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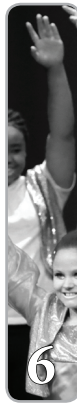
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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Community engagement key to our schools' success



It was Jan. 23, a cold and slightly icy morning. We had scheduled a gathering of civic, community and business leaders to have a discussion about their hopes for Andover Public Schools. Specifically, we wanted to ask them this: What do you want and expect when you hire a graduate of Andover Public Schools?

The meeting was part of our year-long process to define our Portrait of a Graduate — the skills, traits and attributes we want our seniors to have when they leave our schools with diplomas.

We wondered if some of those who planned to attend might cancel because of the weather. Instead, nearly every single person who had RSVP'd walked into our District Office.

The conversation that morning was exciting, thought-provoking and inspiring. For an hour, we heard leaders from organizations small and large share their hopes and dreams for what Andover graduates can be and achieve in our community.

One common theme we heard: Academic skills and knowledge are important, but so are “soft” skills. “Give us someone who can communicate, problem-solve and collaborate,” many of them said, “and we can train them for the job.”

The gathering gave us incredibly valuable information in our Portrait of a Graduate work, and we plan to roll out the finished product this summer or fall. But more than that, it was a symbol of how much our civic, community and business leaders support Andover Public Schools.

This connection between our community and schools will never be more important than it will be in the coming years. This fall is the inaugural year for our Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS), a program that will pair high school juniors and seniors with area businesses and organi-

zations to complete real-world projects. Mentors will advise students as they explore potential career paths.

So far, every business or organization we've approached about being involved in CAPS has answered with an enthusiastic “Yes!” Gauging by the number of students who have enrolled for the first year of the program, we will need all the business and mentor support we can get to connect our students to learning opportunities both now and in the future.

We know the success of Andover Public Schools is intertwined in the success of Andover, East Wichita, the Greater Wichita Area and our region. We value each partnership we have in our community, and we thank you for the support you give to our district, our schools, our educators and our students.

Sincerely,

Brett White, Superintendent
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USD 385 - Andover Public Schools

ACHS, AHS ranked among top schools in state

Andover's two traditional brick-and-mortar high schools fared well in rankings recently released by U.S. News & World Report.

Andover Central High School ranked 14th in Kansas, while Andover High School ranked 16th. The Andover schools were two of only three from southcentral Kansas in the top 25.

"These rankings are a confirmation of what we see in our schools every day – quality educators working hard to create meaningful learning opportunities for our students," Superintendent Brett White says. "We strive for excellence, one student at a time."

The annual rankings are based on six indicators of school quality during the 2016-17 school year:



- College readiness, based on the proportions of seniors who took and passed Advanced Placement and/or International Baccalaureate exams.
- College curriculum breadth, based on proportions of seniors who took and

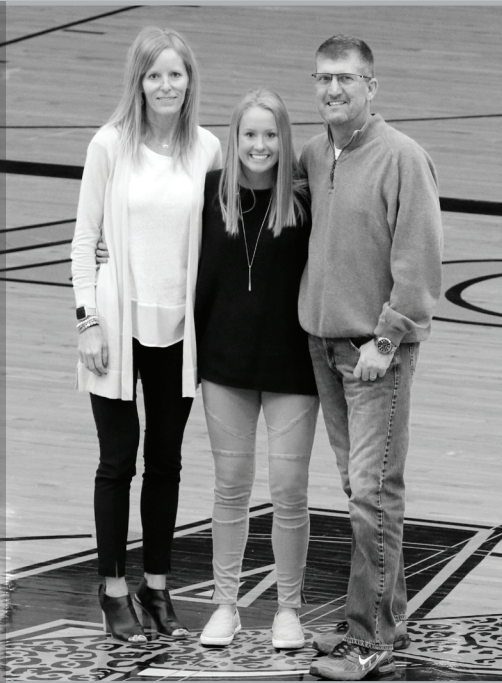
passed AP and/or IB exams in multiple content areas.

- Math and reading proficiency, based on state-required tests.
- Math and reading performance, based on whether performance on state assessments exceeded expectations given the school's proportion of underserved students.
- Underserved student performance, based on how black, Hispanic and low-income students performed on state assessments compared with those who are not underserved in the state.
- Graduation rates, based on the proportion of students who entered ninth grade in 2012-13 and graduated four years later.

She's graduating a Jaguar, and she couldn't be happier.

Emma Jessen transferred from private school to Andover Public Schools her sophomore year.

"I haven't had a single regret."



Her parents are pleased with both the academic quality and welcoming atmosphere.

"It's been a great fit for us," says her dad, JR.



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Smokorowski selected for National Teachers Hall of Fame

Dyane Smokorowski, technology and innovation lead teacher for Andover Public Schools, will be inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame in June.

Smokorowski has been in Andover since 2008. In her current role, Smokorowski – who is known as “Mrs. Smoke” – is one of three teachers in the District who serve as a coach to other teachers and help them develop lessons that utilize technology and innovative teaching methods.

“I call on Smoke when I need a plan or a dream executed,” says Carly Bowden, math teacher at Andover Central Middle School. “For her to just come in and not only lift your spirits but then take what you’re doing in the classroom to the next level, she’s just the fairy godmother of education.”

Signature Smokorowski projects connect Andover students with children around the world, such as a STEM project that uses Skype to connect

classrooms who have created gingerbread versions of their cities.

She also organizes a yearly Awesome Squiggles project, in which students start with a handful of lines on a paper and are asked to draw a picture. This year, the Awesome Squiggles project had participation from as many classrooms outside the United States as in the U.S.

“I believe as children move into their years of college and in the workforce, they’re going to be working with people who look very different from them,” she says. “And it’s important for them to build relationships with people who look and sound and act and communicate and have different cultures than them because we’re all one



Dyane Smokorowski works on a project with eighth-grader Anniston Fuller at Andover Middle School.

human race.”

Smokorowski also is known for organizing professional learning experiences for teachers, such as a field trip to Walt Disney World and a yearly EdCampKS, which gathers teachers to discuss current topics in education.

Smokorowski, the 2013 Kansas Teacher of the Year, is just the 12th Kansan in the Hall of Fame, which has 140 overall inductees.

Robert Martin Elementary named National Showcase School

Robert Martin Elementary School has been named one of the top schools in the country for implementing a program designed to make meaningful connections among students, their peers and adults.

The school in April was named a National Showcase School for Capturing Kids’ Hearts, which has been used for two years at Robert Martin.



Ben Reynolds, fifth-grader at Robert Martin Elementary School, greets visitors. Ben is part of the school’s hospitality team, a component of Capturing Kids’ Hearts.

“Capturing Kids’ Hearts has enriched our school community in many ways,” says Traci Holder, the school’s principal. “These simple practices set the stage for a positive school day and allow teachers to explore the emotional needs of students. They also empower students to be in charge of their actions and choices, and remind students they are loved.”

The program, presented by the Flippen Group, is used at several Andover schools.

Components of Capturing Kids’ Hearts include teachers greeting students with a handshake, fist-bump or hug at the beginning of each day; a moment of “good news” to start each day, with students sharing something positive in their lives; students creating “social contracts” in each classroom to set the commitments they will follow; students using nonverbal signs to let classmates know they are acting outside the classroom’s social contract and remind them of their commitment; and an inspirational “launch” to motivate students at the end of each day.

“We are honored to be recognized as a National Showcase School,” Holder says, “and will continue capturing hearts and minds for years to come.”

The arts thriving in Andover

This has been a banner school year for the arts in Andover Public Schools. Just consider these achievements:

Three high-school and middle-school students were selected for regional Gold Key Art distinctions from the Scholastic Art Awards.

And if that isn't enough excitement, music teachers and district leaders are planning the arrival of an orchestra program in Andover Public Schools during the 2020-21 school year. More details on that will be available soon!

44 Andover students were selected for state ensembles by the Kansas Music Educators Association, which is believed to be the most in Andover history. That included 16 in the state elementary choir, 11 in state instrumental ensembles, three in the middle-level choir and 14 in high school choirs. That's in addition to three students named to the state's John Philip Sousa Band, the top recognition for instrumentalists in grades 6 through 9.

The Prairie Creek Singers were selected to perform for KMEA's state conference in February.

Andover high school theater students and teachers received 16 nominations for the 2019 Jester Awards presented by Music Theatre Wichita.



TOP RIGHT: Brenna Davis, eighth-grader at Andover Middle School, works on a sculpture in Johnna Smith's art class.

RIGHT: Ava von Merveldt, center, played the Genie in a production of "Aladdin Jr." performed in April by fifth-graders at Sunflower Elementary. The annual musical has quickly become a favorite among students since Paden Town joined Sunflower as music teacher three years ago.



BOE presents annual Outstanding Service Awards

Each year, the Board of Education recognizes individual employees and volunteers for their outstanding service to Andover Public Schools through the Board of Education Outstanding Service Awards program.

The awards were presented during a ceremony April 29 at Andover Central High School.

Congratulations to the following winners:



Golden Apple — Given to a certified staff member with four or more years in USD 385 who demonstrates educational effectiveness.

- Steven Huskey, Andover Central High School
- Jenna Howe, Andover High School
- Carly Bowden, Andover Central Middle School
- Shannon Hobbs, Andover Middle School
- Aimee Dester, Andover eCademy
- Rhonda Kindle, Cottonwood Elementary
- Alicia Moss, Meadowlark Elementary
- Stacey White, Prairie Creek Elementary
- Megan Bonebrake, Robert Martin Elementary
- Erin Condrey, Sunflower Elementary
- Jackie Gagnon, Wheatland Elementary



Bright Red Apple — Given to certified staff new to the profession who demonstrate educational effectiveness and an ability to inspire students.

- Keegan Hallmark, Andover Middle School
- Victoria Bay, Andover Central Middle School
- Kelsie Biebighauser, Andover Central Middle School



School Bell — Given to a classified staff member who has given outstanding contributions to the building or district that

had a significant impact on services.

- June Brown, Support Services
- Linden Gentry, Andover Central High School
- Joann Dawson, Andover High School
- Anna Warrington, Andover Central Middle School
- Curtis Powell, Andover Central Middle School
- Tracy Mayes, Wheatland Elementary



Helping Hands

— Goes to a school volunteer in each school who has given outstanding contributions to the building

that significantly impacted students.

- Amy Rech, Andover Central High School
- Niki Gehring, Andover High School
- Audrey Wilson, Andover Central Middle School
- Kaely Walker & Shelly Oeding, Andover Middle School
- Amber Beck, Cottonwood Elementary
- Amber Kear, Meadowlark Elementary
- Amanda Cross, Prairie Creek Elementary
- Patricia Walcher, Robert Martin Elementary
- Richard Skibba, Sunflower Elementary

- Carolyn Matthews, Wheatland Elementary



Gold Key — Goes to an individual, a business or a

community/civic organization that has made outstanding contributions to the district that significantly impacted the students and the school district.

- Equity Bank
- Heath Kintzel, school resource officer



Spark Award — Given to an individual staff member

who has played an instrumental role in the district, exudes energy, enthusiasm, and excellence in all their endeavors, is an inspiration to others and significantly impacts students and the school district.

- Ricky Brown, Support Services

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BOND CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

New Meadowlark to redefine the elementary experience

When students step into the new Meadowlark Elementary in fall 2020, they will have a new idea of what a “school” looks like.

“This school will be completely different from what our students have experienced up to this point in their education,” says Dana Matheny, Meadowlark’s principal. “It’s not cliché to say this will be state-of-the-art.”

Work began on the new school in April, with a student-led ceremonial

groundbreaking April 24. The project is part of \$188 million in bond-funded construction projects approved by voters in May 2017.

Located near the southeast corner of 13th and 159th streets, the school – along with the new Center for Advanced Professional Studies on the same land – will serve as a welcoming gateway into Andover for those driving from Wichita. Meadowlark will be just under 78,000 square feet, contain 28 classrooms and will offer safety

enhancements such as a storm shelter and secure-access entry. Its guaranteed maximum price is \$18.98 million, under the original \$19.114 bond budget.

“We’re so excited to move in for fall 2020,” Matheny says. “This building fits perfectly with our goals of creating flexible, collaborative experiences for our students. But we know a school isn’t made great by its building – it’s the people inside that make Meadowlark special. That will continue no matter what building we’re in.”



Architectural rendering of the outside of the new Meadowlark Elementary.



Each classroom wing will have flexible learning and collaboration spaces for small groups, project-based learning and co-teaching.



A main hallway of the new school.



A large Media Center/Library will have an adjacent Maker Space.



The cafeteria (pictured above) and gymnasium will have large windows to allow for copious amounts of natural light.

Building excitement

Construction reaches fever pitch as projects pass midpoint

This summer will mark a busy time for construction projects for Andover Public Schools. Here is an update on the approximately \$188 million in projects approved by voters in May 2017.



District Stadium improvements:
New locker rooms under construction at District Stadium are scheduled to be completed this summer.

Andover High School:
Work began on the new Andover High School, to be located just east of the existing school, in the fall. The finished school will be 298,000 square feet, 240,000 of which is new construction. AHS is on target to open for the 2020-21 school year, with west-side parking completed in October 2020 and district swimming pool completed in March 2021.

Andover Center for Advanced Professional Studies:
Construction on the CAPS building is scheduled to begin this summer. It is scheduled to open for the 2020-21 school year on the same land as the new Meadowlark Elementary near 13th and 159th streets.

Andover Middle School:
Additions and renovations to begin this summer. This includes a second gym, weight room and wrestling room that will double as a storm shelter; orchestra room; six new classrooms; renovation/expansion of science labs; controlled access entry to the front of the building; and new Functional Applied Academics classrooms. Scheduled for completion by fall 2020.

Meadowlark Elementary School:
Construction began in April on the new Meadowlark Elementary School near 13th and 159th streets. It is scheduled to open for the 2020-21 school year.

Andover Central High School:
New additions, including science classrooms, general education classrooms, collaboration spaces, an orchestra room, and cheer/dance/multi-purpose room are nearing completion. Renovations, which will include adding controlled access entry to the front of the building will start this summer, with completion by the beginning of the 2019-20 school year.

Andover Central Middle School:
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Andover Central stadium and tennis complex:
Athletics improvements south of ACHS and ACMS are scheduled to begin after football season this fall and be completed in summer 2020.

Scenes from Andover Public Schools



ABOVE: Andover High School students Cameron Hoppas and Lindsay Dahl teach a traditional Spanish dance to elementary school students. Students in Spanish and French classes designed activities for the elementary students in April to teach them about countries around the world.



ABOVE: Joyce Seely, fourth-grade teacher at Prairie Creek Elementary, helps students measure ingredients to make treats for service dogs coming to visit at the end of their service animal unit.



ABOVE: Brent Jones, assistant principal at Andover Middle School, hands out babies as part of the school's Reality U experience. Reality U teaches middle school students about budgeting and other real-world lessons.



AT LEFT: Jeff Longwell, Wichita mayor, talks about suit-coat etiquette with Mason Smith, a second-grader at Wheatland Elementary School. Longwell visited with students in Kristie Collins' class.



AT LEFT: Will Coultis, eighth-grader at Andover Central Middle School, participates in a design activity during the school's Explorations Day in May. Students participated in a variety of field trips, hands-on activities and guest speaker discussions.

With graduation near, Haitian student says: ‘Andover is home’

Judel Saintil vividly remembers walking into Andover High School on his first day of class as a freshman, brand-new to Kansas.

“It was impactful to walk in a classroom and see all of those kids telling me, ‘Hey, come sit by me,’ even though I didn’t know any of them and I couldn’t even say ‘hi’ to them. I didn’t know how to,” Judel says. “That was an impactful moment.”

As he prepares for graduation as a Trojan, Judel has been reflecting on a journey that took him from an impoverished country to graduating with honors in Andover, Kansas.

“It’s an incredible story about a young man who’s ready to go off and take on the next challenge,” says Jeff Roper, Judel’s freshman soccer coach and junior-year English teacher.

Judel, his mother and two older sisters left Haiti when he was 14. They joined his mother’s family in Maryland. But they found the cost of living too expensive, and family friends had heard about the high quality of schools in Andover, Kansas. So the family moved here.

“It was the best decision that we could have made,” Judel says.

Judel says he knew very little English when he enrolled at AHS. But through hard work with his English as a Second Language teacher, Danica Scharenberg, playing soccer, spending time with friends and watching “Shark Tank,” he

became proficient in his new language – just as he already was in French and Haitian.

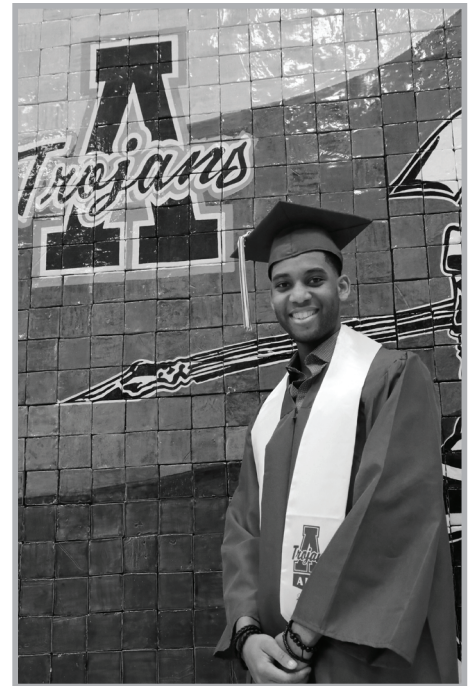
Now, he’s spent two years taking classes from Butler Community College, has a 3.8 GPA and plans to attend Southwestern College this fall on a soccer scholarship. He works at Pizza Hut to earn money for college.

“His command of the English language is great,” says Roper, who wonders at Judel’s progress during the two years between freshman soccer and junior English. “I think that’s what we’re probably most proud of, just to see the academic progress he made since he was here at Andover High School.”

Despite that academic progress, it might not be the trait Judel is best known for at AHS. Walking down the halls of AHS between classes, he greets many students by name and asks them how they are, or about their family.

“I think what’s really special about him is his charm – his personality,” says Scharenberg. “He’s super-kind. I remember when he came, even though English was not his first language, and he was a newcomer, he still made sure everybody in my classroom felt welcome.”

“He’s a positive force,” says Robin Anderson, an AHS counselor. “He loves to learn, and that’s refreshing. And then you add to that his grateful nature and his spirit of giving to others, it’s special. He’s just special.”



Judel Saintil

At Southwestern, Judel plans to major in international business. He hopes to use his three languages to someday help his home country.

“He’s going to change the world,” Anderson says.

As for Andover, Judel says it will always have a special place in his heart.

“Andover High is home. Kansas is home. Andover is home,” he says. “At first when I would be saying ‘home’ all the time referring to Haiti.

“Now when I say home, I refer to both places. Andover is home for me, and that’s not going to change.”

Mark your calendars: Important upcoming dates

May 22: Last day of school for students. Dismissal is two hours early.

July 23: Online registration opens at noon for the 2019-20 school year. Instructions will be emailed to parents and guardians closer to that time. Be sure your contact information is

updated in PowerSchool to receive registration notifications. If you have questions about the process, call 316-218-4660 or email registration@usd385.org.

Aug. 15: First day of school for students in grades 1-6, 9 and all new

students to USD 385 in grades 7-8 and 10-12.

Aug. 16: First day of school, grades 7-8 and 10-12.

Aug. 20: First day of school, kindergarten and Early Learning Services.

AMS students' design featured at White House Easter event

Students in Haley Dotson's yearbook class at Andover Middle School participated in a project of a lifetime in April.

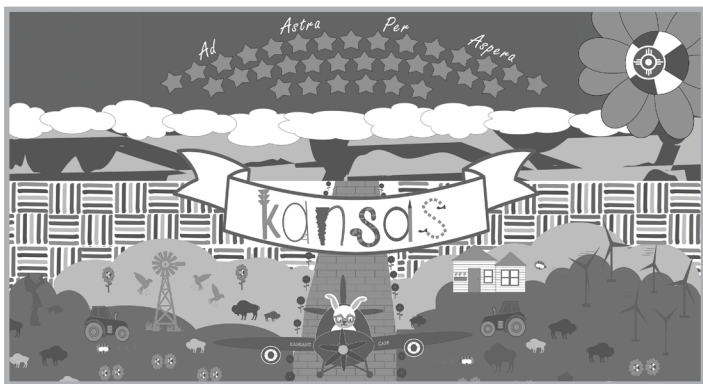
They were selected to represent Kansas in designing a giant wooden egg that was featured on the White House lawn for the White House Easter Egg Roll.

"I haven't really been part of a big event like this, so I'm really excited," says Cooper Robinson, a seventh-grader who worked on the project.

Students worked collaboratively to come up with a design, then worked in Adobe InDesign and Illustrator to make it a reality. The design featured Kansas icons such as an airplane, the Flint Hills, wind turbines and the Yellow Brick Road.

"It's a big deal," says eighth-grader Alex Folger. "It's something that everybody is going to see. It shows that we can create something really special that's unique to our state."

"It's a teacher's dream come true," Dotson says. "This is the most engaged I've ever seen my students, knowing that they're building something that's going to represent not only their school, but the entire state of Kansas. And the collaboration and the chatter and just the excitement in the room was really something to see."



At top, Haley Dotson, keyboarding and yearbook teacher at Andover Middle School, works with seventh-grader Breckynn Pugh on the Easter Egg project. Above, the final design.

Faces in the news



Anna Tri, senior at Andover Central High School, won one of three Harry S. Gore Memorial Scholarships from Wichita State University. The scholarship, worth \$64,000 over four years, is one of the largest in the region. She plans to major in biomedical engineering.



Janet Glaser, girls tennis coach at Andover Central High School, has been named Girls Tennis Coach of the Year by the National Federation of High Schools. The NFHS recognized Glaser's tenure as a coach and her commitment to the United States Tennis Association in its award announcement.



Kourtney Zwiener, senior at ACHS, has been awarded a Koch Scholarship to WSU. The scholarship, worth between \$30,000 and \$45,000 over four years, targets students planning to study in WSU's College of Engineering or the W. Frank Barton School of Business.



Molly Nespor has been named principal of Sunflower Elementary School beginning this fall. Nespor has been a principal in Wichita Public Schools for 14 years. She fills a vacancy as Rita Decker, Sunflower's principal for the past 13 years, retires.

Foundation for Andover Schools awards educator grants



Tracy Wagner, kindergarten teacher at Cottonwood Elementary School, reacts to receiving a 2018-19 educator grant from the Foundation for Andover Schools.

Teachers across Andover Public Schools were surprised March 7 when board members from the Foundation for Andover Schools came to their schools to announce they had received educator grants.

In all, 30 educators were awarded more than \$35,000 from the foundation.

Grants will enhance classroom instruction, technology opportunities, the arts and more.

“We’re proud and excited to provide these grants,” says Brice Lowe, president of the Foundation for Andover Schools Board of Directors. “We recognize that our educators are the largest reason why our schools excel, and we know these grants will help them expand opportunities for students in their classrooms.”

Four schools nearing launch of innovative redesign plans



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Four schools in Andover are nearing the completion of their planning year for school redesign.

The schools – Cottonwood, Meadowlark and Robert Martin elementary schools and Andover Central Middle School – are participating in the Kansas Can School Redesign Project through the Kansas State Department of Education. The project is based on the idea that education in

the United States is largely based on a 100-year-old industrialized model that may not fit the needs of each student.

Educators have spent the year researching possible ways to improve education at their schools. They spent part of the spring semester piloting potential projects to begin implementing in the fall.

Success is based on four focus areas set by the state: Student success skills, personalized learning, community engagement and real-world application.

Look for more information this summer about what changes they plan to make beginning this fall.

Redesign is a continual, multiyear project that aims to make education more engaging and relevant for each of our students. Every school in Andover will begin the redesign process in the next three years.

STATE CHAMPS



The Andover Central High School boys basketball team celebrated a 5A state championship in March. The team beat previously undefeated Maize in the semifinals, then defeated Basehor-Linwood 58-47 in the championship game in Emporia. This was the first state basketball championship for ACHS. The team is coached by Jesse Herrmann.

Four BOE positions up for election

Four positions on the Andover Board of Education are up for election this fall. Those are:

District 1, Position 1 (currently held by Matt Forney).

District 2, Position 2 (currently held by Andrew Chaney).

District 3, Position 3 (currently held by Jennifer Seymour).

And District At-Large Position 7 (currently held by Melinda Fritze).

Maps of each district are available under the “School Board” section of usd385.org.

Deadline to file for office is June 3. The election is Nov. 5.



Ben Lawrence,
Andover mayor

From the Mayor: State of the City

Looking back at all that was accomplished last year, it should be noted that 2018 was an exciting and productive year for the City of Andover.

The Capitol Federal Amphitheater® held its first Summer Concert Series. Four concerts were held throughout the summer. A concert was also held the night of the public firework display put on by the National Fireworks Association. There was something for everyone with genres including classic country, blues/rock and contemporary rock. An estimated 15,000 people came out to these events over the course of the summer.

In 2019, we will be having three large events, all which will require a fee for admission but you'll get more bang for your buck! This year, the events will start earlier and will feature more artists. Katie Cork, the City's event director, has once again worked hard to bring you a variety of music.

It should be mentioned that we couldn't bring quality entertainment to Andover without the help of our many generous donors within our community and the surrounding area. Those who offered financial or in-kind donations are key to

the success of our community's state-of-the-art venue. If you are interested in partnering with us in 2019, please contact Katie at 316-977-9439.

Another area of focus for 2018 was our infrastructure. The street maintenance program included the resurfacing of nearly 18 lane miles of pavement. Of that, more than 12 lane miles were on arterial roads. A new method of street sealing in 2018 was used which should result in both safer roads and better curb appeal in our residential neighborhoods. With as much time as we all spend driving on the roads, proper street maintenance is important to help lessen the wear and tear on our vehicles.

Although growth slowed some in 2018, our city continues to be a desirable location to move to. With 56 residential new builds and 14 commercial remodel projects, we continue to expand. Current residents and commercial businesses are also taking advantage of our Neighborhood Revitalization Program. In 2018, 39 residential projects and 1 commercial project were part of the program.

The City finished 2018 in terrific financial shape. The 0.75% Sales Tax approved in April of 2015 ended on Oct. 1 and came off the tax rolls nearly two years earlier than expected. Once again we have been awarded a "AA" rating from S&P, making us one of the

highest rated municipalities in Kansas and among the very top for cities under 25,000 in population. Lastly, for the 39th year in a row, we were recognized for excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.

We are looking forward to the excitement and partnerships that will come along with this year. We continue to work with community partners on the development of Yorktown Parkway and the surrounding areas. The Lies family and Jones Commercial Development have begun the planning process for a residential and commercial development that will be known as the Heritage, which will be located closer to U.S. Highway 54/400. Further north, USD 385 continues its plans for development of their Andover Central school sports facilities which will be able to be accessed by the expansion of Yorktown Parkway between Douglas and Central. While completion of these projects are down the road, it is exciting to see them in the works.

We are fortunate to have close-knit partnerships with the people and businesses here in Andover. This makes our annual festivities including the Police and Fire Festival, Greater Andover Days and Hometown Christmas true community events. As mayor, a business owner and a resident of this town, it makes me proud to call Andover home.

June 3 filing deadline for four city positions up for election

The Andover City Council has four positions that will be on the ballot in 2019: Mayor and three City Council seats.

The terms for the positions will be four years. Butler County is now taking filings for the positions. Filings will be accepted until noon June 3. The filing must be done at the County Clerk's Office on the second floor of the Butler County Courthouse, 205 W. Central in El Dorado.

For more information, please contact the Butler County Clerk at 316-322-4329. The Andover School Board and Butler Community College will also have open positions that will be on the ballot in November 2019.

For more information on voter registration, please contact the Butler County Election Office at 316-322-4239, visit www.bucoks.com or call the Kansas Election Office at 785-296-4561.



Variety of concerts headed to amphitheater this summer

The Andover Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) is excited to announce the dates of the summer events to be held at Capitol Federal Amphitheater® powered by Westar Energy.

The season, presented by Cox Communications, will kick off on Saturday, June 29, with Red Dirt Roundup! More like a festival, this event will begin in the afternoon and will feature a stellar lineup of local acts and nationally known artists. Morrison County will kick off the festival, followed by Mountain Deer Revival. After that, we'll have Jack Ingram followed by Wade Bowen. Finally, we'll wrap up the evening with three-time Grammy-nominated artist Pat Green.

Then, join us for a night of Blues and Brews on Saturday, July 20. Kansas native Dustin Arbuckle and The Damnations will start the night followed by the Terry Quiett Band. Cajun blues singer Tab Benoit will perform immediately prior to our headliner, blues extraordinaire Walter Trout.

We'll end the summer with a Birthday Bash! Join us Saturday, Aug. 10, as we help iHeartRadio's 107.3 ALT FM celebrate five years as a local station! Pop-punk trio Eve 6 will get us rocking, followed by Billboard chart artists Spin Doctors. We'll end the night with rock group Fuel.

Tickets may only be purchased online

at capitolfederalamphitheater.com. Kids 5 and under are free. This year, there will be three ticket choices. General admission will allow attendees to enjoy the concert on the lawn. Premium seating puts you right up front without having to bring your own lawn chair. The Patio ticket includes a reserved seat on the patio, dinner, private beer line and proximity parking. For a complete map and list of ticket prices, visit capitolfederalamphitheater.com.

In addition to the music, several food vendors will be onsite at each event. Gates will open an hour before the events begin so attendees can come out, stake their spot on the lawn and have dinner while waiting for the show to begin.

New this year, you have the opportunity

to save 20 percent by purchasing Season Tickets. These tickets will get you in to all three events!

“Once again, we are hoping to appeal to more people and show them there is something for everyone here in Andover,” says CVB Chairperson Ben Lawrence.

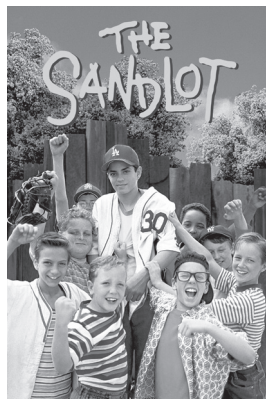
This is the second summer for events to be held at the Capitol Federal Amphitheater®. For more details, including more about the venue, ticketing, and rules, visit: www.capitolfederalamphitheater.com.

Stay up to date with various social media pages and make sure to “like” Capitol Federal Amphitheater® on Facebook, “follow” Capitol Federal Amphitheater on Instagram and CapFedAmp on Twitter.

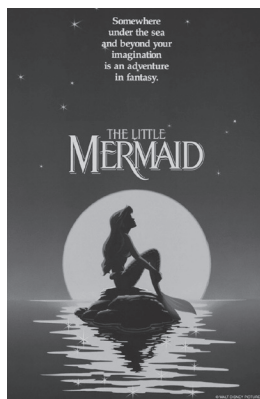
City to offer free movies at Central Park

The City of Andover will host free movies at the Capitol Federal Amphitheater® this summer.

The movies will begin at 7 p.m. Bring blankets, chairs, snacks and enjoy movies on the big screens!



May 18



June 15



July 13



Aug. 3



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SCHEDULE

Student

8:30 - 9:00 A.M.
 • Check-In

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
 • Orientation: includes handbook, lunch, and t-shirt

1:00 P.M.
 • Free placement testing (if needed). Bring photo ID.
 • Advising and enrollment begins for students not testing.

3:00 P.M.
 • Advising and enrollment continues for students who were testing or not yet enrolled

Parent & Family

8:30 - 9:00 A.M.
 • Check-In, with student

9:00 - 11:30 A.M.
 • Parent and family session

11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
 • Lunch on your own

1:00 - 4:00 P.M.
 • Join student during advising and enrollment

DATES

Andover Campus
 Wednesday, May 22
 Friday, June 14

DATES

El Dorado Campus
 Wednesday, June 12
 Wednesday, July 17

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Register at ButlerCC.edu/orientation
 or call 316.322.3163.



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