

Additional Comments

Greene County Grocery Survey

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Do you have anything else you would like to say about the closing of, or need for, grocery stores in Greene County?

- I would love to see an Aldi's in our area. They are cheaper have a lot of foods we like. So many in our area are elderly and on fixed income. Aldi's in Jacksonville is crowded 98% of the time. It would be a big help.
- It is so hard to plan menus and keep fresh milk, meat, vegetables and fruits in the house. I miss Kroger so much. I was a regular shopper everyday. Kroger was always busy I can't imagine they weren't making money.
- Was... Still am... devastated when KROGER closed. Not only lost ability to conveniently purchase groceries once or twice per week, but costs more to travel to other stores - when/if we're able. Now we shop once or twice per month. We lost the added convenience to help family, neighbors and friends (elderly / handicapped/transportation deprived/etc) to either take them to KROGER or pickup their requested items for them. We often offered rides to those "in need" when leaving KROGER. (Very much needed when weather was harsh for those without a vehicle.) FYI: Not having a local grocery store has helped us to SPEND LESS - estimate we are spending \$200 to \$300 less per month. Then again, our 2 derp freezers & pantry stock has been dwindling down. Not sure what we'll do once those are completely depleted. Why KROGER was my absolute FAVORITE place for grocery shopping:
 - Excellent customer service, especially with: 1) MGR of Dept - custom cut meat orders; and selection ALWAYS fresh & safe!! 2) and, MGR Produce Dept - BEST produce display! Always fresh, well stocked & beautifully displayed - 100% BETTER than any other stores! *EVER* 3) Cashier's - friendly, kind, helpful and considerate. Prices were nearly 100% accurate and when not, they corrected as needed. 4) Sales and reduced priced drew me in, helped our "stock up" efforts (especially with meat purchase) and yet, I'd always purchase so much more!!! (Go with a \$30 to \$50 grocery list; then spend nearly \$100 or more. Practically *every* time.) KROGER was where I bought: • 95% (or more?!) of our meats • 60% to 80% of our FRESH produce (OTHER: our summer garden; or Aldi) FYI: we are BIG on eating fresh and frozen veggies; some fruits too. Shopped at #1 KROGER and #2 ALDI - with specialty items (not found in #1 or #2) from online or other "specialty item stores", when necessary. NOTE: We have two adults that are diabetic and MUST choose "healthy & wholesome" minimally processed foods We aim for a Low Carb, High Fat Diet and CLEAN KETO way of eating.
- I can not drive an Kroger was the closest store where I live
- I am in home care for elderly and it is very hard on them to get groceries and such. and if you only have 1 hr there it is very hard to get the food and such for them.
- It makes it very hard to buy things for last minute preparation or if we run out of something while cooking since we are in Carrollton
- Greene county needs a grocery store for the well being of their citizens.
- Somewhere closer to get WIC items would be wonderful.
- Convenience
- The closing off both of the Kroger stores has made some of the shortages even worse at the stores in Jerseyville and Jacksonville .

- Aside from convenience, the need for quality, variety, and good prices are important.
- We need a store here specifically for the disabled and the Elderly who can't travel to and from grocery stores
- I plan to grow more myself due to the lack of produce locally.
- Yes our community really needs a grocery store bad
- The residents and homeless people who don't have anyone to take them out of town for groceries are struggling so bad for many many different reasons. Please if you have any control over getting an actual grocery store back in either Whitehall or Roodhouse especially, we need ya. 😊
- It is impossible to be last minute at all. For example, say I want to make spaghetti for supper. I cannot just always run to the store and get a pound of hamburger now. Or grab some garlic bread. Most of the time dollar general is out of what I need, probably Bc everyone goes there. I cannot just go grab some grapes for a snack unless triple J has some. Oh you forgot cinnamon at the store, well don't plan on getting it here. It's frustrating as hell.
- We need Aldi!
- Me and family went and shopped there very often. Hoping we can get another grocery store in town
- It is also impacting home sells in the area
- The elderly rely on it . Not just for food . It makes their day just to run into someone they know . To socialize. Slower pace helpful people not everyone has access to travel distances . The long walks through parking lots. The crazy drivers in parking lots. The help they get to get their groceries to their car. Help checking out their purchases. Less confusion.
- Need more places that accept SNAP and WIC for those who need it locally.
- It's a necessity for many people who don't have means to travel far to shop
- It would be nice if it was available for people to walk to or ride their bike to shop. I know a lot of people in Carrollton that need this location available.
- We need a grocery store in white Hall very bad
- We need a grocery store selling meat, dairy, and produce.
- It should be regulated the same way bank service is regulated.
- Live in rural area -- the transportation ??--area has been forgotten for years--
- Has been a real hardship in our low income school district
- I work full time with three school age children. It's a god send to have the availability to shop local.
- In order to follow certain medical diets I feel that a local grocery store is a necessity.
- Definitely a need for groceries in Carrollton
- WE NEED BUSINESSES TO OPEN UP!!
- I would definitely support a local grocery store. There are good locations in Carrollton for a grocery store.
- It is a real inconvenience to drive 70 miles round trip to shop for food, instead of the 22 mile round trip Whitehall. We try to get enough groceries to last a few weeks. We have bought a few things from Triple J, but their meat prices are bit more than we can afford. There are older folks and others who can't drive or

who don't own a vehicle, or can't afford the gas to travel for groceries. I hope a grocery store will come to this area soon.

- I wish we had them back.
- This has effected our local economy and jobs
- I prefer to buy from a smaller grocery store.
- It's very important for a small town to have a grocery store to serve the community, their are a lot of families that depend on a day by day goods and it's convenient.
- As the population ages in Greene County, it becomes more important to have better options for grocery shopping. This is a large county and only one grocery store is extremely sad.
- I am concerned how the dynamics of Carrollton has changed with Kroger closing. The amount of traffic is less. Over the weekend the square is empty of cars and people. My goal is to not get in my vehicle, to walk or ride my bike locally. I do not have that option now for groceries due to the fact that I have to drive approximately 15 miles for groceries. If have learned I need to check recipes for ingredients because the convenience of rising my bike to Kroger for one or two needed items is no longer a option. However, I am fortunate that I am able to get in my car and drive to the grocery store. Those who cannot are the ones suffering.
- We need our own regular store.
- I was under the impression that Dollar General was opening a grocery in Carrollton and Whit Hall. That would be perfect.
- I'm tired of driving far to get groceries
- We definitely need a store locally. I did all my shopping in White Hall. This revenue helped the Greene County. Now I am helping Morgan County, which doesn't help my county at all.
- I miss Kroger and the prices so much. That was usually the only store I shopped. Now I go to several different places. You really have to watch Meehan's as the date on the product may have already expired. Produce is rotten and bread in deli is moldy.
- I have vision issues and sometimes it is hard to drive to get groceries
- We need a store with groceries and clothes so don't have to drive to Jerseyville, need to open early and stay open late
- I'd like a local store even if it's an Aldi or dollar general market somewhere to get basic good, produce and meat. I used to go in IGA several times a week. And Kroger to get produce. Once IGA closed I'd go to Kroger more but they were always so busy and out of items. Lines backed up to back of the store. Our community young and older need something local.
- It did effect a lot of people with no transportation
- Our community was hit hard when Kroger closed. They made you feel like family from the moment you walked in, until you left. They had a great selection of fresh meat, and produce, and their sales were top notch. We don't use Meehan's in Greenfield because the prices are very high, a lot of things are out dated, the product leaves something to the imagination, and the employees are rude. County Market was offering online shopping, but we haven't utilized that due to the fact that everything is a lot higher than what Kroger used to have, and they have no sale ads.
- We need grocery stores in our county. Our towns and county are losing revenue because people are shopping in other counties now.
- The biggest concern is there are many older residents who cannot drive out of town to get groceries
- Greene Country would benefit from a store like Schnuck's, Ruler Foods or County Market. These sores

provide excellent quality of groceries.

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- We live in Greenfield, and I shopped at Kroger in Carrollton all the time until it closed. We don't use Meehan's because their prices are high, and the quality of their produce leaves something to be desired. The staff is never friendly, but you always felt like family when you went into Kroger. County Market offers an order online and pick up in Carrollton now, but we've not used it because the prices are very high and there seems to be no sale items offered very often. Our county needs another option for quality, affordable groceries, and I hate spending my money in a different county.
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- Many older people have trouble getting too out of town stores.
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- Local grocery stores are huge for a small community.
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- HELP
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- The closing of the 2 Kroger's has impacted our community in a big way. The local Dollar General and convenience stores have a hard time keeping milk and bread stocked for the whole community. The produce at Triple J is amazing, but they don't accept snap or WIC for those customers. Meehan's is a great option but it's just as far to drive to Jacksonville and back. Roodhouse and White Hall definitely needs a more local grocery store. Especially for meat, produce, and bread.
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- The top 6 including the CEO of Kroger make over \$35 million a year ridiculous! They could have each gave up 200k and kept these stores open.
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- This closing will impact me more as I get older and may have problems with mobility or driving.
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- I was very disappointed when the option to order from County Market was removed. It was helping us cope with not having a local grocery store throughout the week. I still had to run to Walmart on the weekend to get those items not available through County Market, produce and household items. Losing both of our grocery stores has been devastating to our community! I find we are not eating as healthy as we use too, given that I didn't want to buy produce through County Market and we couldn't quickly go pick up the makings for a salad. We don't necessarily buy a lot of produce now...we lost the ability to go buy what we need for dinner "that night" or breakfast the next day. We also have a lot of elderly in our community who I am sure we're unable to adjust to ordering online for County Market, resulting in low order volumes. My Mother-in-law being one. She now has to travel to Jerseyville weekly at 80 years old to get groceries or rely on family. What about the elderly that do not have family to assist?! Our community desperately needs a grocery store.
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- Alot of us live on fixed income some don't have transportation and having a store the gives good deals like kroger is needed.
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- Miss them and it sucks not having one...but do have a meat market coming soon
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- It'd be nice to have for many reasons, but with delivery and Dollar General stocking more groceries, it hasn't been too bad for me personally. However, I know it impacts others severely. I know many people depended on the deli for most of daily meals, especially elderly and singles and working people.
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- I just really hope we can get a grocery store opened back up for our community as a whole.
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- It's not just groceries that we are all leaving town for. We are taking money away from our community, and jobs that are so badly needed here. An Aldi would be fantastic here! So many people travel not just from Greene County, but Calhoun County to get to an Aldi because they offer great produce, organic, and low carb options. We have to travel at least 40 minutes to the nearest one.
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- Grocery stores in Greene County are so badly needed for the elderly who do not have the ability to get to the store. In a perfect world every substituted suggestion would work but we live in the real world. Not everyone has a car, a family, access to social media. It's not fair to the people hindered by Kroger's decision to pull out of Greene county all together, Kroger is focused on the money, I am focused on the people.

- The closing in Greene county has greatly affected our disabled and elderly. We all now see the convenience we had and have now lost. It's greatly affected everyone's pocket book in what is already considered a poverty county.
- It's so unfortunate especially for people who can't drive especially the elderly!
- The people of Greene County young and old need a grocery store, not only for the groceries but job opportunities and bringing more people to live in the community.
- The elderly and people who don't have cars or family or friends to help them. Need a local grocery store not just convince stores or dollar stores.
- We definitely need a grocery store!
- I'm afraid that the closing of our grocery stores is the beginning of the end of our small community. It is so vital to have a place for the elderly, or people that don't like to drive, to be able to get to.
- It would have been nice if the County Market would have just built a full service store. They pulled out because people weren't using the trailer. I have a family of 5 boys I can't wait until Tues or Friday to get groceries. Also the app was not as user friendly as the Sinclair's app.
- I hate having to go to Walmart to get my groceries. I am 71 and get tired very easy and going shopping is a long process. You shop. It is very busy and the store is big. You have to load them into your car. It's a lot when you are buying at least 2 weeks worth of groceries. Then you have to unload and put away when you get home. It is not a fun day.
- We need another store. Some people cannot get to other places or do not drive. Having to drive out of town is not convenient. And people could use the job.
- I shop for the elderly and disabled. The closing of Kroger's has been a hardship for them. I am allotted hours for shopping, personal care, cleaning, etc., traveling a great distance takes away from the other areas. I find my clients doing with less. They are also on fixed incomes, so shopping local at this time, can be quite expensive for them.
- I would love to have a store back I just don't like having to travel so far and trying to keep food cold/ frozen till you get home. I bought most everything at Kroger even from baby wipes diapers and pet food was more reasonable I now absolutely hate driving to get groceries. Shopping you have to plan out your meals and make sure you have everything you need because the local dollar general either don't carry it or now they are so behind the shelves are bare and empty a lot of the times I miss a local grocery store and even though dollar general is supposed to be a dg/ grocery store still won't be the same
- The people of this community need a local place to get their food and supplies. Not everyone wants to drive the 30+ miles to Walmart. Some people do not want to fight the crowds associated with the big box store. Ordering online is an option for some, but not all.
- Yes we need grocery in Carrollton I like Kroger back I shop there all time
- We need a grocery store in Carrollton. A lot of people don't or can't drive, and now it's very sad that those people can't get the goods they used to. Everyone has to waste gas money and drive to get their groceries now.
- Yes. We need a grocery store in Carrollton. So often I need something /other stores too far away to get it.
- Yes. I shop for the elderly & it is so much harder now. DG IS ALWAYS OUT OF STUFF & I HAVE TO GO TO JERSEYVILLE TO GET STUFF.. IVE ADJUSTING AT HOME SOME. BUT FOR THE ELDERLY I HAVNT CUZ U NEVER KNOW WHAT THEY WANT LOL.SMIT WILL BE THE SAME THINGS FOR WEEKS THEN BOOM THEY DECIDE TO TRY SOMETHING ELSE .. PLUS THE DEPENDS DG doesn't keep enough in stock Walmart doesn't either
- We need something in White Hall it's hard to get gas when you only got enough money for food.
- I don't leave town for medical reasons. We need a grocery store here!

- There is a need for a local grocery store for meat dairy fresh produce. Dollar General cannot deliver when they don't get trucks on a regular basis and they don't have meat or fresh fruits and veggies. And they need to accept snap unlike the county market fiasco.
- Been hard to adapt. Spending more money on gas
- The elderly in the community need access to groceries within a reasonable distance. Especially, those who live alone or don't have family members that can provide the necessary groceries for them.
- The closing has effected many especially the elderly.
- We need someplace local for meat, milk and produce
- Not everyone has a car to go to Greenfield and many of us are disable.
- Yes there are people in our community that can't or don't drive. They would walk to the store and now that option is no longer there.
- We need exactly what we had, Variety and choice. Our town needs to be able to use their government assistance as well
- The need for a grocery store in town helps all the elderly to get what they need and that they don't have to travel a far distance. It also helps for families with kids who can regularly go to the grocery store that is nearby instead of driving over 20 minutes away especially after getting off work and having to work the following day or for long hours.
- Many elderly family member are left there, and in quite a quandary on obtaining groceries. Its very sad for this area.
- We all need a grocery store back. Especially for those that are disabled, and such and not able to get far for necessity items. And those that don't have a vehicle, getting anywhere, especially out of town for some items is very inconvenient.
- There are many people who do not have family/friends who can help them acquire necessities. They do not always have transportation or means to get to stores that they rely on. Having access to these needs is very important.
- I still don't understand why they closed the Kroger stores. It can't be because revenue was down. The store was always busy, everyday. It's hard for people that don't drive and need a store close.
- I run out of the staples- milk, bread, produce more often than a typical Walmart trip. I have to drive 30-45 minutes for good produce. I just learned Triple J Meats in Roodhouse sells produce but the hours don't fit with my schedule.
- We need a grocery store in Carrollton that is facts
- I now pickup whatever I need regardless of price which results in higher prices overall. I no longer do any comparison price shopping. I eat a lot more junk/snack foods from convenience stores which is adding body weight gain. I guess the only advantage to Carrollton businesses would be I order more carry out meals from local restaurants.
- So sad to not have a grocery store us older people need one.
- The south end of Greene County is being forced to go to Walmart it seems & its a huge inconvenience & no where near the quality.
- This has impacted our whole community. There are folks who don't have An option to drive, and they depended on our grocery store. Cheap options is also another reason we depended on them as everyone has a budget to follow.
- Although the handicap and SNAP benefits issue doesn't matter to my household, it does matter to the community as a whole very much. Carrollton needs a store just like the old IGA but updated. Huge deli, that is the money maker. Good meat dept can make money. Good alcohol selection makes money. The groceries

you just hope to break even to bring in customers.

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- I feel like it has added stress to my life. I have this constant nagging that I failed to get something that I needed from Walmart for my recipes. If I forget something it's over 1/2 hour to go get it.
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- Why is it that a county of 15,000 people can't support a decent grocery store??
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- We need a grocery store
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- It's very important to my family personally. I as a mother that has serious health conditions can't always travel to Jacksonville especially when the snow hits. My husband helps with the shopping when he's home from work however he's gone for a very long extended amount of time for work. We need HEALTHY food not junk food and snacks. Fresh meat that doesn't cost an arm and a leg would be very helpful too. Our community is suffering as a whole as so many can't travel. We need to bring in a healthy place for needs.
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- I wish the company would have examined the county before shutting down BOTH Kroger stores. Not only did they eliminate 2 stores, but in return there was nothing to replace them. This caused a huge impact on the community. People are doing their best to get by and taking time out of their weekends to now "make a trip" to go get groceries. One thing is certain, there is a huge need for a grocery store in Carrollton.
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- I do not like having to travel out of town to get groceries due to not only inconvenience but also cost, my time, and not having that local personalization for community needs
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- we need a store locally.
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- This situation has been devastating for my family. We are purchasing food for our elderly parents and the time it consumes has interrupted work and home life. I make birthday cakes as a side gig sometimes and if I need a basic ingredient at 11 pm I have to drive 30 minutes away and back to fulfill my obligation to my customer. The level of nutrition we consume has dropped dramatically because we turn to convenience food when we don't have what we need for a meal at home. I'm so angry at Kroger's. We still have not found any balance or order since the loss of the grocery stores in White Hall and Carrollton.
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- Without a regular grocery store Carrollton is dead.
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- Greene county Needs More grocery stores !
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- It has been especially difficult with recent price increases.
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- I loved doing all of my shopping in a single local grocery store with quality store brand products at a good price
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- It is very important for the elderly people in these communities, that cannot drive to these stores that are too far from their homes, There are a lot of older people that do not have family that help them out,
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- We need our grocery stores back or our towns will cease to exist. People have backed out of purchasing homes here because of the Kroger closing.
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- I like to shop local as much as possible. I really miss fresh meat to cook. Triple J in roadhouse is excellent, although frozen.
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- Very sad that a corporate as in Kroger could care less about individuals and more about corporate
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- Our county has lost a significant amount of tax money from the closure of these businesses. I'm afraid our real estate taxes are going to sky rocket to cover the loss. We also lost the Meehan's grocery store in Roodhouse just before the Carrollton IGA closed. That's 4 stores in 5 years in a 10 mile stretch. Terribly sad!
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- There are a lot of people having to spend extra money traveling to different store to be able to afford them and the fuel cost cuts in to their grocery budget also. I not only get for myself but for other family members due to not being able to get out of the house.
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- Sad for employees who lost their jobs. A challenge for those who cannot drive out of town and have no family close.

- Carrollton desperately needs a place to purchase quality, healthy food. Not fast food and not food from the local gas station. We need quality vegetables, fruit and meat. Also grains. I'm so glad that you are letting people fill out this survey. Thank you
- I thought Kroger was pretty underhanded in the way they went about closing. Karen and Jim Schnelt may have been able to keep the IGA open if Kroger had closed sooner or worked with them.
- It would be wonderful to have grocery location back in the area
- I know a lot of people that don't drive and/or are older and they are severely impacted by not having local options.
- We miss Kroger being open to get all of their great items, bread, canned cinnamon rolls, meat and fresh produce. Loved using my Kroger card
- Excited for the one coming to Carrollton in November! It will be a wonderful addition!!
- Quality products are important
- The community is struggling to provide optimal choices for essentials. There is little to no choice in nearly every category. There is often empty shelves because 2 dollar generals in RH and WH cannot support our community alone. There needs to be a primary grocery store for our community.
- I have generally adapted but many have not.
- As a foster parent who's foster children are on wic I understand now more than ever the importance of a conventional grocery store being closer to home to be able to use these benefits to their full extent. We tried to support the county market trailer but had a difficult time justifying paying for so many groceries that our children received free on WIC.
- I miss a good deli and produce. I am thankful my town has Meehan's but loved Carrollton IGA deli and Carrollton Kroger's wonderful produce. Meehan's produce and deli are horrible. We also don't have any restaurants near Greenfield so rely on making our meals at home.
- Thank you for doing this survey! I personally do not have WIC or SNAP, but have several close family & friends that do. The lack of that availability locally has a large impact on those that NEED that assistance. Spending more just to travel to access a store that accepts it doesn't help those get back on their feet. There are limited resources that involve planning ahead for transportation, but I think as a community we can do better.
- I shop at Meehan's because I live in Greenfield and their meat is good. I miss Carrollton IGA because it had the BEST food in their deli, I miss Carrollton Kroger store because it had the best selection and FRESHEST fruit selection.
- Location and prices very important
- Miss it because if you need something you can just run and get it.
- We need one desperately for the older population that lives in our county that can't drive or travel far and whom has limited family or friends to assist them.
- Would love to see another store open up!
- Each town need a grocery store. We probably would not drive to Carrollton or Greenfield. Maybe to Roodhouse
- We need local grocery stores not only for shopping but also for the taxes they bring in and also the donations they give by giving food or food at cost to fundraisers and community dinners and food baskets that local churches give out at Christmas.
- As I get older I see this being a larger concern as driving 50-60 mile round trip just for groceries is not convenient. Greene Co definitely needs a source that has the consumer in mind as Meehan's prices continue to rise as selection dwindles.

- There is always so much you forget. I live north of Kane and Carrollton was great for those forgotten things. In our household of 4 I bet one of us where in their at least 4 days out of 7
- I buy groceries weekly. If i have a busy weekend and can't set aside 3 hours to drive to Alton (2 hours in car 1 hour shopping) we struggle all week to make meals. We rely heavily on Dollar General for quick trips but everything there is junk food or pre packaged foods that my family tries to avoid.
- Before Kroger closed I was eating a healthier diet, fresh vegetables, fruits, lean meats and fish, seafood. Since the closure the majority of my food comes from Dollar General, the fresh food is nonexistent. I occasionally go to Meehan's to get meat and freeze it. I did put in tomato plants and cucumbers to supplement my diet and bought fresh vegetables at the farmers market. With the fall and winter, neither will be available. Meehan's fresh vegetables and fruits are of poor quality. Plus being in my late 60's I do not drive out of town in the winter and during inclement weather. With the price of gas and groceries increasing and with no local grocery store in town, I feel I will be reduced to eating a Dollar General diet- ramen noodles and cereal in the future.
- Greene county needs a grocery store
- Many in White Hall are restricted financially and medically and need the support. Availability of an in town grocery store.
- I really miss a grocery store in White Hall. We are at least 30min in any direction to a real grocery store
- Need a store in the North Greene community.
- Greene county needs another grocery store, especially in Carrollton.
- Hard for the elderly
- Our county needs another grocery store. Due to high demand, Meehan's stock of meat especially, is very diminished. It's almost impossible to get meat on the weekends without driving 30 minutes one way.
- White Hall is where my mother conducts all business. Having to drive to another town for groceries is very inconvenient. Having a grocery store in White Hall will help the elders of the area immensely.
- Thank you for working on this important issue. We need a grocery store in White Hall. Besides the obvious needs a grocery store fulfills, it provides a community hub; a place for neighbors to visit with one another. In a community that is dwindling, these interactions are part of what makes small town living wonderful. This needs to be reinstated.
- I have the ability to drive to get my groceries elsewhere. However, I don't have the time to do it often. It is difficult to eat healthy (fresh fruits & vegetables, etc) when you are not able to stop by the store every day or two or three to pick up the fresh, healthy food.
- We need to have access to fresh meat. I do shop at save a lot sometimes and their meat is very good. I just like to be able to grab something on the fly especially since I work from home.
- Having a store with with more than just packaged food in our community seems like a necessity for a healthy community. Hopeful we can find someone to successfully open a grocery store.
- Shopping at larger places like Walmart are harder to keep on budget. I think I'm here, I should go ahead and get it. Shopping at local stores, even if it is a chain store like Kroger, I am still helping keep my community thriving with jobs.
- Working 12 hour shifts plus drive time 4-5 days a week its hard to get home in time to shop. On days off i just want to be home.
- Would love to see one open again soon .
- I will always shop local, with a locally owned store. I may pay more but I think it is very important to have the local businesses in our town. You can't beat the service that you will get when it's locally owned.
- Please please bring a grocery store back to our community!!!!

- It is a hardship and I feel sorry for all the employees

- I know my problem with not having a store here daily is minimal. I just feel terrible for those who aren't able to get around and with the increased costs of things are unable to get food. People can't buy food let alone pay for someone to go get for them. Very sad situation.

- I really miss shopping at our local stores. I still don't have a good routine for grocery shopping due to the inconvenience of going out of town. However, something local has to be affordable or we are still forced to go out of town to Walmart.

- I shopped at Kroger in Carrollton weekly. Once a month I would stock up in Jerseyville at Walmart on items Kroger did not carry. Now I use Walmart more than I would like to but I have also joined a Sam's Club an hour away to stock up when I am in the big city areas.

- concerned about the health of the county when many people are shopping at Dollar General--no healthy choices

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