the college, park, municipal building, A feel that we are slowly changing attitudes and have a growing wealth of people working to continue improvement	6/26/2014 11:05 AM
117	Thursday night concerts in the park.	6/26/2014 10:52 AM
118	Small town friendly atmosphere, and recreational opportunity	6/26/2014 10:44 AM
119	Leaving it to go else where.	6/26/2014 10:42 AM
120	It home? Not for much longer. Ready to leave this town and move into the country.	6/26/2014 10:35 AM
121	school system	6/26/2014 10:32 AM
122	St Patricks Catholic community. Open, welcoming, charitable	6/26/2014 10:31 AM
123	I have lived in 2 of the biggest cities,(Los Angeles and Chicago) and Parsons is where my husband and I retired to enjoy the rural life.	6/26/2014 10:05 AM
124	Getting anywhere in a few minutes of travel.	6/26/2014 9:41 AM
125	My job.	6/26/2014 9:13 AM
126	Ernesto's	6/26/2014 8:54 AM
127	Quiet town..	6/26/2014 8:45 AM
128	Nothing	6/26/2014 8:36 AM
129	none	6/26/2014 8:24 AM
130	My Church Community.	6/26/2014 8:23 AM
131	Events such as Katy Days during which the town becomes active with lots of people around. Music in the park These give a community feel to Parsons.	6/26/2014 8:09 AM
132	El Pueblito's restaurant! best Mexican food I ever had!	6/26/2014 7:59 AM
133	The history for sure. I am very proud that our town honors the history of how it all began.	6/26/2014 7:52 AM
134	Not much traffic. Nice clean town for the most part. Not a lot of gang activity, yet. For the most part everyone is friendly,	6/26/2014 7:51 AM
135	Easy to get around	6/26/2014 7:51 AM
136	My family is here.	6/26/2014 7:44 AM
137	I was bom here, and unfortunately, have never had the opportunity to leave this place.	6/26/2014 7:44 AM
138	Small town atmosphere	6/26/2014 6:33 AM
139	Downtown and forest park (I know its two)	6/26/2014 6:28 AM
140	Ernesto's	6/26/2014 5:22 AM
141	Katy days	6/26/2014 3:00 AM
142	Everyone knows just about everyone. The community comes together when a tragedy happens. We are all family.	6/26/2014 12:56 AM

What do you think about Parsons?

143	The willingness of others to lend a hand when needed.	6/26/2014 12:12 AM
144	Nothing.parsons sucks.parsons could have potential but the officials shut everything cool down. There is nothing to do here but fuck and drink	6/25/2014 11:40 PM
145	My favorite thing about Parsons is that it is close to several metropolitan areas such as Tulsa, Kansas City, Joplin, Wichita, etc.	6/25/2014 11:35 PM
146	Small town and the people.	6/25/2014 11:01 PM
147	Timer Creek Meats....	6/25/2014 10:52 PM
148	Downtown is really pretty and presentable and easy to navigate through.	6/25/2014 9:57 PM
149	that I've managed to stay sane is my favorite thing thanks for asking	6/25/2014 9:45 PM
150	Small town	6/25/2014 9:37 PM
151	Family, friends and 4th of July. It's still a nice, small town, but not enough places to shop and eat. Love the fall and the beautiful trees	6/25/2014 9:24 PM
152	Taco mayo, kitchen pass	6/25/2014 8:53 PM
153	Nothing	6/25/2014 8:32 PM
154	Low cost of living	6/25/2014 8:26 PM
155	Arboretum and Churchs	6/25/2014 8:23 PM
156	It's history, it's feel, the people, outdoor recreation,	6/25/2014 8:04 PM
157	The home town feel.	6/25/2014 8:00 PM
158	Katy days	6/25/2014 7:59 PM
159	Being close to family.	6/25/2014 7:58 PM
160	It's central location to larger cities. The sense of pride in many of the Parsonians that live here.	6/25/2014 7:55 PM
161	Cosmic castle	6/25/2014 7:53 PM
162	Katy days	6/25/2014 7:51 PM
163	The park and college	6/25/2014 7:49 PM
164	Ernesto's	6/25/2014 7:36 PM
165	Forrest park and Ernestos.	6/25/2014 7:26 PM
166	Access to so many different communities in the surrounding area.	6/25/2014 7:07 PM
167	My family.	6/25/2014 7:01 PM
168	Na	6/25/2014 6:54 PM
169	That we are leaving here in a year!	6/25/2014 6:53 PM
170	The silent nights	6/25/2014 6:51 PM
171	Nothing	6/25/2014 6:48 PM
172	My family is here. This is where i feel like home.	6/25/2014 6:39 PM
173	The Churches	6/25/2014 6:37 PM
174	Forest Park	6/25/2014 6:37 PM
175	There are friendly people in Parsons	6/25/2014 6:35 PM
176	It's where I grew up, so it will always be home to me.	6/25/2014 6:32 PM
177	Small community, knowing the people	6/25/2014 6:25 PM
178	I have grown up here and raised my family and had a great life . It is a pretty town and a nice town to live in !!	6/25/2014 6:23 PM
179	Small town, but not too small	6/25/2014 6:21 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

180	Its my home, like my church, son lives in Parsons.	6/25/2014 6:21 PM
181	Everbody know everone very friendly place to live	6/25/2014 6:18 PM
182	My neighborhood	6/25/2014 6:12 PM
183	Size, farmers market, community gardens, senior center	6/25/2014 6:08 PM
184	How this town has assisted my creative culinary skills, since there is a considerable lack of dining opportunities available. However, I have been able to save money from not eating out and can supplement that savings for the ever increasing cost to live in this city, town, or if preferred, money pit.	6/25/2014 6:07 PM
185	Leaving	6/25/2014 5:59 PM
186	Parks	6/25/2014 5:56 PM
187	It's the place I call home. Lots of good memories from when my grandparents were alive.	6/25/2014 5:50 PM
188	hometown feeling	6/25/2014 5:46 PM
189	Thing theres nothing for kids or anything if the state hospital closed down this town will b a gost town because there is nothing here	6/25/2014 5:46 PM
190	leaving	6/25/2014 5:45 PM
191	Job	6/25/2014 5:36 PM
192	Close to family and that is all	6/25/2014 5:35 PM
193	Its home to me, the people, easy to drive/get around in	6/25/2014 5:34 PM
194	The house we moved into when we came in 1967. Lived there 37 years until my husband died. I sold it to a young man who is rehabing it like the old days of that house. Otherwise, it is the friendly attitude of most people.	6/25/2014 5:29 PM
195	Leaving	6/25/2014 5:29 PM
196	Must be something Ive stayed	6/25/2014 5:28 PM
197	People	6/25/2014 5:26 PM
198	Forest Park and the beautiful landscaping and all the old Victorian homes one passes on the way to the park	6/25/2014 5:26 PM
199	Forest park and hospitality	6/25/2014 5:25 PM
200	Great Parks	6/25/2014 5:21 PM
201	It's Home---friendly faces, ease of shopping.	6/25/2014 5:18 PM
202	The size	6/25/2014 5:18 PM
203	KNOWING that no matter what people say, city employees are knowledgeable and hard working. (and no, I'm not a parsons employee & I'm not married to or related to one)	6/25/2014 5:17 PM
204	The park. I am happy that they are making the park better. It is a great place for kids...and needs to be the best it can be so the kids have somewhere to go..	6/25/2014 5:17 PM
205	The school system. The children's museum. Katy days.	6/25/2014 5:14 PM
206	It's small and close to Joplin, KC, Tulsa if you need to go out of town	6/25/2014 5:11 PM
207	UUUMMM?	6/25/2014 5:10 PM
208	You can get a nice dinner and a movie. Good local heath care.	6/25/2014 5:10 PM
209	small town atmosphere	6/25/2014 5:08 PM
210	small town, friendly and only 2 hours from the big city (Wichita, Tulsa, KC) if that is your thing	6/25/2014 5:04 PM
211	School district 503	6/25/2014 4:57 PM
212	It does have a group of people that care and try to make this a better place. They have a wonderful downtown area and if you look past the issues with local government the community tries very hard to have a vibrant and positive outlook.	6/25/2014 4:56 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

213	The PRIDE that the youngster take in their schools.	6/25/2014 4:50 PM
214	LCC has some great programs	6/25/2014 4:48 PM
215	memories of growing up there and that a lot of my family lives there.	6/25/2014 4:48 PM
216	Forest Park.	6/25/2014 4:44 PM
217	forest park	6/25/2014 4:38 PM
218	College, forest park, hwy 400 which is an easy route out of this dump.	6/25/2014 4:36 PM
219	not really sure I have a favorite thing about Parsons I have lived here all my life always hoping it would get better but is always trying to improve on things better for the people with money not the middle class it's all about the people with money or the lower class that use off welfare	6/25/2014 4:36 PM
220	Not a lot of violence	6/25/2014 4:30 PM
221	The People (Most Times)	6/25/2014 4:29 PM
222	It is where my fiance lives.	6/25/2014 4:24 PM
223	Ernestos. The hospital	6/25/2014 4:22 PM
224	The parks and affordable entertainment offerings	6/25/2014 4:21 PM
225	My family and Forest park. But it even needs updated.	6/25/2014 4:21 PM
226	Smaller, close knit community	6/25/2014 4:19 PM
227	Not a lot of crime	6/25/2014 4:18 PM
228	We come together when need be.	6/25/2014 4:14 PM
229	Parks and schools	6/25/2014 4:12 PM
230	5. People, I have found a great openness from many individuals, in saying that you must be somewhat outgoing and willing to be part of this community. It will not come to you but if you try we have many great individuals.	6/25/2014 4:08 PM
231	Nostalgia. PPD Football great program for the kids!	6/25/2014 4:08 PM
232	Events held, although few.	6/25/2014 4:07 PM
233	my husband	6/25/2014 4:05 PM
234	The good people that prop-up our community.	6/25/2014 4:02 PM
235	FOREST PARK	6/25/2014 4:01 PM
236	I can't say that I have a "favorite thing" about Parsons. Maybe it is seeing it recede in my rear-view mirror when I drive away for a day or for a vacation.	6/25/2014 3:58 PM
237	People I grew up with here are honestly the only reason I'm still here, not the town it's self.this town is slowing dying out.	6/25/2014 3:56 PM
238	Bleacher Gear	6/25/2014 3:51 PM
239	I have family in parsons	6/25/2014 3:51 PM
240	It is the perfect balance between a small town and big town. There are a lot of things to do and all conveniently close to home.	6/25/2014 3:50 PM
241	Small town easy to get around but nothing to do	6/25/2014 3:50 PM
242	Its quiet & our family is here.	6/25/2014 3:47 PM
243	I love the downtown area, but wish that there were more events held down there.	6/25/2014 3:47 PM
244	Centrally located to larger, favorite cities.	6/25/2014 3:40 PM
245	Family lives here.	6/25/2014 3:39 PM
246	Ernestos!!! Somewhat of a variety of eating establishments. Cheaper gas then Cherryvale, Independence.	6/25/2014 3:37 PM
247	Parsons is where my family is.	6/25/2014 3:36 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

248	Forrest Park	6/25/2014 3:35 PM
249	my backyard!	6/25/2014 3:31 PM
250	When i leave it.	6/25/2014 3:31 PM
251	The people	6/25/2014 3:30 PM
252	Size of the community	6/25/2014 3:28 PM
253	how clean it is	6/25/2014 3:26 PM
254	DOWNTOWN, PARKS, NEARBY LAKES, HISTORY	6/25/2014 3:23 PM
255	my job	6/25/2014 3:07 PM
256	good people	6/25/2014 3:03 PM
257	Small town environment	6/25/2014 3:01 PM
258	small town	6/25/2014 3:00 PM
259	work	6/25/2014 2:58 PM
260	Everyone is friendly and most everyone knows everyone.	6/25/2014 11:27 AM
261	Parks; People	6/25/2014 10:24 AM
262	The people.	6/24/2014 9:57 PM
263	friends	6/24/2014 5:15 PM
264	Concert series	6/24/2014 3:23 PM
265	Main Street	6/24/2014 3:13 PM
266	DAYLIGHT DONUTS, VISITING FAMILY	6/23/2014 8:15 PM
267	Memories. Family.	6/22/2014 10:06 PM
268	nothing	6/22/2014 7:37 PM
269	The people	6/22/2014 6:49 PM
270	memories	6/22/2014 3:57 PM
271	Friends	6/22/2014 7:37 AM
272	My family there.	6/22/2014 7:24 AM
273	Ernesto's	6/22/2014 1:11 AM
274	I love that hometown feeling	6/22/2014 12:41 AM
275	small town feel	6/21/2014 11:52 PM
276	The beautiful trees, parks, walking trails..	6/21/2014 11:15 PM
277	Leaving	6/21/2014 11:04 PM
278	Taco mayo	6/21/2014 10:37 PM
279	The smallness and family atmosphere	6/21/2014 10:15 PM
280	Parks, flowers and historic buildings	6/21/2014 10:00 PM
281	It is home.	6/21/2014 9:34 PM
282	It's just home!	6/21/2014 6:48 PM
283	Park, pool, LCC , the things that inspire community	6/21/2014 1:04 PM
284	Ernestos	6/21/2014 12:28 PM
285	Forrest Park and Kitchen Pass	6/21/2014 9:58 AM
286	Schools-sense of family	6/21/2014 8:57 AM
287	Forest Park.	6/21/2014 8:17 AM

What do you think about Parsons?

288	arboretum	6/21/2014 1:00 AM
289	Ernesto's Mexican resturant	6/20/2014 11:17 PM
290	The memory of what Parsons used to be.	6/20/2014 10:19 PM
291	five??? Family roots is the only thing that keeps anyone here.	6/20/2014 6:46 PM
292	I spend most of my time outside my house at Wal-Mart. Isn't that horrible?	6/20/2014 6:39 PM
293	Parks and open space	6/20/2014 5:38 PM
294	The way some people go out of their way to help others.	6/20/2014 5:33 PM
295	Ernesto's	6/20/2014 5:16 PM
296	easy to get around in.	6/20/2014 4:45 PM
297	Knowing people. Being recognized in the convenient store every morning.	6/20/2014 3:59 PM
298	The majority of people are very caring and proud of their community.	6/20/2014 3:27 PM
299	Close enough to Joplin or Tulsa or Kansas City and still being able to avoid the gang violence and traffic of the bigger cities. Would like to see lower taxes so a retired person could afford to live here.	6/20/2014 3:05 PM
300	Small town.	6/20/2014 2:27 PM
301	Family/Friends	6/20/2014 2:16 PM
302	It has a slow pace of life that some people really enjoy.	6/20/2014 1:39 PM
303	Hmmmm. Ice cream? The downtown? Hard to say	6/20/2014 1:33 PM
304	Forest Park	6/20/2014 1:21 PM
305	It's big enough to have some good restaurants and shops but not too big to have traffic and crowd problems.	6/20/2014 12:44 PM
306	My favorite thing about Parsons is Tolen Creek and the walking trails.	6/20/2014 12:04 PM
307	Its potential!	6/20/2014 11:47 AM
308	The people who see positives. I was born and raised in Parsons, as were my parents and grandparents, I have seen the good and the bad. It seems like Parsons is trying to become a better town overall, but doesn't have the support from a large part of the community, so I applaud those who let their voices be heard in a positive way,	6/20/2014 11:36 AM
309	The parks.	6/20/2014 11:26 AM
310	Small town feel	6/20/2014 11:13 AM
311	I leave my keys in the car, and do not lock my house. Yes, we have had robberies and tragic murders, but they are rare, rare rare	6/20/2014 10:07 AM
312	Parsons is a very easy place to live. Paying bills, running errands and seeing professionals is time efficient.	6/20/2014 9:24 AM
313	Not any..	6/20/2014 8:39 AM
314	Size	6/20/2014 8:38 AM
315	Friendly genuine people	6/20/2014 8:36 AM
316	It's a safe place for my children.	6/20/2014 8:02 AM
317	Outdoor opportunities so close by. Big Hill, Parsons Lake, McKinley Lake, disc golf at the arboretum, real golf at the Katy, fishing at the Mined land wildlife area by Big Brutus.	6/20/2014 7:41 AM
318	It is home	6/20/2014 7:07 AM
319	Katy Days, high school football, 2 awesome Mexican restaurants, great parks	6/20/2014 6:48 AM
320	Community comes together in times of need.	6/20/2014 6:46 AM
321	My job and our property. It's the only reason my family stays here.	6/20/2014 6:43 AM
322	When I look in the rearview mirror	6/20/2014 5:42 AM

What do you think about Parsons?

323	Katy Days, community orchestra, dog park, summer band concerts in the park, LCC cardinal cafe	6/20/2014 5:08 AM
324	The people that live here that care enough and have enough pride to tell you your short comings that you can't figure out for yourself.	6/20/2014 4:53 AM
325	Growing up here was good. But it's getting worse the longer I live here I really don't know why though	6/20/2014 3:58 AM
326	It's home town feel.	6/20/2014 12:51 AM
327	Wildlife	6/20/2014 12:43 AM
328	The park; the sweet teachers for the schools; warmth of the people and ready smiles.	6/19/2014 11:24 PM
329	Simple pleasures People Parks Variety of people Good schools Good utilities Lots of available jobs History Nice downtown Safe place	6/19/2014 10:47 PM
330	The way the stupid bump outs down down has trees blocking the triangle of safety. A real eye opener there!	6/19/2014 9:56 PM
331	Living closer to my daughter	6/19/2014 9:46 PM
332	Low cost of living. (two would be easy to get around)	6/19/2014 9:35 PM
333	Seeing it in the rear view mirror.	6/19/2014 9:23 PM
334	Nothing immediately popped into my head. Although I could answer the same question about many surrounding communities with ease	6/19/2014 9:20 PM
335	PK pride!	6/19/2014 9:13 PM
336	The people	6/19/2014 9:00 PM
337	I like the concerts that play there every few months. I have recieved good medical treatment at Labette health. the library is awesome	6/19/2014 9:00 PM
338	Nothing. It's like a black hole, you get sucked in and can't get out.	6/19/2014 8:59 PM
339	Small community. Home town feeling.	6/19/2014 8:58 PM
340	the sense of community	6/19/2014 8:49 PM
341	k	6/19/2014 8:38 PM
342	Leaving.	6/19/2014 8:28 PM
343	It is where my family is, perfect place to raise children,	6/19/2014 8:25 PM
344	Small town atmosphere	6/19/2014 8:22 PM
345	My personal group of friends.	6/19/2014 8:19 PM
346	Family and friends.	6/19/2014 8:19 PM
347	My family lives there	6/19/2014 8:17 PM
348	my family is here or lives close by.	6/19/2014 8:15 PM
349	Parks and Recreation commission activities.	6/19/2014 8:13 PM
350	My church	6/19/2014 8:06 PM
351	The fact that it is a small town that I enjoyed growing up in	6/19/2014 7:58 PM
352	The Downtown Area and friendly people.	6/19/2014 7:51 PM
353	My family. Why I came here	6/19/2014 7:38 PM
354	Nothing actually. I have lived in three towns. Parsons needs to clean up and allow buissness' in here. Its to big to offer so little. We take all of our shopping to Joplin, wichita, KC etc. We even drive out of town just to have a decent meal at a nice reatraunt.	6/19/2014 7:34 PM
355	It's home, I love being a Viking, and Ernesto's!	6/19/2014 7:14 PM
356	The good god fearing and willing to help anyone peopke that live here.	6/19/2014 7:13 PM
357	Katy days	6/19/2014 7:06 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

358	Forest Park	6/19/2014 7:04 PM
359	Will never change	6/19/2014 7:01 PM
360	Parsons Nazarene Church	6/19/2014 7:00 PM
361	The walking trails, the museum, parks and the theatre.	6/19/2014 6:54 PM
362	Shrug	6/19/2014 6:54 PM
363	Big Hill - Katy Days-	6/19/2014 6:53 PM
364	Nothing	6/19/2014 6:52 PM
365	My house.	6/19/2014 6:48 PM
366	Getting outside of parsons and fishing	6/19/2014 6:43 PM
367	The landscape around it.	6/19/2014 6:38 PM
368	the events, forest park, the way people come together to get things done.	6/19/2014 6:38 PM
369	Small town	6/19/2014 6:34 PM
370	The nice ball fields.	6/19/2014 6:33 PM
371	Katy Days	6/19/2014 6:33 PM
372	I just stay here cause my dad won't move he owns his house and I take care of him. Can't really wait to move out.	6/19/2014 6:31 PM
373	No one thing...just a nice town	6/19/2014 6:30 PM
374	In the middle of everywhere	6/19/2014 6:29 PM
375	Don't have to travel to shop	6/19/2014 6:28 PM
376	Just the people. There may be a few grudges but I bet there's more people that get along	6/19/2014 6:27 PM
377	Family and friends	6/19/2014 6:25 PM
378	My job at pshtc	6/19/2014 6:14 PM
379	Family	6/19/2014 6:12 PM
380	It has a wonderful park which should be used more.	6/19/2014 6:10 PM
381	I like living in a smaller community, where I know most of my neighbors.	6/19/2014 6:07 PM
382	my family being here	6/19/2014 6:01 PM
383	It is close to where I grew up	6/19/2014 5:55 PM
384	Forest park	6/19/2014 5:51 PM
385	Leaving	6/19/2014 5:51 PM
386	Friendliness of most people.	6/19/2014 5:47 PM
387	I like the activities for children at the rec ctr.	6/19/2014 5:42 PM
388	Perfect sized town in which to raise our family.	6/19/2014 5:39 PM
389	It's size.	6/19/2014 5:37 PM
390	I guess it would be... that's where my job is.	6/19/2014 5:33 PM
391	The town is fairly quiet.	6/19/2014 5:33 PM
392	Katy days and other family events in the park	6/19/2014 5:29 PM
393	its location	6/19/2014 5:28 PM
394	Great schools.	6/19/2014 5:27 PM
395	Nothing	6/19/2014 5:24 PM
396	Summer community events	6/19/2014 5:22 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

397	My friendly neighbors.	6/19/2014 5:16 PM
398	Have a few good friends from years ago that live here	6/19/2014 5:14 PM
399	Friends and Family live close	6/19/2014 5:08 PM
400	My parents live there. Katy Days Medallion Hunt!!	6/19/2014 5:07 PM
401	Katy days	6/19/2014 5:02 PM
402	Once again, I love the uniqueness. People open up random businesses that may seem a bit like fantasies in a town this size, but we are able to get behind them and support them. In the age of Walmart controlling everything in so many other areas similar to ours, the presence of downtown specialty stores like Cosmic Castle and The Mustard Seed are refreshing.	6/19/2014 5:02 PM
403	im not sure	6/19/2014 5:01 PM
404	It is a small town	6/19/2014 5:00 PM
405	Our great people	6/19/2014 4:56 PM
406	The diversity.	6/19/2014 4:55 PM
407	That even though people have very limited income, they still take decent care of their property and Parsons as a whole looks nice, it's always been 'home' to me. But make sure you are thankful that people call Parsons home, because there are other places to live.	6/19/2014 4:54 PM
408	Its history.	6/19/2014 4:54 PM
409	Close to many larger cities.	6/19/2014 4:51 PM
410	I think we have a Beautiful City with the exception of a few areas of the City	6/19/2014 4:51 PM
411	Family,	6/19/2014 4:50 PM
412	Schools	6/19/2014 4:50 PM
413	Forrest Park	6/19/2014 4:49 PM
414	Katy days	6/19/2014 4:47 PM
415	chubbies	6/19/2014 4:42 PM
416	moving	6/19/2014 4:40 PM
417	Parsons Foursquare Church	6/19/2014 4:39 PM
418	My house.i had to put a lot into it to make it my own. But it was worth it	6/19/2014 4:36 PM
419	When I'm no there	6/19/2014 4:36 PM
420	Citizens of Parsons take a lot of pride in their town and want to see growth. We just need leadership who will listen and find ways to ensure the growth, instead of making excuses for always doing the minimum amount of work possible.	6/19/2014 4:34 PM
421	The fact that when someone who lives here needs help everyone comes together for them	6/19/2014 4:33 PM
422	My church	6/19/2014 4:33 PM
423	Natural, and un-natural beauty. For me; I was raised here, and it always brings those good feelings of youth, and family back to my soul.	6/19/2014 4:30 PM
424	I do still like the small town feel.	6/19/2014 4:28 PM
425	It can be quiet	6/19/2014 4:26 PM
426	nothing	6/19/2014 4:25 PM
427	Parsons is friendly. And it is home to me.	6/19/2014 4:19 PM
428	Nostalgia. My family and friends. The remaining old buildings from its heyday. The cemeteries.	6/19/2014 4:18 PM
429	My family is here	6/19/2014 4:13 PM
430	My house	6/19/2014 4:12 PM
431	Small Town life.	6/19/2014 4:08 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

432	The city limits as I leave	6/19/2014 4:07 PM
433	Friendly folks, & quiet	6/19/2014 4:05 PM
434	How everyone pulls together in times of need	6/19/2014 4:05 PM
435	The friends I have made here.	6/19/2014 4:05 PM
436	I love all the old houses. Some are looking pretty bad, I wish there was a better way to restore them.	6/19/2014 4:04 PM
437	Downtown small town feel.	6/19/2014 4:01 PM
438	The small community.	6/19/2014 4:00 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

Q6 If there was one thing you could change, what would it be?

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#	Responses	Date
1	Parsons needs better developed neighborhoods and communities. There are far too many parts of our town that are run down or completely abandoned. I would like to see more development and a real effort to clean up the town.	6/30/2014 10:24 PM
2	Streets	6/30/2014 9:17 PM
3	Cleaner parks	6/30/2014 6:56 PM
4	More economic and cultural opportunity. I really enjoyed my stay but there would be little opportunity for me to locate there.	6/30/2014 5:08 PM
5	Make town meetings scheduled and advertise it and how everyone can get involved	6/30/2014 4:27 PM
6	Job opportunities	6/30/2014 4:13 PM
7	I would like to see people more considerate and friendly	6/30/2014 4:02 PM
8	Better care at Labette Health.	6/30/2014 3:40 PM
9	More entertainment	6/30/2014 3:25 PM
10	Find a way to get quality and lasting businesses here.	6/30/2014 3:18 PM
11	Bigger walmart and no gangs	6/30/2014 2:38 PM
12	I would change the fact that there's people working at the fast food restaurants that do drugs like meth and stuff like it. I've seen drug deal go on at a restaurant not naming names but I don't want my food to be accidentally handled with THAT.	6/30/2014 2:28 PM
13	THE CULTURE OF POVERTY AND ENTITLEMENTS. BUILD A BETTER WORK ETHIC. WORK - STUDY OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL KIDS LIKE COLLEGES HAVE.	6/30/2014 2:02 PM
14	Educational system	6/30/2014 2:01 PM
15	The over abundance of slobs and bums.	6/30/2014 1:43 PM
16	commissioners, salaries paid (far under other cities our size)	6/30/2014 1:40 PM
17	more GOOD PAYING jobs.	6/30/2014 1:36 PM
18	Sad looking houses. Streets need repair	6/30/2014 12:42 PM
19	How much the city workers get paid. They are underpaid by several dollars a hour compared to neighboring communities.	6/30/2014 11:36 AM
20	High Taxes AND high gas prices	6/30/2014 11:24 AM
21	Lack of businesses. I hate having to go out of town for good food and better shopping options.	6/30/2014 11:19 AM
22	Offer more for kids. With a declining population, it's hard to attract families when surrounding towns have far more to offer families with children.	6/30/2014 11:10 AM
23	Attract more quality businesses to increase employment opportunities	6/30/2014 10:59 AM
24	More shopping, more stuff to do. Don't stop shops or restaurants or fun recreational companies from coming in. Let the people know, hey an Applebee's wants to come to town, what do you think? There is room for growth, you just have to take that chance. Hastings closed in Pittsburg, if Parsons had a store like that, people would come here to buy movies, music and books. I know I'd shop there for sure!	6/30/2014 10:48 AM

What do you think about Parsons?

56	More jobs	6/29/2014 11:31 AM
57	Welfare/job opportunities.	6/29/2014 11:20 AM
58	Return the craft show	6/28/2014 9:30 PM
59	Allowing all people to be social with opportunities for the younger people some place to go.	6/28/2014 9:25 PM
60	City government needs to understand that we are a community of 10,000, not 100,000. It's okay to do some things in a small town way.	6/28/2014 8:59 PM
61	...	6/28/2014 2:58 PM
62	More inter- generation activities.	6/28/2014 1:21 PM
63	Get rid of so many old, run-down houses around town.	6/28/2014 9:54 AM
64	The elimination of WalMart and a new focus on rebuilding downtown small business.	6/27/2014 11:46 PM
65	Better roads and more sidewalks.	6/27/2014 10:38 PM
66	lowering city tax	6/27/2014 9:43 PM
67	bring in jobs but keep the sense of community	6/27/2014 8:42 PM
68	More opportunities for shopping	6/27/2014 8:04 PM
69	More restaurants and shopping opportunities	6/27/2014 5:49 PM
70	Clean the town up literally. Tear down abandoned homes, mandate yards be mowed, and take some pride even if you have to fake it till you make it.	6/27/2014 4:57 PM
71	I dislike all the cars parked on neighbor streets making it difficult to get out of my driveway and down the street.	6/27/2014 1:14 PM
72	Jobs	6/27/2014 12:53 PM
73	shopping. not much to choose from. have to go to pittsburg or joplin	6/27/2014 11:55 AM
74	Apathy of citizens, leaders, business agencies, government	6/27/2014 11:06 AM
75	better paying jobs	6/27/2014 10:54 AM
76	More restaurants	6/27/2014 9:45 AM
77	More business, higher pay rates, southeast kansas is poverty stricken.	6/27/2014 9:41 AM
78	People involved	6/27/2014 4:49 AM
79	Attract a major employer.	6/26/2014 11:12 PM
80	Police dept	6/26/2014 10:47 PM
81	Increase employment opportunities.	6/26/2014 10:21 PM
82	A change in a previous hospital administration.	6/26/2014 8:25 PM
83	More jobs that paid above minimum wages with benefits.	6/26/2014 8:03 PM
84	Customer service across the board	6/26/2014 7:36 PM
85	Narrow downtown streets	6/26/2014 5:56 PM
86	Somehow find a way to have people learn to take care of themselves and their children. To take pride in what they have and develop a work ethic.	6/26/2014 5:14 PM
87	More local affordable family entertainment opportunities. These could range from outdoor to indoor activities.	6/26/2014 5:05 PM
88	A better educational system.	6/26/2014 3:59 PM
89	more restaruants that arent burger joints, or italian joints	6/26/2014 3:42 PM
90	More moner to help with the insurfracture	6/26/2014 3:41 PM
91	The negativity around town. Even with the Parsons Sun. Shouldn't they be supporting this town?	6/26/2014 2:50 PM
92	lower taxes	6/26/2014 2:42 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

93	Fire Fred Gress, Ann Kennet,	6/26/2014 2:34 PM
94	High cost of living (includes the county).	6/26/2014 2:00 PM
95	Lower taxes for Labette County to try and attract more business and citizens	6/26/2014 1:51 PM
96	remove the rundown abandoned homes	6/26/2014 1:10 PM
97	The commissioners would be the first thing to change. Again, the worst this city has ever had.	6/26/2014 12:53 PM
98	The perception that there are not opportunities here. There are employment and business opportunities, but people often tend to want to be the CEO without paying their dues and gaining valuable experience as a subordinate.	6/26/2014 12:37 PM
99	magic wane better streets and a better newspaper	6/26/2014 12:02 PM
100	more chain restaurant options/ no place to eat!	6/26/2014 11:39 AM
101	Repair the streets. Tear down old houses. Build housing that the poor people here can afford instead of houses in old, high crime areas or areas that aren't accessible to shopping.	6/26/2014 11:10 AM
102	Get more people into the labor pool and off of the sidelines.	6/26/2014 11:10 AM
103	Peoples negative attitudes.	6/26/2014 10:53 AM
104	City management.	6/26/2014 10:43 AM
105	Cost of living. Did you know the city of Chanute owns their own utilities and it is incredibly cheap to live there?	6/26/2014 10:41 AM
106	Proper management of the city.	6/26/2014 10:37 AM
107	Police Dept & city government	6/26/2014 10:33 AM
108	Change can be difficult, and I only wish I was here when the MKT was still running. Perhaps the downtown area could become more prosperous with more well-known retail business.	6/26/2014 10:08 AM
109	Trying to clean up homes and neighborhoods.	6/26/2014 9:43 AM
110	Get rid of the district attorney.	6/26/2014 9:14 AM
111	Lower taxes and city water bills. I have talked to many friends in smaller towns the pay far less in taxes and water bills.	6/26/2014 8:48 AM
112	Parsons police dept.	6/26/2014 8:38 AM
113	Just one.... fix the streets. The overpass has pot holes, bumps and uneven streets, cars have a hard time let alone motorcycles. The railroad tracks are horrible. Any given street in this town with the exception of the brand new one by the college can be found to have severe issues.	6/26/2014 8:29 AM
114	Well paid residents spending locally to help grow Parsons. That is, local businesses taking responsibility to pay employees well and local employees taking responsibility to spend locally.	6/26/2014 8:20 AM
115	the hospital. a couple years ago, they cut wages and jobs and hired a new CEO at a ridiculous rate and expected everyone else to suffer just to get her on board. the staff and especially the doctors, act like they are doing you such a favor by letting you see them.	6/26/2014 8:03 AM
116	I would try to think of ways that utilities could be more affordable.	6/26/2014 8:02 AM
117	The support system for all the sports programs from the rec center through high school.	6/26/2014 8:00 AM
118	Lower taxes	6/26/2014 7:54 AM
119	Reduce wasteful city spending & return it to the Parsons' people.	6/26/2014 7:49 AM
120	Bring in more industry for more jobs	6/26/2014 6:35 AM
121	Streets. Horrible!!!	6/26/2014 6:30 AM
122	Poverty	6/26/2014 5:24 AM
123	Drugs	6/26/2014 3:00 AM
124	The slow deterioration.	6/26/2014 12:14 AM
125	I would come up with more fun things for Parsonians to do without having to leave town.	6/25/2014 11:44 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

126	More choices of places to shop and dine.	6/25/2014 11:03 PM
127	Unemployment numbers.	6/25/2014 11:02 PM
128	Patrolling crime areas and not walmart	6/25/2014 9:38 PM
129	Address the crime fairly but there is too much in Parsons.	6/25/2014 9:30 PM
130	Send all the people with a criminal history above H out	6/25/2014 8:57 PM
131	better STREETS	6/25/2014 8:28 PM
132	More disciplined police force	6/25/2014 8:27 PM
133	I'd change the school district lines so that everyone who lives in Parsons was in 503. I truly believe that would help the community in many ways. I'd bring in technology jobs as well if I could.	6/25/2014 8:06 PM
134	Staying stuck in old ideas. There needs to be more ideas excepted.	6/25/2014 8:03 PM
135	Taxes	6/25/2014 7:57 PM
136	Less drugs	6/25/2014 7:55 PM
137	More entertainment	6/25/2014 7:54 PM
138	Less crime	6/25/2014 7:51 PM
139	More events, or accessibility to more things to do.	6/25/2014 7:30 PM
140	Better shopping	6/25/2014 7:27 PM
141	The apathy.	6/25/2014 7:03 PM
142	The police	6/25/2014 6:59 PM
143	More restaurants.	6/25/2014 6:55 PM
144	Better paying jobs..	6/25/2014 6:53 PM
145	Getting rid of the current government and starting over	6/25/2014 6:47 PM
146	Bulldoze run down houses	6/25/2014 6:38 PM
147	Lower taxes	6/25/2014 6:36 PM
148	Become transparent and alleviate the hidden agendas.	6/25/2014 6:27 PM
149	Downtown supporting Parsons schools or LCC.	6/25/2014 6:27 PM
150	people in higher places stopping Industries and places to eat and some business from coming here !!	6/25/2014 6:26 PM
151	Clean up all the abandoned homes	6/25/2014 6:24 PM
152	Fix the roads very bad..	6/25/2014 6:19 PM
153	Make the community safer and send a strong message that drug offenders/users are not welcome in Parsons.	6/25/2014 6:17 PM
154	More restaurant options, shopping options beyond Walmart, more healthy eating options	6/25/2014 6:09 PM
155	Improvement of city side streets	6/25/2014 5:58 PM
156	several GOOD restaurants with GOOD food.	6/25/2014 5:50 PM
157	Everything	6/25/2014 5:48 PM
158	better law enforcement. better city officials	6/25/2014 5:47 PM
159	People's attitudes to a more open approach of sharing together in helping each other instead of feeling sorry for ourselves.We are a small town and that appeal for some people. Maybe we can accept that instead of thinking we want a metropolis.	6/25/2014 5:45 PM
160	More clothes shopping available, more jobs, no pit bull ban, for the rec center to be a friendly, positive place as it used to be when Arvon was the director	6/25/2014 5:45 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

161	Going to school to further my education to help out a d help people in need and make a program for kids of all backgrounds to get recognition instead of just the popular or rich kids	6/25/2014 5:39 PM
162	City officials	6/25/2014 5:36 PM
163	More housing available for middle to upper class individuals. We have so much available for individuals who need subsidized housing--which appears to frequently need repairs due to lack of care!	6/25/2014 5:31 PM
164	It doesnt matter	6/25/2014 5:31 PM
165	The whole justice system	6/25/2014 5:30 PM
166	Closed to modern conveniences	6/25/2014 5:28 PM
167	Prejudicial, biased, and bigoted attitudes	6/25/2014 5:27 PM
168	High Tax Structure	6/25/2014 5:26 PM
169	Better, long range planning at city offices and schools.	6/25/2014 5:19 PM
170	I would build a new recreation center that actually wants kids to use it.	6/25/2014 5:19 PM
171	Everyone should be made to serve (community service or board member) in some capacity every 10 yrs or so. As well as go thru a Leadership Parsons type program to be exposed to what is in their community.	6/25/2014 5:17 PM
172	Have the judges do something about crime. The police work their ass off just to see someone get probation.	6/25/2014 5:17 PM
173	Police!!! As mentioned in previous answer...	6/25/2014 5:17 PM
174	There's not just one thing. All things I have listed would benefit the town, community and this economy.	6/25/2014 5:16 PM
175	Less welfare clientele	6/25/2014 5:15 PM
176	City government use funds more wisely.	6/25/2014 5:13 PM
177	The drug issue	6/25/2014 5:11 PM
178	bring in a major employer with accompanying number of employees so our population would increase which would lower the tax burden on all	6/25/2014 5:06 PM
179	Local Government	6/25/2014 4:57 PM
180	To have the judges put the criminals away.	6/25/2014 4:52 PM
181	The crime/drug rate	6/25/2014 4:52 PM
182	more family things and restaurants Mini golf...bowling alley needs updated. The only thing really going for entertainment is the movies.	6/25/2014 4:50 PM
183	I would look at providing incentives for all existing community members that would help renew or re-fresh the appearance of buildings and streets. Too many areas in Parsons appear abandoned, broken, dangerous, in need of repair, or forgotten.	6/25/2014 4:47 PM
184	The night life.	6/25/2014 4:46 PM
185	Go house to house calling out all the meth labs and drug dealers and criminals. Get rid of the dirty cops that overlook them because theyre family(fact).	6/25/2014 4:41 PM
186	police officers should live in the town which they serve	6/25/2014 4:40 PM
187	more jobs	6/25/2014 4:37 PM
188	Tax rates	6/25/2014 4:35 PM
189	I would get rid of Chief of Police and his girlfriend assistant chief.	6/25/2014 4:26 PM
190	More community wide celebrations and get togethers.	6/25/2014 4:26 PM
191	The amount of drug and violence there is around every neighborhood	6/25/2014 4:23 PM
192	Allow bigger business opportunities to come to Parsons so our young people will stay and attract new people to our towm.	6/25/2014 4:22 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

193	The police department	6/25/2014 4:21 PM
194	Provide funding for residents to remodel homes that are falling down around them. Improve curb appear between Walmart and Hospital	6/25/2014 4:20 PM
195	Bring in jobs!!!	6/25/2014 4:19 PM
196	More attractions	6/25/2014 4:17 PM
197	The many empty houses.	6/25/2014 4:11 PM
198	6. Attitude, we have so many people who just want to keep it status quo, in place of looking at the future.	6/25/2014 4:10 PM
199	More businesses coming to town for job opportunities .	6/25/2014 4:06 PM
200	open a Dillons (Kroger)	6/25/2014 4:05 PM
201	As previously noted. Personally, I would rid the community of riff raff, drug users and able-bodied welfare recipients. The SRS office in Parsons could be a blessing to the community by administering to the poor and needy, but this is not the case. The SRS office is incompetent and has become a disservice to the community.	6/25/2014 4:02 PM
202	Make folks friendlier.	6/25/2014 3:59 PM
203	I think we would do well to have a big name restaurant located closely enough to the bypass to pull more people off of the highway and into Parsons.	6/25/2014 3:58 PM
204	More shopping and restaurants	6/25/2014 3:58 PM
205	Couldn't pick just one! Something to do for our youth! Something to do, something to make sports better.....really any of the above!!!	6/25/2014 3:55 PM
206	The crime in the city and the trashy people constantly walking around Main Street. Too much low income housing!!! NO WHERE TO EAT ON SUNDAY EVENING!!!	6/25/2014 3:54 PM
207	More opportunities for young educated people.	6/25/2014 3:53 PM
208	Popular restaurants to be built	6/25/2014 3:53 PM
209	Tear down all houses that are abandoned	6/25/2014 3:52 PM
210	More retail and restaurants.	6/25/2014 3:43 PM
211	Better eating places and better shopping centers.	6/25/2014 3:40 PM
212	note sure	6/25/2014 3:38 PM
213	housing... improve existing and create new.	6/25/2014 3:36 PM
214	Crazy drivers, more stop lights	6/25/2014 3:36 PM
215	Get a forward thinking commission and city manager	6/25/2014 3:32 PM
216	The whole justice department	6/25/2014 3:32 PM
217	BUILD AN OVERPASS OVER THE RAIL ROAD ON N. BLVD. OPEN THIS TOWN UP. THERES A MILE OF TOWN YOU CAN'T CROSS OVER	6/25/2014 3:27 PM
218	housing. needs to be affordable	6/25/2014 3:27 PM
219	better highways, higher ranking HS	6/25/2014 3:14 PM
220	restroom facilities at the Marvel Park, Winway	6/25/2014 3:12 PM
221	wouldnt i dont live here	6/25/2014 3:09 PM
222	Get rid of 4 way stop sign on main street. They are not needed since the 400 hwy bypass, this waste time driving through town, and uses more gas starting and stopping.	6/25/2014 3:00 PM
223	Giving people incentives to fix up their property to avoid so many 'eyesores' and the negative appearance it gives to our town.	6/25/2014 11:30 AM
224	I don't know that I would change anything	6/25/2014 10:29 AM
225	The run-down buildings and front yards full of garbage.	6/24/2014 10:01 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

226	better self image	6/24/2014 5:19 PM
227	Reduce the population of government dependant residents	6/24/2014 3:34 PM
228	THE LIBRARY	6/23/2014 8:17 PM
229	Hire a good debate coach at Parsons High School.	6/22/2014 10:07 PM
230	Get people to buy local	6/22/2014 6:51 PM
231	clean it up and cut the cost of living	6/22/2014 4:00 PM
232	Clean up trashy neighborhoods and tear down houses that need tom down	6/22/2014 7:40 AM
233	The stagnant business growth.	6/22/2014 7:25 AM
234	Dilapidated houses	6/22/2014 12:45 AM
235	Bring big jobs back to keep young people from moving away to raise their families.	6/21/2014 11:18 PM
236	More things to do	6/21/2014 11:05 PM
237	Urban renewal?	6/21/2014 10:38 PM
238	Bring more business in	6/21/2014 10:17 PM
239	I would bring back employers like Katy Railroad, the ammunition plant and the heyday period of PSH&TC. Lots more people and lots more happening back then.	6/21/2014 10:05 PM
240	Children's activities, such as the rink and why can't we have the water park like other small towns.	6/21/2014 6:48 PM
241	Better upscale restaurants to compete with the ones in operation now	6/21/2014 6:05 PM
242	Cheaper taxes	6/21/2014 1:06 PM
243	I can't narrow it to just one	6/21/2014 12:30 PM
244	Better housing for middle working tax paying people	6/21/2014 10:00 AM
245	The interactions between families and police	6/21/2014 8:58 AM
246	The level of pride people have about themselves and the community--it is very low, which contributes to the shabby look we have.	6/21/2014 8:23 AM
247	lower taxes	6/21/2014 1:01 AM
248	A city government interested in bringing in jobs and business	6/20/2014 11:17 PM
249	Remove the illicit drug influences.	6/20/2014 10:22 PM
250	the city commissioners are a joke.	6/20/2014 6:50 PM
251	More opportunities for creative expression and meeting others so inclined.	6/20/2014 6:43 PM
252	City management	6/20/2014 5:39 PM
253	To bring in more industry to provide jobs.	6/20/2014 5:35 PM
254	The crime rate	6/20/2014 5:19 PM
255	Repair all streets	6/20/2014 4:53 PM
256	Drugs and welfare. Too many people sitting at home wasting away their lives on selfish vices while their (and their children's) lives waste away.	6/20/2014 4:02 PM
257	Making the walking trail go around the marvel park ball fields and linking up at the park	6/20/2014 3:43 PM
258	Cleaning up areas within our community to show a better image of Parsons	6/20/2014 3:32 PM
259	Taxes and utility costs.	6/20/2014 2:33 PM
260	Create jobs!	6/20/2014 2:18 PM
261	There are many things I would change, none more important than the other, but I have a huge problem with some of the many homes in disrepair and the lack of concern shown about this issue.	6/20/2014 1:46 PM
262	Better landlords, haha, I've seen some BAD rentals	6/20/2014 1:35 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

263	Negative people who complain too much.	6/20/2014 12:45 PM
264	I would change the fact that there are not that many job oppurtunities.	6/20/2014 12:05 PM
265	Clean up of the homes in disarray!!!	6/20/2014 11:50 AM
266	Focus on the youth. If the kids are happy, everyone is happy. They are our future.	6/20/2014 11:37 AM
267	Better job opportunities.	6/20/2014 11:28 AM
268	Drugs/crime	6/20/2014 11:17 AM
269	Use Mr. Rogers everyday "it's a beautiful day in the neighborhood"	6/20/2014 10:14 AM
270	When I travel, the one glaring difference I see is the pride factor of our citizens. The current generation of residents do not take pride in their appearances, homes, yards... Do not think I am an old fart who says this about every upcoming generation.	6/20/2014 9:35 AM
271	The Backwoods way of life	6/20/2014 8:38 AM
272	The overall physical appearance of the community. Even tho people shouldn't "judge a book by its cover" most do. You only get one chance @ a first impression.	6/20/2014 8:37 AM
273	Repair the infrastructure	6/20/2014 8:06 AM
274	Return a middle class to Parsons.	6/20/2014 7:45 AM
275	The attitude of the Parsons PD fire the chef first thing	6/20/2014 6:49 AM
276	Something for toddlers thru middle school aged kids to do	6/20/2014 6:49 AM
277	The slow nature of change in town. Everybody thinks there needs to be change but no one is willing to do it.	6/20/2014 6:48 AM
278	Streets! They're in terrible condition. They repair a large area and then replace it with gravel and it's still there in a year.	6/20/2014 6:47 AM
279	More housing	6/20/2014 5:10 AM
280	I think the roads and the roadsides. They both go hand in hand. Don't fill all the holes, FIX THE HOLES, and then spray weed killer along the sidewalks along the main roadways of our town. It all comes back to taking pride in what you do and how you do it.	6/20/2014 5:05 AM
281	More job opportunities	6/20/2014 4:00 AM
282	The decrepit houses	6/20/2014 12:52 AM
283	More variety of places to eat	6/20/2014 12:45 AM
284	City manager.	6/19/2014 11:41 PM
285	Break Walmart into several stores that would be distributed downtown. Also, make Parsons more of a community that invites walking.	6/19/2014 11:24 PM
286	Add more young families	6/19/2014 10:55 PM
287	The high high taxes	6/19/2014 9:59 PM
288	Bulldoze it and start from scratch	6/19/2014 9:47 PM
289	Lower the crime rate.	6/19/2014 9:37 PM
290	Go after known drug dealers and drug users/criminals. Quit slapping people on the wrist for crimes	6/19/2014 9:28 PM
291	Repeal mismanager form of government	6/19/2014 9:25 PM
292	Make the community events cheaper and funner, with more events and involvement	6/19/2014 9:21 PM
293	Lower city rates for water, sewage and treatment. We could think a little outside the box on this and make lower the brundt of cost to property owning citizens.	6/19/2014 9:06 PM
294	I would move.	6/19/2014 9:02 PM
295	Parsons does not seem to have a very strong sense of community. It seems like it is just a bunch of people living in the same area....no sense of self.	6/19/2014 9:02 PM
296	lower taxes	6/19/2014 8:58 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

297	The amount of the city that exists. I'd reduce it to zero, ideally.	6/19/2014 8:30 PM
298	Stoplight on 16th by McDonalds	6/19/2014 8:27 PM
299	Better job opportunities	6/19/2014 8:24 PM
300	Have a group like the Chamber send a Welcoming gift to all new residents.	6/19/2014 8:22 PM
301	Let's get more programs to entertain kids and keep them out of trouble	6/19/2014 8:21 PM
302	lower taxes,water bill, more stuff for the kids to do, more jobs	6/19/2014 8:16 PM
303	New city manager.	6/19/2014 8:14 PM
304	Add more things for families to do together	6/19/2014 8:07 PM
305	The people in charge of important decisions be more up to date with reality.	6/19/2014 8:01 PM
306	More jobs and businesses	6/19/2014 7:59 PM
307	Recreation opportunities for all ages.	6/19/2014 7:54 PM
308	Filling up the empty store fronts downtown.	6/19/2014 7:44 PM
309	Streets and cleaning up run down homes. But there are more to mention.	6/19/2014 7:39 PM
310	nothing is here so people go out of town to spend money, ordering on the internet and having it delivered is not the same as actually going out to some stores and eating something different the mcdonalds or local diner.	6/19/2014 7:36 PM
311	Better quality hospital care	6/19/2014 7:36 PM
312	The city government.	6/19/2014 7:22 PM
313	Make it safer for kids	6/19/2014 7:22 PM
314	Additional activities for kids especially middle school and high school kids	6/19/2014 7:17 PM
315	More stores/shopping other than Wal-Mart	6/19/2014 7:06 PM
316	I would want more things to do in town, roller rink, etc.	6/19/2014 7:02 PM
317	More opportunities for employment and pay	6/19/2014 6:58 PM
318	More restaurants and businesses.	6/19/2014 6:56 PM
319	More activities for adults that doesn't involve alcohol	6/19/2014 6:56 PM
320	I'd like to see better quality of housing. Parsons seems old and slumish. Better employment opportunities.	6/19/2014 6:56 PM
321	More opportunity for employment.	6/19/2014 6:50 PM
322	Having another pediatrician here.	6/19/2014 6:49 PM
323	Bring in more jobs and things for kids to do and adults.	6/19/2014 6:36 PM
324	Real estate value would be much higher - more people would want to live in parsons, and would want to stay in parsons	6/19/2014 6:36 PM
325	Bring in some thongs for the younger ones to do	6/19/2014 6:36 PM
326	Downtown zoning retail and restaurant only, no lawyers, no skill. There's plenty of other places they would be better fit.	6/19/2014 6:35 PM
327	More fast food choices	6/19/2014 6:33 PM
328	More and better job opportunities	6/19/2014 6:32 PM
329	ROADS	6/19/2014 6:30 PM
330	Would like to see more job opportunities with industry growth. Parsons has declined in population because of this.	6/19/2014 6:30 PM
331	We need more jobs and activities	6/19/2014 6:28 PM
332	Attitude of people that want it to stay as it is or to go back to the good old days	6/19/2014 6:26 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

333	I think that landowners should be responsible for cleaning in unkempt properties.	6/19/2014 6:20 PM
334	City manager needs gone	6/19/2014 6:18 PM
335	The leadership.	6/19/2014 6:14 PM
336	The economic trajectory. There are minor things that can be done that would change how Parsons looks, but it will require the residents buying in.	6/19/2014 6:13 PM
337	bring in more jobs	6/19/2014 6:03 PM
338	All the commissioners, city manager all need to be gone.	6/19/2014 5:59 PM
339	Making a fun place to be for the kids.	6/19/2014 5:53 PM
340	Better economic incentives for bigger businesses to come here and stay.	6/19/2014 5:53 PM
341	Nothing	6/19/2014 5:51 PM
342	I moved out of city limits for several reasons. First, the theft was bad. I had stuff stolen off of my porch and my vehicles broken into. Once I had my tires slashed. The person was caught but I never got any restitution.	6/19/2014 5:48 PM
343	Roads	6/19/2014 5:43 PM
344	Infrastructure improvements across the board	6/19/2014 5:40 PM
345	Better food places and a better park, better landscaping.	6/19/2014 5:39 PM
346	Lower taxes	6/19/2014 5:33 PM
347	More downtown trade.	6/19/2014 5:30 PM
348	better tax base	6/19/2014 5:28 PM
349	Public attitude. Most love to complain but make no attempt to change things	6/19/2014 5:26 PM
350	higher ups, taxes, and decent places to shop	6/19/2014 5:25 PM
351	Get rid of boarded up, run down houses.	6/19/2014 5:19 PM
352	I would leave	6/19/2014 5:14 PM
353	The mentality of the youth in our community. There is so much apathy to do what is just and right. Sometimes I think our public schools are breeding grounds for selfish ambition.	6/19/2014 5:11 PM
354	more restaurants.	6/19/2014 5:09 PM
355	The City Gov	6/19/2014 5:09 PM
356	have more food pantrys	6/19/2014 5:06 PM
357	More stores. There are limited stores of any type. some clothing stores that don't charge an arm and a leg. A men's store. Another grocery store so Country Mart has some competition!	6/19/2014 5:03 PM
358	bring in some young fresh minds as city leaders with fresh new ideas on how to revitalize the city	6/19/2014 5:02 PM
359	Our taxes are so high, city services should be awesome, but they aren't. Storm comes through, city should pick up limbs stacked at the curb. We are #8 on the retirement list...most retirees can't haul limbs or afford to have them hauled.	6/19/2014 4:59 PM
360	The negative attitude to a positive one.	6/19/2014 4:58 PM
361	Get rid of the crime and drugs	6/19/2014 4:57 PM
362	Find some way to bring jobs into the area, either by bringing in industry or finding some way to create tourism opportunities.	6/19/2014 4:57 PM
363	Better restaurants.	6/19/2014 4:57 PM
364	Get rid of the low income sector.	6/19/2014 4:55 PM
365	Job growth	6/19/2014 4:54 PM
366	Street conditions	6/19/2014 4:51 PM
367	Houses, more places to shop and eat	6/19/2014 4:50 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

368	Place needs some new blood fresh ideas	6/19/2014 4:47 PM
369	The city manager	6/19/2014 4:41 PM
370	A new City Manager needs to be hired who has a vision for growth and an attitude that anything is possible!	6/19/2014 4:40 PM
371	That dilapidated houses	6/19/2014 4:39 PM
372	Change out the corrupt administration with an honest chief and assistant chief	6/19/2014 4:39 PM
373	The way the communities leadership thinks. I feel that the leadership is conducive to paranoia, and disgust of its constituents.	6/19/2014 4:38 PM
374	The bad roads	6/19/2014 4:36 PM
375	Get rid of all the old, abandoned houses!	6/19/2014 4:34 PM
376	Politics in our town.	6/19/2014 4:31 PM
377	I would try and erase the damages done by urban renewal. Restoring the towns pride in is historical past. And making it a jewel of the southwest.	6/19/2014 4:26 PM
378	how this city treats poor people and needy people	6/19/2014 4:26 PM
379	Putting a stop to the crime. A person should feel comfortable leaving their home for work or travel and not worry about some meth head robbing them for the money to make their drugs.	6/19/2014 4:23 PM
380	The streets	6/19/2014 4:17 PM
381	More job opportunities with better pay.	6/19/2014 4:15 PM
382	Police department so they actually do there job nin combat the drugs in this town.	6/19/2014 4:09 PM
383	Taxes, we rank among the top in Kansas and have not got half of what other towns in that tax bracket has. Restraunts,shopping ect	6/19/2014 4:08 PM
384	The people	6/19/2014 4:08 PM
385	More things for children.	6/19/2014 4:07 PM
386	More jobs	6/19/2014 4:06 PM
387	The self-perception of the community.	6/19/2014 4:06 PM
388	Clean it up.	6/19/2014 4:02 PM
389	More to do.	6/19/2014 4:01 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

Q7 If you believe our community has a negative perception, where do you think that comes from?

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#	Responses	Date
1	I think the negative perception is just a projection of what is real. If you look around you can see that a large percentage of our population lives below the poverty line. Parsons just looks like a "poor" community sometimes.	6/30/2014 10:24 PM
2	The visual apperance all the empty houses one 16th that need tom down	6/30/2014 9:17 PM
3	No	6/30/2014 6:56 PM
4	I only stayed about a week in order to attend a funeral, so I don't know.	6/30/2014 5:08 PM
5	Judges and DHS	6/30/2014 4:27 PM
6	I think it is the same problem many rural communities have. Little oppportunity compared to larger cities.	6/30/2014 4:13 PM
7	Statistics. I saw a story that Parsons fell in the top 10, per capita, drugs and violent crimes, in the country, for a city this size.	6/30/2014 4:02 PM
8	Kids that dont have anything better to do than talkbad about the town and do bad things which causes parents to put the blame on Parsons schools or not have much to do for middle school / highschool age.	6/30/2014 3:42 PM
9	The run down houses in the neighborhoods.	6/30/2014 3:40 PM
10	People in town talking bad about Parsons	6/30/2014 3:25 PM
11	Of course it's from the citizens who live here. The city commissioners do not represent the majority of the people. I have personally talked with a commissioner who told me one thing, then in reading his comments and the votes in the Parsons Sun, found he completely lied to me. He seems to tell people what they want to hear and says he will vote one way then does something else.	6/30/2014 3:18 PM
12	Gangs	6/30/2014 2:38 PM
13	I think that there's not alot to do in that town for younger people like me and all the people turn to drugs because they get bored and can't get a job.	6/30/2014 2:28 PM
14	NEWSPAPER LIKES TO PRINT COURT EVENTS AND ARRESTS (HOWEVER THAT IS THE MOST FUN PART OF THE NEWSPAPER.)	6/30/2014 2:02 PM
15	Honestly most of that just stems from the fact that we're a small Kansas town full of country bumpkins. Other than that, probably the fact that we don't get the best education possible.	6/30/2014 2:01 PM
16	The younger generation	6/30/2014 1:58 PM
17	The lack of real punishment for wrong doing.	6/30/2014 1:43 PM
18	the city commissioner. a think tank they are not.	6/30/2014 1:40 PM
19	Cops arresting people who smoke weed while rapists and dope heads walk free. NO JUSTICE.	6/30/2014 1:36 PM
20	People have neg perception of city gov. But I don't think they want to serve???	6/30/2014 12:42 PM
21	Outside of the community. I lived in Pittsburg for 5 years before movimy back, and parsons definitely has a negative perception.	6/30/2014 12:35 PM
22	The people. The city commission doesn't help either nor the city manger.	6/30/2014 11:36 AM
23	Run down neighborhoods and lack of quality, competetive shopping.	6/30/2014 11:24 AM
24	The bad roads. The lack of money spent on much needed things. Small town with nothing in it. Bad slumlord's. Degrading houses.	6/30/2014 11:19 AM

What do you think about Parsons?

25	Old houses that need torn down. Crazy people serving on city commission.	6/30/2014 11:10 AM
26	Under employed citizens. Drug usage in the community. Run down neighborhoods.	6/30/2014 10:59 AM
27	From the people that live here and visit here.	6/30/2014 10:48 AM
28	That city management won't ever admit it's wrong... own up to problems. It's "Damn the torpedos, full speed ahead"... and ignore things that need attention and try to steamroll anything in its' path.	6/30/2014 10:46 AM
29	THE TOWN LOOKS TRASHY. OUR FOOTBALL STADIUM (WHICH ALOT OF OUT-OF-TOWNERS SEE) LOOKS DISGUSTING COMPARED TO OTHER COMMUNITIES. IT USED TO BE ONE OF THE NICEST STADIUMS IN OUR AREA.	6/30/2014 10:43 AM
30	The old homes that need torn down throughout Parsons, it looks horrible.	6/30/2014 10:42 AM
31	Some from the Sun and from low income people out of anger.	6/30/2014 10:41 AM
32	The business owners-most of them!	6/30/2014 10:39 AM
33	The low socio-economic lifestyles of the residents.	6/30/2014 10:34 AM
34	Once again, not disregarding people and their property. Not building more & more low income housing to take over our community. Not enough street lights!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	6/30/2014 10:32 AM
35	Roads	6/30/2014 10:01 AM
36	Some people will have a negative perception, regardless. There probably isn't much you can do to change those type of people's perceptions.	6/30/2014 9:35 AM
37	Overwhelming odds financially to keep the cities worn out homes beautified	6/29/2014 10:25 PM
38	The robust nightlife and no policing effort.	6/29/2014 9:23 PM
39	Lack of business and expansion, management, lack of growth	6/29/2014 6:47 PM
40	The people who live here	6/29/2014 5:04 PM
41	City Hall	6/29/2014 4:33 PM
42	The people	6/29/2014 4:30 PM
43	From	6/29/2014 3:55 PM
44	It comes from living here and enduring the high prices and getting little from the taxes we have that continue to go up with no payoff for the residents.	6/29/2014 2:35 PM
45	Rumors. And money.	6/29/2014 2:13 PM
46	the leaders of this town and the decisions made	6/29/2014 1:45 PM
47	Low life citizens.	6/29/2014 1:38 PM
48	Sketchy people, bad streets, not a lot to do so people have no reason to stick around.	6/29/2014 12:59 PM
49	The younger generations. They don't have anything to do and they're bored.	6/29/2014 12:47 PM
50	Outsiders who visit and also from being a long time involved resident who is aware of the overwhelming problem with drugs and a huge welfare system. If I'm not mistaking 73% welfare. That is way to high. Our economy is has dwindled over the past several years. And it shows in the homes, yards, and streets of our city.	6/29/2014 12:36 PM
51	Everywhere	6/29/2014 12:20 PM
52	The drugs, city officials, lack of activities to do besides the drinking establishments	6/29/2014 12:07 PM
53	Locals and news from crime	6/29/2014 12:07 PM
54	Police officers bullying and a abusing their power. And city turning away good companies.	6/29/2014 11:57 AM
55	From some of the people in this town! City officials are to blame as well for allowing negative things to happen.	6/29/2014 11:55 AM
56	Our city officials putting blocks on businesses	6/29/2014 11:43 AM
57	Everyone!	6/29/2014 11:40 AM
58	Police and taxes	6/29/2014 11:31 AM

What do you think about Parsons?

59	What it is. Roads are horrible, that speaks for itself. An out-of-towner told my spouse a while back he would never move to Parsons because the roads are horrible and it is a "nasty, dirty town." He was from Chanute. He said, "When you drive down Main, all you see are a bunch of derelicts and f-ups walking and sitting around everywhere on the corners." He also added that the way Parsons promotes their downtown area, it is the worse part for this. His words, not mine. And he was laughing when he said it. Newspaper articles showing how many people get away with crimes repeatedly in Parsons/Labette County. The people that live in it speak badly to others about it also. Businesses closing.	6/29/2014 11:20 AM
60	Our police and city government.	6/28/2014 9:25 PM
61	There are a few loud complainers, and they get too much press.	6/28/2014 8:59 PM
62	6/28/2014 2:58 PM
63	Many young people seem to think that there is nothing to do.	6/28/2014 1:21 PM
64	Lack of job opportunities and the number of citizens living in poverty.	6/27/2014 11:46 PM
65	People who complain, but do nothing to help or don't get all the facts before speaking/writing publicly.	6/27/2014 10:38 PM
66	higher city tax than other cities around	6/27/2014 9:43 PM
67	drug dealers	6/27/2014 8:42 PM
68	People complaining	6/27/2014 8:04 PM
69	Crime rate/ murders, shootings, and break-ins	6/27/2014 5:49 PM
70	Probably from the people who have lived elsewhere and know what they are missing.	6/27/2014 4:57 PM
71	All the run down houses and yards located on the major streets in our town. Not a good 1st impression.	6/27/2014 1:14 PM
72	City gov. The need to listen to the people. I don't mean the extremes	6/27/2014 12:53 PM
73	the crime. a lot of run down neighborhoods	6/27/2014 11:55 AM
74	Too much crime and too little judicial punishment enforced. Attracting citizens due to easy access to drugs, alcohol, low-income housing, easy and higher payments for living off of government programs. Medical providers give out too many prescriptions for controlled substances from ER and office (legalized drug use). Rental housing is horrendous and slum lords should be ashamed and accountable to offer a place for rent ONLY if it is safe (not by the standards of the local housing authority as they are one of them).	6/27/2014 11:06 AM
75	From residents and social media	6/27/2014 10:54 AM
76	I believe that we have a lot of drug use. Seems like we don't get a lot of young professionals moving to town.	6/27/2014 9:45 AM
77	The people that are in higher positions now, we need good honest workers, clean cut in charge of our business here, especially all eating facilities especially fast food. The problems with KFC, Longjohn Silvers, Taco Tico not making it was dirty gross people were in charge and people stopped going to these place because of the service, unclean environments, low pay, low pay everywhere. People don't care anymore, because of the struggle in life financially, they have lost hope because of the demands of economy high price, no pay.	6/27/2014 9:41 AM
78	Change perception----Pride	6/27/2014 4:49 AM
79	Crime and drugs.	6/26/2014 11:12 PM
80	From the people who actually live in PK trying to make an honest living and raise a family forced to deal with break ins, druggies, alcoholics, bogus DCF snitches, no decent jobs or housing	6/26/2014 10:47 PM
81	Loss of railroad jobs and KAAP employment.	6/26/2014 10:21 PM
82	Lack of job opportunity.	6/26/2014 8:25 PM
83	Racial prejudice	6/26/2014 8:03 PM
84	Customer service	6/26/2014 7:36 PM
85	It's like a rumor--just keeps spreading and getting worse, with no foundation.	6/26/2014 5:56 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

86	Acquiring folks from Louisiana who do not work and have increased our drug and crime problem.	6/26/2014 5:14 PM
87	Honestly, I think Parsons has a bad reputation for crime like child abuse and drug/alcohol abuse because these things are real issues in our community. Until we as a community admit these are a real problem and face them head on they will continue to be a problem.	6/26/2014 5:05 PM
88	Racism from businesses and all other institutions.	6/26/2014 3:59 PM
89	people that have sought help or have been victimized and nothing was done	6/26/2014 3:42 PM
90	People who just want to complain	6/26/2014 3:41 PM
91	Government	6/26/2014 2:50 PM
92	people are not happy with Parsons leaders	6/26/2014 2:42 PM
93	Poor city management with an us (govt) vs them (citizens) attitude instead of we work for them attitude!	6/26/2014 2:34 PM
94	Before moving to Parsons 4 years ago, all I heard about was the crime rate. This came after speaking to law enforcement buddies who knew my husband. Since living here, I don't hear much. However, extended family members will continue to ask or mention things that happen in Parsons. I think I live in a "bubble" since moving here because I don't hear about it as much; except stories in the paper. I couldn't tell you the source in which family members are getting their information.	6/26/2014 2:00 PM
95	Misconception about schools being full of "rough" kids Also people spreading rumors without knowing the facts.	6/26/2014 1:51 PM
96	abandoned, rundown homes	6/26/2014 1:10 PM
97	The negative perception comes from the people. People do not like our city government and believes that they are not doing the City any good. Also, we have become the drop off zone for the mentally challenged.	6/26/2014 12:53 PM
98	News media sensationalizing the negative aspects of society and local government turmoil rather than focusing on more positive aspects of our community.	6/26/2014 12:37 PM
99	negative people who do not volunteer in the community and stories in the newspaper	6/26/2014 12:02 PM
100	4 way stops - no real torando sirens(can't hear them in my living room , with the tv off!) Looks like we aren't trying to keep up with modern times. we Look backhills	6/26/2014 11:39 AM
101	People driving through.	6/26/2014 11:10 AM
102	Many do because they feel "trapped" here, they have the feeling that there is not oppourtunity for improving themselves. negativity is passed on easier than positive things, human nature.	6/26/2014 11:10 AM
103	Joe Dobson, facebook, people who used to live here but don't anymore.	6/26/2014 10:53 AM
104	City government.	6/26/2014 10:43 AM
105	My out of town family notices 2 things. The poor maintenance of the streets in neighborhoods (ugly) and a lack of variety in eating places. 3 month change over in their eyes.	6/26/2014 10:41 AM
106	Improper government practices	6/26/2014 10:37 AM
107	upset residents	6/26/2014 10:33 AM
108	Negative perception in my opinion comes from the drup problem	6/26/2014 10:08 AM
109	People being lazy or the younger generation thinking it is owed to them.	6/26/2014 9:43 AM
110	Crime and politics.	6/26/2014 9:14 AM
111	Taxes	6/26/2014 8:48 AM
112	Parsons police dept	6/26/2014 8:38 AM
113	This has been a LONG time, DEEP imbedded attitude. No one feels they can 'go anywhere' in this town. The majority of our leaders are not from here and most entities will not look at people from here but rather hire people from towns and even states away. Even as children we are told to hurry up and get out of town or you will never amount to anything.	6/26/2014 8:29 AM
114	people that have to go out of town to shop talking to store clerks in other towns.	6/26/2014 8:24 AM

What do you think about Parsons?

115	The negative I have heard is "there's not a lot in Parsons so I go to Pittsburg or Joplin." I have also heard a negative perception of the people in Parsons as a work force.	6/26/2014 8:20 AM
116	again the hospital. too much money being spent on lots of things but not particularly patient care.	6/26/2014 8:03 AM
117	The only negative perception i have heard is the water is too high and the rental properties are expensive and poorly kept.	6/26/2014 8:02 AM
118	If we have a negative perception, it is because of what we project.	6/26/2014 8:01 AM
119	I would maybe say the overall attitude of people. It doesn't seem as if much pride is taken even down to the fast food places they are ok to screw up your order and just don't care and are rude and this seems to be almost every single place here. I'm not saying that each place doesn't have a person or few people who are considerate but for the most part just very ok to be below average. You go to Pittsburg chunute joplin the quality of service is way above what we have going on. You ask somebody at walmart where something is they say I don't know...to me that is unacceptable but that is the norm at our walmart. These are the places out of towners will be going when they visit parsons. So they are left with that impression when they leave. I'm not from parsons I'm from Columbus and in the early 90's parsons was a booming community. This is where we came to spend time. We ate here, Hardee's long johns KFC , we went to the high school games here. Parsons had something Columbus didn't which was school pride. Parsons WAS SO MUCH FUN! Now it's just not the same. I'm not sure how to make a change in that area, I'm guessing starting with administration making these things a priority.	6/26/2014 8:00 AM
120	Newspaper	6/26/2014 7:54 AM
121	It's not as bad as Coffeyville, but it's getting there. It comes from no opportunity for our young people. I want my child to get out of Parsons after college and never come back except to visit me.	6/26/2014 7:49 AM
122	Drug activity	6/26/2014 6:35 AM
123	People who hold grudges from events long ago.	6/26/2014 6:30 AM
124	Low income areas	6/26/2014 5:24 AM
125	I've heard people talk about all the drug problems here.	6/26/2014 12:59 AM
126	All small communities deal with gossip. Parsons is really bad about gossip.	6/26/2014 12:14 AM
127	Our lack of job opportunities, lack of enough good quality food options and lack of fun things to do for people.	6/25/2014 11:44 PM
128	The people who have lived here for years and have seen the drastic changes and the people who have lived here and moved away.	6/25/2014 11:03 PM
129	Crime	6/25/2014 9:38 PM
130	From how people are treated by the city. People notice when you get treated based on who you are or who your family is. Why do you think good coaches quit or go somewhere else? Because they get ear fills from people complaining about who gets to play. It should be based on talent. NOT who your parents are. It's the action of the city and how the city treats people.	6/25/2014 9:30 PM
131	The complete lack of responsibility people have for their actions. The amount of obvious criminals that our officers can't do anything about because they get called on a harassment complain. Or the County attorney pleads down to a slap on the wrist for everything.	6/25/2014 8:57 PM
132	Poor information	6/25/2014 8:28 PM
133	People who have chosen not to better themselves looking for something to be negative about. But also, there is a truth to some frustrations.	6/25/2014 8:06 PM
134	Living there.	6/25/2014 8:03 PM
135	Those who are bored with themselves and want to be given things to do and not look for them themselves.	6/25/2014 7:57 PM
136	Meth heads and hateful judgemental people	6/25/2014 7:55 PM
137	Low lifes live in parsons	6/25/2014 7:54 PM
138	The people that live there. Driving through it looks like an amazing little town	6/25/2014 7:51 PM
139	Lack of things to do and run down buildings.	6/25/2014 7:30 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

140	Lack of commercial amenities.	6/25/2014 7:27 PM
141	Dirty shirtless men.	6/25/2014 7:03 PM
142	The community itself	6/25/2014 6:59 PM
143	All the gossip and drama.	6/25/2014 6:55 PM
144	People that hasnt seem positive results	6/25/2014 6:53 PM
145	Curb appeal alone. Dive down any of the bumpy city streets and look at the houses and it says it all. If you find a nice house just look in the area and you will find a low income house and with it you will have all types of problems. But the City gets money for having those types of house.	6/25/2014 6:47 PM
146	High taxes, no sense of direction or long-term forecast/planning for the city. What are its long term goals and who will these goals benefit? No enthusiasm or energy shown from leadership.	6/25/2014 6:40 PM
147	Run down properties	6/25/2014 6:38 PM
148	High taxes	6/25/2014 6:36 PM
149	From decades of lies, deception, and contradictions.	6/25/2014 6:27 PM
150	Schools, people thinking Altamont is better, which is definitely wrong. Maybe once upon a time long ago, but not now. Parsons needs to support the schools.	6/25/2014 6:27 PM
151	people in our city !!	6/25/2014 6:26 PM
152	Crime, bunch of low life criminal call this place hpome	6/25/2014 6:24 PM
153	The roads people come thru town very embarrassing. .	6/25/2014 6:19 PM
154	People of all socioeconomic levels our aware of the rise of our drug problem. That is.. if they go to Country Mart on a Friday or Saturday night.	6/25/2014 6:17 PM
155	People	6/25/2014 6:09 PM
156	reading negative comments in paper about commission meetings. and knowing how little city fathers are doing to help our town.	6/25/2014 5:50 PM
157	The city commission	6/25/2014 5:48 PM
158	from the top, city commission on down...	6/25/2014 5:47 PM
159	The people again.	6/25/2014 5:45 PM
160	Most say its boring. Also is viewed as being a place where so many get into trouble when young because there is not alot to do other than sports especially as preteen n teen yrs approach	6/25/2014 5:45 PM
161	Parenting mainly kids are horrible here no respect makes you not want to raise a family here parsons use to be quiet and safe not anymore we are always in the news for horrific events.	6/25/2014 5:39 PM
162	City officials	6/25/2014 5:36 PM
163	It comes from individuals who like to complain and pick apart. Many tend to get much attention and publicity from being negative.	6/25/2014 5:31 PM
164	Some of the former city office	6/25/2014 5:31 PM
165	The police department the dcf the justice system the officals	6/25/2014 5:30 PM
166	There are factions that want to discourage development	6/25/2014 5:28 PM
167	Lack of education and appreciation for diversity	6/25/2014 5:27 PM
168	Seeing welfare recipients doing better than the working class.	6/25/2014 5:26 PM
169	Not sure that it does	6/25/2014 5:19 PM
170	The people that live here	6/25/2014 5:19 PM
171	Ignorance fueled by Pride & Arrogance.	6/25/2014 5:17 PM
172	Years of letting business leave do to taxes, no future for younger generation so they leave or tum to crime.	6/25/2014 5:17 PM
173	The police department.	6/25/2014 5:16 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

174	The newspaper has contributed to some of the negatives by allowing hateful people free space to air their personal gripes with no logical solutions.	6/25/2014 5:15 PM
175	Lack of city leadership	6/25/2014 5:13 PM
176	Low income areas.	6/25/2014 5:11 PM
177	taxes	6/25/2014 5:06 PM
178	Local Government	6/25/2014 4:57 PM
179	CRIME	6/25/2014 4:52 PM
180	violence and thugs	6/25/2014 4:50 PM
181	Local government and the community.	6/25/2014 4:47 PM
182	The people that live there forever and never do anything with their lives, but talk about each other.	6/25/2014 4:46 PM
183	Parsons did it to itself. People just dont care enuf to do anything about it.	6/25/2014 4:41 PM
184	reality	6/25/2014 4:40 PM
185	are crime rate and I will for system being too good everybody wants to come here	6/25/2014 4:37 PM
186	I think that perception comes from within. Visitors to the community seem to be favorably impressed	6/25/2014 4:35 PM
187	The people is leading positions that don't care about the citizens, just money.	6/25/2014 4:26 PM
188	Judges slapping drug offenders on the wrist.	6/25/2014 4:26 PM
189	Again, the drug and violence that's around	6/25/2014 4:23 PM
190	The older population not wanting new ideas coming to Parsons	6/25/2014 4:22 PM
191	Parsons police	6/25/2014 4:21 PM
192	it looks run down and old, needs a remodel and new hip activities, a new vibe	6/25/2014 4:20 PM
193	The elected officials. What in the world are they doing???	6/25/2014 4:19 PM
194	There's not much to do for people just traveling through, no REALLY Good restaurant. It's all the same. Burger joints Chinese or Mexican. There is no variety	6/25/2014 4:17 PM
195	Driving on the rough streets and seeing the houses in disrepair.	6/25/2014 4:11 PM
196	7. We have had members of our governmental body who are single agenda, and do not understand the principle of governance. They are elected for oversight and set policy not to run the city. In trying to appease small factions they overlook the needs of our general population.	6/25/2014 4:10 PM
197	People who both live here and not, bad mouthing everything.	6/25/2014 4:06 PM
198	We have international visitors routinely visit our company. When going to lunch they ask why are the homes falling down? A negative perception is even obvious to outsiders. In contrast, when they see the downtown area, they comment on how nice it is for a small community.	6/25/2014 4:02 PM
199	The people.	6/25/2014 3:59 PM
200	I personally don't believe it but I have met several people who think of Parsons as a "rough town" due to drugs and a large black population.	6/25/2014 3:58 PM
201	The scummy people in the town.drug deals going down in broad daylight in our parks.junkies everywhere.quadruple homicides, involving children....this list could go on for days.	6/25/2014 3:58 PM
202	The community itself!!! And no one is trying to make it better.....speaks for itself.....who cares or is trying to make it better?	6/25/2014 3:55 PM
203	I believe it comes from they crime in the town	6/25/2014 3:54 PM
204	Usually when I hear a negative commit about Parsons it's coming from a Parsons resident. You can't blame the town for your own short comings but that seems to happen in smaller communities.	6/25/2014 3:53 PM
205	Word if mouth	6/25/2014 3:53 PM
206	Low income families and small business failures	6/25/2014 3:52 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

207	Maybe from the smaller surrounding communities.	6/25/2014 3:43 PM
208	Our local officials	6/25/2014 3:40 PM
209	I could name 3 or 4 people who stir the pot but what is the use? Otherwise it's the drug use and group homes in residential neighborhoods that foster a lot of it.	6/25/2014 3:36 PM
210	Crummy people	6/25/2014 3:36 PM
211	People that aren't willing to participate in the community.	6/25/2014 3:34 PM
212	The people being unhappy and city not being responsive to citizens needs thus create a bad feeling among the citizens	6/25/2014 3:32 PM
213	The cops are assholes and bitches.	6/25/2014 3:32 PM
214	FOCUS ON LOW INCOME HOUSING. WAL MART AFTER DARK. AND AT LEAST A 1/4 OF THE PEOPLE DON'T TAKE CARE OF THERE HOUSES	6/25/2014 3:27 PM
215	the people	6/25/2014 3:27 PM
216	people telling other people that you can basically live off the government here, free schools,	6/25/2014 3:12 PM
217	drugs	6/25/2014 3:09 PM
218	Lack of pride in property ownership. Too many renters and not enough home owners. Too many 'slum lords.'	6/25/2014 11:30 AM
219	Human nature always has a tendency to believe the "grass is always greener on the other side of the highway." To those who believe that, then I would encourage them to go check it out. In all probability, they will eventually return to Parsons	6/25/2014 10:29 AM
220	Visitors from outside Parsons frequently mention that "it" looks like a dying town because of the run-down buildings/houses... mainly east and west sides of downtown Main St.	6/24/2014 10:01 PM
221	some from facts - high taxes, poor housing, slow growth, and some from vocal negative thinkers	6/24/2014 5:19 PM
222	Drug problems in the community, subsidized housing and unsavory people lurking around on Main Street	6/24/2014 3:34 PM
223	Drug availability	6/24/2014 3:25 PM
224	FROM THE FRIENDS WHO CURRENTLY LIVE IN PARSONS. THEY POST THEIR COMPLAINTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA.	6/23/2014 8:17 PM
225	That the town used to have more jobs and more things to do, and now it doesn't.	6/22/2014 10:07 PM
226	Inside	6/22/2014 6:51 PM
227	news and residents	6/22/2014 4:00 PM
228	Too much low income housing	6/22/2014 7:40 AM
229	The people living there.	6/22/2014 7:25 AM
230	the high school is full of drugs and guns, comes from surrounding areas that are very racially prejudiced. 2.	6/22/2014 12:45 AM
231	Not sure...	6/21/2014 11:18 PM
232	Nothing to do and everything is so political	6/21/2014 11:05 PM
233	Yes, all the lazy drug addicts	6/21/2014 10:38 PM
234	I don't live there anymore but my family does and I think the negative is there a not a lot of reason for young people to stick around.	6/21/2014 10:17 PM
235	We have many individuals that don't come from stable home situations and they are oftentimes who we read about in newspapers and see around town. Parsons is viewed as "rough".	6/21/2014 10:05 PM
236	Not feeling like our leaders listen to the wants and needs of our community	6/21/2014 6:48 PM
237	High crime, unmotivated people who steal from others to get by, drugs,	6/21/2014 1:06 PM
238	Poor school leadership, poor black community leadership, Skil on main street.	6/21/2014 10:00 AM

What do you think about Parsons?

239	The amount of petty crime The lack of monitoring the foster care system	6/21/2014 8:58 AM
240	People who don't live here think our schools are dangerous, crime is rampant (ok, I get that), drugs are everywhere (*sigh*, get that one, too)...what do YOU think?	6/21/2014 8:23 AM
241	not much to do except go to bars, seems to be a lot of crime (breaking into homes, vandalism)	6/21/2014 1:01 AM
242	Crime , no growth in 50 years	6/20/2014 11:17 PM
243	The people who thrive on negativity.	6/20/2014 10:22 PM
244	the city commissioners. the city manager or department heads hands are tied because of the commissioners	6/20/2014 6:50 PM
245	Lazy people with no aspirations beyond TV, food, and pettiness.	6/20/2014 6:43 PM
246	Impoverished people and crime	6/20/2014 5:39 PM
247	The fact that most people believe that they have to go to Pittsburg or Joplin to have fun.	6/20/2014 5:35 PM
248	The crime rate, city officials ignoring issues, drugs	6/20/2014 5:19 PM
249	Because there are too many abandoned or dilapidated houses. Too Many slumlords who are not required to keep their properties up. The leaders of our community who think only about their own interests	6/20/2014 4:53 PM
250	The rundown look of the houses, the poor attitude of some of our residents, and the lack of decent restaurants	6/20/2014 4:02 PM
251	Providing benefits for low income people too long of periods	6/20/2014 3:43 PM
252	mainly from people that have not been involved in efforts to improve our community. Also taxes cause negative perceptions.	6/20/2014 3:32 PM
253	High taxes. Inefficiencies in government.	6/20/2014 2:33 PM
254	I believe it starts at the top (ie city officials) and goes down.	6/20/2014 2:18 PM
255	I believe it comes from a variety of ways. How our athletic programs have declined, how some of our neighborhoods are decrepit and the lack of urgency to clean these areas up.	6/20/2014 1:46 PM
256	the people who live there	6/20/2014 1:35 PM
257	Negative people who complain too much and don't understand the financial situation of the city relating to property appraisal.	6/20/2014 12:45 PM
258	Comes straight from the people that live here.	6/20/2014 12:05 PM
259	Lack of progress economically or perceived lack of progress.	6/20/2014 11:50 AM
260	The negative perception comes from voices not being listened to.	6/20/2014 11:37 AM
261	The population decline from lack of jobs.	6/20/2014 11:28 AM
262	Drugs, crime, poor housing conditions	6/20/2014 11:17 AM
263	We have had vocal bitchers who love to complain and never came up with ideas to change things or what the ramifications would be by following their lead	6/20/2014 10:14 AM
264	Ignorant people who seem to think they know a lot. This is not a funny statement, but a very true statement. Stupid idiotic thoughts seem to get traction here. We see it from the city council agenda on down. Too much drug use.	6/20/2014 9:35 AM
265	Those who leave	6/20/2014 8:38 AM
266	From natives or long time residents who feel like all attempts they've tried to make any progress in community improvement have failed -- often seemingly due to city government "politics".	6/20/2014 8:37 AM
267	The inability of current homeowners to make timely repairs to homes and the numerous drug arrests.	6/20/2014 7:45 AM
268	Well let's start at the top and go from there in all departments	6/20/2014 6:49 AM
269	Ourselves. If we cared about our community we wouldn't allow our homes, streets and water lines to fall apart.	6/20/2014 6:48 AM

What do you think about Parsons?

270	All communities have a negative perception because there are negative people in every community as there are positive people in every community.	6/20/2014 6:47 AM
271	The run down or boarded up houses are the first thing you see	6/20/2014 5:10 AM
272	It comes from the way you are perceived by the people that ask for changes but get fed up by the fact that their requests and ideas fall on deaf ears. Nothing gets changed so people get negative attitudes and either move out or complain to whomever will listen.	6/20/2014 5:05 AM
273	Being to lenient with legal issues.	6/20/2014 4:00 AM
274	The old decrepit houses and lack of planning from the city.	6/20/2014 12:52 AM
275	The meth houses	6/20/2014 12:45 AM
276	The people	6/20/2014 12:35 AM
277	Lack of seeing ongoing improvements.	6/19/2014 11:41 PM
278	not sure	6/19/2014 11:24 PM
279	People who don't care and share their negative views	6/19/2014 10:55 PM
280	Some of the commissioners and Martha at city offices	6/19/2014 9:59 PM
281	All the little drug addicts running freely around town	6/19/2014 9:47 PM
282	The people inside the community. Some people are never happy.	6/19/2014 9:37 PM
283	High taxes and lack of assets to show for them	6/19/2014 9:28 PM
284	Reality	6/19/2014 9:25 PM
285	The leaders!!! The judges, city officials, the lawyers, and the ones that suck all the tax money making the place they work in better instead of its people's neighborhoods	6/19/2014 9:21 PM
286	City commerce. No choices for restaurants, poor shopping choices that force folks to spend their dollars in Missouri. Nothing for our entertain our children in the community.	6/19/2014 9:06 PM
287	Judicial system, schools	6/19/2014 9:02 PM
288	Lack of gvt responsiveness.	6/19/2014 9:02 PM
289	too many people are not able to earn a living wage	6/19/2014 8:58 PM
290	Perception is a reflection of reality. Thats what I always say!	6/19/2014 8:30 PM
291	From the people who live here	6/19/2014 8:27 PM
292	Snobs	6/19/2014 8:24 PM
293	The thought that "We have always done it that way".	6/19/2014 8:22 PM
294	It comes from the way our town looks run down houses, empty businesses, bad roads, no entertainment.	6/19/2014 8:21 PM
295	city employees	6/19/2014 8:16 PM
296	Innapropriate spending.	6/19/2014 8:14 PM
297	Commissioners and Judges being to sensitive about the community appearing friendly when in reality that way of thinking only harms the community. We need to expect more from people and stop feeling sorry for everyone.	6/19/2014 8:01 PM
298	Mostly from those that live there	6/19/2014 7:59 PM
299	Road conditions and trashy yards.	6/19/2014 7:54 PM
300	Negative people who complain louder than the people doing the good work can work.	6/19/2014 7:44 PM
301	Crime and its over all appearance. I grew up in Salina and it was common knowledge then that Parsons was a bad town to live in.	6/19/2014 7:39 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

302	As far back as my grandparent generation people thinking that other towns/cities and school districts are better then parsons' even if these towns are just as small and screwed up as we are, but people think these other small towns are better because its not parsons. People get extremely upset when we finally get a street repaved ten years after it really should of been done and a month later tearing holes in it to fix something that could of been fixed before the new pavement is put down. the city is viewed as a city government that wastes money that isn't there on projects like THE DOG PARK	6/19/2014 7:36 PM
303	The hospital	6/19/2014 7:36 PM
304	The governing body.	6/19/2014 7:22 PM
305	Crime and not having anything for the young kids	6/19/2014 7:22 PM
306	Maybe, many don't focus on the good things people/kids are doing. Newspaper is not good.	6/19/2014 7:17 PM
307	The bad areas of town "the slum areas" it can be scary sometimes.	6/19/2014 7:02 PM
308	Residents- we have alot of residents that do not try- they are happy to get that check- leave thier houses unkept outside- which makes the city look trashy to people- employers don't apy good wages based on national economy and people are frustrated- alot of youth just roaming around town- few things to do	6/19/2014 6:58 PM
309	Drugs and alcohol.	6/19/2014 6:56 PM
310	The news media	6/19/2014 6:56 PM
311	My wife works at Walmart. People are nasty. Employment is an issue. To many employers seem to have issues with nepotism. Higher leas qualified candidates because they're someone's busy.	6/19/2014 6:56 PM
312	Mostly from the lower income residents.	6/19/2014 6:50 PM
313	That we allow trashy homes to stay standing. I'm sure the surrounding communities who take better care of their houses speak bad of us in that manner.	6/19/2014 6:49 PM
314	Lack of worklack of things to do around town.	6/19/2014 6:36 PM
315	To a certain extent, the negative perception comes from the lack of jobs in town and the difficulty that new businesses have getting started in town	6/19/2014 6:36 PM
316	Elderly	6/19/2014 6:36 PM
317	Low income living, you provide it and they come	6/19/2014 6:35 PM
318	Not sure	6/19/2014 6:33 PM
319	Lack of good communication from public officials	6/19/2014 6:32 PM
320	from the crime that is starting to spiral outta control. People get away with to much.	6/19/2014 6:30 PM
321	Probably lack of leadership..	6/19/2014 6:30 PM
322	Commission meeting; the way the city looks in certain areas	6/19/2014 6:26 PM
323	I think most areas look at Parsons as "it used to be a nice town." Now it appears run down and the only publicity is from area murders & drug busts.	6/19/2014 6:20 PM
324	Too many people who think they are the cats meow. Also very poor housing. No one had any money and we h have become a place for slum lords.	6/19/2014 6:18 PM
325	Mainly the city managers office, law enforcement and the criminals	6/19/2014 6:14 PM
326	The people that live in the community. There is a sense of apathy and hopelessness. This is not just Parsons, but in SEK in general.	6/19/2014 6:13 PM
327	our lack of opportunity	6/19/2014 6:03 PM
328	Look at all the homes falling apart, the streets, the drug deals going down on the street,	6/19/2014 5:59 PM
329	It's a small town. Everyone is going to talk.	6/19/2014 5:53 PM
330	Not keeping the city looking nice. Too many old empty buildings and homes.	6/19/2014 5:53 PM
331	Crime police	6/19/2014 5:51 PM
332	From the drugs and crime.	6/19/2014 5:48 PM

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333	The negative people that can find nothing positive to say about anything in general. There are so many here. They continue to search for answers in the wrong things therefore will never be satisfied.	6/19/2014 5:44 PM
334	For way too many years the city has catered to the low income. Now town is full of freeloaders and druggies. When the city was putting up low income housing they probably should have been helping the working middle class. They are the ones spending money.	6/19/2014 5:43 PM
335	The negative image of parsons stems from crime in the area.	6/19/2014 5:40 PM
336	Not sure.	6/19/2014 5:39 PM
337	Personal observation of parsons	6/19/2014 5:33 PM
338	Local bad mouths.	6/19/2014 5:30 PM
339	goofy city commissioners (more past than present)	6/19/2014 5:28 PM
340	Not being informed. We have a drug problem. Nobody attends council meetings to appropriately voice issues or concerns. Faith in our governing body & police is low.	6/19/2014 5:26 PM
341	starts at the top	6/19/2014 5:25 PM
342	The city council is inept. They don't make wise decisions about where money should be spent.	6/19/2014 5:19 PM
343	Just drive down the streets and hopefully you hubcaps don't pop off, deteriorating houses everywhere whether due to tomado damage 10 years ago and nothing done, abandoned houses or people just don't make enough money to be able to keep things up.	6/19/2014 5:14 PM
344	Poverty rate. Unemployment rate. Crime rate	6/19/2014 5:11 PM
345	Some people can be rude. There are not many good jobs.	6/19/2014 5:09 PM
346	The Police and city offices reputation of not caring	6/19/2014 5:09 PM
347	People in this town have bad attitudes regarding EVERYTHING. The prices are to high (yet they will drive out of town and spend the same amount). The grapevine in the town is horrible!! If something happens, it is being told, before you know it	6/19/2014 5:03 PM
348	back during the urban renewal days the city leaders killed this community. and none of the city leaders since has done anything to revitalize the city	6/19/2014 5:02 PM
349	A few loudmouth complainers.	6/19/2014 4:59 PM
350	Parents who then pass it down to their kids so it is self perpetuating.	6/19/2014 4:58 PM
351	Alot of people post stuff on Facebook about Parsons... mostly negative	6/19/2014 4:57 PM
352	Crime (specifically drugs - meth) and the poor quality side streets, appearance of residential blocks with decaying houses, and empty shopping centers / buildings.	6/19/2014 4:57 PM
353	People who don't live in Parsons.	6/19/2014 4:57 PM
354	More than 80% free or reduced lunch program.	6/19/2014 4:55 PM
355	The lack of incentive to keep the community looking nice. Too many abandoned properties. When people move away they are fed up with lack of the towns efforts to keep the community nice.	6/19/2014 4:54 PM
356	Some of the people that live here.	6/19/2014 4:50 PM
357	?	6/19/2014 4:50 PM
358	from the community	6/19/2014 4:47 PM
359	elected officials	6/19/2014 4:41 PM
360	It comes from frustration from community members and citizens of surrounding towns. We have tennis courts that are already falling apart because city leaders didn't want to spend the money to construct them properly. We have a recreation center that is doing the best job it possibly can with the funding provided by the city, but falls far behind those facilities in the surrounding communities.	6/19/2014 4:40 PM
361	All the drug usage and the general look of the town. This town needs a slight makeover. Main Street looks nice..but we need more then that. Need people to take pride in their town	6/19/2014 4:39 PM

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362	The corrupt police administration	6/19/2014 4:39 PM
363	Parsons Sun, and the people who live here, as well as those that are fortunate enough to visit.	6/19/2014 4:38 PM
364	Negative people who aren't willing to help and just complain especially on social networks	6/19/2014 4:36 PM
365	It's own citizens. Look on the internet!	6/19/2014 4:34 PM
366	Lack of education and awareness.	6/19/2014 4:31 PM
367	I think it comes from all of the "less fortunate" people of the town. The amount of drug use. Couches on front porches. Unkempt homes and yards. Young adults not caring what so ever.	6/19/2014 4:26 PM
368	the public	6/19/2014 4:26 PM
369	Too many people on social networks complaining about things they think are just problems for Parsons, when they occur in all towns.	6/19/2014 4:23 PM
370	Run down houses-vacant buildings and poor streets.	6/19/2014 4:17 PM
371	Drugs in the area	6/19/2014 4:15 PM
372	The people	6/19/2014 4:09 PM
373	Misinformed people!	6/19/2014 4:08 PM
374	The city	6/19/2014 4:08 PM
375	I think we have a group of radical negative people who keep attacking the City Commission. That serves up bad press for our community.	6/19/2014 4:07 PM
376	The people who live here.	6/19/2014 4:06 PM
377	Old dirty falling down houses and drug problems.	6/19/2014 4:02 PM
378	Outsiders, teens or young kids with not a lot of choices as far as things to do.	6/19/2014 4:01 PM

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Q8 What are some ideas for changing that perception?

Answered: 356 Skipped: 291

#	Responses	Date
1	We should be making efforts to get people back into jobs so they can support themselves and their families and eventually begin stimulating the economy. Contrary to popular belief, there are people in Parsons that would like to work. They just don't want to work minimum wage jobs because you literally can't raise a family on that. It's impossible. I've calculated it myself and the numbers just don't equate to what's necessary to support a family. What's unfortunate is that the population is declining slowly. There isn't much of an incentive for businesses to come to Parsons. It's quite sad to think about. That said, I still think that job creation might be the beginning of a transformation for our town.	6/30/2014 10:24 PM
2	Tear the houses down or make the owners fix them	6/30/2014 9:17 PM
3	Nothing	6/30/2014 6:56 PM
4	Didn't stay long enough to have an opinion.	6/30/2014 5:08 PM
5	Stop giving repeat offenders a break and give the first timers a retrain on how they may of made the mistake. And an chance to fix it	6/30/2014 4:27 PM
6	Get gangs, drugs, and suppliers out. There is no room for the here.	6/30/2014 4:02 PM
7	My family really loves football. I know not everyone does but I know we would like for the highschool to do a lot better and make people want to watch them. Give Parsons something to be proud of. Show the kids if they stay out of trouble and work hard they can go somewhere.	6/30/2014 3:42 PM
8	Make city codes that landlords and renters have to follow.	6/30/2014 3:40 PM
9	Get community involved in decision making	6/30/2014 3:25 PM
10	Try to recruit better people to run for commissioners. Also, fill all the vacant buildings around town. It looks very bad to people from out of town. Fix the streets! I had a family member come to Parsons to visit and was in amazement at how terrible the roads are. Not a good impression to out of towners.	6/30/2014 3:18 PM
11	More police officers	6/30/2014 2:38 PM
12	Maybe have more job fairs?	6/30/2014 2:28 PM
13	HAVE NEWSPAPER PRINT MORE ARTICLES ON YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE AJIT PAI OF THE FCC. WHO GOT THERE START HERE AND EXCELLED.	6/30/2014 2:02 PM
14	Educational restructuring. Kids shouldn't be behind in their learning because the whole class "doesn't get it". There need to be more tiers of classes, perhaps with a preliminary aptitude test identifying the strengths and weaknesses students and placement accordingly. This isn't discrimination, its getting kids the help they need and absolutely deserve.	6/30/2014 2:01 PM
15	Having more things to do. A better pool. Get a ymca	6/30/2014 1:58 PM
16	Better expectations out of police work	6/30/2014 1:43 PM
17	sooner elections	6/30/2014 1:40 PM
18	The court system actually doing their job.	6/30/2014 1:36 PM
19	???	6/30/2014 12:42 PM
20	Put a term limit on commissioners and the city manager.	6/30/2014 11:36 AM
21	I'm afraid I don't know. I just don't think the majority has the income to improve properties.	6/30/2014 11:24 AM
22	Clean it up. Its a cute community with lots of potential	6/30/2014 11:19 AM
23	Tear old unrepairable houses down, invest in things for kids.	6/30/2014 11:10 AM

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24	Stricter enforcement regarding Illegal drug activity. Continue cleaning up neighborhoods. Try to build on vacant lots or incorporate vacant lots with bordering homes.	6/30/2014 10:59 AM
25	Keep the druggies off the street. Clean up Parsons, bring more retail, restaurant and fun businesses to Parsons.	6/30/2014 10:48 AM
26	Don't let the "movers and shakers" call all the shots. It's got to the point that the little people have no say, because nobody listens to them, so they don't come to meetings. They've been disenfranchised, they give up.	6/30/2014 10:46 AM
27	ENCOURAGE COMPANIES TO COME IN THAT WOULD PROVIDE BETTER JOBS. STOP GIVING MONEY TO COMPANIES LIKE BURGER KING.	6/30/2014 10:43 AM
28	Better services to low income.	6/30/2014 10:41 AM
29	Have a clinic for business owners on retention and customer service!	6/30/2014 10:39 AM
30	Get rid of the crappy housing, discourage them from settling here.	6/30/2014 10:34 AM
31	Listen to the people.	6/30/2014 10:32 AM
32	Fix roads instead buying stupid shit we have that's still in good condition	6/30/2014 10:01 AM
33	More volunteering to aid the people that can't keep up their homes	6/29/2014 10:25 PM
34	Confront the problem of drugs and sales in the city. Let these people know it is not tolerated. from the lowest officer to the chief. Somehow the officers have been programmed to think it is not their job to confront crime, only the detectives	6/29/2014 9:23 PM
35	We need nicer people here	6/29/2014 5:04 PM
36	Dump the current manager and all of his cronies	6/29/2014 4:33 PM
37	More jobs	6/29/2014 4:30 PM
38	Lower taxes and better services.	6/29/2014 2:35 PM
39	Bring more out to do for children	6/29/2014 2:18 PM
40	None	6/29/2014 2:13 PM
41	start over with new leaders...ones without a vested personal interest or personal gain.	6/29/2014 1:45 PM
42	Let's put in some big chain restaurants and maybe a small (like Pitts mall) shopping mall for people to go to.	6/29/2014 12:59 PM
43	Build more businesses! Stores, recreational businesses! Help parsons grow!	6/29/2014 12:47 PM
44	Again-stricter laws toward drugs. Lets clean up the drug problem! The mindset of so many residents is living off the system. We need to change that mindset!	6/29/2014 12:36 PM
45	Fix the roads cut down crime	6/29/2014 12:20 PM
46	New city officials, open mind ness, a committee of bringing new things in.	6/29/2014 12:07 PM
47	More positive people	6/29/2014 12:07 PM
48	Police officers wear body cameras at all times. Fire the corrupt ones, listen to the people when they are being abused.	6/29/2014 11:57 AM
49	More open meetings for all the citizens of this town. Transparency in what our leadership does and how they do it. Getting the people to change the attitudes towards change. It seems like we fear it in this town.	6/29/2014 11:55 AM
50	Letting more businesses come in and hire people in parsons. Changing city officials	6/29/2014 11:43 AM
51	Get rid of our city government!!	6/29/2014 11:40 AM
52	Get rid of the police you have now	6/29/2014 11:31 AM

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53	Partially would be to move the SKIL office to a new location. I know they are a good service and serve their purpose, but..... you don't see state hospitals or rehab/addiction facilities or needle exchanges in the downtown areas or on main street for a reason. Fix the roads. Quit acting like a Bible thumping town, when you're really not. Get a new judge and county attorney so it isn't an embarrassment to see how many people get away with everything in Parsons/Labette County. Bring in some nicer restaurants and industry in Parsons.	6/29/2014 11:20 AM
54	Open communication. Socialize	6/28/2014 9:25 PM
55	Ignore the negative side more and play up the positive side more.	6/28/2014 8:59 PM
56	Maybe one of these water parks some close-by towns are putting in.	6/28/2014 1:21 PM
57	We keep hearing about Great Plains attracting new business it seems to be slow	6/27/2014 11:46 PM
58	How do you get people to leave their couches and do something positive? How do you get them to commissioner meetings to speak up? IDK.	6/27/2014 10:38 PM
59	stop adding tax	6/27/2014 9:43 PM
60	clean up the slummy areas, provide rehab programs	6/27/2014 8:42 PM
61	Advertise the positive things advertise things that make Parsons the community of choice	6/27/2014 8:04 PM
62	More police staffing	6/27/2014 5:49 PM
63	Change the town	6/27/2014 4:57 PM
64	Don't really know because how much can the city legally do to make property owners do the right thing.	6/27/2014 1:14 PM
65	Ley our elected officers do their jobs and work for the people	6/27/2014 12:53 PM
66	Punishment for breaking laws should be harsh enough to deter the action from being repeated. Reporting of abuse to government systems by everyone. Get some jobs in that pay well for good job performance and will support a family with food, housing, medical, etc. Drug testing for all workers, those receiving assistance at any level.	6/27/2014 11:06 AM
67	Improve the overall quality of life for all residents	6/27/2014 10:54 AM
68	Judges need to crack down harder on our drug offenders. We need to hold people accountable.	6/27/2014 9:45 AM
69	You can't change people, it will never change just because too many people are "political" it's all in who you know, and people turning there heads when something anything in whatever is done wrong and no one stands up for what's right. People just tum a blind eye to the problems. Higher pay- more business opportunities.	6/27/2014 9:41 AM
70	Use all resources at your disposal to make sure they understand why things are like they are-Good & Bad. Priorities may not be on consumers mind.	6/27/2014 4:49 AM
71	Add police and Crack down hard on criminals. Make parsons the last place you want busted.	6/26/2014 11:12 PM
72	Crack down on the areas mentioned above	6/26/2014 10:47 PM
73	Increase of job opportunities-Redevelopment of KAAP area is very important!!	6/26/2014 10:21 PM
74	Increase job availability.	6/26/2014 8:25 PM
75	The culture of slavery will never leave this country.	6/26/2014 8:03 PM
76	Require more from employees	6/26/2014 7:36 PM
77	Maybe a town hall meeting to tell us the general concensus of this questionnaire.	6/26/2014 5:56 PM
78	I wish I knew the answer	6/26/2014 5:14 PM
79	Education. I think the problems I stated above occur due to ignorance and/or poverty, which can both be stopped by educating out citizens.	6/26/2014 5:05 PM
80	Add things to increase the quality of life. Stores, more and better jobs for middle and upper income professions, restaurants. This is why people go out of town a lot.	6/26/2014 3:59 PM
81	crack down on the crime, stop giving repeat offenders probation, get some popular restaurants in here, make it more inviting for business to come in and help it grow	6/26/2014 3:42 PM

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82	Take thier public assitance away	6/26/2014 3:41 PM
83	Working for the good of the community, not special interests...like getting re-elected.	6/26/2014 2:50 PM
84	start at the top, smaller government, fewer rules, lower taxes.	6/26/2014 2:42 PM
85	Start with using common sense and quit blaming previous administrations for current situations, take ownership and apply decisions fairly instead of favoritism to a few.	6/26/2014 2:34 PM
86	Not sure...	6/26/2014 2:00 PM
87	Continue to promote our strengths and try and educate people about rumors that are heard. Market campaign	6/26/2014 1:51 PM
88	tear the abandoned homes down.	6/26/2014 1:10 PM
89	More jobs with good pay, getting rid of SKIL and Class.	6/26/2014 12:53 PM
90	More electronic communication with local businesses and citizens regarding happenings in the city.	6/26/2014 12:37 PM
91	feature more positive stories recognize our leaders, businesses, and organizations	6/26/2014 12:02 PM
92	Update our roads and paint those lines,fix the pavement, Get stop lights, bring in restaurant options. Update our emegency system!	6/26/2014 11:39 AM
93	Fix things instead of quarter million dollar rest rooms in a park and walking trails that are empty.	6/26/2014 11:10 AM
94	One person at a time, we need to celebrate the great things about our town, we need to be happy for anyone or any business in town that is making it because we are all connected. We can't build ourselves up by tearing down others.	6/26/2014 11:10 AM
95	Some people will never change. Something positive has to happen, not on paper but concrete. We have to show a rebirth of this community.	6/26/2014 10:53 AM
96	City government and city commission.	6/26/2014 10:43 AM
97	If you are going to hire people at a huge salary, they should have the background/education and they should obtain results. Out leadership is poor.	6/26/2014 10:41 AM
98	Stop favoring the commissioners own pockets.	6/26/2014 10:37 AM
99	See line 6	6/26/2014 10:33 AM
100	GET RID OF THE DRUGS...HELP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE!!!	6/26/2014 10:08 AM
101	Great Question.	6/26/2014 9:43 AM
102	Get rid of the district attorney.	6/26/2014 9:14 AM
103	Find ways to lower taxes to draw younger families here, they can't afford the high taxes on new homes.	6/26/2014 8:48 AM
104	Protect and serve. Instead of being so thirsty to just put someone in jail	6/26/2014 8:38 AM
105	Don't just shop local. BE LOCAL. Be a community a FAMILY.	6/26/2014 8:29 AM
106	Better communication of what is available in Parsons. Promoting the people of Parsons as a good work force.Communicating what help organizations are available to improve the lives of Parsonians.	6/26/2014 8:20 AM
107	the hospital needs to work really hard to change the idea that people would rather drive to Joplin or Coffeyville rather than deal with our docs. and I know that lots of people from out of town come here for the doctors, but it begs the question, why not so many from within the town???	6/26/2014 8:03 AM
108	Make landlords accountable for their rental property.	6/26/2014 8:02 AM
109	I'm not sure how to change it.	6/26/2014 8:00 AM
110	New management	6/26/2014 7:54 AM
111	Get some real industry in here,not some fly-by-night company that can't pay it's taxes, leaving employees jobless. Give morale boosters to all the city people, not a "Walking Trail" that is waste of tax payer money, unnecessary, excess spending, as I mentioned before.	6/26/2014 7:49 AM
112	Clean up the drug trade	6/26/2014 6:35 AM

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113	Teach them about forgiveness, get them involved in this project	6/26/2014 6:30 AM
114	Bring more jobs and industry to town	6/26/2014 5:24 AM
115	If the situation doesn't involve you, then see your way out of it.	6/26/2014 12:14 AM
116	Bring more good quality food options to Parsons, come up with a way to create more jobs and bring in some more fun activities for people (especially for the youth).	6/25/2014 11:44 PM
117	Get rid of corruption. You know it's there. Let the middle class or low class run the city. It's about business not politics. It's about making people happy to live, work and shop in Parsons. For the people running it now; it's about the money they have and what they can buy with it and abuse of power. They brag about who they within the city positions. Get them all out!	6/25/2014 11:03 PM
118	Active patrol in crime areas neighborhood watch programs	6/25/2014 9:38 PM
119	Try to get more people in town to participate to make a difference. Some people stop trying to improve or make suggestions because they are not heard. The town needs fair actions to improve-not talk.	6/25/2014 9:30 PM
120	Make people serve time for the crimes they commit, not the watered down version of it. Stop allowing drugs to be distributed in plain sight.	6/25/2014 8:57 PM
121	Teaching	6/25/2014 8:28 PM
122	1 school district, more middle class jobs.	6/25/2014 8:06 PM
123	Change, change and more changes!	6/25/2014 8:03 PM
124	Getting people out to see what is available for them to do.	6/25/2014 7:57 PM
125	Drug task force and less inbred families.	6/25/2014 7:55 PM
126	Stricter code enforcement and demolish abandoned dilapidated buildings	6/25/2014 7:54 PM
127	If more people worked or volunteered they would have less time to complain	6/25/2014 7:51 PM
128	Clean up the city...give incentives for new businesses to fill vacant buildings so they are filled and not so run down. Have a new type of event...food and wine festival type of thing, taste testing and such.	6/25/2014 7:30 PM
129	Bring in more amenities	6/25/2014 7:27 PM
130	Ban shirtlessness. Oh. And allow liquor purchases on Sundays. It's a law without any merit. WHAT SO EVER.	6/25/2014 7:03 PM
131	Getting rid of the people in power, not tolerating corruption, getting rid of the slum lords!	6/25/2014 6:59 PM
132	Get rid of the elite click.	6/25/2014 6:55 PM
133	Better city government.. lower taxes.	6/25/2014 6:53 PM
134	Hair more cops to clean up the streets and solve the crime rate and pay them more so they can live. By do that the trouble makers will leave and the community will be safer for the good folk. With that the City might be able to get some business in here and maybe people might start working for there money in steed of setting at home waiting on there stupid check.	6/25/2014 6:47 PM
135	City leaders need to lead. Get out in front of the public. Take five or ten minutes to speak to the residents at events. Show enthusiasm and openly talk about planning, goals and results expected from plans.	6/25/2014 6:40 PM
136	See # 6	6/25/2014 6:38 PM
137	Use the tax money in a way that helps and can be seen/used. The trails seem nice but don't go anywhere useful, our schools could use all the help they can get...	6/25/2014 6:36 PM
138	Develop a sincere code of ethics, practice and follow that code; the period for "Reverse Robin Hood" measurements should have passed by long ago. If you take care of your own, remember all of your own, not some.	6/25/2014 6:27 PM
139	We need to support Parsons school and quit worrying about how it will effect Altamont.	6/25/2014 6:27 PM
140	Start making some changes and get real good paying jobs in our city to stay !!	6/25/2014 6:26 PM
141	Police do a better job.	6/25/2014 6:24 PM

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142	Fix things open more things to do in this town	6/25/2014 6:19 PM
143	The judicial system is going to have to do more than slap the wrist of drug offenders. A strong message needs to be sent that this community no longer welcomes that type of individual.	6/25/2014 6:17 PM
144	Not sure	6/25/2014 6:09 PM
145	show us houses that are torn down, yards that are mowed, good restaurants and businesses coming to town.	6/25/2014 5:50 PM
146	Spend money on fixing things in town an then get stuff for the kids to do maybe that will lower the crime	6/25/2014 5:48 PM
147	doubt it'll ever change. the town needs an enema	6/25/2014 5:47 PM
148	Mine haven't worked very well so far, but maybe we need to keep trying to develop that community spirit. Encourage groups topromote neighbor hood gatherings for all ages, city employees speaking and being more part of the gang rather than tax collectors. Not that the city employees do that but people look at them as the bad guys so often. Many Parsonians often create a lot of rumors about how some people act toward others on no facts at all. Churches could realize that being a neighbor and trying to make things better for us all is really the story and not just getting into heaven.	6/25/2014 5:45 PM
149	Possibly more to do for preteen to young adult, also maybe a mandatory mentoring program w/follow thru when preteen to young adults get into trouble so they can be inspired to find what they would like to do w their life...	6/25/2014 5:45 PM
150	Have parenting lessons for everyone regardless of your background	6/25/2014 5:39 PM
151	Work with small businesses	6/25/2014 5:36 PM
152	If one has a complaint, they need to offer at least a couple of reasonable suggestions for improvement and be willing to invest in seeing the suggestions come to fruition	6/25/2014 5:31 PM
153	We have some new officials in office maybe they will help.	6/25/2014 5:31 PM
154	Clean house	6/25/2014 5:30 PM
155	Unknown	6/25/2014 5:28 PM
156	Free educational seminars given by qualified, passionate leaders and educators	6/25/2014 5:27 PM
157	Thorough venting process and regular follow up.	6/25/2014 5:26 PM
158	n/a	6/25/2014 5:19 PM
159	New leadership	6/25/2014 5:19 PM
160	#6's answer.	6/25/2014 5:17 PM
161	Beg industries to move to parsons. Have a zero tolerance policy against drugs. LCC needs a football team (most cc in area have a team).	6/25/2014 5:17 PM
162	Police involvement in the community events. It was nice to see them at Katy days.	6/25/2014 5:16 PM
163	More promotion of things that are right in this community and less guest editorials (forums) from negative people who have an agenda to follow that does nothing to make the community better.	6/25/2014 5:15 PM
164	Elect better and hire more qualified people.	6/25/2014 5:13 PM
165	Stronger police presence, stop supporting or funding low income housing.	6/25/2014 5:11 PM
166	see #6	6/25/2014 5:06 PM
167	Remove Local Government and Start Over	6/25/2014 4:57 PM
168	Have more officers on the streets, pay them more money so that we can keep them. Elect new judges.	6/25/2014 4:52 PM
169	Clean it up. Tear down condemned houses, make it easier to rent a building for a potential business, make harsher punishments for drug offenders. Make it so crime cant thrive here.	6/25/2014 4:52 PM
170	growing up the moms had signs in their windows telling you that they were a neighborhood mom and it was safe to go to that house if you were in trouble. We all looked out for each other.	6/25/2014 4:50 PM

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171	Find community representatives from several different locations in Parsons and have them come up with suggestions. Get the community involved, not just a select few in the community. Diversity!	6/25/2014 4:47 PM
172	Attracting a new group of people so that the town can grow.	6/25/2014 4:46 PM
173	As stated previously. Start drug testing. I would suggest starting at the top. Most of the upper echelon of parsons are just as bad.	6/25/2014 4:41 PM
174	fire people	6/25/2014 4:40 PM
175	bring more opportunities to Parsons more stores more factories worry less about the roads and you trying to fill in the potholes bring jobs to Parsons	6/25/2014 4:37 PM
176	I think sometimes people feel trapped. A lot of individuals chose to settle here. Maybe those who re-located in Parsons should be polled to remind people who have lived here all their lives about the good things in the community. Some times its hard to see the forest for the trees. It's possible people who don't move away feel like failures. It would be wonderful to be able to turn that feeling into feeling good about chosing to stay in Parsons to be close to family and friends, raising their own children where they can get a good education and live in a safe environment with job opportunities for a living wage.	6/25/2014 4:35 PM
177	Get rid of Goforth and his girlfriend and put some people in charge that actually care about our officers and civilians. Work harder at making this community stronger and less at putting money in the pockets of politicians. Get the riff-raff OFF the streets and out of out town!	6/25/2014 4:26 PM
178	Nobody will obey the law if they know they will not be any consequences for disobeying it.	6/25/2014 4:26 PM
179	More cops?	6/25/2014 4:23 PM
180	Willingness to work with nearby communities to look for possibilities of growth opportunities.	6/25/2014 4:22 PM
181	Better screening when it comes to the hiring of law enforcement	6/25/2014 4:21 PM
182	Help people remodel who can't afford, especially those on the main streets through town.	6/25/2014 4:20 PM
183	New leaders that are actually committed to bettering our community financially by recruiting employers, entertainment venues and creating some sort of regulated standardized housing rules for landlords to follow so that they cannot rent out crap houses to hardworking people!	6/25/2014 4:19 PM
184	Look into new things. Quit being so closed minded. Everywhere around us is expanding, and we are Just stuck. New restaurants would be nice, hopefully opening the skating rink soon. We need something fun here!	6/25/2014 4:17 PM
185	Auction off or sell at low price with stipulation house must be renovated in set amount of time.	6/25/2014 4:11 PM
186	8. Educate people, but in saying that how do you get that tie in and commitment from the general population. They need to respect individuals who are trying to make this difference.	6/25/2014 4:10 PM
187	Increase the removal of abandoned homes. They should not exist on well travelled roads. Every day that people pass "dumps" going to work, the entire community perception is lowered.	6/25/2014 4:02 PM
188	For me, it would be moving somewhere else. Unfortunately, that will be difficult until I retire.	6/25/2014 3:59 PM
189	I think once people actually visit Parsons and meet the people they would have a different perspective.	6/25/2014 3:58 PM
190	Move to a different town	6/25/2014 3:58 PM
191	Figure out what our community's doing wrong! All these small towns around us seem to be doing way for their kids then we are & I just don't understand where parsons is going wrong!!! We have nothing to do, 2stores that women can shop in & a few decent places to eat. It's a pretty sad situations!!!	6/25/2014 3:55 PM
192	Get the police to quit harassing people about a tail light and fight the crime. There is NO reason for in town cops to be driving around wasting taxpayers money on gas. Maybe one for special things, but all 24/7 no way!!!	6/25/2014 3:54 PM
193	Schools, schools, and schools! Good/great public education will draw young families. Young parents looking for good education for their children will be more involved in their children's lives and are more likely to be socially active in their community as well as bringing a positive attitude along with them.	6/25/2014 3:53 PM
194	Not much	6/25/2014 3:53 PM

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195	Bring in more franchises clean up neighborhoods	6/25/2014 3:52 PM
196	More opportunities to draw outside people into Parsons.	6/25/2014 3:43 PM
197	All new management for the city.	6/25/2014 3:40 PM
198	I don't know if there is any legal way to reign in the group homes but I'd like to find out. Get a county attorney that would crack down on drug and theft crimes. Jlm Zaleski is doing a great job with "tourism" and promoting PK	6/25/2014 3:36 PM
199	No way to change people	6/25/2014 3:36 PM
200	get them involved in the good things people do here - fundraising for LCC, Red Cross, families in trouble, etc... there are a lot of positive activities in the community.	6/25/2014 3:34 PM
201	New management	6/25/2014 3:32 PM
202	Get ALL NEW cops.	6/25/2014 3:32 PM
203	PEOPLE FIX UP HOUSING. INCENTIVES TO TAKE CARE OF THER PLACES	6/25/2014 3:27 PM
204	marketing and education	6/25/2014 3:27 PM
205	Find people to post positive things on facebook, social media. Get the clubs that are already active and doing wonderful things to get the word out about the good things they do. Find more people to write stories for the Parsons Sun. Don't expect them to do it. Get students, teachers, etc to tum in stories about positive things happening. Don't relax once good things start happening, it will always take an effort. Help promote the good businesses we have that have been here for a long time instead of only working with new ones.	6/25/2014 3:12 PM
206	no ideas move away	6/25/2014 3:09 PM
207	Again, giving tax breaks for an incentive to fix up all the run down older homes in Parsons. Especially on the main highway through Parsons.	6/25/2014 11:30 AM
208	The people who are perceived to be the leaders, mover & shakers of this community must work to expand and include the "community friend base." There is a definite need for younger persons to take pride and step up to the challenges of improving this community.	6/25/2014 10:29 AM
209	Clean the place up!	6/24/2014 10:01 PM
210	a good industrial score would help as would a publicity campaign that points out the good things	6/24/2014 5:19 PM
211	Clean up the above issues	6/24/2014 3:34 PM
212	Give the guilty. Time in jail.	6/24/2014 3:25 PM
213	SOCIAL MEDIA BLITZ ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF PARSONS. THE FACEBOOK PAGE DOES A GOOD JOB, BUT MORE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED. HIRE A SOCIAL MEDIA SPECIALIST TO HELP IN THIS AREA. HELP IMPROVE SOME OF THE HOUSES THAT ARE FALLING APART. THEY ARE AN EYE SORE.	6/23/2014 8:17 PM
214	Bring employers/jobs to town.	6/22/2014 10:07 PM
215	Educate the young people on why spending in Parsons is better than taking your \$\$ to Joplin or Pittsburg	6/22/2014 6:51 PM
216	cut costs and make it more attractive for businesses	6/22/2014 4:00 PM
217	Recruiting on a major level new businesses. Cleaning up some of the homes there.	6/22/2014 7:25 AM
218	We need more positive feedback about Parsons high school regarding their excellent education opportunities and for people who live in parsons have to attend parsons schools..not other districts.	6/22/2014 12:45 AM
219	Ditto	6/21/2014 11:18 PM
220	More things to do to keep people in town	6/21/2014 11:05 PM
221	Get judges that actually impose penalties on repeat offenders, clean house and start over on local elected officials get some who actually know what they are doing.. Can we also u do urban renewal that was the worst thing this town ever did	6/21/2014 10:38 PM
222	Bring in things for the younger population.	6/21/2014 10:17 PM
223	I wish I had worthwhile suggestions for this . . .	6/21/2014 10:05 PM

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224	Ask for public surveys and LISTEN TO THEM!	6/21/2014 6:48 PM
225	Police enforcing a clean and safe community, don't provide all the low income housing that make it so attractive and easy to stay in Parsons for those who don't make it better but instead contribute to the negatives	6/21/2014 1:06 PM
226	Quit being a Mecca for the unemployed	6/21/2014 10:00 AM
227	Somebody needs to really train/investigate the foster care families. Working with the police officers in community relations.	6/21/2014 8:58 AM
228	Promote the schools!!! We have beautiful new buildings, great staff, school resource officers--tell people how safe and supportive our schools are!	6/21/2014 8:23 AM
229	more publicity on good things that happen; the Parsons Sun isn't much of a newspaper	6/21/2014 1:01 AM
230	Progressiveness and good jobs	6/20/2014 11:17 PM
231	Can't change people who don't want to change.	6/20/2014 10:22 PM
232	IQ test and mental screening after all major brain surgeries for commissioners	6/20/2014 6:50 PM
233	If you want to change that perception, you have to change a person's values. You have to have an agent of change go out among people and convince them their way of life needs to evolve. Research social change theories for more information.	6/20/2014 6:43 PM
234	Less low income housing	6/20/2014 5:39 PM
235	By either providing or enticing others to provide activities or a place where people could go to have fun.	6/20/2014 5:35 PM
236	Prosecuting criminals... Instead of offering them pleas to be an informant.	6/20/2014 5:19 PM
237	Give people tax BREAKS if they take care of their properties instead of taxing them more. Require landlords to keep their properties painted and looking good. Tear down abandoned properties. Come up with good incentive packages to bring in restaurants and boutiques. Work with a developer to build MIDDLE income housing neighborhoods. \$120000-\$150000. We have too many low income areas.	6/20/2014 4:53 PM
238	Get people off drugs and welfare	6/20/2014 4:02 PM
239	Building more middle class housing so we can get property tax off of them	6/20/2014 3:43 PM
240	City government must do a better job of managing budget to hold down the increase in taxes.	6/20/2014 3:32 PM
241	Consolidation of government (City & County) .Require all city employees to live within the city limits or pay a city earnings tax. Too many high paying government employees jobs ahve been added the last several years. For instance, the city attorney was on a part time retainer and lived in Parsons.	6/20/2014 2:33 PM
242	Community involvement, listening to the up and coming generation that will be the future of the town and considering their ideas/wants for the town.	6/20/2014 2:18 PM
243	Invest in our youth, come down hard on those who don't adhere to the law. We have way too many multiple offenders who get slaps on the wrist.	6/20/2014 1:46 PM
244	I think Parsons is heading in a great direction. I'd say keep doing those things that are making a difference. People are ALWAYS going to complain, just make sure they're not complaining about something that can actually be fixed.	6/20/2014 1:35 PM
245	Raising the valuation somehow.	6/20/2014 12:45 PM
246	That is a difficult question that I believe has many answers.	6/20/2014 12:05 PM
247	Change the perception visually, and vocationally!	6/20/2014 11:50 AM
248	I think the city is doing a much better job of listening to people.	6/20/2014 11:37 AM
249	Look to encourage big business to come to Parsons.	6/20/2014 11:28 AM
250	More codes enforcement, getting rid of dilapidated houses, do whatever needs to be done to send the message that crime and drugs will not be tolerated in our community.	6/20/2014 11:17 AM
251	See Mr. Rogers	6/20/2014 10:14 AM

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252	Aggressive housing program. A program to financially help people improve their homes by helping people who want to work to help themselves. Quit worrying about piecemeal applications of filling in blighted areas. Do a survey. I will bet that a huge amount of mid-level executives that are new employees of the last ten years have elected to work in Parsons but live somewhere else.	6/20/2014 9:35 AM
253	Education	6/20/2014 8:38 AM
254	City government needs to take the lead to make tough decisions that will yield noticeable improvements in many aspects. They need to be proactive in talking UP this community as well as cutting through "un-required" red tape (...or pettiness) that gets in the way of positive progress. This includes a more positive attitude at the top as well as visible improvements throughout the city.	6/20/2014 8:37 AM
255	I think finding industry to go into the ammunition plant area should be top of the list. Some manufacturing from an established company like Proctor and Gamble would be much better than a start up.	6/20/2014 7:45 AM
256	You don't have budget	6/20/2014 6:49 AM
257	Be more proactive in maintaining our city. It shouldn't take years to repair a main road or tear down an abandoned home.	6/20/2014 6:48 AM
258	Can't change people.	6/20/2014 6:47 AM
259	Incentives to tear down dilapidated structures, encourage rental and apartment property, including dorms for college students.	6/20/2014 5:10 AM
260	Show progress. Fix something. Fix anything. It doesn't have to be huge, just something that shows you are making the effort to do right by the people that live in this town.	6/20/2014 5:05 AM
261	Being more strict with legal issues. A lot of the enforcers of the law, as I've heard and seen, are not strict enough and let a lot of things go that they shouldn't.	6/20/2014 4:00 AM
262	Change the law--and start awarding people for working on their houses.	6/20/2014 12:52 AM
263	Cut down on drug activity	6/20/2014 12:45 AM
264	Bring in businesses that we need. Think about how much business goes out of town at the beginning of the school year buying clothing and supplies. Can't buy anything like electronic devices without going out of town. Bring in named restaurants.	6/19/2014 11:41 PM
265	not sure	6/19/2014 11:24 PM
266	Youth rallies Wifi gathering places down town Raze shacks and build new neighborhoods Positive leadership Smart leadership More cheerleading for all accomplishments Constant recognition to all volunteers	6/19/2014 10:55 PM
267	Better background checks in the Sun before next elections. Seems biased. Yes, biased!	6/19/2014 9:59 PM
268	Better law enforcement	6/19/2014 9:47 PM
269	Quit the status quo. Sell the lots by walmart at a discount and let them be developed. Need better shopping so people quit going to joplin and pittsburg	6/19/2014 9:28 PM
270	Throw the bums out	6/19/2014 9:25 PM
271	Get someone in that want better things for the community and not people in it for the money	6/19/2014 9:21 PM
272	Financial support for the reopening of the Skating Rink. Support for parks and recreation. New City Leadership that can embrace change and think outside the box for funding. And, finally get ahead of the infrastructure problem instead of playing catch-up for all the issues that end up costing (once again), property owners the majority of the tab!	6/19/2014 9:06 PM
273	I really don't know what would bring the community together.	6/19/2014 9:02 PM
274	Listen to the input from the community instead of just doing business as usual	6/19/2014 9:02 PM
275	?	6/19/2014 8:58 PM
276	Burning it down and starting over completely.	6/19/2014 8:30 PM
277	Building up a sense of community, people getting involved and having ownership	6/19/2014 8:27 PM
278	Open dialogue with all ethnicities	6/19/2014 8:24 PM

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279	Let's get rid of the dilapidated houses, give incentives to fill empty businesses, fix roads, apply for grants to supply programming for kids	6/19/2014 8:21 PM
280	have them do the right things for a change	6/19/2014 8:16 PM
281	Accountability.	6/19/2014 8:14 PM
282	Those in charge find time to spend with the daily labor workers and the poverty and crime stricken areas of town. Those areas are what drive people out of town.	6/19/2014 8:01 PM
283	More jobs so so many aren't on welfare	6/19/2014 7:59 PM
284	The city needs to crack down on property owners who have neglected their own home and rental properties. The city also needs to weed-eat the properties that they mow. Weeds and tall grass make our town seem like no one cares.	6/19/2014 7:54 PM
285	I'm not sure that negative people can have their perception changed. They see the negative side of everything, not just the community they live in. Some are always thinking someone is trying to pull something over on the people.	6/19/2014 7:44 PM
286	On crime...A new county attorney and find a way to eliminate the poverty in this county. Also clean this town up and make homeowners responsible for maintaining their property.	6/19/2014 7:39 PM
287	STOP SPENDING MONEY ON PROJECTS LIKE THE DOG PARK!!! Get companies that have jobs that require degrees as well as good paying manual labor jobs to get interested in our area	6/19/2014 7:36 PM
288	bring in drs. that do not make life threatening mistakes	6/19/2014 7:36 PM
289	New blood or new people in the offices that control what happens in this town! Less taxes. Controlled spending. Maybe we could get better people and more opportunity? All in all our tax dollars spent where they are suppose to go. And bring in other jobs. Build upon what's here before bringing in outside folks. We are a Community with Pride!	6/19/2014 7:22 PM
290	Get some more place for kids to have fun and put more police on the street	6/19/2014 7:22 PM
291	Find those things our kids and adults are doing, support them and focus on positives of PK	6/19/2014 7:17 PM
292	As a small business owner, rent for business spaces should be affordable and CLEAN.	6/19/2014 7:06 PM
293	Rebuilding low income housing, more community gatherings	6/19/2014 7:02 PM
294	Seems we have tried to bring new businesses in town and that has failed so let's help the businesses we have somehow- find a way to clean up and make our town look nice plantings- repair abandoned buildings parking lots make people mow yards- try to bring some activities for everyone to do kids especially- I leave town every weekend to find something to do-	6/19/2014 6:58 PM
295	Actual enforcement of current laws to send a message to people that make and distribute drugs around schools and other parts of town that it will not be tolerated.	6/19/2014 6:56 PM
296	Quit putting negative stuff in paper. But that probably wouldn't work too well either because of social media	6/19/2014 6:56 PM
297	Beats the hell out of me.	6/19/2014 6:56 PM
298	Education.	6/19/2014 6:50 PM
299	Pull down houses that are not safe to be living in. Raising property taxes when people paint their house or do basic upkeep is absurd. All that has done is keep people from painting their house!	6/19/2014 6:49 PM
300	Like I said bring in more work. Open up like a pool hall or a magic store. A nicer bar or club. Bring something in for the kids.	6/19/2014 6:36 PM
301	The city and it's people need to encourage business.	6/19/2014 6:36 PM
302	Bring in events for younger and teens	6/19/2014 6:36 PM
303	Middle income housing, if available maybe businesses will come	6/19/2014 6:35 PM
304	Not sure, but there has to be a way to effectively let the public know what and why decisions are made and why it's best for the overall public.	6/19/2014 6:32 PM
305	Harsher punishment for thieves and more patrol through neighborhoods not just main roads.	6/19/2014 6:30 PM
306	Maybe new leadership?	6/19/2014 6:30 PM

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307	Have the commission not fight in public; work it out somewhere other than the public meetings	6/19/2014 6:26 PM
308	The city needs to stop cutting comers and clean up the city. Clean up over grown lots, actually replace street lights in residential areas. There are stretches along Appleton that are darker than Joplin was after their tomado. I know this requires funding. As does additional law enforcement but this is also vitally needed in the community. Not just officers on the street but resource officers, such as Officer Springer, to reach out to young people. They need role models, support & encouragement if they are going to lead their community foreword.	6/19/2014 6:20 PM
309	Get rid of poor housing.g	6/19/2014 6:18 PM
310	New leadership. No passing of the reigns, new face to town!	6/19/2014 6:14 PM
311	Start a ParsonsPride project, get the community involved, especially the kids.	6/19/2014 6:13 PM
312	create jobs, give kids something to do, and crack down on the drugs	6/19/2014 6:03 PM
313	Make the owners of the houses be responsible. Enforce the laws and codes.	6/19/2014 5:59 PM
314	The police force is all young now. I've heard some of them say that this is their town. It's OUR town. They actually harass some people here. Not me though. They need to remember to "serve" our community.	6/19/2014 5:53 PM
315	Offer incentives for refurbishing the vacant buildings and homes. At the same time offer help to low income families to keep their homes looking nice.	6/19/2014 5:53 PM
316	None	6/19/2014 5:51 PM
317	People attending a good quality local church. Getting involved and being committed to that church & to God!	6/19/2014 5:44 PM
318	Need to help the working middle class they are the ones who work in town and spend money. Incentives to keep that money in town.	6/19/2014 5:43 PM
319	An evaluation of what crimes our police force is preventing, and if need be a re-focus on police work that prevents real crime.	6/19/2014 5:40 PM
320	Clean it up try and get another restaurant in here to promote job growth. Not sure how that works.	6/19/2014 5:39 PM
321	Have more for families to do. Lock up thieves instead of releasing them with a little probation.	6/19/2014 5:33 PM
322	Televized commission meetings.	6/19/2014 5:30 PM
323	enlightened voters	6/19/2014 5:28 PM
324	I have no idea. Wish I did but I don't.	6/19/2014 5:26 PM
325	get rid of the same ole godfather wanna bes	6/19/2014 5:25 PM
326	Really need new city manager. I like Fred as a person, but not as a city manager.	6/19/2014 5:19 PM
327	Have no idea.....afraid it's too far gone. Bypass didn't help by keeping out of town traffic out and no place to shop and very limited places to eat have not helped, but aren't supported by community either.	6/19/2014 5:14 PM
328	My answers to the first two are mentioned earlier in the survey. As far as crime goes, Programs like YCC and Labette Mental Health's "Navigators" are doing there best to help today's young people make the right choices, but they are few among many. I think our entire community has to 1. Realize that it is up to all of us to raise up the next generation. and 2. Band together to do something about it. These kids who make bad choices will one day learn the hard way what living this way gets them, but if we can find a way to leverage our influence on them, then maybe they won't make the bad choices to begin with. I wholeheartedly believe that the answer to our positive influence problem is showing care and compassion. Rules-relationship=rebellion	6/19/2014 5:11 PM
329	Get rid of the Current City Gov and replace most of the Police Dept and rude city workers.	6/19/2014 5:09 PM
330	Crappy attitudes are hard to change. Some people will never be happy	6/19/2014 5:03 PM
331	As city employees (city office, trash collectors, police, water dept, building inspector) be polite and nice to the residents and always go that extra mile!	6/19/2014 4:59 PM
332	Awareness champaign of the good in Parsons and the many opportunities that exist.	6/19/2014 4:58 PM
333	Fix roads, sewers, drug use, something for kids to do, fix up the housing that is falling apart	6/19/2014 4:57 PM

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334	See #6.	6/19/2014 4:57 PM
335	More activities.	6/19/2014 4:57 PM
336	Stop letting it be a haven for low income, welfare receiptes.	6/19/2014 4:55 PM
337	Look at other town models who have revamped their communities. Lower property taxes so citizens can build or buy. Give incentive to make your community proud of living there.	6/19/2014 4:54 PM
338	People wont change thier attitudes its ingrained any idea you offer will be po po by some sector. Its the old Who stole my cheese. They guard it ferociously	6/19/2014 4:47 PM
339	Our city leaders need to stop making excuses for minimal progress and find ways to make big changes! Some people don't mind paying higher taxes if that means improvement in quality of life.	6/19/2014 4:40 PM
340	Could we have a contest on best landscaping? Best housing makeover? Can we get grants to re-do houses? Could the city donate a nicer train? Put money into taking care of the town. We pay way more money then any other county in kansas on property taxes, however properties are not maintained.	6/19/2014 4:39 PM
341	Replace the corrupt chief and assistant chief	6/19/2014 4:39 PM
342	Parsons needs to get back on that horse and ride so-to-speak. There is not enough going on here to satisfy it's future. Meaning the youth. I feel that if you want to keep the children, and young adults on a positive mission, there needs to be more available to them to keep them positively challenged, intrigued, and educated. Most importantly, to have fun outlets for them. If you want to decrease crime, drug abuse, etc. it is going to have to start with the communities future. The children that are fortunate to come from "good" homes never stay here, and hardly ever come back. This is one of the reasons that parsons is fast becoming a retirement village that mostly caters to the elderly, and mentally challenged.	6/19/2014 4:38 PM
343	??	6/19/2014 4:36 PM
344	Change Parsons!	6/19/2014 4:34 PM
345	Not sure. Whole community has to be willing to work towards bettering the town instead of just complaining about it. We all need to come together as a team and take whatever action necessary.	6/19/2014 4:31 PM
346	Crack down on the drug users. Have stricter curb appeal codes. Have things for people to do to fill up their idle time. Create volunteer services.	6/19/2014 4:26 PM
347	do more for the kids	6/19/2014 4:26 PM
348	Maybe using social networks, television, newspaper, etc. to promote the positive side.	6/19/2014 4:23 PM
349	Bring in more job opportunities so people don't have to live in poverty.	6/19/2014 4:15 PM
350	Care about making our town great . people that want new business look for business but keep small town life style..	6/19/2014 4:09 PM
351	More community awareness of what's in the works and a goal for parsons future	6/19/2014 4:08 PM
352	Nothing can be done	6/19/2014 4:08 PM
353	Not much you can do about the few radical, negative people we have that paint a bad perception. We have overwhelmingly passed the 1/2 cent sales tax to make improvements to the city. I would like to see us continue or expand this to continue to make improvements. Maybe hire a grant writer to get money for some upgrades. Somehow surrounding towns find money to put in pools, somehow we don't know how to find the money.	6/19/2014 4:07 PM
354	There needs to be a shift in attitude in the community. Those who choose to live here and stay here need to be able to explain why.	6/19/2014 4:06 PM
355	Help those that can not fix houses. Tear down ones that are not fit to live in.	6/19/2014 4:02 PM
356	Bring in businesses	6/19/2014 4:01 PM

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Q9 Any other comments about the community that you would like to share?

Answered: 211 Skipped: 436

#	Responses	Date
1	I'll share this: I love my hometown and I want to see the state of our community improve. Though I don't see myself ever moving back to Parsons, I hope that you all will take our wonderful town in the direction that it needs to go. I would love to be a part of focus groups and think tanks whenever I can. Feel free to reach out to me at tmj1992@ksu.edu or ksutylor@gmail.com.	6/30/2014 10:26 PM
2	My friend is from parsons. Getting him to and from the nearest airport was a nightmare. With a strong arts and crafts community could draw visitors if there were an easier way to get there from planes, trains, or busses.	6/30/2014 5:13 PM
3	Reward good behavior	6/30/2014 4:28 PM
4	I would like to see the original plans of the walking trail finished to completion where it reached down 10 th street behind the truckyard plaza all the way around to the 32nd street by Pete's.	6/30/2014 4:06 PM
5	Thank you for asking for my input	6/30/2014 3:40 PM
6	We need more family oriented functions	6/30/2014 3:26 PM
7	We also need to somehow crack down on the meth labs and thefts. Our police force seems to be afraid of the criminals. Not sure of the solution to that. But maybe less slaps on the wrists and more serious punishments for the criminals. Maybe better training and/or screening of police officer applicants. They only seem to like to hand out DUIs. The easy stuff.	6/30/2014 3:20 PM
8	No !!!	6/30/2014 2:39 PM
9	Yes. I think that parsons police officers are lazy and they always get the wrong people. Stop chasing the weed dealers and start getting the pill poppers and meth addicts. Maybe start bringing more technology into the town as well. Also all these people dying from drunk driving....it could be prevented if the parsons PD actually patrolled the streets and the back roads more.	6/30/2014 2:31 PM
10	KATY DAYS IS A REALLY GREAT EVENT KARI WEST AND JIM ZALESKI CONTINUE TO PUT OUT EFFORT TO MAKE THE COMMUNITY BETTER	6/30/2014 2:02 PM
11	Kids are our future. Don't cheat them.	6/30/2014 2:01 PM
12	I feel the city manager knows what the problem are and knows what needs to be done. Just can't get past the commissioners stupidity	6/30/2014 1:42 PM
13	Operation Bright touch was great	6/30/2014 12:43 PM
14	If you really want to be here, stay. If you really want to leave, go.	6/30/2014 12:36 PM
15	New rec center and boys and girls club would also be good additions.	6/30/2014 11:10 AM
16	Figure out how to budget the City's money better. That would help.	6/30/2014 10:48 AM
17	AS SOON AS I RETIRE I PLAN TO MOVE. THIS COMMUNITY IS RAN BY A FEW PEOPLE AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN. THEY WANT TO KEEP GOOD JOBS OUT. THE TOWN HAS BECOME A DUMP. WE TRY TO KEEP OUR HOME NICE AND MAKE IMPROVEMENTS AND OUR TAXES ARE CONSTANTLY RAISED BUT WHAT ARE THOSE TAXES USED FOR? NO ONE CAN ANSWER THAT. OUR STREETS ARE AWFUL AND OUR STADIUM AND SCHOOLS NEED IMPROVEMENT. I DON'T KNOW WHY ANYONE WOULD MOVE HERE. SUCH A SHAME .	6/30/2014 10:47 AM
18	We need to find a way to offer more things for kids. Improved pool, skating rink, boys and girls club are things that can be done, that other communities have. We also need to tear down old, unrepairable homes throughout Parsons.	6/30/2014 10:43 AM
19	We need to clean up. Houses that are abandoned need tom down, drug users and sellers need stiffer penalties and roads need improved.	6/30/2014 10:42 AM
20	I wish those who make decisions the best of luck	6/29/2014 10:25 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

21	People, be nice to fast food and minimum wage employees. Don't take us for granted.	6/29/2014 5:05 PM
22	Something needs to be done about the police chief and his acting "assistant chief" girlfriend. There are many young officers that work for the city that will never reach their potential with the crooked leadership that they have.	6/29/2014 2:16 PM
23	this town used to be a great place to live...now I am looking elsewhere...how sad...I have lived here all my life and used to recommend it to others...now I tell everyone get out if you can....and others don't move here.	6/29/2014 1:47 PM
24	No	6/29/2014 1:00 PM
25	Its a great community to retire in. Now we need to make it a great community to stay in!	6/29/2014 12:48 PM
26	I love Parsons! It is my hometown and it is where I have raised my kids. I have a vested interest in Parsons and its future. I work with its future! I have also seen how our town has changed over the last 20-30 years and it saddens me that so many people have left and jobs have left our town. We need a "Rebuild Parsons"! I would be more than willing to help or do whatever I can to get that pride back in our town!!	6/29/2014 12:39 PM
27	Parsons is my hometown and I grew up here. I see too much waste of tax money and not enough opportunity to grow to make it more open to change to invest in our youth so they won't take their talents with them out of town. Fairness for everyone not just the richer people.	6/29/2014 11:58 AM
28	Police force needs to follow the laws. Money needs to be spent more wisely..not on dog parks and walk trails around town	6/29/2014 11:44 AM
29	Where is all our high tax dollars going? I don't believe our money is being spent on things we need and don't need.	6/29/2014 11:42 AM
30	It's all a vicious cycle and just about everything I've mentioned is involved in that cycle, but I believe the worst problem Parsons has that contributes to this cycle is poverty whether it's due to unforeseen or planned circumstances. Hopefully the damage is not so severe that it can be fixed, but I don't know, because Parsons has had a negative reputation for many years. Also, I believe our mental health center needs more support financially, and it also needs to be moved to a more private location. People don't want to take their kids to an area in downtown Parsons and have the stigma put on their kids or themselves when someone drives by and sees them or their vehicle there. This is the number one reason why people don't go there for help or go out of town. I think the Chamber of Commerce does a great job, but does not have enough help, so they also need more support from the city.	6/29/2014 11:20 AM
31	None...	6/28/2014 9:25 PM
32	City management seems to assume that any request is going to be antagonistic. Sometimes we just want information, but it is very difficult to obtain it. We're not all out to prove you wrong. Perhaps you should give us the benefit of the doubt and not be so defensive.	6/28/2014 9:00 PM
33	Some days I really like living here, and some days I hate it. As much as I'd like to leave, there are a few people and projects that keep me here, for now. If I had family nearby, it would be easier to completely relax and plan to spend my life here, but that's not how I feel. Thanks for letting me vent.	6/27/2014 10:42 PM
34	PRC provides great activities for children of all age groups	6/27/2014 5:50 PM
35	Would love a street light at Main & Kay Lane.	6/27/2014 1:15 PM
36	This is what is needed for feedback. Try to reach the minorities. How was this survey generated & disseminated to start.	6/27/2014 4:51 AM
37	Try organizing sections of city with neighborhood watches and sectional neighborhood beatific at ion through its residents.	6/26/2014 11:14 PM
38	Lets keep working together with a positive attitude.	6/26/2014 10:22 PM
39	Survey was forwarded to us in an E-mail grouping. We lived there for over 30 years, but do not live there any longer. A daughter is now also leaving.	6/26/2014 8:27 PM
40	We have a great school system. It'd be nice to recycle (pickup). Streets are deplorable.	6/26/2014 7:13 PM
41	I would love to see all the dilapidated structures in Parsons razed.	6/26/2014 5:08 PM
42	I think our city leadership does an outstanding job	6/26/2014 3:42 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

43	Fine of \$1000 for building a fence on your own property is stupid. City has too many codes that are enforced SOMETIMES.	6/26/2014 2:42 PM
44	There's a lot of positive people wanting to help with improvement but the city gov't is the biggest hurdle.	6/26/2014 2:36 PM
45	Too many people would rather sit around and complain than try to make things better and that is a hard problem to overcome	6/26/2014 1:52 PM
46	great celebration days, lots of old houses that need torn down I would like to see more cleanup days to one in the spring and one in the fall. no beer sold on Sunday I like my town and plan on retiring here and attending more things at the Senior Center	6/26/2014 12:02 PM
47	Only lived here 2 years, as a new person coming to town, not knowing the lay of the land, could use moe signage to find things - Forest park this way, walmart that way , city building here. Things really aren't marked well, have to ask about everything to find it.	6/26/2014 11:41 AM
48	some kind of public transportation on weekend nights would help our youth (21-30) be able to socialize safely. A safe ride program strange idea but what if our police department gave rides at night? "protect and serve"	6/26/2014 11:15 AM
49	Once the "elders" of this community aren't able to continue the work they have done to keep Parsons alive... well there's not many people to pass the torch to. People are quick to point out the problems but when it comes time for solutions they tend to get real quiet.	6/26/2014 10:53 AM
50	Transparency needs a big boost in Parsons. Discussion happens behind closed doors that affect the community. Money is wasted for the few not for the good of the community.	6/26/2014 10:46 AM
51	Tell the city guys, when they drive around town, look like they have some place to go. 15 mph looks like they are killing time. They are using my tax dollar to loaf. I would get fired for wasting time. They should too.	6/26/2014 10:43 AM
52	none	6/26/2014 10:33 AM
53	Not right now...	6/26/2014 10:08 AM
54	Wish the taxes where lower on personal & real estate taxes.	6/26/2014 9:45 AM
55	Crime.....Parsons PD has to step up and clean up the town. Have them stay out of bars so people will respect them when they do show up at a crime!!	6/26/2014 8:49 AM
56	There can be more available in Parsons with some shifts in attitude by local businesses and by the community. Communication is very poor in Parsons regarding community events and services. Putting an event in the paper 2 days before it happens or after it's happened is not an effective way of communicating so it is well-attended. Many local services are essentially not promoted/communicated about at all. It is morbidly humorous that our local paper carries obits for around a month but put notice of an event in the paper once, sometimes the day before the event.	6/26/2014 8:29 AM
57	I was not raised here. I am originally from Oswego. I love Parsons. I love its people. I was glad to see this survey. It proves that as a community we only want to make us better. Thank you for doing this.	6/26/2014 8:04 AM
58	I am a Christian and I believe what the Bible says. Return to God and He will bless the land.	6/26/2014 8:03 AM
59	Many things to do	6/26/2014 7:56 AM
60	Where did all the million dollars go to that Parsons sold out the Katy Railroad for? Tell me. Tell us.	6/26/2014 7:50 AM
61	Stop letting a certain few uppidity wealthy ppl decide what businesses come to town. All the surrounding towns are growing except Parsons. Its no wonder we take our business out of town. That's not gonna change until some name brand and popular businesses come here.	6/26/2014 6:40 AM
62	Poor people have many friends while rich people have very few. Get the poor involved for they have the influence to change perception.	6/26/2014 6:32 AM
63	Increase pay wages, spend money on things our city needs and not on things we don't.	6/26/2014 5:26 AM
64	I love Katy days my family counts down from the time it ends til it beings again and love singing in the park great job!	6/26/2014 3:02 AM
65	More art programs. Anything from music, theater and arts, to interpretation of dance.	6/26/2014 12:15 AM

What do you think about Parsons?

66	I have watched Pittsburg thrive in the past 5 years. Yes, they have PSU, however, the improvements made to LCC should have made some sort of impact on Parsons. Those improvements have not. Parsons reminds me of Chanute; the community has NCCC and that it. The rest of the town is trash. That is how a lot people look at Parsons. Food for thought.	6/25/2014 11:09 PM
67	Great community. We definitely need to encourage new industry to locate here. Love living in Parsons.	6/25/2014 11:03 PM
68	Would really like to see a good rec center and aquatic center built	6/25/2014 9:38 PM
69	I like our town, but so much could be improved by the people who run the city, decisions that are being made, actions and how people are treated. The town has so many empty buildings, not enough retail shopping or places to eat. Cops should treat ALL people fairly, no matter who they are. I realize everyone cannot get what they want, but all thoughts and ideas should be considered. Too many kids are leaving #503 to go to Altamont!! There is a way to make improvements without going overboard.	6/25/2014 9:35 PM
70	It would be a great place without all of the shit. If we were to clean up all of that stuff it would be a great community to live in. Right now it's turning into a cesspool	6/25/2014 8:59 PM
71	no	6/25/2014 8:29 PM
72	I love Parsons! I'm always trying to find a way to get my family back there but because of the nature of the job market in smaller communities it makes it difficult. I still love and support Parsons and 503 as much as I can including buying Christmas gifts there instead of KC where we live. I truly want a great future for it! I will say again, Parsons schools are underrated in that community and I hope people wake up and realize how good of a thing they have going for them.	6/25/2014 8:08 PM
73	Being open to new ideas.	6/25/2014 8:03 PM
74	The way this world is changing, Parsons is doing it's best to be a great place to live.	6/25/2014 7:58 PM
75	I grew up in parsons as a kid. It seems like after all of the major business left that the town really went down hill.	6/25/2014 7:57 PM
76	Parsons has potential. Bring in a place to eat that is not Mexican or Chinese	6/25/2014 7:52 PM
77	I won't ever be returning after getting a college degree. Fund education a little better. Give kids hope. Make them feel welcome. The good ones will never return to the nest if it's full of negative attitudes and trash.	6/25/2014 7:04 PM
78	I have never lived in such a cesspool, horrible place to raise children, and they lie to the stitisc's office about crime	6/25/2014 7:02 PM
79	A great place to raise a family	6/25/2014 6:53 PM
80	I have lived in this area for most of my life and the City of Parsons is at the very bottom and it has been there for several years now. I am not sure if it will ever get any better.	6/25/2014 6:49 PM
81	Crime and drug use are usually a result of unemployed, bored and unhappy people. People who are not recognized for their efforts, contributions and achievements are unhappy people.	6/25/2014 6:43 PM
82	Love to see more blue/gold downtown.	6/25/2014 6:28 PM
83	Enough said...	6/25/2014 6:27 PM
84	This is a great city it just needs changes so it wont die !! Jobs and shopping!	6/25/2014 6:27 PM
85	city, county & state workers very customer friendly. The work hard and make efficient use of limited resources.	6/25/2014 6:09 PM
86	As you can see I am a person of many words and not much action. There is a move on now among churches to try to do community things among children, and maybe others. I will suggest that perhaps we should try to include the city and keep them informed about our activities. Not asking for money, but maybe a word of encouragement	6/25/2014 5:53 PM
87	our streets are awful. street signs need to be made larger. we really need to clean our city up and show people that we care.	6/25/2014 5:51 PM
88	Get some body in this city that cares bout it	6/25/2014 5:49 PM
89	too much partiality. lack of support for the smaller businesses, which is why so many of them have closed....	6/25/2014 5:49 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

90	For many years there has been a division within the community--city vs. rural. We all live and work in this area and need to recognize what we have in common rather than what divides us.	6/25/2014 5:34 PM
91	Quit spending money on hiring independent people to come and try to get business to come to Parsons. Just really how has that worked out.	6/25/2014 5:32 PM
92	Crooked cops crooked people running this town keeping poor people poor rich get richer	6/25/2014 5:31 PM
93	Need to have a better system of notifying the community of all activities. We seem to also find out after an event has taken place. On a funny note correct the volume on the local access programming channel.	6/25/2014 5:30 PM
94	No	6/25/2014 5:20 PM
95	I was born and raised in labette county, I worked in parsons for 10 years. I now work and live in Pittsburg. I can find NO reason to return to parsons.	6/25/2014 5:19 PM
96	We have a lot to work with, a lot going for us & this survey says to me that you are pursuing what it will take to keep this position and move everything forward! Good for you! !	6/25/2014 5:17 PM
97	We are blessed with many generous rich people in Parsons. They have built businesses here and pay back to the community. The doctors could follow this example.	6/25/2014 5:16 PM
98	good to see some younger professionals and close professionals making moves to be in and work for the betterment of the city	6/25/2014 5:07 PM
99	Wake up Parsons Let's do something about this.	6/25/2014 4:58 PM
100	Would like more things to do for the youth.	6/25/2014 4:53 PM
101	Growing up people took more responsibility for the community and were more involved. I also would add a bicycle trail thru town on the old railroad tracks.	6/25/2014 4:51 PM
102	At some point, Parsons seems to have lost its sense of pride.	6/25/2014 4:44 PM
103	No	6/25/2014 4:42 PM
104	I hope whoever wants this survey done is taking part in listening to the people and what they are saying if not this is a waste of time	6/25/2014 4:38 PM
105	Get rid of the AWFUL parking downtown. That was just a horrible idea and well thought out. We need to have events that are cheaper for our community. Not everyone can afford the ridiculous prices like at Katy Days. This isn't the Tulsa fair, I mean come on... Our city members DON'T CARE about us and THAT NEEDS TO CHANGE!!!!	6/25/2014 4:28 PM
106	We need more extracurricular opportunities in town so people don't continue to take their money elsewhere. Also, local business owners need a lesson on etiquette and manners and quit treating their customers as if they are bothersome instead of an asset.	6/25/2014 4:24 PM
107	Taxes are too high	6/25/2014 4:20 PM
108	Utilize Municipal building more for concerts, comic acts, etc. Years past there were several concerts each year.	6/25/2014 4:13 PM
109	9. We may only have a few hundred people in this community of approximately 12,000 who are making a difference. The rest are just setting on the sidelines waiting for the fumble so they can say I told you so in place up getting behind the team.	6/25/2014 4:10 PM
110	I love Parsons. I've lived here my entire life other than college and have raised a family here. My wife and I have one child at Parsons High School, one at Labette Community College and one that graduated Labette's nursing program. Parsons is a good place to live despite its downfalls.	6/25/2014 4:09 PM
111	I wish that I liked it here better than I do. However, I feel that I could easily leave to never return with no remorse.	6/25/2014 4:07 PM
112	very small....no real local shopping	6/25/2014 4:06 PM
113	My comments reflect negatively on what is allowed in Parsons. In our company, we would not even consider allowing what the City of Parsons allows. Relative to positive comments, Parsons is a great place to live and raise a family. Also, it is a great place to retire. Parsons has the small community appeal, but I am concerned that the City is at a cross-roads. Parsons needs to be proactive in addressing the areas that I have outlined. In other circles, these are the topics that are widely discussed.	6/25/2014 4:03 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

114	I think that one of the biggest disincentives of Parsons for families is the low rating the public school system.	6/25/2014 4:01 PM
115	I love parsons but there is so many things I do not like about parsons! As much as we pay in taxes.....there should be so much more here & community should be way better!!!!	6/25/2014 3:56 PM
116	The schools are wonderful, but they are constantly fighting the poverty in the town so the upper class take their children out of district.	6/25/2014 3:55 PM
117	I moved back to raise my daughter in a small town, only to realize there is no future opportunity for her here other than nursing. So when she is school age we will relocate to a city	6/25/2014 3:53 PM
118	No	6/25/2014 3:53 PM
119	Need to plan more community events and incorporate new ideas to existing events.	6/25/2014 3:47 PM
120	Let in some competition for our businesses and bring in new business.	6/25/2014 3:42 PM
121	Something should be done about the nasty houses around here. The town is made up of 90 percent falling down houses.	6/25/2014 3:38 PM
122	Our best days can still be ahead but not unless we work to overcome the eroding tax base. That is caused by all the things I've mentioned and more. It won't be easy but it's worthwhile. Parsons is home and it will be to lots of people for a long time to come.	6/25/2014 3:36 PM
123	We are lucky there have not been any lawsuits for ossa violations harassment discrimination etc	6/25/2014 3:33 PM
124	no	6/25/2014 3:09 PM
125	Having lived in Parsons my entire life, I'd like to see Parsons return to somewhere close to what it used to be. Most people have positive memories of Parsons, but it isn't what it used to be. Need more people who care.	6/25/2014 11:31 AM
126	I have the privilege of working in other communities in other States of the approximate size of Parsons. The issues that we are challenged with are prevalent in all communities. If you want to make your community a better place to live, GET INVOLVED!	6/25/2014 10:31 AM
127	a good place to start is the convenience store clerks as they meet a lot of people, especially potential newcomers	6/24/2014 5:21 PM
128	We have a lot to offer in PK - we just don't present ourselves very well	6/24/2014 3:35 PM
129	Parson needs something. To keep and draw young couples....and keep them active with all activities	6/24/2014 3:29 PM
130	PARSONS IS A GREAT COMMUNITY WITH A LOT OF POTENTIAL. WHEN I LIVED THERE I ENJOYED MY EXPERIENCES. THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROVIDED A FAR BETTER EDUCATION THAN THE PARSONS SCHOOL DISTRICT, BUT THAT WAS 20+ YEARS AGO. JUST PLEASE IMPROVE THE LIBRARY. WHEN I WORKED THERE IT WAS THE GEM OF THE COMMUNITY AND NOW IT FEELS TRAGIC WHEN I VISIT.	6/23/2014 8:19 PM
131	of the people i know none has much good to say about parsons	6/22/2014 4:01 PM
132	Never enjoyed living there the school district is great though	6/21/2014 11:06 PM
133	Grew up there and loved it. I am sad when I visit the shell of a town as what it used to be	6/21/2014 1:07 PM
134	Attitudes come from the top down...we need progressive, plays-well-with-others, resourceful, outside-the-box-thinking leaders in many more of our leadership positions. We have a few, but not nearly enough.	6/21/2014 8:26 AM
135	The attempts to bring in new businesses don't seem to be very successful.	6/21/2014 1:02 AM
136	Change can be good, need someone that realizes this. The city fathers for the past 30 years have let opportunities pass Parsons by! Get someone that can do the job Get some pride and ambition in the community. When I pass thru Parsons, I think of a ghost town.	6/20/2014 11:22 PM
137	Who ever is in charge of bring new busniess to town needs to be fired. They suck at their job.	6/20/2014 6:51 PM
138	Replace city management	6/20/2014 5:40 PM
139	The number one thing that I have heard people complain about the most are the high taxes. The second thing is the condition of the roads.	6/20/2014 5:37 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

140	The work on the roads is very poor. Covering the holes with gravel is not going to fix anything! The amount of crime and drugs in this community is unreal.	6/20/2014 5:21 PM
141	Let us quit languishing in this pit of "that's how we have always done it" We need CHANGE! We need people to look toward the FUTURE!	6/20/2014 4:54 PM
142	Parsons has some positives, but sometimes the negatives are too much. Kids move away and don't come back. Time is slipping away to save this little town.	6/20/2014 4:03 PM
143	We are at a critical stage within our community ! We can easily go either direction. Good leadership and volunteerism will be what leads us down the right path.	6/20/2014 3:36 PM
144	I like Parsons	6/20/2014 1:36 PM
145	It's ridiculous we can't buy alcohol on Sundays just because it's the Lord's Day. Not everyone is Christian. There should be separation of church and state. I personally know a few people who drive drunk to Erie on Sunday. This is not safe. We shouldn't risk people's lives just to satisfy the outspoken few of the city who think people won't drink on Sunday just because you can't legally buy it here. People sell beer on Sunday anyway, just not legally and at a huge markup.	6/20/2014 12:47 PM
146	I believe Parsons is on the cusp of being a greater community, it just needs a push to get there.	6/20/2014 12:06 PM
147	I believe that any positive changes in perception will need to take place by changing the realities that need changes. We need to work together and be honest about what areas need to change.	6/20/2014 11:51 AM
148	Parsons was once the jewel of SE Kansas. That jewel has been tarnished and needs to be brought back to its former beauty.	6/20/2014 11:30 AM
149	Parsons is a town that has alot of positives. A major problem though is as long as the housing infrastructure is bad, new middle class people will not WANT to move here, and the tilt will be toward entitlement programs.	6/20/2014 9:41 AM
150	Parsons has lots of potential to become a VERY desirable place to locate, live & raise a family. But it will require some hard work, tough decisions, acceptance of change (new approaches) and lots of positive people.	6/20/2014 8:42 AM
151	Pull your head out long enough to take a breath.	6/20/2014 8:39 AM
152	Don't get me started	6/20/2014 6:49 AM
153	Focus on things for the younger adults and children instead of the senior citizens.	6/20/2014 6:48 AM
154	Since you asked, please fix the street light situation around town. People are worried about how dark their streets are at night and how unsafe it is to walk in your neighborhood. I was driving across Appleton the other night and came real close to hitting someone walking, because, in order to see through that stretch of road between 25th and the railroad, you have to use your brights to illuminate the road in order to see both sides of the road. There are even a lot of the new lights in the renovated downtown area that are out. I turned in eleven street lights to the electric company in May that I found burnt out while walking my dog. Pay someone to walk the streets at night to locate problem areas and report all the burnt out lights. That would be one of those EASY fixes to change your perception.	6/20/2014 5:17 AM
155	Love this place.	6/20/2014 5:10 AM
156	A lot of children and younger people live in parsons so give us more to do!!	6/20/2014 4:01 AM
157	People really need to realize that just because people of different races move into Parsons, DOES NOT mean that they bring with them a drug or gang problem. More drug related crimes occur in Parsons by caucasian people (meth addicts) than those who are not white.	6/20/2014 12:54 AM
158	There are a million ways to make Parsons better. It is sad as it costs as much to live here as it does to live on the east coast and its mostly due to the amount of handouts that are being allowed. We don't need any more low income anything. We need things here for people that go to work and pay their own way.	6/19/2014 11:44 PM
159	The city council members are a bit 'stuck' in their way of seeing certain things. It might be helpful for them to hold more town hall-type meetings to really listen to what their constituents are interested in.	6/19/2014 11:25 PM
160	Why doesn't the business's downtown help or pay to keep up their property and lots like the rest of non downtown??	6/19/2014 10:01 PM

What do you think about Parsons?

161	Do something. Fix something.	6/19/2014 9:47 PM
162	This is a poor community. There is a separation of the people that are somewhat well off and some who have next to nothing. It would be nice to see more job opportunities so that could change	6/19/2014 9:39 PM
163	We need a forensic audit and a grand jury for city hall.	6/19/2014 9:27 PM
164	Healthier choices	6/19/2014 9:22 PM
165	We need City Commissioners, Managers and Employees that are not afraid to make reasonable decisions to further the future of the community and quit sending tax dollars to other cities and areas that could stay in this community.	6/19/2014 9:10 PM
166	Fix the stadium give the kids something to be proud of.	6/19/2014 9:04 PM
167	Parsons is shrinking and city gov. and services need to reflect that reality. I love Parsons and pray for our future.	6/19/2014 9:03 PM
168	I shop in parsons at least 2-3 times a week, and it is my favorite local community	6/19/2014 9:02 PM
169	Parsons is a nice community but in order to keep younger people interested in living here, they need to know that there are opportunities for them.	6/19/2014 8:24 PM
170	I love Parsons it's my hometown where I was born and raised. I would love to move back but I'm worried there is no career opportunities and I don't want my children to get bored and get into mischief. From what I've been reading we also have a fairly large crime problem that needs reigning in.	6/19/2014 8:23 PM
171	none that are polite	6/19/2014 8:17 PM
172	Parsons started dwindling after MKT left...	6/19/2014 8:00 PM
173	The city of Parsons needs to find a way to attract young families and then to keep those families interested in staying. Affordable housing needs to be available, modern recreation facilities such as ball fields with clean restrooms should be available, and pride should be promoted in our community.	6/19/2014 7:58 PM
174	economy is depressing and too many unkept and run down homes, rental properties	6/19/2014 7:36 PM
175	Fix the dang roads! Support our kids, better news reporting/paper!	6/19/2014 7:18 PM
176	Please remove the slum rental housing and the old dilapidated homes that are boarded up and falling down...especially on the main thoroughfares. It's very unattractive to visitors to our community.	6/19/2014 7:07 PM
177	I have lived here all my life the down town had stores numerous different stores- then we ruined with with the plaza - businesses closed our taxes are outrageous- people have a very emphatic attitude due to working low paying jobs- barely paying bills and few pay raises- there is such a red neck attitude here from kids to adults- sit in a doctors office or walk through walmart people don't try to dress nice - they scream at kids- they talk on phones throughout the time they are out - drive beat up cars- go to a city and people take care of thier cars dress nice and act appriately. Different mindset[6/19/2014 7:01 PM
178	We need to lower taxes and entice more business and industries to parsons to stimulate the local economy.	6/19/2014 6:58 PM
179	Bring new business and corporations in. No one can live off of minimum wage	6/19/2014 6:57 PM
180	I wish as a community we had more pride in each other. I tell people what a wonderful place I live, great schools and a nice small town, but I would be appalled if they drove down to my house on the streets where we live, because too many houses are NOT taken care of. Every neighborhood is apt to have a few. but we have more crap then well kept homes in the older neighborhoods.	6/19/2014 6:51 PM
181	Clean up the entrances to the city, keep it mowed and the roads good. It's the first impression that may keep them here	6/19/2014 6:37 PM
182	This community needs more business. This town once had all this. Just because the bypass came through doesnt mean our town has to die. Like they said on "Field of dreams" "If you build it "T"HE"Y" will come!"	6/19/2014 6:36 PM

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183	We have decided to move out of Parsons and back to Oswego because we can't afford to keep replacing parts on our cars from hitting potholes or huge bumps. Also because we don't want ourselves and our children to not feel safe in our own home. The police did not patrol where we lived except for one drive through a night.	6/19/2014 6:34 PM
184	Was once a great town, but ruined it with Urban Renewal Project and the railroad left and Army Ammunitions Plant declined	6/19/2014 6:34 PM
185	I was born and raised in Parsons. I attended 506 schools and graduated from LCHS. I have many fond memories of community events like rodeos, parades & the 4th of July. But when it came time to get married and start my life I knew there would not be many opportunities for my family if I stayed there. I had watched the steady decline of my town over the years as large industries left and small businesses failed. While working in Emergency Services I had my naive eyes opened to what really goes on in that town. Crime and drugs are even worse now. I have seen the 3rd generation of people stuck in the cycle of poverty/unemployment/crime. It breaks my heart to see how run down the entire town had become. It looks like a place you drive through with your doors locked. I hope you can find some answers to help this town become what it once was.	6/19/2014 6:30 PM
186	Taxes and utilities are too high. I have to pay for my insurance so should city workers	6/19/2014 6:19 PM
187	I've just continued to watch the town go down	6/19/2014 6:14 PM
188	The city workers need to be given more than 800 dollars.	6/19/2014 5:59 PM
189	We pay high taxes. Ive been told for years that property taxes are used to repair our streets. My street hasnt been touched for 22 years.	6/19/2014 5:54 PM
190	No	6/19/2014 5:51 PM
191	When driv8ng through town there are a lot of abandoned and unoccupied buildings. The entire feel of the town can be improved by razing these buildings where possible and offering incentive to re-develop the properties.	6/19/2014 5:40 PM
192	There are a high amount of foster children and mentally disabled people in Parsons. These children and adults need to be better supervised. You have those adults causing scenes in the streets in front of visitors and small children. These adults have been known to disrobe themselves in the streets and even in the front lobby of the police department during the day. This activity reflects poorly on our community.	6/19/2014 5:37 PM
193	Coffee shops, water park, down town twinkle lighting, statues/art work downtown, Viking flags downtown, a mural on the east side of the Muni Bldg wall, etc.	6/19/2014 5:35 PM
194	Nothing for kids to do	6/19/2014 5:25 PM
195	I have always loved living in a small community, but I hate how it has run down. It does not have the appeal it once had.	6/19/2014 5:20 PM
196	I want to see a home depot	6/19/2014 5:07 PM
197	Dont get me wrong, I love living here. There is just alot of things that need to be taken care of. Like I said, housing, jobs, flooding, and something for the kids to do besides run the streets.	6/19/2014 5:02 PM
198	We need someone who knows facebook who can be a positive force instead of the negative "nellie" that is constantly bombarding us iwht "stinkin thinkin"!	6/19/2014 5:00 PM
199	Force people to now and keep their yards and homes clean and free of junk!	6/19/2014 4:56 PM
200	We lose young families, and retirees, every year because of the lack of progress being made in Parsons. It is time for big changes!	6/19/2014 4:42 PM
201	I love this city....., but I also have grown to dislike this city.	6/19/2014 4:39 PM
202	No	6/19/2014 4:39 PM
203	I have lived here all of my life except for about 3 years while I was attending college and I love it here. My husband and I have chose to raise our children here and we feel that it was a good decision to do so.	6/19/2014 4:38 PM
204	My family moved here 1.5 yrs ago. Thought we would retire here. Nope! Going back to Texas!	6/19/2014 4:35 PM
205	As a fear of repeating myself. I would like to have the idea that middle schoolers and high schoolers should take courses with volunteering at the cemeteries and maybe a habitat for humanity sort of program where they help and restore the town together as a community.	6/19/2014 4:29 PM

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206	i think the community is to religious to greedy to much spending on stupid things and we need more cops patrolling day and night so many people getting hurt	6/19/2014 4:27 PM
207	Our out of town family and friends say there is very little to do.	6/19/2014 4:20 PM
208	Really wish money was spent on things it needed to be spent on.	6/19/2014 4:10 PM
209	I think Parsons is doing a lot of good things. The Katy Days festival has been a great addition to Parsons. The concert series in the summer is wonderful. Downtown looks great. I hate it that for some reason we can't support new restaurants, we have fewer than surrounding towns of same size. More industry and jobs would be great, but I know that's hard to do.	6/19/2014 4:09 PM
210	I am new to Parsons & Kansas both. But so far I love it.	6/19/2014 4:09 PM
211	It's not a bad community but opportunities to expand need and should be happening. Local business is great but there aren't a lot of places to go for entertainment for younger kids or adults who want to do more than drink.	6/19/2014 4:03 PM