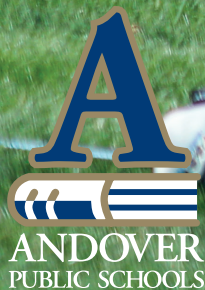




# The Andover Update



ANDOVER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 385

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**The mission of Andover Public Schools is to prepare learners for a lifetime of responsible living and learning in a changing society by creating partnerships, high expectations and meaningful educational opportunities.**

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# Reflections and Aspirations



The end of a school year is the perfect time to reflect on our many accomplishments. This spring you have heard a great deal about school budgets, and though it was a challenge, I'm proud of the proactive way we worked through the planning process. We have come to expect a certain level of excellence in Andover and maintaining that excellence

entering, we need to keep improving by providing rigorous learning experiences that promote even higher academic standards and increase the level of student engagement. If you visit one of our schools, you will be amazed at the work the students are doing. In the area of safety, you will hear the term "Intruderology," which is a new concept to deal with school intruders. Over the next year, our schools will participate in drills to better prepare for the worst. You can learn more at <http://intruderology.com/>.

takes commitment from all of us. I believe that Andover Public Schools are an investment in our community as we deliver outstanding results (high student achievement scores) at a low cost (third most efficient school district in the state on per/pupil expenditures). Whether you are paying taxes or fees or contributing to a PTO, Booster Club or the Andover Advantage Foundation, we appreciate your investment. For more information about our budget, visit <http://goo.gl/zRNkQH>.

Our district is fortunate to be governed locally by seven individuals who provide guidance to our mission. Our Board of Education spends countless hours planning and listening to represent our parents and patrons. One board member, Roger Elliott, finished his service in June. Roger has served for 12 years and we thank him for his dedication to Andover students. If you know Roger, I hope you'll thank him personally.

Thank you for your continued support of our school district and please don't hesitate to let us know how we are doing. It takes all of us working together to achieve the high levels of excellence we have come to expect in Andover and I'm honored to be part of the team.



Greg Rasmussen  
Superintendent of Schools

As we turn our sights toward the 2015-16 school year, the district has several priorities. Front and center of our plan is enhancing our classroom instruction and student safety. We already do an outstanding job in our classrooms, but in order to prepare our students for the global market they are

# Farm to Table Dinner

September 26, 2015



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The Andover Advantage Foundation's Farm to Table Dinner will be a one of a kind evening complete with a multi-course meal, locally sourced from surrounding farms and prepared by award winning chef, Caleb Summers, owner of Evolve Paleo Chef. Guests will enjoy a beautiful country night, locally produced wines, spirits, beers and an exciting auction. The event will feature live music and specialty cocktails during the energetic after party that will end the evening. The entire event will benefit the Andover Advantage Foundation and over 5,000 K-12 students, truly making it an investment in public education.



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## Important Enrollment Information, Dates for 2015-2016



We are gearing up for the 2015-16 school year and are always seeking ways to improve. It is important to us that the enrollment process is as customer friendly as possible for our patrons and our employees. Our goals for this year's enrollment are to streamline enrollment packets and provide additional training for our office staff to better answer patron enrollment questions.

### New This Year

- The enrollment process has had an exciting update in PowerSchool called e-Registration that allows easier completion for parents and cleaner data mining for staff.
- The Transportation Department has gone electronic! For the first time this upcoming school year, parents can complete the transportation enrollment form online. This form can be accessed during online enrollment or on the district website, [www.usd385.org](http://www.usd385.org), by selecting "Transportation" under "Departments."

### New Students

New to Andover Public Schools for the 2015-16 school year? New Student Enrollment will be held at each Andover School Aug. 4 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. If you are a parent of a new student, we encourage you to participate in online enrollment starting July 20. To set up an account to complete Online Enrollment, contact the District Office at 316-218-4660. If you are uncertain which school your child will attend, visit [www.usd385.org](http://www.usd385.org) and click on "School Assignment Locator" and enter your address.

### Current Students

**June 15-July 20:** In order to perform maintenance on the system and complete necessary school preparations for the 2015-16 school year, PowerSchool will be unavailable.

**July 1-31:** Andover Middle School and all elementary schools are closed. Office staff will return to the buildings beginning Aug. 3. Andover High School's summer office hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Andover Central High School's hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Andover Central Middle School's summer office hours are 6:30 a.m. to 2:30

p.m. and the office will be closed July 8-14.

**July 1:** The free-or-reduced lunch application will be available online in the "Food Service" section under "Departments." If you believe you may qualify, please print, complete and mail/drop-off the application to the District Office located at 1432 N. Andover Road. Payments for enrollment should not be submitted until applications have been processed.

**July 20:** Online enrollment begins. This process can be accessed by logging into PowerSchool and selecting e-Registration. You will receive step-by-step directions via SchoolMessenger prior to July 20 on how to register children for the upcoming school year. If you do not have Internet access at home, you may access a computer at the Andover District Office, 1432 N. Andover Road after online enrollment begins July 20. You can also access a computer at your child's school beginning Aug. 3.

### Questions about enrollment?

Please contact us at [enrollment@usd385.org](mailto:enrollment@usd385.org) or by calling the District Office at 316-218-4660.

## Andover Advantage Foundation Grants for 2014-2015



The Andover Advantage Foundation hit the streets on March 10 to award \$69,764.77 in Academic Advantage Grants to classrooms and teachers across the district. The 46 grants support the district's ability to provide excellence in education.

Over the past 19 years, the Andover Advantage Foundation has funded more than 900 Academic Advantage Grants and six special district-wide projects, totaling more than \$876,000.

"Our focus and purpose is to support the Andover School District, its teachers and students in ways where taxpayer funds may fall short," said Julie Huber, Andover Advantage Foundation president. "Each year, our organization is able to make positive impacts on education in Andover by funding creative and cutting-edge ideas and exciting new programs in various classrooms. We are thankful to have wonderful donors and partnerships throughout the community that allow us to continue to make a difference in the lives of our teachers and students."

"The Andover Advantage Foundation has been a tremendous asset and community partner for our entire district," said Superintendent Greg Rasmussen. "Through the Foundation, we are able to implement and provide innovative teaching and educational experiences for our students we otherwise would not be able to. As we work to maintain our budget and commitment to fiscal responsibility, partnerships like we have with the Andover Advantage Foundation will give us the ability to continue to strive for excellence."

Examples of grants awarded in 2015 include the Shoot for the Stars grant, which is part of the National Archery in Schools Program. In addition, Andover Central Middle School received a grant to create a school mascot sculpture, multiple schools received Document Camera and Lego Story Starter grants and both high schools received a 3-D Printer, Software and Supplies grant. These learning tools and many more would not be available without the Andover Advantage Foundation and everyone who generously donated!

The Andover Advantage Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization dedicated to providing learning opportunities for Andover students. To learn more or to make a donation, visit [www.andoveradvantage.org](http://www.andoveradvantage.org).

## Prairie Creek's Popcorn for Paws



*Prairie Creek students learn to make and sell popcorn to raise funds for the Kansas Humane Society.*

Many second graders in the district now have business experience to add to their résumés after completing the "Popcorn Unit" this spring! During this unit, students learn what it takes to start and run a popcorn business.

To begin their adventure, students visited Andover State Bank where they secured a loan to purchase popcorn supplies. They then visited local popcorn hot spot, The Popcorner, where they gained insight into how to start a successful business. Each class selected a company name and logo and were assigned to six different departments of the business: advertising, sales, accounting, packaging and manufacturing. Students made posters, wrote jingles, collected orders, counted money, made the delicious popcorn and packaged it.

The classes donated their proceeds to local nonprofit organizations, including the Kansas Humane Society, which received over \$300 from Prairie Creek Elementary. The Popcorn Unit is a favorite Andover tradition and a perfect example of how our teachers strive for real-world experiences and innovation.

## Kids 4 Kids Club Gives Back to Community



*Andover High School's Kids 4 Kids club presented a check for \$2,200 to St. Francis Community Services to benefit children in foster care.*

The Kids 4 Kids clubs at Andover High School and Andover Central High School are going above and beyond to assist children in our community. In the past three years, Kids 4 Kids has donated more than \$50,000 to local children's agencies including Wichita Children's Home, Kansas Children's Services League, Sunlight Children's Advocacy and Relief Foundation, Ember Hope and St. Francis Community Services.

There are an average of 70 students in the AHS Kids 4 Kids club and 35 in the ACHS club each year. Together, the clubs have raised \$13,500 this year for at-risk youth in the area. Money was raised by selling concessions at various events, receiving donations and grants and hosting the annual Voice of the Children silent auction event held March 7. Over \$12,000 of the money is donated to local children's agencies and the rest is used to purchase gifts for the club's "It's a Kids Christmas" event.

Through their fundraising and event planning activities, the Kids 4 Kids students at Andover High School and Andover Central High School are learning leadership and organizational skills, as well as the importance of giving to the community and helping others in need. Students will carry these skills and values with them the rest of their lives and the impact the students have made in the lives of children will have a ripple effect for years to come.

To get involved or find more information about the Kids 4 Kids clubs, go to [www.k4kkansas.org](http://www.k4kkansas.org).

# andover in COLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Andover High School performed *Leaving Iowa* April 10-11 and Andover Central High School performed *The Addams Family: A New Musical*. The Andover High School theatre department received eight Music Theatre Wichita Jester Nominations for the Fall 2014 production of *Guys and Dolls* and won a Jester Award for Outstanding Graphic Design. Andover Central High School's theatre department received five nominations for their performance of *The Addams Family*.



Meadowlark Elementary girls donned poodle skirts and the boys put on their leather jackets for the third and fourth grade music program featuring rock 'n' roll hits from the 1950's.



Sunflower Elementary teacher Eve Terrell (right) received a grant from the Andover Advantage Foundation for VersaTiles®, a unique hands-on learning system.



Students and parents alike had a fantastic time at Prairie Creek Elementary's one-mile Family Fun Color Run April 10.



Both Andover Middle School and Andover Central Middle School held sessions of Reality U this year. Reality U is a financial literacy project to help students understand the importance of decision-making about finances and potential consequences of choices even this early in life. Students are assigned fictional jobs, salaries and families and must manage their money wisely.



Andover Central High School's Jordan Birch, junior, became the 110 meter hurdle state champion for the second year in a row with a time of 14.42 seconds. Jaguar junior Amanda Kakoulias placed second in javelin and third in shot put at the state track meet. Andover High School's Jaylyn Agnew, senior, won her fourth high jump title, finishing her high school career undefeated.



Wheatland Elementary fifth graders collected and sorted thousands of Legos to make this mosaic of their Wheatland Warrior mascot. The mosaic will be on permanent display in Wheatland Elementary's cafeteria.



Students from Martin Elementary visited the Wichita Ronald McDonald House April 10 to drop off aluminum pop tabs collected for a contest.



Andover Middle School partnered with local business, The Popcorner, to teach students about business plans and managing a business using math concepts seventh grade students learned this year.



Cottonwood Elementary celebrated fathers and daughters at the first annual Glow Dance in March.



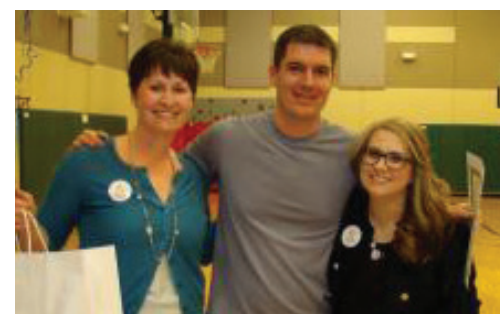
Sunflower Elementary students and staff participated in Shocker Spirit Day and showed their support for Shocker basketball by wearing their best Wichita State gear.



Andover eCademy students enjoyed a field trip to the Exploration Place in February. There they engaged in many fun, hands-on learning activities!



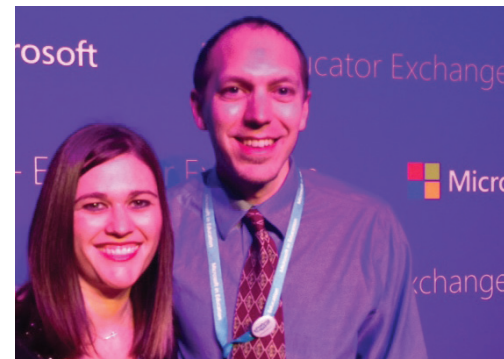
The Andover High School swim team celebrated their win as league champions before advancing to the 5A state swim meet in Topeka. There, the team finished fourth, setting a new school record! Andover senior Meg Plank took second place in the 200 meter freestyle and Andover Central junior Brooke Dreiling took first in the 500 meter and second in the individual medley.



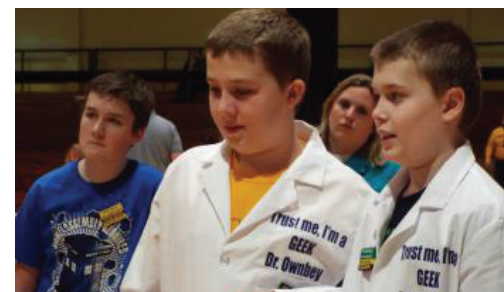
The Andover Advantage Foundation awarded Scott Lee, Prairie Creek Elementary's physical education teacher, the Shoot for the Stars grant to teach archery. The grant was made possible by donations from Academy Sports + Outdoors.



Nine Andover Central High School athletes and four Andover High School athletes signed letters of intent on National Signing Day to play college sports. The athletes from Andover Central High School who signed on National Signing Day are Taryn Strobel, Nick Johnston, Brock Schaffer, Becca Schulte, Masen Stamp, Gabby Gentzler, Jace Peckham, Kevin Olney and Tyler Harris. Andover High School athletes who signed letters of intent on National Signing Day are Tommy Fiszal, Bryce Kinsey, Rahshei Thompson and Anthony Jackson.



Educators Todd Flory of Wheatland Elementary and Stacey Ryan of Andover Middle School were both selected to attend the Microsoft E<sup>2</sup> Global Educator Exchange April 28 - May 1. The Educator Exchange brings together 300 of the world's most innovative educators to collaborate and share their experiences on integrating technology and teaching in ways that achieve 21st Century learning outcomes.



Andover Central Middle School students competed in Wichita State University's Mindstorms Challenge and placed second in the intermediate division.

## Board of Education Outstanding Service Awards



Each year, the Board of Education recognizes employees and volunteers for their outstanding service to Andover Public Schools through the Board of Education Outstanding Service Awards program. The awards boost staff and volunteer morale through tangible evidence of appreciation. Congratulations to all of this year's award recipients!

### Golden Apple Award

- Scott Kincaid - Andover eCademy
- Julie Calabro - Andover Central High School
- Jeff Roper - Andover High School
- Amy DeGarmo - Andover Central Middle School
- Vicki Foster - Andover Middle School
- DeeAnn Freeman - Cottonwood Elementary School
- Cami Kasel - Meadowlark Elementary School
- Kim Bradford - Prairie Creek Elementary School
- Amy Valentas - Robert Martin Elementary School
- Brooke Cox - Sunflower Elementary School
- Phyllis Milner - Wheatland Elementary School

### Helping Hands Award

- Serena Polk - Andover eCademy
- Ron Engels & William Fonger - Andover Central High School
- JW & Greg Johnson - Andover High School
- Janelle McCray - Andover Central Middle School
- Brandon Holbrook - Andover Middle School
- Jennifer Basinger - Cottonwood Elementary School
- Punkin Hale - Meadowlark Elementary School
- Christy Jamis - Prairie Creek Elementary School
- Terry & Cheryl Jackson - Robert Martin Elementary School
- Kim Hett & Allison Brookins - Sunflower Elementary School
- Tess Johnson - Wheatland Elementary School

### Bright Red Apple Award

- Tracy Wagner - Cottonwood Elementary School
- Meghan Chapman - Robert Martin Elementary School
- Jessica Dibble - Andover Middle School

### School Bell Award

- Jenni Brown - Andover eCademy
- Tara Nichols - Andover Central High School
- Su Russell - Andover Middle School
- April Wadsworth - Meadowlark Elementary School
- Nadine Hayden - Sunflower Elementary School

### Spark Award

- Lisa Stinson - Andover Central High School
- Greg Rasmussen - District Office

### Golden Key Award

- Stadium Grounds Bakery

Also honored for their years of service were this year's retirees: Amber Ingram, Karen Carl, Mary Baker, Kathleen Reichenberger, Janice Eldridge, Linda Lawson, Margaret Morris, Vicki Hadley, Letitia Lovett, Curtis Grove and Kim Breitenbach. We are grateful for the time and effort they invested in making this district a wonderful place to learn!

## Board of Education Scholarships



The Andover Board of Education annually chooses exceptional Andover seniors to receive the Board of Education scholarships. This year, Riley Flake and Kristen Graves from Andover High School and Brooke Pedersen (not pictured) and Tyler Traylor from Andover Central High School were each awarded \$500. There were many exceptional candidates that applied for the scholarship and we are confident these recipients will represent our district well in their future educational endeavors.

## Changing Faces on the Board



Roger Elliott is retiring from the Andover Board of Education after 12 years of service.

Elliott greatly enjoyed his time on the board. One of his favorite parts of being a board member was visiting classrooms and witnessing the students' eagerness to learn. Elliott will continue to advocate for Andover schools and plans to stay involved with local organizations. Elliott and his wife Nancy will also spend time with their grandchildren and traveling.



Marci Fugarino was elected to a four year term to replace Elliott as the board member from district two.

Fugarino is a graduate of Andover High School and studied Business Management and Business Law at Friends University. Her Human Resource career experience in manufacturing, health care, government and higher education over the last 20 years provides an opportunity to share prior successes and strategies from a diverse perspective. She is excited to join the board and use her experience to serve the Andover School District.

## Board of Education Meeting Recap

Jan. 12, 2015

- Previously, high school students who had taken college courses would only be able to receive high school credit for a class that was 3 credit hours or more. With board approval, students now taking 1-2 credit hour courses will receive high school credit.
- Business Manager Sherame Kneisel gave an update on the new budget division committees. These committees consisted of administrators, staff, students and community members that looked for ways to make the budget more efficient. Recommendations from the committees were due in March and those were used to present a potential budget in May.

Feb. 9, 2015

- ACHS teacher Genesis Ackerman shared how Google Classroom, a learning management system being piloted, has enhanced their classroom. Learning management systems are software programs used for instruction, assessment, grading and other aspects of education. This spring, teachers were asked to give feedback on the systems they were testing to determine which best suited their needs in the classroom. A plan will be made by end of the 2015-16 school year on which system or systems will be used in the district.

March 9, 2015

- Asst. Superintendent Jill Lachenmayr and Principal Bob Baier spoke on an opportunity to add a new Career and Technical Education pathway called "Engineering and Applied Mathematics" and a high school course called "CATIA" to the enrollment guide for the 2015-16 school year. CATIA is a software program used by engineers for multiple stages of product development. The CATIA class would be implemented through a partnership with Wichita State University. The programs were approved.

April 13, 2015

- Superintendent Greg Rasmussen and Business Manager Sherame Kneisel presented a recommendation to cover reductions to state aid, the Local Option Budget



and a potential 2015-16 mid-year state reduction. This combined plan of reductions and revenue enhancements will equal a total of \$964,700 to meet the budget recommendation.

May 11, 2015

- The board approved the proposed fee schedule for 2015-16 school year. This includes increases to enrollment/textbook, band, pay-to-participate, transportation fees and food service meals to comply with federal regulations from USDA. To learn more, please visit <http://goo.gl/zRNkQH>.

June 8, 2015

- All school districts in Kansas are required to have a wellness policy. The Wellness Committee is comprised of Jill Lachenmayr, David Jackson, Neil Broderick, Kellie Bamford, Linda Miller and teachers and principals. The committee updated the district policy to reflect the integrated school wellness action plan and goals for the future.
- The board approved an agreement hiring two new School Resource Officers (SRO) to start in the district this fall. SROs help to provide a safe learning environment for students. They assist administration, prevent problems and serve as an informal counselor and educator on school/law related issues.

# Tech-Savvy Teaching: District Goals & Focus for Technology in the Classroom

### Andover Instructional Framework Academy

- Increase Rigor  
Critical Thinking  
Problem Solving
- Increase Student Engagement  
Real World  
Student Centered Learning
- Technology Integration  
Devices readily available  
Technology enhances education

### Piloting a 1:1 Initiative

- Identify the best device for students
- Identify professional learning needs
- Develop policies and procedures

### Piloting Learning Management Systems

- Promote collaboration
- Increase student-teacher communication
- Provide a safe learning environment
- Provide a digital learning environment
- Allow students to learn at their own pace using tools with which they are comfortable



# What's happening in the City of Andover



## Update from the City Administrator



It is my pleasure to serve as the new city administrator in Andover. Living here with my family gave me the perfect opportunity to accept the role. I began in March and received a warm welcome from the city staff as well as the mayor, city council and community members. We have a great team of talented and committed professionals.

My background in public service started in Newton, Kan. In 2000, I became the city administrator of Rose Hill and also served as the finance director for Butler County for five years. Since 2009, I worked in the municipal underwriting/ financial advisory business. My wife, Julie, is a school librarian at Circle Greenwich Elementary School and is a graduate of Andover High School. We have two sons, Nicholas and Wesley, who attend Andover Central Schools. My hobbies include going to the Andover YMCA (not as much as I should) and cheering for the Andover Central Jaguars.

Andover is a unique community with a great quality of life. Our residents expect and deserve outstanding emergency services, well-maintained parks, quality streets, the best municipal library in South Central Kansas and aesthetics that surpass any other community in the area. Of course, our public school system is the best in the state.

At the same time, Andover is challenged with staying competitive with area property taxes and services. Previous elected officials and city administrators did an outstanding job creating growth and a great place to live,

work, learn and play. I am thrilled to be here and hope I can build on the tradition of excellence that the city leaders have established.

The city is engaged in many challenging projects, including the completion of the Red Bud Trail and the 159th Street Road project. Phase one of the Red Bud Trail (159th Street to the 13th Street Sports Park) is a huge achievement and was financed by a grant based on a \$1.7 million project cost. Federal funds covered 80 percent of that amount and the city matched the remaining 20 percent. This is part of the larger project to connect the trail from Goddard to Augusta.

With the passage of a 0.75 percent sales tax in April, the city will be constructing a new street shop, new restrooms in Central Park and purchasing a new ladder truck. This fall, the city plans to work with Westar Energy on burying the power lines along Andover Road between Kellogg and 13th Street.

Some other exciting additions to our city will be popping up later this year in various parks. The city council has agreed to allow the park planning committee to fund \$150,000 worth of improvement projects for our park system this year. One of the most visible additions you will find later this year will be a dog park in Central Park. An outdoor basketball court will be built at the Cornerstone Park and many bike racks will go up throughout the city.

Finally, the city launched an official Facebook page last month. Our main goal is to connect with the public. Be sure to like our page to stay informed on city business and you can also sign up for Alert Andover on [www.andoverks.com/alert](http://www.andoverks.com/alert).

*Mark Detter*  
Andover City Administrator

## Greater Andover Days: October 1-4, 2015



In October, the City of Andover will have its annual four-day extravaganza, Greater Andover Days. Greater Andover Days has been a tradition in Andover since 1967, and usually draws a crowd of more than 5,000 people. This year it will be themed "GAD to the Bone."

Greater Andover Days will take place October 1-4. Admission to the festival is by button, which will be available at local retailers and will cost \$3. Children five years old and under will be admitted free. Every year, 50 cents of the sale of each button goes to charity. The organization selected to receive this year's donation is Flinthills Services, Inc. Flinthills Services assists people with disabilities, helping them to live and work independently in the community.

Most of the activities of Greater Andover Days will take place in the Central Park at 1607 E. Central Ave. Events include a tailgate party, a car show, a Saturday night concert, an ice cream social, Kidfest, a fishing clinic, a fun run, turtle races, a craft and business fair and a hot

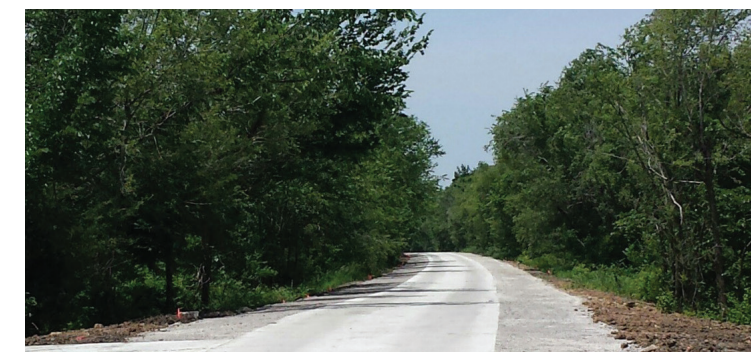
dog eating contest. Last but not least, there will also be fireworks on Saturday night.

Please be sure to go to [andoverks.com/gad](http://andoverks.com/gad) closer to the event for more details and check us out on Facebook under "Greater Andover Days" and "City of Andover KS."

If you or your business are interested in helping sponsor this year's festival, please contact Dayna DuFriend at 316-977-9421 or [ddufriend@andoverks.com](mailto:ddufriend@andoverks.com).



## Redbud Trail Opening



The City of Andover is proud to announce the completion of the Redbud Trail this summer!

This hugely anticipated milestone has taken more than two years of preparation and is going to officially be opened on July 16, 2015. The trail extends from 159th St. to the 13th St. Sports Park.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held July 16 at 6 p.m. at the Andover Road intersection with the trail to commemorate the hard work put in by all contributing professionals and organizations. Find us on Facebook under "City of Andover KS" and stay connected on our page for more details.

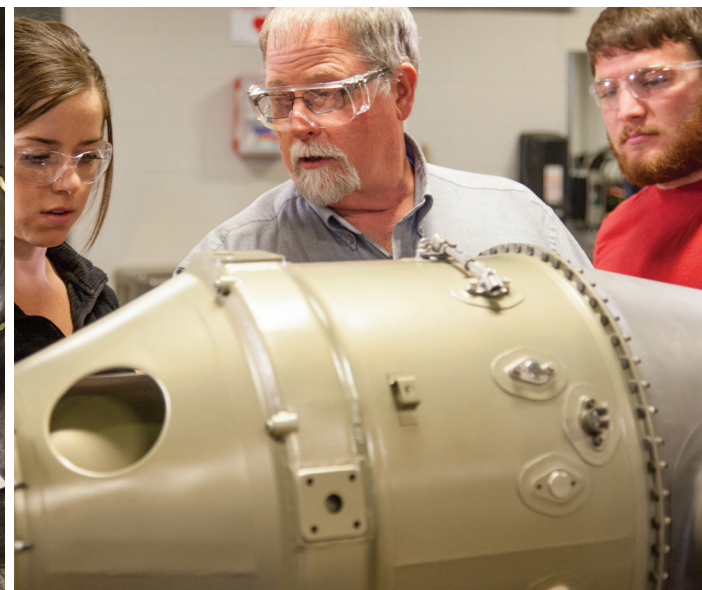


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