

# The Andover Update



## Field of Dreams

AHS senior explores future turf  
career through Andover CAPS

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## Portrait of a Graduate

#### Academic preparation

- Has skills and knowledge to pursue life goals
- Has real-world experience to succeed after high school

#### Collaboration and communication

- Works well with others
- Values teamwork

#### Innovative thinking

- Thinks critically and independently
- Solves problems creatively

#### Integrity and character

- Has strong work ethic
- Does the right thing

#### Resilience

- Learns from mistakes and failures
- Adapts to an ever-changing world



# Senior's character shines in prom dress drive



**Brett White,  
Superintendent**

**I**t started with a trip to buy a prom dress.

McKenzie “Mac” Evans was a junior at Andover Central High School, and that trip opened her eyes to how expensive dresses can be. It turned out, that trip opened her heart to a new idea, too.

To her surprise, Mac’s parents bought her dream dress, even though she knew it was more than their family should spend.

That purchase inspired a new project: Collecting prom dresses

and accessories to give to area girls who might not otherwise be able to afford them. She figured it might lead to a high school experience – and memory – that could last a lifetime.

The process is simple: Mac and her small group of volunteers – all students at the Andover Center for Advanced Professional Studies – collect dresses and other accessories at the CAPS building. Then, they announced “shopping” days when girls could come to CAPS to pick out their perfect dress.

That was last year. Now, after two years of collecting and distributing dresses, more than 100 girls have benefitted from their efforts.

They’ve collected dresses of all sizes, styles, lengths and colors. They’ve collected shoes, jewelry and other accessories. There’s something for everyone.

It turns out, kindness leads to more kindness. A dress company heard about the effort and donated dresses. A seamstress volunteered to alter dresses. A salon offered to do hair and makeup for the girls.

At its April meeting, the Andover Board of Education named Mac its inaugural Character Champion, a new award given to anyone in the Andover Public Schools community who goes above and beyond to exemplify the Integrity and Character focus of our Portrait of a Graduate.

Mac’s experience has led her to want to pursue a career in marketing, because she enjoyed working to get the word out about the prom dress event.

Mac saw a need, showed kindness, and found a way to help.

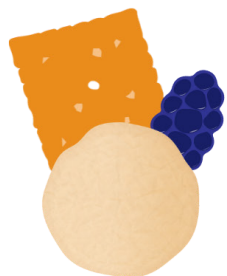
If we all could find a way to do that, how much better might the world be?

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brett White". The signature is fluid and cursive.



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someone who should  
be nominated for a  
Character Champion  
award? Send a  
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why they deserve it to  
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# BITE-SIZED LEARNING

Snack Shack teaches fifth-graders entrepreneurship skills

It's 8:30 on a Tuesday morning, and the lobby of Sunflower Elementary School is the place to be.

Students are streaming in to the sound of dance music, greeted by teachers with a smile and a fist-bump.

But some have their eye on the yellow-clad food cart in the lobby, adorned with signage: "Sunflower Snack Shack: We Make Life Taste Good."

Since December, the Sunflower Snack Shack has been open for business on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the half-hour before school starts. It's the brainchild of the fifth-grade Entrepreneur Club, and it's spreading smiles both at Sunflower and at a local charity.

"It makes us happy to know we're making someone else happy," says fifth-grader Kinleigh Bacon.

The first-year club started in the fall, led by teachers Kiley Wackerly and Alex Krause. Their idea for a Snack Shack was modeled after a similar concept at a school in Hutchinson.

To make the dream a reality took community partnerships, both in knowledge and funding. Their contacts included:

- Stacy Edmundson, owner of local business Red Door Three, who taught them about developing a business plan.
- Troy Tabor, director of the Wichita State University Center for Entrepreneurship, who taught them about market research.
- Dietitian Michele Keethler, who taught them about Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition standards.
- Kelsie Coffin-Gibbs of Chick-fil-A, who taught them about customer service.
- Michelle Green of Andover State Bank, who explained borrowing and arranged a \$300 loan with 1 percent interest.

Students got to work. They asked peers and teachers what types of snacks they might like. They researched which snacks qualified for Smart Snacks guidelines. They secured \$1,200 in start-up sponsorships. They determined their goal: To raise funds for Ronald McDonald House in Wichita, which provides lodging for families seeking medical treatment.

In December, the Andover Area Chamber of Commerce arranged for a full-blown ribbon cutting to open Snack Shack.



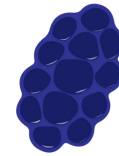
“It’s been amazing to see students take the reins with this,” Wackerly says. “Everything they’ve done has pretty much been their idea.”

Now, fifth-graders meet fellow Sunflower students in the lobby with a smile and a menu with baked chips, Go-Gurt, fruit snacks, granola bars and more. Marked menus are delivered to the cart, where other students deliver the orders and collect money.

Snack Shack even has a spinoff – Snack Dash, a service for staff who would like a morning snack but don’t have time to get to the lobby.

Students already have delivered their first donation of \$170 to the Ronald McDonald House, and they’ve paid back \$180 of their loan, not wanting future Snack Shack operators to carry debt. They hope to come back to mentor future Snack Shack entrepreneurs.

“I’ve learned all the parts of running a business,” says fifth-grader Joelle Saad. “I know this will help me later in life.”



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# A NEW CHAPTER

## Addition of reading specialists offers new opportunities for older students

A reading specialist asks her middle schoolers to read down a list of words in unison. One in particular trips some of them up: Is it pronounced “misshape” or “mishap”?

The teacher writes “misshape” on the board and asks students to break it down.

Where are the vowels? She marks “i,” “a” and “e.”

Where is the syllable break? One student suggests after the second “s.” But another chimes in: “There’s a consonant digraph,” referring to the “sh” sound. The break is between the two s’s.

The “e” is silent, so the “a” has a long sound. Mystery solved: It’s “misshape.”



Jessica Wason works with a student.

This type of scene has become common this school year in Andover’s middle and high schools, thanks to the hiring of four new reading specialists devoted to helping secondary students. It’s an investment in helping students develop a root skill that can help with academic success in other subject matters.

“In elementary school, students are learning to read,” says Jill Lachenmayr, assistant superintendent for academics. “In middle school and high school, they are reading to learn. We recognized that by helping our struggling readers master foundational literacy skills, we can help them improve in all areas of school, and hopefully all areas of their lives.”

Andover’s six elementaries have had reading specialists for years. But that’s a far less common occurrence at middle and high schools.

“Sometimes, we tend to feel guilty or get defensive that students at this age aren’t able to read well,” says Melissa Reed, reading specialist at Andover Middle School. “But a mature and skilled reader has skills that we don’t even think about. We lose sight that reading is a developmental process. If a student in first grade wasn’t developmentally ready to learn those skills and the rest of the class moved on, we need to go back and re-learn those skills.”

The new reading specialists are part interventionist for students, part literacy instructional coach for colleague teachers. They can work one on one with students or with groups.

“We want to help students, no matter their needs,” says Deanna Deutscher, reading specialist at Andover Central High School, who previously served at Sunflower Elementary. “The data is going to lead us into what those needs are.”

Currently, students are chosen for reading help based on their STAR Reading assessment, which measures a variety of language arts skills, along with their score on Dibels, an assessment that measures reading fluency (speed and accuracy).

Then, reading specialists help students with a variety of structured literacy skills, such as understanding syllables, letter sounds and the combination of letter sounds, and prefixes and suffixes. Students have benchmark goals, and if they meet their goal, they can exit out of the program.

“A lot of my students are making progress, and some of them are making huge progress,” says Jessica Wason, reading specialist at Andover Central Middle School, noting that five of 13 students in one of her classes hit their exit score in the first semester. “My goal is for this class to be a revolving door because we’re helping students succeed.”

While not all students may choose to read for pleasure in the future, all students need to become a functional reader, even if it just comes to understanding a house contract or medication label.

“I share my passion for reading,” she says. “If we give them the tools to become better readers, the enjoyment will come.”

# 'A NICE FUTURE'

## Ukrainian family finds refuge in Andover

A 4-year-old in a black hoodie crawls on the Prairie Creek Elementary School playground, pretending to be an animal. Smiles splash across his face and the faces of the other Pre-K students enjoying a spring afternoon recess.

It's hard to believe that just more than a year ago, that smiling 4-year-old was fleeing a war zone.

Lesha Lukashova is one of a half-dozen students in Andover Public Schools who fled Ukraine with their families when Russia invaded their country in February 2022. They arrived in a community and district prepared to help them learn English and welcome them to a new life.

"We have a chance for a nice future here in the United States," says Oleksandra Lukashova, Lesha's mom.

Sitting in her Andover apartment, she recalls the morning Russian troops took over her home city of Mariupol, in eastern Ukraine, on the first day of the occupation. The family awoke to the news around 4 a.m. and packed clothes, personal documents and money in bags. They watched the news that day, trying to decide what to do.

"We didn't know where to go," Oleksandra says. "We didn't know what was a safe city."

Later that evening, they left their home – and their way of life – behind. After a few months in Germany, they resettled in Andover through a relief organization. In July,

they learned their home in Ukraine had been destroyed by a Russian rocket.

"It was hard, yes, but we understood our future was to start a new life. We like it here," Oleksandra says. "We haven't had time to cry."

As of now, the family – which also includes Lesha's father, Ievgen, and Lesha's 7-month-old brother – can stay in the United States for two years. They plan to pursue a more permanent status. Their family members are still in Ukraine, with some hoping to join them in the United States.

Meanwhile, Oleksandra says Lesha loves every facet of his time at Andover Early Learning Services, where he is in Regina Harshaw's Pre-K classroom. He's learning English and enjoying time with friends.

"The teachers are wonderful," she says. "He comes home happy, with lots of smiles."

Harshaw says she is proud of how much Lesha has learned during this school year.

"He makes us smile every day and has developed some very animated ways to communicate with our class," she says. "Despite all that he and his family have gone through, he has been able to stay positive and have fun learning and playing with his friends at school. Lesha and his family have been an inspiration to us all. Their story reminds us to get back up and keep fighting the good fight when life tries to knock you down."

Oleksandra says the move to the United States has been a huge adjustment for her family, especially Lesha. But things are getting better, day by day.

"Now, he says to me: 'I like America.'"



Lesha works on a coding activity with his teacher, Regina Harshaw.



## Riverfront Stadium internship a hit for Andover CAPS student

**J**akob Scales started mowing his parents' lawn around second grade, around the same time he first remembers walking into the Kansas City Royals' Kauffman Stadium, admiring the carefully manicured grass and dirt.

"I didn't realize then that you could make a career out of taking care of dirt and grass," he says.

Now a senior at Andover High School, Jakob is well on his way to a career in sports turf management, in part because of enrolling in the Andover Center for Advanced Professional Studies this semester. He's spending afternoons caring for the playing surface at Riverfront Stadium, home of the Wichita Wind Surge, the AA affiliate of the Minnesota Twins. He'll continue as an intern with the team this summer.

"This is such a huge leg up in my career," he says. "I can't even imagine what this means for a resume-builder."

While Jakob's involvement in mowing started early, his true interest didn't start until the Covid pandemic. With limited options for extracurricular activities, he began spending more time caring for his own lawn and the lawns of others, even watching YouTube videos to perfect his craft.

A family friend connected him with the Wind Surge's ground crew in May of 2021. He fell in love with the

job in the Wind Surge's inaugural season. In 2022, he also worked at Flint Hills National Golf Course to expand his experience and resume. That meant starting his day at 5:30 a.m. at the course, and – when the Wind Surge had home games – heading to the ballpark by mid-afternoon and finishing 10:30 or 11 at night.

This spring and summer, he is serving as the official Wind Surge grounds crew intern. He reports to Ben Hartman, the 2022 Texas League Groundskeeper of the Year.

"You don't expect kids to figure out what they want to do for a living at 18," Hartman says. "He wants to learn. He's asking questions. He's picking the brain of everybody in the industry. It's absolutely incredible the opportunity the district is giving students."

Jakob's duties include chalking the baselines, repairing the mound and bullpens after games, dragging and watering the infield dirt, mowing the infield, setting up and tearing down batting practice and manning the tarp for rain delays. But they also can include shagging balls during batting practice and donning gear to catch the ceremonial first pitch.

"There's nothing better than coming to a ballpark every day and being able to call that your office," he says.



After graduation, Jakob plans to earn general education credits at Friends University, where his father is employed and has dependent tuition benefits. Then, he'll transfer to Kansas State University, where he will pursue his sports turf operations management degree. He's hoping to nab an internship with an MLB club next summer.








Jakob explains that baseball jobs are much like player roles: Staff often start at the lower levels of the minor leagues and work their way up to the majors. While many high school and college students can work evenings, weekends and summers at ballparks, the work he has put in this spring through his CAPS internship in getting the field ready for play during the season will give him an advantage when it comes to future opportunities.

"It's a lot of work, but I wouldn't trade it for the world," he says. "I'm super thankful I found my passion now, both to make these connections to peers and industry professionals, not to mention the knowledge and experience."

Hartman says when it comes to Jakob's future, "the sky's the limit."

"This kid can go wherever he wants," Hartman says. "He's got such a great start already and a good plan for the future. He's making a good name for himself. When someone calls me down the road and asks me, I'll tell them, 'Hire him or you're making a mistake.'"

## JAKOB'S INSIGHTS INTO MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TURF MANAGEMENT:

-  The Riverfront Stadium turf is a base of Bermuda grass, with ryegrass overseeded for color in the early spring.
-  Because Riverfront hosts football games in the fall, the pitcher's mound must be torn out and rebuilt each season.
-  The infield dirt on the field actually takes more time to maintain than the grass. He notes that 90 percent of game action happens on dirt.
-  Minor League umpires submit bi-weekly reports on the conditions of each field.
-  The grounds crew gets the most attention – and criticism – over when the tarp is pulled and removed from the field during rain delays.
-  The extravagant patterns in the outfield are made by special rollers on the mowers that roll the grass in the direction you mow. The lighter stripes are mowed away from you and darker stripes are mowed toward you.
-  A groundskeeper's priority should be player safety, playability and aesthetics, in that order.





## 175 pints of blood donated at school sponsored blood drives

“I wanted to host a blood drive to give back to the community,” says Kat Wilson, a medical student at Andover Center for Advanced Professional Studies. “It’s a really great feeling to help people.”

This school year, these six clubs and programs have hosted blood drives in Andover Public Schools facilities:

- Andover Central High School National Honor Society
- Andover High School National Honor Society
- Andover eCademy E-link
- Andover Center for Advanced Professional Studies
- ACHS Student Council
- AHS Student Council

As a result, 175 pints of blood have been donated this year by Andover students, staff and community members.

In preparation for their blood drives, each group coordinated a date and location with the American Red Cross, created fliers and other marketing materials, and organized volunteers to help the event run smoothly.

“I volunteered because it is good to have extra hands,” says Sam Keene, AHS senior. “I also think it is important to serve the community.”

“Blood drives benefit your community by building team spirit among the group as it rallies and works together for a life-saving cause,” says Courtney Scott, Red Cross account manager.

Both Andover high schools hosted blood drives in the fall. This encouraged Isabella Encapera, ACHS senior, to be a repeat donor.

“I first gave blood back in October,” Isabella says. “A few weeks after donating, they told me where my blood was sent. I thought that was really cool, so I decided to give blood again.”

Not only were students invited to donate, but community members were encouraged to visit the schools to give blood. Mark Stoppel, community member, says that he donated because there is a need for it and he knew he could help someone by donating.

“Donating blood saves lives because that is the only way for hospitals to get blood for transfusions,” says Rachael Neibling, AHS Student Council adviser. “Hosting these blood drives in our schools is important because it encourages students to be life-long donors.”

**To learn more about hosting or donating at a blood drive, visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).**



Isabella Encapera donates blood at the ACHS Student Council blood drive.



# AHS STATE CELEBRATIONS

## AHS wins first state basketball championship



The Andover High School boys basketball team earned its first state championship in March.

The Trojans defeated Kapaun Mount Carmel 54-46 at the 5A state tournament in Emporia to claim the championship. The victory came a day after AHS eked out a 55-54 semifinal win over previously unbeaten Highland Park. The Trojans ended the season 23-2.

In some ways, the victory rectified the 2020 season, when this year's seniors were freshmen. The Trojans were favored by many to win the state championship, but the tournament was cut short in the emerging days of the Covid-19 pandemic.

“This feels unbelievable,” coach Martin Shetlar told the Butler County Times-Gazette after the win. “This feels unreal. This group of seniors I’ve watched grow up since they were in the fourth grade. I couldn’t have planned or written it any better way.”



## Boys take state swimming title

The Andover High School boys swimming and diving team dominated competition at the 5-1A State Swimming and Diving Championships in Lenexa, taking the state title and setting a new state record along the way.

The boys earned 311 points, 49 more than runner-up Andover Central High School. The AHS 400-meter freestyle relay team of Eli Conard, Jonathan Gott, Ian Diefenbach and Sam Ellis set a new state record in the event.

The Trojans are coached by Kelsie Biebighauser.



## Maki wins state wrestling title

Adam Maki, a junior at Andover High School, capped off an impressive season by winning the 138-pound weight class at the 5A state tournament in Park City.

Maki went 51-1 on the season, which ties him for fourth best in state history among all weight classes.



## 'Central Review' takes national honors

"The Central Review," the literary magazine of Andover Central High School, received an "excellent" rating in the National Council of Teachers of English's Recognizing Excellence in Art and Literary Magazines (REALM) contest. Last year's publication, led by English teacher Amanda Evans, was the only literary magazine from Kansas to be recognized in the REALM program.



## ACHS ProStart team wins state

Andover Central High School's team of Maddie Stowell, Jordan Fleske, Hayley Boatright and Nevaeh Fields took first in the ProStart Kansas management competition. This is the second year in a row that the Jaguars took first place in the competition.

They presented a detailed restaurant concept for the competition and presented it to industry professionals. The team qualifies for ProStart Program nationals, to be held May 2-4 in Washington, D.C.



Gallaway



Smith

## AMS, ACHS students top art contests

Alyssa Gallaway, a seventh-grader at Andover Middle School, recently took first place in the middle school division of the Kansas Youth Art Month Flag Contest. The contest's goal is to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for quality art programs.

Alyssa's winning design was featured at the National Art Education Association's Annual Convention in March in San Antonio.

Meanwhile, Addi Smith, a sophomore at Andover Central High School, received two Gold Key Awards from the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Her drawings were on display at Mark Arts during March and will be considered for national recognition.



Nance

## AMS student named Aspiring Young Journalist

Rylie Nance, an eighth-grade yearbook staff member at Andover Middle School, was named the Mary Patrick Aspiring Young Journalist for 2023 by the Kansas Student Press Association.

This is the third straight year an AMS student received the award.



Krueger

## Krueger wins state swimming title

Andover Central High School senior Noah Krueger is the 5-1A state champion in the 100 breaststroke.

Noah won the title Feb. 18 at the state swimming and diving championships in Lenexa with a time of 58:63, nearly a second and a half over the second-place finisher.



**Anderson**

## **Robin Anderson of AMS named finalist for national award**

Robin Anderson, math teacher at Andover Middle School, has been named a finalist in the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

The PAEMST is the highest recognition that a K-12 STEM teacher can receive for outstanding teaching in the United States. Anderson now will advance to compete at the national level, where up to 108 teachers are recognized each year.

In nominating Anderson, Stacey Ryan, instructional coach, wrote: “Robin is an outstanding math teacher who embodies the characteristics of a PAEMST recipient. She teaches math with a high level of rigor, while thoughtfully equipping her students with all the skills, confidence and strategies to be successful.”

Presidential Awardees receive a certificate signed by the President, a trip to Washington, D.C., for recognition and professional development; and a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation.

## **Andover well represented in state music ensembles**

Andover’s tradition of excellence in music was on full display in February at the Kansas Music Educators’ Association’s annual In-Service Workshop at Century II in Wichita.

In all, 60 Andover students were selected to perform in All-State ensembles through auditions, giving them an opportunity to learn from guest clinicians and perform with other top musicians from throughout the state.

### **Elementary Choir**

#### Prairie Creek Elementary:

Alisa Brunson, Briella Brunson, Juston Burford, Dexter Cole, Olivia Coss, Ariana Kachelmeier, Ava Perea, Michael Prella and Lizzie Shultz

#### Robert Martin Elementary:

Dallin Ericksen, Saran Saravanan and Nora Stanley

#### Sunflower Elementary:

Molly Fogle, Graham Kirk, Madelyn Knopp, Adison Ladner and Reese Ybarra

#### Wheatland Elementary:

Lyla Lanier, Rylin Lanier and Kendall Youngers

### **Middle-Level Choir**

#### Andover Central Middle School:

Austin Walker, Briggs Kavanagh, Caden Pritchard, Grant McGinness, Hudson Axtell, Ilham Hemed and Waylon Walker

### **Middle-Level Choir cont.**

#### Andover Middle School:

Cooper Gallagher, Malea Olsen, Marin Herring, Savannah Emerson and Victoria Griffin

### **High School Treble Choir**

#### Andover Central High School:

Kennah Donnelley, Ridgely Ehrlich, Emma Geier, Sadie Hankins, Gwyn Pic, Grace Schaefer, Alexi Thorstenberg

#### Andover High School:

Sophia Benton and Sydney Williams

### **High School Mixed Choir**

#### Andover Central High School:

Katelyn Barnes, John Hayes, Goldie Lane, McKensie Moore, Michael Olivarez and Christiane Short

#### Andover High School:

Maisy Blanton, Jacob Crabtree and Maryam Doukali

### **Orchestra**

#### Andover Central High School:

Ryan Byun, violin

#### Andover High School:

Sharon Sun and Sophie Thiessen, both violin

### **1234A Band**

#### Andover Central High School:

Ethan Finney, bassoon; Allyson Hartman, horn; Adelle Norris, clarinet; Delaney O’Neill, clarinet; Kirsten Smart, oboe; Savannah Weidler, clarinet

### **Jazz Band**

#### Andover High School:

Ben Schillings, guitar



# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



**Ronnie Price,**  
**Andover mayor**

**A**ndover Community, There are a myriad of great things happening in Andover this spring and summer. You can stay updated at [www.andoverks.com](http://www.andoverks.com) or on our social media channels.

Many of you have probably noticed the new fire station at Andover Road and Minneha starting to take shape, as the masonry block is being installed at the apparatus bay area of the structure and the steel work is well underway. Andover Fire-Rescue is excited to have a mezzanine in the fire station for specialized training drills that will serve our community, as well as our neighboring communities. I want to thank everyone that has put so much time and effort into this project!

The new fire station will be complete mid-November 2023. The remodeling of the old fire station should be complete by the spring of 2024. During this transition time, we can rest assured knowing our first responders have taken the necessary measures to keep the citizens of Andover, as well as everyone in the district, as safe as possible.

## April 22: Citywide clean up day, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m., Central Park

Accepted items:

- Tires (4 per household)
- Unwanted BBQ grills
- Furniture
- White goods
- Appliances that **do not** contain refrigerant
- Small engines that **do not** contain fluids

Not accepted:

- Construction debris
- Hazardous waste
- Refrigerators/freezers
- Household trash
- Tree limbs
- Yard waste

The 13th Street Sports Park improvements aren't as visibly obvious as the fire station but are moving along behind the scenes. These projects are happening because the citizens of Andover voted for the Family Future Forward sales tax back in November 2021. In using the citizens' money wisely, Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the 13th Street project have been combined into one phase for cost savings. The Parks and Recreation Department is doing everything possible to avoid disrupting the 2023 summer ball season by playing at different locations and adjusting traditional season dates. There are so many activities taking place in the Parks and Recreation world, including registration for programs, golf and disc golf tournaments, special events throughout the summer including TacoFest, Burger Battle, Music Theatre Wichita, and many more.

Last but not least, we hope you will join us for an event on Saturday, April 29 – "One Year Later: Pray with Andover | Andover YMCA and Community Prayer Breakfast." Breakfast will be served from 9 - 9:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a message from Hope Community Church and updates from the YMCA and the City of Andover. The event is free and open to the public. You can find more information regarding the event on the City's Facebook page.

Stay happy, healthy and safe,

Mayor Ronnie Price



Mark your calendars! Greater Andover Days: Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 1, 2023

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# ONE YEAR LATER

## PRAY WITH ANDOVER

### Andover YMCA & Community Prayer Breakfast

Join us in Central Park on Saturday, April 29, in Andover as we commemorate the one-year anniversary of the April 29 tornado and continue to Stand With Andover. The Andover community, along with Butler and Sedgwick Counties, has come so far over the last year, and we invite you to bring your family and friends out to celebrate. Enjoy pancakes and sausage, an uplifting devotion from Hope Community Church, entertainment by the Prairie Creek Singers, Butler Community College Smorgaschords and Noteables, and updates from the City and YMCA.

The schedule for the event is as follows:

- 9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast (pancakes and sausage) served
- 9:30 a.m. Program begins
- 10:30 a.m. Program ends

Following the program, Central Park amenities will be available for attendees to enjoy, including the disc golf course, the playground, the dog park, and Lake George. There will also be informational booths available, including United Way of the Plains, South Central Mental Health, Sedgwick and Butler County Emergency Management and more.

This event is free and open to the public. There will be seating available, but feel free to bring your chairs and blankets out to enjoy the morning with us.



### Music Theatre Wichita

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### Movies in the Park

Join us for movies in the park this summer! These will be held on some Sundays at 6 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

Sunday, June 25, Family Camp

Sunday, July 30, Top Gun: Maverick

Sunday, August 27, Paws of Fury

Sunday, October 22, Nightmare Before Christmas



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