

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

The North Newton community continues to provide an attractive atmosphere for its residents and businesses. Following are highlights of recent developments and positive community indicators:

- The **Campus Woods** housing addition has seen exciting growth over the past several years. Since 2000, the addition has constructed 22 new homes at an average valuation of \$204,045. The **Sunfields** addition has constructed five new homes at an average valuation of \$125,448 since 2000. For more information refer to the Supporting Documents section.

- **Bethel College**, a residential four year liberal arts college with Mennonite roots, is an asset to both the North Newton community, and the entire county. Bethel College broke ground for the \$6M Krehbiel Science Center in the spring of 2000. This facility was completed in the Fall of 2002. Bethel also constructed a new three-story residence hall, estimated at \$3.5M. The gothic-styled structure which opened in the Fall of 2000 houses 96 students. Current construction on campus of the new \$5.5M Sport Complex is to be completed in the Fall of 2005.



Krehbiel Science Center

- The city adopted a **Neighborhood Revitalization Plan** to promote the development and improvement of properties. This program provides added incentives for development and building rehabilitation in the community. A copy of the city's NRP brochure is included in the Supporting Documents section.

- The **Campus Cottage**, a bed and breakfast establishment, opened for business in the spring of 2001.

- North Newton is home to several visitor attractions. One of those attractions, the **Kauffman Museum** which is located across the street from the Bethel Campus. This nationally recognized museum features special exhibitions and a tallgrass prairie reconstruction, historic farmstead, exhibits on Mennonite immigrant culture and a museum store.

- North Newton replaced and expanded the **main waterlines** in the community in 2004.

- The city is currently in the process of expanding and renovating city hall. Phase I included the expansion of the **city shop** and a five car garage addition. Phase II will include the remodeling of the **city offices** and the **community room** and is to be completed in 2005.



The award-winning permanent exhibit "Of Land & People" at Kauffman Museum