

# READING, U.S.A.

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Community of Reading Vision Statement: A renewed community built on Commitment, Faith, and Families. "Come grow with us!"

## Public Square

The Public Square Communities staff began working with the community of Reading mid-June 2011. A steering committee was nominated representing the four sectors of the Public Square - Business, Government, Education, and Human Services. Sixteen citizens agreed to serve.



Meeting weekly, this group was interviewed by the Public Square colleagues - Rick Behrens and Liz Hendricks. Then the steering committee members each interviewed 3 to 4 other citizens of Reading. In all, 57 interviews were conducted and 43 community surveys completed.

The steering committee invited the community to a Community Conversation held on July 27th at the Reading School. The community looked at the interview and survey data and generated improvement ideas for Reading. The community also nominated vision nominees and asked for volunteers for action teams. Twenty-seven vision nominees met for a all day retreat on August 20th at the Flint Hills Technical College in Emporia. At the retreat, the group refined the community conversation data and created a vision statement and four action teams. These action teams have been trained, their con-conveners have been selected, trained, and all are meeting and working on their goals.

Steering Committee members are Brain Velasquez, Debbie Garrison, Albert Atchison, Dave Siler, Angel Garcia, Lyle Williams, Julie Wilkerson, Bill Hanlon, Tammy Patterson, Mo Keith, Terry DeDonder, Malonne Davies, J.T. Crawford, Melannie Pritchard, Jerry Karr, and Kevin Sorenson.

Action Teams and Co-Conveners: Park- J.T. Crawford and Jann Briggs; Housing-Bill Paige and Debbie Garrison; Incubator- Brian Velasquez and Malonne Davies; and Communication - Heather Jones and Barbara Schlobohm.

## United Methodist Church

Children's Service: During Sermon  
Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.



Community dinner at noon on Sunday, October 2; bring a covered dish and join your friends and neighbors for some much needed fun and relaxation.

UMW Friends will have their monthly meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesday, October 12th at Cynthia Wilson's house. Please join us for an enjoyable evening of fellowship.



## Baptist Church

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

## City Hall

Next meeting Thursday, October 6th, 7pm at Reading School. City Hall should be open at the main street location by mid-October.

As of Monday, September 12th Lonnie Atchison resigned as our mayor and we would like to thank him for his service especially through these trying times since the tornado. As president of the Council, Kevin Sorensen is our new mayor; please welcome Kevin as he assumes his new responsibilities.

The town Christmas tree will be planted next month.

A grant has been submitted for the funding of the city lagoon project and B & G Consulting is the engineering firm assisting with the cleanup.

Jenifer Hanneman has replaced Frances Sapp on the council.

Newsletters are published as photo albums on FaceBook on our Reading, Kansas Government/Community page.

Kevin Sorensen 699-3300, Bill Paige 699-3370, Jenifer Hanneman 620-412-1639, and Todd Hensley 699-3322. City Hall 699-3870 - Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Tom Corpening 620-794-2556, City Clerk email address: reading\_clerk@seamless.net.

## Post Office

We can all breathe a sigh of relief due to the efforts of Senators Jerry Moran and Pat Roberts and others. We earned a temporary reprieve from the postal service closure. The local post office has been directed to take down everything related to the closure and return it. The closure suspension has no time limitation and there is not any plan to bring in a temporary post office building.

## Bank

After the tornado, the bank sold the building to the city and opened a temporary site in Osage City. The owners of Tightwad Bank than petitioned the banking commission for permission to move the bank to Merriam.

Mayor Sorenson has at least three banks interested in coming to Reading. One is working on the paperwork, a second bank made an appointment to look at our facilities, and a third is from Emporia.

After a change of heart, the owners of Tightwad instructed Cindy Koch to call our mayor wanting to return to Reading immediately. After refusing to rent the bank to Tightwad one of the owners, Don Higdon called personally. Tightwad will not be returning to Reading, but we will have a bank very soon!

## Facebook/Newsletter

The Reading Tornado page will be ending in October. City information and upcoming events will be available at City Hall or on-line at one of two sites: Reading, Kansas a Community/Government Facebook page and a temporary city website at <http://rdginfocntr.blogspot.com>. We hope to have an official City of Reading website up and running in a few weeks.



The Communication Action Team is hard at work to restore and reconnect our community members. We will be printing the monthly newsletter to be mailed with the city bills and to those who have requested a copy. If you have information to share please have it to Barbara Schlobohm before the 20th of the month to be included in the following newsletter. If you would like a copy and are not receiving one contact Heather Jones 699-3442 or Barbara Schlobohm at 699-3371.



## Senior Meals

These meals are for anyone and will be delivered to your door, for a nominal fee. If you are interested in receiving meals, please call the Senior Center in Allen at 620-528-3414 or the Department on Aging at 620-342-6119.

## Library News



I assume we're all making progress against the tornado. It's great to see new houses coming up, and everyone moving on. We were lucky in that the library was basically undamaged. We've had many donations, and we're now over 9,000 books. Donations were made by the Norling family, Debbie Patton, Glenda Estes, Shelly Ogbeby, Tom Willard, John Voorhees, Julie (Stephanie Smith's daughter), and the Hickman families from Holton. The Heathmans also donated a DVD. Thanks so much, and God bless everyone as we rebuild our town. Hope to see you all at the library.

Bette Eby

## Reading Community Development

Meeting 7:00pm Tuesday, September 27th at the park, and on Tuesday, October 11th, 7:00pm at the UMC.



### Miracle Cafe

The Miracle Cafe is hopeful that the Grand reopening will be towards the end of October. Keep your eye on our Facebook Page - The Miracle Cafe for future updates.

## Lions Club

Reading Lions Club will begin to meet again this fall. We meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Our next meeting will be Monday, October 10th at 7 p.m. Due to the fact that Reading lost the Civic Building our meetings will take place in the Reading Methodist Church; please consider joining us! If you are interested in becoming a member or learning about what Lions do for their community, please join us.



## Planting Flowers and Trees

It's time to plant some of the flower bulbs Reading received this summer from America Responds with Love, Inc. There were both fall and spring bulbs donated so some will not be planted until May. We have Astilbe bulbs to plant in the next few weeks.

Astilbe is a perennial which grows well in bright sun or light shade. It grows from 10 to 30 inches in height and has dark green glossy leaves with tall plumes of soft feathery flowers. I believe our bulbs will have white or pink flowers. Astilbe will bloom from May through September and the spent flower heads can over winter add to the winter landscape. They do need consistent water so that the roots do not dry. Work the soil 9-12 inches deep and plant the root ball so that it is level with the ground once planted. Water thoroughly and consistently to help establish roots.

Steve Burnett from UMCOR will have a group of volunteers in Reading on Saturday, October 8th and Saturday the 15th to help us plant. Have your soil worked or get a pot ready with some potting soil and contact Barbara at 699-3371 or Heather at 699-3442 to be added to the list.

Anyone needing help with existing trees or wanting to plant new trees, please call Amy Jordan with K-State Research & Ext for Lyon County at 620-341-3220. Amy is our local Horticulturist and is happy to help in any way she can. Email her at [ajordan@KSU.edu](mailto:ajordan@KSU.edu). Here is a website that Amy provided that will be helpful if you are looking to plant new trees <http://kansasforests.org/pubs/community/sc%20Trees%20-%20FINA>.

## Community Baby Shower

Baby Shower for Amanda Meek on Sunday, October 9th from 2 to 4 at RUMC. Stop by, have some goodies, and wish Amanda well. Shower is being hosted by her sisters, Kim Retallick and Melissa Garrison.

## Northern Heights High School

### Wildcats Calendar of Events

- Oct. 3 Site Based Council
- Oct. 3 JV/FB-Central Heights at NHHS 6pm
- Oct. 4 VB-W Franklin at NHHS 5PM
- Oct. 4 Senior Recognition
- Oct. 5 Homecoming Parade 6pm
- Oct. 6 CC-NHHS at Osage City 4pm
- Oct. 7 Homecoming 6:30pm
- Oct. 7 FB-W Franklin at NHHS 7pm
- Oct. 8 VB-NHHS at Council Grove Tournament (V) 9am
- Oct. 10 JV/FB-NHHS at W Franklin 6pm
- Oct. 11 VB-NHHS at Mission Vly 5pm
- Oct. 13 CC-FHL at Lyndon 4pm
- Oct. 14 FB-Burlington at NHHS 7pm
- Oct. 14 Senior Recognition

## Northern Heights High School cont.

### Wildcats Calendar of Events

- Oct. 15 VB-FHL Tournament at Osage City 9am
- Oct. 17 JV/FB-NHHS at Burlington at NHHS 6pm
- Oct. 18 VB-NHHS at Herington 5pm
- Oct. 21 FB-NHHS at Council Grove 7pm
- Oct. 22 CC-Regionals
- Oct. 22 VB-Sub State
- Oct. 24 NHHS Picture Retakes/Senior Portraits
- Oct. 25 Parent Teacher Conference 5:30-9pm
- Oct. 26 Parent Teacher Conference 5:30-9pm
- Oct. 27 FB-NHHS at Osage City 7pm
- Oct. 28 No School
- Oct. 28 VB-State
- Oct. 29 CC-State
- Oct. 29 VB-State



## NLC (Americus) Jr. High School

### JR wildcats Calendar of Events

- Oct. 4 PTO 7pm
- Oct. 5 Site Based Council Meeting 5:30pm
- Oct. 6 VB-Chase County at NLC 4:30pm
- Oct. 6 FB-Chase County at NLC 6:30pm
- Oct. 13 VB-NLC at Council Grove 4:30pm
- Oct. 13 FB-NLC at Council Grove 6:30pm
- Oct. 15 VB-FHJL Tournament at Herington 9am
- Oct. 25 NLC at ESU Vocal Music Clinic 3pm/Concert 7pm
- Oct. 25 Parent Teacher Conference 5:30-9pm
- Oct. 26 Parent Teacher Conference 5:30-9pm
- Oct. 27 Picture Retakes
- Oct. 28 No School

## HAMBURGER/BRAT FEED

**Date: Friday, October 7th**  
*Time: 5:30-7:30 pm*

Northern Heights After-Prom Committee will be hosting a hamburger and brat cookout before the homecoming football game on Friday, October 7th.

- Hamburger or brat
- Chips
- Baked beans
- Homemade dessert
- Tea or water
- \$5.00 per dinner
- Extra brat or hamburger \$2.00
- Extra dessert \$1.00

  
**Come support After Prom and the Northern Heights Wildcats as the Wildcats take on West Franklin.**

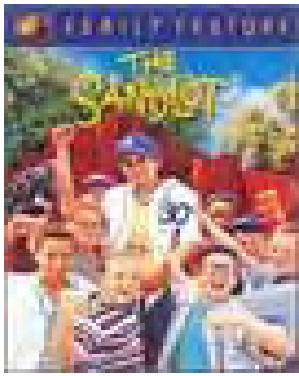
## Reading School

### Calendar of Events

- Oct. 7 Picture Retakes
- Oct. 21 End of First Nine Weeks
- Oct. 25 Parent Teacher Conference 5:30-9pm No Meal
- Oct. 26 Parent Teacher Conference 5:30-9pm No Meal
- Oct. 28 No School
- Oct. 31 Fall Festival and Halloween Party during School Parade 2:30pm







**Free  
Movie and Popcorn  
in the Gym  
7 pm on Friday,  
November 4th**

**Rating: PG · Genre: Children's/Family ·  
Run time: 1 hrs 41 min**

The Sandlot is sparsely narrated by the main character (now an adult) who occasionally drops in on the action to comment on events or help move the story along. Tom Guiry plays Scotty Smalls, the shy new kid on the block who wants to join the rowdy pickup baseball team that plays every day in the neighborhood sandlot. But he doesn't know how to catch a baseball, and his stepfather (Dennis Leary) is too busy to teach him. He tries out for the sandlot gang anyway, and though he isn't very good, it turns out he's lucky: there happen to be only eight of them, and nine makes a team. The summer passes blissfully as Scotty learns to play ball under the wing of Benny Rodriguez (Mike Vitar), the oldest and best player, as well as Ham, Squints, Repeat, and the rest of the kid-eccentrics. The skies darken, however, when Benny literally knocks the stuffing out of the team's only baseball, a sign of impending doom, or worse, bad luck. Wanting to set things right, Scotty returns home and "borrows" his stepfather's ball, which he promptly uses to hit his first home run, knocking the ball clear out of the sandlot into mean old Mr. Mertle (James Earl Jones)'s junkyard, home to Mertle's legendary guard dog The Beast. Scotty admits that he took the ball without asking, and he naively explains that his stepfather will want it back since it had a woman's name written on it: some lady named Babe Ruth. Horror-stricken, the sandlot gang mobilizes to fetch the autographed ball from the clutches of The Beast, building a series of mechanical ball-retrieval machines which get progressively more complicated and preposterous as The Beast's size grows in their imaginations.

### Business Incubator Action Team

The Business Incubator Action Team will be working to create an environment that will help start or attract new businesses to Reading and to support and promote existing businesses. We hope to attract or assist with establishing two new businesses in Reading over the next two years. Reading has logistic capabilities that should be attractive to businesses. We have railway and highway access as well as multiple community leaders with the same goals for the community. Team members are gathering information about resources to assist small businesses, attract and /or facilitate starting new businesses.

Brian Velasquez, [cmc@seamless.net](mailto:cmc@seamless.net) and Malonne Davies, [davies.malonne@gmail.com](mailto:davies.malonne@gmail.com) are co-conveners for the team. Other team members include Scott Briggs, Reta Jackson, Melainie Pritchard, Laura Velasquez and Scott Wilkerson.



### Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts meet after school every other Wednesday at UMC after school. October meetings are on the 5th and 19th from 3:30 to 4:45pm. For more information please contact Amy Crawford.

### Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts meet every other Thursday at UMC after school. October meetings are on the 6th and 20th from 3:30 to 4:45pm. For more information please contact Ed Sapp.



Greenhouse for Reading School children on the Heathmans lot across from the school made by Bill Hanlon and a host of volunteers.

### Needing Volunteers

Angel Garcia has been working at Lowther School in Emporia taking down the fence and the playground equipment for our park. Please contact Amber Atchison to help Angel finish this project, he had no help with the fencing.

### ABATE Ride for Reading

The ABATE Ride for Reading starts at 9am in the park, Saturday, October 1st. Food will be served from 11am to 7pm. Truck Pull at 2pm, all spectators pay \$10 with proceeds going to Reading. Beer Garden will be available - NO COOLERS allowed as this is a family event.

### City Gas

All the gas meters are hooked up, please call City Hall or Tom to make an appointment to have your gas turned on; you must be home when this is done.

### Housing Action Team

The Public Square Action Team for housing has met three times. They will be contacting each resident or lot owner in the near future with a brief survey. They will be asking if their housing needs have been met, and if not, what can be done to help them. Such needs may be additional yard cleaning up, rebuilding, or winterization of their current home. This will include renters and business owners and it does not need to be only related to the tornado. Please take the time to answer their questions when they call. If you have any questions contact cochair: Debbie Garrison (699-3850) or Bill Paige (699-3370).

### Harvester's Food Bank of Wichita

Barbara Schlobohm has forms for preordering free food boxes for the people of Reading to be delivered on October 26th.

### Telethon for Reading


October 15th is the date that has been set for the Telethon for Reading in Kansas City. McCarthy Chevrolet dealerships are the coordinating sponsors on KCTV, Channel 5.











# October 2011





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<i>Reading, Kansas not just a community, but a way of life!</i>						 1 ABATE RIDE 9am Truck Pull 2pm Food from 11am-7pm  Americus Days Library 10 - noon
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2 UMC Community Dinner Noon	3 NHHS Site Based Council Meeting JV/FB-Central Heights at NHHS 6pm	4 VB-W Franklin at NHHS 5pm Senior Recognition Americus PTO 7pm	5  Girl Scout Meeting DCC Meeting NLC Site Based Council 5:30pm NHHS Homecoming Parade 6pm	6  City Council Meeting 7pm  Boy Scout Meeting CC-NHHS at Osage City 4pm FB & VB-Chase County at NLC 4:30pm	7 Reading School picture retakes NHHS Homecoming 6:30pm Dinner 5:30-7:30 FB-W Franklin at NHHS 7pm	8  Bulb Planting Admire 125th Celebration VB-NHHS at Council Grove V Tournament 9am Library 10 - noon
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9  Baby Shower 2 to 4pm	10  Lions meeting 7pm JV/FB-NHHS at W Franklin 6pm School Board Meeting 7pm <b>Columbus Day</b>	11  RCD meeting 7pm VB-NHHS at Mission Vly 5pm	12  Friends meeting 6:30pm Technology Meeting PSAT	13 CC-FHL at Lyndon 4pm VB-NLC at Council Grove 4:30pm FB-NLC at Council Grove 6:30pm	14 FB-Burlington at NHHS 7pm Senior Recognition	15 Bulb Planting Telethon for Reading in KC  FHJL VB-Tournament at Herington VB-FHL-Tournament at Osage City 9am Library 10 - noon
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16	17 JV/FB-NHHS at Burlington 6pm <b>Boss's Day</b>	18 VB-NHHS at Herington 5pm	19  Girl Scout Meeting  Communication Action meeting After School Teacher Inservice Driver Meeting 9am <b>Bus Driver Appreciation Day</b>	20  Boy Scout Meeting <b>Info for Newsletter due!</b> 	21 End of 1st 9 Weeks FB-NHHS at Council Grove 7pm	22 ACT Test CC-Regionals VB-Sub State Library 10 - noon
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23	24  Lions meeting 7pm NHHS Picture retakes /Senior Portraits School Board Meeting 7pm	25 NLC at ESU Vocal Music Clinic 3pm/ Concert 7pm Parent Teacher Conference 5:30-9pm	26  Harvester's Food Boxes Parent Teacher Conference 5:30-9pm	27 Americus Picture Retakes FB-NHHS at Osage City 7pm	28 NO School VB-State	29 CC-State VB-State Library 10 - noon
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30	31 Reading Fall Festival Reading School Parade 2:30 <b>Halloween</b>	Send information for Newsletter to: Linda Woods 1743 Road 175 Emporia, KS 66801 Fax: 620-342-7898 <a href="mailto:iwoods@wildblue.net">iwoods@wildblue.net</a>				
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Community of Reading Vision Statement: A renewed community built on Commitment, Faith, and Families. "Come grow with us!"

## Public Square

The Reading Steering Committee is meeting twice a month and hearing reports on the action teams and giving feedback. We will have a Community Update on Wednesday, November 2nd at the Miracle Cafe at 7pm. Everyone is invited. Reports from all the action teams will be given and the public will be asked to give feedback. The steering committee is evaluating its relationship with Public Square Communities and will make a decision as to whether to continue using their service. Four members of the community will be attending the Public Square annual conference to be held in Great Bend November 17 and 18.



## United Methodist Church

Children's Service: During Sermon  
Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.



We would like to welcome the new UMC pastor and her family, Pastor Hyun Jung Choi. You have probably noticed Hyun Jung along with her husband Ilho Lim (we call him, Lee) and cute little Paul taking walks through town. Hyun Jung and Lee are originally from South Korea. Hyun Jung studied at St Paul School of Theology in Kansas City and graduated in May with a Master's degree in Divinity. Stop by the parsonage and introduce yourself. Pastor Choi is available for home visits by calling 699-3808.

Reading UMW presents **Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!**  
Wednesday, November 9th  
**Annual Reading Community Women's Guest Supper**

To all Reading Community women, please join us for a soup and sandwich supper at 6:30 pm followed by a fun program. We'll all been through so much in the last five months. We hope you will join us for a little fun and entertainment. For more information, contact Marion Jones, 699-3471.



## Baptist Church

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

## City Hall

Next meeting Thursday, November 3rd, 7pm at Reading School. Carol Ann Higgins, City Clerk has been moved back into the rehabilitated City Hall building at 413 First Street.

At the October 6th meeting Laura Velazquez and Angel Garcia reported progress on Public Square projects. The Communication Team reported that the [rdginfocntr.blogspot.com](http://rdginfocntr.blogspot.com) was up and running along with news being sent through The Shopper, The Gazette and KVOE. For those unable to access the internet, there are flyers being posted and the city newsletter mailed out with bills.

Jeff Lynch, Lyon County Grant Writer explained the grant which was awarded to the Reading area for the rehabilitation of homes. You do NOT have to have tornado damage (but you get

extra points if you do), it is income based and you can live two miles outside of the city limits in Lyon County to apply. Forms can be obtained from Carol Ann or Barbara Schlobohm. Public Information Officer, Barbara Schlobohm reported on upcoming opportunities and dates she will be representing Reading at meetings and fund-raisers. She also gave out the address for everyone to write a letter in October about keeping our post office.

Resident Dean Moiello asked for help ridding his yard of clutter to which the Council members readily agreed and informed him of the \$50 car removal bonus from the RCD.

Dwight Adams of the UMethodist Disaster Relief spoke to council members concerning the installation of 3 to 5 RV spots. Caravaners are highly skilled construction laborers who travel all over the country to help with major rehabilitation and construction projects. He has a commitment from several who will come to Reading if they have water, electricity, some type of pad and a place to dump sewage. The council members were pleased to hear about this opportunity; it was tabled for later action.

The gas leak on the highway has been repaired. B & G Consulting is moving forward with the city lagoon project.

Heather Jones was sworn in filling the council seat vacated by Marc Atchison, and Ed Sapp for Mayor Kevin Sorensen's seat.

Mayor Kevin Sorensen 699-3300, Bill Paige 699-3370, Jenifer Hanneman 620-412-1639, Heather Jones 620-340-2442, Ed Sapp, and Todd Hensley 699-3322. City Hall 699-3870. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tom Corpening 620-794-2556, City Clerk email address: [reading\\_clerk@seamless.net](mailto:reading_clerk@seamless.net).

## Post Office

The process to close the Reading Post Office is on hold until the beginning of December. It will help to get a temporary office here. **PLEASE** take the time to write this gentleman and express the importance to our community and to your life. Sylvester Black, VP of Western Area, 1745 Stout Street, Suite 1000, Denver, CO. 80299.

Mr. Black is over everyone in Omaha. When questioned, Patrick Donahue Postmaster General of the United States stated no one should be more than 3 to 5 miles from a full service post office.

## Bank

Jaret Moyer is the owner of Citizen's State Bank and Trust coming into Reading. Cindy Koch and Debbie Garrison have been hired as employees and they are busy updating the interior before opening in the next few weeks.

## Damaged Cars

The RCD will partner with the city on removal of non-functioning vehicles from the city of Reading. RCD will pay a \$50 bonus on top of the salvage earnings for up to 10 vehicles. Each resident will fill out a form and submit it to RCD to receive the bonus money!



### Pancake Feed



The traditional Lions' Club Pancake feed will be held on Saturday, December 3rd in the basement of the UMC. Mark your calendars NOW because 100% of the proceeds will go to help Santa provide treats for the kids at Reading School. There will be no raffle. Lions Club November meetings will be Monday the 14th and Monday the 28th at 7pm.

### Stump Grinding

Randy Wellnitz was awarded the contract for the public land.

### New City Website

The domain, [www.cityofreadingks.com](http://www.cityofreadingks.com) has been purchased and work is being done to build a website. It will be a while, so please continue to check the city blogsite ([rdginfocntr.blogspot.com](http://rdginfocntr.blogspot.com)) and our city/community page on facebook for announcements and opportunities. Next Communication Team meeting Wednesday, November 16th 7pm at UMC.

### Pre-Tornado Pictures

The Reading Birthday Calendar is full of pre-tornado pictures for your keepsakes. You can get the pictures and birthdays for \$5 from RCD members Debbie Garrison or Reta Jackson.

### 2012 Camaro Fund-raiser

You still have time to purchase one of the 3,000 tickets for the opportunity to be awarded a 2012 Red Camaro Convertible on Tuesday, November 15th. Tickets are available for \$40 from Reta Jackson, Barbara Schlobohm, or at City Hall. All proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity for Reading.



### Senior Meals

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### L-CAT County Public Bus Service

#### TO RIDE:

⇒ Call the L-Cat office to request a ride at least 24 hours

before the desired trip day to ensure a bus is there.

If no reservations are received from a town, L-Cat may reroute or cancel the trip to that town for that day.

⇒ Be at the designated boarding/departure location in each town at least 15 minutes before scheduled departure time.

Buses must leave on time to stay on schedule.

#### FARES:

- One Person - Round Trip ..... \$3.00
- Couple - Round Trip ..... \$5.00
- Children Accompanying Parent ..... \$1.25 Each

#### L-CAT OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

620-342-4207



### Recycling



The recycling trailer from Lyon County is parked in front of the school on the first and third Thursday of each month. There are bins for newspaper, magazines, junk mail, #2 plastic (color plastic like detergent bottles), cardboard, tin cans, milk jugs, pop bottles, clear and colored glass containers.

### AT&T DSL

After calling AT&T, information was forwarded to me that DSL was available in my area, meaning the city of Reading. In fact it is not, it was suggested that I call their Executive Offices to register a complaint that I was upset after trying to obtain DSL services and finding out it was not available. The more complaints they have on record the faster something might be done. Please call 1-800-697-6500 to register a complaint. After a few automated prompts you will get to talk to a representative, tell them you wish to register/lodge a complaint about the lack of service to Reading. They will take down some sort of information and make a record of the complaint. Thank you, Harlan Brown.

### Library News



How quickly these months fly by and winter is rapidly approaching! Hope everyone is ready.

October has been very busy personally as well as library donations. Virginia Barger, Laura Velazques, and Tom Willard all brought books by. We also received books and DVD's from the Friends of the Library of our sister city, Reading MA. It has been wonderful communicating with Ron D'Addario and several others from the Reading, MA area. Many thanks to all who have donated. I have not had time since the tornado to do all the things that need to be done at the library to get it up to speed. Hope to get that done soon.

Sure would like to see more people using the library. Remember winter coming on, there is nothing better than curling up in front of the fire and reading a good book -- and we have many good books available to you.

Bette Eby

### Reading Community Development

RCD partnered with The Emporia Community Foundation in order to give people a place to donate money and get a tax deduction credit for a charitable donation. The Reading Community Fund has been established for the purpose of furtherance of improving the City of Reading and its environs as a direct response to the tornado which devastated the Reading KS area. Anyone wishing to make a charitable donation to the fund may send it to the Emporia Community Foundation, 527 Commercial Street Suite 401, PO Box 1337, Emporia KS 66801 or directly to RCD Inc.

RCD Inc. hired The Public Square Communities in order to facilitate and help community members in developing a plan as to how best to use the funds that are donated. Meetings are being held and Action Teams have been established. If you wish your voice to be heard we encourage you to get INVOLVED.... Talk, Listen, find out what is going on and attend meetings.

Old business from October 11th meeting: The playground equipment from Lowther School is down and in Reading. There were additional questions about the community sign which will be discussed at the next meeting. Ken Calhoun is still in the process of lining up some more donors for the Capital Fundraising Campaign with ECF will see how it is coming next meeting. Still working on the proclamation of sister cities with Reading, MA.

The MC Rally & Truck Pull was a huge success. Good attendance, beautiful day and lots of food sold. Great help and volunteers did a great job. They are thinking they may want to make it an annual event. They raised over \$7,000 and there has been much discussion on if we could put the money into the Emporia Community Foundation fund to be set aside until a later date when it was decided what the funds would be used for. Lots of different ideas on how to handle this and no decision was made. We need everyone to think on this and bring back ideas for follow up at the next meeting.

RCD Inc. meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Anyone and everyone is welcome. Much discussion is ongoing as to the use of the funds and no decisions have been made. PLEASE GET INVOLVED AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

### **Miracle Cafe**

Things are moving right along... just not quite as fast as I would like them to. But, we should be able to have a painting party very soon. New projected opening is mid-November (just as soon as I can). Hours will remain the same as they were, Monday thru Thursday 9-3:30, Friday 9-9, and Saturday 6-11am - serving breakfast only. Small change in daily specials: Monday, Roast Beef; Tuesday, Fried Chicken; Wednesday, cooks choice; Thursday, Ham; and Friday, Mexican. Friday night specials will be served from 6-9pm.

We will have a large meeting room for the organizations in town to be able to use. It also can be booked for birthdays, holiday parties, or groups. We already have a family Thanksgiving and two Christmas parties booked. So call soon to make your reservations. We will be up and going for the holidays so remember The Miracle Cafe for pies, cookies, cinnamon rolls, or gift certificates. Thanks to all of you for your continued support and patience. We really are coming soon!

### **The Big Saw**

The Kansas City area and Emporia Rotary Clubs are coming to town on Saturday, November 12th to clean the riparian area just south of town. You are asked to come help drag some limbs, pick up downed branches, or toss split wood in the trucks.

### **Community Potluck**

Potluck dinner noon at the Reading United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 6th. Bring your favorite dish to share.



### **Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by Rosalee Voorhees. Rosalee will fix the turkey, potatoes, dressing... you bring your favorite dish to share! Noon at the Reading United Methodist Church.

### **Benefit Concert**

William Baker Choral Foundation at Faith Lutheran Church, 4805 West 67th Street (at Roe Ave) in Prairie Village 2pm on Sunday, November 6th. 100% of the donations will benefit Reading Tornado Victims. Barbara Schlobohm will be guest speaker.

### **Community Celebration Free Movie & Popcorn**

**The Sandlot**

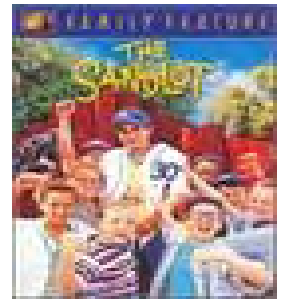
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**November 4th**

**7-9pm Reading School**

**Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to sit on.**



### **After School Care**

Last spring, the Patron Insight survey commissioned by the Board of Education indicated a significant desire for the district to provide an after school program. We responded by implementing just such a program at both elementary schools. However, due to the decreases in funding from the State, these programs would need to be financially self supporting. Based upon our costs for supervision and snacks, the break even participation rate for the program is approximately fifteen students. The year began well above that number, but has since declined to between 11 and 12 students daily. It is possible that cold weather may bring an increase in those numbers, which would certainly guarantee the continuation of this valuable opportunity.

The After School Program cost is \$2.50/hour and provides a maximum of two hours of supervision that includes homework help, instructional games and activities, and a daily snack. Higher levels of consistent participation may allow the district to reduce the rate, but further decline may force the discontinuation of this service.

### **Reading School**

I would like to thank all parents who attended parent/teacher conferences. Your support is very much appreciated. Parents at conferences represented ninety-seven percent of the students.

The character trait for November is **Honesty**-Being sincere and truthful: your actions match your word; also called integrity. The color is brown.

### **Red Ribbon Week**

“Paws”-itively Drug Free. There were many fun activities during Red Ribbon Week held October 24 through October 28.

“Sock It to Drugs” was Monday’s theme. Students wore crazy socks. Red ribbons were given to each student and staff to wear throughout the week. “Turn Your Back on Drugs” was the theme for Tuesday. Students wore their clothes backwards as a symbol of being drug free. Students also received a sucker. “We’re Building a Drug Free Life” was Wednesday’s theme. Students created bricks with their name on them and built a “drug free” brick wall. Students were encouraged to wear red and received drug free pencils. “Living Drug Free is no Sweat” was Thursday’s theme. Students wore sweats, had a tug-a-war contest and prizes were given. The week was very educational and enjoyed by all.

### **Reading Fall Festival**

Reading School held their fall festival on Monday, October 31. They began the morning with activities of rotation destinations. Each child was assigned a group of Apples, Leaves, Ghosts, Pumpkins, Owls, or Bats. Each group enjoyed six activities throughout the morning. The activities the children enjoyed included pumpkin decoration

## Incubator Building Survey

The Public Square Incubator Action Team would like to get your ideas and opinions with this survey. Please complete and return to City Hall as soon as possible. It will be picked up by one of the members of the Action Team.

We are looking at the feasibility of a General Store which would be one building with many businesses located in it. Please check any or all the types of products that you would like to see available in a general store.

Books/Cards/Gifts	Paper products	Household supplies
Toiletry items	Diapers	Cleaning supplies
Baking items	Food/boxed/canned	over the counter Medicine
Groceries/Milk/Bread		Hunting/Camping supplies
Other _____		

What other types of services or types of stores would you like to see occupy this building also?

Please check any or all that apply.

ATM	Video Rental	Laundromat	Photo Development
Quilt Store	Antique Store	Arts/Craft Store	Book Store
Consignment Store	Furniture store		2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Store

These are just some of the ideas that were presented. Please let us know if you have more.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What do you see as the most significant challenges for the success of such a building in Reading? Check all or any that apply.

Competitive Pricing	Quality of items offered	Community Support
Business Hours	Customer Service	Availability of Products
Operating Cost	Repairs/Maintenance of Bdlg.	Funding

List any ideas you would have to help face these challenges and rectify the problems.



and a story. Each child took a real pumpkin home. They also enjoyed a hayrack ride, paper bag pumpkin art, s'mores, an autumn obstacle course and Halloween Bingo with prizes.

After enjoying a lunch of Goblin Gobs (ravioli), Frog Hair (lettuce), Zombie Fingers (green beans), Broom Sticks (break sticks), Bat Toes (pineapple) and Ghost Juice (milk), Mrs. Gay, our music teacher led the children in a fall music program for all to enjoy.

Students then dressed in their Halloween costumes and had a parade in the school and downtown Reading where businesses gave each student a treat.

All classes then returned to their classrooms where they enjoyed their Halloween parties.

### Camp Alexander Character Education

Camp Alexander's team of counselors will be visiting Reading School on Monday afternoons to work with students in grades three through five on team building and Character Education. They will focus on kindness, respect, honesty, responsibility, courage, self-discipline, citizenship, and cooperation.

**The Faculty, Staff, and Bus Drivers of Reading School  
Wish Your Family A Happy Thanksgiving.**

### Calendar of Events

- Nov. 4 Movie Night at the School Movie and Popcorn 7-9pm
- Nov. 7 BB Lyndon at NLC 4pm
- Nov. 10 No School In Service
- Nov. 11 No School
- Nov. 14 BB Chase County at NLC 4pm
- Nov. 16 Progress Reports mailed
- Nov. 17 BB Council Grove at NLC 4pm
- Nov. 23-24-25 No School Thanksgiving Break



**Please remember to save Cambell's product labels  
and boxtops for education to help our school!**

### Girl Scouts



The Girl Scouts meet after school every other Wednesday at UMC after school. November meetings are on the 2nd, the 16th, and the 30th from 3:30 to 4:45pm. For more information please contact Amy Crawford.

### Boy Scouts



The Boy Scouts meet every other Thursday at UMC after school. November meetings are on the 3rd and the 17th from 3:30 to 4:45pm. For more information please contact Ed Sapp.

## 5 Northern Heights High School

### Wildcats Calendar of Events

- Nov. 2 FCCLA Fall Leadership Academy
- Nov. 5 FB Regionals
- Nov. 7 Site Based Council Meeting
- Nov. 11 FB Sectionals
- Nov. 12 Fall Play 7pm
- Nov. 14 BB Practice Begins
- Nov. 18 FB-Sub State
- Nov. 23-25 No School
- Nov. 26 FB-State



## NLC (Americus) Jr. High School

### JR wildcats Calendar of Events
















- Nov. 1 PTO 7pm
- Nov. 2 Site Based Council Meeting 5:30pm
- Nov. 3 BB-NLC at Chase County 4:30pm
- Nov. 7 BB-Lyndon at NLC 4pm
- Nov. 11 NLC to Veterans Day Parade
- Nov. 14 BB-Chase County at NLC
- Nov. 17 NLC BB Pictures  
BB-Council Grove at NLC 4pm
- Nov. 21 BB-Herington at NLC 4pm
- Nov. 23-25 No School
- Nov. 29 BB-NLC at Lyndon 4:30pm



### No Internet

My internet is down and I am waiting for an appointment to get it fixed when one becomes available in my area. So until I am back up please forward information for the newsletter to the co-chairs of the Communication Team, Heather Jones or Barbara Schlobohm or City Hall.  
Linda Woods

# November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday						
	 Community Update 7pm Nov. 2nd	1 FB-Bi-District Americus PTO 7pm	 Girl Scout Meeting FCCLA Fall Leadership Academy DCC Meeting NLC Site Based Council Meeting 5:30pm	2 Recycling Trailer at Reading City Council Meeting 7pm  Boy Scout Meeting BB-NLC at Chase County 4:30pm	3 4 Movie & Popcorn at Reading School 7-9pm ACT Registration Due for 12/10/11 Test	5 FB-Regionals Library 10 - noon						
 Daylight Saving Time Ends Benefit Concert at Faith Lutheran Church 2pm  UMC Community Dinner Noon	6 PDC Meeting NHHS Site Based Council Meeting BB-Lyndon at NLC 4pm	7 RCD meeting 7pm District Cook Meeting 2pm	8  UMC Girls Just Want to Have Fun 6:30pm Technology Meeting	9 NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice Recycling Trailer at NHHS	10 NO SCHOOL NLC to Veterans Day Parade FB-Sectionals <b>Veterans Day</b>	11  The BIG Saw NHHS Fall Play 7pm Library 10 - noon						
12 Lions meeting 7pm BB-NHHS Practice Begins BB-Chase County at NLC 4pm	13  Drawing for Camaro School Board Meeting 7pm	14  Girl Scout Meeting District Bus Driver Meeting 9am  Communication Action meeting 7pm	15 Recycling Trailer at Reading  Boy Scout Meeting NLC BB Pictures BB-Council Grove at NLC 4pm	16 <b>Info for Newsletter due!</b>  FB-Sub State	17 FB-Sub State Library 10 - noon	18 BB-Herington at NLC 4pm Reading Site Based Council Meeting 6pm Reading PTO 6:30pm	19 RCD meeting 7pm	20 NO SCHOOL	21  NO SCHOOL	22  Community Thanksgiving Dinner Noon <b>Thanksgiving</b>	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL Library 10 - noon
25 Lions meeting 7pm	26 BB-NLC at Lyndon 4:30pm	27  Girl Scout Meeting										

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Community of Reading Vision Statement: A renewed community built on Commitment, Faith, and Families. "Come grow with us!"

## Public Square

The park action team held their fourth meeting on November 16. The first meeting was spent brainstorming ideas for park features. The second was spent categorizing the ideas into: community building, public gathering areas, playground and ballpark. On November 2, a community conversation was held and more ideas received. Community teenagers were approached for input into what they would like to see in the park. At this third meeting, the team was compiling resources that could be utilized for planning, implementing and funding. K-State Architecture students have volunteered their skills at designing a building and the Agriculture Landscaping program is working on land designs for both the business area and park. The fourth meeting included a look at the building plans. They were large, but there were facets that could be adapted to fit the needs of Reading. Through collaboration, we discussed the features we would like. At this time, the team is still reviewing plans and working on proposals to take to the Emporia Foundation.



## United Methodist Church

Children's Service: During Sermon  
Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.



Reading UMethodist Women are gathering on Wednesday, December 14, at the home of Carol Brock for a Christmas party and book exchange. Nope, they are not new books.....just new to you! Be there at 6:30pm for a light supper and fun.

## BIG CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

**Sunday, December 11**

10:30am -worship services at Reading Churches

Noon -- Traditional Christmas Dinner at Methodist Church,  
Turkey, potatoes, gravy, dressing & drink furnished.  
Bring a side dish or dessert that you love to share!

DRAWING FOR QUILT

Kids Party & Program -- Amber Atchison and Ashley Barrett

Decorating Town Tree -- Amber and Ashley

Reading resident gifts -- Pam Barrett, Marion Jones and  
Barbara Schlobohm



## Baptist Church

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

## City Hall

The November 3 Reading City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Sorensen at 7:05pm in the multipurpose room of Reading School. Council members Todd Hensley, Heather Jones, Jenifer Hanneman, Ed Sapp and Billy Paige were present. City employees Tom Corpenning, Carol Ann Higgins and Barbara Schlobohm were present

## City Hall cont.

with Tom needing to leave due to a phone call. Next Council Meeting will be Thursday, December 8th, 7pm at Reading School.

The minutes were read and approved 4-0. Randy Wellnitz has until Nov. 20th to complete the contracted stump grinding on city property. Treasurer Joyce Wilson was not present therefore, a report was not presented. Councilwoman Hanneman asked a more detailed treasurer's report be provided showing all checks paid from each fund.

Cindy Wilson addressed the work being done by the Public Square housing committee. Reta Jackson provided information regarding an electronic "Welcome to Reading" replacement sign being placed on the school property. Barbara Schlobohm supplied upcoming activities and gifts to the community.

Barbara Schlobohm's employment was extended to the next City Council meeting. Kansas Tree Care, KC Arb was awarded the bid for the removal of 28 trees from public property. It was voted to continue the big dumpster south of the tracks on Franklin through the winter. The Council members directed that letters be sent to residents that need to clean up their property. City residents are, also, reminded that the RCD will provide a \$50 cash bonus for the removal of vehicles, see Reta Jackson for more information.

A Special City Council meeting was held November 17 at 5:30pm to sign final paperwork for the Lagoon Cleaning Project.

**PLEASE NOTICE NEXT MEETING  
IS THE SECOND THURSDAY FOR DECEMBER.**

Mayor Kevin Sorensen 699-3300, Bill Paige 699-3370, Jenifer Hanneman 620-412-1639, Heather Jones 620-340-2442, Ed Sapp, and Todd Hensley 699-3322. City Hall 699-3870. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tom Corpening 620-794-2556, City Clerk email address: reading\_clerk@seamless.net.

## Bank

While patiently awaiting the arrival of equipment, Citizens State Bank and Trust of Woodbine is redecorating the interior of the bank building, readying account numbers and training staff in preparation for a December opening. It won't be long now!

## Pancake Feed



The Lion's Club Pancake feed will be Saturday, December 3 from 5 to 7pm. All of the proceeds from this years feed will go to help Santa provide treats for the kids at Reading School. There will be no raffle.

## New City Website

The city website is a work-in-progress, [www.cityofreadingks.com](http://www.cityofreadingks.com)! If you want your business, group or club to have a page on the site, contact Heather Jones at [HLJones@seamless.net](mailto:HLJones@seamless.net). Please continue to check the city blogsite ([rdginfoctr.blogspot.com](http://rdginfoctr.blogspot.com)) and our city/community page on facebook for announcements and opportunities.



**Communication Team/Newsletter**

The Communication Team will meet at 7pm on Monday, December 19. All JANUARY information is to be turned in that evening by clubs, groups, churches, school and businesses.

**Pre-Tornado Pictures**

The Reading Birthday calendars had only been back from the printer for a few weeks prior to the tornado striking. Luckily, they were saved and those "pre-tornado" photos from the spring are available for \$5. Contact Reta Jackson if you would like to have one.

**2012 Camaro Fund-raiser**

Bill Holthouse of Lenexa won the 2012 Camaro offered by McCarthy Auto Sales of Olathe. The telethon and raffle sells netted \$58,000+ for a Habitat Home project here in Reading.

**Grant Program**

Readingites in and within 2 miles of the city limits are reminded of the owner occupied Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program. \$250,000 has been made available to us. Forms can be obtained from City Hall or Barbara Schlobohm. Questions, call Jeff Lynch at 620-343-4285.



**Senior Meals**

These meals are for anyone and will be delivered to your door, for a nominal fee. If you are interested in receiving meals, please call the Senior Center in Allen at 620-528-3414 or the Department on Aging at 620-342-6119.

**L-CAT County Public Bus Service**

**TO RIDE:**

⇒ Call the L-Cat office to request a ride at least 24 hours

before the desired trip day to ensure a bus is there.

If no reservations are received from a town, L-Cat may reroute or cancel the trip to that town for that day.

⇒ Be at the designated boarding/departure location in each town at least 15 minutes before scheduled departure time.

Buses must leave on time to stay on schedule.

**FARES:**

- One Person - Round Trip .....\$3.00
- Couple - Round Trip .....\$5.00
- Children Accompanying Parent ..... \$1.25 Each



**L-CAT OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**620-342-4207**

**Recycling**

The recycling trailer from Lyon County is parked in front of the school on the first and third Thursday of each month. There are bins for newspaper, magazines, junk mail, #2 plastic (color plastic like detergent bottles), cardboard, tin cans, milk jugs, pop bottles, clear and colored glass containers.

**Reading, Massachusetts**

We continue to receive support from the generous residents of Reading, Massachusetts. During this time of year, we want to thank them and the countless others that have shown support and generosity to our little town!

**Library News**



Nothing much to report this month. It seems everyone is busy getting their homes ready for winter. Just don't forget: Reading does have a library, and everyone should take advantage of its existence. We may only be "open" for two hours per week (until I retire), but anytime I am home, I would be more than happy to assist anyone in checking out books. I'm sure with the inclusion of electronic book availability, libraries at some time will become extinct, just like the dinosaur. For those of you who do prefer hardcopy reading, don't forget this is available to you. God bless you all through this holiday season. Have a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Bette Eby

**Thanksgiving Dinner Box**

In an effort to make your thank you note to Emporia Presbyterian Church easier, here is the address: Emporia Presbyterian Church, 802 Commercial St, Emporia, KS 66801. If you did not pick up your Thanksgiving dinner box, please let Barbara Schlobohm know and she can direct you to it's location.

**Atchison Drywall (AAA)**

We changed the name of the Business to Atchison Drywall and as for this month's progress, we should have the White's house done by the end of the month and then be into the Grain and Lumber which depending on when we are able to get into work on it, it should be done by the second week in December. NOTE!!! This is only our drywall portion of their projects and I am not sure how quickly the other items will be completed.

**Reading School**

The character trait for December is Responsibility-Being ethically accountable for the welfare and care of another, being answerable for your own behavior-reliable; involving duties and obligations. The color is red.

**American Education Week:**

American Education week was celebrated during the week of November 14-18, 2011. Students at Reading School participated in a variety of activities. A spirit week was held with a theme for each day. "Cuddle Up with Learning" was the theme for Monday. Students wore their pj's and had an all school read in the gym. Dr. Jorge Ballister, ESU Science Department, gave an assembly of science tricks.

Tuesday's theme was "Favorite Character Day". Students dressed like their favorite character from a book. Chris Cakes came to make pancakes for all students to celebrate their great success on the Kansas State Assessments 2011. All classes enjoyed nutrition classes from the Lyon County Extension Office.





Wednesday's theme was "Learning Takes You Around the World". Students dressed like another part of the world. Thursday's theme was "Education is your Future". Students dressed as their future profession or dressed to show their future college spirit. Friday's theme was "Our School is Cool". Students wore their school shirts. The students had a spelling bee and popsicles at the end of the day.

**'Tis the Season**

The annual Winter Program will be held on Monday, December 12, 2011, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The program is called "Home for the Holiday". After the program, a special guest will pay a visit to the youngsters at the school. A big thank you to the Reading Lions Club and PTO for their sponsorship for the evening.

**Calendar of Events**

- Dec. 1 BB- Mission Valley at NLC 4pm
- Dec. 12 Reading Winter Program 7pm
- Dec. 20 End of First Semester
- Dec. 21-January 2 No School Christmas Break



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FACULTY OF READING SCHOOL**

Please remember to save Cambell's product labels and boxtops for education to help our school!

shop online. earn eBoxTops.

first comes turkey, then comes shopping!

Get a head start on holiday shopping online. Start at eBoxTops.com to work with your school with every qualified purchase!

5 eBoxTops per \$10 spent

6 eBoxTops per \$10 spent

8 eBoxTops per \$10 spent

SHOP & EARN →

**NLC (Americus) Jr. High School**

**JR wildcats Calendar of Events**

- Dec. 1 BB-Mission Valley at Reading 4pm
- Dec. 5 BB-NLC at Council Grove 4:30pm
- Dec. 7 NLC Winter Program 7pm
- Dec. 8 BB-NLC at Osage City 4:30pm
- Dec. 10 NLC B Team Tournament at Council Grove 9am
- Dec. 15 BB-NLC at West Franklin 4:30pm
- Dec. 19 BB-NLC at Herington 4:30pm
- Dec. 21-Jan.2 No School - Winter Break



**Northern Heights High School**

**Wildcats Calendar of Events**

- Dec. 1 BB-Wabaunsee at NHHS 4:45pm
- Dec. 6 BB-Herington Tournament
- Dec. 8 BB-Herington Tournament
- Dec. 9 Senior Citizen Dinner at NHHS
- Dec. 10 BB-Herington Tournament
- Dec. 13 BB-NHHS at West Franklin 4:45pm
- Dec. 14 Technology Meeting  
Winter Program 7pm
- Dec. 16 BB-NHHS at Council Grove 4:45pm
- Dec. 20 BB-NHHS at Lyndon 4:45pm
- Dec.21-Jan.2 No School - Winter Break



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

The students and staff of USD #251 are to be congratulated for their outstanding 2011 Kansas State Assessment results! Not only did each of our schools achieve AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress), but we also earned 21 Standards of Excellence (SOE)!

Students in grades 3 – 8 and 11 were eligible to achieve the SOE in reading, math, and science. SOE is awarded at the grade and building levels. The percentage requirements for each grade are the same as those applied at the building level. KSDE applies a formula to calculate SOE. This formula is specific for reading, math and science as well as for grade spans. To receive a SOE award at the grade or building level, the building must make AYP in the "All Students" group; subgroups are not considered in calculating SOE. To receive a SOE award at the grade or building level, the building must have an accredited QPA status.


CONGRATULATIONS to Americus/NLC School for the following SOE: Reading – grades 3, 4, 5, 7, 8; Math grades 3, 7, 8; and Science grade 7. Reading Elementary – Reading – grade 4 and Math grade 4. NHHS – Reading grade 11 and Math grade 11.

All 3 buildings achieved the Building SOE in Reading and Math and Americus/NLC and Reading Elementary earned a Building SOE in Science! This is truly an accomplishment and something to celebrate!

**COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

The challenging times for K-12 education are far from over, and in fact, may be just beginning. I strongly encourage everyone to closely monitor the actions of the upcoming legislative session and don't be afraid to ask how decisions in Topeka will affect the future of your local schools. Though few facts or details are available, it appears that the proposed changes to the school finance formula will continue to shift the financial burden from state to local taxes. This will almost certainly have a negative effect on our budget and will once again force the Board of Education to look at methods to maximize efficiency. Whether or not USD 251 survives these financial challenges will depend on how well the patrons of the district can come together and support decisions that are in the best interest of all district students. When it comes to our school district, it will be vital we approach the issues with our USD number being more important than our zip codes.

# December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Reading, Kansas not just a community, but a way of life!</i></p> <p>Send information for Newsletter to:</p> <p>Heather Jones HLJones@seamless.net Barbara Schlobohm or City Hall reading_clerk@seamless.net</p> <p>Linda Woods 1743 Road 175 Emporia, KS 66801 Fax: 620-342-7898 woods@seamless.net</p>				1 BB-Mission Vly at NLC 4pm BB-Wabaunsee at NHHS 4:45pm Recycling Trailer at Reading	2	3  Lions Club Pancake Feed 5-7pm School Board Meeting 7pm Library 10 - noon
4 Traditional Christmas Dinner at Methodist Church - noon	5 BB-NLC at Council Grove 4:30pm	6 Herington BB Tournament	7 NLC Winter Program 7pm	8  City Council meeting 7pm Herington BB Tournament BB-NLC at Osage City 4:30pm	9 Senior Citizen Dinner at NHHS	10 Herington BB Tournament ACT Test NLC B Team Tournament at Council Grove 9am Library 10 - noon
11	12  Reading Winter Program 7pm	13 BB-NHHS at West Franklin 4:45pm	14  UMC Women 6:30pm Technology Meeting District Bus Driver Meeting 9am NHHS Winter Program 7pm	15 BB-NLC at West Franklin 4:30pm Recycling Trailer at Reading	16 BB-NHHS at Council Grove 4:45pm	17 Library 10 - noon
18	19 Info for Newsletter due!  BB-NLC at Herington 4:30pm Communication Action meeting 7pm	20 End of 2nd 9 Wks BB-NHHS at Lyndon 4:45pm	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL	23 Non-Practice Date NO SCHOOL	24 Non-Practice Date Library 10 - noon
25 Non-Practice Date Christmas	26 Non-Practice Date NO SCHOOL	27 Non-Practice Date NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 New Year's Eve Library 10 - noon

## CANCELING SCHOOL FOR WEATHER RELATED CONDITONS

We have had a beautiful fall . . . but in Kansas you never know what the weather tomorrow may bring, so this is a review of our procedures for canceling school due to weather related conditions. The decision to cancel school will be made as quickly as possible. This year will be using our new School Reach program to notify parents of school cancelations, as well as, notifying the following radio and television stations.

### RADIO STATIONS

KVOE (1400 AM) • County 101 KVOE (101.7 FM) • KFFX (105 FM)  
WIBW (580 AM) • 94 County (94.5 FM) • The WAVE (96.1 FM)

### TELEVISION STATIONS

WIBW 13 • FOX 43 • KSNT 27 • KTKA 49 • KWCH 12

We contact these sources early in the morning, but have occasionally experienced some glitches where the closing is not listed in a timely manner. This is extremely frustrating for everyone so we encourage you to check multiple stations. WIBW also offers text message alerts. You can register on WIBW.com to receive school cancelation alerts on your mobile phone.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding in the difficult process of closing school because of weather conditions. Please keep in mind that our district covers a large geographical area and the road conditions can vary greatly within the district.





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## Public Square

Reading Vision

A Renewed Community Built on Commitment, Faith and Families "Come Grow With Us"

11.23.11 Notes

Members Present: Kevin Sorenson, Lyle Williams, Jerry Karr, Monique Keith, Melanie Pritchard, Terry DeDonder

### Celebrations/Thanksgivings:

The committee brainstormed things we were thankful for since May 21st. They are as follows: Tractor pull, bike rides, fish fry, fun run, new houses (14?) Churches fixed, bank, restaurant, grain elevator, relationship with K-State on park and Community building, free playground equipment, a new openness to those outside the community, Reading Massachusetts, closer community, development of human infrastructure, Public Square Group, transformation of local government, renewed infrastructure (gas, streets, signs), Rotary cleaned timber, increase in school population, city stumps ground, new leadership emerging, school supply donations, Trunk or Treat, new gym/stage, movie nights, Thanksgiving food baskets, new respect for Fire Department, new food pantry, Long Term Recovery Committee, response from COAD, Harvesters food boxes, Salvation Army, Walmart, Sutherlands, Tyson, Catholic Charities, disaster team from KNCSB, United Way, RCD became a 501c3, Habitat for Humanity, green house, improved relationship with "higher-ups" in county, camaraderie and support for each other, medical clinic, Reading has gained a new respect in region, Methodist disaster team, all the volunteers and various organizations who have helped, KC telethon and car raffle.

Debrief of Public Square Conference: Lyle and Jerry both felt it was a worthwhile event. Lyle was surprised that Reading was the only city there because of a disaster. He liked that so many people were concerned enough about their communities to become involved in the process. Jerry found that many of the communities involved with Public Square had many of the same challenges. Those challenges being: finding new leadership, learning to network and connect with other communities, moving from single contact to multi contacts (not just relying on one person, group, etc., to get things done). Jerry also felt some key points he gained from the conference were: a need to discuss "where we are now, compared to where we started", there is a great potential to network with other communities who have has their own successful action teams, and somehow involving youth in decisions and ideas.

## United Methodist Church

Children's Service: During Sermon

Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

There will be a special New Year's Eve celebration December 31 from 7 to 10 p.m.



## Baptist Church

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

## City Hall

City Council meeting met December 8th at the school. Next meeting is January 12th 2012 at the City Hall, public is welcome. Kevin Sorensen, mayor opened the meeting, with council members Ed Sapp, Billy Paige, Todd Hensley, Jenifer Hannaman, and Heather Jones present City employers were Tom Corpening, Carol Ann Higgins and Joyce Wilson.

Council is waiting for Reta Jackson to find out more details about the sign, before it can be decided upon. Dave Wilson from the State was present to discuss different projects that are being worked on to turn into Fema. Barbara Schlobohm was at a fund raiser for the City so she had Heather Jones read a letter she had written telling all the things she had done and went to while she has been employed by the City as PIO she had really done a lot. At the end of the letter she stated that she would be stepping down from her position as of December 15th thank you again for all your work. The RV park was discussed again and Council would like to look at it some more and talk about it at next meeting. They would like to have it up and running by March if possible. The City signed on E.V. Cathodic Protection Service for our gaslines for another year. Also we signed up for the dog catcher another year so everyone needs to come in after the first of the year and get your dog tags, \$5.00 for males and \$10.00 for females unless spayed and it is \$5.00. We have a few of the old Christmas decorations left contact Tom Corpening to look at them and see if you would like to buy one or two. They are the big one we used in the past years. Hope you have a wonderful New Year in our new community.

City Hall still has the OWNER-OCCUPIED Housing, Rehabilitation Program grants. Come get one and fill out and you will be ready to fix up your house for winter or spring, this does not have to be tornado related..

**AS OF JANUARY 4th 2012 (WEDNESDAY) THE CITY WILL START PICKING UP TRASH AGAIN AND WILL REMAIN ON WEDNESDAYS THERE OUT. THANK YOU CITY HALL**

Mayor Kevin Sorensen 699-3300, Bill Paige 699-3370, Jenifer Hanneman 620-412-1639, Heather Jones 620-340-2442, Ed Sapp, and Todd Hensley 699-3322. City Hall 699-3870. Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tom Corpening 620-794-2556, City Clerk email address: reading\_clerk@seamless.net.



## Lions Club

The Lion's Club will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at the United Methodist Church.

## Citizens State Bank and Trust Company

The Citizens State Bank and Trust Company branch opened on December 5, 2011. Stop by 402 First Street and see the renovations of the bank building and visit with Jaret Moyer, Cindy Koch, and Debbie Garrison. Bank hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 to 12 and 1 to 3; Wednesday 9 to 12 and 1 to 6.

## Miracle Cafe

The Miracle Cafe hours are Monday through Thursday 9 to 3:30, Friday



**Miracle Cafe cont.**

9 to 9, and Saturday 6 to 11am for breakfast.

**New City Website**

The city website is a work-in-progress, [www.cityofreadingks.com](http://www.cityofreadingks.com)! If you want your business, group or club to have a page on the site, contact Heather Jones at [HLJones@seamless.net](mailto:HLJones@seamless.net). Please continue to check the city blogsite ([rdginfoctr.blogspot.com](http://rdginfoctr.blogspot.com)) and our city/community page on facebook for announcements and opportunities.

**Senior Meals**

These meals are for anyone and will be delivered to your door, for a nominal fee. If you are interested in receiving meals, please call the Senior Center in Allen at 620-528-3414 or the Department on Aging at 620-342-6119.

**L-CAT County Public Bus Service****TO RIDE:**

⇒ Call the L-Cat office to request a ride at least 24 hours

before the desired trip day to ensure a bus is there.

If no reservations are received from a town, L-Cat may reroute or cancel the trip to that town for that day.

⇒ Be at the designated boarding/departure location in each town at least 15 minutes before scheduled departure time.

Buses must leave on time to stay on schedule.

**FARES:**

One Person - Round Trip ..... \$3.00  
 Couple - Round Trip ..... \$5.00  
 Children Accompanying Parent ..... \$1.25 Each

**L-CAT OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**620-342-4207**

**Recycling**

The recycling trailer from Lyon County is parked in front of the school on the first and third Thursday of each month. There are bins for newspaper, magazines, junk mail, #2 plastic (color plastic like detergent bottles), cardboard, tin cans, milk jugs, pop bottles, clear and colored glass containers.

**Library News**

Tom Willard brought some books by again this month, and we thank you very much, Tom. That's the extent of library activity for December. I hope everyone in Reading has a wonderful Christmas, and looking back say our blessings for 2011. I know many of us are still trying to recover from the tornado, but at least we survived. Don't forget to say prayers for the Don Chesmore family this holiday season as they were not so fortunate. We can only hope, and do everything in our power to make 2012 a better year than 2011. Happy New Year, and God bless you all!

Bette Eby

**Reading School**

THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE USD 251

The character trait for January is Courage. Courage-being brave in difficult times; trying new things and trying again if you fail. The color for the month is purple.

**SICK CHILDREN:****SEND TO SCHOOL OR KEEP HOME?**

Deciding when a child is too sick to go to school can be a difficult decision for parents to make. When trying to decide, use the guidelines below.

**\*GO TO SCHOOL...** If your child has any of the following symptoms, they should probably go to school.

1. Sniffles, a runny nose, and a mild cough without a fever.
2. Vague complaints of aches, pains or fatigue.
3. Single episode of diarrhea or vomiting without any other symptoms.

**\*STAY AT HOME...** If your child has any of the following symptoms, please keep your child at home or make appropriate child care arrangements.

1. APPEARANCE, BEHAVIOR--unusually tired, pale, lack of appetite, difficult to wake, confused, irritable.
  2. EYE--thick mucus or pus draining from the eye or pink eye (with pink eye or conjunctivitis you may see a white or yellow discharge, matted eyelids after sleep, eye, pain, and/or redness).
  3. FEVER--temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.
- Remember that a child must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.

4. GREENISH NOSE DISCHARGE AND/OR CHRONIC COUGH--should be seen by a health care provider. These conditions may be contagious and require treatment.

5. SORE THROAT--especially with fever or swollen glands in the neck. With strept throat the child may return to school after 24 hours on antibiotics.

6. DIARRHEA--three or more watery stools in a 24 hour period, especially if the child acts or looks ill.

7. VOMITING--vomiting two or more times within the past 24 hours.

8. RASH--body rash, especially with fever or itching. Heat rashes and allergic reactions are not contagious.

9. EAR INFECTIONS WITHOUT FEVER--do not need to be excluded but the child needs to get medical treatment and follow up. Untreated ear infections can cause permanent hearing loss.

10. LICE, SCABIES--children may not return to school until they have been treated and are free of lice and nits (eggs).

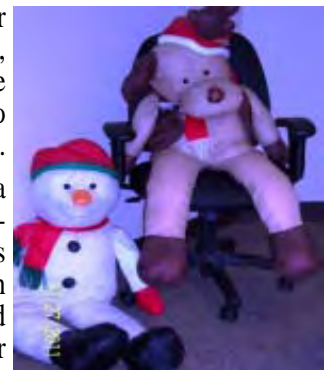
11. CHICKEN POX--children must stay at home for five days after the onset of blisters or until all pox are scabbed and dry.

Thank you for acknowledging these symptoms and for your part in helping your child stay healthy and other children stay healthy.

Remember to contact the school if..... Your child is absent from school. Please call before 9:00 a.m. to report any absences. Your telephone number and/or address has changed. If your child becomes ill or we need to communicate with you, the correct telephone number and address is very important. If you have changed jobs recently, please contact the school with the new information. Your child is

in need of a heavy coat, gloves, or hat for the winter. Recess will be held outside, weather permitting, and it is much more comfortable and safe for all children to have the appropriate winter wear.

Help our school earn money and earn a chance to win one of the cool friends pictured here. Bring in General Mills Boxtops for Education (each one is worth \$.10), either on the sheet you received earlier or in a container marked with your





name and you will receive one chance for every 10 box tops returned; send all your box tops and get more than one chance to win. Remember, you must identify the Boxtops as belonging to a specific student to earn chances to win. Extra contest sheets may be picked up in the school office. On February 14, two names will be drawn to win the winter time friends pictured here. Remember to save your box tops and bring completed sheets to the office. If you need more sheets, you may pick them up in the office.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM READING SCHOOL

**Calendar of Events**

- Jan. 2 NO School - InService
- Jan. 3 School Resumes
- Jan. 16 NO School - InService
- Site Council 6pm/PTO 6:30pm
- Jan. 16-21 Flint Hills Shoot Out
- Jan. 23 Board of Education Meeting 7pm

**COMMENTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Over the past several weeks there has been considerable discussion in the district concerning the topic of district facilities and what the Board of Education intends to do in the future. Not surprisingly, these discussions have given life to a number of rumors. The Board of Education is actually involved in a process called "Strategic Planning," which nearly all schools regularly do in order to be proactive about meeting future needs. Part of that effort was to research what the district's facility options are in terms of costs, patron wishes, and the pros and cons of each option. Among the options being explored is the idea of a centrally located facility serving either grades K-12, 7-12, or 9-12. The Board will also be looking at what the long term effects will be of maintaining the current facilities, some of which are in need of repair and improvement. A few patrons have even proposed district dissolution, but that option was dismissed quickly. What is important to understand is that there have been no proposals, nor have there been any decisions made on the subject. Rest assured that the Board of Education will continue to research all options as they strategically plan for a successful future for North Lyon County Schools.

### Flipping Over Success!

In honor of American Education Week and to celebrate 21 Standards of Excellence, the students and staff of USD #251 were treated to breakfast featuring Chris Cakes. Students and staff were served all you can eat pancakes and sausage by the district administrative staff, and were congratulated for earning Building Wide Standard of Excellence in Reading and Math for Americus/NLC School, Reading Elementary, and Northern Heights High School. Americus/NLC School and Reading Elementary also earned Building Wide Standard of Excellence in Science.



**READING SCHOOL**



**AMERICUS & NLC JUNIOR HIGH**



**NORTHERN HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL**



**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS**





# January 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>New Year's Day</b>	2 NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice FHJL Make up Date	3 School Resumes BB-NHHS at Mission Vly 4:45pm	4 DCC Meeting Trash Pickup	5 BB-NLC at Mission Vly 4:30pm Recycling Trailer at Reading	6 BB-Osage City at NHHS 4:45pm	7 Library 10 - noon
8	9 Lions Club meeting at UMC PDC Meeting FHJL Tournament at West Franklin 4pm	10 BB-Chase County at NHHS 4:45pm Americus Site Based Council 6pm Americus PTO 7pm	11 Technology Meeting NLC Site Based Council Meeting 5:30pm Trash Pickup	12 City Council meeting 7pm FHJL Tournament at West Franklin 4pm	13 ACT Registration Due for 2/11/12 Test	14 FHJL Tournament at West Franklin Library 10 - noon
15	16 NO SCHOOL Flint Hills Shoot Out Teacher Inservice Reading Site Based Council 6pm/ PTO 6:30pm <b>Martin Luther King Day</b>	17 Flint Hills Shoot Out League BB Tournament	18 Flint Hills Shoot Out League BB Tournament District Bus Driver meeting 9am Trash Pickup	19 Flint Hills Shoot Out League BB Tournament Recycling Trailer at Reading	20 <b>Info for Newsletter due!</b> Flint Hills Shoot Out League BB Tournament	21 Flint Hills Shoot Out League BB Tournament Library 10 - noon
22	23 School Board Meeting 7pm Lions Club meeting at UMC	24 BB-Santa Fe Trail at NHHS 4:45pm	25 After School Teacher Inservice Trash Pickup	26 FHL Scholars Bowl at Lyndon 4pm	27 BB-Royal Vly at NHHS 4:45pm	28 Library 10 - noon
29	30 NLC Quiz Bowl at Chase County 4:30pm	31	<i>Reading, Kansas not just a community, but a way of life!</i>  Send information for Newsletter to: Heather Jones HLJones@seamless.net or City Hall reading_clerk@seamless.net  Linda Woods 1743 Road 175 Emporia, KS 66801 Fax: 620-342-7898 woods@seamless.net			

## 2011 STAR PERFORMER & WOW AWARD

The E.L. & Z. Irene Hopkins Foundation established the Star Performer & WOW Awards to honor teachers and school support staff in USD #251, North Lyon County. Nominations can be submitted by students, parents and other co-workers. Deadline for nominations is: **March 15, 2012**. Contact the District Office for nomination forms.

Mail, fax or deliver to:

Kathy Dreier, P.O. Box 527, Americus, KS 66835  
Phone: 620-443-5116 Fax: 620-443-5659