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Memorial Day Plans Announced For May 26th

Residents of Andover are cordially invited to attend and participate in Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 26th, sponsored by Lynch-Burgess Post No. 497 of The American Legion, Post Commander Gerald Hann announced today.

The parade, led by the Legion Color Guard and Firing Squad, will form on Main Street in front of the Legion Building Monday, Memorial Morning at 9:45 A. M., and will move promptly at 10:00 A. M.

The parade will move North on Main Street, then East on Elm Street, where they will be joined by the Andover Central School Band and students with flags, on Greenwood Street to Main Street to Hillside Cemetery, where the following program will be held:

Introduction, Gerald Hann, Legion Commander
Prayer, Robert A. Baker, Chaplain

"In Flanders Field", Debra Baker

"Gettysburg Address", Mike Bliss

Memorial Day Address, Rev. Francis J. Zmoyzinski

Salute to the Dead, Legion Firing Squad

Remarks

The procession will re-form and proceed to the Legion Park where the flag will be raised from half mast.

There will be a short ceremony at the monument in the Legion Park. Following the raising of the flag at the Legion Park, the Color Guard, Legion and Legion Auxiliary will go to the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, where a short service will be held.

In case of inclement weather the ceremony will be moved to the auditorium of the Andover Central School.

Commander Hann said an invitation to all local organizations has been extended to participate in this Memorial Day Observance and cars will be furnished for the Gold Star Mothers, Women's Relief Corps, Legion Auxiliary and who wish to ride.

All ex-servicemen are urged to come out and participate in the Memorial Observance. If the uniform doesn't fit — come out and march anyway.

The observance of Memorial Day is an American tradition which began during the Civil War. The first national observance was established in 1868 with an order issued by Gen. John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, calling for commemorative rituals "to respect comrades who died in defense of their country."

For many years after the Civil War the observance of Memorial Day was the charge of the Confederate Veterans in the South and the charge of Memorial Day rites in their respective communities. When these organizations became unable to carry on actively these annual observances (which include the decoration of all known veterans grave sites), the American Legion pledged its help to preserve the tradition, Commander Hann explained.

Although it began as an occasion to commemorate the dead of all wars, Memorial Day has since become a time for the decoration of graves of family and friends.

In urging the widest possible participation by Andover residents in this year's Memorial Day services, Commander Hann referred to the following except from General Logan's original order for the observance of Memorial Day:

"Let no avenue or neglect no chance of time, facility, to prevent or compromise the fact that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided Republic."

Commander Hann reminded that the observance of Memorial Day should begin with the display of the United States flag by every home and business firm.

News That's Print To It

Well Folks, part of the "clean-up", "fix-up" campaign here in Andover has been completed and it sure looks 199% better. Yep, we are talking about the old barn that has been a big pile of rubble out in back of the "Brick" on West Greenwood Street.

Our Neighbor, "Tom", had all the debris cleaned up, hauled away and then had the site landscaped with a bulldozer, with the job all completed by the first part of this week.

Now, with this "eye-sore" gone perhaps some of the rest of the area neighbors will feel like going ahead and making their own improvements. Suppose?

Speaking of improvements, it sure seemed good to have some of the dirt, dust, and trash swept up off the Village Streets the first part of the week.

As we recall, Main Street was cleaned up once early this spring — but the side streets hadn't been cleaned up since the leaves were picked up last October — and were they ever a mess!

Maybe if the plan goes thru to flush all the hydrants out, eventually all of the winter's dust will get washed down into the storm sewers and people will be able to sit out on their porches again during the hot summer months (?) without having a dust cloud settle down on them every time a car goes by.

And while on the same subject, Andover really is up-to-date with the only "open-air" Theatre within the Village limits — anywhere in this area. How about that?

By the way Folks, don't forget that the Andover Lions Club is serving a Chicken Bar-B-Que Dinner on Monday, Memorial Day on the Andover School Grounds starting after the Parade until all are served — or the chickens are all gone.

Yes, they will deliver dinners to shut-ins so just call one of the Lions Members and make arrangements on Monday.

Incidentally, this dinner is being put on — rain or shine — as the boys intend to put up two large tents so you folks can eat under shelter.

Andover Theatre Roof Collapses

The roof over the three-story section of the Andover Theatre which covered the stage, collapsed around 7 a. m., just after Art Kemp, mechanic and bus driver had driven one of the school buses outdoors.

The collapsing of the roof on the Andover Theatre building just saved me the trouble of tearing it down, said Glenn Thorp, owner of the 67-year-old building.

Mr. Thorp said he's in the process of remodeling the theatre and was planning to tear off the old roof anyway.

It broke off just about where I wanted it to, he said. I'll just have to take it down another three or four feet.

Mr. Thorp had the theatre open until three years ago, and is planning to re-open it when remodeling is completed.

He also operates the Wellsville Drive-In Theatre on Route 17, the Andover-Wellsville Road.

The roof of the three-story brick structure apparently fell in two separate segments, with the first break sending debris through the roof of the adjoining Andover Central School bus garage just shortly before the drivers began arriving Monday morning. A second larger portion of the roof collapsed about 12:15 p. m.

Although the debris falling through the roof of the bus garage inflicted minor damage one one of the buses, it did not put it out of commission.



Newly elected Officers of the Andover PTSO. (L-R) Pam Morris, Secretary; Mary Jane McNeill, Treasurer; Melinda Hoagland, President; Karen Peterson, 1st Vice-President; Bonnie Cooper, 2nd Vice-President; Curville Jordan, 3rd Vice-President.

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The Mayor's Column

by "Mike" Braae

Hi Villagers — Time for our monthly get together.

Missed on three successive dates with the Wellsville sweeper. They had major mechanical problems. While I'm writing this report the streets are being swept and will be as clean as possible for the Memorial Day weekend festivities.

If you want to picnic, the Grove has been policed by the Crew and is ready for picnicking.

Catch basins are being cleaned and if the Crew hasn't cleaned yours yet, don't despair, it will be done before the end of the month.

June 3rd is the next flushing date, then the 24th of June and again on the 15th of July. After the July date, they will be done on a monthly basis, hopefully in conjunction with the Volunteers.

If any problems arise, I can be called at 478-8514. Yep, that's my new home phone. I might regret giving this number, but in order to give better service to the village call me and things will be taken care of as soon as possible. Might not have 24 hour coverage, because even my wife has to shop and we do like to go out evenings, especially in this beautiful country. Just try later.

Have to apologize. The Village can no longer remove trees from private property without charging a fee. The fee will be \$50.00.

However, you can use the village land fill for free, but please notify us at least twenty-four hours in advance, so a key to the gate can be made available. If you intend to remove any tree or brush on a Sunday call for your key on Friday. This will not effect the normal brush pick-up in any way. Would like to have brush bundled and tied to make handling faster.

SAVE THE PHONE NUMBER 478-8514.

Have safe and fun Memorial Day weekend.

"Jim" Stoddard



Curville Jordan, ACS Supervising Principal, presents Miss Doris Church with a plaque for her thirty years of service as a teacher in the Andover School System at the PTSO Banquet. Miss Church is retiring at the end of this school semester.

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Little League Thank You

Andover Youth Baseball Association would like to thank local residents and businesses who so generously donated a total of \$277.50 last Saturday.

OES Notice

The Order of Eastern Star will meet Monday evening, May 26 at 8:00 P. M., at the Masonic Temple. There will be a Memorial Service and all Officers and Members are asked to be present — Officers are

Mrs. Harriett Patte

Mrs. Harriett Patte of Brockport, mother of Mrs. T. J. Lynch, of Andover, died Tuesday, May 13, 1975 at the Genesee Hospital in Rochester.

Funeral services were held in Brockport Saturday with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester.

The lunch committee is Doris Baker and Betty Grossman.

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