

C O M M U N I T Y D E V E L O P M E N T S

The Hesston community prides itself in having a high quality infrastructure capable of accommodating substantial residential, commercial and industrial growth as well as having a progressive city government offering incentives for new housing, industry and commercial growth. Following is a snap shot of recent developments and positive community indicators:

- **AGCO Corporation** is the largest employer in Harvey County with roughly 1,350 employees. AGCO has experienced significant growth over the past several years investing over \$38M in new capital investment, constructing 161,000 square feet of new space and creating 400 new jobs.
- **Excel Industries** has experienced impressive growth as well. Currently employing 350 people, the turf equipment manufacturer was recently recognized by the Wichita Business Journal with a Metro Award for its growth rate of 100.44% over the past three years. This is the third year in a row the company has received this award.
- **Silverstone Inc.**, a supplier of tire and wheel assemblies to AGCO, constructed a 12,500 square foot warehouse facility on its property. This new building is home to Anixter Fasteners, which supplies various fasteners, such as nuts and bolts, to AGCO. The new company currently employs 11.
- **Ag Services, Inc.** just completed construction of a new fertilizer blending and storage facility. This new enterprise will bring at least five new jobs to the community.
- Other major industries in the community include **Southern Star Pipeline, King Construction, North American Nutrition Co., Inc.** and **BMG of Kansas.**
- **The Lincoln Perk**, a specialty coffee business, opened for business. Next door to their facility, **The Lincoln Plaza**, is a new retail development which features a 4,250 square foot commercial site which can house up to four retail or office businesses
- Hesston has experienced **significant housing growth** over the past five years. The community currently has eight new housing subdivisions offering 530 potential building sites.
- The city and local businesses created a **new housing incentive** aimed at encouraging new construction within the city limits of Hesston. A cash grant of \$1,000 plus significant incentives by local businesses will be given to the home buyer at the time of closing.
- **Mid-Kansas Family Practice** constructed a new 8,500 square foot facility in the community and is home to 11 health professionals.

- **Grene Vision** has completed the construction of a new 3,728 square foot eye clinic.
- **Hesston USD 460** is completing the final phases of its \$13M bond project which included renovations to all three public schools.
- The **Hesston Intergenerational Child Development Center** is a new state of the art childcare center which is a model for other cities.
- **Schowalter Villa**, a retirement center, has continued to grow and expand. The complex features a state of the art wellness center and restaurant.
- **Hesston College**, a two year Mennonite college, has seen continued growth in enrollment. The college recently expanded its offerings, adding a new course of study in disaster management in partnership with Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS).
- **Americ Inn**, a new 42 room upscale hotel facility, was constructed along the I-135 interchange in 2003. Conveniently located next to the facility is **Aggie's All American Grill** which features steaks and BBQ cooking.
- Hesston is home to an immaculate **18-hole public golf course** rated in the top 200 values by *Golf Digest*.
- **Dyck Arboretum of the Plains** is located within the Hesston city limits. This 13-acre outdoor nature facility is one of the largest native plant gardens in the region featuring more than 600 varieties of native and adaptable trees, shrubs and grasses.
- The **Hesston Wellness Center** contains an exercise area with a wide variety of equipment, an indoor pool for exercise and recreation, pool tables and game and activity rooms.
- Construction is underway for a **new water spray park** located in King Memorial Park and is scheduled to open in the spring of 2006.
- The city adopted a **Neighborhood Revitalization Plan** to promote the development and improvement of properties. This program provides an added incentive for development and building rehabilitation in the community.
- **Hesston is conveniently located** on Interstate 135 and Old US Hwy 81.