

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

The Walton community continues to provide a stable atmosphere for its residents and businesses. Following are highlights of recent developments and positive community indicators:

- Walton's elementary school is opening an Ag Technology Charter School in the fall of 2007 called the **Walton Rural Life Center**. The students will be offered a standard based curriculum integrated into activities. There will be project based learning, rural life labs and students partnered with area farm families for other events.
- In 2008 the former C-Store is now DonDel Antiques specializing in Depression glass but will have a variety of other antiques as well. The owner is a member of the National Depression Glass Association and is a certified dealer of Depression glass.
- Several **streets** have been resurfaced and **sidewalks** replaced in recent months.
- The Walton community has added two new **housing developments** within the past several years. The Deer Creek addition on the west side of town has 18 lots and the Beaver Creek addition has eight lots.
- A **new commercial building** is located at the corner of 1st and Main Street. This recent development showcases antique automobiles and woodworking.
- A **historic building** located on Walton's Main Street is currently being rehabilitated. Possible plans for the building include an antique store/bed & breakfast.
- The City of Walton has adopted the **Neighborhood Revitalization Act**. This program will provide an added incentive for development and building rehabilitation in the community.
- **Walton's elementary school**, which is a part of USD 373, recently received major upgrades with the passage of a \$28.3 million bond issue that allowed construction and renovation of school buildings district-wide.
- Walton is conveniently located on **U.S. Hwy 50** running east and west.