

# Growth welcome at local plant

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Starting 2006 with the announcement that the Bardstown American Greetings plant will be adding as many as 90 positions in the near future is certainly getting things off to a positive start for our community.

American Greetings and other greeting card manufacturers are going through a time of transition with the growth of the Internet based card business.

Since opening, the Bardstown plant has specialized in the company's "every day" line of cards, cards not tied to a particular holiday or observance. This has given the operation quite a bit of stability. But the positions associated with cellophane wrapped cards offer more diversity to the products manufactured here.

Obtaining the jobs locally after the shutdown of the Lafayette, Tenn., American Greetings plant was not an easy task. The local economic development agency and the state had to get involved in a short time period to keep the positions going to another location.

American Greetings has been an excellent corporate citizen since the plant opened.

We welcome the additional jobs and hope for good things for 2006 and beyond.

